



Term Three, Newsletter 19
Friday 25th August, 2023

St Ambrose Parish School

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

Lord Jesus, I give you my hands to do your work,
I give you my feet to go your way,
I give you my eyes to see as you do,
I give you my tongue to speak your words,
I give you my mind that you may think in me,
I give you my spirit that you may pray in me.
Above all, I give you my heart that you may love in me. Amen.



Sunday 27 August 2023	Sacrament of Eucharist Mass 11am
Monday 28 August 2023	Book Week Parade 9am (on hardcourts)
Tuesday 29 August 2023	Fathers' Day Celebrations (2.00pm) Footy Colours Day
Wednesday 30 August 2023	PFA Fair Committee meeting at The Vic Hotel 7.30pm
Friday 1 September 2023	SSV Futsal Competition
Sunday 3 September 2023	Fathers' Day
Monday 4 September 2023	Production Rehearsal at Sacred Heart College Theatre (11-2pm)
Tuesday 5 September 2023	Production Matinee 12pm
Wednesday 6 September 2023	School Production Evening Show 6.30pm
Thursday 7 September 2023	School Production Evening Show 6.30pm
Monday 11 September 2023	Assembly 2.45pm (Jacob's music students to perform) Division Athletics Bendigo
Tuesday 12 September 2023	Parents & Friends meeting 4.30pm
Wednesday 13 September 2023	School Advisory Council meeting 9.30am
Friday 15 September 2023	End of Term 3 Students dismissed at 2.30pm
Term 3 School Holidays – Saturday 16 September – Sunday 1 October 2023	
Monday 2 October	Student free day – Writing Moderation & Report Writing

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.

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Assemblies

Our next assembly will be held in the hall on
Monday 11 September 2023 at 2.45 pm.
We welcome you to attend!

Message from the Principal

Dear families, parishioners, and friends,

This week we gathered in the parish hall to celebrate our children's learning and achievements. It is great to meet together and connect as a school community. We welcome your attendance at our assemblies if you have the time to join us. Our next assembly is on September 11th at 2.45 pm in the hall.

Book Week has been a part of the Australian calendar for decades and is a wonderful way to celebrate literature. It's heartening to see our students enjoying their reading and our library space. It is also uplifting to experience their excitement as they look over the bookfair items and create wish lists. Last year we purchased numerous additional books for our library from the proceeds of our book fair and we thank you for your support with this.

Our book week parade on Monday morning at 9.00am has been a popular event for many years and allows another avenue for our children to have some fun all while immersing themselves in and enjoying literature.

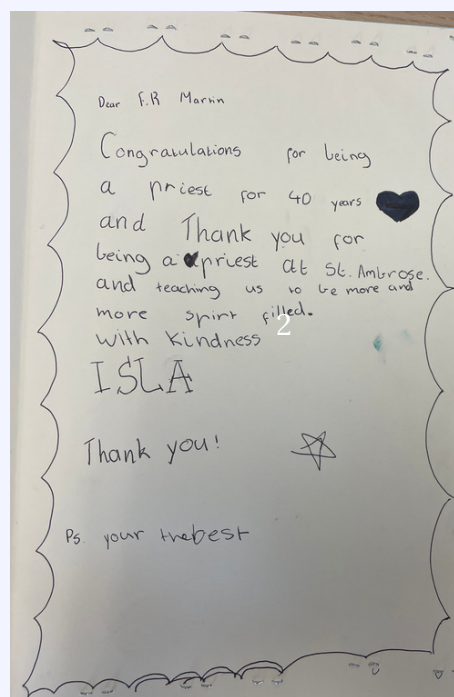
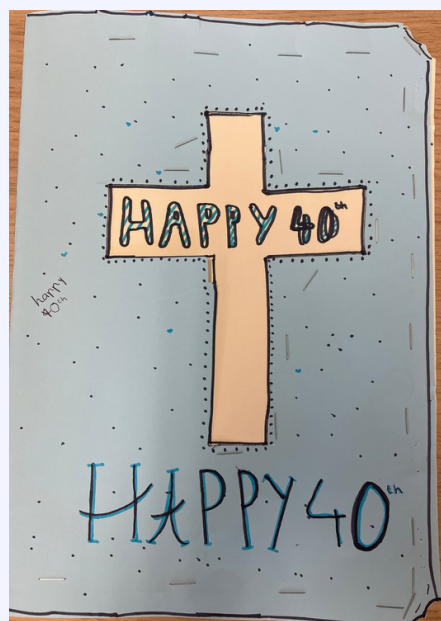
We encourage our students to create simple and sustainably sourced costumes using materials that they already have. If your child is not comfortable dressing up they may wear their school uniform.

