



Important Dates

Forest Friends
Playgroup 9am

Monday 8 February 2021

Parent Teacher
Learning
Conversations
(8-12 February)

Monday 8 February 2021

1/2JD Liturgy &
New Students
Welcome

Tuesday 9 February 2021

3/4H Assembly

Friday 12 February 2021

P&F Meeting 2pm

Friday 12 February 2021

Shrove Tuesday

Tuesday 16 February 2021

Confirmation
Workshop 3
6pm Parish Hall

Tuesday 16 February 2021

Ash Wednesday
Mass (3/4K)
11.30am, Liturgy
12.20pm

Wednesday 17 February
2021

Ritual of Baptism at
St Matthews Parish
10.30am

Sunday 21 February 2021

R/1B Liturgy 9am

Tuesday 23 February 2021

School Board AGM

Courier Cup

Principal Tour 9am

Year 6 Reflection

6.30pm

Tuesday 23 February 2021

Swimming Carnival

Thursday 25 February 2021

Thursday 25 February 2021

Day

Friday 26 February 2021

Upcoming Events

Bill Hansberry

Parent Workshop

Date: Wednesday 10
February - Monday 30
November

Time: 7:00pm

Venue: St Catherine's
School - Stirling

Membership Email Error

We apologise for any inconvenience caused today when an email was sent to our mailing list titled 'New member account created for!'

Please disregard this email as it was sent in error. We hope you enjoy our new look eNewsletter.

From the Principal



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

Welcome to the first edition of our school newsletter for 2021.

What a start to the year for the Adelaide Hills community! The Cherry Gardens bushfire impacted many of our staff and families so it was reassuring to hear that everyone stayed safe during this time. Thankfully the fires ended up being contained reasonably quickly and we were able to start the school year as planned last week. It was wonderful to see everyone return safely to school with smiles on their faces.

Beginning a new year brings renewed hope and aspirations for the journey ahead. We continue to be extremely fortunate in the way that South Australia has navigated the COVID-19 pandemic. Like many, I am glad that 2020 is behind us, however we need to be mindful that we continue to live and work during a time of global pandemic. For anyone with family, friends, children, or colleagues who might still be experiencing the far reaching impacts of COVID 19, our prayers, thoughts and support are with you. The way that we develop and support the young people in our care (and their families) during this time remains our highest priority.

We have two new teachers who have started at St Catherine's this year. Kerry Cornelius is our Year 6 class teacher and Bianca Foote is our Year 2 class teacher. I'd like to officially welcome Kerry and Bianca to our school community and wish them every blessing as they engage in the work of developing and growing the young people in their care.

I'd also like to warmly welcome our 22 new Reception students - Sophie, Quinn, Hector, Maple, Charlie, Indi, Darcy, Scarlett, Abigail, Sam, Ella, Ned, Josephine, Liam, Blake, Bodhi, Harper, Alexander, Edward, Asher, Poppy and Toni-Mari. Welcome also to Liam, Lauren and Eden in 2F, Cooper and Lucas in 3/4K and Jamie in 3/4H. It is great to have so many new families and we look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child's learning, growth and development over the coming years.

All families should have received via Skoolbag a Parent Information Handbook for their child's learning neighbourhood. These handbooks provide important information related to the day to day experiences and expectations at school along with information relevant to the particular year level your child is in. If you haven't received a copy please contact your child's class teacher. Families should also have received a Term 1 calendar of events.

Teachers have spent the first weeks of this term establishing positive learning environments where students feel safe and connected and we hope that every child is developing a strong sense of belonging at St Catherine's.

Learning Conversations

Next week, teachers will be meeting with parents/ guardians and students to discuss how students have settled in and to establish and share initial learning goals for the year. Each meeting is allocated a 15 minute timeframe. If further conversation is needed beyond this time, teachers will invite you to make another time to follow up at a later date.

COVID Restrictions

As we continue to navigate the changing circumstances of Covid-19, there are ongoing restrictions that we need to continue to follow. Please note the following:

Preventing illness

Personal hygiene and the hygiene standards in our school is critical to reducing the risk of infection.

All children and staff are encouraged to:

- wash their hands regularly, particularly after using the toilet and before eating
- avoid spreading infections to others by staying home if they are unwell
- cover a cough or sneeze with a tissue.

