



St Ambrose Parish School



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

Respectful Responsible Resilient Kind

St. Ambrose School

Acknowledgment of Country

We acknowledge the Dja Dja Wurrung peoples 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.



"O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth."



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Our next newsletter will be published on Friday, May 17th

Term 2 dates

**Caritas coin count is on Monday 6th May.
Donations are welcome.**

Monday 6 May 2024	Football Victoria Soccer Sessions 3.45-4.45pm
Tuesday 7 May 2024	School Open Morning for prospective families 9.30-10.30am Grade 1/2 Wild Action Zoo incursion 11.45-1.45pm Cobaw District Cross Country Hanging Rock Grades 3-6
Wednesday 8 May 2024	Mother's Day refreshments 2-3pm Mother's Day Liturgy 3-3.30pm
Thursday 9 May 2024	Ambrose Care Meeting in the Church 7.00pm
Friday 10 May 2024	National Walk Safely to School Day
Sunday 12 May 2024	Mother's Day
Monday 13 May 2024	Pupil Free Day – Staff Literacy PD Football Victoria Soccer Sessions 3.45-4.45pm
Tuesday 14 May 2024	Cobaw Soccer Grade 5/6
Friday 17 May 2024	Division Cross Country Castlemaine Junior Years Mass – Prep-Grade 2 9.30am
Saturday 18 May 2024	Confirmation Commitment Mass 6.00pm
Sunday 19 May 2024	Confirmation Commitment Mass 11.00am
Monday 20 May 2024	Cobaw Winter Sports Grades 5/6 Football Victoria Soccer Sessions 3.45-4.45pm Confirmation meeting with Denise Arnel 6.30pm
Thursday 23 May 2024	Middle Years Mass – Grade 3/4 9.30am
Saturday 25 May 2024	Confirmation Commitment Mass 6.00pm
Sunday 26 May 2024	Confirmation Commitment Mass 11.00am
Monday 27 May 2024	Football Victoria Soccer Sessions 3.45-4.45pm
Tuesday 28 May 2024	Regional Cross Country St Arnaud
Thursday 30 May 2024	Grade 3/4 Kids Helpline online "Friendship" session 9.15-10.15am
Monday 3 June 2024	Football Victoria Soccer Sessions 3.45-4.45pm
Thursday 6 June 2024	Senior Years Mass – Grade 5/6 9.30am
Monday 10 June 2024	King's Birthday Public Holiday Football Victoria Soccer Sessions 3.45-4.45pm
Monday 17 June 2024	Football Victoria Soccer Sessions 3.45-4.45pm
Wednesday 19 June 2024	SAC Meeting 9.15-11.15am
Thursday 20 June 2024	Grade 1/2 Woodend Vet Clinic visit 12-3.30pm Sacrament of Confirmation Practice 11.45-12.45pm
Sunday 23 June 2024	Sacrament of Confirmation 1.00-2.00pm
Monday 24 June 2024	Football Victoria Soccer Sessions 3.45-4.45pm
Tuesday 25 June 2024	Curriculum Information Session 5.30-6.30pm
Friday 28 June 2024	End of Term Mass 9.30am Students dismissed 2.30pm
Saturday 29 June 2024 - Sunday 14 July 2024	Term 2 School Holidays
Monday 15 July 2024	Pupil Free Day – Staff Maths PD
Tuesday 16 July 2024	Term 3 commences School swimming program - 1/2CM 12.30-1.15pm, 1/2O 1.15-2pm, 1/2S 2-2.45pm
Wednesday 17 July 2024	School swimming program - 1/2CM 12.30-1.15pm, 1/2O 1.15-2pm, 1/2S 2-2.45pm

Message from the Principal

Dear families, parishioners, and friends,

Our local Woodend RSL did a terrific job bringing the community together again for another fitting tribute to our ANZACS. We remembered them on ANZAC Day along with all who have served, including our family members and relatives who have served.

It was a privilege to be part of the march which was very well attended by community members, local schools, and groups.

Thank you to our families and staff who came along. Special congratulations to our children who all participated in a reverent and respectful way.



It was great to see Fr. Martin at the service. Many of you know that he served as a chaplain in the army for some time. He is pictured on our newsletter cover. Fr Martin will be finishing as our Parish Priest at the beginning of July. We are thankful for the service and support of Fr Martin as our faith leader and will certainly miss him.