Note that Tuesday is Sporting Colours Day so students can come dressed in their favourite sporting team's colours on this day. If you would like to watch the book parade you are welcome to join us on the hardcourts at the back of our school (weather permitting) at 9.00am on Monday.



Fr. Martin 40 Years Ordained

This week we celebrated Fr. Martin's forty years of ordination. Our students made him cards and wrote him messages and our staff enjoyed catching up with him over morning tea. Congratulations Fr. Martin! We hope that our children's messages offer further inspiration, a sense of satisfaction, and renewal.



Congratulations to our U11 Premiers!



Mrs. Cavric is pictured above with six of our students who are in the under-11 netball team who won the premiership!

CONGRATULATIONS Eire, Elle, Isla, Indie, Harriet and Amity!



Book Fair Wish List



We thank Janene and Sandy for setting up our book fair items which indeed look very inviting!

Some of our students are pictured below enjoying the selection of books and deciding upon their wish list. Money raised will go towards further resourcing our library. We have recently ordered tables and bench seats for the children to enjoy on the deck area.



It has been terrific to witness our students engaged in their reading lessons as I move around the school. Instilling a love of books and all that they offer is part of our work. We encourage our students to read every day to improve this lifelong skill.



PFA Fair Committee

The PFA Fair committee met recently at the Vic Hotel with six parents in attendance and four apologies.

After consulting with local schools in the area we can confirm that **Saturday the 16th of March 2024** is free and we are claiming this date for the St. Ambrose School Fair! Add this date to your calendar!

We'd love to receive some more early support on the committee so that we can divide and conquer and make this a fun and successful event for the whole School and Parish community.

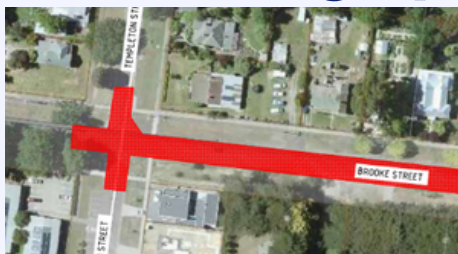
If you would like to be part of the planning please come along to the next meeting and share your ideas!

Wednesday 30th August 7:30 pm at the Vic Hotel.

Sophie, Amanda & The PFA Fair Committee.

Note that PFA funds (which include canteen profits) raised are spent on resources for our students. At the moment we are putting money towards the new tables and bench seats we have ordered for the deck outside the library.

School Crossing Update



Thanks to our community rallying for safer crossing areas last year the Brooke Street crossing works are scheduled to commence in mid-August and be complete by the end of October 2023 weather permitting. This project is part of the Council's 2023/24 Capital Works Program and the red cross shown is where the work is being done.

The work involves the reconstruction of approximately 220m length of Brooke Street from Templeton Street to Wood Street. The project also includes Local Area Traffic Management Works along Brooke Street, the construction of a Raised Safety Platform at the intersection of Brooke Street and Templeton Street, and a Raised Island at the crest of Brooke Street (east of Templeton Street) to slow down the traffic. The slow point treatment will create a physical barrier for cars to slow down in providing adequate reaction time to stop at the pedestrian crossing which means that pedestrians will feel safer crossing the road due to reduce traffic speed.

This Local Area Traffic Management project will provide a safe link especially for children attending St Ambrose Primary School from the south of the intersection and for the local community attending to surrounding facilities within the Woodend Township.

Brooke Street is a major local road servicing a bus route. During construction, Brooke Street will be closed from Templeton Street to Wood Street to the public, allowing only local vehicle access to properties fronting the road works. Brooke Street and Templeton Street intersection will be closed to the public during the reconstruction of the intersection and as required, however, vehicle access to the Brooke Street Medical Centre and local access to properties fronting Templeton Street will be maintained at all times.

During construction, all traffic including buses will be detoured through Bowen Street and Urquhart Street to end up back on High Street. Currently, the Council in consultation with the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) and bus operator (Dysons) will arrange temporary bus stops to be installed along Urquhart Street

Construction is to be undertaken in stages and Macedon Ranges Shire Council and the contractor will take all necessary steps to minimise the impact on residents, the school community, businesses, and road users. We thank you for your understanding and patience during these road safety improvement works.

The contractor Prendergast Earthmoving will notify the residents, school, and businesses 10 days prior to the start of the work.

