

Term Two, Newsletter 14  
Friday 16th June, 2023

# St Ambrose Parish School

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



We acknowledge the traditional owners  
and custodians  
of this land.

We pay our respect to elders past, present  
and future.

They hold the story, hope and dreaming for  
all.

We affirm the wisdom of this ancient  
culture.

It reminds us that God's Word is part of the  
whole of creation.

This message celebrates reconciliation  
with God, creation and all people.

May we continue to walk the message of  
love, joy, peace and reconciliation.  
dured and pray for harmony.

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Saturday 17 June 2023	PFA Cake Stall (front of Woodend Newsagency) 8.30am-12.30pm
Sunday 18 June 2023	Sacrament of Confirmation – 1.00pm
Monday 19 June 2023	Division Mixed Football
Tuesday 20 June 2023	Junior classes Play in the Park 10-10.45am Water Safety Sessions at school 3/4L 11.45am, 1/2CM 12.15pm, 1/2R 12.45pm
Wednesday 21 June 2023	Whole school end of term Liturgy 9.30am
Friday 23 June 2023	Junior classes – Movie, Pyjamas & Popcorn 11.45-2pm End of Term – students dismissed at 2.30pm School Disco (Woodend Tennis Club) Grade Prep, 1 & 2 4.00-5.30pm Grade 3-6 5.45-7.00pm
Monday 10 July 2023	Start of Term 3



**Our next newsletter  
will go out on JULY 14TH**

**END OF TERM - FRIDAY 23rd  
JUNE 2.30 pm dismissal**

**Semester One reports will be  
sent out online on June 23rd.**



# Message from the Principal

Dear families, parishioners, and friends,

I always love to look back over the term and reflect on our student's progress, the joyful experiences, learning opportunities, and the smiling and proud faces of our children when they have achieved something.

This makes me so happy.

Our weekly classroom features I hope have given you insight into our work with your children and what is happening across the classrooms. Be sure to read Ms. McLay's class feature in this week's edition!

Every second Monday afternoon our Year Six Leaders run our assemblies which means that they do the Acknowledgement of Country, Prayer, present awards, and share news. We are looking forward to inviting you to these assemblies when our library area is opened up.

You will know that at the front of our school we fly our Australian Flag, our Indigenous Flag, and our Torres Strait Islander Flag. As a school, we sing our National Anthem which the students love to sing after our assembly. The students are slowly learning the words to both the first and second verses of the anthem which is important so that we are bringing up the next generation with a deep respect for these national symbols.

As a community, we celebrate the traditions of the Catholic Church and live the Gospel Values. We value the gifts that each student brings and respect the uniqueness of each individual. We strive for educational excellence for all students – we want them to be the best that they can be.

Our staff designs contemporary programs informed by the Victorian curriculum that engage our learners, students, and staff, through a variety of learning strategies, allowing all to achieve. This Sunday our year six students will be making their sacrament of confirmation.



Dear God,

We open the doors wide of our school  
and invite you in.

Fill us with delight as we discover more  
about the world.

Guide our creativity to express ourselves  
and see opportunity in all things.

Help us to share, care for and love one another.

Watch over us and protect us in our day.

Fill us with Your Spirit, we pray.

Amen.



You are ALL welcome to attend the mass on Sunday at 1.00 pm to support them as they make this significant sacrament. Pictured above is their stunning work which also includes information about the patron saint that they have chosen as a mentor. We hope that our children enjoy this very special day.



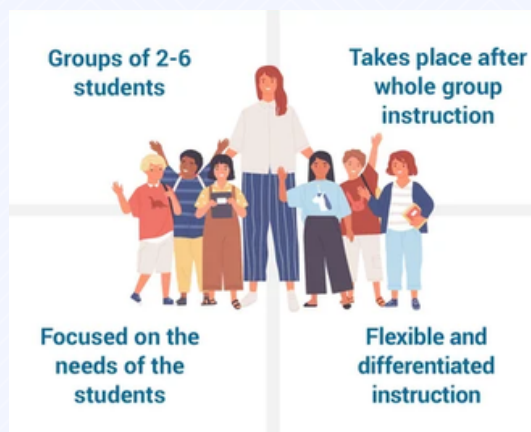
Pictured are some of your delectable delights to be sold at tomorrow's bake stall. Thank you, everyone, for your kind donations and to the PFA, Kristy Cavric and Kate Forbes for organising this. The money raised will help pay for the children's end of term disco. We hope to see our students there thoroughly enjoying themselves!



See the disco flyer later  
in this newsletter for  
full details.