Requirements that remain in place

- It is important that students and staff stay home if they are unwell.
- Adults, including parents must continue to physical distance wherever possible, including at school pick up and drop off, or when attending school events
- Parents are asked not to enter the school building at drop off and pick up times unless absolutely necessary.
- All adults that enter our site are asked to use the hand sanitizing stations available at the front entrance and in other various locations around the school.

We are able to proceed with events such as Liturgies, Masses and Assemblies at school, providing government health advice and physical distancing requirements are strictly followed; this includes adhering to room density requirements when visitors are on site. Throughout Term 1, parents, friends and relatives are welcome to join our class Masses and liturgies as we gather in year level cohorts. Due to the continuing room density restrictions we are unable to have parents attend our whole school assemblies which are held twice each term. Should these restrictions ease, we will let you know. Anyone planning to attend any school event taking place must register their attendance via our school website [Parent Attendance Registration page](#).

COVIDSafe Check-in and Visitor sign-in

We have been advised by CESA that next week we will be provided with and required to display a School COVIDSafe check in (similar to that of shops, restaurants, etc). This will be on display at the front entrance to the school as well as in the Administration area and all adults (including staff and parents) entering the site must check-in by scanning the QR code or completing the paper recording log template.

(Please note the COVIDSafe Check-in is purely for SA Health contact tracing purposes and does not replace our normal visitor sign-in process. All guests should continue to sign in at the front office/reception on arrival).

We are in the process of setting up digital sign-in via an iPad for visitors. This will replace our current paper based sign-in process for all visitors, late students, etc.

Directions for 2021

In 2020 parents, staff and parishioners were invited via an online survey to contribute their feedback regarding the direction for St Catherine's School over the coming years. Our 2021-2023 School Strategic plan is nearing completion and will be shared with our community later this term. I am pleased to share the key areas for development in 2021 include a focus on:

- Catholic Identity
- Learning and Wellbeing
- Student Agency

This year we have established our over-arching learning theme to be 'Developing kind and courageous hearts'. As a staff and school

community we will explore what this means throughout the year as we engage in the important work of developing thriving people, capable learners and leaders for the world God desires.

Warm regards,

John Low
Principal

05.02.21

Key Capabilities for Living, Learning, Leading

At St Catherine's School, and as a Catholic community, we are guided by the Living, Learning, Leading Framework. The Framework is designed to help us understand who we are, what we value and how we work with families to ensure our students thrive.

Dr Neil McGoran, Director of Catholic Education wrote a letter to all students:

Dear children and young people,

You are capable and competent people, learners and leaders. You are made in God's image and are deeply valued for who you are - in and for the world God desires.

You have capabilities that you can use to help you live, learn and lead. Recognising and developing your capabilities enables you to be comfortable and confident in who you are, and ready to make a difference in our world.

Catholic Education South Australia have named key capabilities and created a resource to help you to reflect on, plan for and show evidence of the development of your capabilities.

The Key Capabilities Continua can be used in partnership with your teachers and your families to reflect on the experiences at school, at home and in your community where you grow and develop your capabilities.

Reflecting on your capabilities will support you to thrive throughout your life as a person, learner and leader.

Underpinning the framework is the **Key Capabilities Continua**. The key capabilities help students to develop their knowledge, lifelong skills and attributes to thrive in our complex world, and this preparation is vital for our student's future and in meeting the demands of Australia's future workforce. The Continua helps students to reflect on, plan for and evidence their growth in the seven capabilities.