Congratulations on making your First Eucharist



COMMUNION CANDIDATES 20TH AUGUST 2023

Viviana W Hugo L Edwin L Charli H
Xavier M, Ruby S Cosette D Madison M
Maxwell N Madi Y Elsie A Elke F
Madeline D Riley W

27TH AUGUST 2023

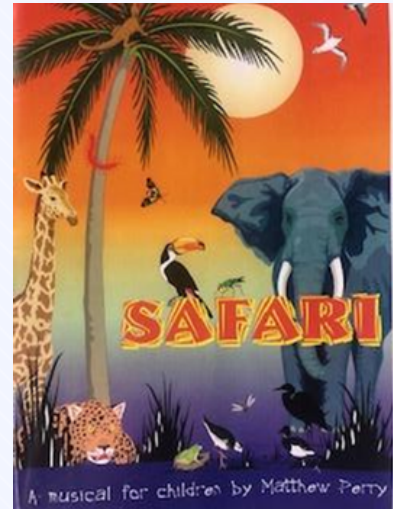
Joel W Sofia X Sonny B Amity C Hugh F
Nicholas G Isla N Edward R Tyler T Tom L
Anabelle W

Father's, Footy Colours, & Special Persons Celebration

Father's Day has become a day of celebration and remembering in almost all countries around the world. It has become a day not to only honour fathers, but all men who act as a father figures. Stepfathers, uncles, grandfathers, as well as other significant people in our lives.

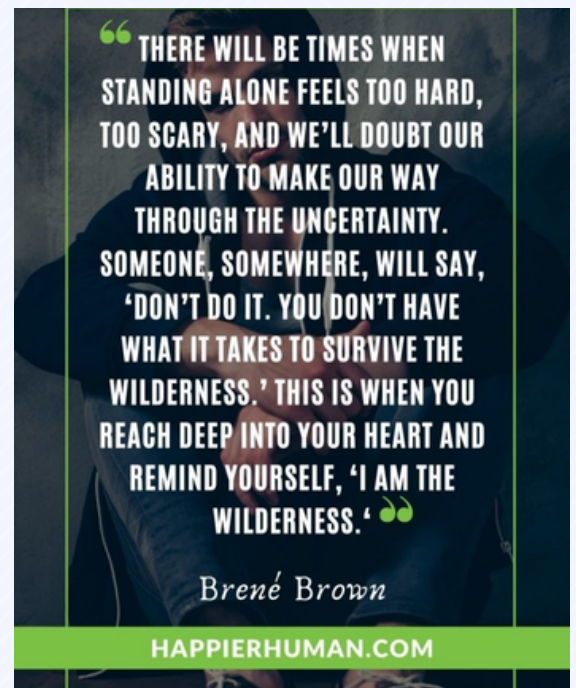
We welcome you to enjoy connecting as a community on Tuesday 29th Aug from 2.00 pm for afternoon tea. This will be followed by a liturgy at 2.45 in the classrooms and family games.

School Production



The anticipation is building as the children polish their items for this year's production. Be sure to book your tickets. It will be a show to remember!

Our next newsletter will go out on **Friday
8th September 2023.**



Bronwyn Phillips
Principal



Student Awards - congratulations to

- 1/2CM Isla M for wonderful focus in spelling!
- 1/2CM Rex R for being encouraging and supportive when working with others!
- 1/2CM Jack J for fantastic independent work on his narrative!
- 1/2RO James B for being a responsible class member!
- 1/2RO Seb C for being an inclusive class mate!
- 1/2WL Leah W for working well in reading and writing.
- 1/2WL Niamh F for her planning in writing and for great editing.
- 1/2WL Sebastian M for contributing to class discussions.
- 1/2WL Darcy S for an excellent work ethic, completing tasks on time.
- 1/2WL Lachlan G for consistently reading at home.
- 1/2WL Jacob W for leadership in maths activities.
- 1/2WL Jack B for great mental maths skills adding and subtracting.
- 1/2WL Everly B for taking care with the way she presents all her work.
- 3/4L Arthur H for always displaying our school values, each and every day.
- 3/4L Evie M for showing great leadership in our class by creating a scavenger hunt.
- 3/4M Mia W for her wonderful narrative writing.
- 3/4M Jessica F for her improvement in her understanding of time.
- 3/4O Ruby S for consistently putting in 110% with all of her work.
- 3/4O Georgia P for being brave and performing her work for the class.
- 3/4O Consistently showing all of our Positive Behaviours of Learning.
- 3/4O Xavier M for always being willing to share and extend his learning.
- 5/6M Micah W for always being respectful and kind towards his teachers and peers.
- 5/6M Owen V for earning 100% on TTRS 3 days in a row.
- 5/6P Aria B for being a kind and supportive class member.
- 5/6P Finlay M for his story defending the Giant in "Jack and the Beanstalk".
- 5/6T Seth X for using powerful, descriptive language in writing.
- 5/6T Elijah E for showing resilience in mathematics.

