



Term Three, Newsletter 15  
Friday 14th July, 2023

# St Ambrose Parish School

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



Congratulations to all those who made their sacrament of confirmation. This was a beautiful celebration.

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 dream 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.

Monday 17 July 2023	Swimming lessons 1/2CM, 1/2R & 3/4L
Tuesday 18 July 2023	Swimming lessons 1/2CM, 1/2R & 3/4L Parent Teacher Discussions (refer to Operoo) Visual Arts Exhibition (until Friday 4 August)
Wednesday 19 July 2023	Canteen re-opens Prospective Enrolment Information Evening 7-8pm in the Library
Thursday 20 July 2023	Parent Teacher Discussions (refer to Operoo)
Friday 21 July 2023	Prep Family Celebration (see flyer later in newsletter)
Sunday 23 July 2023	Eucharist Commitment Mass 11am

See next week's newsletter for the full Term 3 calendar dates.



**Re-opens on  
Wednesday  
July 19th**



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# Message from the Principal

Dear families, parishioners, and friends,

What a great start to Term Three, with the children and staff returning to school with smiles on their faces and a spring in their steps, ready to embrace and engage in another ten weeks of learning and growing.

Our professional and dedicated staff are refreshed, well-planned, and just as excited to continue facilitating a plethora of learning opportunities to ensure that every child is catered to and that all will reach their goals. Once again, it will be another action-packed term with many events and experiences for our

St Ambrose community as co-learners to embrace and look forward to. Swimming, School Production, Art Show, Excursions and Incursions, Eucharist, Footy Colours Day, and Soccer clinics are some of the events planned!

Yes, as always there will be much happening around our school over the next nine weeks so make sure that you stay tuned for our weekly newsletter to keep up with all the happenings at St Ambrose. If you come a little earlier or stay later than your parent-teacher interview time, you can enjoy your children's creative talents by viewing their work in our art exhibition. You can also see our new creative space which is now completed.

I wish all families a very happy third term. This is our coldest term so make sure your children wear warm winter uniform options and together we will continue to work together to look out for each other in the weeks ahead as we learn and grow together.

## Parent-Teacher Conversations

Our teachers are keen to meet with you over the next two weeks to discuss your child's progress.

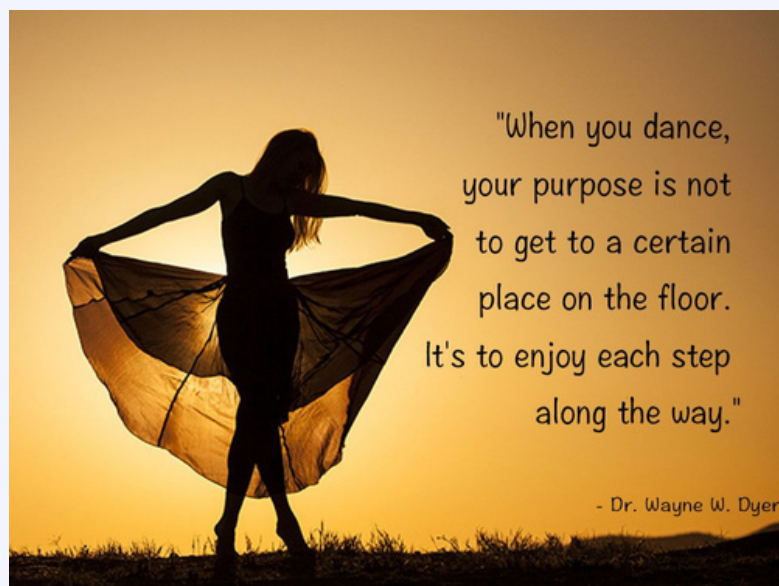
Make contact with your child's class teacher if you have been unable to book a time slot via Operoo. We ask that you please be punctual as we need to honour each interview time. If you require more than the time allocated you could make another appointment with your child's teacher.

Lord,  
as we embrace this new semester,  
help us to be ready, attentive, and  
available to hear you.

Thank You for the gift of  
being able to rise each day  
with the assurance that  
You walk through it with us.

Thank You for the gifts of  
creativity and uniqueness,  
and the energy to  
put them to good use.

Amen.



"When you dance,  
your purpose is not  
to get to a certain  
place on the floor.  
It's to enjoy each step  
along the way."

