



ST CHRISTOPHER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Term 1, Week 8
22 March 2024

Message from the Acting Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

As we head into the last week of school for term one, we continue to have lots to celebrate at STC. Congratulations to all of our Student Leadership Team who received their Captain badges last week at our big assembly. Thank you to our families who made time in their day to attend.

We congratulate the Year 6 children who have celebrated their Confirmation this week with Bishop Terry and Fr Peter. It is a very special time for these children and we have all been keeping them in our prayers, especially at our line up prayer times each day. Thank you to our wonderful year 6 teachers for all of their preparation with the children as well as the members of the Leadership Team and our fabulous staff who also attended the four ceremonies to assist.



Each year level has been working on one aspect of the Lenten season to focus on for a small prayer service with our families. These Lenten Family Gatherings are an informal way of sharing something about Lent and the Easter story with our families. Most of these have been held outside under the COLA, but due to the weather we have sometimes had to move these indoors. The gatherings continue next week and we look forward to learning more about this special time in our liturgical calendar from our students.



Please read Lina's section of the newsletter to find out more about our very special Positive Education launch which is going to be held on our last day of term next Thursday the 28th of March. Please remember that school finishes at 12pm on that day.

Our school is closed on Monday the 15th of April for our staff to continue their professional development in the area of Positive Education. The first day of term two for the students is on Tuesday the 16th of April and will be our Colour Run day. Thank you to our Parents and Friends for co-ordinating this event.



John 12:26

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
 If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
 and where I am, my servant will also be.
 Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Thank you again for your support during our water outage last week. The teachers have been working through their lists and contacting parents who missed their Parent Teacher Interviews. Most of the interviews will have been caught up in the coming days, however some will need to be scheduled for the first week back next term. Thank you so much to our families for being so understanding and to our teachers who are working exceptionally hard to follow up with those who missed out.

As I said at the beginning of this newsletter, we have a great deal happening around the school and much to celebrate. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff for all that they are doing for and at STC and to congratulate the children on a great term of learning.

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,

Another whole school assembly last week.....what a turn out!

It was a special time for our Student Leaders to be officially recognised and presented with their badges in front of our school community. A big thank you to our parents and carers for being part of the crowd and showing support to our students.

Congratulations to the following **Student Leaders for 2024:**

SCHOOL CAPTAINS 2024: Luella Odoardi 6B Max Collins 6M
VICE SCHOOL CAPTAINS 2024: Giovanni Barberio 6B Billie Hayes 6W

FAITH CAPTAINS 2024:

6G - Rocci Di Salvatore	6G - Samuel Lawry
6B - Marc Colosimo	6B - Riley Chislett
6M - Luke El-Asmar	6M - Phillip Puglisi
6W - Thomas Fotheringham	6W - Harvey Spencer

HOUSE CAPTAINS 2024

Emerson Vendy 6B Jonah Giurdanella 6W
Harriet Gluschenko 6W Lachlan Fitzgerald 6W
Zahra Priotta 6B Xander Spiteri 6G
Emily Doubleday 6M Kael McKenzie 6W

CLASS CAPTAINS

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Zoe Scida Jonte Ashton	Roman Rocca Mia Mammoliti	Elliot Torpey Mietta Seremetis	Luciano Barberio Zara Castello	Archer Fucile Emma Burda
Zachary Davis Lily El-Sheikh	Valentino Angelakos Kaija Efendic	Emelia De Vincentis Nathaniel Tripodi	Zaria Hatty Xavier Ambali	Lucas Castello Lizzie Cassar
Alessio Guerra Eliana Del Papa	Benjamin Wilkinson Flora Laidler	Oscar Collins Alexandra Spanos	Raffaele Persi Piper Lysaught	Lachlan Smith Juliana Kemeridis
Quinn Carroll Rocco Pitruzzello	Hannah Laurie Jack Small	Arlo Odoardi Chloe Doubleday	George Mandalas Charlotte Vasques	Bridget Cruz Elijah Vicario

ICT LEADERS

YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
Charlotte Rocca Luca Gurrisi	Joseph Maciejewski Ruby Hubbard	Taia Palmieri Leonardo Saburido	Joshua Wilkinson Gia Persi
Alessio Fontanini Chloe Vo	Georgia Wong Kian Ahadi	Mila Holland Lucas Pitruzzello	Oliver Goonetilleke Lilah Williams
Piper Watson Daniel Stambe	Eva Bonaccorso Oscar Huynh	Beau Barlow AJ Maltese	James Nackovski Matthew Minichiello
Hudson Chislett Charlotte Castello	Genevieve Talbot Serafino Sacchetta	Evie Caruana Ben Gatt	Dante Frittolini Kael McKenzie

We wish these leaders the very best in modelling positive behaviours and having success in leading at St. Christopher's.