Sports Star of the Week - Isaac C for excellent Lacrosse technique.

PBL Bronze Award (20 Bee Gotcha Tickets)- Lawson N, Casey M, Jack J, Kai Z, Elijah E, Peaches K, Reuben T, Alice C, Niamh F, George L, Ava H

PBL Silver Award (40 Bee Gotcha Tickets)- Gwen G, Neve E, Tess J, Rose A, Deon S, Henry B, Ben Y, Rose B, Sebastian C, Jordan M, Maggie C, Poppy C

PBL Gold Award (60 Bee Gotch Tickets) - Deon S

Please return to the office
any spare uniform items
your child may have borrowed.

Thank you!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 25 August Grace M
- 25 August Jordan M
- 27 August Jethro F
- 29 August Mila C
- 29 August Alice L
- 29 August Alfred O
- 31 August Olive S
- 1 September Bassy G



Lost Property

Do you
recognise any
of these
treasures?



Football Victoria Schools Futsal Gala

I put this Futsal gala competition information out to parents of students in grades three to six if they wanted to organise a team. One team made up of 5/6 students were the first to put a team in and compete in the Futsal Gala on August 22nd at Footscray. Team manager Mel said it was a great day with a huge amount of talent in the Melbourne teams. Our boys held their own though and won one, tied another and lost three (including the team that finished top of ladder that we only lost two nil!).

The school was happy to register the team, pay the fee and provide uniforms. But big thanks to the parents for organising, coaching and transporting the kids to this event during school hours.

We have two grade 3/4 teams competing in another gala day on the 1st September.

Kristy Cavric
Physical Education Teacher



2023 U11 Netball Premiers

Congratulations to Kristy Cavric and her winning team, Elle, Eire, Amity, Harriet, Indie and friends on your 2023 premiership win!





SCHOOL EVENTS



Thank you for attending the Scholastic Book Fair with your children this week and in doing so, supporting our school library. We hope your children enjoy reading their new books.



To add to the Book Week fun we have our

Book Week Dress Up Day
on
Monday
28th August
at 9.00am
on the hardcourts
(weather permitting).

We invite families to stay and enjoy this popular and colourful event. We encourage our students to be resourceful and create their costume with items they already have.

AND at 10:15 am the students will be entertained and educated during a livestream performance from perform education. All performances are based on the shortlisted CBCA books and a live presenter allows time for questions and answers during the performances.





SCHOOL EVENTS



Father's Day Celebrations

Tuesday 29th August 2023

2.00pm in the hall

2.45pm special prayer & games

we will celebrate our St Ambrose Fathers and/or significant persons, with an afternoon tea followed by a special prayer and games in the classroom.

It is also Footy Colours Day if you would like to come dressed in your team colours!

Fight Cancer
Foundation™

**FOOTY
COLOURS
DAY!**

Please support St. Ambrose and the Social Justice Leaders in kicking their goals to help kids fight cancer by donating to our Footy Colours Day event which will coincide with our Father's Day celebration! We are aiming to collect as many Gold Coin donations as we can to fund vital accommodation centres, research and support to help kids (and their families) fight cancer through Fight Cancer Foundation.

Our event is on Tuesday 29th of August, and we'd be so grateful if you could please donate by bringing along a gold coin on this day.

Thank you so much for your support, you will truly be making a difference to help kids fight cancer – and their families.

Emmy Y and Hamish F (Social Justice Leaders)

Below is what your donations could mean to a child and their family living with cancer:

- \$29 provides a book or toy for our youngest guests or their siblings
- \$53 provides a pack of essentials for families
- \$75 provides the research supplies needed to help discover better treatments and cures for cancer
- \$128 provides a family with their first night's accommodation and a pack of welcome essentials
- \$375 covers a family's accommodation costs for five days
- \$525 provides a family with a home-away-from-home for a week



3/40 CLASSROOM FEATURE

Under 11s Grand Final Success!

Last week, Indie, Elle, Harriet, Eire, and Amity played in an Under 11s grand final for the Woodend Hawks netball club. Unfortunately, Isla couldn't play, but she has been part of the team all season and we would've wanted her to join us. As I warmed up I got goosebumps. I was shooting goals during play. I saw the scores getting closer and closer. I stayed close on my player and prevented her from intercepting. My opposition player was tall and was always trying to grab the ball. I heard a countdown. I stared at the scoreboard and smiled. When the sirens went, I melted on the inside. We won! - Congratulations to Amity, Harriet, Elle, Eire and all the rest of the team!



