

Dear Parents,

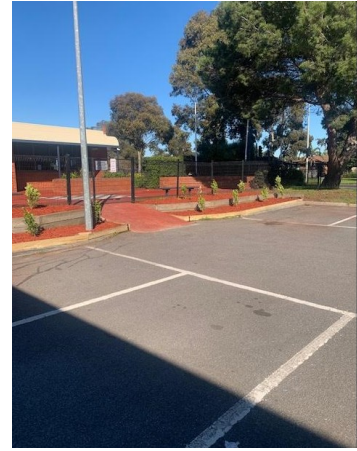
Welcome back everyone, it is hard to believe that we are over halfway through the year.

This term promises to be another busy one with many events. Some of these events include Confirmation for our Year 6 students, Year 5 Camp, Book Week, Multicultural Day and our Father's Day Breakfast just to name a few. Unfortunately, we have had to cancel the Year 4 Basket Supper as I doubt, due to COVID-19, we will be allowed to have 600 of us congregating in the hall at St. Monica's.

These extra curricula achievements balance the academic endeavours of the students throughout the term exceptionally well.

OVER THE BREAK

Our maintenance men have been busy over the term break. During this time, we had all air conditioning / heater filters cleaned, all stormwater drains and gutters were cleared of debris and the Adventure Playgrounds have been repaired. The gardens along the staff car park and at the front of the school have been cleared with new plants being planted. They planted over 100 Ficus Hillii's. and I look forward to watching them grow and shaping them into creative and interesting hedges.



The synthetic grass has been repaired in places, hopefully taking all the tripping hazards out of the playground areas, and all the classroom carpets have been steam cleaned. The Synthetic grassed oval was also serviced. (There is always work to be done at a school this size.)

2022 PREP INTERVIEWS

Last term, our existing families were emailed booking instructions for our 2022 Prep Interviews which will take place 27th and 28th July. This is an opportunity for members of our Leadership Team to meet with our 2022 Prep children. If you have not received your letter to book for your child's interview, please contact the school office. New families have their interviews this coming week.

YEAR 6 CONFIRMATION REFLECTION NIGHT – THURSDAY 15TH JULY

This week, Thursday 15th July, there will be a Confirmation Reflection night for parents and children. This night will be facilitated by Father Jose Mathew and John Dwyer. The evening will begin at 7 pm and conclude by 8 pm in the School Hall. During the evening there will be the opportunity to consider the significance of the Holy Spirit in our lives, reflect on the importance of becoming fully initiated into the Catholic faith and acknowledge our responsibility to use our God-given gifts in the service of others. You are asked to put this event in your diaries as it is an expectation that all Year 6 students attend with one parent or caregiver.

EARLY NOTICE—SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY FOR PARENT / TEACHER / STUDENT INTERVIEWS

There will be a School Closure Day on Wednesday 28th July to enable teachers to meet with parents and students. We will again be using the interview booking system. Information on how to book is elsewhere in the Flyer. Interview booking times will open on Wednesday 14th July at 7 pm.

The Out of School Hours Care Program will be operating on the school closure day. Please contact OSHC if you would like to use this program on the School Closure Day (Please note, if you wish to use this service your child/ren need to be registered in the OSHC program).

YEAR 5 CAMP DATES

Our Year 5 students will be going to camp during Week 4 of this term. Below are the dates when our Year 5's head off and return:

Year 5A, 5F and 5T leave on the 2nd August and return on the 4th August.

Year 5H, 5K and 5P leave on the 4th August and return on the 6th August.

100 DAYS FOR OUR PREP STUDENTS

This will be happening on Thursday, 12th August. To celebrate the children are asked to dress up as though they are 100 years old. The children will participate in a variety of activities within their classroom. A note will go home in the coming weeks.

ASSEMBLIES FOR TERM 3

At the moment we haven't scheduled any Year Level Assemblies. I am hoping that we will have the opportunity to have these running as the term continues .

STAFF CHANGES

We welcome Miss Annabel Chester to Year 6G. Annabel has been employed as a classroom teacher to carry on the great work from Mrs Melanie Gilbert. We wish Melanie all the best as she leaves us to go on Maternity Leave.

