



St Andrew's Parish

CORPUS CHRISTI PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER 8 Wednesday 11th November 2020 WEEK 6, TERM 4

Available on our School App, Website, CC Parent Portal

STUDENT ABSENCES ccschooloffice@ccwerribee.catholic.edu.au OR 9741 8440 **by 9:30am**

PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

*O God, our loving Father,
We give you thanks for the freedoms we enjoy in this land
And for those who laid down their lives to defend them:
We pray that we and all the people of Australia,
Gratefully remembering their courage and their sacrifice,
May have grace to live in a spirit of justice,
Of generosity, and of peace;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever. AMEN*

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been 5 weeks since we welcomed back all of our children to school and it has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm in which they have embraced school life again.

The teachers have been very impressed with the way in which they have settled back into the classroom and the progress many have made thanks to the support from families whilst the students were learning from home.

Let's pray that we have the opportunity to continue to learn together onsite for the rest of the year so that our students can experience as many significant and milestone school events as possible for the rest of 2020.

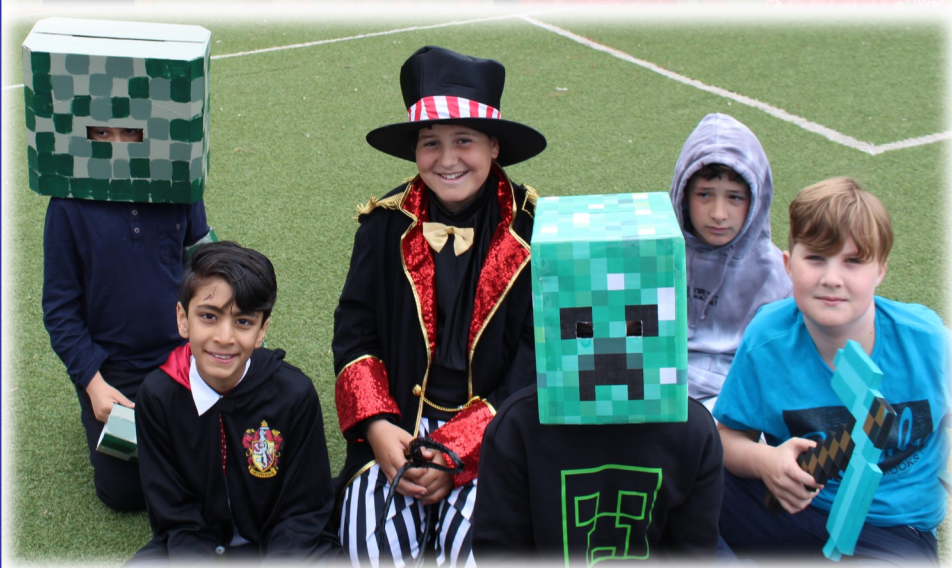
School Start Time:

Please ensure your child is at school by 8.50am at which time the school gates will be locked and students will prepare to start the day in their Home Groups.

BOOK CHARACTER PARADE

What a successful day! Albeit very different to our 'usual' way of celebrating this event! We missed the parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles and friends – and I am sure they missed celebrating the day with us too! The children looked absolutely fantastic with many children wearing innovative, creative and effective designs. Thank you to all our parents / carers for the work you put into helping your child with their costume.

I thank the staff for entering into the spirit of the day with the great costumes they also wore. A BIG thank you goes to Mrs Judie Baird for her terrific organisation of all aspects of the day including the organisation of "Reading" sessions. Thank you also to the Senior Community teachers for their great work as MCs for the parade! Well done everyone! We look forward to celebrating our Book Character Parade again next year hopefully WITH families in attendance once again!!!



Today you are
You,
that is truer than
TRUE.
There is no one alive
who is
youer
than **YOU.**

HOME GROUPINGS 2021

Over the last few weeks, the staff have been discussing ways to support students with the transition back to school. One of the ways we feel that we can ensure some consistency and security for students after such an unsettling year is to maintain the same mix of students in classes for 2021 as far as this is possible. Therefore, we are planning for most Grade One, Grade 3 and Grade Five students to remain in the same Home Group as they were in this year. This allows for much needed continuity, stability and consistency that we believe is vital after a year as the one we have just had.

