



Term Three, Newsletter 17
Friday 4th August, 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 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.

Friday 4 August 2023	100 days of school Prep celebration
Monday 7 August 2023	Swimming lessons – 3/4O 12.30pm, 3/4M 1.15pm, 5/6P & 5/6T 2.00pm
Tuesday 8 August 2023	Swimming lessons – 3/4O 12.30pm, 3/4M 1.15pm, 5/6P & 5/6T 2.00pm
Wednesday 9 August 2023	Swimming lessons – 3/4O 12.30pm, 3/4M 1.15pm, 5/6P & 5/6T 2.00pm Parent & Friends Assoc. sub-committee meeting 7.30pm (front bar Vic Hotel Woodend)
Thursday 10 August 2023	Cobaw District Athletics Bendigo
Monday 14 August 2023	Swimming lessons – 3/4O 12.30pm, 3/4M 1.15pm, 5/6P & 5/6T 2.00pm
Tuesday 15 August 2023	Swimming lessons – 3/4O 12.30pm, 3/4M 1.15pm, 5/6P & 5/6T 2.00pm
Wednesday 16 August 2023	Sacrament of Eucharist Candidate Preparation
Sunday 20 August 2023	Sacrament of Eucharist Mass 11am
Monday 21 August 2023	Assembly 3pm in the hall
Tuesday 22 August 2023	SSV Futsal Gala
Wednesday 23 August 2023	Sacrament of Eucharist Candidate Preparation
Sunday 27 August 2023	Sacrament of Eucharist Mass 11am
Monday 28 August 2023	Book Week Parade 9am
Tuesday 29 August 2023	Fathers' Day Celebrations (2.00pm) Footy Colours Day
Friday 1 September 2023	SSV Futsal Competition
Sunday 3 September 2023	Fathers' Day
Monday 4 September 2023	Production Rehearsal at Sacred Heart College Theatre
Tuesday 5 September 2023	Production Matinee 12pm
Wednesday 6 September 2023	School Production Evening Show 6pm
Thursday 7 September 2023	School Production Evening Show 6pm
Monday 11 September 2023	Assembly 3pm (Jacob's music students to perform)
Tuesday 12 September 2023	School Advisory Council meeting 4.30pm Parents & Friends meeting 7pm
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

Parents & Friends Association Needs You!

Our fete Sub-committee is meeting on Wednesday,
August 9th at 7.30 pm in the front bar at the Vic
Hotel. Your support is welcomed! We are planning
an old-fashioned school community fete for 2024.
Come along and have some social fun while
brainstorming ideas!

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Message from the Principal

Dear families, parishioners, and friends, St. Ambrose, like all schools must participate in a school review every four years. The school review informs the development of the school's four-year School Strategic Plan.

The school review also provides assurance of ongoing compliance with the Minimum Standards related to curriculum and student safety and learning. This week our reviewer checked that we are compliant with the VRQA standards. On Monday and Tuesday, he will be in our school speaking with staff, students, and parents to gain further insights into where we are at in terms of our five spheres of school improvement. We spent time as a whole staff last Friday evaluating our progress with the Teaching and Learning as well as the Religious Education Spheres. We have also reflected on our successes with School Community, Leadership, and Management as well as the Well-being sphere.

Our reviewer will look at our evaluations and evidence also to support us to plan for the next four-year period.

This process has prompted me to contemplate.

While school life is something we all have in common, we all form different understandings of what an effective day at school might look like.

For some, school is hard and for others, it's a breeze. For some of us school is a social gathering while for others it can be daunting to negotiate our way around each day. Regardless of our experiences, I hope that our school is a place of welcome and acceptance for all. Our staff works hard every day to build an environment where learning is fostered whether it be academic, social, emotional, spiritual, or physical. Every child counts in our school and every child helps to build the community of St. Ambrose. I wonder what your memories of primary school are? Things have certainly changed since I was a student! Just like when we were at school, every day brings its challenges and its celebrations. So even when the going gets tough, let's remember that we are all working together to build a positive and supportive learning environment for everyone.

Assemblies



Our next assembly will be held in the hall on **Monday 21st August at 3.00 pm**. We welcome you to attend! Pictured above is Paul who entertained our students throughout his Ned show while teaching them about using a growth mindset and practicing resilience. We hope that your children enjoyed this incursion and have shared some of their learnings with you!



