

OUR VISION
Inspiring learners to grow, learn and succeed within a dynamic Catholic community
**A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we enter the final 6 weeks of the school year, some of our staff will begin to prepare to move on to different schools next year. At the end of this year we say farewell to:

- Shelly Stuart (Learning Diversity)
- Maree Shields (Grade 5 Teacher)
- Paige Davies (Grade Prep Teacher)
- Aron Lombardi (PE Teacher)
- Leonie Kane (Grade 3 Teacher)
- Belinda Callahan (Learning Support Officer)
- Rebecca Redpath (First Aid/Compliance Officer)

Thank you to all of these staff for their contributions to our school community during the time that they have been with us.

A full list of the CtP staff for 2023 will be available in the next newsletter.

At the beginning of this term, Mr Michael Turville, the school Maintenance Officer retired. Michael had been working at Christ the Priest for 12 years, helping many students and staff over the years with different jobs around the school. We wish him well in his retirement. I am pleased to announce that Mr John Natale started with us this week as the Maintenance Officer/Grounds Keeper. Welcome to CtP John.

IMPORTANT DATES**TERM 4, 2022**

2023 Prep Transition Session 1:
Fri 18 November

2023 Prep Transition Session 2:
Fri 25 November

2023 Prep Transition Session 3:
Fri 2 December

Colour Run:
Fri 2 December

Family Carols Evening - 5.30pm:
Thurs 8 December

2023 Prep Transition Session 4:
Fri 9 December

Busking Day - 1.30pm - 3pm:
Fri 11 December

Grade 6 Fun Day Excursion:
Wed 14 December

Grade 6 Graduation Mass:
Thurs 15 December

To be continued...

Busking Day

Unfortunately, last week we had to postpone our biennial Busking Day. This will now be celebrated on **November 11 at 1.30pm**. All monies raised on this day will be donated to support the Embidir Goat Rearing Farm in Ethiopia.

As a Catholic community, we recognise our call to participate actively in the mission of Jesus in his Church. Missionary work is carried out across our globe and the support that we give to this Ethiopian community is one way that we can live out our faith and become actively involved in our global world.

One of the most wonderful things about our Busking Day is the opportunity that students have to showcase their many and varied talents, and for others to be inspired by them. It takes a level of bravery to perform in front of an audience and I look forward to seeing each and every performer taking risks and sharing their gifts.

A huge thank you to Mrs Ana Gidari and Mrs Michelle Spiteri who are constantly supporting the talents of our students.

Tennis

You may have noticed the tennis nets/courts popping up around the oval at CtP. Hotshots tennis has become quite popular with our students from Grades 3-6.

Recently our Grade 5 /6 girls and boys team completed in the Kellor Division competition, with both teams bringing home a win. Yesterday they played in the Regional Championships and both boys and girls won. Both teams will now play in the state final at Kooyong.

A big thank you to Mr Lombardi for his leadership of this program and to our competitors who have continued to represent our school with pride.

Excursions

Many of our classes have been out and about this term attending school excursions. It has been great to see learning extending into our communities. Excursions cannot take place without the support of parents and I thank those of you who have been available to attend excursions and make these possible.

To be eligible to attend an excursion, parents must hold a current Working With Children Check.

IMPORTANT DATES CONTINUED



2023 Step Up Session:
Thurs 15 December

End of Year Mass - 12.45pm:
Fri 16 December

**Last Day of School For All Students
(Finish 3:15pm):**
Fri 16 December

TERM 1, 2023

**Parent Teacher Interviews
(Grades 1-6):**
Tues 31 January

**First Day of School for Prep
Students (Half Day):**
Tues 31 January

First Day of School for Grades 1-6:
Wed 1 February

No School for Preps (Testing Day):
Wed 1 February

Half Day for Preps:
Thurs 2 February

Full Day of School for Preps:
Fri 3 February

No School for Preps (Testing Day):
Wed 8 February

No School for Preps (Testing Day):
Wed 15 February

**No School for Preps (Parent Teacher
Interviews):**
Wed 22 February

School Photos:
Mon 6 March

School Community Group

Over the coming weeks, the School Community Group will be launching a couple of initiatives. The first is our annual colour run, which will take place in early December. The second is the Christmas Raffle. We haven't had a Christmas Raffle since 2019, so for many, this will be a first time experience. For those who remember, the Christmas Raffle is based on themed donations from families. Hampers from each class are made up and then students and families can purchase raffle tickets that can be put into any of the boxes attached to the different hampers. This creates lots of fun for students making decisions about which hampers they would like to win most.