Positive Education Launch Day

On Thursday the 28th of March we are having a Positive Education Launch Day. This will be a day when our children can dress in a colour from the STC Positive Education Model (as pictured below)

The day will include buddy activities, a whole school photo and snack on the oval.



Remember to wear something on Thursday the 28th of March (last day of term) in one of the colours from our Positive Education Model.

St Patrick's Day

Thank you for your support with St Patrick's Day dress up. It was a great effort and the crowd looked gorgeous dressed in green.

At line up after lunch, Harrison (6M), Lucy (5M), Mitchell (5M) and Harry (2B) entertained the crowd with an energetic Irish dance performance. They confidently performed with amazing skills. Well done and thank you!



Assemblies in Term 2

We are back to our Junior and Senior assemblies next term where children have an opportunity to showcase some of their learning and talents.



We welcome our parents and carers to these assemblies. The gates open at 2:20 for a 2:30 start. Check out the dates below and pop them into your diaries. We look forward to coming together.

Term 2 Assemblies

Junior
(Prep-Year 2)
-3rd of May
-24th of May

Senior
(Years 3-6)
-10th of May
-31st of May

Parents/Carers are
WELCOME
Gates open at 2:20 for a
2:30 start



Keep smiling.



Lina Vescio
Deputy Principal of Students, Staff and Community

ICT/Digital Technology & OHS Leader

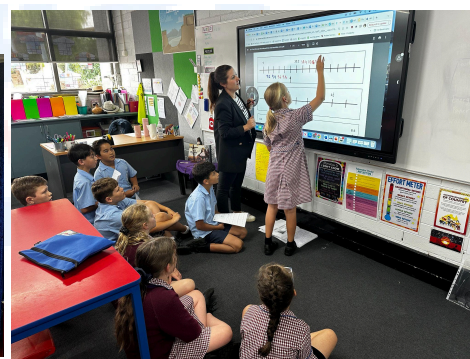
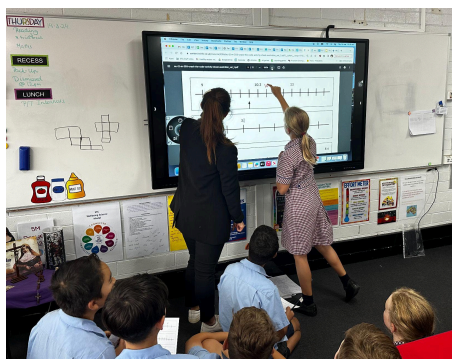
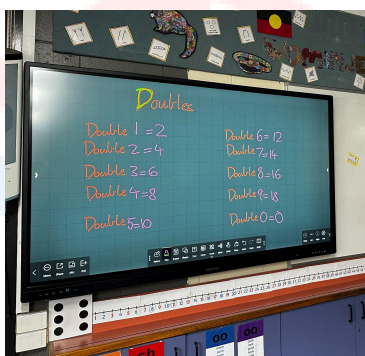
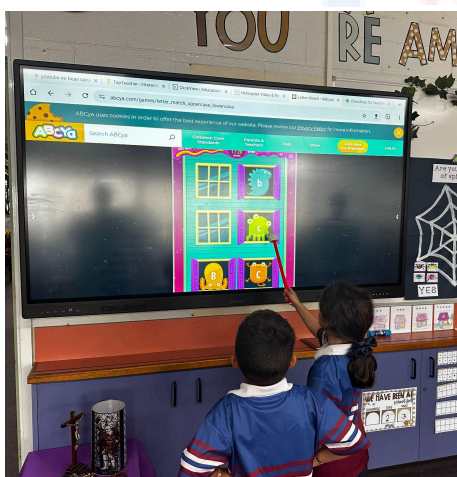
Hi STC Families,

If you have recently been a classroom parent helper, attended parent teacher interviews at school or walked past a learning space you would have seen each classroom has been fitted with a brand new ProTouch Interactive Flat Panel.

