

St Ambrose Primary School

Centred by Faith - In Partnership with Community -
We Provide Excellence in Learning

Respectful Responsible Resilient Kind

St. Ambrose Parish School

Acknowledgment of Country

We acknowledge the Elders of the Kulin Nation as the traditional custodians of the land we learn, play, meet and live on. We pay our respects to Elders past, present, and emerging and say thank you for sharing this beautiful country.



Lord, help me to be a merciful neighbour and a compassionate caregiver even when it is inconvenient, When time is short or other responsibilities loom. Help me to remember the Good Samaritan And Jesus' simple message: Go, and do likewise. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

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God Bless You Fr. Martin



Our next newsletter will be published on Friday 26th July 2024.

Term 3 Dates

Sat. 29 June 2024 – Sun. 14 July 2024	Term 2 School Holidays
Monday 15 July 2024	Pupil Free Day – Staff Maths PD
Tuesday 16 July 2024	Term 3 commences Recess canteen closed School swimming program – 1/2CM 12.30-1.15pm, 1/2O 1.15-2pm, 1/2S 2-2.45pm
Wednesday 17 July 2024	Parent Helper Refresher 8.45-9.45am School swimming program – 1/2CM 12.30-1.15pm, 1/2O 1.15-2pm, 1/2S 2-2.45pm
Thursday 18 July 2024	State Cross Country – Yarra Glen
Monday 22 July 2024	School swimming program - 1/2CM 12.30-1.15, 1/2O 1.15-2, 1/2S 2-2.45 Football Victoria Soccer Sessions 3.45-4.45pm
Tuesday 23 July 2024	School swimming program - 1/2CM 12.30-1.15, 1/2O 1.15-2, 1/2S 2-2.45 Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 24 July 2024	School swimming program - 1/2CM 12.30-1.15, 1/2O 1.15-2, 1/2S 2-2.45 Assembly in Gumbuya (Library) (Prep K presenting)
Thursday 25 July 2024	Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews Eucharist Night Workshop (Grade 4) 6.30pm
Friday 26 July 2024	Whole school Olympic Day
Monday 29 July 2024	School swimming program - Prep K & half 5/6M 12.30-1.15, Prep T and half 5/6M 1.15-2, 5/6P 2-2.45 Football Victoria Soccer Sessions 3.45-4.45pm
Tuesday 30 July 2024	School swimming program - Prep K & half 5/6M 12.30-1.15, Prep T and half 5/6M 1.15-2, 5/6P 2-2.45
Wednesday 31 July 2024	School swimming program - Prep K & half 5/6M 12.30-1.15, Prep T and half 5/6M 1.15-2, 5/6P 2-2.45
Thursday 1 August 2024	Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews
Friday 2 August 2024	Prep 100 days of school celebration Junior level Mass 9.30am
Saturday 3 August 2024	Eucharist Commitment Mass 6pm
Sunday 4 August 2024	Eucharist Commitment Mass 11am
Monday 5 August 2024	School swimming program - Prep K & half 5/6M 12.30-1.15, Prep T and half 5/6M 1.15-2, 5/6P 2-2.45
Tuesday 6 August 2024	School swimming program - Prep K & half 5/6M 12.30-1.15, Prep T and half 5/6M 1.15-2, 5/6P 2-2.45 Cobaw Basketball (Grade 6 x 16 students) Sacred Heart College Junior Chef - 10am - 12pm
Wednesday 7 August 2024	School Open Day – 9.30-11am SAC meeting 9.15am Assembly in Gumbuya 2.45pm
Thursday 8 August 2024	Grade 3/4 Mass 9.30am
Saturday 10 August 2024	Eucharist Commitment Mass 6pm
Sunday 11 August 2024	Eucharist Commitment Mass 11am
Monday 12 August 2024	School swimming program - 3/4M 12.30-1.15, 3/4R 1.15-2, 3/4T 2-2.45
Tuesday 13 August 2024	School swimming program - 3/4M 12.30-1.15, 3/4R 1.15-2, 3/4T 2-2.45
Wednesday 14 August 2024	Buddies Mass – 9.30am School swimming program - 3/4M 12.30-1.15, 3/4R 1.15-2, 3/4T 2-2.45
Friday 16 August 2024	Cobaw Athletics Bendigo – Gr 3-6 x 50 students Junior (1/2) Mass 9.30am
Monday 19 August 2024	Prep/1/2 Book week show 10am School swimming program - 3/4M 12.30-1.15, 3/4R 1.15-2, 3/4T 2-2.45
Tuesday 20 August 2024	School swimming program - 3/4M 12.30-1.15, 3/4R 1.15-2, 3/4T 2-2.45 Sacred Heart College Junior Chef 4-6.30pm
Wednesday 21 August 2024	Book Parade for Book Week 9.15am Maybe a Miracle – Livestream event for all classes Assembly in Gumbuya – 2.45pm
Thursday 22 August 2024	Grade 5/6 Mass – 9.30am
Monday 26 August 2024	Opening of new buildings 9.15am
Wednesday 28 August 2024	Father's Day Refreshments 2pm Father's Day Liturgy 3pm
Friday 30 August 2024	School closure day – Religious Education
Wednesday 4 September 2024	AFL Roadshow incursion for all grades Assembly in Gumbuya – 2.45pm
Thursday 5 September 2024	Eucharist sacrament preparation 2.45pm
Saturday 7 September 2024	Sacrament of First Eucharist 6pm
Sunday 8 September 2024	Sacrament of First Eucharist 11am
Saturday 14 September 2024	Sacrament of First Eucharist 6pm
Sunday 15 September 2024	Sacrament of First Eucharist 11am
Monday 16 September 2024	Division athletics Bendigo
Wednesday 18 September 2024	End of Term Mass 9.30am
Friday 20 September 2024	End of Term 3 – students dismissed at 2.30pm
Sat. 21 September – Sun. 6 October 2024	Term 3 Holidays
Monday 7 October 2024	Term 4 commences

