



ST CHRISTOPHER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Term 2, Week 1
19 April 2024

Message from the Acting Principal

**REMINDER: THE SCHOOL IS CLOSED ON BOTH THURSDAY (25TH) & FRIDAY (26TH)
NEXT WEEK**

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

Welcome back to school for Term Two. What an exciting start to this term with our whole school Colour Run on Tuesday. Our Parents and Friends Team did an amazing job to co-ordinate such a large event with so many volunteers. It was great to see the children so happy and engaged in the activity. Thank you so much to Amanda and Belinda for all of their hard work and enthusiasm around this event. We know that it has raised a significant amount of money for our school, however the day was more about the children and having a fun day of colour and activities.



Thank you to Carla and Grant who helped us finish the day with a laugh when they were slimed by some of our students. They were great sports indeed!



We also started our term with the announcement of our new principal Gavin Brennan to STC this term. We look forward to welcoming him and building a wonderful new partnership. I am sure that he will be blessed with a very warm welcome from our community. Gavin starts on Monday the 27th of May and we wish him well as he prepares for the transition from his current school community.

Late last term we had our Lenten Prayer Services across the school where families were invited to come up to the school for prayers, class activities, readings and to be a part of our Lenten journey. Thank you so much for the lovely feedback about these days. It is wonderful to have our families involved in the faith life of our school.

We have one final family service which will be this coming Thursday 18th of April at 3pm and will be hosted by the Year 4 classes.

Please remember that next week the school is closed on both Thursday the 25th of April for ANZAC Day and Friday the 26th of April as advertised in previous lists and newsletters.

All the best,
Colleen Mahoney - Acting Principal
(Deputy Principal of Organisation and Faith)

2024 Sacramental Dates

Sacrament	Year Level	Time	Date	Family Workshop Nights (online)
Penance (Reconciliation)	3G & 3B	6pm	Thurs 20th June	Thursday 6th of June
	3M & 3W	7.30pm	Thurs 20th June	
First Eucharist (First Communion)	4G	5pm Parish Mass	Sat 27th July	Thursday 25th July
	4B	5pm Parish Mass	Sat 3rd Aug	
	4M	5pm Parish Mass	Sat 10th Aug	
	4W	5pm Parish Mass	Sat 17th Aug	



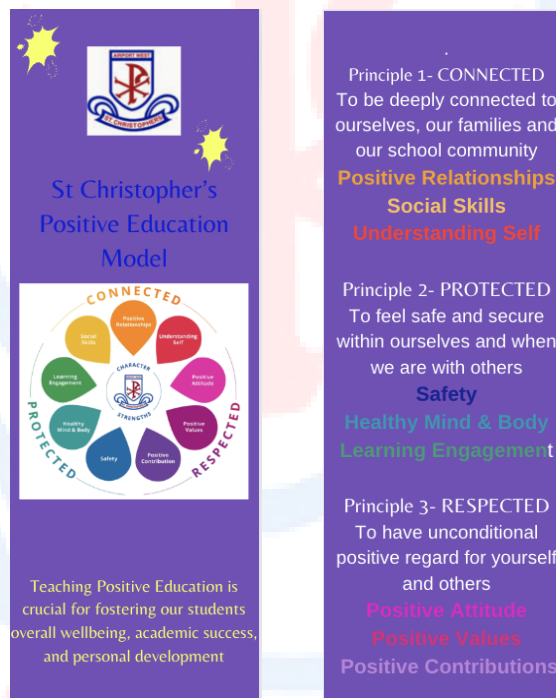
Wellbeing at St Christopher's

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back from the holidays. I hope your Easter was filled with family, friends and a time to reflect on what you are thankful for.

Our term finished off with our Positive Education Launch Day. Positive Education at St Christophers is taught as an explicit subject each week by the class teacher. In addition, each semester the children attend a Positive Education class taught by our specialist teacher, Ms. Jessica Moore. Learning Positive Education has numerous benefits that contribute to a child's holistic development, wellbeing including mental health, academic success and overall happiness. It lays the foundations for opportunities to flourish.

The Positive Education Launch Day started with some of our Year 6 student leaders, distributing bookmarks to our parents and carers with brief information about what Positive Education at St Christopher's is about. If you did not get to receive one, feel free to grab one from our school office next time you come in.



On our Positive Education Launch Day students were involved in Positive Education activities with their buddy classes. Pairing students with different year levels as buddies fosters peer relationships and encourages interactions between older and younger students. The Year Preps buddy with our Year 6 students, the Year 2 students buddy up with Year 5 students and the Year 1 students link with our Year 4s. The Year 3 students link up with each other.