Archbishop Peter Comensoli has appointed Rev. John Healy (who is currently serving in Holy Trinity Catholic Parish) as Parish Priest of St Ambrose Woodend as well as St Mary's Lancefield. Fr. Brian Muling will continue as Assistant Priest and live in the Lancefield Presbytery.

Fr. John Healy will live at the Woodend Presbytery. He will join us from July 10th this year. Fr Martin is going to attend an assembly in June so that the children can farewell him and the parish will also organise a farewell.

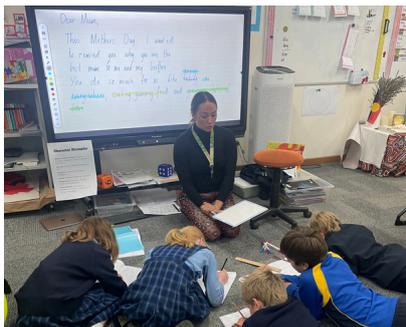
We will keep you informed!

Our students were delighted to discover the new colourful playground markings this week which they enjoy on these spectacular autumn days. Thank you to our families and community for your generous support of our fete which has mostly funded these additional play options. Thanks also to the Edu-marking team who installed the areas!

Our next assembly is at 3.00 pm in the library on Monday. 5-6M are running this assembly.

You are welcome to join us.

Mother's Day-Special Persons Liturgy & Afternoon Tea



Make sure that you have Wednesday 8th May at 2.00pm marked in your diaries. We look forward to welcoming our mothers and special people for afternoon tea followed by a liturgy and family games in classrooms.



After School Supervision

Our school community, at its heart, strives to foster goodwill and cooperation. It is great to see families enjoying our beautiful school grounds after school. We are also happy that we can host after school soccer and netball. A reminder that children need to be supervised by an adult if they are playing on school grounds after school. Siblings of soccer and netballers who are not participating as well also need to be supervised by an adult. Any children not supervised after school will be asked to wait at the office to be picked up. Thank you for your support in keeping our children safe.

Canteen



THANKYOU to Katie and all of our wonderful volunteers who are assisting with running the canteen. See information later in this NL about recess options on Tuesdays. The children are very happy with the new menu!

Wild Action Zoo Incursion

Learning about Sustainability allows students to develop the knowledge, skills, values and world views necessary to contribute to more sustainable patterns of living.

Our 3-4 students' interest was captured throughout their Wild Action Zoo incursion this week where they learned more about:

- the unique features, habitats and life cycles of Australian animals and how to group them accordingly.
- how Australian animals depend on each other and the environment to survive.

- connections with Aboriginal culture, stories and their connection to the land and wildlife.
- the threats to Australian, particularly local, wildlife and the environment.
- how each of us can help to care for wildlife and the environment.

Thank you to their teachers and Kimberley from Wild Action Zoo for creating this opportunity!



Website

If you would like to visit our new look school website you can via:

<https://www.sawoodend.catholic.edu.au/>

Facebook

In addition to the website and fortnightly newsletter, which we hope you make time to read, we have now opened a Facebook page as a means of regularly sharing our activities with you & the wider community. Our Facebook page is called, **St Ambrose Primary School Woodend**. We encourage you to follow us and share our page with family and friends. Faces of children who don't have photo permission won't be included in the photos on Facebook.

Click here to follow us on Facebook -



School Open Days

Now that the building works are complete (almost) we can have open days. We have scheduled two of these. The first is on Tuesday 7th May at 9.30-10.30 am. The second is on Wednesday 7th August 2024: School Open Morning 9.30 am – 10.30 am. Our school leaders will show visitors through the school. Classes will run as normal on these mornings.

Year 5-6 Sovereign Hill Excursion



As an introduction to year 5-6 Term 2 Genre Writing (The Gold Rush) and their Inquiry Unit (Migration: Australia Our Country), our year 5-6 students visited Sovereign Hill in Ballarat yesterday. They spent the day focusing on the 1850's gold rush heritage and the environment. Amongst many activities, students had the opportunity to explore the Chinese Camp fields, pan for gold, tour the Red Hill Mine, watch gold pouring, candle making, and watch the tinsmith in action! From all accounts it was a great day!