Dear God,

We pray that this journey to Confirmation will be an opportunity for them to deepen their faith and renew their hope in you so that your love may shine through them to the world. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide.

Amen



Message from the Principal

Dear families, parishioners, and friends,

On Wednesday we came together as a school to celebrate not only all we have learned and accomplished in Term 2 but also to celebrate a final Mass with Father Martin, as our Parish Priest. This was a heartfelt celebration made all the more special by Eloise Meyer leading us in song.

Like John the Baptist, Father Martin has baptised many including many of our students. Like John the Baptist, Father Martin has taught us about Jesus and the kind of people Jesus wants us to be. In celebrating Mass, we gave thanks for Father Martin and we pray that he will enjoy this new phase of life he is entering.

Our talented students also farewelled and thanked Fr. Martin at our final assembly for the term which concluded with a sensational and energising circus extravaganza performed in his honour. We sincerely appreciate all that Fr. Martin has done and been for our school and parish community.

We will continue to celebrate Fr. Martin at Mass at 11.00am on this Sunday, June 30th. Lunch will be served in the hall at 12.00pm. All are welcome. If you can, please bring a cake or slice to share.

At the close of this term, I look back with gratitude for all that we have achieved together. For the challenges, the successes, and the trusting relationships we are nurturing. We thank you, our parents, colleagues, students, teachers, our SAC, our PFA, and our community that cares for us. At this point in the year, it is timely to reflect and reset and we could make some space to do this over the term break!

Note that the students will **begin term 3 on Tuesday, July 146th.**



It was my pleasure to take part in the sacrament of confirmation mass with our young people of the parish on Sunday. Bishop Terry Curtin and Fr. Martin led us through an uplifting service in which your children participated with reverence and respect. Thank you Mrs. Devlin for all you did to prepare for this special day and to our teachers and parents as well!



Congratulations to our Students

Bruno B, Thomas C, Audrey C, Violet D, Maeve D, Elijah E, Alani F, Mary G, Sidney M, Harry M, Charlotte N, Bailey P, Spencer R, Ava R & Angus T.



Congratulations Mrs. Te Waita!

Mrs. Haley Te Wiata is delighted to make public that she and Dion are expecting another baby due in late December. Haley will continue to teach in 3-4TW until the middle of November. I am sure that you will also be very happy for her and her family about this joyous news.

2024 Semester One Reports

We emphasise wellbeing for learning at St Ambrose as nurtured mental health and wellbeing underpins success. Therefore, we are conscious of, and explicitly plan to support your child's social/emotional learning and wellbeing through our relationship with them, knowing them and how they learn. You can utilise your child's report as the basis of an ongoing conversation with your child and your child's teacher and use the parent-student-teacher conversation scheduled to gain further insight into your child's overall progress, successes, and challenges.

We often comment about how blessed we are here at St Ambrose, and reading the reports of the students gives us a clear indication of how well the students are doing across the school. Some students will make enormous growth, some expected, and some below expected growth.

We all learn at different rates and teachers are great at accommodating this in their teaching. I sincerely hope you take the time to read the report with your children and celebrate their achievements. They are such great students!

Thank you to families for your support this semester. You will have an opportunity to discuss your child's learning further at our parent-student-teacher conversations early next term. You can book your timeslot online.

Parent-Student-Teacher Conversations

23rd & 25th July & 1st August

You may book your times to meet with your child's teachers for early next term. We encourage you to use this opportunity which is a great way to strengthen communication between school and home. It supports the student, teacher, and the parents to work together toward our children's learning and social wellbeing.

To continue our work on our school improvement goals, this year we are **including students from years three to six in these meetings**. Three-way conferences involve conversations between the student, their parents, and their teacher. They allow our students to share with parents and teachers their growth as a learner as well as goals for future learning. Through this process children can take more responsibility for their progress and achievement, exercise their voice and agency and demonstrate a growing understanding of their development as independent learners.

