

Term Four, Newsletter 24 Friday 13th October, 2023

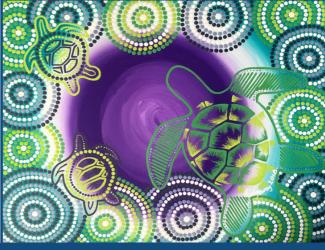
St Ambrose Parish School

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

Tuesday 17 October 2023	Grade 5 visit Goodstart Centre	
Monday 23 October 2023	Children's Week 23-27 October 2023	
	Assembly 2.45pm	
Tuesday 24 October 2023	SHC Junior Chef Competition 4-6pm	
Wednesday 25 October 2023	School Advisory Council meeting 9.30am	
Friday 27 October 2023	World Teacher's Day	
Tuesday 31 October 2023	Grade 5 visit Goodstart Centre	
Wednesday 1 November 2023	Senior Year Level Mass – 9.30am	
Thursday 2 November 2023	Parents & Friends meeting 2.30pm	
Monday 6 November 2023	Student free day – Report writing	
Tuesday 7 November 2023	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday	
Wednesday 8 November 2023	Prep Orientation Session 1 – 9-10am	
	Prep uniform fitting 10-11am	
Friday 10 November 2023	Junior Year Level Mass – 9.30am	
Tuesday 14 November 2023	Grade 5 visit Goodstart Centre	
Wednesday 15 November 2023	Prep Orientation Session 2 – 9-10am	
	Prep uniform fitting 10-11am	
	Advent Paraliturgy 2.45pm	
Thursday 16 November 2023	Grade 5 Leadership Day	
	Grade 6 Transition Day – St Mary's Primary School, Lancefield	
Wednesday 22 November 2023	Advent Paraliturgy 2.45pm	
Friday 24 November 2023	Bike Ed. In PE - Grades 3-6	
Tuesday 28 November 2023	Grade 5 visit Goodstart Centre	
Wednesday 29 November 2023	Advent Paraliturgy 2.45pm	
Friday 1 November 2023	Bike Ed. In PE – Grades 3-6	
Monday 4 December 2023	Braemar College Orientation Day	
Tuesday 5 December 2023	Prep Orientation Session 3 - 9-11am	
	Prep uniform fitting 10-11am	
	Grade 1-6 Going Up Day – 9-11am School Advisory Board meeting 5.30-7pm	
	Parents & Friends meeting 7-8pm	
Wednesday 6 December 2023	St Ambrose Day Celebration Incursion	
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	Canteen – Special Menu	
Thursday 7 December 2023	St Ambrose Feast Day	
	School Picnic & Christmas Carols – 5.30-7.30pm	
Friday 8 December 2023	Bike Ed. In PE – Grades 3-6	
Monday 11 December 2023	Grade 6 Graduation Mass 6-8pm	
Tuesday 12 December 2023	Sacred Heart College Orientation Day	
Wednesday 13 December 2023	Canteen closed	
	Advent Paraliturgy 2.45pm	
Thursday 14 December 2023	Grade 6 Graduation Day Out	
Friday 15 December 2023	Last day of term Students dismissed 3.30pm	
Monday 18 December 2023	Numeracy Testing (by appointment)	
Tuesday 19 December 2023	Numeracy Testing (by appointment)	



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.





Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

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Message from the Principal

Dear families, Parishioners, and friends,

Many of you have already explored our new reception and staffroom areas and like us have also found the new space enticing and welcoming. Our builders will soon begin the final stage of the project which is to renovate our library and performing arts room. This will open up this space, and allow for outdoor classroom access and flexible learning areas. How exciting is this!

We are looking forward to building trust and relationships with our 2024 Foundation students when they begin their transition visits in November. It is our hope that students and families experience a sense of welcome every day when we meet each other in the yard or encounter familiar and unfamiliar people within our learning areas throughout the day. We know that learning transcends the classroom and that every interaction is an encounter with the sacred.

Term 4 is characterised by two particular features, they being consolidation and transition. Consolidation is an important feature of this term as it is an opportunity for students and teachers to reinforce the learning that has occurred, check in with areas that may still need further development or put in place strategies and resources that will support our students into the coming year.

Transition is the other big factor. It is a time when we begin considering the best practices and processes to assist students in ensuring they have a sense of confidence and surety regarding the coming year. This is not just the case for our Grade 6's and our new Preps, but every child within the school. We continue to work with the interests of your children at the heart of all we do. We work with each other to foster a sense of pride in our work. Beyond the learning agenda, our school embraces diversity and inclusion, where we work hard to build an awareness of different cultures, perspectives, and abilities. We encourage all students to explore new encounters through sport, the arts, and Auslan with an emphasis on being open to new experiences and participation. Our focus on respect, responsibility, resilience, and kindness is evident in all that we do.