# Focussed Teaching at St Ambrose



In order for our teachers to meet the varied learning needs in their classrooms we follow a whole-small-whole approach as appropriate across all areas of the curriculum in particular when we are teaching reading, writing, and mathematics. Each class will start with a whole class lesson focus before students will work from their point of need in smaller groups or independently. The teaching groups are fluid depending on what is being taught.

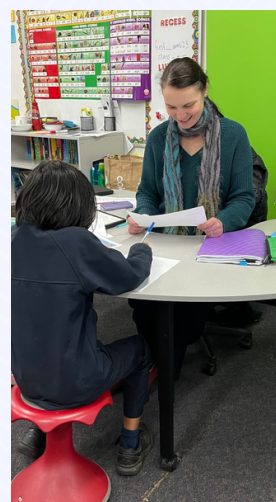
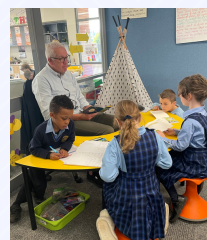
Small groups might include:

- skill/strategy lessons in reading/writing/maths
  - shared reading/writing
  - phonics review
  - guided reading
- reteaching/pre-teaching/enrichment (any subject)
- language development

Small groups are commonly seen in reading, but small-group instruction is useful in all curriculum areas. The nature of a small group lends itself to a smaller student-teacher ratio allowing for students to share responses more frequently than in large-group settings. Teachers can use this time to gauge understanding, provide timely feedback, take anecdotal notes, and build stronger relationships with students.

In short focus teaching sessions:

- allows for increased collaboration amongst students. Students can have their say and gain clarification when they have wonderings.
- enables individualized instruction on a smaller scale.
  - increases student engagement.
  - allows for personalised feedback.
  - boosts self-confidence.
- the teacher is able to target the lesson from the student's point of need.





## School Canteen in Term 3



We sincerely thank our canteen committee and helpers for doing a splendid job ensuring that our canteen delivered delicious, fresh and hot food to our students on Wednesdays. The committee will meet early next term to review how it is all going and be ready to open again in week three which will be on

**Wednesday, July, 19th**

Please note: There will be limited muffins next week so get your order in early if you want to order muffins. There are plenty of cookies.

## Would you like to join the 2024 Fete Committee?



Our PFA is very keen to revive but reframe our school fair. They are working on enabling a 'good old-fashioned' school fete in 2024 and we welcome your help!

Together we can recreate a new and sustainable St Ambrose School Fete. Please email Sophie and/or Amanda if you would like to be part of this. The more helpers we have the better!

Sophie Lynch: [sophielynch1981@gmail.com](mailto:sophielynch1981@gmail.com)  
Amanda Lee: [mands06@hotmail.com](mailto:mands06@hotmail.com)

## Term 3 Swimming



We are appreciative for the support of the Kyneton Aquatics Centre to enable us to meet curriculum swimming requirements for our students. Please read over the information Kristy has sent you carefully. We program these lessons in the winter months to give our students the opportunity to get out of the classroom and move during this period when we can be confined indoors.

Surround yourself with people that push you to do better. No drama or negativity. Just higher goals and higher motivation. Good times and positive energy. No jealousy or hate. Simply bringing out the absolute best in each other.

Note that your children need to be picked up by **2.30 on Friday, June 23rd**. Our next newsletter will go out at the end of week one in term three which is on July 14th. May you all enjoy a rejuvenating term break.



**Bronwyn Phillips**  
Principal





## Happy Birthday!

16 June	Olivia C Tom C Ben Y
17 June	Nikolas T
19 June	Taj M
21 June	Cooper B

### Student Initiatives

Everly has been busy making pom poms and is keen to share her expertise. She is pictured with her helpers Leah, Grace, and Gracie who will assist her to start this club in term 3! The girls will share their idea at our next assembly.



### Building Update

During the term break our corridors (Learning Street) will be re-carpeted and our creative space room will be near completion. We hope to move into this space early in term 3! The children will have their visual arts and STEAM-related lessons in this room.





# SCHOOL EVENTS



## BAKE SALE



*Raising funds  
for the  
St Ambrose School  
Kids Disco and future  
events*

**SATURDAY  
17 JUNE**

WOODEND  
NEWSAGENCY  
8.30am-12.30pm



Thank you for your delicious  
donations today.

Treats may also be dropped  
to the stall outside the  
Newsagency early Saturday  
morning  
(preferably before 9am).

Thank you!!



ST AMBROSE PARENTS & FRIENDS  
ASSOCIATION PRESENTS THE

*School*

**GLOW DISCO**

*Party!*

FRIDAY 23 JUNE  
AT THE WOODEND TENNIS CLUB

GRADE PREP, 1 & 2	GRADE 3, 4, 5 & 6
4 - 5:30PM	5:45 - 7PM

WEAR SOMETHING WHITE  
SO YOU GLOW!