In three-way conferencing, all three parties - the student, parents, and the teacher - sit together and talk about the student's learning, with the student taking an equal role. Students will be provided with a scaffold for this process. If you would prefer to meet without your child please notify your child's teacher via email.

Year prep, one and two pupils parents will continue to meet as parent/s and teacher.

If you are unable to book in on the days allocated you can make an alternative date with your child's teacher. If you wish to book a time with specialist staff, Debbie Geisler, Erin Brass, Jennifer Boldiston or myself you may do so.

St Ambrose Social Justice Team Food Drive

On Monday 24th June, in preparation for St Ambrose's food drive next term, our Social Justice leaders visited Woodend Neighbourhood House Food Bank. The students learned all about how the program works, how many families currently use the service, and about the types of items provided. Our leaders assisted in preparing a food pack for a local family and are now even more excited and motivated to run the food drive next term.



Message from our SAC Chairperson

The role of the School Advisory Council (SAC) at St Ambrose Primary School is integral to its overall functioning and strategic planning. Established at the request of the Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Ltd (MACS), the SAC's primary purpose is to support the Principal and the leadership team in decision-making processes that affect the school's long-term goals and daily operations.

The SAC serves as a crucial connection point between the school community and the parish, ensuring that the school's mission aligns with the broader objectives of the Catholic education system. By fostering a collaborative environment, the SAC assists in strategic matters such as understanding curriculum development, school policies, funding and improvements to school facilities. This collaboration helps ensure that the needs and interests of students and the broader school community are met effectively.

The SAC does not manage the school or direct its operations; rather, it offers advice and support, facilitating the implementation of initiatives that benefit the school community. The SAC is also involved in promoting a sense of unity and shared purpose among parents, staff, and students, enhancing the overall educational experience at St Ambrose Primary School.

We encourage all parents and members of the parish to engage with the SAC, providing valuable insights and feedback to help us continue to improve and grow. Your involvement ensures that we can collectively contribute to creating the best possible learning environment for our children.

For more information or to express interest in joining the School Advisory Council, please contact the school office. Together, we can make a meaningful impact on our school community.

Mike Boudrie

2024 School Advisory Council Chair



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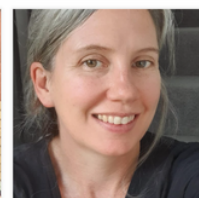
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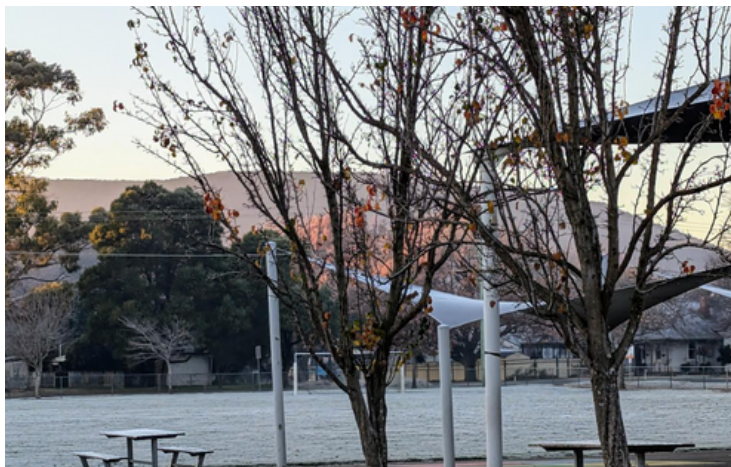
Jodie



Ellen



WINTER WOOLY & WARM HAT DAY



School Captain Ava and Sports captain Alani organised today's winter wooley and warm hat casual dress day today. We thank you for your donations which will go to support homeless people.



Curriculum Information Evening

It was great to meet with several new families on Tuesday evening who were interested in learning more about our school.

Mrs. Geisler and I briefed our visitors about our school vision and mission, our approach to supporting student wellbeing, teaching and learning.

Parents & Friends Meeting

We are looking forward to our next meeting on **Tuesday 30th July at 5.00pm**. If you would like to join this group please email me.

Parent Helper Refresher Course

We are offering another parent helper refresher course for those of you who are needing to update this at **8.45 am on July 17th** in the Mercy Room.



2025 Prep Offers

If you are wishing to enrol a sibling of a current student in Prep next year, we urge you to submit your enrolment application asap.

2025 Prep places are currently being offered. We are also taking enrolments across all levels.

Canteen on Swimming Days

Please note that canteen lunches will still be available on swimming days **except for Prep K** as the times won't align for them. Note also that there will be **No Super Sushi** for the first three weeks due to swimming. All other menu items will be available.

2024 NAPLAN Reports

We are pleased to advise that access to the 2024 NAPLAN reports will be available from 15 July 2024. To assist parents and carers in understanding the NAPLAN reporting, an information brochure for parents and carers can now be downloaded from the [VCAA website](#). The information brochure for parents and carers is also available in other languages.

