



Term One, Newsletter Six

Friday 24 March, 2023

St Ambrose Parish School

Our Vision: Centred by Faith, In Partnership with Community, We Provide Excellence in Learning.



Term 1, 2023 Dates

Mon 27 – Fri 31 March 2023	Grade 6 Canberra Camp
Wednesday 29 March 2023	End of Term Mass 9.30am
Monday 3 April 2023	Good Friday Whole School Liturgy 2.45pm
Tuesday 4 April 2023	Sacred Heart College Year 5 Transition Day Junior Colour Run 2.30-3.30 pm (all welcome – shade sail area) Easter Raffle Draw (after Colour Run) Hot Cross Bun Drive Pick Up – 3.00-3.45pm End of Term 1 – 3.30pm
Wednesday 5 April 2023	School closure – Literacy PD
Thursday 6 April 2023	School closure – Literacy PD
Friday 7 April 2023	Good Friday
Sunday 9 April 2023	Easter Sunday
Monday 10 April 2023	Easter Monday
Monday 24 April 2023	Term 2 commences
Tuesday 25 April 2023	Anzac Day Public Holiday All welcome to join the march from Bradley's Curtains at 11.15am for 11.30am start.

Acknowledgment of Country

St Ambrose Parish School respectfully acknowledges the traditional custodians of our school site, the Dja Dja Wurrung people. We pay our respects to Elders both past, present and emerging and give thanks for the beautiful land we enjoy.

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Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.

Winston Churchill

Message from the Principal

Dear families,

It was a joy to stop and take a breath last Friday evening and spend some time together at our Twilight Picnic. I always enjoy watching the children make their own fun playing outside made all the more special when it is a calm evening and wearing favourite play clothes or green to mark St. Patrick's day!

Our school is always a hive of activity. This week we added a splash of colour to the cross-country events which concluded with our biannual colour run. Mrs. Cavric has been busy organising this popular day in which our year 3-6 children did their best.

Our focus is on participation and we congratulate all of our students for joining in the long distance running even if it is not their favourite activity. The conditions were perfect for our middle and senior students however the rain arrived just as the junior event was to begin. We have rescheduled the prep- year 2 run on the final day of term 1, Tuesday April 4th at 2.30. More information will be provided before the date.



We also congratulate the following students for making their sacrament of reconciliation on Wednesday. For those of you who would like to purchase a sacramental gift to mark the occasion, you can buy such items locally from The Corner Gift Store in Kyneton.

Eire B, Harriet B, Amari B, Catalina B, Olivia C, Alice C, Haley C, Patrick F, Varli F, Jessica F, Jim G, Leon G, Billie H, Orlando L, Hamish M, Scarlett M, Joseph O, Hunter R, Josh R, A.J. S & Ruby Z W.



Pictured are our prep students who re-enacted Palm Sunday ever so reverently. The junior school children also delighted in the visit of the fire truck on Monday.

This week our staff spent time working on our literacy focus for this year. Our students are fortunate to have access to dedicated educators who are open to new learning and to improving their practice. As always, our work is designed to improve learning outcomes for all students. We are focusing our teaching on strong core instruction which is evidence-based and has evolved from sound pedagogy. We know that knowledge builds on itself. With a solid and shared Literacy approach, we are fine-tuning using all the good elements of learning such as phonics, syllables, morphology, syntax, and semantics embedded in rich provocations, conversation, and text to immerse our students in a language-rich environment every day. You can help us by ensuring that your children come to school each day ready to learn having rested and eaten well. This followed by a positive attitude to learning helps to build the conditions that allow our students to thrive.

As a staff, we understand the great trust that you place in us to work with the most precious people in your lives, your children. In turn, we view this as a great privilege and are dedicated to doing the very best we can for them. Our staff know their craft and thank you for trusting them to do their jobs well with the needs of their students (your children) at the heart of all that they do.