As always, the SCG would love to welcome any new members, so if you are interested in helping out in whatever way you are able, please contact the office and they will put you in touch with one of our existing members.

Blessings to everyone as we enter the final weeks of our school year.

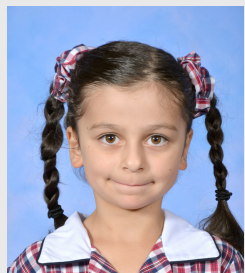
Regards,
Adele Vesty.
Principal

Well done and congratulations to our

Term 4 - Week 5

Supernovas

We aim to be Stars...



★ Prep Blue
Jacinta



★ Prep Green
Estelle



★ Prep Red
Emily



★ 1 Blue
Elijah



★ 1 Green
Sarah



★ 1 Red
Emily



★ 2 Blue
Scarlett



★ 2 Green
Ezra



★ 2 Red
Alvin-John



★ 3 Blue
Kanvas



★ 3 Green
Nathan



★ 3 Red
Charlotte



★ 4 Blue
Nakasha



★ 4 Green
Ghandi



★ 4 Red
Sarah



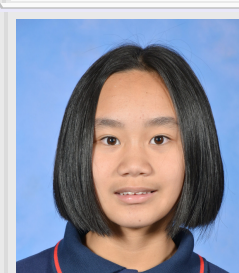
★ 5 Green
Joshua



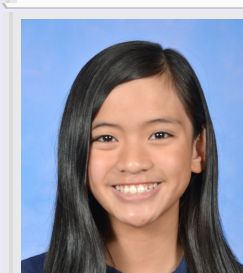
★ 5 Red
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★ 6 Blue
Chanelle



★ 6 Green
Janelle



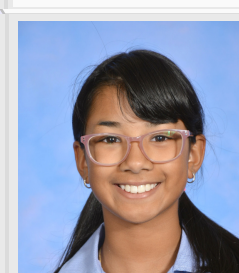
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Romina



★ Italian
Frans



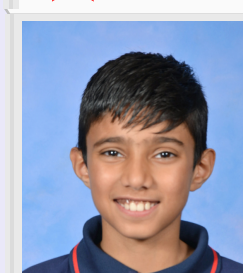
★ Drama
Anger



★ Visual Art
Sienna



★ Music
Damian



★ Physical Education
Prabal

WELLBEING AT CHRIST THE PRIEST

In each newsletter, information about the school's Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) approach is promoted so that our parent community enhances their understanding of PBL.

Over the past few weeks our Grade 6 students have been working in teams to create social stories for the rest of the school. Across the year level, Grade 6 will create 16 social stories helping the rest of the school to understand what the expected behaviours look like at CtP.

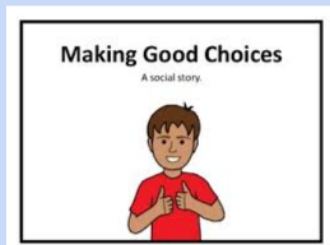
The 16 social stories align with the 16 areas and expectations so that each will be able to be used when they are explicitly taught.

The work that our Grade 6 students are doing now is a legacy resource that they will leave for the remainder of the school as they make their way to secondary school. We thank them for the thought and consideration that they have given these stories, particularly taking into account the audience of the intended readers.

What is a Social Story?

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A Social Story is used to help teach what a behaviour looks. It helps everyone to have the same understanding.



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PARENTING IDEAS

Parent Support Articles Children do not come with a manual. While it would be helpful if they did, parenting at times can be a challenge. To support parents of CtP with some of the challenges of parenting and schooling, each newsletter will present a helpful article written by Michale Grose, one of Australia's leading parenting and educational writers and speakers.