Our Home groups did not have the opportunity to be together as a group for a large part of this year and as mentioned above it would minimise the amount of disruption to the children in home groups and provide some familiarity for students moving into 2021. However, there will need to be some minor changes for things such as balancing grade numbers but this will be kept to a minimum.

SENIOR CAMP

Due to restrictions being lifted and Regional areas being opened to the people of Melbourne, we are anticipating that our *Senior Camp will be able to be held in December. We will notify families as soon as all details have been confirmed.*

Foundation 2021 Transition Sessions

Our Foundation 2021 children will be visiting our school in small groups during the next few weeks and will be able to meet some teachers and have a tour of our school.

Given the current restrictions that are in place we have needed to modify the way would undertake additional aspects of our Transition Program to support our children and families. Changes include the production of a **Welcome Video, Information Packs** and the conducting of **Parent Zoom Sessions**.

WELCOME VIDEO

Our Foundation staff team are producing a welcome video that will introduce each staff member and include a tour of some of the areas the children will be using at school, in order to familiarize them with our school setting a little further. The video will be made available via email and will also be placed on our website during the week beginning 7th December.

PARENT ZOOM MEETINGS

Given we are unable to schedule a face to face meeting we are organizing 'zoom' meetings for parents of children in Foundation 2021.

I will be sending Foundation 2021 families a link for a Zoom meeting where they will have an opportunity to meet some staff members and ask questions regarding transition and the beginning of the 2021 school year.

For **EXISTING families** with children already at school, we will have two sessions on

Thursday 19th November at: 9.30am and 6.00pm.

Please feel free to join either session as a link for both sessions will be sent to you.

For **NEW families** to the school with their first child, we will have two sessions on

Thursday 19th November at: 10.30am and 7.00pm.

Please feel free to join either session as a link for both sessions will be sent to you.

FOUNDATION "INFORMATION PACKS"

Please also know that information we feel is helpful regarding your child's Transition to school, will be provided in the coming weeks via email or hardcopy at the transition session or may even be sent via the postal service.

BEGINNING of 2021 - FOUNDATION

We will continue our Transition and Orientation program as we begin 2021.

Foundation students will be allocated into two groups for their **Orientation** – Group A and Group B. Half of each group will begin on either Thursday 28th January or Friday 29th January, where they will spend a half day at school.

Families will be notified of their allocated group as soon as the groupings are finalized. Children will all begin together on Monday 1st February in their home groups for half a day. Children will begin full days on Tuesday 2nd February. The children will remain home for the first five Wednesdays during Term One. This will enable Family Conversations and Assessments to occur on these days.

FAMILY CONVERSATION and ASSESSMENT 2021- FOUNDATION

Foundation 2021 families will be asked to nominate an hour's session during one of the 5 Wednesdays. At this session their family can meet with the home group teacher for the first half hour and then the teacher will use the second half hour to complete some individual assessments with your child. *Sign up details for these conversations and assessment hours will be communicated to families on the Orientation days.*

FAMILY CONVERSATIONS and ASSESSMENTS 2021- Grades 1-6

Given restrictions related to Covid, we are redesigning our beginning of the year processes regarding Family Conversations. More details regarding our Grade 1 to Grade 6 children's return to school will be provided as soon as possible.

GOVERNANCE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS 2021

From the beginning of 2021 Governance arrangements for schools owned by the Archdiocese and its parishes will change. A new company called 'Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Ltd (MACS) will take responsibility for governing and operating the schools. Similar Governance arrangements have been in place in other dioceses in Australia for some time, but now the Melbourne Archdiocese will take on board these new arrangements. The civil governance will be undertaken by a Company with a Board where the directors are appointed by the Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne as the members of the Company. While the change in governance will not disrupt the work of schools, it is important to keep teachers, parents and staff informed about this new situation. The change in governance arrangements will see all 293 schools owned by the Archdiocese in the Archdiocese of Melbourne in 2021 transferred to MACS, which will be responsible for the governance and operation of the schools.