As we continue to learn and work together this term, let's remember that all that we do helps to build a strong community. In this way, we will be known as a school that enables our vision; 'Centred by faith, in partnership with community, we provide excellence in learning.' and one that puts faith into action every day.

Staffing Update

Our 1-2WL teacher Therese Watts is taking leave in 2024 before resuming part-time work. We therefore advertised for an additional teacher for the 2024 year onwards and are very pleased to announce that Ms. Alexis Seddon will join our staff next year as a full-time class teacher. Alexis is a well-respected and experienced teacher who will add a further layer of expertise to our staff. You will have the opportunity to meet Alexis before the end of this year.



I am so excited to be joining the St. Ambrose team in 2024.

I have been teaching for 12 years and have spent the past 9 years working at St. Anne's PS in Sunbury.

In my spare time, I love to read, write, spend time with my family and friends, travel and watch movies.

Hi! My name is Alexis Seddon and

I am so grateful for the opportunity to join your wonderful school community and I am really looking forward to working with staff, students and families next year.

Have a wonderful Term 4 and I look forward to meeting you all soon.

Congratulations to our Athletes!



We congratulate Elsie, Elke, Harriet, and Tora who

qualified for the state girls' relay team this week. The girls proudly recounted their team run at our assembly. We wish them every success in the next stage.

Annual Review Meetings

I always value the opportunity to meet with our staff individually to hear about their work and aspirations as educators and members of our team. All of our staff reflected on their work over the past year and have identified areas for further growth. Our teaching staff used the AITSL standards as a means of self-reflection. These standards guide us in being the best we can be.

I thank and congratulate our staff on their professioanlism and dedication to continue to learn and grow.

School Improvement Strategic Planning

Our reviewer along with the MACS School
Improvement and Strategic Planning consultants
met with leadership this week to hear the
feedback from our reviewer following the two
days he spent in our school. Our leadership team
will meet again over two days with MACS to
formulate our strategic plan for the coming four
years. I will keep you informed about our
progress. The review process has enabled a
collaborative and thorough platform for all staff,
SAC, and other community members to offer
their feedback. MACSSIS, Naplan, ECSI, and other
data is also considered as part of the review.

Making Mistakes is Part of Learning

At St. Ambrose, we support our children to develop and use a growth mindset when approaching their learning. The following article from Alexandra of Big Life Journal talks about helping your children realise that making mistakes is part of learning.

'For some children, worrying about making mistakes can feel as real as being scared of those imaginary monsters under the bed. Here's the problem. This fear can sometimes hold our children back from diving into new adventures or taking on challenges. So, the big question how do we encourage our kids to give things a go, even if it might lead to a mistake or two? Here's a fun approach: Introduce "marvellous mistakes" into your family's language. Celebrate them, laugh about them, and show that they're just stepping stones on the path to learning and growing. Every new mistake is proof that

For more information click on the Link:

we had the courage to step out and try.'

https://biglifejournal.com



School News



Private Music Lessons

The Ranges Music Network is excited to join the St. Ambrose school community in Term 4! Shaun is pictured above speaking with our students at this week's assembly.

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.



NEW Group & Individual Music Programs are



PROGRAM DIRECTOR



Guitar Bass Piano / Keyboard

Guitar Woodwinds Drums Ukulele

Violin Brass Voice + Bands!!





get started at RANGESMUSIC.NET/SAPS



School News

SHC Junior Chef



Our year four students Maddy D, Joel W, Harriet F and Sophie V. made delicious pancakes on Tuesday at the SHC first round of the Junior Chef competition.

Mrs. McLay met the students at SHC and commended them on a great team effort. We thank Katie Desira who guided our team this morning in learning about making pasta which will be their next cook-off challenge on October 24th at 4:00 pm in the SHC atrium. Their fettucini and sauce tasted delectable!

I am looking forward to attending this event! You are welcome to come along and support them.





Summer Hats

All children need to have their summer hat at school to wear for outdoor play this term.

Uniform & Footwear

We ask that you ensure that your children come to school dressed in the correct school uniform as per our uniform policy. Footwear should be all black unless it is their PE lesson day on Thursday or Friday. Year six students are required to all wear BLACK footwear each day other than Friday. NAVY socks need to be worn every day.

School Uniform & Fitting Days

Hip Pocket will have stock available for uniform fittings on our step-up day (Dec 5th) from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 a.m. for those of you who would like to size uniforms for the coming year.

They will also offer a sizing time at the end of term 1, 2, and 3.

Uniform information

2024 Enrolments

Next week I will publish our class structures for our 2024 school year. If you know anyone who is still yet to enrol their child or who is considering St. Ambrose, ask them to make contact with our office ASAP.

As a community may we join in hope and prayer for a peaceful and just resolution for all touched by the tragic events unfolding in Israel.