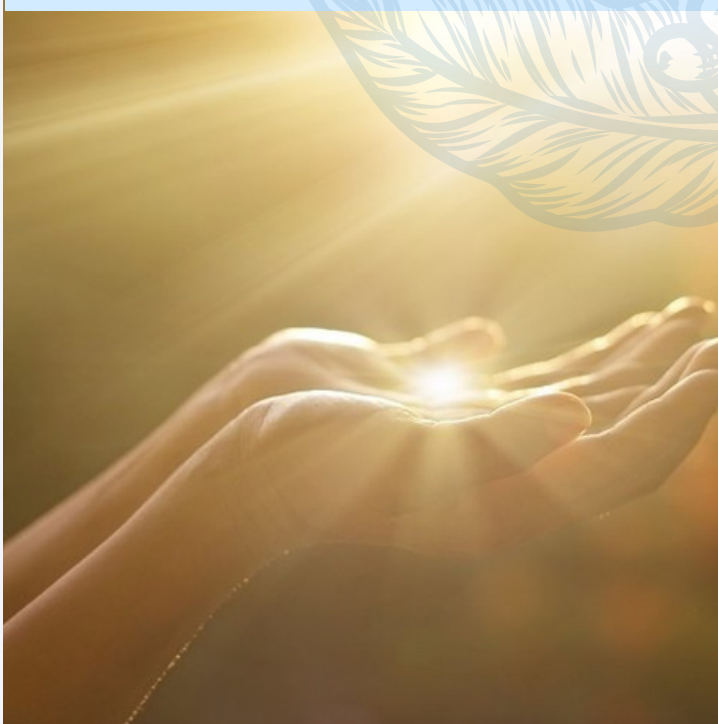
Our week concluded with our students and families taking part in Ride to School Day! Thank you, Del and all organisers! The photos portray another wonderful community event.



*God of love, thank you for
forgiving me.
Help me to forgive others.
Thank you for bringing me
peace.
Help me to be a peacemaker
in my family and in my
world.
Amen.*



Bronwyn Phillips
Principal



Year 5-6 Teacher for Term Two

Whilst we are sorry to be saying goodbye to Karen White we are very happy to welcome Alison Condliffe who will be teaching in Year 5-6W (5-6C) (Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri) from term two. Alison is a highly experienced, dedicated and motivated teacher who has a great deal to offer to our students and team. Alison has started the handover process with Mrs. White this week and she is very much looking forward to joining our school community. Alison met the children today.

Haley Te Wiata will work collaboratively with Alison and teach in 5-6W on Wednesdays. She is also a warm and accomplished teacher who has been highly recommended to us. Haley has worked as a CRT at our school this year and is already known to some of the classes.

Introducing Alison Condliffe

Hi, I'm Alison Condliffe, you can call me Miss C. I have been teaching for over twenty years now and am currently studying for my Masters in Inclusion and Diversity.

I live in Kyneton with my husband James, who is a farmer, and our two sons, Leo and Koia. We also have a sausage dog called Hermione. I have lived in Kyneton since I was in high school and attended Sacred Heart.

I am excited to be joining the St. Ambrose community and teaching in 5 / 6.

I look forward to meeting my new class and community soon.



Bill is pictured above proudly holding his story about playing outside.



Online Activity

We have had to follow up on a Tik Tok account that was opened in our school's name. Whilst there was no concerning activity on this account, it was opened without the school's permission. We have reported this to TikTok and the account will be closed.

For tips to help keep yourself and your child secure when using TikTok click on the link.



Canteen Update

We thank those who attended our canteen revival meeting on Wednesday. The team were inspired by our beautiful new kitchen space which will make running the canteen easier.

A big THANK YOU to Kate W for moving our canteen items into the new space.

It is terrific to have seven volunteers to form the canteen committee and to also have others who are willing to assist on some days. The committee members are Danielle G, Michelle L, Chelsea C, Nicole S Steph R, Katie D and Danielle P. Danielle P and Danielle G are going to co-ordinate the canteen and Katie D will do the cooking with assistance. At this meeting it was decided that Wednesday was the most suitable day to offer canteen. The canteen will re-open to take orders for Wednesday, 3rd of May onwards. We will initially be open on Wednesdays with the view to offer another day once we gain momentum and have enough volunteers. Danielle P and G will share further information before the close of this term. Justine will send out an Operoo with a roster which can be filled in by anyone who would like to assist on canteen days.



Building Update

Pictured is our administration and staff area which is now cleared and ready for renovation! .



Our Prep students are pictured enjoying their Subway lunches at their new tables.

Congratulations
and thank you!



We raised \$385 on
Crazy Sock Day
for World Down Syndrome Day.