"
YOU ARE WORTH THE QUIET
MOMENT. YOU ARE WORTH THE
DEEPER BREATHS AND YOU ARE
WORTH THE TIME IT TAKES TO
SLOW DOWN, BE STILL, AND REST.
"

— MORGAN HARPER NICHOLS

Next Newsletter

For more news and photos visit our [website](#) and look at latest news or click on our [facebook button](#).

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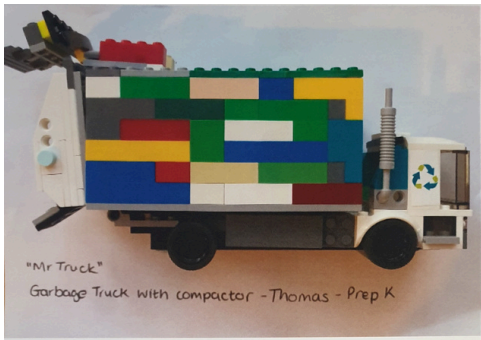


Bronwyn Phillips
Principal



Student Initiatives

Lego Masters Winners



Hello Everyone Elijah here,
As most of you know there was a Lego competition and now it is all done. Well done to Joseph M, Jack B, and Thomas S for winning in their age categories. Look at some photos of them above. Elijah.

Artist Isaac puts his Talents Toward a Special Gift

Our Student's Voice in the Community

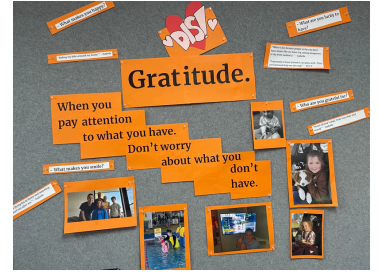


We congratulate Mauve D for lobbying with support from Violet D to save Stanley Park. Council has now decided to keep play equipment in the park and are now planning what equipment should go in there.



Student Initiatives

Winter Wooley's & Warm Hats



We congratulate students Ava & Alani for organising today's winter wooley initiative. Thanks to our wonderful community generosity we have raised \$252.00 for the homeless.

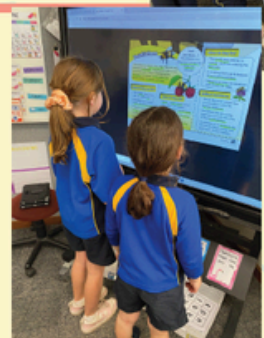
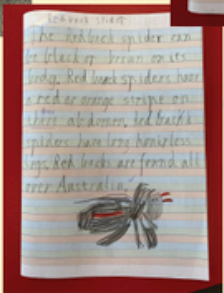
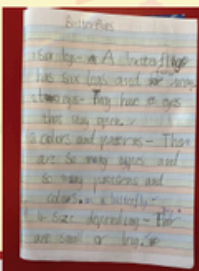
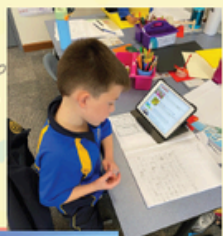




1/2S Classroom Feature

1/2S MARVELLOUS MINIBEASTS!

Our 1/2 students have been busy bees! Throughout Term 2, we have been learning about minibeasts! We have been on minibeast hunts around our school grounds and found some amazing minibeasts crawling, flying, scurrying, digging and climbing! Wild Action Zoo came to visit us and we learnt facts about the features of minibeasts. Students have learnt about ecosystems, food chains and the importance of minibeasts in our environment. Take a look at some of our learning!



We researched minibeasts and wrote information reports. First, we had to find key words that told us important information about the appearance, diet, habitat and life cycle of the minibeast. We read lots of books and researched on the iPads. We have been working really hard to write our information reports and include lots of interesting facts!



We have been busy creating lapbooks. We would like to teach people all the things we have learnt about bees, what makes them important and how we can care for them. We really enjoyed celebrating our learning by making our very own minibeasts!



INTERESTING FACTS

Here are some facts we want to share about minibeasts:

There are 22,000 species for bees.
Spiders are fast.

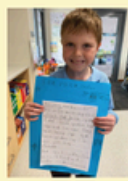
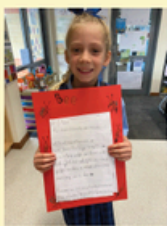
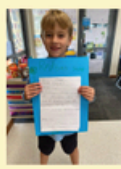
A praying mantis will lay eggs under milk leaves.



Insects have 6 legs.

All worker bees are female.

Bees are endangered and we need to help them



There is a pink praying mantis and it is the most rarest type on earth.

Some insects have 6 legs and 4 wings.



AROUND THE SCHOOL

Rotary Visit



Rotary speaks with 5-6 students about setting up a school in Vanuatu. Our students will connect with the students in Vanuatu. More information will be shared next term.