These new panels have been customised to suit the STC learning and teaching environment. Prior to a decision being made, teachers and students had the opportunity to trial the panels and provide feedback so that the school could make an informed decision about the suitability of the panels. This feedback and trial period was highly valuable.

The ProTouch Interactive Flat Panels function like a giant learning iPad. They are fully interactive allowing students and teachers to navigate applications and websites directly from the panel itself. In addition teachers and students can cast their devices so that instruction or learning can be shared straight from the panel.

The panel's features aim to encourage classroom collaboration and discussion and heighten student participation and learning engagement at STC. It has been wonderful to see both the teachers and students experimenting with this new technology and to try new and innovative ways of learning.



Steph Zammit
ICT/Digital Technologies & OHS Leader

Dear families,

To support Catholic schools with the implementation of the revised Victorian Mathematics curriculum, Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) has developed a partnership with Ochre Education - an Australian non-for-profit organisation - to create a suite of online resources that teachers can use for planning, teaching and assessment purposes. These resources align with the recently released Vision for Instruction: Flourishing Learners Position Statement from MACS, reflecting evidence-based practices for the effective teaching and learning of Mathematics. The evidence-based practices come from research on how students learn as well as studies of the most successful teachers.

It has been wonderful to see that the recommendations for Mathematics Instruction in the statement from MACS aligns with how we teach Mathematics at St Christopher's. For example, one of the recommendations from MACS is for the use of explicit instruction when introducing new content. At St Christopher's this begins with our teachers modelling new content in small, structured developmental sequences. Students are able to access WAGOLLs (What A Good One Looks Like) or worked examples to support their understanding and skill development over multiple opportunities to then practise the new content, till they are then able to complete tasks independently in order to transfer that learning to different contexts.

Another key recommendation that is also evident here at St Christopher's is the explicit teaching of problem solving strategies. One way that we do this, is that we teach the students how to read and interpret word problems using the strategic approach of 'CUBES'. Each letter represents an action on the part of the student to help break down the problem in order to correctly interpret and then solve it. Here is an example of a WAGOLL using CUBES, made by one of our teachers, Julia Robinson:

CUBE STRATEGY

Problem: A barbecue was held for 36 people there were 3 sausages for each person. How many sausages in total?



circle the numbers or amounts

A barbecue was held for 36 people there were 3 sausages for each person. How many sausages in total?



underline the question

A barbecue was held for 36 people there were 3 sausages for each person. How many sausages in total?



box the key words

A barbecue was held for 36 people there were 3 sausages for each person. How many sausages in total?



explain what you need to do and eliminate information I don't need

A barbecue was held for 36 people there were 3 sausages for each person. How many sausages in total?

$$36 \times 3 =$$



solve and check your answer

A barbecue was held for 36 people there were 3 sausages for each person. How many sausages in total?

Tens	Ones	
3	6	
x	3	
	8	
4		

There are 48 sausages in total

We look forward to exploring further the Vision for Instruction in Mathematics as we continue to implement the revised Victorian Mathematics curriculum and extend the evidence-based practices we use at St Christopher's, in order to have the greatest impact on the educational outcomes for our students.

Conchita Thomas

Curriculum Team Leader: Maths, Inquiry, Assessment and Reporting Data

6th of March

STC vs St Peter's

STC met St Peter's Primary School away and delivered impressive performances across the board. The boys' basketball team exhibited exceptional skills and teamwork, securing a well-deserved victory. Similarly, the girls' basketball team displayed amazing prowess, emphasising good sportsmanship and a positive attitude despite the loss. The boys' tennis hot shots team played stunningly, maintaining high spirits despite a loss, while the girls' tennis hot shots team showcased their best efforts, unfortunately falling short with a defeat. In a closely contested battle, both Tee Ball teams were victorious playing some fierce competition.