MORNING DROP OFF

This week we will continue as normal. **Please note – no parent is to enter the classroom before or after school. If you need to communicate with your child's teacher please continue to do so via phone or email. The Parent Helper Program will not be operating until further notice.**

When you do walk your child in through the gates, we ask you to adhere to the following:

- Maintain a respectable social distance from other parents / staff members
- You do not need to wear a mask when on school grounds but if you need to go indoors, especially the office, you must wear a mask.
- When you arrive at your child's classroom you are to remain at least 10 metres away from the classroom entrance (this allows you to see your child enter the classroom so you can relax for the rest of the day!)
- ***We ask that you minimise your time on site during drop off and pick up. Please do not socialise in the school yard.***

AFTERNOON PICK UP

End of school day arrangements will remain as normal (3.30 pm finish time for all students). Please follow the rules of social distancing, not entering classrooms or using playground equipment at the end of the day. All gates and pick up / drop off points will be open at the end of the day also.

We are pretty efficient at clearing the school grounds by 3.45 pm, and there should not be anyone remaining on school grounds after this time. Please ensure that your children do not play on the playground after school. Thank you for your support.

YEAR 3 - FIRST EUCHARIST 2021 UPDATE

The dates set for our First Eucharist celebrations are:

Year 3C: Friday, 22nd October at 6 pm

Year 3D: Saturday, 23rd October at 11 am

Year 3M: Saturday, 23rd October at 1 pm

Year 3R: Saturday, 23rd October at 3 pm

Year 3S: Sunday, 24th October at 1 pm

Year 3K: Sunday, 24th October at 3 pm

We apologise for this change of date and any inconvenience this may cause, however, we believe that rescheduling these masses to October will provide us with the greatest chance of celebrating these wonderful sacramental events with substantial numbers of family and friends being permitted in the church.

YEAR 6 CONFIRMATION UPDATE

The dates and classes allocated for our Confirmation Masses are as follows:

Year 6G: Friday, 27th August at 7 pm

Year 6O: Saturday, 28th August at 11 am

Year 6J: Saturday, 28th August at 1 pm

Year 6M: Saturday, 28th August at 3 pm

Year 6W: Sunday, 29th August at 1 pm

Year 6F: Sunday, 29th August at 3 pm

I realise this could be an inconvenience to some of you, but we are doing our best to cater for as many people as we can attending the ceremonies.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION – EARLY NOTICE

This year's graduation for our Year 6 students is scheduled for Friday, 10th December. We will have the Year 6 Graduation Mass in the morning at our church and then our Year 6 Graduation Dinner in the evening at Casa D'Abruzzo. Mark this date in your diary.

KEY ENROLMENT DATES FOR YEAR 5 STUDENTS IN 2021 - CATHOLIC SECONDARY COLLEGE ENROLMENT (STUDENTS STARTING YEAR 7 IN 2023)

If your child is currently in Year 5 (2021) now is the time to enrol for a place at a CATHOLIC secondary college for the 2023 academic year. Below are some important dates to be aware of:

Key Enrolment Dates for our current YEAR 5 students (2021) for Catholic Secondary Enrolment

- **Term 1** - January 2021: Applications open for Year 5 students commencing Year 7 in 2023
- **Term 3 – 20th August 2021: APPLICATIONS CLOSE**
- **Term 3** – 3rd September 2021: Principals exchange a full list of applications with neighbouring colleges, including parish of residence
- **Term 3** – 17th September 2021: Principals exchange a full list of applications with neighbouring colleges, identifying proposed offers and non offers
- **Term 4** – 22nd October 2021: Offers posted to prospective Year 7, 2023 applicants
- **Term 4** – 12th November 2021: Final date for families to accept offer made by the school.

Should you wish to enrol your child in a government secondary school, this will be facilitated through the transition coordinator in 2022 when your child is in Year 6. For transition enquiries please email (Brooke Brennan, Transition Coordinator) bbrennan@sfmillpark.catholic.edu.au and she will be happy to assist you.

CONGRATULATIONS AIDEN!

Throughout the month of June, Aiden C (Year 5P) participated in The Push Up Challenge to raise much needed funds for Headspace. For 25 days Aiden undertook daily push up targets totalling 3318 push ups and raised \$2,107. We're all so very proud of his achievement!