# SCHOOL EVENTS



Come One, Come All

STEP RIGHT UP & JOIN THE FUN!

## Prep families mid-year celebration

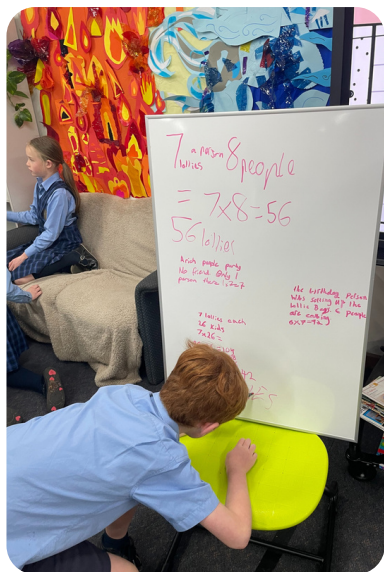
FRI JULY 21ST 5.30-7.30PM  
MCDOUGALL PLAY HOUSE CAFE  
12 MCDOUGALL RD, SUNBURY

RSVP TO KRISTY ASAP 0402 436 159  
WHOLE FAMILY INVITED - LET ME KNOW #'S IN RSVP  
\$30 PER FAMILY - ENTRY WHOLE FAMILY & KIDS SNACKS





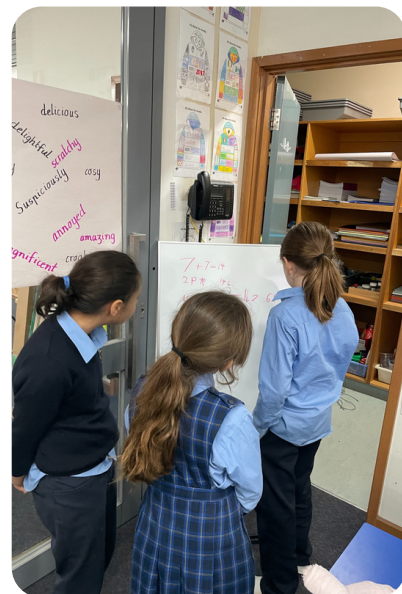
# 3-4M CLASSROOM FEATURE



It has been a busy term in 3/4 M. After excursions and camp we have settled into some exceptional learning experiences within our classroom.

## Maths - Launch, Explore, Summarise.

We have been developing our skills of collaboration, problem solving, and reflection within Mathematics. The use of large vertical whiteboards assists us to begin quickly, work in groups and review our mistakes.





# AROUND THE SCHOOL







## Healthy Friendships

This term some of the junior classes have been discussing what Healthy Friendship looks and feels like. In circle time, we have been identifying some of the signs of a healthy friendship as well as brainstorming ways we can solve any troubles we maybe having.

It has been wonderful to hear the students articulating values such as kindness, respect and support and their very own ideas about how they could solve a friendship problem.

We are really wanting each student to develop their confidence in navigating friendship, and developing their skills at finding a solution to the most common problems. Below are some of the ideas we have discussed, and regardless of age are valuable concepts to discuss as a family.







JOIN THE CELEBRATION OF ALL THINGS

# Faith & Family

Prayer to the  
Holy Spirit  
Breathe into me  
Holy Spirit,  
that all my thoughts  
may be holy.  
Move in me,  
Holy Spirit,  
that my work, too,  
may be holy.  
Attract my heart,  
Holy Spirit,  
that I may love only  
what is holy.



Strengthen me,  
Holy Spirit,  
that I may defend  
all that is holy.  
Protect me,  
Holy Spirit,  
that I always  
may be holy.

Amen

## WONDERING...

### "Wonder and Awe in God's Presence"

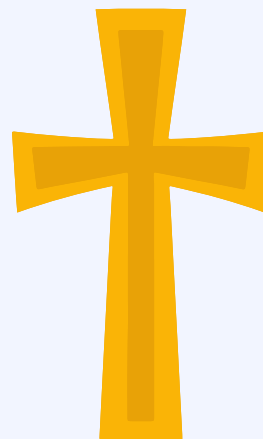
"Wonder and Awe in God's Presence" is one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit gives these gifts at Baptism and "confirms" us at Confirmation. These gifts help us to live like Jesus. The gift of awe and wonder is present when we celebrate God's life giving and sustaining presence in all of creation. This gift helps us to put God first in everything we say and do. It enables us to show respect for God's name and all created things. We keep in mind and pray for all our Grade 6 students and parish candidates who are being confirmed this coming Sunday. Strengthen all those who are being sealed with the chrism of the Spirit. Make them Pentecost people who spread the love and light of God in their lives.