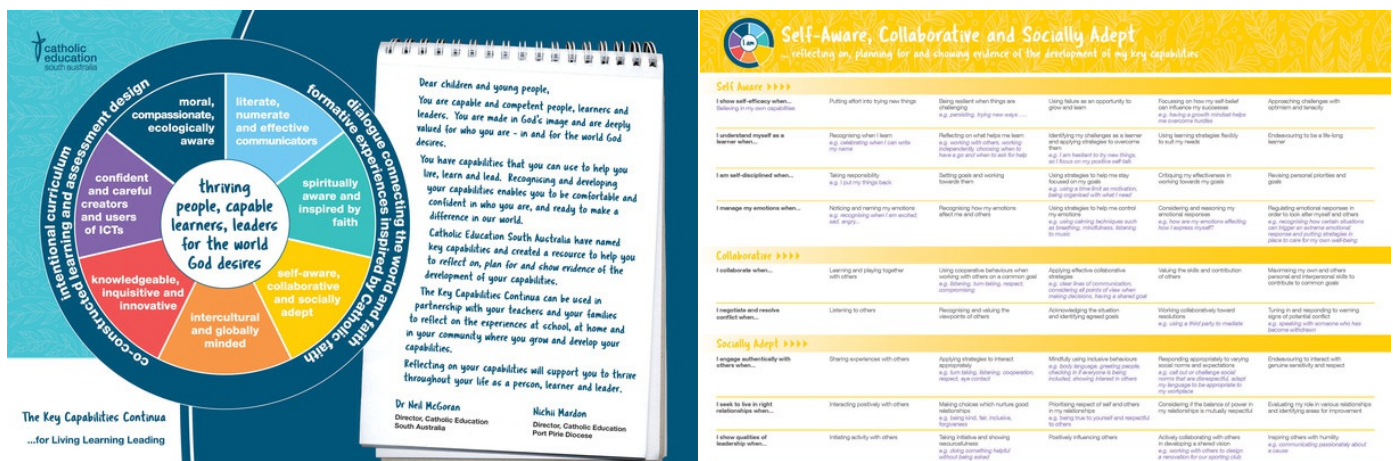
This term our school is focusing on developing our skills in becoming 'Self Aware, Collaborative and Socially Adept'. Each class will be discussing what this means and finding evidence of ways we can demonstrate our understandings.

The Key Capabilities Continua can be used in conjunction with school and families to enable students to reflect on their development of the capabilities.

What you can do at home?

You can help your child at home by looking at the capabilities, discussing with your child their capabilities and suggesting ways they can grow in their capabilities. You can access the **Self Aware, Collaborative and Socially Adept capability** on the kcc website. If you would like to know more about the **Key Capabilities - Information for Parents and Caregivers**.

Corey Lewis
Leader of Learning – Curriculum



Out of School Hours Care

We are partnering with Camp Australia to provide tailored before and after school OSHC experiences that children will love. Click here to read more about **OSHC Camp Australia**.

School Banking

Get involved in the School Banking program!

St Catherine's is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way to help teach your child the importance of saving. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking will earn an exciting reward everytime they reach 10 deposits.

The rewards available during 2021 are:

- Terry Denton's Activity Book
- Scented Stackable Highlighters
- Mini Soccer Ball (size 2)
- Icicle Slapband Ruler
- Treetop Stationery Set
- Snowy Origami Set
- Treetop Handball
- Water Skimming Bounce Ball
- Tomato Seed Kit
- Polar Pencils & Pencil Toppers
- Emoji Wallet
- Scratch Art Cards
- Snakes & Ladders Game

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 for every 10 deposits processed per student as well as an Annual Contribution which is based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year. For more information about contribution payments, visit www.commbank.com.au/sbinfo.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, visit www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Suzanne

School Banking Coordinator

05.02.21

LL Wellbeing

It is wonderful to see the children back at school full of enthusiasm for the possibilities the year ahead holds. The beginning of a new school year is met with excitement, anticipation and many other feelings that all individuals are faced with no matter our age. Over the first 2 weeks classes have spent time gathering together as a group, working on ways to be connected, discussing goals, designing class agreements, making new friends and building on developing our wellbeing. There has been a variety of learning experiences in all classes to develop relationships in the new class groups; games, mindfulness, designing posters, setting goals, listening to others and reading many stories about relationships. The bonds that have been made over the last fortnight are ones which we know children will build on throughout the year as classes focus on wellbeing.

In 2021, class teachers will continue to support wellbeing with social skills programs, circle time and class meetings where children all have the opportunity to share their thoughts. Teachers will be provided with support to work with small groups of students from their class to develop skills and to continue to develop relationships. We have an exciting year ahead with many opportunities planned for the children to take time to develop skills to learn about ways to foster their wellbeing.

Next week, we are hosting 'Raising Kids with Grit' a free Parent Workshop with Bill Hansberry. This will be an ideal opportunity for us all to learn how we can support our children to develop their resilience and wellbeing as they journey through primary school. It is wonderful to see that we already have over 50 parents who have registered for this valuable workshop.

I would like to draw parents' attention to the free webinars attached to this newsletter. These webinars are available to all Catholic school communities. The interactive presentations are a wonderful opportunity for families and school staff to learn from psychologists Kirrilie Smout (Developing Minds) and Ivan Raymond (Life Buoyancy Institute Foundation).