With legislative and compliance requirements rapidly becoming more complex for our schools, a governance model based on one person (namely Parish Priest) in which the school is unincorporated, as currently found in our parish schools and regional colleges is no longer viable. Consequently, the new governance model seeks both to ease the administrative burden on our schools and parishes, and to allow the parish priest more time to focus on not only being an important supporter of the local Catholic school but to have some more time for numerous other priorities as well.

What makes our particular school a Catholic school and not an independent or a government school will still be emphasized and the Parish Priest at this time will not be spending any significantly less time in sharing viewpoints with the Principal, Leadership Team and Religious Education Leader. The Parish Priest will still be a member of the School Advisory Council but not technically Chair anymore. The school will remain a part of the missionary outreach of our Catholic Parish but it is also important that parents of children of other faith traditions will continue to be more than welcome as we try to support the formation of the whole person. As far as most parents are concerned there will be little foreseeable change and the new governance reforms should enable schools to continue delivering an outstanding faith and values-based education, without being burdened by the increasingly complex legislative and regulatory requirements.

This new model will also continue to help us receive the necessary funding from both the Victorian and Federal Governments as we pursue a more professional course.

Our current School Board members have worked with CEM personnel this year regarding the Governance changes which will take place from 1st January 2021 in their endeavour to be as informed and knowledgeable of the process as possible. Many aspects of the changes that will be taking place are still being determined and these will be communicated to schools in an ongoing way as we approach the end of the year and move into 2021.

SCHOOL BOARD AGM

This year our **School Board AGM will be held on Wednesday 25th November at 6.00pm** and will be held via Zoom. Please find following the link for this session and join us if you are able to.

Join CC AGM 2020 Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7910155205?pwd=UkVaOG9EeU91eEkzWGEzbTQvckdidz09>

As no members will be retiring from the School Board this year, all current members will become our inaugural ***“School Advisory Council”*** members for 2021, under the new Governance model.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please note that children are expected to be in their full Summer uniform from now on as our changeover period ended last week. I need to congratulate all parents who ensure that their children are in full school uniform as they look wonderful and represent are school so positively!

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

Due to COVID Restrictions the Parish has been unable to celebrate First Holy Communion with our Year 4 students this year nor the Sacrament of Confirmation with our Grade 6 children. With significant restrictions still in place for Religious gatherings, the Parish is currently unable to confirm specific dates on which Sacraments will be celebrated in 2021. Corpus Christi in conjunction with the Parish will communicate Sacramental details with families, once government restrictions are suitably eased.

FIRST EUCHARIST

Once restrictions are suitably eased, the Parish will recommence its Sacramental Programs. Corpus Christi will hold **First Eucharist celebrations next year for our 2021 Year 4 & Year 5 students**. The date of this sacrament will hopefully be confirmed at the beginning of next year.

CONFIRMATION

Students currently in Year 6, will be invited to receive the Sacrament next year. The Parish will work with MacKillop College and Thomas Carr College, to organise this. If your child is not attending a Catholic Secondary College in 2021, please keep in contact with the Parish Office for details regarding the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

With kind regards,

Linda

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE AND FREE DRESS Day...

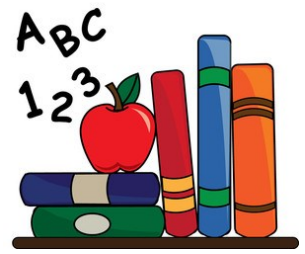
Our annual free dress day in support of our Christmas raffle is on Monday the 27th November. On this day we invite children to wear casual clothes and bring a Christmas item to school for our raffle.

Please refer to the letter going home early next week with further details.

DRINK BOTTLES -STAYING hydrated is important and as yet, there have been no further changes to school Covid guidelines. This means students are **NOT** able to use the shared drinking taps. We ask that you continue to have your child/ren bring their hat and drink bottle every day and we will encourage students to drink throughout the day and have their bottle in their classroom and accessible to use. We are encouraging all students to take their hat and drink bottle out with them at playtimes and during sporting activities. We have purchased tubs to store the drink bottles during these times and to collect them at the end of play or sporting sessions.