First Eucharist

Last week was a very special day for some of the Grade fours. All of us had a lot of fun. We had our first Eucharist. We all took our first holy bread. It wasn't that appetizing, but we still had to take it because it was our religion. You can bring your family, but not too many. The mass goes for about an hour. All of us looked amazing! You even get to have your own pew. It was so cool and that was our Eucharist that some of us did.

Congratulations to Elke, Ruby, Riley, Amity, Xavier, Max, and all of the other Grade 4 candidates.

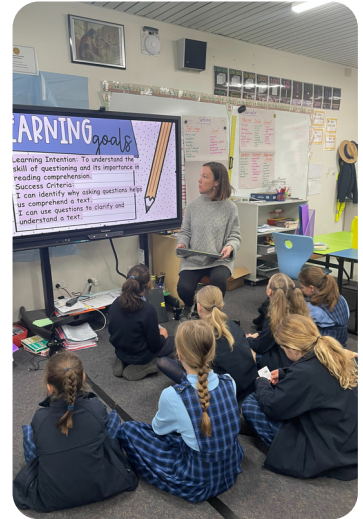


E-Learning

During E-learning, 3/40 has been working on a stop-motion animation project, their focus has been on being collaborative, respectful, and resilient learners. They started with storyboards and have now moved on to creating their backdrops.



AROUND THE SCHOOL





Why Do They Look So Different?

As your child grows and engages with the world, they'll naturally notice the differences in others. By encouraging open, respectful conversations and nurturing empathy, you'll help your child embrace diversity, appreciate uniqueness, and respond with kindness when they encounter differences in others.



Instead of...

"Don't stare."

Try...

"You're right. She does look different from us. We must look different to her, too."

Instead of...

"Shhh!"

Try...

"Yes, their skin color is different from yours. Just like people have different color hair, they also have different color skin. Isn't that cool? We look different to her, too."

Instead of...

"The color of someone's skin doesn't matter. We are all the same."

Try...

"We all have things that are different about us and things that are the same."

Instead of...

"She can't walk like we can."

Try...

"Some people use wheelchairs and some people use their feet. Both are able to get them where they want to go."



Encourage your child to ask you questions.

It's ok to say "I don't know" or "Let's look that up together" if you are not sure.

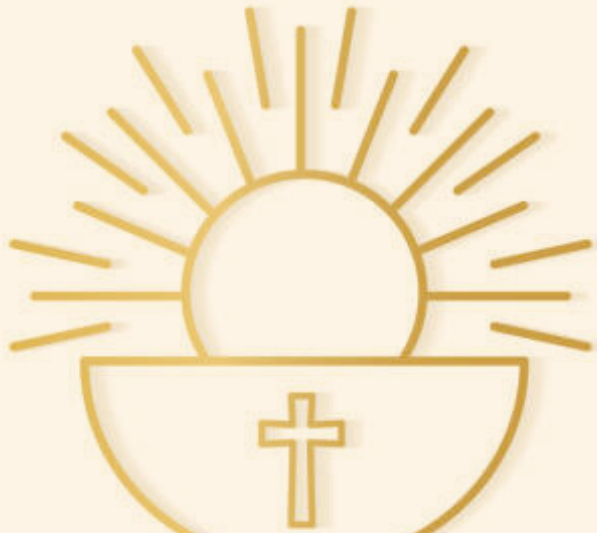
Offer clear and factual responses.



JOIN THE CELEBRATION OF ALL THINGS

Faith & Family

COMMUNION PRAYER



Lord Jesus,

I give you my hands to do your work.
I give you my feet to go your way.
I give you my eyes to see as you see.
I give you my tongue to speak your words.
I give you my mind that you may think in me.
I give you my heart that you may love in me - love
the Father and all humankind.
I give you my whole self that you may grow in me,
so that you, Lord, may be the one who lives and
works and prays in me.

Amen

Wondering:

We are called to bring the presence of Christ into every aspect of our lives, then we really become a sign of communion. This is what the great St Teresa of Avila wrote about in her famous poem:

*"Christ has no body now
on earth but yours, no
hands but yours, no feet
but yours. Yours are the
eyes through which is to
shine Christ's compassion
in the world. Yours are the
feet through which to go
about doing good. Yours
are the hands with which
he is to bless all people
now."*

Important Term 3 Faith Dates

Sunday 27th August
Sacrament of Holy Communion Mass
- 11am - All Welcome



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CHILDREN'S LITURGY



GOSPEL REFLECTION



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