God bless



Mark Basile
Principal



PARENT / STUDENT / TEACHER INTERVIEW

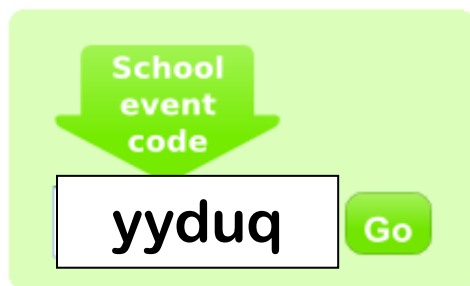
BOOKING INSTRUCTIONS

PREP TO YEAR 6

Parent / Student / Teacher interviews will be held for students in Prep to Year 6 on **Wednesday 28th July** from **11 am to 8 pm**. Please note that the student is to attend the meeting with the parent.

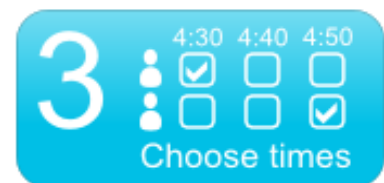
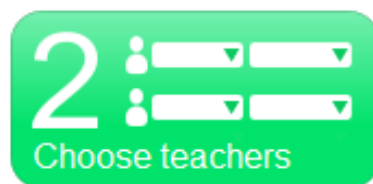
Bookings open at 7 pm on **WEDNESDAY 14TH JULY**.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.



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Enter THIS school event code. Then follow the 3 simple steps.

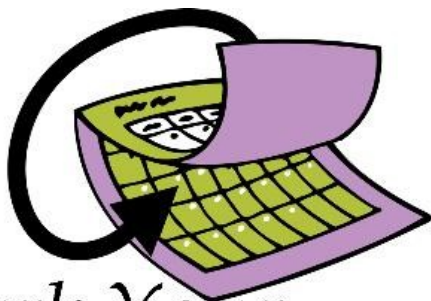


When you click **finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

BOOKINGS

- For parents who don't have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend's house or on their phones, please call the School Office on 9407 3100.
- Interviews are scheduled for 10 minutes and spaces are limited. It is important that parents are on time for their scheduled meeting. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.
- Parents can change their interview bookings any time prior to the day of interview by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code



*Mark Your
Calendar*

**CALENDAR DATES
FOR
THE NEXT FORTNIGHT**

Monday July 12	Beginning of Term 3
Tuesday July 13	Year 5/6 SRC & School Captains Leadership Workshop
Wednesday July 14	Parent / Teacher Interview Bookings open at 7 pm
Thursday July 15	Year 6 Confirmation Family Evening - 7 pm in the Hall
Friday July 16	Prep Police visit
Monday July 19	Year 6 "Smoothie" Incursion
Thursday July 22	Year 5 Debating (12 noon)
Friday July 23	Year 4 Excursion to Sovereign Hill
Saturday July 24	Confirmation "Lanyard" Program begins at weekend masses

**Print this page and place it on
your fridge**

Parents' Association News

*Thank you to all the parents who supported the
Parents' Association in Term 2.
Welcome back!*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who supported and helped the Parents' Association . A special thank you to Maria Tolani, Geraldine Castelo-Tanti and Sandra Katsaros. We were able to squeeze in a Hot Food Day and the Mother's Day Stall during Term 2. Many thanks to the volunteers and parent helpers who counted money and distributed the food.

Coming up in Term 3 - (mark these dates in your calendar):

- Hot Food days, Friday 13th August (Hot Dogs & Potato Chips) & Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th September (Pizza)
- Father's Day Stall - Tuesday 31st August

Parents' Association Meeting

Due to COVID restrictions we are unable to meet. As soon as we are able to hold a meeting we will inform families via the Compass app.

Please Stay in Touch With Us

During the year we will be sending out emails asking for assistance.

If you would like to receive the latest news from the Parents' Association, feel free to email me at papres@sfmillpark.catholic.edu.au with your full name and I will add your email to our Contact List.

There is no requirement to sit on the Parents' Association Committee or run an event, however, if you are interested in getting more involved we have a great team of committed parents and a fabulous support network.

I look forward to working with our parents this term.

