



Term 3 Week 3 Newsletter 2021

Important Dates

St Dominics Feast
Day

Sunday 8 August 2021

Forest Friends
Playgroup
Commences 9am

Monday 9 August 2021

Catholic Schools
Open Week August
9-15

Monday 9 August 2021

Mass 5LD 9am
Tuesday 10 August 2021

Sacramental
Program Workshop
8 6pm at Parish Hall
Tuesday 10 August 2021

Year 4 ReLAT
Practice Assessment
Wednesday 11 August 2021

Debating Training
3.05pm
Wednesday 11 August 2021

Tennis R-2's 3.15pm
Wednesday 11 August 2021

7pm Parent
Workshop
(Facilitator Bill
Hansberry)
Wednesday 11 August 2021

ToM Training
3.05pm
Thursday 12 August 2021

Netball R-2's
3.15pm
Thursday 12 August 2021

Bambini Program
Friday 13 August 2021

National Science
Week August 15-23
Sunday 15 August 2021

Forest Friends
Playgroup 9am
Monday 16 August 2021

1.30pm Years 4-6
Book Week visit to
Stirling Library

Liturgy R/1B 9am
Tuesday 17 August 2021

Year 4 ReLAT
Assessment 9.45am
Tuesday 17 August 2021

Monday 16 August 2021

Catholic Schools
Cross Country
Carnival

Wednesday 18 August 2021

Tennis R-2's 3.15pm

Wednesday 18 August 2021

Debating Training
3.05pm

Wednesday 18 August 2021

Principal Tour
9.30am

Thursday 19 August 2021

ToM Training
3.05pm

Thursday 19 August 2021

Netball R-2's
3.15pm

Thursday 19 August 2021

MITIOG Parent
Information Night
6pm

Thursday 19 August 2021

Bambini Program
9am

Friday 20 August 2021

Assembly 2F 9am

Friday 20 August 2021

Book Week August
21-27

Saturday 21 August 2021

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From the Principal

Dear Parents, Friends, Staff and Students of St Catherine's,

The start of Term 3 has certainly not been as we expected or hoped for. The students returned to school, to be faced firstly with Level 4 COVID restrictions which were soon replaced with a seven-day full SA lockdown. The experiences of the past 18 months have required greater flexibility than ever before and my sincere thanks go to all our staff, students and parents for the way they responded to and managed the change to online/home learning. We were so glad to see the lockdown restrictions end and have children return to school. We continue to operate with a variety of restrictions in place, however we also remain prepared should we be faced with additional lockdowns in the future. Let us continue to pray and care for those in need during these times, especially our family and friends interstate.

We have taken time this week to acknowledge, celebrate and learn more about the life of St Dominic who founded the Dominican Order of Preachers back in 1216. It was the Dominican Order of the Holy Cross Province that purchased 'Mt St Catherine Convent' in 1947 (now the private residence adjacent the school grounds) and Mt St Catherine Primary began.

The Feast Day of St Dominic is held on August 8th, which is also now recognised as Mary MacKillop's Feast Day. Like St Dominic hundreds of years earlier, Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, the first Saint of Australia, influenced many through her commitment to the poor, helping those who needed it the most. Both of these Saints demonstrate how to live a life that follows Jesus and they remind us of the important role study and education play in living a life to the full.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Tilly, James, Mason, Riley and Gaby as new Reception students this term. These students have joined our ROA class and we look forward to seeing them learn and grow as part of the St Catherine's community.

As we commence a new semester, we have a new group of students from Reception to Year 6 taking on the roles of SRC members and Eco Reps. Mrs Dawe and I look forward to working with these students throughout the next two terms as they contribute to the ongoing cycle of improvement for our school.



This year's Catholic Schools Open Week takes place between August 9-15 and the 2021/22 South Australian Catholic Schools lift out magazine was in last Saturday's Advertiser. The articles in the magazine highlight our focus as a system of schools to encourage young people to become 'thriving people, capable learners and leaders for the world God desires.' A variety of activities are planned across Catholic schools in South Australia throughout the week (albeit with slight changes due to COVID restrictions). At this stage, we have a Principal's Tour planned for the following week, Thursday 19th August to share our wonderful learning environment with prospective families. If you are aware of any families discerning a school for their child, please invite them to come along to our tour. We are also in the process of finalising our enrolments for 2022 so if you are yet to enrol a sibling, please contact Cathy Fischle as a matter of urgency: cfischle@stcaths.catholic.edu.au



The Archdiocese of Adelaide is preparing for a Diocesan Assembly in September and I encourage parents to find out more about the important role you can play in this process. You will find further information in the APRIM News of this Newsletter.