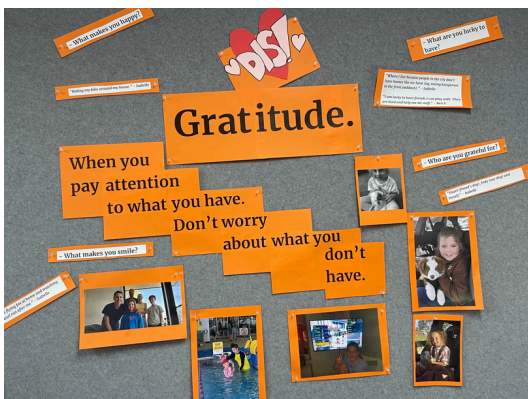


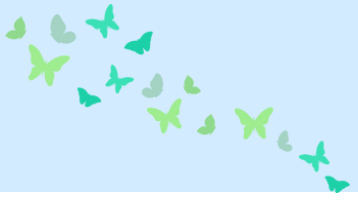
PBL Rainbow Winners

Hamish M and Orlando L 3-4M are pictured with their rainbow award which they have earned for receiving 100 Bee Gotcha tickets! Congratulations boys!



Our students will be bringing home their Semester 1 Art Folios. We hope that you enjoy looking through their work. Bravo to our students!





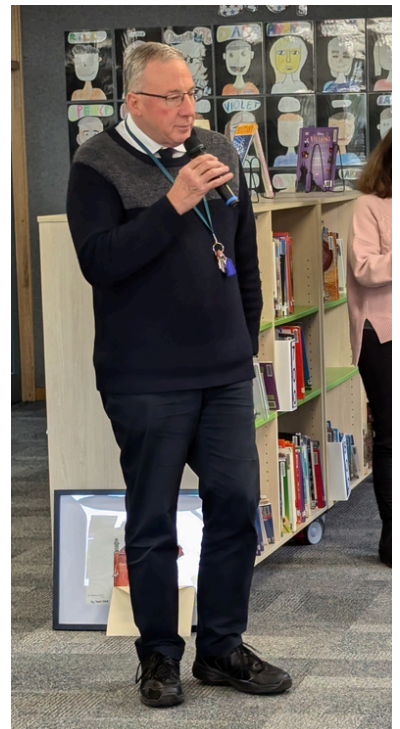
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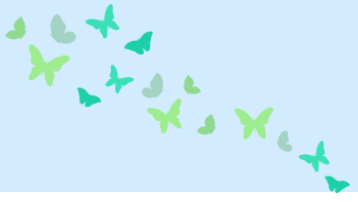


Willem H (past student) kindly volunteered his time this week. He passed on his football skills and knowledge to the junior students. Thanks Willem!



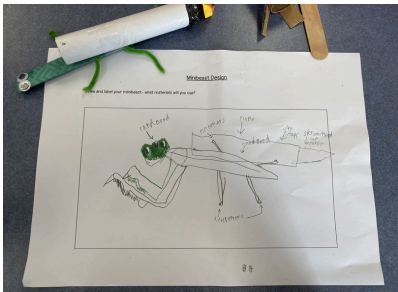
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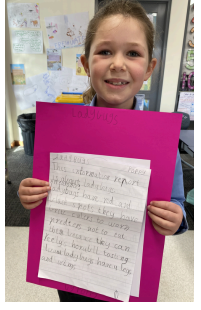
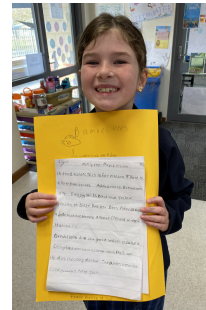
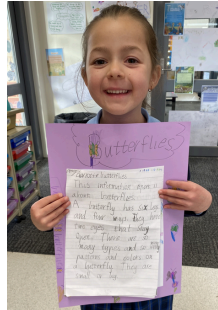