Know What Makes Girls Tick

By Michael Grose

Girls can be a mystery to some parents, particularly when they reach the tween and teen years. Following are some key principles to help you better understand, empower and parent the girls in your life.



Girls crave connection and contribution

Connection is at the core of working effectively with girls. Girls need to know if you like them. When you like her, then a connection exists and she can begin contributing to that relationship. Girls who have a sense that you like them and are interested in them will do anything to collaborate with you. Girls crave the feeling of contributing to an order that is greater than themselves, and they are driven to find purposeful relationships with others. Girls generally like teachers and adults who like them. They do their absolute best to give and receive attention from others. Disconnection is devastating for girls.

Being accepted is their #1 priority

Girls are very concerned about what others think of them. Girls need to be liked. What they desire most is acceptance and emotional security. The journey towards adolescence reinforces group approval, as most girls do not want to be seen as unique or different. As girls move through their developmental journey, they become increasingly concerned with being accepted and fitting into acceptable parameters. Being accepted by a frenemy is regarded as better than not being accepted at all.

Girls are challenged to find their true self

"Who am I?" is the proverbial girl question. Girls learn early about the costs and rewards of social approval. Their sense of personal power tends to be based on being liked and pleasing others. This can create confusion as they struggle with differentiating what they know to be true versus what others expect from them. Girls tend to morph their identities into what is expected of them. Finding their authentic identity can be a challenge.

Girls conceal their worth

Easily holding back from owning accomplishments, girls need help to embrace and acknowledge their strengths. By downplaying their strengths girls keep themselves safe from others expectations. Girls are more likely than boys to feel like they need to validate their achievements, providing a justification for their successes. Provide girls with opportunities to frequently assess their capabilities. Teach them to genuinely accept a compliment.

Girls feel immense pressure to conform

From an early age girls tend to have an easier time regulating their physical energy which makes them more familiar to hearing that they are good and pleasing to adults. Girls are more likely to surrender to the pressures of direct and indirect messages; they are more sensitive to being able to please. Adults and society generally treat this gender in a way that reinforces the 'good girl' image. Be careful that you are not doing things for girls to help them avoid failure. Setting up an expectation that 'you must be perfect' can inhibit resilience. Girls feel compelled to adhere to the 'good girl' image.

Girls often feel misunderstood

Many girls come to the conclusion that there isn't a soul on earth who thinks or feels the same way she does. The inner workings of her mind are complex, and she fears that her thoughts and feelings may be misunderstood. Girls are desperate to be understood, even if it is just by one person.

Girls need other girls and women

The sisterhood helps girls to feel connected. Friendships are essential to life as they know it, and they will be their greatest sense of pleasure as well as their most intense source of pain. As girls move into adolescence and beyond, their exposure to strong women of substance needs to expand to fit their needs. Other girls and women are a protective factor for girls in a society driven by media messages. Exposure to other women and belonging to different friendship groups allow girls to be valued for their unique contribution.

Girls need to discover their passion and purpose

Discovering what is most important for them also helps girls discover their true self and their true source of happiness. The discovery of a girl's 'spark' helps her connect to her values, her identity and to like-minded souls. A connection to her passion and purpose increases a girl's willingness to take risks and experience healthy relationships.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

WITH FAITH AND HOPE WE SERVE

Dear Parents and Friends

During the month of October our school community participated in one of our most precious prayer traditions-The Holy Rosary.

Every student has been gifted with a set of Rosary Beads and taught how to pray using them during their Religious Education lessons. On Friday 14th October gathered to meditate upon the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. It was lovely to have Fr Joel and members of the school and parish community with us to intercede to Mary Our Mother for her guidance and protection.

Feast of All Saints and All Souls

Today's Liturgy, 'We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe' gave us the opportunity to celebrate the feast of All Saints and All Souls. Our inspirational Saints- were good men and women who followed Jesus' way by living lives of servanthood. They cared for those in need and put others first before themselves.