We also took a whole school photo which was an effort to coordinate 720 students but everyone did an amazing job of following directions and smiling for the camera. Thank you to all and a special thank you to Mrs. Colleen Mahoney for camera skills. A big thanks to our parents and carers for helping dress the students in the colour of the Positive Education model. It is much appreciated.



Pos Ed Launch 2024



Just a reminder about snacks/lunch:

Please be mindful of the time it takes your child to eat the food that you provide or order. All food needs to be eaten within the allocated eating time given as children are not permitted to take food out on the yard. This includes the food that is ordered at the canteen, for example: noodles take a long time for a child to eat and adding other foods such as an icy pole, may be difficult for your child to finish. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Keep smiling!



Lina Vescio
Deputy Principal of Students, Staff and Community

Interschool Sport

STC vs Our Lady of Nativity

Fri 22 March 2024

In the Final Round of the Summer Interschool Sports we went on the road and visited Our Lady of Nativity Primary School. It was a tough day at the office for STC but we were able to bring home the chocolates in a few of the games. With the win in the mixed tee ball they will be going on into the divisionals with the girls tee ball team. Our mixed team in basketball have come equal first with 2 others and have just missed out on percentage on going through to the next stage. A big congratulations to all our students on an incredible Summer of Sports.

Score below:

Girls Basketball: STC 9 def by OLN 32

Boys Basketball: STC 35 def OLN 25

Girls Tee-ball: STC 13 def by OLN 19

Boys Tee-ball: STC 15 def OLN 8

Mixed Tennis: STC 4 def by OLN 8

Girls Tennis: STC 5 def by OLN 7

Office News & Reminders

- Parent helpers - Parents must have their STC Scan Card with them to help in the classroom, on excursions etc. and this must be displayed and easily identifiable at all times.
- Parent helpers must always sign in at the office prior to joining the class.
- Please email any absences, early leave or late arrival information or any other requests regarding your child/ren's pick up, to your child's class "away" email address which are noted below:

PREP

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Library News

Issue #3 for Book Club has arrived! Look out for your copy of Book Club coming home in your child's school bag! It's packed with hundreds of books to help you on your child's reading journey.

Orders close: **Tuesday, 30th April!**

Raise Regular Readers!

EARN AND SPEND CREDITS ON ISSUE 3!

Go to the Linked Online Ordering Platform (LOOP) to find out more

Dear Families,

Order from this Issue and get a **\$5 credit to spend on Issue 4**, so every child has the opportunity to read regularly for fun and build a strong reading culture.

Get credits to spend?
If you still have credits from your issue 1 order, use them **now** before they expire!

LOOP ONLY OFFER: Conditions apply see LOOP for details

Book Club rewards your School!

Every purchase you make earns your child's school 15% of your order value in Scholastic Rewards that can be used to purchase valuable educational resources that benefit your child.

Families order from Book Club.

The school earns Scholastic Rewards.

The school redeems Scholastic Rewards for additional resources

SCHOLASTIC Book Club

Important Notices

Due to safety reasons, there are new arrangements for BEFORE SCHOOL

Between 8:25 am and 8:40 am ALL students (and family members who are staying on the grounds) are to stay in Yard 1 and Yard 2.

- Please do not congregate near classroom doors
- NO BALL GAMES and NO PLAYING ON PLAY EQUIPMENT during this time.

The announcement at 8:40am will indicate that students can proceed to walk to their classes.

Thank you for your cooperation regarding this matter

KEY UPCOMING DATES 2024

Thursday 25 April	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Friday 26 April	School Closure Day
Friday 3 May	Junior Assembly
Thursday 9 May	Mother's Day Stall and Morning Tea
Friday 10 May	Senior Assembly
Friday 24 May	Junior Assembly
Monday 27 - 28 May	Year 4 Camp
Friday 31 May	Senior Assembly
Monday 10 June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Thursday 20 June	Penance (Reconciliation) 3G and 3B - 6:00PM 3M and 3W - 7:30PM
Friday 28 June	End of Term 2 - 12PM Finish
Monday 15 July	School Closure Day
Tuesday 16 July	Start of Term 3

The drop off and pick up zone



You might have noticed our pink signage and line markings for our drop off and pick up zone. This zone is not for waiting in.