SCHOOL EVENTS

HOT CROSS BUN DRIVE

DELIVERY 4TH OF APRIL

THANK YOU TO BOURKIES BAKEHOUSE



Order here

Choc Chip - Fruitless - Traditional

ORDER BY 26TH MARCH:

[HTTPS://MYSCHOOLCONNECT.COM.AU/STAMBROSEFUNDRAISER](https://myschoolconnect.com.au/stambrosefundraiser)

Funds raised will contribute to the new basketball courts



St Ambrose Easter Raffle Fundraiser

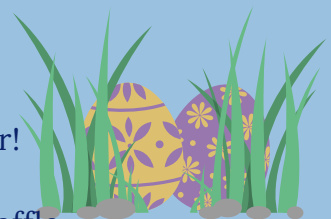
Thank you for your fantastic donations which will be used to create hampers for our Easter Raffle.

If you would like to donate, we are looking for anything Easter themed that you would like to win yourself in a hamper!

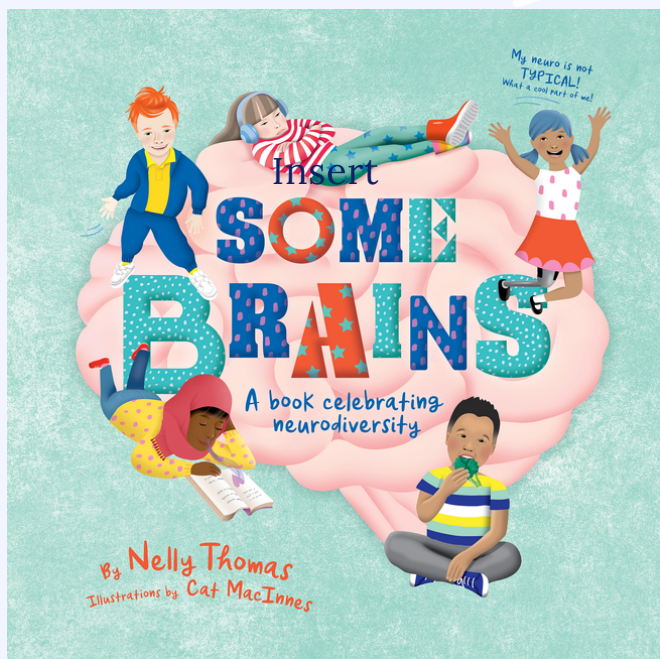
Please have your children drop their donation in the Easter Raffle box in their classroom.

Tickets may be returned to the office by Monday 3 April 2023.

The raffle will be drawn on the last day of term under the shade sails following the junior colour run - Tuesday 4 April 2023.



Student News



THANK YOU to the CWA for
their kind donation. We
have started to purchase
picture story books to
educate our children about
neurodiversity.



24 March
25 March
26 March
28 March
29 March

Alani F
Angus N
Hunter R
Dash B
Skylar C
Reuben T



From the Captains

Hello parents, teachers and students.
We would like to inform you all about
some of the exciting things happening
around St Ambrose. As you know Mrs
White will be leaving and 5/6W's new
teacher will be Ms Condliffe who has
years of experience and we were all
really excited to meet her today.

In addition Ryder C, Matthew and
Emmy are working on a fundraiser for
national dyspraxia day for term 3
although we are still researching how
to make it a special day. Finally, next
term we will hopefully introduce
something optional that students can
do on their birthday which is wear
something colourful. We are looking
forward to next term and we will
come out with a report on the year 6
camp.

from Matthew and Emmy



Please ensure that you complete the
order process when placing your
child's Subway online order through
Flexischools.

We have a few students each week
who are missing their lunches because
their orders have not been submitted
or paid for.