We give thanks to God not only for those saints who have gone before us, but also for the many inspirational people living saintly lives here on earth today. We pray that we too try to be hope-filled people who lift up and encourage others. At Christ the Priest we are particularly grateful for and inspired by St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, St Catherine of Siena, St Therese of Lisieux and St Thomas Aquinas.



**There is nothing
on this earth
more to be prized
than true
friendship**

ST THOMAS AQUINAS
Feast Day: 28th January



**Be who God
meant you to be
and you will set
the world on fire**

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA
Feast Day: 29th April



**Never see a
need without
doing something
about it**

ST MARY MACKILLOP
Feast Day: 8th August



**Do small
things with
great love**

ST THERESE OF LISIEUX
Feast Day: 1st October



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Prayers For Our Dearly Departed

In the month of November we also remember all who are part of the Church – those who have died and are with God, and those of us still here on earth.

Through Jesus' death and Resurrection, we believe that we can be with God forever. This truth brings us comfort and hope. Students and staff have had the opportunity to record the names of their dearly departed loved ones in a Memorial Book. The Book was presented during the Liturgy.

It will be placed on our prayer table for continued prayers throughout the month of November. If you would like the name of a loved one added to the book please email me at

cskinner@ctpcs.catholic.edu.au

Mini Vinnies!

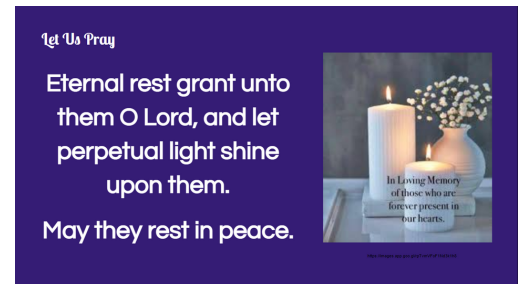
It is with great excitement that we can announce that Christ the Priest now has **Mini Vinnies!** This is a voluntary Year 5 and 6 student-centered program that empowers primary school students to become social justice advocates within their school and local community by putting their values into action.

We now have over **30** students who are volunteering their time and talent to help meet needs both locally and globally! Students meet once a week for 20 minutes during break time with members of staff to discuss ideas and learn more about raising awareness regarding social justice issues.

So far this term students have helped our school community by:

- Leading Prayer
- Organising the emptying of classroom paper recycling bins
- Handed out zooper doopers to students of the winning House-AQUINAS
- Supported Busking Day rehearsals and will help with set up on the day!

Students will be commissioned on **Monday 7th November** at 8.55am as part of our outdoor weekly Assembly. Mrs Joanna Kim from the St Vincent De Paul Caroline Springs Conference will present our Mini Vinnies with their badge. All are welcome to attend!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Busking Day Fundraising for Catholic Mission

The theme for the Catholic Mission in 2022 is, **"You shall be my witnesses."** Our words and actions are what defines us as witnesses of Jesus' message. Through our Baptism, we are called to be instruments of God's love and peace, mercy and compassion, spreading generosity and kindness throughout our world. At Christ the Priest we value Mercy, **Service** and Thanksgiving.

Thank you in advance for helping us to raise funds by supporting our Busking Day. **The new date for our Busking Day is Friday 11th November.** Your donations will help support families in Ethiopia facing malnutrition and food insecurity. Our goal is to raise **\$1,170**. This amount will help to buy **10** goats for the Embidir farm. For more information please see the following link [SOCKTOBER2022](#)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our talented students who have been diligently rehearsing the performances. Special thanks to Mrs Michelle Spiteri and Mrs Ana Gidari for their great support and organisation of the event. We look forward to the big day.

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day, **November 11th**, marked the end of World War 1 over a hundred years ago. Although it was a long time ago, it is an opportunity every year to remember all those who have died in wars and conflicts since then.

We will gather as a school community to remember all those who have died in wars and conflicts. In our world today, life is difficult and there is still conflict in places such as Ukraine. We will pray that we value the freedoms that we enjoy today and commit ourselves to creating peace in our world by recognising that peace begins in our own families, classrooms, schools and communities.