It is important that students are drinking water and stay hydrated for their health and ability to learn especially as the weather warms up. PLEASE ensure your child's drink bottle has their name on it to assist in returning their drink bottle them if misplaced and to avoid confusion with similar ones. Thankyou .

Learning & Teaching



As we come to the end of a very different year we would like to thank all families , carers and others for their hard work and the support you have shown to your children and our staff.

Since the return of all our students we have seen growth in their knowledge and independence . We have seen this through their high engagement in remote learning work. Students have continued a positive attitude to work and enjoyed seeing their friends and reconnecting with staff.

During this time we have all learned different ways of working, which we will continue in some areas of the curriculum both here at school and for you at home and into the future.

Students in all areas of the school have been supported in their entrance back to school and learning by all our staff who have worked hard in making this an enjoyable , exciting and engaging experience.

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Learning and Teaching

Foundation Unit News

This term we have been learning how Jesus is our friend and explored the scripture story of how Jesus called his disciples-‘friends’, and that we are Jesus disciples too. We will also prepare to celebrate Jesus birthday through our Church season of Advent. Our special day on the 11th of December where we watch the Nativity story is something we are really looking forward to.

Through our Inquiry unit of Change we learnt how we can make connections to the past. The past is important to understand because it informs and guides our future.

Through reading Factual texts and Fairy tales we reinforced our reading as well as our writing conventions focusing upon the story’s setting, characters and the story sequence.

During our Mathematics units of subtraction, money, sharing and time sequence, we looked at everyday situations that use these concepts.

A special time for our unit this term is exploring NAIDOC week, where one of staff members Miss Clarke will be a guest speaker. A Foundation student, Preston will also tell us about his diggeridoo and show us how it is played.

It is hard to believe we are nearing the completion of our 2020 school year.

We thank everyone who has helped us and cared for us this year.

Junior Unit News

Term Four is well and truly into the swing of things in the Junior Unit!

We have started straight back into our Reading Workshops with a big focus on inferencing and reading between the lines. We have become detectives and look for clues within a text, film or image and use our prior knowledge to make meaning.

In Mathematics we have been learning to tell the time. We know that an analogue clock has an hour and a minute hand and we can count by 5’s to see how many minutes have passed. Students made their own clocks and have been using them to demonstrate half past, quarter to and quarter past. We are moving into our Multiplication Unit this week!

Our “Scientist For a Day” was fun and exciting for everyone! The students have continued their learning since then by conducting experiments about sinking and floating. We designed our own boat out of plasticine and tested whether they would float or sink!

The Junior Team

Middle Unit News

In the Middle Unit, we have been learning about vulnerable, threatened, endangered and extinct animals. Students composed information reports detailing the classification, diet, habitat and other interesting facts of these animals. They are currently in the process of preparing for an Inquiry Expo in Week 8. Students will be presenting their research using different media.

In Mathematics, the students have been looking at Fractions of shapes, length and a collection. We also conducted surveys gathering data and presenting them on a tally and a graph. We have also analysed the data by writing statements about our observations.

In Literacy, the students have been engaged in different reading workshops and independent activities. We have been focusing on cause and effect as well as literal and inferential comprehension.



The Middle Team

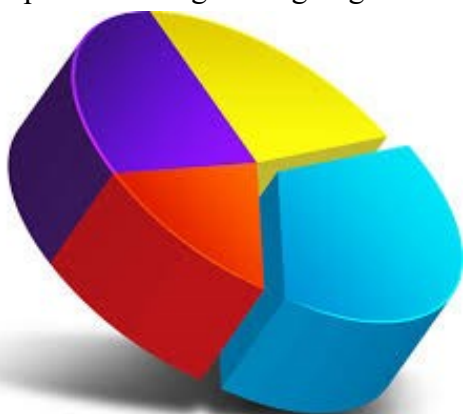
Senior Unit News

This term, we welcomed back our students from Remote Learning. We would personally like to thank and congratulate all of our families for their effort and commitment throughout this time. We understand that it has been extremely difficult for our students and our families and are thankful for the work that was completed at home. It was fantastic seeing the students return, socialising with their friends and engaging in conversation.