Cars should always drop off or pick up their child/ren from the designated area and, in this zone:

- ask your child to head straight to the pick up zone once the bell rings – they will then be ready and waiting once you arrive
- plan to arrive after the bell rings, not before, as you cannot wait in the zone
- remain in your vehicles at all times
- move forward to join the queue so that other vehicles can get into the zone
- use the hand brake and put the vehicle in park when it is stationary
- do not double park
- do not park across a pedestrian crossing
- do not undertake a U-turn in close proximity to the school.

Students should:

- keep your seat belt on until the vehicle has stopped in the zone
- have your school bag and other items in a safe position on the floor and ready for you to take with you when the vehicle has stopped
- always get in and out of the vehicle through the safety door (the rear footpath-side door).

What does the no parking sign mean?

It means that you cannot park in the zone during the times identified on the sign as it is to be used only as a pick up or drop off zone during those times.

You can only stay in this zone for two minutes. If you overstay this time limit, you could receive an infringement.



Moonee Valley Language Line

العربية	Arabic	9280 0738	Ελληνικά	Greek	9280 0741	Español	Spanish	9280 0744
廣東話	Cantonese	9280 0739	Italiano	Italian	9280 0742	Türkçe	Turkish	9280 0745
Хрватски	Croatian	9280 0740	Somali	Somali	9280 0743	Việt-ngu	Vietnamese	9280 0746

All other languages 9280 0747

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Community Information



Rosehill
Secondary College

YOU'RE INVITED
OPEN EVENING

TUESDAY 23RD APRIL
4.30PM - 7.30PM
TOURS 4-6PM

(LAST TOUR DEPARTS 6PM)
PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS 6.45PM

Sapphire Street, Niddrie 3042 Ph: 9337 2488 www.rosehillsc.vic.edu.au



Rosehill
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YOU'RE INVITED
OPEN DAY

WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL 9.15AM - 2.15PM
BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL TO ENSURE YOUR CHILD'S ATTENDANCE

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TUESDAY 23RD APRIL

TOURS 4-6PM PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS 6:45PM

GUIDED TOURS
TUESDAYS 9:30AM

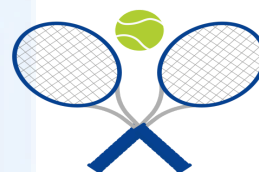
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

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Hello St Christopher's parents and children.

Tennis coaching at St Christopher's tennis club is recommencing for term 2 on Tuesday 16th April and spots are available for new students in Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced lessons on lunchtimes from Monday to Friday and after school on Wednesdays and Thursdays. We have students from 4 to 18 years of age so there is an appropriate group for everyone. Tennis coaching fees range from \$165-\$180 per term. This term we are offering a free tennis racket for new students participating in the Wed/Thur 3:30-4:05pm groups. Please contact Matthew Todd on 0414 628 633 if you have any enquiries about any of the groups.

Thank you, Matt Todd and staff.



AUSTRALIA'S #1 NON-COMPETITIVE SOCCER PROGRAM



**TERM 2, 2024
SOCCER FUN
FOR GIRLS &
BOYS AGED 2-12!**

STARTING FROM 27TH APRIL

Free FIRST 30 NEW ENROLMENTS RECEIVE COMPLIMENTARY SHIRT AND SHORTS!

FOR A **FREE** TRIAL P: 0449 666 325

MITE-E SOCCER (2-3YO)

A great introduction to Soccer! Children work with their parents to learn new soccer skills and develop their motor skills! Lots of fun games in a non-competitive environment!

**35 MINUTE CLASSES
\$160 FOR 8 WEEKS**



PINT SIZE SOCCER (4-5YO)

Children take their first kicks in soccer! They'll be introduced to shooting, dribbling, goal keeping and more. Children get to play lots of fun, skill based games. Grasshoppers get introduced to Pint Size 1v1 Big Game!

**50 MINUTE CLASSES
\$165 FOR 8 WEEKS**



INTRO TO MICRO (5-6YO) MICRO (6-8YO)

The ultimate challenge for young soccer players! They'll learn the rules of the Grasshopper Soccer Big Game and develop their skills in passing, dribbling, shooting and more!

**INTRO - 60 MINS \$175 FOR 8 WEEKS
MICRO - 60 MINS \$175 FOR 8 WEEKS**



MICRO PLUS (8-12YO)

This program focuses on skill development and teamwork in preparation for club soccer. Children will enjoy all the favourite soccer based games, fine tune their skills as well as play the Grasshopper Soccer Big Game!

**60 MINUTE CLASSES
\$175 FOR 8 WEEKS**



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