Towards the end of last term, I received a letter of resignation from Gill Holmes as our School Board Chairperson. Through a change in their working circumstances Gill and her family needed to relocate (at short notice) to Perth. Gill was a wonderful asset to our school across a variety of roles during her time here. For the remainder of the year, I thank Deputy Chairperson, Russell Gwynne for assuming the role of Chairperson.

Thank you to those parents who completed the survey shared at the end of last term regarding a proposal to move to a One Uniform/ Activewear. The response rate was exceptional with responses from 73% of our family population. 97% of respondents indicated that a move to One Uniform Activewear is a positive move for the school and the many comments received will support what we hope will be a smooth transition for this. The uniform committee will meet in the coming weeks and then further information will be provided regarding this transition.

Parent Workshop

Following the positive response from our Parent workshop offered in Term 1, we are again holding an evening Parent workshop on Wednesday 11th August at 7pm in the hall at St Catherine's. Facilitator Bill Hansberry will present 2 topics: 'How to Catch and Build Good Behaviour' (Adjusting your parenting spotlight to get more of the behaviour you want) and 'Rules haven't Gone out of Style' (Building rules that stick). If you are able to attend, please register via our school website:

<https://www.stcaths.catholic.edu.au/community/parent-attendance-registration>

Policies, Reports and Guidelines

Student safety is always a high priority at St Catherine's and we have several system and school policies which guide our work in this area. As a school community it is important that we are aware of each of our responsibilities in this area. The following policies, procedures and guidelines relate to keeping children safe:

Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy

With best wishes for a safe and relaxing weekend.

John Low

Principal

Recent News

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From the APRIM

St Vincent de Paul Society

I would like to thank our school community for their generosity through collecting valuable items for St Vincent de Paul Society. In total we were able to gather about 12 large bags of new items which I am sure will be greatly valued by those who are vulnerable this winter. Our Stirling Conference for St Vincent de Paul Society were most pleased to be able to collect these donations to distribute. In addition to this, our school captains are to be commended on their efforts with the Cosy Clothes day which brought together over \$500 dollars which was also donated to St Vincent de Paul Society. Thank to everyone who was able to participate in this initiative.



Sacramental Program

The Sacrament of Confirmation was held on Friday 25th June at St Matthew's Church. The Sacrament was officiated by Archbishop Patrick and well attended by family and friends. We are now moving through our preparations for First Holy Communion. The Covid lockdown did impact one of our sacramental workshops however arrangements have been made to give the children a chance to take part in the preparations ahead of the sacrament. Our next sacramental workshop will be held on August 10th at 6pm.



Community Prayer

We finished the term with another community prayer led by Year 6. Thank you again to our Year 6 leaders who organised and facilitated our second community prayer for the year as part of their Dominican Leadership Program. The theme was generosity which fit nicely with our charity work during the Vinnies Winter Appeal, with students attending in their Cosy Clothes. Thank you to the parents

who were able to attend on this occasion.

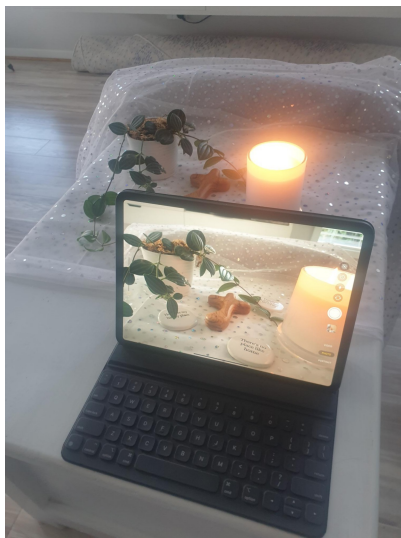


St Dominic's Feast Day

We have used this week as an opportunity to recognise the life and contributions of St Dominic, and better understand our schools Dominican heritage. St Dominic, as the founder of the order of Dominicans has provided us with a great example in accepting his mission from God to live out a life of goodness. While not always easy, he took on this challenge and as a result we now have schools such as St Catherine's which continue to live out his mission today. Throughout the week classes have taken part in activities which encompass the four Dominican Pillars of Spirituality being Prayer, Community, Ministry and Study. While initially we had planned on having a whole school Mass, due to COVID restrictions we were required to change some of our plans, but the week was still a great success. Thank you also to Fr Fred and the St Matthew's Parish for hosting our year 3 and 4 students for a shared Mass.