Such is the power of love:
it embraces, and unites,
and fastens together
not only those who are
present and near, and visible,
but also those who are distant.
And neither time,
nor separation in space,
nor anything else of that kind,
can break up and divide in pieces
the affection of the soul.



Bronwyn Phillips Principal

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Student Awards



Congratulations to......

- Prep K Elliott N for great work sounding out words that he is reading.
- Prep K Lily M for working hard on her handwriting and trying her best to write neatly.
- 1/2CM Casey M for always sharing and asking question in group discussions.
- 1/2CM Neve E for always doing her very best work! Exellent!
- 1/2CM Bill R for following instructions so well in the classroom!
- 1/2RO Poppy C for being a kind and caring classmate.
- 1/2RO Evelyn C for confidently asking and answering questions.
- 1/2RO Mollie H for being a responsible learner and classmate.
- 3/4L Madi Y for always showing leadership. 3/4L is luck to have you.
- 3/4L Caysen E for beginning tern 4 in a positive manner.
- 3/4M Nick G for helping the whole class draw monkeys!
- 3/4M Poppy Q for her excellent focus during patterns and algebra.
- 3/4M AJ S for his excellent paragraph structure.
- 5/6T Zara C for taking time with her writing and creating an engaging story.
- 5/6T Ryder C for excellent effort with his homework tasks, demonstrating creativity

PBL BRONZE AWARD

Alfred O, Harry R, Amelia S, Nikolas T, Skylar C, Lucas T, Scarlett A & John P

PBL SILVER AWARD

Jethro F, David Y



13 OCTOBER ORLANDO L
14 OCTOBER MATTHEW N
17 OCTOBER RUBY ZW
18 OCTOBER GUS H
19 OCTOBER SPENCER R

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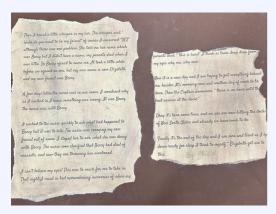
3/4L CLASSROOM FEATURE

WRITING

Last term, our class studied the First Fleet and for their writing, they concentrated on what it would be like to be a child convict. The students had to research, draft, edit and then finally publish these pieces, all using our "Bump It Up Wall" to help them create individual learning goals. All the kids did a fantastic job and their ability to place themselves on the ships 250 years ago was amazing.







MATHS

Over the past two weeks, we have been investigating Shapes and Angles. This allowed us

complete some fantastic hands on activities and experiments. The entire class loved the opportunity

to explore acute, right and obtuse angles through drawing all over their desks, even if it did make for

a big clean up. Another lesson, we got to create 3D shapes using sticks and BluTac which gave us all

a good chance to work out how many faces, vertices and edges they all have.

















3/4L CLASSROOM FEATURE

Meet Ken & Barbie

Last term, 3/4 L got two new class mates and they're not any ordinary kids. Ken & Barbie are Giant tree frogs or White Lipped frogs.

These frogs like to be held and patted, but sometimes they are in a bit of a jumpy mood. They have jumped on people's heads, faces and on tables.

These frogs mainly like to eat crickets.

They have really brought some joy and laughter to 3/4 L's class.

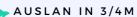
By Madi Young







AROUND THE SCHOOL



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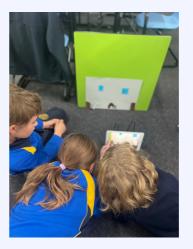
















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Mental Health & Wellbeing at St Ambrose

Erin Brass



VIC: THRIVINGKIDSANDPARENTS@MONASH.EDU





JOIN THE CELEBRATION OF ALL THINGS

Faith & Family

Prayer

God of everlasting Love I come to you with gratitude, laying my anxieties at your feet. Help me focus on what is true, noble, right, pure, and lovely. May your peace safeguard my heart and mind, providing strength and tranquility in all circumstances. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord Amen

Spiritual Reflection:

Paul offers profound guidance for finding inner peace and strength amidst life's challenges. It encourages us to replace anxiety with prayer and surrender, turning our worries over to God. This act of surrender allows us to experience a peace that transcends understanding. Furthermore, we are encouraged to focus our thoughts on what is true, noble, just, pure, lovely, and praiseworthy.

By doing so, we can cultivate a more positive outlook on life. Ultimately, Paul's letter to the Philippians reminds us that the key to peace lies in our relationship with God. It serves as a timeless reminder to approach life with faith, gratitude, and love.

Sunday's Gospel Reflection:

Celebrating the Word of God: A Reading from Paul's letter to the Phillipians 4:6-9 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable-if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me or seen in me-put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord Thanks Be to God

A Wondering:
Can you recall a time when you
felt God's peace, God's presence?
What did it feel like?