- Dr. Wayne W. Dyer

## Enterprise Bargaining Agreement 2022

As previously communicated, there have been ongoing negotiations regarding working conditions for educators now for some time.

After a long and protracted period of negotiations, the enterprise bargaining agreement entered into in 2022 has now been settled. This means that our staff and all who work in education can expect to hear of improved working conditions in the coming months. Once this has been approved we will need to be compliant with the new conditions.

We have already been preparing for the changes. We are so fortunate at St. Ambrose to have such a dedicated staff group who care for all students in exceptional ways. Through the new agreement, we hope that we can also ensure that we are looking after those who care so much.

# Senior School Expo



Our senior students impressed us all with their ingenious creations which they shared across the levels at the conclusion of term 2. It was a joy to observe them patiently explaining how to use their inventions and our younger students loving giving them a go!

## Wet day Table Tennis



At St Ambrose, we use indoor play times as an opportunity to support our students to connect and interact with each other. Our students have enjoyed getting out the bats and nets and converting their desks into table tennis courts on wet days. Skills are developing and much fun is being had!

## Eurythmy in Year Prep



## Students visit the MCG



Deon, Remy, Hunter, and Jim were some of the lucky people who played at the MCG over the holidays!

## Swimming

We hope that those children who have started their swimming lessons are growing in skill and confidence. Thank you to all of our parent helpers who have been supporting classes at the pool. Your children delight in your attendance and it is also a great help!



## Father's Day-Save the Date!

We are looking forward to welcoming our father's, grandfathers and significant others on **Tuesday August 29th at 2.15 pm** for pizza in the hall followed by a liturgy in family groups.



## Soccer

It was terrific to see our children and families taking part in Monday afternoon's soccer clinic in spite of the cold!



## Building Project

Pictured below is the framing which is near completion for the front entry area. The disabled toilet and creative arts space was finished during the holidays which is great! You will see this area when your children's artwork is on display for your enjoyment next week.



## St Ambrose Information Evening for New Families

Mrs. Geisler and I are facilitating an information session on **July 19th in the library at 7.00 pm**. This meeting will be of particular relevance to new families interested in enrolling their children at our school. We will cover:

- Our school's vision and mission.
- Our approach to teaching and learning student wellbeing.
- How we support the overall growth and development of our students.

If you know any parents who may be interested please let them know.

## Box Creations

Pictured below are our junior school students getting creative with boxes. It was great to see them really enjoying this experience.



## Annual Report to the School Community

Our 2022 Annual Report to the School Community has been sanctioned by MACS and is available for you to read from the school website which you can access [here](#).

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

## SAC & PFA Dates

Our School Advisory Council will meet again on **Wednesday, August 2nd at 9.30 am**

Our School Parents & Friends Association will meet again on **Thursday, August 3rd at 2.30 pm**



Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day, saying, "I will try again tomorrow."

MARY ANNE RADMACHER



**Bronwyn Phillips**  
Principal



## State Cross Country Event

Congratulations to the five St. Ambrose students who qualified to run in the School Sport Victoria (SSV) State cross country championships yesterday.

The carnival took place at Yarra Glen racecourse and was a wet and muddy course but our students did a fabulous job.

Elke - 22nd  
Elsie - 71st  
Harriet - 73rd  
Indie - 71st

Ava - couldn't compete due to clash with SSV round 2 state soccer selection.

We are very proud of your commitment, training and dedication in getting this far.





HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY

24	June	Ethan	C
27	June	Caellán	B
27	June	James	K
27	June	Aidan	S
28	June	Tora	C
10	July	Hamish	F
16	July	Elise	M
17	July	Mollie	H