Literacy Intervention

This year we are excited to be adding another support program to our literacy intervention at St Catherine's. MiniLit will support students in Year 1 and 2 with Levelled Literacy Intervention (WRAP) continuing for students in Year 3-6. Our classroom ESO's will be the tutors for both of these programs.

Research completed over the last five years has shown consistently that students make remarkable gains following MiniLit instruction and other intervention programs. For children who are struggling to learn to read, intervening early is the best way to stop reading problems from becoming more established, and to bring students up to the level of their classmates before they fall too far behind. If your child would benefit from this intervention parents will be notified by class teachers.

MiniLit

MiniLit is a special teaching program designed for young children in Years 1 and 2 who are struggling to learn to read. The program is usually offered in small groups of up to four children to help them to catch up with their classmates.

WRAP

Levelled Literacy Intervention is a small group intervention program designed to support students who are struggling to meet their year-level literacy learning goals. The program provides explicit instruction in phonics, word work and comprehension.

We know from our experiences last year that it is important to be prepared and ready for changes that we may be faced with. On behalf of the staff of St Catherine's, I would like to share that we know that 2021 is an exciting year waiting for us with many opportunities for our everyone to achieve their best with the support they need and require. I invite families, if they have any questions to contact their class teacher or myself if they would like support in any area of learning.

Federation Webinars for Parents and Educators

The Federation of Catholic School Parent Community SA is offering a range of webinars in February and March. Click for [more information](#) and [registration](#) on the following topics:

- The Challenges and Adventures of Starting Primary School - A Parent's Guide
- Well-Being and Success from the Start of Secondary School - What Parents & Caregivers Can Do
- Students Who Shut Down and Disengage - What Do I Do?
- Students and Young People Who Shut Down and Avoid Talking - What Do I Do?

APRIM news

Thank You for Supporting Catholic Charities

Despite all the challenges of last year, I am grateful to be in a community that continues to show such generosity to others. Along with fundraising for St Vinnie's and Project Compassion, we were also able to make a valuable and much needed contribution to Catholic Charities. I look forward to again continuing our commitment to Social Justice in 2021.

Dear Mr Low, Staff & Students,

Through the generosity of people like you, Catholic Charities cares for thousands of South Australians by supporting the work of Catholic welfare agencies with the means to change the lives of those who are disadvantaged, who may suffer homelessness, have a family illness or who are living with a physical or mental disability.

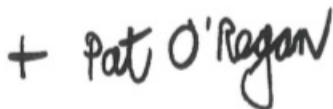
Every day those working and volunteering at the Hutt Street Centre, Centacare Catholic Family Services, the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Our Lady of La Vang and St Patrick's Special Schools, and the Catholic Deaf Association continue to bring hope and dignity to those in need.

Here in Adelaide, many people who already experience hardship have had their problems exacerbated by the restrictions and the anxiety associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. For that reason, your generosity has been more important than ever because it means we have been able to continue to support our agencies through this difficult period and bring hope to many people in need.

Thank you for your continued support of these important works which lie at the heart of *Living Catholic*.

Your donation is appreciated, it is needed, and it does make a difference.

In Domino,



+ Patrick O'Regan
Archbishop of Adelaide

Clinging Crosses

We have been very blessed to have a number of new students and staff join our school community this year. We will continue to welcome these people by presenting them with a symbol. This year we are thrilled to present new students and staff with a handmade clinging cross. We hope this will not only be a symbol of when they joined the St Catherine's School community but also be an item which they can use during prayer at home. A special thanks to one of our volunteers, Robin James, for crafting these beautiful items for us. These will be presented on Tuesday 9th February following the 1/2JD Liturgy. If you would like to attend please make sure you register your attendance through the school website.



Masses and Liturgies Format

Class Masses and Liturgies are held each Tuesday morning at 9.00am in our Siena Hall with a different class hosting each one. We are pleased to be able to invite family members to these occasions and ask that those who wish to attend register through the school website. We look forward to having you at these events throughout the year.

Sacramental Program 2021

The sacramental program for 2021 kicks off on Tuesday February 16th. This year the workshops will be held at the newly built Parish Hall in Bridgewater. A schedule of workshops has been sent out so if for any reason you have not received these please contact Catherine Oswald catherineoswald@ozemail.com.au

Parish Picnic

The yearly Parish picnic has been scheduled for Sunday 28th February. This family friendly event is a great way for the school and Adelaide Hills Parish community to come together to celebrate Mass, followed by a number of fun activities. Our students are invited to assist with Mass so please feel free to let me know if your child is happy to take part in the Mass readings for this day. I hope to see you there. To keep up to date with Parish events and Mass times I encourage you to visit the Adelaide Hills Parish website.