The last couple of weeks for this term, the seniors have been working on a range of different understandings and uses of fractions. Students have investigated addition and subtraction of fractions with the same and different denominators, looked at the size of fractions, compared and ordered fractions as well as creating fractions in a range of different ways. Moving forward, students will continue to investigate fractions as well as their relationships with decimals and percentages.

In Literacy, students will continue to look at persuasive devices used in advertising. Students have investigated companies, logos, slogans, colours, fonts, ads and billboards. With this new found knowledge of persuasive techniques, students have looked at creating their own company logos, slogans and billboards to advertise their own company.

In Inquiry, students have investigated a range of different investigations throughout time, including historic like the wheel and modern day inventions like the internet. Students looked at the impact that these inventions have had on individuals, the economy and the environment and worked in groups to discuss the positive and negative impacts of a variety of inventions. Moving forward, students will begin to investigate the design process to begin designing their own invention.



We would like to wish all of our families the very best, and that they remain safe and healthy as Victoria begins to slowly return into normality. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

The Senior Team

Education in Faith

SOCKTOBER

In the month of October, we supported Catholic Mission's Socktober 'Sock it to Poverty' campaign.

"Socktober invites schools to engage with mission in an holistic way within the head, heart, hands model: encouraging a learning mind, an open heart and hands for action. Children experience how their brothers and sisters around the world play the game of soccer, learn about life in Cambodia and other developing countries, and take concrete action with the support of their family and friends."

Students and staff were invited to wear odd socks on Fridays in the month of October for a gold coin donation. Thank you for your support in our efforts to raise funds for Catholic Mission.

It was fantastic to see our Junior students take on some of the Socktober challenge to create a soccer ball made from recycled materials.



ALL SAINTS/ALL SOULS REFLECTION

On the 30th October we had the All Saints/All Souls reflection in our communities. We continue to pray for family members and loved ones during this time in our church.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Our school will stop briefly on Wednesday 11th November to remember those who have died in all areas of world conflict. We will play the Last Post and stop for a minute to pray and remember those who have passed.

ADVENT ...the first Sunday of Advent is the 29th November. Our school will focus on this season by exploring units of work where students will reflect on ways they experience God in their own lives and recognise signs of God's presence in their world during this Advent season.

Graduation Liturgy and Celebration

On the 7th December our Year 6 students will celebrate graduation. A liturgy and special dinner will be held at school for our year 6's and staff. A note will go out to families with information about the evening.

Miss Richelle Mendoza, Religious Education Leader



St Andrew's Parish News



GOOD NEWS!!

We can now accommodate 20 people for our 9am Mass from Tuesday to Saturday and weekend.

Book now through TryBooking <https://trybooking.com/BMMVM>.

Join us in the celebration of the liturgy and the Eucharist.
See you there and stay safe.



YES WE ARE OPEN

Since last Monday, 2ND November we have had Mass in the church with 10 parishioners at each Mass. We can now accommodate 20 parishioners on each Mass during weekdays and weekends.

Please continue your booking through
TryBooking <https://trybooking.com/BMMVM>.

We will have our daily Masses from Tuesday to Saturday at 9.00 am and weekend Masses on Saturday at 6.00 pm, Sunday at 9.00 am, 11.30 am & 5.00 pm. Always remember that we have more than 6000 families in the parish. So, please book only for two members per family and if your family has already participated then please refrain from booking again and give chance to other families. We have seen a few people booking but not coming. If you are unable to come then please inform us on time, before 6.00 pm the previous day, so that another family could attend. Thank you.

HOME BASED RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

All parents of children attending Non Catholic Primary Schools in the Werribee area who are interested in their child attending the Sacramental Program for 2021 are asked to leave their details at the Parish Office on 9741 4144 or email werribee@cam.org.au.