# SCHOOL EVENTS



## Student Disco-Thank you PFA

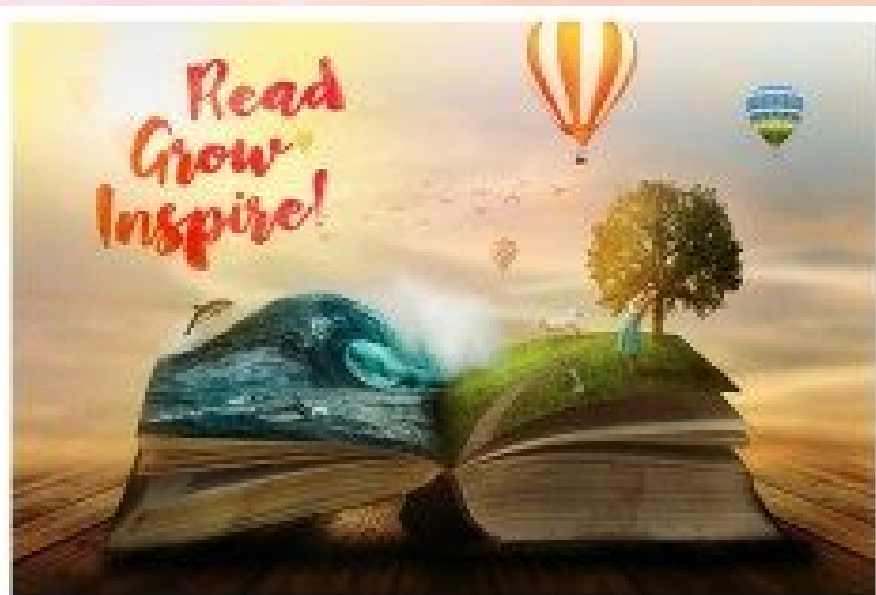


Thanks to our PFA and for your generous donations to our cake stall we were able to fund our end-of-term disco. The children had a fabulous time. Special thanks to Kristy Cavric for co-ordinating this popular event.



Drop into the office if you recognise any of these items from your cake stall donations?

## Book Week 2023



Book Week Theme:

READ, GROW, INSPIRE

In the next following weeks you will be advised of the activities and events which the children and staff will be participating in.

# 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





# AUSLAN FEATURE

This year marks the start of our Journey learning Auslan at St Ambrose. The students have taken to the language with enthusiasm and are showing really pleasing results.

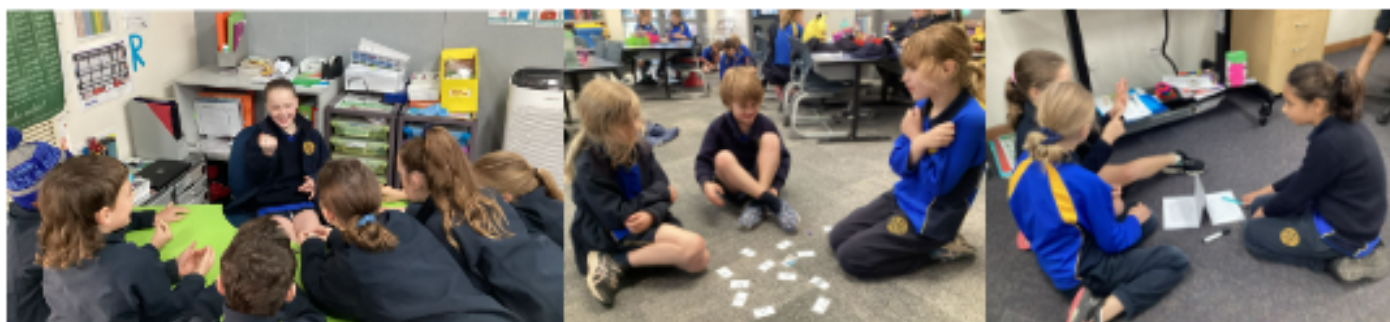
## What does Auslan look like at St Ambrose?

A typical Auslan class follows a similar pattern each lesson. First students practise or revise some of the vocabulary and phrases learned in previous lessons. As with any language, repetition and revision is integral. This is usually done with a quick game such as the secret sign game where vocabulary from a number of different topics are combined to make a secret silly message. The students pass the sign to the person in front of them until the phrase is finally signed to the last team member. This team member then records the phrase on the board in English.



Next the students move to the new concept or vocabulary. This is typically done as a whole class lead by the teacher. I usually model the sign for the students to copy for each word.

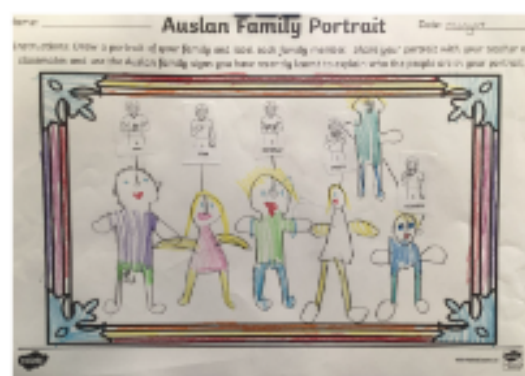
The students then have the opportunity to practise each sign with a variety of games such as memory, guessing games like more/less, and games such as battle ships, where students are required to repeatedly sign letters and numbers, supporting them to move this knowledge from their short term memory to their long term memory.