PSG Minutes

Thank you to our parents who have attended their child's PSG meeting recently. In order to remain compliant with our NCCD funding requirements we need the minutes signed by you and returned for our records. Thank you for attending to this.

2025 Enrolments are Now Being Taken

We encourage anyone who is considering enrolling their child in 2025 to make contact from now. It is great that we have so much interest in our school. I am available to give tours via appointment to those interested.

Clean Up Australia Day

Our year 3-4 students participated in Clean Up Australia Day this week and did a splendid job! Thank you to our parents who pitched in as well!



Head lice

We have had several reported cases of headlice over the past two weeks. We recommend that you regularly check your student's hair. Children who have had headlice can come back to school once they are treated. If your child is unwell they should remain at home to recover.

Next Newsletter

For more news and photos visit our website and look at latest news.

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Bronwyn Phillips
Principal



Student Awards

- Prep K Nick L for working hard on his caterpillar sounds and recalling them quickly!
 Prep K Leboko S for wonderful work in writing with Miss Keenan this week!
 Prep K Thomas S for being a kind and responsible member of Prep K!
 Prep T Ruper F for sharing his ideas in class discussions.
 Prep T Tilly N for being a kind and responsible friend.
 1/2CM Ruby W for showing great perseverance in cross country. Well done!
 1/2CM Jordan M for showing such great focus in the classroom!
 1/2O Lucy S for consistently showing the Positive Behaviours for Learning.
 1/2O Isabelle A for her dedication to improving her fluency. Awesome work!
 1/2S Elliott N for his hard work, effort and resilience when writing. Well done!
 1/2S Ivy H for being a kind, respectful and friendly member of class who is always looking out for others. Well done!
 3/4M Leon G for always helping in the classroom.
 3/4M Mila C for her amazing effort during cross country.
 3/4R Alice C for making such a positive start to term 2!
 3/4R Joshua R for always treating others with kindness!
 5/6M Sonny B for his understanding of multiplication mental strategies.
 5/6M Sofia X for successfully mastering the “compensation strategy” to answer multiplication sums
 5/6P Joel W for his excellent knowledge in using the compensation strategy to solve multiplication problems.
 5/6P Alani F for sharing her knowledge in how to use the extended method to solve multiplication problems.

Sports Stars of the week

- Sofia M for excellent sportsmanship shown in PE lessons encouraging others.
 Jack B for excellent persistence and determination when competing in cross country.

PBL - Bronze certificate

- Poppy C, Maggie C, Everly B, Grace H, Charlotte W, Elliott N, Lucas T, Isla M, Florence H, Harper C, Holly C, Isabelle A, Scarlett AG, Jordan M, Coby S, Amari B, Isabelle M, Elias B, Eire B, James B, Alice Lm Emily S, Bill R, Ben C, Lachlan G, Alice C (3/4M), Molly M, Iona T, David Y, Augie L, Leon G, Emrys G, Bassy G, Varli F, Jethro F & Rose B.

PBL - Silver certificate

- Hamish M, Ryan K & Orlando L.



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| 4 May | Angus T |
| 6 May | Madeline D, Jack J |
| 7 May | Elias B |
| 15 May | Jacob W |



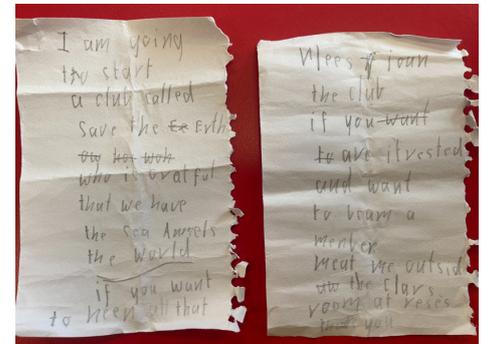
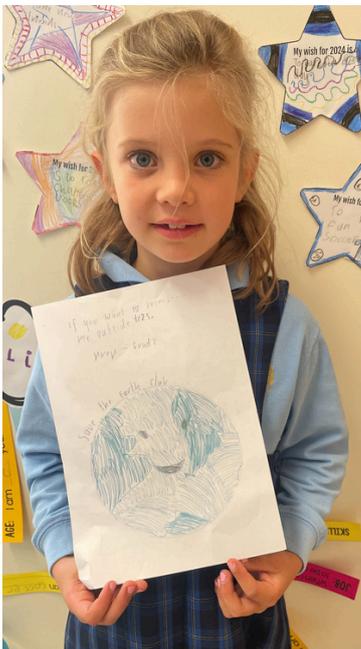
Premiers' Reading Challenge 2024