<http://adelaidehillsparish.com.au/>



Ecology Remains Key

Students have enjoyed spending time outdoors exploring the many learning spaces. We were fortunate to return to school with the addition of beautiful weather which allowed students time in the garden areas seeing all the produce which had grown over the summer holidays. St Catherine's continues to provide numerous opportunities for students to take part in gardening, aquaponics and nature play to not only learn lifelong skills but to also develop their sense of awe and care for creation. We have also started evaluating some of our waste management process and you may notice the addition of new 10c recyclable bins. As an Australian made produce, made out of recyclable materials, we look forward to using these with students to help reduce the waste which is sent to landfill.

2021 Term Dates

Term 1: January 27 - April 9

Term 2: April 27 - July 2

Term 3: July 19 - September 24

Term 4: October 11 - December 10



**Church
PICNIC**
You're Invited

GIDDY UP!!

Your invited to the Adelaide Hills Parish Picnic

Where: Oakbank Racecourse, Oakbank

Date: Sunday 28th February 2021

Time: 10am for a 10:30am Family Mass

What to bring: Picnic lunch, dessert to share,
picnic blanket, chairs, drinks

Activities: Magician, face painting & so much more for the kids and adults



Discover MacKillop in 2021

Mary MacKillop College warmly invites girls in Year 5 and 6 to spend a day with us.

Meet our staff and students while participating in a range of interactive activities and lessons.

Come 'n' Try Days

- Term 1 Wednesday 24 February
- Term 2 Wednesday 2 June
- Term 3 Thursday 12 August

Be a MacKillop girl!!



BOOK NOW

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Mary MacKillop College
Kensington

PLAY NETBALL AT HEATHFIELD



NETBALL CLUB IN 2021

Join us at our season launch on
Saturday 13 February
11am - 2pm

Heathfield Netball Club, Longwood Rd Heathfield

For fun netball games, get advice on
registration, try on uniforms, meet the head coach
and enjoy a sausage sizzle.

For more information visit www.heathfield.sa.netball.com.au
or email heathfieldnetballclub@gmail.com



Stirling Districts Football Club is looking to
recruit players for all teams for the 2021 season!

All ages, gender and skill levels welcome – with teams for Men and Women
and Junior teams from age 8 to 17.

Come and Try Day

Come for a friendly kick about and find out more about our club

2-6pm, Sunday 7/2/2021,

Stirling Oval, 56 Mount Barker Rd, Stirling SA 5152

Junior Club Registration for 2021 Season

Will be opening in February - see our website for more details

www.stirlingdistrictsfc.com.au

To find out more please contact us –

Director of Football-Keith Arnold 0411 629 028 **Assistant Director**-Gary Wonnacott 0419 611 012

President - Brent Prior 0435 863 321

Senior Men: stirlingfc@gmail.com **Senior Women:** stirlingfcwomen@gmail.com

Juniors: stirlingfcjunior@gmail.com www.facebook.com/StirlingDistrictsFC



BIOCHAR FOR BEGINNERS

Workshop presented by the maccy biochar group.

TOPICS TO BE COVERED INCLUDE:

- **WHAT IS BIOCHAR**
- **BIOCHAR TERMINOLOGY**
- **HOW IT DIFFERS FROM CHARCOAL**
- **TERRA PRETA SOILS**
- **PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS**
- **CHEMICAL COMPOSITION**
- **TYPES OF BIOCHAR**
- **APPLICATION**
- **PRODUCTION METHODS**
- **PACKAGING AND STORAGE**
- **ANALYSIS**
- **CARBON ACCOUNTING**
- **CARBON CREDITS**



**Held at the HILLS ENVIRONMENT CENTRE, 4 CRESCENT DRIVE,
NORTON SUMMIT**

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 20TH from 10am – 3 pm (with lunch break)

COST \$10 per person. BYO LUNCH. TEA AND COFFEE PROVIDED.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL. Email events@hecinc.org.au

Include your name, phone number, email and the name of the workshop you are booking.

The Hills Environment Centre is proudly supported by Hills & Fleurieu and Green Adelaide Landscape SA Boards.