#### IMPORTANT TERM 2 FAITH DATES:

\* SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION  
MASS - SUNDAY 18TH JUNE, 1PM.

\* END OF TERM 2 WHOLE SCHOOL  
LITURGY - WEDNESDAY 21ST JUNE,  
9.30AM.

ALL WELCOME.

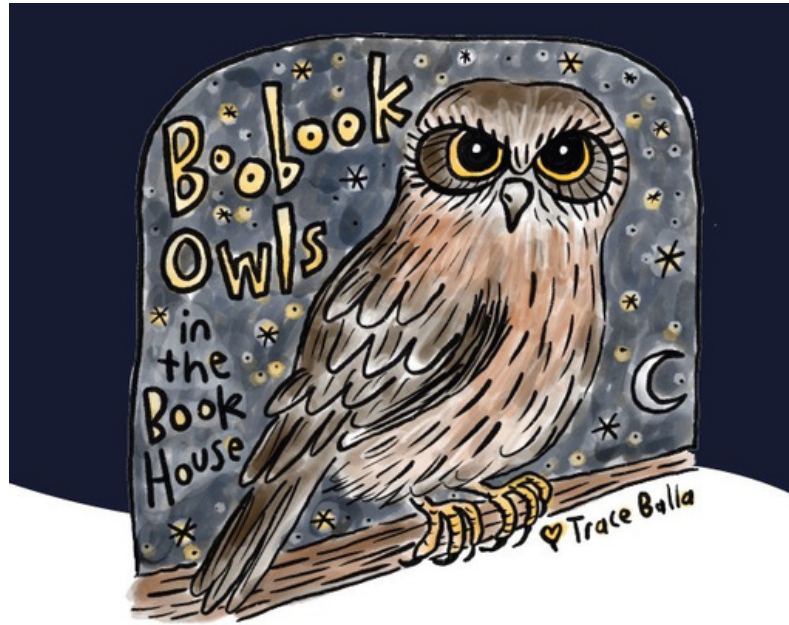


GOSPEL REFLECTION  
POWERPOINT: JN 6: 51-58  
'I AM THE LIVING BREAD...'



For all Faith & Family related matters, please email: [nicole.sherlockbyrne@sawoodend.catholic.edu.au](mailto:nicole.sherlockbyrne@sawoodend.catholic.edu.au)





## Trace Balla: Boobook Boobook!

Learn a little about boobook owls and have fun creating a cartoon story with talented local author and artist Trace Balla.

### Woodend Library

Wednesday 28 June, 11am-12pm

[ncgrl.vic.gov.au](http://ncgrl.vic.gov.au)



Book here



## DEE WHITE: WRITING WORKSHOP FOR KIDS

Join local children's author Dee White for a series of four workshops covering character, plot, point of view, dialogue and setting.

### Woodend Library

Saturday 15, 22, 29 July & 5 August  
10-11.30am

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## MOUNT PLAYERS YOUTH THEATRE

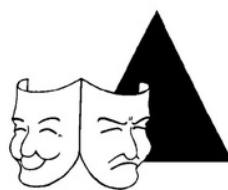
### ***Drama Classes for ages 10-19 in Macedon***

Group A, for 10-12-year olds is on Mondays 5.00pm - 6.30pm  
Group B, for 13-15-year olds is on Mondays 6.45pm - 8.15pm  
Group C, for 16-19-year-olds is on Tuesdays 5.30pm - 7.00pm

- Beginners and those with more experience all welcome
- Classes will run for 1.5 hours during school terms, with Term 3 classes commencing on Monday July 10th or Tuesday July 11th, depending on the session your child is enrolled in.
- Maximum class size for each Group is 20 students with two highly-trained and experienced teachers per class.
- The fee per term, payable prior to each term, is \$200.00.
- As the students will work towards a small performance at the end of this year, they would be expected to attend for both terms 3 and 4.
- Once enrolled, students are given the option to reenrol each year.

For more information and to enrol, visit

*The Mount Players website: [www.themountplayers.com](http://www.themountplayers.com)*



**The Mount Players**





Learn. Care.  
*flourish*

## Enrolments Closing Soon.

**Enrolments for Year 7 2025 close on 28 July 2023  
(students currently in Grade 5).**

**Contact the College Registrar for enrolment enquiries or download  
your enrolment application form via the College website.**

**Don't miss our next College Tour: 12 July, bookings are essential.**

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