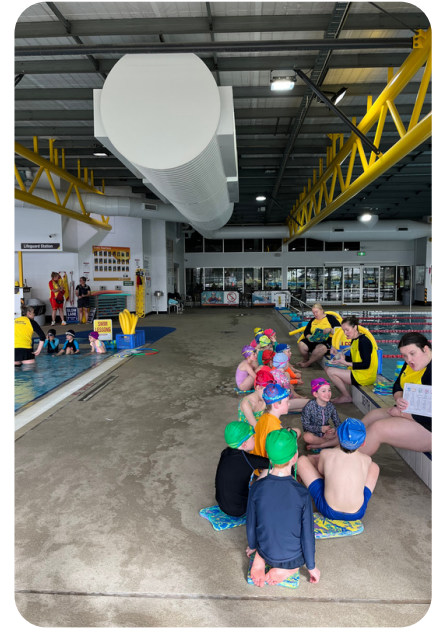
As a unit progresses, the students have more vocabulary to use and begin to use other familiar vocabulary to form phrases. This allows us to play a wider range of games giving the students the opportunity to practise signing and interpreting and understanding signing by others.

Throughout the units, the students aim to create something to show their learning that can also act as a resource for them to revise the vocabulary they have learned. Here is an image of some wonderful work by one of our grade one students showing labels in Auslan on her illustration.

Thank you for all your support this year and for your feedback. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with me if you have any feedback, suggestions or if you would like to help in some way. I can be contacted by email: [kate.old@sawoodend.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kate.old@sawoodend.catholic.edu.au)



# AROUND THE SCHOOL





## ✧ A Magical Phrase to Help ✧ Your Child Cooperate

Instead of using  
**THREATS OR BRIBES:**

"If you don't do this, you can't..."

"If you do this, you can..."

Use the  
**"AS SOON AS"**  
framework:

"You can...as soon as you..."

The "as soon as" phrases are helpful and effective because:

You're not giving your child a choice to do a task or not, you're telling them your expectation (X has to be done for Y to happen).

- \* "You can have your dessert as soon as you eat dinner."
- \* "I'd be happy to take you to the park as soon as you clean up."



It's super important to:

- \* Watch your tone when giving instructions to children. Firm and kind is the way to go!
- \* Follow through on your instructions and not give in (only then your future boundaries will work!)





# Mental Health & Wellbeing at St Ambrose

Erin Brass

Hi,  
I'm NED!



## Hello families!

NED's Mindset Mission is a positive behaviour assembly visiting our school!

A world-class performer takes our students on a 45-minute journey filled with storytelling, illusions, yo-yo tricks and humour.

NED's message and memorable friends inspire students, promote academic achievement, and support our school goals. NED will become a positive role model at both school and at home.

**N**ever give up **E**ncourage others **D**o your best®

A yo-yo is both a mindset tool and tangible reminder of NED's message. While learning to yo, children will make mistakes, try again, & improve. Read more at [www.MindsetMission.com/yo-yos](http://www.MindsetMission.com/yo-yos).

## Our school yo-yo sale

Our school received this assembly at no-cost because another school paid-it-forward to us. We want to help pay-it-forward too, and you can help by purchasing a NED-messaged yo-yo.

**SALE DATES:** 25th July- 31st July **TIME:** 8.30-8.45am

**ADDITIONAL DETAILS:** In the breezeway between 5/6 and main building



Yo-yo designs and colors may vary.

Make cheques payable to our school. Prices include tax (where applicable).

## STUDENT ORDER FORM:

### CLASSIC YOS

AU\$14

Learn the basics of yo-yoing with assorted fixed axle yo-yos.



### SUPER SPINNERS

AU\$16

Great for basic and intermediate tricks. With a strong throw, these auto-return yo-yos 'sleep' at the end of the string & then come back to you automatically.



### SPECIALTY SELECTION

AU\$22

Assorted professional long spin yo-yos for next level tricks!