Scores below:

Girls Basketball: STC 6 def by STP 28

Mixed Basketball: STC 27 def STP 20

Girls Tennis Hot Shots: STC 2 def by STP 10

Mixed Tennis Hot Shots: STC 6 (169) def by STP 6 (181)

Girls Tee ball: STC 14 def STP 9

Mixed Tee ball: STC 11 def STP 9



15th of March

STC vs St John Bosco's

St John Bosco's Primary School visited Roberts Road for the second last round of Summer Interschool Sport for 2024. STC came out on top of the results with wins in mixed basketball, both tee-ball teams and mixed tennis. The girls basketball game was extremely tight with SJB prevailing by 4 points, while they had the better of us in girls tennis. Well done to our girls tee ball team who have won the premiership with one round to go. Good luck to our boys basketball and tee ball teams who play off in their deciding games next week to see if they progress to the divisional rounds. Scores below:

Girls Basketball: STC 8 def by SJB 12

Boys Basketball: STC 12 def SJB 10

Girls Tee-ball: STC 28 def SJB 14

Boys Tee-ball: STC 14 def SJB 11

Mixed Tennis: STC 9 def SJB 3

Girls Tennis: STC 2 def by SJB 10



Divisional Swimming

7th of March

Today, we witnessed an exciting display of talent and determination as 14 STC athletes went to the Divisional Swimming Carnival at Oak Park Sports and Aquatic Centre taking on numerous schools.

Thanks to all parents and other family members for coming down to support STC and cheering them on to the end.

Overall, it was an incredible day of swimming, with all the students displaying their skills and sportsmanship. We congratulate all the winners and are proud of all of our STC participants for their hard work and dedication. We look forward to seeing these talented swimmers in future competitions.



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 28 March	End of Term 1 - 12PM Finish
Monday 15 April	School Closure Day
Tuesday 16 April	Start of Term 2 Colour Run
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

Safety around schools

Providing safe school zones for all children



Keep children safe in a school zone by:

- walking or cycling to school to decrease traffic congestion
- adhering to the 40km per hour zone when travelling in an operated schoolzone
- checking the restrictions set by the regulations and parking signs in the area and abiding by them
- not stopping or parking illegally – these actions will be noticed and infringements will be issued by Council.

You should:

- always let your child out on the kerb side of the road
- never call your child from across the road – teach them to wait until you walk over to get them or to use the school crossing


- talk to your child about what they should do if you are not there on time.

A children's crossing is a legal crossing when two flags are in place.

Teach your child to:

- always stand one step back from the kerb
- wait for the Crossing Supervisor to go out onto the crossing and blow their whistle (two short blasts), then cross the road
- not ride bikes, bounce a ball, fight, muck around or run across the crossing
- always stay within the lines of crossing and walk in front of the supervisor (never behind them)
- always be alert and listen to what the Crossing Supervisor says.

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Parking near a school.

- Do not park on or near a school crossing
- Do not double park and let your child out on the road.
- You cannot stay in the drop off/pick up zone for longer than two minutes or you will be issued with an infringement.

Make sure your child is waiting in the zone before you arrive

Infringements

Council regularly patrols schools as part of our School Crossing Program. Council will issue infringements to anyone who does not obey signs or regulations. Infringements can be affixed to the vehicle or posted to the registered owner of the vehicle.

Offence	Offence description	Fine
Stopped in a 'no stopping' area	Drivers cannot stop, even briefly.	\$192
Stopped in a bus zone	Only public buses can stop here.	\$115
Parked for period longer than indicated	This is when you have overstayed the time limit indicated on the sign.	\$96
Stopped in a parking area for people with disabilities	You need a special disabled parking permit to park here. The permit number and expiry date must be visible from the outside.	\$192
Stopping on or near a children's crossing	A driver must not stop on a children's crossing, or on the road within 20 metres before, or 10 metres after the crossing.	\$192
Stopped on a footpath	You cannot leave your car standing on a footpath, it obstructs the path of pedestrians and is also very dangerous.	\$115
Stopped on or across a driveway or other way of access	No part of your vehicle can be parked or stopped across a driveway or other way of access.	\$115
Parked/stopped on a nature strip	A driver must not stop on a nature strip as it can obstruct the view of oncoming traffic and cause damage to infrastructure.	\$115

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廣東話	Cantonese	9280 0739	Italiano	Italian	9280 0742	Türkçe	Turkish	9280 0745
Hrvatski	Croatian	9280 0740	Somali	Somali	9280 0743	Việt-ngu	Vietnamese	9280 0746

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Bakers Delight Airport West will donate **\$2** from every 6pk purchase of Hot Cross Buns to St Christopher's Primary School

1. Simply mention St Christopher's when you first visit Bakers Delight Airport West and your purchase will be recorded.
2. All purchases of Hot Cross Buns 6pk between 7th March and 27th March will be added together and Bakers Delight Airport West will deliver the dough
3. The funds will be spent on new resources for St Christopher's Primary School

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