The program is conducted for children in Grade 3 Pre-Sacrament, Grade 4 Reconciliation, Grade 5 Eucharist and Grade 6 Confirmation.

The program will also include any child from Prep to Grade 5 who wishes to be Baptised.
Enrolments close 22nd December 2020.

Thank you, *Benita Dahanayake HBRE-Coordinator.*

Please note, our Parish Office is closed and staff are currently working remotely.

Email is the preferred contact method during this time.

Phone calls and messages will be attended during office hours Tuesday to Friday from 9am to 4pm.



Day for Daniel 2020

Keeping Kids Safe

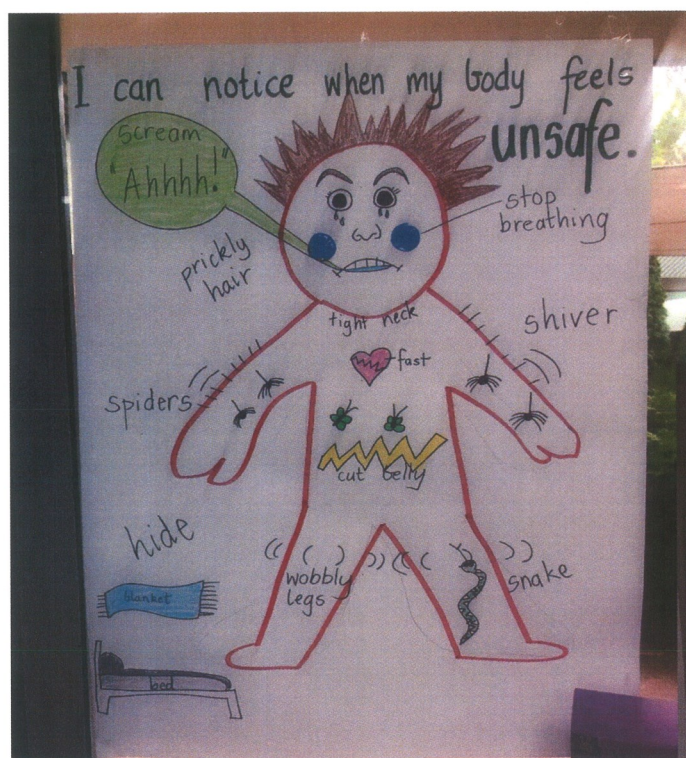
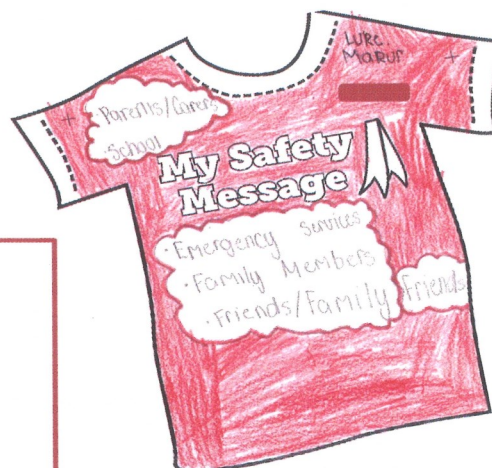


BE SAFE

Recognise React Report

That means:

- Our bodies can tell us CLUES when we don't feel safe.
- I can run away from danger or scream out loudly.
- I can get help from an adult, the school Principal, a teacher, my parents and grandparents. I can ring 000 to get the police.



THINGS TO REMEMBER.....

TELL SOMEONE

- Where you are going
- What time you will be home
- Who you are with
- If you change your plans
- TALK about**
- Safety rules, body clues and a Safety Network.
- If you EVER feel uncomfortable or unsafe, trust your feelings, leave and get help.