A member of the RSL will be joining us on the day. Students who are members of a Scouts, Guides or Cubs Organisation are welcome to wear their uniform to school on the day. The service will take place at the front of the school around our flag poles at 10.45am. All are welcome to attend.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Children's Liturgy of the Word

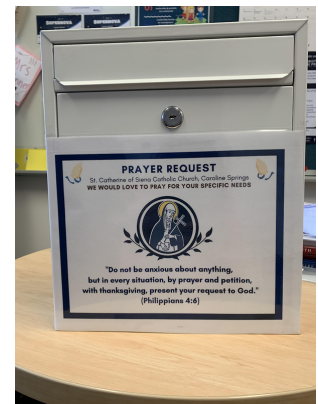
This activity is now being held every Sunday at the **10.30am Mass** at St Catherine of Siena Parish. Catechists share the Gospel with children and explain its meaning. They also engage in a fun activity before returning to their family during the Presentation of the Gifts. All families are welcome to attend the 10.30am Mass. Please see the [Saint Catherine of Siena website for more information about Mass times](#).

Saint Catherine of Siena Prayer Request Box

On behalf of Fr Richard and Fr Joel, I would like to remind members of our School Community to fill in a prayer request card for any special intentions they may have. Prayer requests will be collected and taken to the church, where they will be prayed for during the Mass. The box and request cards are located at the School Office.

May we continue to be inspired by St Catherine of Siena who trusted in God's providence, as with Faith and Hope we go out to Serve.

Mrs Connie Skinner
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ST CATHERINE OF SIENA
— CAROLINE SPRINGS —

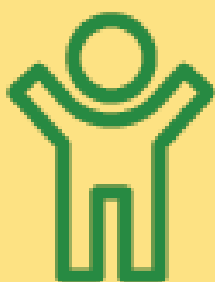


Children's Liturgy of the Word

*WHEN | 10:30am Sunday Mass
RUNNING EVERY SUNDAY IN TERM 4*

For children in Kindergarten - Grade 6

*For more information or to become a volunteer,
please call 8361 9822 or email
carolinesprings@cam.org.au*



REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Good morning, Members,

On Sunday the 6th November 2022 at 1030, Caroline Springs and Melton RSL's along with Woodlea Developers are hosting a Remembrance Day Service at the Woodlea Town Centre.

You are invited to attend to support this event. Bring the family to see the wonderful memorial at the intersection of Frontier Blvd and Fields Street.

Walk down the Walk of Honour and look at the names of those who served before us and also those still with us and some still serving today.

There is an absolutely wonderful and quite HUGE mural on display that is just awe inspiring at the end of the walk.

Please attend, dress up, wear your medals with pride. We would love a huge turnout.

This event is NOT a substitute for the 11th, but an event to start the commemorative period.

Kind regards,

Peter Burquest
President
Caroline Springs RSL Sub Branch

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IMPORTANT DATES

Term 4 - [CLICK HERE](#)



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PSW Uniform Shop

Unit 2, 51-53 Westwood Drive, Ravenhall

Ph: 9768 0342

Store Hours

Monday to Friday: 9:00am – 5:00pm

Saturday: 10:00am – 1:00pm

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LUNCH ORDERS

Please place orders by **9am ONLY ON YOUR GRADE DAY** (see below).

You can order in advance after 2pm the day before.

Orders made after 9am or on the wrong day will be cancelled and refunded as of 30 May 2022.

GRADES 3 & 4 - Tuesdays

GRADES 1 & 2 - Wednesdays

PREP - Thursdays

GRADES 5 & 6 - Fridays

[CLICK HERE](#)



MEDICATION AUTHORITY FORM & MEDICAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

If your child requires medication to be administered at school, please complete the below forms with your doctor and submit it to the school office.

Medication Authority Form - [CLICK HERE](#)

Medical Management Plan - [CLICK HERE](#)



MELTON CITY COUNCIL EVENTS

Some events that may be of interest to you and your family:

- Djerriwarrh Festival (Sat 5 Nov, 11am-10pm) - [CLICK HERE](#)
- Melton City Runners Relay for Life (Sat 12 Nov) - [CLICK HERE](#)
- Family Movie Night (Fri 18 Nov) - [CLICK HERE](#)