

St Colman's Newsletter

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We Welcome, We Learn, We Have Faith, We Care"

Our Safe Schools Documents are available on our school website and in the school foyer

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Term 1
Week 9
23rd March

2020 Term Dates

Jan 28th - March 27th

April 14th - June 26th

July 13th - Sept 18th

Oct 5th - Dec 18th



A Prayer in the Time of the Coronavirus

Almighty and All-loving God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
we pray to you through Christ the Healer
for those who suffer from the Coronavirus Covid-19
in Ireland and across the world.

We pray too for all who reach out to those who mourn the loss
of each and every person who has died as a result of contracting the disease.

Give wisdom to policymakers,
skill to healthcare professionals and researchers,
comfort to everyone in distress
and a sense of calm to us all in these days of uncertainty and distress.

This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord
who showed compassion to the outcast,
acceptance to the rejected
and love to those to whom no love was shown.
Amen.

Archbishop Michael Jackson
Dublin & Glendalough

Dear parents, guardians and students,

Well, it has happened, Victorian school holidays are to begin tomorrow, Tuesday 24th of March so today is our last day of term. We are planning a fun day for the children and we will attempt to alleviate the fear and uncertainty that will inevitably be growing. This is now a time for families to be together on school holidays and we will look at initiating online learning if school does not reopen next term. I will keep you updated on any further decisions.

Parish Priest: Fr Gerry Prunty

Principal: Tim Bourke

School Advisory Council Chairperson: Kate Carmody

Parents & Friends President:

Jacinta Jubb



School Closure Arrangements

Hi parents and carers,

My first wish is that you are all well and safe in this time of uncertainty and fear. School holidays are to begin tomorrow and we strongly suggest that you spend your time and energy on the physical and emotional wellbeing of your family and we will leave learning through school until Term 2 commences on the 14th of April.

The staff will be at school over the next few days to organise what learning will look like when “at home” school begins. I believe this will look something like this:-

- Early next term families can pick up their child's laptop and a bundle of learning materials from school.
- We will provide regular online content and simpler emailed documents for those with difficulty with internet reliability.
- We have video, phone and chat options through google hangouts and we will use these to communicate with parents and students.
- At this stage we are not sure whether staff will be at school or working from home during this time.

We are using a wide range of tools for communication and hope you feel supported during the difficult task of becoming the major educator of your children.

Finally we pray that the work of our leaders, our medical experts and the general population will have a marked reduction in the impact of the virus on our communities and that we return to normality as quickly as possible.



St Colman's School Calendar



March 2020

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| MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT | SUN |
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| 23 Term 1 ends | 24 School holi- days begin | | | | 28 | 29 |

April 2020

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| MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT | SUN |
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| 13 Easter Monday Public Holiday | 14 Term 2 Commences | 15 | 16 | 17 Easter Liturgy with Terang | 18 | 19 |
| 20 Dental van P&F meeting | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 School cross country | 25 ANZAC DAY | 26 |
| 27 Junior teachers away | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | |

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May 2020

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| MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT | SUN |
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| | | | | 1 Principal's meeting | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 Fire drill 2 | 8 Cross Country Mother's Day Breakfast | 9 | 10 Mother's Day |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 Mercy Feast Day | 23 | 24 |
| 25 Catholic Ed week SAC dinner | 26 HCSN Network day | 27 | 28 | 29 Tri Sports | 30 | 31 |

Odd Socks Day

"ODD Socks" day on Friday was a great success and the children enjoyed the novelty of the socks, the discussions around acceptance of people who are not the same as us and the chance to raise some funds to support Down Syndrome Australia. Thank you Nicola for the gift of the socks and to all parents for supporting the day.

**New Staff Member**

We welcome Anna Bourke to St Colman's as a maternity leave replacement for Mikayla's LSO position. Anna brings a wealth of experience to our team and we look forward to the time she is with us.

**New Garden Bed/Seat**

The two photos above were taken with people sitting on our new garden bed and seat that was started at the working bee and completed by Frank and Matt McKenzie. This construction is to make the garden bed safer and to provide seating for the students.

Farewell

Last week we said farewell to Mikayla as she commenced her maternity leave. We hope she stays well for the remainder of her pregnancy and look forward to the happy news of a new arrival.

**Congratulations to our award winners:**

Noah A
Remy H
Milly C
Nick K
Isabella P
Ashlee K
Isabella D
Johno C
Layla W

Easter Raffle

As you are aware, the P&F have organised an Easter Egg raffle fundraiser for this term. Last week each family was sent home a book of 10 raffle tickets priced at \$1 each. If you have not received this please check the school bag of the eldest child in your family. Extra books are available at the office. Books and money need to be returned to school by tomorrow the 24th of March and the raffle will be drawn on Thursday 26th of March. Good Luck!!

**Digital Newsletters**

Last week our photocopier had some technical difficulties and we distributed our newsletter in a digital format only. We might now continue this as a way of reducing waste and to establish a communication format that will be needed in the event of school closure. The newsletter can be accessed in the following ways.

DIGITAL
NEWSLETTERS

- Direct email to your address (See Jane if this needs to be started)
- Our school website www.scmortlake.catholic.edu.au
- On our facebook page at [St Colman's Primary School](#)
- On SIMON Everywhere which everyone should have loaded on their device

FOOTY TIPPING

With the postponement of the 2020 season we will put a hold on our footy tipping to see if there is a resumption of play later in the year. Thank you for your understanding.

**Birthdays**

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| Zach Dolling | 24th March |
| Lucy Carmody | 31st March |
| Arlo Herry | 9th April |

