There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from mistakes.

**SPECIAL NOTICES:**

- **Our New Preps Begin This Coming Monday**
  It’s one of the most special days of the year for parents of new prep students. There’s an excitement and energy that comes with a new beginning. Could I remind all families to take extra special care during drop off and pickup times as there are many young children and toddlers moving around at the front of the school at these times.

- **Carnival Meeting Next Tuesday 7.00pm.**
  The carnival is almost here and the next few meetings are essential to ensure it is another fantastic annual event. Could all those who are members on the committee please make sure you’re available to attend.

- **Welcome Picnic Night – Next Friday 5th February**
  is a great opportunity for our current and new families, and staff, to get to know each other and celebrate being part of this wonderful community.

- **Parish School Welcoming Mass - Sunday 7th of February.**
  This year’s Welcoming Mass provides us, as a Parish community, with the opportunity to recognise and acknowledge those students who will be participating in the Sacrament program this year. All staff from St Ambrose will also gather to be commissioned in their role as educators in faith and learning. The commissioning of our staff, reinforces the school’s commitment to you as parents, that we will nurture the Spiritual and Educational Welfare and needs of the members in our Parish and School community, so as to foster life-long learning and their relationship to God.

- **Parent Teacher Interviews – 9th and 11th February**
  will be conducted after school from 3.45pm on both Tuesday and Thursday. Details regarding booking times will be sent out next Monday.

- **Ash Wednesday / Beginning of Year School Mass – Wednesday 10th February**
  Families are very warmly welcomed to join us for Mass next Wednesday week. It is Ash Wednesday and a Holy Day of Obligation that marks the beginning of Lent.

- **Canteen:**
  The school canteen will begin operating from next Wednesday. This year, the canteen will be available on Monday, Wednesday & Fridays. We are always looking out for parents who are willing to go on a roster to help out. If you would like to be one of these parents, could you please let Karen or Justine know at the office.

- **Uniform Shop:**
  The Uniform Shop is open on Mondays from 3.20pm till 3.45pm and Wednesdays from 8.45am till 9.15am. The name behind the smile of our wonderful Uniform Shop Coordinator is Michelle.

  “I have no special talent, I am only passionately curious.” – Albert Einstein
What will this year bring?
It will bring its usual quota of work and play, of success and failure…
All the things that are part of school life.
It is a new beginning; the planting of a seed that will grow for a year,
The seed of fruit that will blossom in times to come.
It is a new hope; hope for good work, for successful results, for friendship, for fun, for learning.
In this coming year, may there be learning, prayer and achievement.
May there be hard work, faith and friendship.
May no one in this school be lonely; may no one be left out in class; may no one suffer through others here.
As we begin this year in hope, in prayer and in friendship…
May the Lord begin it with us, be with us during it, and successfully bring it to its conclusion.
May we, this year, together act justly, Together love tenderly And together, Walk humbly with our God

Getting To Know the Staff!
This year our staff group has grown further with the addition of two new teachers and an additional 4 Educational School Officers to assist in the learning enhancement programs that operate throughout the school.
Our two new teachers are Claire Ryan who is teaching Grade P/1R & Katrina Robertson who teaches Grade 3/4R.

Claire
Katrina
Our four new Educational School Officers are, Tracey Paton, Fiona Forbes, Annie Rowland & Sandy Howe. They each bring a unique set of skills to the classroom and will be an invaluable asset to students and staff alike.

Classroom Parent Helpers Program
The partnership between parents and staff is highly valued and extra assistance is always greatly appreciated. Fortunately we have many parents who sincerely wish to help out in the classroom. Because of this and to ensure quality of teaching and learning, we are offering a Classroom Parent Helpers Program that ensures that parents assisting in classrooms are instructed on correct protocols when working with students, such as being aware of making judgments about other children and retaining confidentiality.
The course outlines ways that parents can assist in the classroom by working with small groups of children and providing a role model for learning.
It is in the best interest of the children in the classroom and the learning that needs to occur there, that younger siblings are not to be present in the classroom with their parent at this time. Other arrangements will need to be made outside of the school.
There will be two sessions offered:
Friday 12th February @ 9.00am till 10.00am
Wednesday 17th February @ 9.00am till 10.00am
Please contact office to book your place.

Xavier (5/6B) and Charlie (5/6P) both carried flags for the Australia Day ceremony at the RSL in Woodend. They were there for Cubs but as a school community, we also stand alongside their parents with pride in them having the courage to step up and take up this special action.