Wk	Date	Detail	With	Time
4	Wed 25th Oct	Middle Yrs Level Mass	Gr3/4	9.30am
5	Wed 1st Nov	Senior Yrs Level Mass	Gr5/6	9.30am
6	Fri 10th Nov	Junior Yrs Level Mass	GrP - 2	9.30am
7	Wed 15th Nov	Advent Paraliturgy Wk1 - Hope (Gr 5/6)	School	2.45pm
8	Wed 22rd Nov	Advent Paraliturgy Wk2 - Peace (Gr3/4)	School	2.45pm
9	Wed 29th Nov	Advent Paraliturgy Wk3 - Joy (Gr1/2)	School	2.45pm
10	Wed 6th Dec	End of Term/St Ambrose Feast Day Mass (Gr3/4)	School	9.30am
11	Mon 11th Dec	Grade 6 Graduation Liturgy/Ceremony	Gr6	6- 8pm
11	Wed 13th Dec	Advent Paraliturgy Wk4 - Love (Gr 5/6) & Nativity Play (Prep)	School	2.30pm

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

Faith & Family



COMMUNITY NEWS









Class length 1.5 hours during school terms

Maximum class sizes of 20 students

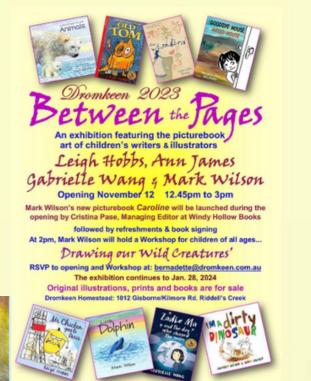
Taught by two qualified and experienced industry professionals Fees per term payable prior to each term \$200

Students work towards a showcase at the end of each semester

The Mount Players
The Mountview Theatre, 56 Smith Street, Macedon







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COMMUNITY NEWS

WHY DON'T YOU ENTER?

There are hundreds of categories to choose from... Home Brew Horticulture Paper Skills Painting & Drawing Jams Preserves & Chutneys Needlework & Knitting Photography Craft School Exhibits Home Produce Sheep & Alpaca Fleeces Creative Writing LEGO



HOW ABOUT ENTERING

Your favourite cake, your yummy jam, your home brew, a photo you took, craft the kids brought home from school, the scarf you took so long to knit, veggies or flowers from the garden, eggs from the hen house.





















HENDERSONS 1



ENTRY FORMS

ALL ENTRY FORMS MUST be in by Tuesday 14th November at 6.30pm Home Produce (Baking) ITEMS MUST be in the pavilion by Thursday 16th November at 9.30am

Farm Produce ITEMS MUST be in the pavilion by Friday 17th November at 10.30am Horticulture ITEMS MUST be in the pavilion by Friday 17th November at 10.30am

ALL other ITEMS MUST be in the pavilion by Tuesday 14th November at 6.30pm

OFFICE OFEINING HOURS								
Thurs	9th	10am - 4pm	Wed	15th	8am - 8pm			
Fri	10th	10am - 4pm	Thurs	16th	7.30am - 8pm			
Sat	11th	10am - 2pm	Fri	17th	7am onwards			
Sun	12th	10am - 2pm	Sat	18th	7am onwards			
Mon	13th	9am - 6pm	Sun	19th	10am - 2pm			
Tues	14th	8am - 8pm						

ADMISSION

• Adults \$20 • Pensioners \$10 • Child 2 - 17 years \$10 • Family Pass (2 Adult & 4 Children) \$50

• 2 Day Family Pass (2 Adult & 4 Children) \$80 Pre-purchase at www.trybooking.com/CLARM

or purchase your ticket at the gate.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Check out the web page for everything you need to know www.kynetonshow.org.au

Pick up a schedule from the Kyneton Copy Centre Email kynetonshow@gmail.com with your questions Text or Call Josie Rutledge 0439 743 865

KYNETON SHOW OFFICE

Located in the Watts Pavilion at the showground enter from Mollison Street next to the show mural.



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SATURDAY SHOW DAY







FRIDAY NIGHT CARNIVAL 17 NOVEMBER 5.30-10pm

NO ALCOHOL / NO PASS OUTS



Visit the Art, Craft & Produce Pavilion with 2500 Exhibits

Whip Cracking Demonstrations & Lessons



BIG MARQUEE ON NETBALL COURT

LIVE MUSIC. SNACKS DRINKS & GAMES CHARGING STATION



This is a space to hang out and kick back for young people aged 12+

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FREE KIDS'







18 NOVEMBER 9am-4pm

NO ENTRY FORM REQUIRED,

JUST TURN UP

CHILDREN'S PET PARADE

Class 2 Pet Dog Any Other Pet Animal Best Decorated Pet Class 4 Best in Show Memorial Ribbon Prizes: 1st - \$5





If you have made the 'Tree Change' come and speak to people who can help you manage your property.

Community News