AROUND THE SCHOOL

CIRCUS PERFORMANCE AT ASSEMBLY



MINI BEAST CREATIONS



COBAW FOOTBALL



Student News



- Prep K - Ben H for working hard to write letters in his name correctly. Fantastic work Ben!
- Prep K - Thomas S for always working in a focused way to do his best work! Well done Thomas!
- Prep T - Lachlan M for making great progress with his letter formations.
- Prep T - Jock R for applying himself in class and making great progress in reading.
- Prep T - Archie L for his amazing drawings and writing about the Creation story.
- 1/2CM - Harry O for his great focus and effort in maths. Amazing!
- 1/2CM - Tess J for her amazing work and enthusiasm as SRC!
- 1/2O - Lachlan G for his endless positivity and resilience in the classroom.
- 1/2O - Grace M for always being keen and excited to help others.
- 1/2S - Margot G for being a kind and thoughtful friend to her classmates. Well done!
- 1/2S - Skylar C for being a wonderful role model. Thank you for always displaying our school values. Well done.
- 3/4M - David Y for using all his persuasive devices in his writing.
- 3/4M - Jorel L for a beautifully presented persuasive letter.
- 3/4M - Rose B for extending her language choices during writing.
- 3/4R - Caleb S for always treating others with kindness!
- 3/4R - James B for being so resilient by completing all tasks with a broken arm!
- 3/4TW - Jim C for always presenting learning to a high standard. Especially in writing.
- 3/4TW - Amari B for always being an engaged learner especially in reciprocal teaching group.
- 5/6M - Eva P for always working hard to complete all classroom?? to a good standard. Excellent work!
- 5/6M - Mary G for being responsible and catching up on all missed tasks after being away. Well done!
- 5/6P - Finn O for his resilient attitude on starting St Ambrose.
- 5/6P - Violet D for being very kind to our new class member.
- 5/6P - Dash B for being considerate and caring in class.

Sports Stars of the Week

- Ryan K for always giving 100% effort in PE lessons.
- Harry M for excellent techniques in various fitness circuit activities.
- Jethro F for excellent listening and participation in PE class.

PBL Bronze Awards

Hunter R, Alice C, Aston M, Scarlett M, Ruby W, William C, Jackson G-S, Jacob W, Matilda C, A.J. S, Joseph O, Peaches K, Ruby W, Charlie P, Harry O, Reuben T, Ivy H, Toby C, Anna M, Maddie Q, Renzo L, Emilia T, Amy M, Chase K, Annie D, Olive S, Sebastian M

PBL Silver Awards

Jett M, Emily S, Marli P, Scarlett M, Evelyn C, James B, Darcy S, Haley C, Felix D, James B, Everly B, Henry B, Charlotte W, Lily M, Ryder M, Maggie C, Amari B, Leon G, Bassy G

PBL Gold Awards

Grace H, Alice L, Isabelle M, Eire B, Scarlett M

PBL Rainbow Awards

Orlando L and Hamish M



28 JUNE- TORA C, GRACE Y
1 JULY- REMY B
6 JULY- ATTICUS L
16 JULY - ELISE M
17 JULY - MOLLIE H
27 JULY - MARGOT G, MOSAKO S



“OOPS” TO “OKAY”

3 steps to **apologise** and mean it

#1. Admit you made a mistake or hurt someone.

#2. Show you feel bad about it.

#3. Offer to take action to help make it better.

3 ways to **start** an apology

“OOPS” TO “OKAY”

3 steps to **accept** an apology

#1. Listen to the apology with your eyes and ears.

#2. Apologise too, if you also made a mistake or hurt someone.

#3. Show you're still friends by hugging or high-fiving.

3 ways to say you **forgive** someone

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Regional Parenting

What's On: Term 3

All programs are delivered by our qualified and passionate facilitators.

Multi-Session Programs

Tuning In to Kids | 6 Sessions, Tuesdays

Learn how to help your child understand and manage their feelings and develop emotional intelligence.

In this program you will find out how to help your child manage feelings such as frustration, worry and anger.

FREE | Tuesdays, 23 July - 27 August | 10:00am - 12:00pm
Online, via Zoom



Circle of Security | 6 Sessions, Thursdays

A relationship-based parenting program helping you to understand your child's emotional world, support your child's ability to manage emotions, enhance the development of your child's self esteem and honour the need for your child to be secure.

FREE | Thursdays, 15 August - 19 September | 10:30am - 12:30pm
In-person, Children's Health and Wellbeing Local
19 Helm St, Kangaroo Flat



Our Kids | 6 Sessions, Tuesdays or Thursdays

This program helps separated families who have experienced high parental conflict, difficulty in managing children's arrangements, or who want to gain new skills and insights to improve the co-parenting relationship.

\$150 (\$75 Concession)

Tuesdays, 23 July - 27 August | 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Online, via Zoom

Thursdays, 25 July - 29 August | 12:30pm - 2:30pm
In-person, CatholicCare Victoria Bendigo



Single-Session Workshops

Kids and Worry

This workshop explores reasons why children worry and ways parents and carers can support them. It will include ideas and practical tools to help parents and carers assist children to manage their emotions.

FREE
Thursday, 16 July | 1:00pm - 2:30pm
In-person, Bendigo Library



Connecting with Kids

Learn more about the brain's development and children's emotional development. This workshop helps parents and carers learn how to use emotional intelligence to understand and guide children's behaviour.

FREE
Thursday, 22 August | 1:00pm - 2:30pm
In-person, Bendigo Library



Registrations are essential for all of our programs and workshops, places are limited.

