August 2022: Term 3 Issue 1



e-Newsletter



100 Days of Kindy

On Wednesday 2nd of August, Kindergarten celebrated their significant milestone of completing 100 days of Kindergarten.

It was a fun-filled celebration, where parents and carers were welcomed onsite for a special parade of Kindy students dressed in costume as 100 year olds and a morning tea picnic to share with their children.

The rest of the day involved numerous fun activities around the theme of "100" as well as a special visit from our favourite dog, Arlo!

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In this issue, we're covering:

- 100 Days of Kindy
- TTFM survey results
- Science Week (K-4)
- Japanese exchange student visit
- Week 9 PEN: Resilience
- Parent Resources











Thank you to our parent community for completing the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) survey last term.

Below is a report from the survey results of our parent and student surveys:

Parents say the school...

is welcoming & informative with clear lines of communication, however, they seek greater access to the teachers

could have more extracurricular activities

keeps their child safe online

there could be more information regarding their child's progress

address their concerns respectfully and thoroughly but the school could deal with issues in a more timely manner

supported them during COVID and students had access to class materials

has clear rules for behaviour

informs them when there are issues however they see a need for further support in the students' social and emotional development

has teachers with high expectations but could improve in taking into account the students' abilities, needs and interests

encourages student engagement however they need to take more interest in the students' school work and homework

encourages parents to make decisions about their students

doesn't see bullying as an issue

inclusive and a safe environment

staff could work more on extra support for students with needs

Other Points

- Parents affirm our program in Formation and Mission
- Parents provided mixed responses on the impact of COVID on the students' mental health

Students say...

their behaviour is good and they have good relationships with each other

there is a sense that lessons could be more engaging

They feel there is someone they can talk to if there are issues

they are challenged in their learning but could be extended further

they feel happy & safe the school provides a strong moral compass

they feel they are trying hard but could do better

They believe the work is challenging but they need support with the skills to do the work

the school could show more of a sense of belonging and provide social and emotional support

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Science Week (K-4)

This week, Santa Sophia celebrated National Science Week - a week where students learn about the importance of Science and Technology in our world.

Early in the week, Year 4 visited the Years 5-12 science labs and had an opportunity to use the microscopes and learn about light.

On Thursday, K-4 had a Mini Science Fair with Year 4 scientists running a number of experiments for each year group.

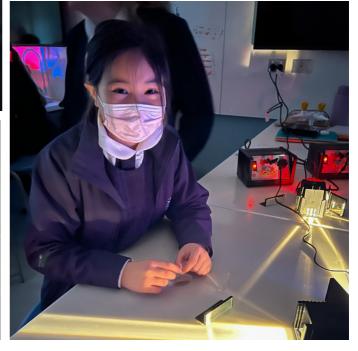
















Japanese student visit

In Week 3, we welcomed a group of cultural exchange students from Japan to the College. A number of families from our community generously welcomed students into their home to experience what life is like as an Australian student.

Our students learned the vast differences between their lives and the lives of our Japanese visitors. It was an invaluable learning experience for both our students and the Japanese students, that some of our students studying Japanese will one day get to experience for themselves with a cultural exchange trip to Japan.

CSPA 2022 Parent Survey

on Student Wellbeing and Learning

Have your say on what matters regarding the wellbeing and learning of your child. If you are a parent or carer with a child in a Catholic school, CSPA would love to hear from you.

Click on the **survey link** and share your feedback to assist CSPA in reporting to the Federal Government and Catholic education. Your feedback will remain anonymous.

UPCOMING EVENTS

24/08 Book Week Dress Up Day

02/09+ Father's Day Events **05/09**

14/09 PEN Meeting - Resilience

16/07 College Feast Day

Catholic Feast of Saint Sophia

IMPORTANT

Our Complaints Resolution policy is available on our **website** - a hard copy can be provided by the office.

PARISH NEWS

Our Lady of the Angels Mass Times OLA Saturday 5.30pm (Vigil), Sunday 8.30am, 10.00am & 5.30pm and Santa Sophia College at 11.30am

Angels Hangout (Year 5 - 7) Every Friday of school term 3.30 - 5.30pm

First Friday Devotion:

Mass and Holy Hour (Adoration) Friday 2 September, 7pm - 8.30pm

CSPA 2022 PARENT SURVEY



CLOSES 31 AUGUST



HAVE YOUR SAY

Catholic School Parents Australia is listening.

Catholic School Parents Australia (CSPA) acknowledges the funding received from the Australian Government to support this work.

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Parent Volunteers Needed

We are seeking parent volunteers for various areas:

- Sporting coach or referee
- Reading to Kindergarten & Year 1 students
- Exam supervision
- Library helpers
- Uniform shop
- Excursions
- Industry guest speaker / career mentors

As we are committed to keeping students safe, all volunteers are required to complete the **Building**Child Safe Communities

Undertaking Form And Child

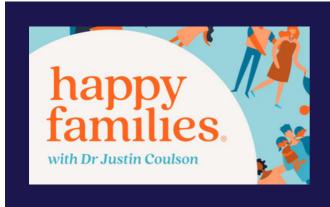
Protection Training Module

and have a Working with Children's Check (WWCC) before volunteering

If you are interested in becoming a parent volunteer, please complete the following form: **bit.ly/santasophiavolunteers**

Parent Resources

In partnership with our parents who are the primary educators of their child, we want to see all students grow and become the best versions of themselves



Webinar: Pixel Perfect - Screens, Social Media, and your daughter

In this webinar, Dr Justin Coulson (expert and host of Channel 9's Parental Guidance) and Jocelyn Brewer (psychologist and founder of Digital Nutrition) answer your most vexing questions regarding tween and teen girls and their screens.

> Watch now



Digital Wellbeing Resources

Get free digital wellbeing resources from Dr Kristy Goodwin, which will help you and your family develop healthy digital habits > Download the resources here

Santa Sophia Catholic College is a subscriber of *Happy Families* parenting resources.

All families of the College receive a **FREE** membership! **Sign up here.**