Flexibility During Covid

While the lockdown presented some challenges, as a staff it was pleasing to still gather, via MS Teams, to share in our weekly staff prayer. Staff connected from their homes to share in a reading from the Gospel and a reflection on how it feels to be disconnected from others. It came as a timely reminder of how important this connection to community is and what our role is at St Catherine's, particularly during a lockdown.



John 15:5 'I am the vine, you are the branches'

Adelaide Diocesan Assembly

Over the coming weeks we enter the time of the Adelaide Diocesan Assembly is an important event for the life of our faith community and your assistance in preparation for the Assembly is essential to its success. Families will receive a postcard which invites them to give their feedback. You may want to first watch the videos about the Adelaide Diocesan Assembly prior to completing the feedback. These can be found at the following link.

[Resources — Adelaide Diocesan Assembly](#)



Adelaide Diocesan Youth Assembly
21 AUGUST • NAZARETH COLLEGE, FINDON

The Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults and the Archdiocesan Council for Ministry for Young People invite young people ages 16 to 30 to represent schools, parishes, communities and organisations at the 2021 Diocesan Youth Assembly (DYA) on **Saturday 21 August 2021 at Nazareth Catholic College, Findon Campus from 9:00am to 5:00pm.**

Participants will reflect on issues, challenges and opportunities facing young people in the Archdiocese of Adelaide. They will develop recommendations for the Diocesan Assembly in September and national Plenary Council in October. The DYA will also develop actions to be taken up by young people, communities and other entities the diocese.

DYA Participants must be:

- between the ages of 16 and 30 on 21 August 2021. Participants under the age of 18 and still in school require parental permission.
- available for the duration of the DYA (9:00am to 5:00pm).
- an active member or an employee of your parish, school, community or organisation.
- able to represent young people from your parish, school, community or organisation.

Nominations open at: www.trybooking.com/BSDHR
For more information contact Peter Bierer in the Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults: 8301 6866 or peter.bierer@cesa.catholic.edu.au



www.cathyouthadelaide.org.au

ReLAT

This term our Year 4 Students will be participating in an assessment of Religious Education which is designed for all Year 4 students in South Australian Catholic Schools. This annual assessment has been developed by the Catholic Education Office and will take place during Week 5 of Term 3, 2021 (Tuesday August 17).

Religious Education (RE) is a core Learning Area in all Catholic schools. It is a foundation for all learning and is integrated into the life of the school through prayer, liturgy and social justice programs. This is the first year of the implementation of the new Crossways RE curriculum, therefore in 2021 ReLAT will be based on general religious knowledge gained from participation in RE lessons and the religious dimension of the Catholic school. Please note that the assessment is not a measure of a child's faith, nor their participation in the broader life of the Catholic community. It is important to draw upon a variety of assessment strategies in order to develop a comprehensive picture of a child's progress and understanding in Religious Education.

The data from the ReLAT assessment will be collated and used by the school to inform whole-of-school professional learning needs and the continuous improvement of teaching in Religious Education. If you have any questions regarding the Religious Literacy Assessment Tool please contact Krystina Dawe.

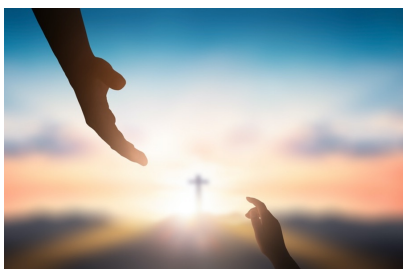
Made in the Image of God

The Made in The Image of God (MITIOG), Human Sexuality curriculum is mandated for South Australian Catholic Schools, for Years R-12. Each year our students engage with age-appropriate curriculum content regarding sexuality through this (MITIOG) curriculum.