Please call us if you have questions on (03) 5438 1300 or email bendigo.reception@catholiccarevic.org.au



Register:
www.catholiccarevic.org.au/register

Keep informed on our programs across Victoria at www.catholiccarevic.org.au
(03) 5438 1300 | 176 - 178 McCrae Street, Bendigo VIC 3550



JOIN THE CELEBRATION OF ALL THINGS

Faith & Family

Prayer for Our School:

Loving Father, Thank you for all who are part of our school. Please grant them your encouragement, wisdom and peace.

Strengthen teachers with heavy workloads. May they be firm, yet patient, expecting excellence but forgiving mistakes. May they support their students, playing to strengths, helping with struggles and motivating them to do their best.

Comfort and restore those living under shadows of unhappiness, pain or fear. May many find faith discovering their identity in You and knowing Your amazing grace in their lives.

Please pour out Your blessings upon our whole school community. In Jesus name. Amen

Wonderings:

What do I do when circumstances are beyond my control? Do I become paralyzed with fear and panic? Do I try to control others and force them into my way of thinking? Do I turn trustingly to GOD and surrender that which is beyond me? How have I experienced the presence of GOD with me in my most trying times? Have I experienced the calming peace of GOD? What can I do to assist others when they are being tossed about by the stormy seas of life?

Goodbye and Good Luck:

On Wednesday, 26th June, we celebrated a whole school Mass for the end of Term Two. More importantly, it was the last school Mass we would celebrate with Father Martin. We would like to say thank you to him for all he did for us and this parish and we wish him all the best in retirement. Our thoughts and prayers go with him.

Thank you, also, to Eloise Meyer for leading the singing at this Mass. All the children sang beautifully along with her. It was so nice to have her back to farewell Father Martin.

Special Prayers:

We congratulate the following Grade 6 children who were confirmed last Sunday, 23rd June, by Bishop Terry Curtin:
Bruno B, Thomas C, Audrey C, Violet D, Maeve D, Elijah E, Alani F, Mary G, Sidney M, Harry M, Charlotte N, Bailey P, Spencer R, Ava R, Angus Tgus T.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection: Mark 4:35-41

Guidelines: Life is never free from storms and tumults. Because of the possible troubles, we cannot stop sailing. The solution is not to avoid sail but to sail along with the Lord

In the gospel, the scene is dramatic and vivid. The disciples are sailing in a boat. Jesus too is with them. It is hit by heavy storms. The boat is on the verge of sinking. They stand at the door of perishing. They get panicky. They look for Jesus. He is "peacefully" sleeping on a cushion. The natural human feelings rise up. They get all the more annoyed. They feel bad at this apparent indifference toward their desperate fate. They give vent to their displeasure and frustration. They wake him up and confront him, saying, "do you not care that we are perishing?" Their situation very much represents our own life situation as well. Life is a boat in a constant sea-sail, surmounted by storms. The sail gets harder and harder. The storms will threaten to sink the boat and perish life as well. Fear grips and faith wavers. The boat of life is hit hard. Problems and afflictions enter violently into the boat. They frighten (us) to drown it. We feel lost and gone. In such situations, we even forget the truth that as long as the Lord is with us, nothing can harm us and destroy us. Like the disciples, we too get annoyed that he is resting peacefully while we are restless in tension. We may also confront and question him many times that he is not bothered about us. Be focused on the Lord. Deep within, remember that the Lord is present with us in the same boat, and as long as he is with us, no harm can betide us, no storm can drown us. Be confident that he will never allow us to sink and perish. We may come under pressure. We may feel that God is not attentive toward our gripping situations, that he does not understand the gravity of them. But listen to him what he tells the disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" The Lord repeats the same words to us as well in our stormy times: "Why are you afraid? Am I not with you? Will I leave you to your fate? Will I allow you to struggle helplessly? Will I deliver you to misery? Have faith in me. I will deliver you. I will sustain your journey. I will calm the storms, I will restore peace and serenity. I will remove your fears."

Therefore, let us not entertain wishful thinking that there should be no storms, no struggles, and adversities in life. Let us not be unrealistic that life should be always smooth sailing. Rather, what is needed is to sail ahead through all the possible and expected inclement and unfavourable situations.

Excerpts from Catholic Leaf Website (Published on: June 19, 2024)

Religious Calendar of Events in Term 3:

Date	Details	Time
25th July	Eucharist Night	6:30 pm
2nd August	Junior Level Mass (Grades 1/2)	9:30 am
3rd August	Eucharist Commitment Mass	6 pm
4th August	Eucharist Commitment Mass	11 am
8th August	Middle Years Mass (Grades 3/4)	9:30 am
10th August	Eucharist Commitment Mass	6 pm
11th August	Eucharist Commitment Mass	11 am
14th August	Buddies Mass (Grades 5/6 and Preps)	9:30 am
28th August	Father's Day Prayer Service	3 pm
5th September	First Eucharist Practice (Grade 4)	2:45 pm
7th September	Sacrament of First Eucharist	6 pm
8th September	Sacrament of First Eucharist	11 am
14th September	Sacrament of First Eucharist	6 pm
15th September	Sacrament of First Eucharist	11 am
18th September	End of Term 3 Mass	9:30

Please note: All are welcome to our Masses. If you would like to join us in any of these celebrations, you are most welcome.