**PFA Fete Sub
Committee- Meeting
this Wednesday
9th Aug. 7.30 pm
at Vic Hotel Front Bar.
We Welcome your
Support!**

**Next Meeting Save the Date!
12th September 4.30pm**

Celebrating 100 Days in Prep



Congratulations to our Prep class who celebrated 100 days at school today! They have had a joyful day coming dressed as 100 year old or with 100 represented in some way!

NCCD

Last week a Consultant from MACS visited our school and conducted an audit of our NCCD data.

Overall the teachers are doing a great job of differentiating the curriculum and catering to our student's individual needs.

The main recommendation and the area we fell down in is, having parent signatures on Minutes of Meetings and on PLP (Personalised Learning Plans). I know all these are sent home in an envelope with your child, for your signature, the day after the meeting. I am asking you to please return these promptly and signed so we can stay compliant and receive the money we need to ensure your child has the best education possible.

If you have paperwork sitting on the bench waiting for your signature it is never too late to return them. Thank you for your co-operation.

New Creative Space

Our children were delighted to discover that they could start having their art lessons in our new creative space! They are pictured making their masks for our production Safari. Tickets will be \$5 each. Information will be sent out next week via Operoo.



SRC



Our Student Representative Council met this week to discuss how they could support students wishing to present initiatives. This gives students another avenue to have their say.

Private Music lessons



As you know, Jacob is moving to the other side of Melbourne and will be finishing with us at the end of this term. We wish Jacob all of the very best and thank him for his work at our school. Jacob's students will entertain us at our final assembly for the term on **Monday, 11 September at 3.00 pm** in the hall. You are all welcome. In consultation with our School Advisory Council who met this week, we are able to continue to offer our families the opportunity for private lessons through a local company.

The Ranges Music Network is excited to join the St. Ambrose school community in Term 4! Choose from a great mix of fun and engaging group and individual music programs on Guitars, Woodwinds, Keyboards, Drums, Strings, Voice plus mini-bands, and more. We've set up a special page on our website for St. Ambrose families at <https://rangesmusic.net/saps>. There you'll find information on our inclusive and accessible programs and everything you'll need to get started.

Each program includes a minimum of 8 lessons per term plus additional ensemble activities, special projects, recording sessions, music videos, and more!

We also have access to affordable, valuable student instruments for purchase and hire and are always available for help and advice when choosing an instrument to start or to grow with. Contact our Program Director, Shaun Evans at shaun@rangesmusic.net with any questions you have.

Punctuality

It is delightful to feel the enthusiasm of your children as they arrive at school each morning. Children are supervised from 8.30 am until 3.45pm. We ask that you drop off and pick up within these times when supervision is available. Students should **arrive by 8.55 am**. School finishes at 3.30 pm which is pick up time. A reminder to walk bikes along the front path during peak times.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Late Arrival & Early Pick Up Procedures

We ask that you please notify the school via Operoo of any planned student late arrivals, early departures or absences. You may also email the teacher directly if you need to provide any further details.

You can access an "Absence Explanation Notice" in Operoo by selecting the "Form Library" tab on the purple task bar.

When dropping your child off late, a parent must sign the child in on the iPad at the front office and hand the child a green late pass to pass onto their teacher. This notifies the teacher that the child has been signed in late at the office.

When collecting your child early please attend the front office to sign your child out on the iPad. We ask that you avoid doing this at recess (11-11.45am) and lunch (2.00-2.40pm) times if possible.

If your child is out temporarily, you will need to sign them both out and back in when they return.

NEW Group & Individual Music Programs are coming to St. Ambrose Primary in Term 4!



We're really excited to join in the St. Ambrose Primary School community with our fun and inclusive music program. The Ranges Music Network values accessibility and inclusivity in everything we do. Music is a language and we want to have fun with our musicians. **That's why we #playtolearn!**



PROGRAM DIRECTOR



Guitar

Bass

Piano / Keyboard

Woodwinds

Drums

Ukulele

Violin

Brass

Voice

+ Bands!!



get started at
RANGESMUSIC.NET/SAPS

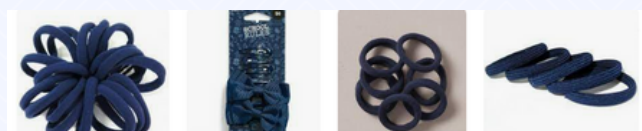


Uniform: Hair Wear

It is great to see most of our students wearing the correct school uniform. To encourage and support our children to wear our uniform with pride we will have a focus each fortnight. Over the next two weeks we will be noting the correct hair wear.