If you would like your child(ren) to take part in the 2024 Premiers' Reading Challenge please [click here](#) and register as a School Aged Home based Reader. Children who complete the Challenge in the required time will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former premiers.



Student Initiatives

Well done to Margot and her helpers! Margot initiated a Save the Environment Club and with the support of her helpers did a colossal job tidying the yard! She is pictured after delivering her speech to ignite enthusiasm for her cause!



Canteen News - Tuesday recess orders

Thank you very much for supporting our canteen and for the orders received since re opening. I hope your children have enjoyed their lunches and variety of options. It's great to see their excitement on canteen day and I'm pleased to be back in the kitchen!

Starting from **Tuesday 14th of May** we will trial opening for recess orders only each Tuesday in addition to the regular Wednesday full menu day. Please keep an eye on Flexischools for the new service to place your child's order.



Katie



Ranges Music - Spotlight Concert Picnic

Hi All ..

We're looking forward to our Term 2 Spotlight Concert as an opportunity for all of our musicians to come together at Woodend Primary School and share their love of music!

Sunday, May 19th from 2 to 4pm. BYO picnic blanket and nibbles. A sausage sizzle, drinks and other treats will be on sale from the Woodend Primary PFA.

Bookings are essential to assist with numbers. Please purchase your tickets at [Trybooking.com/CRGOF](https://trybooking.com/CRGOF). More information at rangesmusic.net/spotlight.





5/6P Classroom Feature

Dear families,

We have had a great start to the term and it has been a hectic three weeks with Cross Country trials, ANZAC Day and an immersive visit to Sovereign Hill. Our inquiry Unit on Migration to Australia investigates the various waves of migration to Australia. We began the unit with the first contact between Indigenous Australians and Europeans with Cook's exploration of the East Coast of Australia. As the term continues we will explore the First Fleet, the Gold Rush, and post-war migration through to refugees from the many war-torn countries in the modern era. Sovereign Hill was a great opportunity for our students to experience the excitement and hardships of life on the goldfields.

These are some comments from some of our students:

'Last week the 5/6s went to Sovereign Hill. It was fun to see how people lived during the gold rush. My favourite bit was when we went underground into the Red Hill Mine and watched how hard the miners worked to find gold.'

Sophie



'Sovereign Hill was a great place for an excursion. We learned a lot about the gold rush and how people lived. We went to places like an old photography shop and a candle dipping shop. Then we went panning for gold, it was so much fun and I got very wet yeah I didn't find any gold. After panning for gold we had our lunch, and then we went to the Red Hill Mine which had hologram projections and sounds of what it would be like in that mine back in the gold rush. Then we went panning for gold again and got even more wet and I still didn't find any gold. Soon we were back at Saint Ambrose and went home it was a fun and educational day.'

Riley

'My favourite part of Sovereign Hill was when we went gold panning and learned the history of the miners. I loved it when we looked at the old school and houses and we went to the underground mine. I also enjoyed when we watched the gold being melted down to get all of the impurities out and turn it into 24-karat gold.'

Maeve



'Our excursion was really fun when we went down the mine and saw a short movie about finding gold. Also seeing the gold being melted was satisfying and interesting. The presenter was funny and told a great story. All the dress-ups were realistic and they all acted naturally.'

Dash



'Hi, my name is Jack. Last week we went on an excursion to Sovereign Hill, to see how people lived in the gold rush. The best part for me was panning for gold and I found lots of it! Later we went down the Red Hill Mine. It was dark and scary and we saw a miner find the second-biggest nugget ever found in Victoria. I had a great day.'

In Maths, we are using our thinking and problem-solving skills to solve Multiplication and Division problems. In Literacy, we are working on information reports and reading a class novel 'Warhorse' using our comprehension skills to answer questions about the book.