Student Awards



- Prep K Oscar D for always working well at learning times & doing his best work!
- Prep K Amelia S for always being polite & respectful & using lovely manners when talking to others.
- 1/2CM Neve E for always setting an excellent example for others!
- 1/2CM Casey M for working so hard on his handwriting!
- 1/2R Henry B for being so engaged in his maths pattern work!
- 1/2R Molly M for always doing her best!
- 1/2RL Felicity F for your amazing concentration during handwriting.
- 1/2RL Leah W for continuously being helpful in the classroom.
- 3/4L Poppy O for showing great leadership through kindness.
- 3/4L Aston M for always being a friendly & hardworking member of our class.
- 3/4M Caleb S for hard work & focus during 5 minute frenzies.
- 3/4M Patrick F for attention to detail during maths addition.
- 3/4O Scarlett M for showing resilience in her maths. Amazing work!
- 3/4O Hamish M for his consistent kindness, respect, responsibility & resilience. Keep it up!
- 5/6M Lily A for her resilience in completing Maths problem solving.
- 5/6M Lewis L for his resilience in completing Maths problem solving.
- 5/6W Eva P for always presenting work to the highest standard.
- 5/6W Darcy C for trying to be more respectful & responsible in class.
- Sports Star of the Week – Oliver S for being a super helpful & responsible sports equipment helper!
- Sports Star of the Week – Tess J for giving new things a try even when a little unsure. Well done Tess!
- Sports Star of the Week – Ethan W for excellent sportsmanship shown in all PE lessons.
- Sports Star of the Week – Isabelle A for helping & encouraging others in PE classes.

Classroom News - Prep K



Grade Prep have had a busy and fun filled week.

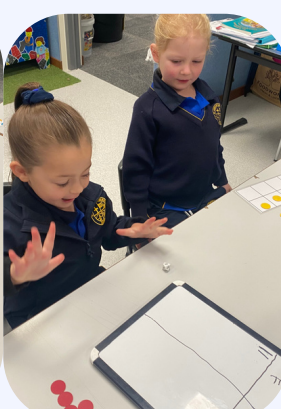
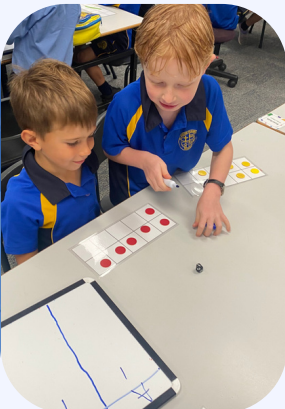
Although we didn't get to do the COLOUR RUN this week, we enjoyed watching and cheering on our Year 6 buddies!

Maths games have been lots of fun and have helped us to practise our cooperation and number skills!

We have had a visit from Woodend CFA and even got to climb onto the fire truck to have a look at all the pipes, hoses and giant water tank!

Religion has seen us explore some of the Holy Week stories and on Thursday we led the liturgy for Palm Sunday with the help of our buddies!

We are lucky to have Beck Doyle, student teacher, join Prep K next term.
Please make her welcome!



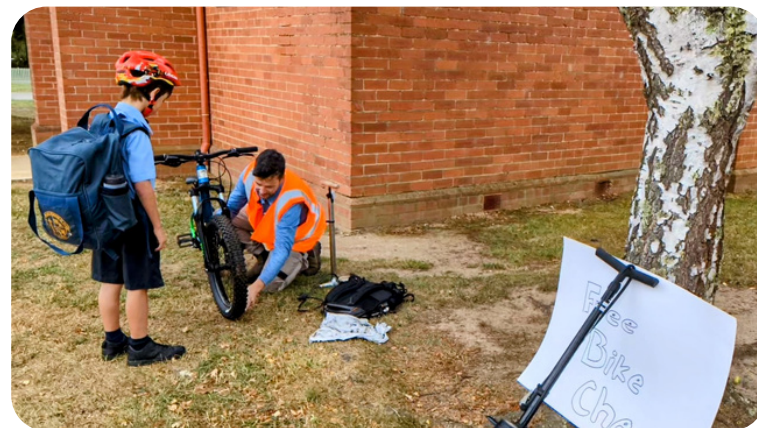
CROSS COUNTRY COLOUR RUN



CROSS COUNTRY COLOUR RUN & AROUND THE SCHOOL



RIDE2SCHOOL DAY





FIVE RITUALS FOR A POSITIVE MORNING ROUTINE

Every morning is your opportunity to wire your child's brain for gratitude, optimism, and self-love. Use your mornings to help your child develop the mindset of gratitude, self-love, and growth.



EVERYONE TALKS ABOUT THEIR ROSE-THORN-BUD:

- ♦ **Rose:** something that is going well for you
- ♦ **Thorn:** something that isn't going well or is worrying you
- ♦ **Bud:** something you feel grateful for



EVERYONE ANSWERS A GOOD MORNING QUESTION:

- ♦ "What are you most excited about today?"
- ♦ "What is one intention you have for today?"