As per our policy students should:

- Tie back their hair if it is below their shoulder line.
- Wear navy-coloured hair wear.
- Only wear coloured hair wear if it is their birthday.
- Have their hair treated if head lice are found in their hair.



Wonders of Living

We hope that our year five and six families found the Wonders of Living Program informative.

We will invite your feedback in the coming weeks which will inform our future planning.



Fr. Martin 40 years Ordained



Fr. Martin will celebrate 40 years of being ordained as a priest on Sunday, August 20th. He is delighted to be spending part of this special day with our children who will be making their first Eucharist on this day.

Fr. Martin will celebrate with us over morning tea. He is pictured above speaking with our First Communion candidates following their engaging session with Denise Arnell.

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



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

Year 3-4 Excursion

Year three and four students enjoyed their day of learning last week when they visited the Bendigo Art Gallery. We hope that you could sense the fun that they had when you viewed the photos of this day sent via Seesaw.

Building Project Update



The frame is taking shape in the front entrance area. At this stage we should be moving in to this space in week one of term four!

Emergency Management Drill

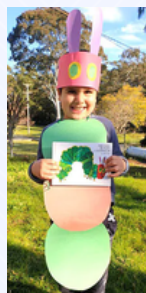


To ensure that we are prepared for an emergency we do practice emergency drills each term. This week we did an evacuation drill which all ran very smoothly.

A group of Year 5 students are sitting on beanbag chairs in a library, listening to a presentation by a man in a suit. The students are wearing school uniforms, and the room is filled with bookshelves and large windows.

Short listed Books

This year we will be having our book week parade on **Monday, August 28th at 9.00 am** 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.



Tuesday 29th August at 2.00 pm

A photograph of two children, a boy and a girl, standing in a classroom and holding a large yellow sign. The boy is on the left, wearing a blue polo shirt and dark shorts. The girl is on the right, wearing a dark shirt. The sign is yellow with a black border and contains handwritten text in various colors. At the top left, there is a small drawing of a person and the word "POWER" in a box. The text on the sign is as follows: "AMAZING DADS!" in yellow, "Dear wonderful" in red, "Dads," in black, "You are" in black, "invited" in red, "to school to" in black, "celebrate" in red, "Father's Day on" in black, "Friday the 1st" in black, "September." in black, "The day will be" in black, "of fun and" in black, "surprises!" in red, "We would" in red, "REALLY like you to" in black, "come" in red, "Love" in black, "Hannah" in black, "AMAZING" in black, "have a go" in black, "write a card" in black, "celebrate" in black, "Fades" in red, "big word" in red, "Mother" in black, "September" in black, "We full" in black, "day" in black, "to" in red, "really" in black, "by MP RR KOP" in black, "ES AL RA" in black, "NSG C I H L N" in black. There are also some small drawings on the sign, including a person and a flower.

Our next newsletter will go out on Friday August 18th.

*Somewhere,
something incredible
is waiting to be
known.*



Bronwyn Phillips
Principal



Student Awards

- 1/2CM Emily S for trying her hardest in everything she does. Fantastic.
1/2CM Kate D for her kind and caring nature towards all her peers!
1/2CM Bill R for his excellent effort during the literacy block. Well done Bill!
1/2RO Toby C for demonstrating resilience towards his handwriting skills!
1/2RO Sofia M for the kind way she treats others always!
1/2WL Iona T for great work in reading groups.
1/2WL Benjamin C for planning and writing a retell.
1/2WL Grace M for completing a retell and publishing her work.
1/2WL William C for working well using informal units to measure.
3/4L Jett M for sharing his great ideas with the class.
3/4L Sophie V for coming to school and sharing her smile every day.
3/4O Elle S for showing kindness and respect to others.
3/4O Holly M for consistently showing all of the Positive Behaviours for Learning.
3/4O Angus N for showing focus and resilience in his writing.
3/4O Tora C for taking initiative and kindly taking care of our yard.
5/6P Jake C for excellent results in spelling dictation.
5/6P Finlay M for excellent results in his Factors post-assessment.
5/6T Cameron P for trying his best to focus on learning and contributing more in class discussions.
5/6T Liv S for improved effort in behaviour and learning and contributing more in class discussions.
5/6T Nicholas M for excellent effort in writing a creative narrative.

Sports Stars of the Week - Charlie P for a mean forehand strike!
- Mollie H for excellent forehand strike technique.

