

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

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Busking day

It was wonderful to see the talents of so many on display at Busking Day and also to see the support that the rest of the school community gave to performers. A huge thank you to everyone for their support. A total of **\$2,117.25** was raised. This money will go towards the purchase of **19 goats** for a community in Ethiopia, which will help to provide the community with a sustainable source of income moving forward. In the lead up to Busking Day, Mrs Spiteri and Mrs Gidari work tirelessly to audition students, give advice, provide practice time and organise the equipment needed to perform. THANK YOU, Mrs Spiteri and Mrs Gidari, for making such an event possible. It was also great to see our new Mini Vinnies recruits on the day lending a hand.

Orientation

We have welcomed our Prep 2023 learners to the school community through four orientation sessions. The children have been able to be in their 2023 learning spaces, meet the staff and get to experience being at school. This is an important part of their transition from kindergarten to Prep. It has been great getting to meet the parents and engage with families during the Orientation times.

The whole school Orientation will occur on Thursday 15 December. During this time, your child will be able to meet the staff and learners in their 2023 class and visit the spaces they will work in.

IMPORTANT DATES**TERM 4, 2022**

Grade 6 Fun Day Excursion:
Wed 14 December

Grade 6 Graduation Mass:
Thurs 15 December

2023 Step Up Session:
Thurs 15 December

End of Year Mass - 1.15pm:
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

To be continued...

Remembrance Day

On Friday 11 November, the whole school community gathered together to recognise Remembrance Day. As a school, we gathered with a member of the Caroline Springs RSL Mr Ian Petherick for a short Remembrance Day service that provided us with an opportunity to pause and reflect on the service men and women who have represented Australia in wars and peacekeeping. The minute's silence is a time to remember those who have served but to also reflect on the loss and suffering caused by war. I was so impressed with the reverence shown by all of our learners, from Year Prep to Year 6.



CtP Champions

In Week 8 our boys and girl's tennis teams completed in the School Sports Victoria (SSV) state tennis finals. In what were described as some nail biting moments, our boys emerged victorious as State Champions and our girls did us proud bring home the bronze. This is a remarkable achievement for all involved. A huge thank you to Mr Lombardi who provided many opportunities for students from Grades 3-6 develop their tennis skills throughout the semester.

In other sporting news, Christ the Priest Primary School, was awarded the SSV School of Year award on Monday. Mr Lombardi and I attended an awards ceremony at the Melbourne Sports Centre - Parkville to receive the CtP award on behalf of the whole community. It was a great acknowledgement of the great sporting opportunities that are provided to our learners at CtP.



IMPORTANT DATES CONTINUED



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

Carols

Last night we held our (what we hope to continue) annual Christmas Carols evening in the school hall. It was lovely to have so many families attend and celebrate this very special season of Advent. It has been wonderful to have family events at CtP again throughout 2022 and I look forward to many more in 2023.

Welcome To Our New Staff

In 2023 we welcome the following new staff to our CtP community:

Deputy Principal:

- Michelle Cassar

Classroom Teachers:

- Jamie Joson
- Leanne Brekalo
- Emma Sheehan
- Jasmine Wilson
- Andrina Haweil
- Mia Georgandas
- Apeksha Gupta
- Marijana Jerkovic

Digital Tech Teacher:

- Karen Tamaray

PE Teacher:

- Anthony Camenzuli

First Aid Officer:

- Golda Villegas

Last Day of School

Next Friday (December 16) is the last day of school for students this year. On Thursday we will celebrate and farewell our Grade 6 students with a Graduation Mass. We wish them well as they venture out into the wider community at their respective secondary school. So may their time at CtP have provided them with fond memories and a grounding to continue to grow, learn and succeed.

As this is my final newsletter for 2022, I wish you all a safe, happy and refreshing Christmas and New Year. May you have the gift of faith, the blessing of hope and the peace of His love at Christmas and always. Farewell to our families who are leaving us and to those who are returning next year, I look forward to see you all in 2023.

Regards,
Adele Vesty.
Principal

Well done and congratulations to our

Term 4 - Week 10

Supernovas

We aim to be Stars...



★ Prep Blue
Azia



★ Prep Green
Jaden



★ Prep Red
Lee



★ 1 Blue
Gulbahar



★ 1 Green
Zoe



★ 1 Red
Remy



★ 2 Blue
Sophia



★ 2 Green
Seth



★ 2 Red
Fernando



★ 3 Blue
Bella



★ 3 Green
Chloe



★ 3 Red
Maryam



★ 4 Blue
Rivi



★ 4 Green
Wasan



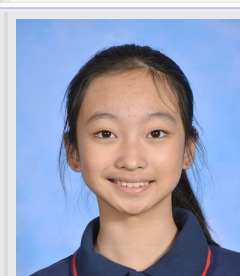
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Giovanni



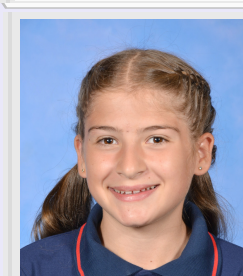
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Noah



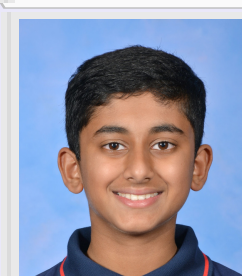
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★ 6 Blue
Nikka



★ 6 Green
Sharla



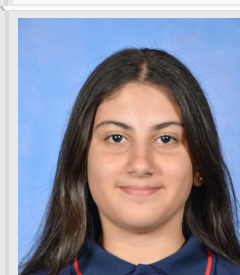
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Joseph



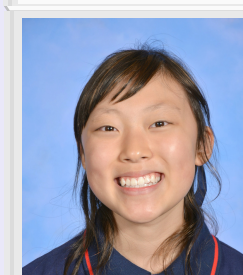
★ Italian
Kelvin



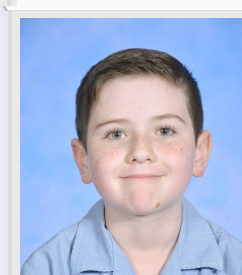
★ Drama
Royden



★ Visual Art
Mareeta



★ Music
Clare



★ Physical Education
Thomas

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.