Until next time Micheal and 5/6P.



AROUND THE SCHOOL

WILD ACTION ZOO - GR 3/4





Mental Health & Wellbeing at St Ambrose

Erin Brass



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School TRP Hub Login

Parent & Carer Hub

As you know, throughout 2024, we will be working closely with The Resilience Project to support the wellbeing of our school community.

Not only does our Partnership Program consist of online presentations and weekly lessons for students and professional development for staff, but it also includes access to the Parent and Carer Hub.

Please click on the link below to meet Hugh and learn about The Resilience Project as well as watch the short digital presentations of the 3 key components of the program; Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness:

<https://theresilienceproject.com.au/2023-parent-carer-hub-inspire-hugh/>

Note: In this presentation, Hugh shares a personal experience about his sister's battles with Mental Illness. This video contains a story about an Eating Disorder that may be triggering. Please consider this before watching. For mental health resources and support information, visit [The Resilience Project's Support Page](#).



Community News

What do I do if my child is transgender?

Is it a phase?

What is the Royal Children's Hospital Gender Service?

Parents and carers of transgender, gender diverse and non-binary young people of any age are invited to hear from our special guests, Dr. Robbie Eres, Clinical Psychologist and Eve Millington, Clinical Psychology Registrar from the Royal Children's Hospital Gender Service.

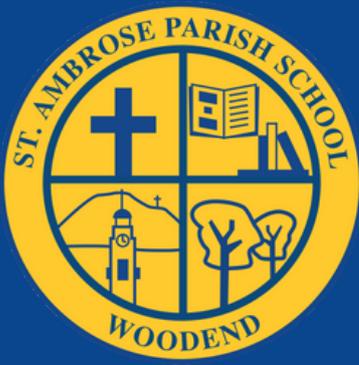
Date: Saturday 25 May
Location: Kyneton
Time: 10.30am - 12.00pm
Refreshments provided

RSVP essential
Register here:
by Wednesday 15 May



Require more information?
Contact Mez on 5421 1666
or email mez.lanigan@cohc.org.au





JOIN THE CELEBRATION OF ALL THINGS

Faith & Family

God of Generous Fruits, plant us in the soil of Your love.
 Jesus, You remind us that You are the True Vine,
 we are Your branches.
 Help us to stay joined to You, Through our thoughts,
 words and actions.
 Jesus said to his disciples: I am the true vine
 , and my Father is the gardener.



Gospel Reflection: John 15:1-8

The parable of the vine and the branches is one of my favorites. It is one of the most hopeful and uplifting of Jesus' parables. It is so encouraging when one is feeling down and stressed by the busyness of everyday life. We (the branches) are held up by Jesus (our vine). We are attached to Him; He nourishes and supports us. When we are feeling burdened by the responsibilities of home, children, jobs, or life in general, our vine is there to bear some of that burden with us.

Jesus told the disciples that they must "remain in [Him]." Despite the busyness and tiredness, we need to remain in Him by cultivating our relationship with Him. We need to make prayer a daily habit. We must find time to read His Word. Going to Mass to receive Him - body, blood, soul, and divinity will nourish and sustain us. Going to confession to hear His forgiveness will help lift some of that burden. We should consciously work at being closer to Jesus.

Getting back to the parable, we can remain in Him by leaning into Him. We can count on Him. We can meditate on His love and care. He certainly is the vine that holds us up.

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Religious Calendar of Events for Term Two:

Date	Details	Time
3rd May	Caritas Longest Coin Line (Gr 6 Faith Leaders)	2:45 pm
8th May	Mothers' Day (Special Persons) Liturgy	3:00 pm
18th May	Confirmation Commitment Mass	6:00 pm
19th May	Confirmation Commitment Mass	11:00 am
20th May	Confirmation Night with Denise Arnel	6:30 pm
25th May	Confirmation Commitment Mass	6:00 pm
26th May	Confirmation Commitment Mass	11:00 am
23rd May	Middle Level Mass (Grades 3/4)	9:30 am
6th June	Senior Level Mass (Grades 5/6)	9:30 am
20th June	Sacrament of Confirmation Practice	11:45 am
23rd June	Confirmation	1:00 pm
28th June	End of Term 2 Mass	9:30 am

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY

