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No 16

Date 15 October 2020

Message from the Principal

15-10-20

Dear parents, friends and Father Arsenio

It was with great pleasure we welcomed back our staff (last week) and students (this week) to school. I can honestly say I have never heard staff be so grateful to return from holidays and that mood continued this week. I took a Co-Vid safe walk around the school on Monday and the quiet buzz was pleasant and indicated that all was well. The adjusted schedule for the week was aimed at maximizing student's wellbeing and the teacher reports indicate that we have done this. We will shortly be sending out a survey to reflect what happened in remote learning this time and it also asks about the return to school. Please feel free to provide feedback on this via the survey. Alternatively, if you have anything to share please contact me. I am most grateful to the parents who have posted such positive messages on social media. It is a great advertisement for the hard work put in by staff.

Staff update:

Just to reiterate my announcement from last week. Lauren will be retiring at the end of the year after more than twenty five years service to our school. This position has been advertised and I

have asked the principal's consultant, Jackie Purcell, from CEM to be involved in the process. Lauren is not completely lost to us as she has agreed to stay on in a 'maths coaching' capacity. Further to this Errin in our front office has also indicated she would like to step away from the full time role as admin officer. I am also pleased to announce it is not a retirement as she too will stay on next year albeit in a different role. This position has also been advertised.

Classes 2021

Usually at this time of the year we begin the process of forming class lists for the following year. The teachers are looking at a variety of information in assisting with this process including the fact we have had two lots of remote learning. If you have a specific request in relation to class lists for next year please speak with the class teacher. They are best placed to take action on appropriate requests.

Prep 2021

Katherine is continuing to not only balance the job of returning this year's preps to school, she is also looking (with her team) about the best ways to transition next year's preps to our school. She and I are ensuring we maximise the time that 2020 preps have with their own teachers as well as altering ways to introduce 2021 preps to our site and staff. Current restrictions do not allow for us to have them on site yet. I am not kidding when I say ALL options are being considered about how best to do this. Further announcements will follow once restrictions ease.

Have a great week

Duncan



PARISH NEWS

A very big and warm welcome back to our students for the final term of the year. It must have been very challenging to study from home so a huge congratulations is in order to your parents. With lockdown still affecting Melbourne, staff from the Parish House are working from home till we hear further from the Archdiocese. The Church, Chapel and Parish House remain closed. We are con-

tactable via email (<u>ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au</u>). Father is offering small outdoor mass celebrations (maximum of 5 people) and bookings can only be made via the Parish mobile 0434 224 483 (do not send emails). For details of dates and times, please

refer to The Word which is available via the Parish website <u>www.holyspiritparish.org.au</u> Stay safe and well!

Ruth Frangeskakis Parish Secretary Holy Spirit Parish 120 Oban Road Ringwood North Vic 3134 Phone: 9876 3717 or 9876 3077

BECOMING A CATHOLIC – RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Have you been feeling a nudge in your heart to deepen your relationship with God? Are you searching for meaning in your life?

Do you feel restless, without direction?

Are you looking to join a Faith Community?

Do you want to know more about the Catholic Faith?

Are you a Catholic who has not been confirmed or received first communion? If you answered "YES" to any of these questions,



RCIA may be the answer you are seeking.

THE RCIA PROCESS

RCIA is the normal way in which adults become full, active, participating members of the Catholic Church.

The goal of the process is "full communion" which means "full active participation" in the Eucharist and in the whole life of the Catholic faith community.

RCIA helps adults to grow in their relationship with God, become familiar with Catholic teachings, get acquainted with people in the community and involved in service within the community.

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Many persons who want to join the Catholic Church have already been baptised in another Christian Church. They attend the sessions but do not need to be baptised again.

FIRST STEP - A PERIOD OF ENQUIRY

The RCIA process is a period of reflection, prayer, instruction, discernment and formation. Those who join the process are encouraged to proceed at their own pace, but, on average, the journey takes about 8 - 9 months of weekly sessions.

If the candidate wishes, this leads to the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism (if required), Confirmation and Eucharist at Easter with an ongoing attendance at Sunday Mass and observance of Catholic teachings and practices.

WHO ELSE IS INVOLVED?

Besides the RCIA Team, the entire community who participate in the Sunday Eucharist has a role to play through prayer and welcome. RCIA IS FOR: Adults who are not baptised, Adults baptised in another Christian church and non-practising Catholics wishing to renew faith.

SESSION TIMES: 7:30pm - 9:00pm on a mutually agreed day of the week

RCIA TEAM: Fr Arsenio Tuazon - Parish Priest, Lawrence Cecconello and Tina Toomey We ask parishioners to please pray for the RCIA Enquirers, Sponsors and Team. For further enquiries, please call Tina Toomey on 0418552013

Prayer of the Week

A Prayer to St Joseph, the Great Protector

St Joseph,

You were receptive to God working in your life. Help us by your prayers at this time of trial. You kept Jesus and Mary under your watchful care: may your prayers assist our local Church to respond to those in need. You taught the Christ Child your trade and prayers: help us to follow his example of love. You were part of God's plan for all humanity: assist us to be vigilant and responsible this day. You spent your life in service: may we be mindful of others, particularly the elderly and vulnerable, caring for them in these difficult days. You trusted in the clear primacy of God over all history and every situation: help us to grow in faith and pray to the Father, *Thy will be done*. Amen



Link for prayer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JlwosPYLvUw&feature=youtu.be

Fr Arsenios gospel reflection for 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - 11 October 2020 Matthew 22:1-10 The Parable of the Wedding Feast

How could the poor man in the gospel story expected to have the necessary clothes at such short notice when he was hauled off the street into a wedding reception? And he found himself in serious trouble as he is not suitably dressed for the occasion. The parable is not about wearing the right outfit at a wedding. The message goes much deeper because the banquet referred to is eternal life in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus is saying that while God the Father has opened wide the doors of heaven and invited everybody into his kingdom, entrance is by no means automatic and should not be taken for granted. We have got to work our passage ro be spiritually prepared, and prove ourselves worthy of the invitation. The wedding garment is a symbol of a life in the footsteps of Christ. It is our christening robe, pronounced that we were clothed in Christ. How are we living that life?

This gospel should cause us to pause and think about the wonderful future that is within our reach. It is telling us that God is longing for our homecoming. One thing necessary is to make sure that we will arrive safely by responding to his love. When in our daily lives we avail of the opportunities of sharing in Christ's life, by beginning our day with a prayer or asking his blessing, offering encouragement and support to our neighbours. We are extending this brief spell of Eucharistic celebration into every detail of our day. In this way we are not facing life alone. We are walking with one another and with

> Christ. Stay healthy and safe. Fr Arsenio



SCHOOL NEWS 🗢 Congratulations to our **Stars of the Week**



No stars this week **Check out next newsletter**



The installation of the new 1/2adventure playground has now begun. This is very exciting for our kids, however please be mindful that

it may have a small impact on parking.



S' Congratulations to Kaitlin and her husband Adam on the safe arrival of their beautiful baby girl Gemma Rose

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Melinda Buscema is on leave. Please contact Duncan for any matters that would normally be referred to her. Email darendse@hsringwoodnth.catholic.edu.au or call the school via the office to speak directly with him.



Wednesday 21 October Friday, 23 October Prep 100 days (2.0)

Grand Final Public Holiday

Thursday 22 October Footy Day

Friday October 30 Socktober Day

Calendar of Events

Friday, October 16 2:00pm Assembly

- Tuesday, October 20 ECSI online PD DA out
- 1:30pm 2:00pm Prep Incursion NGV
- 7:30pm P&F Meeting

Wednesday, October 21

Prep 100 days celebration 2.0

Thursday, October 22

Footy Day

Friday, October 23

School closure day-AFL Grand Final Public Holiday

Monday, October 26

Prep Incursion- Mad about Science

Year 6 Leadership Day

Tuesday, October 27

School Board - Remote Learning Review 7:00pm

Wednesday, October 28

Sacramental Information Evening for 2021 7:00pm

Friday, October 30

Socktober Day

All Souls Mass 9am 9:00am

Assembly 2:00pm



SUN HATS ARCOMPULSORY **DURING ALL OUTSIDE** ACTIVITIES. HATS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR \$12.











HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR Holy Spirit Community School

Exciting News!

Our Fundraising Partner Ritchies IGA, are launching their new Ritchies Card, incorporating the Community Benefit Program and this will not only benefit our organisation, but also all our members.

The program now has an App for both IOS and Android smart devices. For those members who don't have a smart phone, or would like a physical card, this option is also available and can be linked to the App.

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Your Club President John Smith



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AT HOME, ONLINE PILATES

Hi, I'm Brigid Buyck, Mum of Zach (Grade 4), Gemma (Grade 1) at Holy Spirit & Lachie (Year 7) Aquinas.

I am a qualified Pilates & Aerobics instructor and offering Pilates classes via Zoom during lockdown.

New To Pilates ? Not a problem. I can work with you one-on-one at your own pace & slowly introduce you to this amazing form of exercise that builds strength, flexibility & fitness.

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Want to find out more? Contact me on 0407 262 507 or email: bbuyck@icloud.com



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Session descriptions: bit.ly/pinkseshinfo





Bookings/more info: Call Lisa 0410 686 819 (Charlie-rose's mum from 1/2 DAB!) www.authenticwomen.com.au

THE ROOS WANT YOU!

Come and join us for the upcoming 2020/21 season of junior cricket commencing 13th November at the **East Ringwood Cricket Club**.

We have teams in U10, U12 - played on Friday afternoon 5-7pm

U14, U16 – played on Saturday morning 8.30 – 11am

and also run a great Woolworths Cricket Blast program

for kids 5-8 years of age on a Friday afternoon from 5.30-6.30pm.

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN



https://www.playcricket.com.au/club-finder/club-

details?Id=920Play Cricket at East Ringwood

All new players receive a free playing top with their name and chosen number on the back! For more information call Peter Baker on **0409 942 533** or Kylie on <u>eastringwoodjcc@gmail.com</u>