### REPLACEMENT STRING PACK

Ten assorted strings to change color or replace a worn out yo-yo string.



AU\$6

### YO-YO HOLSTER

Keep track of your yo and have it ready to go. Attach it to your belt loop or backpack (yo-yo not included).



AU\$12

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

For more yo-yo fun and to learn tricks, check out:  
**NEDkids.com**



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ITEM	PRICE	QTY.	SUBTOTAL
String Pack	AU\$6		
Holster	AU\$12		
Classic Yo	AU\$14		
Super Spinner	AU\$16		
Specialty Yo	AU\$22		
<b>TOTAL DUE</b>			



JOIN THE CELEBRATION OF ALL THINGS

# Faith & Family

LOVING CREATOR GOD  
BE WITH US AS WE LISTEN DEEPLY  
BE WITH US AS WE BATTLE  
WITH OUR OWN FEAR  
BE WITH US AS WE FEEL  
THE DISCOMFORT WITHIN  
OURSELVES  
GIVE US THE COURAGE  
TO LET GO OF FEAR,  
TO REACH OUT AND  
TO FINALLY FEEL THE BEAT OF  
OUR COLLECTIVE AUSTRALIAN  
HEART.

AMEN

## IMPORTANT TERM 3 FAITH DATES:

SUNDAY 23RD JULY -  
SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST COMMITMENT  
MASS - 11AM

THURSDAY 3RD AUGUST -  
SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST PREPARATION  
EVENING - 6.30 - 7.30PM

WEDNESDAY 16TH AUGUST OR  
WEDNESDAY 23RD AUGUST -  
SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST CANDIDATE  
PREPARATION - SCHOOL HOURS

SUNDAY 20TH AUGUST OR  
SUNDAY 27TH AUGUST -  
SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST MASS

WONDERING:

“OUR LIFE IS MADE  
UP OF TIME,  
AND TIME IS A  
GIFT FROM GOD,  
SO IT IS IMPORTANT  
THAT IT BE USED IN  
GOOD AND FRUITFUL  
ACTIONS.”

— POPE FRANCIS



GOSPEL REFLECTION  
MATTHEW 11: 25 -30 - COME TO ME



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# COMMUNITY NEWS





## YOUNG VOICES OF MACEDON *Choir*

- Quality music education through choral singing
- For children from 5 years
- Perform at concerts, festivals & community events

**Thursdays 4.15 - 5.45**

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Buckland St, Woodend

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## Decodable Readers

Woodend Library have a new selection of decodable readers.

- Fitzroy Readers
- L&S Readers ( Smart Kids)
- Little Learners Big World
- Little Learners Love Literacy
- Reading Eggs
- Snappy Sounds

Decodable readers are written specifically to support young readers while they learn to decode words by using specific phonics and spelling skills.

Please see the firendly library team for more information.





Learn. Care.

*flourish*



## Enrolments Closing Soon.

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

Contact the Registrar for enrolment enquiries  
or download our enrolment application form  
via the website.

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Dear Year 5 Parents, Carers and Guardians

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 28 July) and are enrolled at a parish primary school will be offered a enrolment place for Year 7 2025.

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

## Sacred Heart College Kyneton

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### *Moving Teens from Anxiety to Resilience*

*Members of the local community are invited to attend this event.*

#### **Guest Speaker: Dr Jodi Richardson**

As parents we play the most important role in helping our children when they experience mental health challenges, including anxiety. Whether they experience the everyday variety of anxiety that comes with being human, or anxiety that gets in the way of school and life - there are skills and strategies we can teach our children to not only help them cope, but thrive. Now, and over their lifetime. Anxiety is common, treatable and there's so much we can do as a parents to help. In this relatable and engaging presentation parents learn:

- What is anxiety
- How to identify anxiety and teach your child to recognise it
- How to know when anxiety is getting out of hand
- How behaviour patterns develop and lead to avoidance
- What anxious and/or distressed children need most from their parents
- Practical strategies to dial anxiety symptoms down



Use QR code  
to book



**When:** Tuesday 1 August

**Time:** 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

**Where:** Mary Moloney Theatre Sacred Heart College, Kyneton

**Tickets:** This is a free event but seats must be booked via: [www.trybooking.com/CETGQ](http://www.trybooking.com/CETGQ)

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