PBL Bronze Award (20 Bee Gotcha Tickets)

Jacob W, Everly B, Felicity F, Grace H, Grace M, Iona T, Leah W, Remy B, Alice C, Darcy S

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

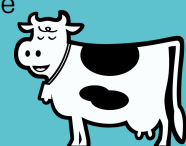
26 July Kevin M
27 July Margot G
27 July Mosako S
30 July Ryder C
2 August Elijah E
2 August Phoebe G
2 August Gwen G
2 August A.J. S
3 August Jack B
7 August Amelia S
8 August Indie R-H



THE CHICKEN & THE COW

One hot day there was a chicken and a cow in a paddock. It was starting to rain. A feather from the chicken landed on the cow and some white and black wool landed on the chicken. The cow laid some eggs and the chicken made milk. The eggs were golden. The cow said "Bok! Bok! Bok!" like a chicken. The chicken said "Moooooooooooo" like a cow.

Then there was a lightning strike. "BOOM." The cow turned back into a cow and the chicken turned back into a chicken. The last of the eggs came out of the cow and the last bit of milk came out of the chicken.



By Leah 1/2WL



SCHOOL EVENTS

Social Justice Team Hamish & Emmy

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



DO YOU WANT TO HELP THE MOST **VULNERABLE** **HOMELESS** IN OUR COMMUNITY THIS WINTER?



Emmy and Hamish, our Social Justice Leaders feel very lucky that they have a loving family, a warm home and plenty of food each and every day to enjoy. With so many within our community doing it tough and struggling to provide for their families, the Social Justice Leaders would your help to make a difference in our community this winter.

Emmy & Hamish would like to encourage all our St. Ambrose Families to donate, either:

Warm blankets or sleeping bags (clean & in good condition)

Warm clothing, especially jumpers, hoodies and coats (clean & in good condition)

OR

Non-perishable food / pantry items, including toiletries.

It is the Social Justice Leaders goal to donate the blankets and warm clothing to the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the food items to our Woodend Community Food Bank. A list of much needed food items are listed below.

Some ideas are:

- Cereal (Weet-Bix / muesli / porridge oats)
- UHT milk
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned soup
- Canned vegetables / legumes
- Baked beans
- Pasta sauce
- Pasta



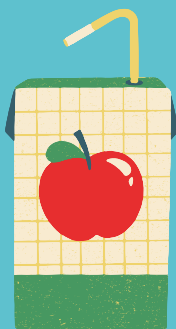
- Rice
- Canned dog or cat food
- Tea bags / coffee / Milo
- Jam, vegemite, peanut butter
- Kitchen cleaning products (eg. detergent, dishwashing liquid, soap).
- Sanitary items (eg. toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, toilet paper).

NB: We will be collecting donations over the next four weeks until Friday the 1st of September. Donations to be delivered to your child's classroom for collection and sorting by the Social Justice Leaders.

Thank you in advance of your generosity! Emmy & Hamish



CANTEEN NEWS



Thank you for embracing the new menu. It has been very popular with the students (and parents) keeping our volunteers busy in the kitchen each week!

We wish to advise parents and carers ordering a juice box in your child's lunch order, that due to unreliable distributor stock levels at present, we have decided to switch juice box brands.

There will be a changeover period until our current stock level is depleted. In the coming weeks your child may receive an alternate brand in a similar size to another child in the same class when receiving their order.



Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause in the short term. We believe the change will allow us to continue to offer juice for purchase without having to limit availability or have items out of stock.

Thanks kindly
The Canteen Team



Safari Production

The Prep to Gr6 students began the exciting journey of the school production called 'Safari' in term one. It is about creatures of every place that life exists on earth being on the move. It is an environmental journey that looks at our planet's concerns and sustainable solutions so as to maintain the diversity of the natural world.

- All students will be performing at least four items, the opening item, the second last and final items and their own grade/level item.
- Students from Gr3 to Gr6 will be performing a small script each also in their grade scene.
- Items performed will include:
 - Drama - Role playing
 - Singing with simple actions
 - Contemporary creative dance
 - Modern dance
 - Eurythmy ribbons
 - Percussion instruments
 - Ukulele group
 - Singing accompanied with Auslan
 - Poetry recitation
- Students have been working collaboratively with students in their own grade and at times other grades to choreograph and stage each item. It involves lots of imagination, creativity, researching, brainstorming, patience, communication, composing, practising, the feedback process, rehearsing and persistence.
- All students have been designing and making amazing creature masks with Ms Shannon and practising "What A Wonderful World" in Auslan with Mrs Old.
- Safari is taking place on the 5th, 6th and 7th of September.