Catholic understanding is that all humans are made in the image of God and therefore deserving of the utmost dignity and honour and that our sexuality is a fundamental dimension of the human person. We acknowledge that the beliefs, values and insights of the Christian Tradition and Catholic moral teaching enrich our lives.

This year the Human Sexuality Curriculum will be taught during Term three (weeks 6-9). You should have received information regarding the content to be covered in the MITIOG, Human Sexuality Curriculum for each year level via skoolbag.

We acknowledge that families are the first educators of their child's sexuality, and that the role of the school is to support families in this area. We are committed to supporting and enriching these partnerships. Parents and guardians are invited to attend an information session which will further cover the MITIOG curriculum and be an opportunity to explore some of the resources which are used. This will be held on Thursday August 19th at 6pm. Please register your attendance via the school website.



Grant Success

We have been successful in receiving a recycled bench for our school through the Coles Sustainability4Schools program. The bench is made from recycled plastics and will be used to further promote the importance of recycling plastics, particularly soft plastics. This has been identified as a focus for our ECO reps this term. We now eagerly await the arrival of this item.

Semester 2 ECO Reps

I welcome this term's ECO reps as environmental advocates for their class. We have had our first meeting and I am looking forward to working with these students after hearing their exciting ideas and seeing their enthusiasm.



A word from our ECO Reps

We have met this term to discuss ways we can improve our actions at school and at home. One of the things we have mentioned is the use of compost bins. Many of our classes used folded newspaper bins to help compost our classroom food scraps, paper lunch bags, pencil sharpening and small bits of paper. These work really well but can take some time to learn how to make. We thought we could challenge our school community to also learn how to make them. All you need is some newspaper and the instruction video which can be found at the following link and was made by some of our senior students. See if you can follow along to also make a newspaper compost bin. If you get really good at it you may even find this is something you would like to do in your household too. We look forward to hearing how you go!

Origami food scrap buckets - made by St Catherine's School, Stirling



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1/2JD News

Beginning of Term 3

We have started the term with the theme of The Olympics, so being at home and being able to watch some of the events was a treat. As we returned to school, we continued our learning on the Olympic Games. Learning about the history of the Olympic games, sports, various traditions and also looking at Japan and the culture. This is a large part of our cross-curriculum link of Asia and Australia's engagement with Asia. Currently we have looked at languages spoken and the art form of origami.

This topic then leads us to our study of countries around the world. We look forward to including our families in our learning and learning about the origins of our family.

Melinda James



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Wellbeing

Leader of Learning: Wellbeing and Inclusion

Staff professional development

On our recent pupil free day staff spent 2 sessions looking at how we can support students with their learning and wellbeing.

Positive Education

On our pupil free day, Kerry and I facilitated a session on Positive Education where we introduced staff to the 'Foundations of Positive Education'. The work that we did continues on with the learning that our staff have been doing throughout the year with students focussing on the foundations of flourishing. We looked at the science behind Positive psychology, Mindfulness, Gratitude and learning how to be aware of our character traits. Do you know what your child's character strengths are? You might like to take the free quiz to

find out: <https://www.viacharacter.org/>.

Occupational therapy – Sensory Processing

As adults, we often have certain strategies that we use to help us calm down, concentrate or remain engaged. Have you ever scribbled whilst on the phone, continually clicked or tapped a pen? These can be actions that help us to remain calm, relaxed or engaged. Have you ever thought about what your child does to help them concentrate, remain calm ready to learn?

Our entire staff spent the afternoon with Kelly Kroeger from Learn sense Grow. Kelly has an Occupational therapy business. Our session focused on deepening our understanding about the important role sensory systems play in our daily lives, looking at the “hidden senses”, unpacking sensory disorders and their subtypes and to learn more about tools and strategies that help assist children to reach a calm-alert state.

Staff enjoyed doing some of the activities suggested by Kelly and look forward to implementing strategies to provide support for students when they need it.

Parent Session with Bill Hansberry

After Bill led our parent session 'Raising kids with Grit' we had many parents request another parent workshop facilitated by Bill. We look forward to providing a second evening parent session on Wednesday August 11th. The sessions that Bill will present this time are;
How to catch and build good behaviour- adjusting your parenting spotlight to get more of the behaviour you want.
Rules haven't gone out of style – Building rules that stick.