PBL - What are the BIG Ideas?

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To move from punitive and reactive to positive and preventative

- Proactive is more effective than Reactive
- Teach Behaviour skills like we teach Academics skills
- Increase engagement/ participation and instructional time.
- Effective behaviour support is research-based
- Multi-tiered system of support for behaviour (Tier 1, Tier 2 & Tier 3)

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.

Sharing Your Interests with Your Children

By Michael Grose

The family was a little shocked when dad Chris, bought his six and four-year-old daughters a motorbike. "You got them a what?" was the standard reply.



It turns out that getting his daughters a motorbike was a stroke of pure fathering genius, although Chris didn't know it at the time.

Chris bought the motorbike for his daughters because he had fond memories of riding on his family's farm when he was young. He wanted his kids to enjoy the same experience.

Close family members questioned Chris about introducing a motorbike to kids at such a young age, but he let it pass. He even received a comment or two about the suitability of such a pursuit for girls. "You and your brothers loved motorbikes, but that doesn't mean that your daughters will," was the attitude of some people.

Undeterred, Chris spent many weekends riding in a nearby property teaching his girls the finer points of motorbike riding. He began by riding with each daughter using trainer wheels, slowly progressing to two wheeled riding as they grew more confident.

The parenting genius in three parts

Helping them to face their fears

Firstly, after acknowledging his daughters' fears, Chris encouraged them to face them, but in their own time. The girls set the developmental pace, so they felt they had full control over their experiences. He showed himself to be astute listener ready to work with his daughters. This is respectful relationships in action.

Lessons of self-worth

Secondly, through the experience Chris showed his daughters that what they do with their bodies is far more important than how they look. His daughters are young, and their attitudes may change when they become tweens or teens, but the lessons of self-worth they absorb during this stage of childhood are lasting. The fact that these messages come while sharing activities organised by their father adds to their potency.

Communicating and forming strong bonds

Thirdly, he's using activity to communicate with and form strong bonds with his girls. Fathers generally express themselves best with their children when they are fully absorbed in an activity. Parenting author Steve Biddulph says 'activity is the language of fathering'. Men are usually at their parenting best when they're involved in games, having fun or being active with their kids. It is through activity that many dads teach kids lessons such as fairness, playing by the rules, trying their best and, of course, sharing stories from their own childhood.

Another side to this parenting genius is that Chris shared something of himself with his daughters when he bought that motorbike. Each time he rides with them he is sharing a part of who he is with his daughters – not the work persona, the parent persona or the friend persona – but something that is close to the essence of who is, which was forged during the joyous times of childhood.

BIG SUMMER READ

1 December to 31 January

Melton City Libraries are inviting students to join their summer reading challenge. The BIG Summer Read is a state-wide challenge for kids aged 0 to 18 years. Track your reading over the summer school holidays and join us at the library for some fun activities to earn rewards and prizes!



Joining the BIG Summer Read is as easy as 1,2,3!



1

Become a Melton Library Member

2

Visit your local library or join online with the Beanstack app for the BIG Summer Read

3

Borrow and start reading!
Stay tuned for our school holiday activities

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Dear Parents and Friends

I hope this finds you and your family well. We give thanks for the many blessings we have received throughout 2022. We journey with HOPE during this Advent Season and pray for a renewed spirit of peace, joy and love. It was wonderful to celebrate the birth of our Lord last night at the Carols. The students did an amazing job singing and praising our 'Emmanuel'- God with us.

This term we launched our social justice initiative - Mini Vinnies in association with St Vincent De Paul. Students in Year 5 and 6 volunteered their time to meet the needs of others in our school community. We sincerely thank these students and staff - Mrs Maree Shields and Miss Leonie Seisun, who have made a difference in our community.

We also give thanks for your wonderful support with raising funds to assist our Catholic Mission Appeal and our current St Vincent De Paul Christmas Coles Voucher Appeal. The children are excited about our Christmas Giving Dress Up Day on Monday 12th December. Thank you for your anticipated generosity and kindness.

Thank you for your wonderful support throughout the year. We look forward to 2023 when we will continue to gather as a community united by our love for Christ and our commitment to sharing his light with others. May we journey together as we strive to be people of mercy, service and thanksgiving.

Wishing you and your loved ones a peace filled Christmas and an abundance of blessings for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Kind regards
Connie Skinner
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Busking Day Fundraising for Catholic Mission

Certificate of appreciation from Catholic Mission.



For more information please see the following link [SOCKTOBER2022](https://www.catholicmission.org.au/socktober2022)



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— CAROLINE SPRINGS —

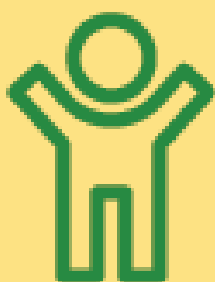


Children's Liturgy of the Word

*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*





IMPORTANT DATES

Term 4 - [CLICK HERE](#)



SCHOOL UNIFORM

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
[CLICK HERE](#)



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:

- Christmas Arts & Crafts (Sat 10 Dec, 1pm-3pm) - [CLICK HERE](#)
- Meet Santa and Friends (Sat 10 Dec & Sat 17 Dec, 10am - 1pm) - [CLICK HERE](#)
- Christmas Market & Road to Bethlehem (Sat 17 Dec) - [CLICK HERE](#)