Katy Weng

On behalf of the St Francis of Assisi Parents' Association

Pupil of the Week

Prep	Raphael B	(PA)
Year 1	Isabel M	(1S)
Year 2	Ryan M	(2P)
Year 3	Lincoln B	(3C)
Year 4	Xenophon P	(4C)
Year 5	Adrian F	(5K)
Year 6	Caitlyn D	(6O)

Keys To Life Award

Prep	Sienna D (PA)	for Persistence
Year 1	Massimo M (1S)	for Persistence
Year 2	Bernardo M (2P)	for Confidence
Year 3	Thomas T (3C)	for Getting Along
Year 4	Charlotte S (4J)	for Persistence
Year 5	Renae L (5A)	for Confidence
Year 5	Deshawn D (5H)	for Resilience
Year 6	Lucas E (6O)	for Confidence

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Prep A	James N	For his reverence displayed during prayer time. Keep it up, James!
Prep F	Rocco D	For being a great classmate and friend. Well done!
Prep K	Naomi C	For taking a lot of care and pride in her learning tasks. Well done, Naomi!
Prep N	Tiarnan W	For being a bright and bubbly member of Prep N!
Prep S	Anthony N	For having a go at sounding out unknown words when writing his recounts. Well done!
Prep T	Ileana G	For always taking pride in the presentation of her work!
Prep U	Xavier H	For working hard on creating great sentences when writing. Well done, Xavier!
Prep W	Daniel S	For trying his best to write neatly and legibly. Well done, Daniel!
Year 1A	Isabelle P	For having a growth mindset and trying her very best. Well done, Isabelle!
Year 1B	Jaeden S	For his positive approach to his learning. Well done, Jaeden!
Year 1F	Nayden B	For being a respectful and cooperative member of the class. Well done!
Year 1H	Dion C	For working hard to improve his recount writing. Keep up the great work, Dion!
Year 1M	Naomi H	For confidently presenting her Shared News. Keep it up!
Year 1S	James P	For always willing to share his ideas during class discussions. Well done, James!
Year 1V	Xavier V	For having a growth mindset and trying his best. Well done, Xavier!
Year 2B	Alistair W	For always trying his best in all areas of learning.
Year 2G	Milana D	For always working quietly and being a great role model. Well done!
Year 2I	Chiara D	For always doing her best and giving new learning a go. Well done!
Year 2J	Sylis S	For setting himself learning goals and persisting to achieve them.
Year 2P	Zara X	For her amazing addition and subtraction written strategies. Well done, Zara!
Year 2V	Annabella J	For posing great questions and projecting her voice. Well done, Annabella!
Year 3C	Dewish D	For always being a courteous class member and consistently applying himself to set tasks.
Year 3D	Allegra B	For being a hardworking and organised student who takes pride in the presentation of her work. Keep up the great work, Allegra!
Year 3K	Stella F	For always being so kind and helpful to others.
Year 3M	Alexander D	For his great attempt at writing a diary entry from the perspective of a soldier. Well done, Alexander!
Year 3R	Mark S	For consistent efforts with homework each week this term. Well done!
Year 3S	Lucas P	For trying his very best to improve his handwriting. Well done, Lucas!
Year 4A	Ethan C	For completing "Worded Time Problems" on IXL Maths independently. Well done!
Year 4C	Samuel T	For being a great role model to his peers. Fantastic effort!
Year 4D	Christian T	For always listening and trying hard in class. Well done and keep it up!
Year 4J	Sienna S	For her indepth reading responses. So impressed!
Year 4N	Jake Z	For making a huge effort to re-read and edit his writing.
Year 4S	Andre E	For having a positive attitude to his learning.
Year 5A	Mark A	For working hard and enthusiastically in all learning areas.
Year 5F	Marcus R	For keeping a positive attitude that makes us all smile.
Year 5H	Joanna C	For her persuasive speech during our debates. Well done!
Year 5K	Claudia-Rose M	For always working hard and listening to others.
Year 5P	Mia F	For being positive about learning and remaining focused throughout challenging tasks. Super effort, Mia!
Year 5P	Oliver L	For trying his best and working hard in Maths and Writing. Well done, Oliver!
Year 5T	Nevaeh B	For being considerate and caring of others in class.
Year 6F	Sienna M	For persevering through a challenging task in Reading and being willing to step out of her comfort zone to do so. Well done, Sienna!
Year 6G	Massimo D	For working hard to improve his skills of adding and subtracting fractions. Great work!
Year 6J	Matthew M	For being focused and attentive during class.
Year 6M	Tommas M	For finishing work on time all week and working well, regardless of who he worked with or who was at his table.
Year 6O	Domenica B	For her well researched and confident world leader speech. Well done!
Year 6W	Tina P	For presenting a great world leaders speech.