AMBROSE CARE

We need a new Treasurer

Ambrose Care is a group of parishioners and St Ambrose school community parents and carers who wish to support others in our local community in their time of need.

This has been achieved through:

- Providing home cooked meals
- Batch cooking with others to keep a food bank stocked
- Catering at funerals either through the provision of food or volunteering of time
- Giving of gifts/vouchers distributed by the parish at Christmas time and throughout the year in times of financial hardship
- Home visits

We gather twice a year to review the past 6 months and plan for the next 6 months.

At this time we are looking for a treasurer. Our current treasurer, after 25 years of excellent treasury work would like to take a back seat. Being treasurer of Ambrose Care does not take up much time, but is integral to smooth running. A list of what is required is available.

As always, we welcome anyone who is interested in being involved in any form. Please reach out to Karen Basa if taking on the role of treasurer is of interest to you or you wish to join the contact list.

Karen - 0428 830 401 or office@sawoodend.catholic.edu.au

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHURCH CLEANING

We are currently looking for volunteers to help with church cleaning. This would include emptying the church internal bins, dusting, picking up papers and rubbish left behind, clearing accessible cobwebs, cleaning fingerprints from the glass panels, keeping the church foyer tidy, noting any hazards found.

This **will not** include any heavy lifting, climbing ladders, vacuuming or mopping however you will need to be capable of light lifting (bins) and reaching (dusting).

You would be partnered in teams of at least 2 people.

Time and regularity to be determined by number of volunteers.

Please contact Bernadette at Parish Office if you can help.

SUNDAY CUPPA



SAVE THE DATE: Sunday 30th June 12pm in the Parish Hall.

Come and have a cuppa & a chat to farewell Fr Martin. Spread the word to anyone you know who may wish to thank Fr Martin for his work here at St Ambrose and in the local community. All welcome.

Please see/complete the volunteer sheet in the church foyer if you can help.



COMMUNITY NEWS

**MACEDON RANGES
NETBALL
ASSOCIATION**

FREE - Indoor School Holiday
Boys Netball Clinic

Boys aged 7-16
Friday 5 July 2024

New Gisborne
9am - 12pm

www.macedonrangesnetball.com.au/men-boys





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FREE - School Holiday Boys Netball Clinic
Friday 5 June 2024 - New Gisborne - 9am - 12pm

Join Us for a Free Boys Holiday Netball Clinic!

Are you ready for an action-packed holiday adventure? The Macedon Ranges Netball Association is thrilled to announce a special Boys Holiday Netball Clinic at our brand-new indoor courts in New Gisborne! This exciting event will take place on June 5th from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Event Details:

- **Date:** June 5th
- **Time:** 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- **Location:** Macedon Ranges Regional Sports Hub - Hamilton Road New Gisborne
- **Cost:** Free (Places are limited)
- **Who Can Join:** Boys who are beginners or have some netball experience aged 9 - 16 (we will group into 2-3 age groups)

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Mt Macedon PRIMARY SCHOOL

Spring FETE

SAVE THE DATE

SUN NOV 24 10am to 4pm



Our friends at Mt Macedon Primary School are preparing for their biennial Spring Fete. Be sure to put the date in your diary for a fun filled day of food and entertainment.

You may also want to follow them on their socials to keep up to date with fete and school news:

<https://www.facebook.com/Mountmacedonschoolfete/>
<https://www.instagram.com/mountmacedonprimaryschool/>



COMMUNITY NEWS



Enrolments Closing Soon

Enrolments for Year 7, 2026 close on 26 July, 2024 (students currently in Grade 5).

Contact the College Registrar for enrolment enquiries. The enrolment application form, tour dates and booking information, can be accessed via the 'Enrol with Us' page of the College website.



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Dear Parents/Carers/Guardians of Year 5 students

The partnership between Parish Primary Schools and local Catholic secondary schools such as Sacred Heart College is an important one. We share the same foundations in faith and recognise parents as first educators of children.

I am writing today as you make the fundamentally important decision of which secondary school is right for your daughter or son. I am aware that there are local independent schools that are asking for early enrolment commitments to guarantee places at Year 7. Given that, it is important to note that the criteria for enrolment at Sacred Heart College (and all Catholic secondary schools in the Melbourne Archdiocese) gives priority to students who are enrolled in a Parish Primary School. Students who have received the sacraments have a higher priority, but we expect all students who submit an enrolment application by the closing date (Friday 26 July) and are enrolled at a Parish Primary School will be offered an enrolment place for Year 7 2026.

If you have any questions on this, please contact Mrs Denise Lawrence (Sacred Heart College Registrar) on 54211200 or dlawrence@shckyneton.catholic.edu.au.

Darren Egberts
Principal
Sacred Heart College

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