Due to COVID restrictions, please make sure you use the on line booking system.

<https://www.stcaths.catholic.edu.au/community/parent-attendance-registration>

Melinda James

Leader of Learning: Wellbeing and Inclusion



Parent Workshops with Bill Hansberry

Wednesday 11th August 2021

7pm—8.30pm

Siena Hall



How to Catch and Build Good Behaviour

(Adjusting your parenting spotlight to get more of the behaviour you want)

Rules haven't Gone out of Style

(Building rules that stick)

After the success of our previous session earlier this year, we are pleased to be able to offer another evening with Bill Hansberry, from Hansberry Educational Consulting, this time with **2 FREE Workshops!**

Please register your attendance via our school website:

<https://www.stcaths.catholic.edu.au/community/parent-attendance-registration>

We encourage all parents and caregivers in our school community to join us!

Registrations close 4pm Monday 9th August

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Curriculum

LLL Survey

Living, Learning, Leading Survey for parents

You will be invited to participate in a survey about St Catherine's School's performance. Similar surveys have been administered to teachers and students to enable us to capture a community snapshot.

All responses are confidential and will be used for school improvement purposes.

Completion of the survey is on a voluntary basis.

Your confidentiality

To protect your confidentiality all surveys are anonymous. All answers go directly to the National School Improvement Partnerships, where the results are analysed for St Catherine's School. Answers from individual surveys will NOT be reported back to the school. Staff of the National School Improvement Partnerships staff are bound by a Code of Ethics and follow strict professional conduct.

Use of the data

National School Improvement Partnerships will report the results to the school in an aggregated format so that individuals cannot be identified. To enable drill-down reporting, the information provided to the school will contain data based on background information. This anonymous data will be provided to CESA for reporting and consideration of support for schools.

How to complete the survey

A skoolbag will be sent with a link and access code.

If you require more information or have any feedback, please contact Belinda Hurcombe.

Email: belinda.Hurcombe@cardijn.catholic.edu.au

Your time and consideration are much appreciated.

Corey Lewis

Leader of Learning – Curriculum

Adelaide Hills Parish Men's Breakfast

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The Adelaide Hills Parish Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday 28th August 2021 at Our Lady of the Adelaide Hills Hall, Bridgewater.

Time: 7.30am for an 8am start.

Finish time: 9.00am approximately.

Guest Speaker: Todd Murfitt - Author, Presenter and Coach.

Topic: "Deep Brain and Spirit Stimulation"

Cost: \$10 per adult. Accompanying sons - no charge.

RSVP by Wednesday 25th August 2021 to:

Dan De Fazio Mobile: 0418 838 057 Email: dan_defazio@bigpond.com

Paul Somers Mobile: 0421 527 363 Email: paulsomers24@gmail.com

Kidsflix Mount Barker Event

Kidsflix would like to invite you to our Kidsflix event at Wallis Cinema Mount Barker on the 28th of August 2021.

We will be screening ***Space Jam 2*** and have some fantastic pre-movie entertainment booked. We are also excited to offer complimentary fresh fruit, Nippy's drinks and Jonny's popcorn for all to enjoy while watching the movie.

For full details on this Kidsflix event and to **register** go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/kidsflix-adelaide-hills-tickets-159746212221>



Redsox Softball Come and Try Day

MOUNT BARKER



**Come & Try and Pre-Season Training
Sunday, 22 & 29 August 2021**

11.00 am for Juniors (5yrs to 16yrs) – Boys & Girls
Tball, ModBall, U14s & U16s

1.00 pm for Seniors (16yrs+) – Men & Ladies

All games and training at Anembo Park,
Old Princes Highway, Littlehampton
(Top Oval closest to the Playground)

Are you interested in starting a new sport, or maybe dusting off the old equipment and having some fun?

Have a hit, learn some skills, and meet some new friends.

Come along and have some fun, check out our uniform and meet both players and members of the committee. There will be plenty of spare gloves & bats so everyone can have a go.

We hope to see you there!

For more information contact Glenys 0438 385 207 or
Mandy 0417 830 182 or email mtbarker.redsox@gmail.com

Our club has a Covid-Safe Plan and this will be implemented on the day by a trained Marshall. You will be required to check-in using our QR Code.