I feel safe at:

- home
- school
- grandparents house

I feel safe with:

- Mum and Dad
- Mrs. Ware
- brothers and sisters
- family
- friends

I feel safe when I:

- leave a light on
- hug someone
- hide
- hold my blanket
- talk with my safe people



Wellbeing & Community Partnerships

Student Action – Loyola Skate Park

In 2019, Corpus Christi was invited to participate in a Wyndham Council action group to provide input into the design of the Loyola Skate Park upgrade project. Corpus Christi senior students completed online surveys to give input into the design of the skate park. It is fantastic to see some of Corpus students' recommendations have been implemented, including water fountains, seating and beginner and intermediate skate areas where people can learn and practice their skills. Congratulations year 6s! I hope you get to visit and admire your park!

Article here: <https://wyndham.starweekly.com.au/news/new-home-for-skaters/>



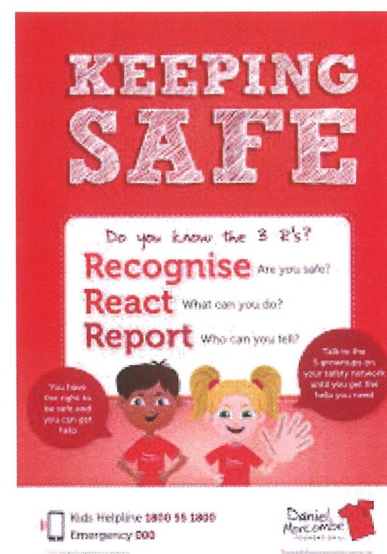
Day for Daniel and Child Safety

On Friday 30th October, our whole school participated in Day for Daniel activities. Students participated in a range of activities promoting personal safety. Key messages included:

- How to RECOGNISE – how do you know you feel unsafe?
- How to REACT – what can you do?
- How to REPORT - who can you tell and where to get help?

See some of our great work on the next page!

Parent resources are available on our school website under the STUDENT WELLBEING – Child Safety tab.



Second Hand Uniform

Our students have grown so much during Remote Learning! A reminder to families that we have some uniform items available for a gold coin donation. If your child has outgrown their school uniform, parents can contact the school office on 9741 8440 to request items. The office will then contact you to notify you if that item is available.

Ride to School

Fantastic seeing so many students walking, scooting and riding to school! This helps you stay fit and get your brain ready for learning. It also reduces traffic around our school. Well done!

- Remember to wear your helmet
- Ride with a friend, family member or someone you know
- Have a few practice runs and work out the safest route
- Don't wear ear plugs or headphones
- Remember to park your bike in the bike rack and drop your phone at the office
- Look out for cars and look after your mates!



One to One

PARENTING SUPPORT

WHAT WE CAN HELP WITH

- BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT
- TRANSITIONING
- ROUTINES
- COMMUNICATION
- SELF-CARE
- HEALTHY EATING
- EMOTION COACHING
- MEN AS FATHERS

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- YOU HAVE CHILDREN AGED 0-12 AND ARE NOT CURRENTLY INVOLVED WITH CHILD PROTECTION
- LIVE IN WERRIBEE, WYNDHAM VALE, HOPPERS CROSSING, LAVERTON, MANOR LAKES, LITTLE RIVER, MELTON, MELTON SOUTH, MELTON WEST, WILLIAMS LANDING, HARKNESS, KURUNJANG, BROOKFIELD, COBBLEBANK, STRATHTULLOH, WEIR VIEWS, EXFORD, EYNESBURY OR PARWAN

YOU CAN REFER YOURSELF BY CALLING -
0408 608 551

OR BY EMAILING US AT :
CAPSS@SALVATIONARMY.ORG.AU





positive partnerships

Working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum

ONLINE WORKSHOP VICTORIA



Join us for our new online workshop for those in Victoria where you will have the opportunity to listen, share and learn with parents and carers who support individuals on the autism spectrum.

This online workshop is for parents, full time carers and grandparents. Join other local families to learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the home-school partnership.

During the online workshops, we will cover three topics:

- the diversity of autism, including sensory processing
- understanding behaviour
- working together with your child's school.

Location:



VICTORIA

via zoom online

Date:

Thursday, 26 November 2020

Time:

Thu 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM (AEDT)

<http://>



For more information and what is happening in your state and territory, click here www.positivepartnerships.com.au