All students will be performing three concerts consisting of one matinee show and two evening shows at Sacred Heart College, Kyneton in the Mary Maloney Theatre.

We are really looking forward to the shows!

AROUND THE SCHOOL



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Mental Health & Wellbeing at St Ambrose

Erin Brass



International Day of Friendship

As a way of celebrating IDOF this year, why not spend the weekend exploring friendship and friendship traits through the pages of popular storybooks. Below are some wonderful books you may find at the local library. These books can be used at any time when friendship conversations come at home.

Prep/Foundation Level

- The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister
- You Are My Friend: The Story of Mister Rogers and His Neighborhood by Aimee Reid
- Should I Share My Ice Cream? by Mo Willems
- The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein
- Llama Llama Time to Share by Anna Dewdney

Year 1/Year 2

- How to Be a Friend: A Guide to Making Friends and Keeping Them by Laurie Krasny Brown and Marc Brown
- The Lion and the Mouse by Jerry Pinkney
- Enemy Pie by Derek Munson
- The Invisible Boy by Trudy Ludwig
- My Friend Rabbit by Eric Rohmann

Year 3/Year 4

- Charlotte's Web by E.B. White
- Wonder by R.J. Palacio
- The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate
- Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo
- The Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes

Year 5/Year 6

- Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson
- Matilda by Roald Dahl
- A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle
- Holes by Louis Sachar



JOIN THE CELEBRATION OF ALL THINGS

Faith & Family

Sacrament of Eucharist Commitment Prayer

Lord, these are your children
given to us
To be cherished and loved,
Moulded and formed,
Guided and instructed by their
parents, teachers and priests,
To know your son Jesus and
remain a true friend of his.
We ask you to bless us in our
preparations with them
during this special time of
developing their faith.
We ask this through Christ our
Lord
Amen



Wondering

*"We are called to seek God above
all else, sacrificing worldly
pursuits to gain eternal
treasure."*

*Reflect upon a time when you
placed 'worldly goods' before
'the pearl of great price'.*

*In what ways are you the pearl of
great price to others?*

Important Term 3 Faith Dates:

- Wednesday 16th August or Wednesday 23rd August
Sacrament of Eucharist Candidate Preparation
11.45 - 12.45pm
- Sunday 20th August or Sunday 27th August
- Sacrament of Eucharist Mass - 11am



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CHILDREN'S LITURGY



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

COMMUNITY NEWS



CREATIVE YOGA

Join Sarah at the Woodend Neighbourhood House for a shared hour of creative yoga. This four week course will combine fun, dancing between activity and rest, for primary school aged children and their carers.

Wednesday 2 - 23 August • 6pm - 7pm • \$30 per parent/carer and child
Bookings essential via woodendnh.org.au or in person at the House



Everybody Welcome!



WOODEND COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

Monday & Thursday*
12.30pm - 2.30pm

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



*** Free Soup on Thursdays!**



AUGUST COMMUNITY LUNCH

TUES 8TH AUGUST 2023
• 12 NOON •

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL
CALL 5427 1845 OR ONLINE WOODENDNH.ORG.AU



Come & Try Girls Basketball

Girls with 2011 - 2014 birth years interested in trying basketball are invited to attend the

Woodend Hawks Basketball Club Come & Try Days

These sessions are being provided to assist and prepare girls interested in being involved in the approaching Summer Domestic Season.

Venue: Buffalo Stadium, Woodend

Dates: Saturdays 19 & 26 August

Time: 11:30am - 12:30pm

Register: www.bit.ly/WHBComeandTry23
or by using the QR code below

Or contact:
coordinator@woodendhawksbasketball.org.au



Summer Season: commences Saturday 7 October 2023
and runs throughout Term 4 2023 & Term 1 2024.

MUSICAL THEATRE *at Movement Zone*

SCAN ME 

12 week program in term 3 & 4 kicks
off Aug 5th 2023, every Saturday, 3
groups from ages 5-teens





BreakerSpace



**Take stuff apart
and see what makes it tick**

**Saturday 19th August
10am - 12noon**

FREE • 9+ years

Book via website:
www.woodendnh.org.au

 **national science week 2023**