EVERYONE DESCRIBES HOW THEY'RE FEELING:

"Right now I'm feeling...
Today I want to feel..."
(use a feeling word, type of weather, or color)



EVERYONE SAYS AN AFFIRMATION FOR SELF-LOVE:

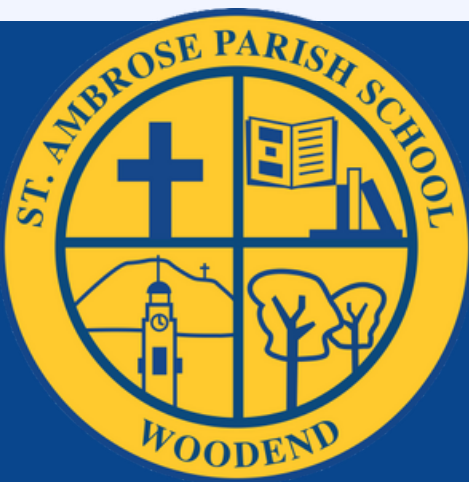
Hand on heart & repeat an affirmation together:

- ♦ It's ok to make mistakes.
- ♦ I deserve love like anyone else.
- ♦ I love and accept myself just as I am.



EVERYONE GIVES THANKS TO OR COMPLIMENTS SOMEONE:

- ♦ "I want to thank Dad for helping me out last night."
- ♦ "Thank you for pouring juice for your sister."
- ♦ "I want to compliment you on your great idea yesterday."



JOIN THE CELEBRATION OF ALL THINGS

Faith & Family

A Wondering

How can we recognise and resist the pressures of conformity and learn to stand up for our beliefs and values, even in the face of opposition or criticism?



Gospel Reflection
Jesus Wept (John 11:1-45)

To view this week's Gospel,
please click here.

A Palm Sunday Prayer

O Lord Jesus Christ,
when you entered Jerusalem,
great crowds waved palm branches and
cried "Hosanna."
Save us now from our sins,
and make us to rejoice in you,
our only Redeemer;
through your mercy, O our God,
you are blessed,
and live and govern all things,
now and forever.
Amen.



What is Palm Sunday?

"Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter that begins the Holy Week. It is the day that we remember and celebrate the day Jesus entered into Jerusalem as Saviour and King. As Jesus rode a donkey into the town of Jerusalem a large crowd gathered and laid palm branches and their cloaks across the road, giving Jesus royal treatment. The hundreds of people shouted "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

For all Faith & Family related matters, please email:
nicole.sherlockbyrne@sawoodend.catholic.edu.au

Important Dates

- Palm Sunday Liturgy
Thursday 23rd March – 2.45pm
- End of Term1 Whole School Mass
Wednesday 29th March – 9.30am
- Holy Thursday Liturgy
Thursday 30th March – 2.45pm
- Good Friday Liturgy
Monday 3rd April – 2.45pm
- Easter & Resurrection of Jesus
Liturgy – Monday 24th April – 2.45pm

All events take place at St Ambrose
Church & everyone is welcome.

COMMUNITY NEWS



MACEDON RANGES MUSIC FESTIVAL

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AT HANGING ROCK



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THE BLACK SORROWS**

**VAUDEVILLE SMASH
VELVET BLOOM
ONE SPIRIT AFRICA**

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Nine villages, one festival

AUTUMN FESTIVAL

1 APRIL - 30 APRIL 2023

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Macedon Ranges Shire Council



WOODEND COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

**Mondays & Thursdays
12.30pm - 2.30pm**

Located in The Undercroft at the
Woodend Neighbourhood House
(access through the gates next to the Skate Park)



MACEDON RANGES
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Macedon
Ranges
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Colouring in
giveaway!

Competition runs from
1 April - 30 April 2023

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AUTUMN FESTIVAL

CHRIS ROY TAYLOR



FARMERS MARKET

• 1 APRIL - 30 APRIL 2023 •

How to Enter:

Email a photo of your entry to vic@mrc.vic.gov.au with child's name, age and your contact number. Or fill in details on reverse side and drop entry to the Kyneton or Woodend Visitor Information Centres by 4pm, Sunday 30 April 2023. See 'Competitions' at visitmacedonranges.com/autumn-festival/ for terms and conditions.