

St Ambrose Primary School

Centred by Faith - In Partnership with Community -
We Provide Excellence in Learning

🐝 Respectful 🐝 Responsible 🐝 Resilient 🐝 Kind

SHC Junior Chef

Holly, Orlando, Hamish and Ryan are pictured below with the delicious fettucini and pasta sauce they made at yesterday's junior chef cook off at SHC. Congratulations on your fine team work and for learning how to make pasta!



Dear Jesus,

Please show me how to spend this day
Sharing your LOVE in every way
Help me to be kind to everyone
To play and laugh and have lots of fun
Shining your light and giving your grace
Sharing your JOY with a smile on your face!

Amen



We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of all the lands. 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.



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**EVERYONE
BELONGS**

**Bullying No Way
National week of action
12-16 August 2024**

Our next newsletter will be published on Friday 6th September 2024.

Term 3 dates

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| Friday 23 August 2024 | Last day of Book Fair in Gumbuya 8.15-8.45am / 3.30-3.45pm |
| Monday 26 August 2024 | Opening of new buildings 9.15am |
| Wednesday 28 August 2024 | Father's Day Refreshments 2pm Father's Day Liturgy 3pm |
| Friday 30 August 2024 | School closure day – Religious Education |
| Tuesday 3 September 2024 | Sacrament of Reconciliation 12pm |
| Wednesday 4 September 2024 | AFL Roadshow incursion for all grades Assembly in Gumbuya – 2.45pm |
| Thursday 5 September 2024 | Eucharist sacrament preparation 2.45pm |
| Saturday 7 September 2024 | Sacrament of First Eucharist 6pm |
| Sunday 8 September 2024 | Sacrament of First Eucharist 11am |
| Thursday 12 September 2024 | Eucharist sacrament preparation 2.45pm |
| Saturday 14 September 2024 | Sacrament of First Eucharist 6pm |
| Sunday 15 September 2024 | Sacrament of First Eucharist 11am |
| Monday 16 September 2024 | Division athletics Bendigo |
| Wednesday 18 September 2024 | End of Term Mass 9.30am |
| Friday 20 September 2024 | End of Term 3 – students dismissed at 2.30pm |
| Sat. 21 September – Sun. 6 October 2024 | Term 3 Holidays |
| Monday 7 October 2024 | Term 4 commences |

Term 4 dates

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| Monday 7 October 2024 | Term 4 commences |
| Wednesday 9 October 2024 | SAC meeting 9.15am |
| Monday 14 October 2024 | Region Athletics Bendigo |
| Wednesday 16 October 2024 | Assembly 2.45pm |
| Monday 21 October 2024 | Division Basketball Grade 6 boys Castlemaine |
| Thursday 24 October 2024 | Grade ¾ Mass 9.30am |
| Wednesday 30 October 2024 | Assembly 2.45pm |
| Friday 1 November 2024 | Grade Prep, 1/2 Mass 9.30am |
| Monday 4 November 2024 | School Closure Day – Report writing |
| Tuesday 5 November 2024 | Melbourne Cup Public Holiday |
| Thursday 7 November 2024 | Grade 5/6 Mass 9.30am |
| Wednesday 13 November 2024 | Prep Orientation Session 1 - 9-10am Grade 6 transition day at St Mary's Assembly 2.45pm |
| Wednesday 20 November 2024 | Prep Orientation Session 2- 9-10am Advent Paraliturgy week 1 – 2.45pm |
| Wednesday 27 November 2024 | Assembly 2.45pm Advent Paraliturgy week 2 – 2.45pm |
| Monday 2 December 2024 | Advent Paraliturgy week 3 – 2.45pm |
| Tuesday 3 December 2024 | Prep Orientation Session 3 – 9-11am Step up day – 9-11am Advent Paraliturgy week 3 – 2.45pm |
| Wednesday 4 December 2024 | SAC meeting 9.15am |
| Thursday 5 December 2024 | Family Christmas Carols and Picnic on the oval 5-7pm |
| Monday 9 December 2024 | Prep Nativity 2.45pm Grade 6 Graduation Liturgy/Ceremony 6pm |
| Tuesday 10 December 2024 | Grade 3/4 Lady Northcote Camp |
| Wednesday 11 December 2024 | Grade 3/4 Lady Northcote Camp No Canteen St Ambrose STEM activities |
| Thursday 12 December 2024 | Year 6 excursion to Splash Waterpark |
| Friday 13 December 2024 | Last day of school – students dismissed at 3.30pm |
| Monday 16 December 2024 | Numeracy Testing (by appointment via Operoo) |
| Tuesday 17 December 2024 | Numeracy Testing (by appointment via Operoo) |
| Wednesday 18 December 2024 | School Holidays commence |

Message from the Principal

Dear families, parishioners, and friends,
Thank you for supporting your children to come dressed as their favourite book characters on Wednesday. It was wonderful to be joined by so many of you for our vibrant parade which set a joyful tone for the day. Indeed it was a celebration of our community, favourite books and characters as well as all that books offer us. May we continue to be inspired to hone our reading skills and make reading a part of our lives. Thank you to Sharon for her fitting blessing marking St. Mary McKillop's recent anniversary. Mary McKillop has worked tirelessly to enable children access to an education and her spirit is lived on each day here at St Ambrose through the dedication of our wonderful staff and our families. The photo spread later in this newsletter reflects the fun experienced throughout this day. It really is a highlight for our students. It was great to see such an array of creative expression and resourcefulness in bringing favourite books and characters to life from what you had at home. We also appreciate your donations towards of our annual book fair. Why not pick up a book and start your own family reading ritual tonight! Enjoy!



Everyone Belongs at St Ambrose



As you know last Friday at St Ambrose we acknowledged 'Bullying No Way' week with a pop of purple! Every day is a day to say no to bullying! This year's theme is 'Everyone Belongs'. Bullying No Way Week is an opportunity to promote the importance of peer, school, parent and community connections - where every child feels safe, supported and respected.

Positive school climates that value diversity and inclusion can foster a sense of belonging and provide a protective factor against negative peer relationships and reduce bullying. Teachers play an important role in supporting

students' sense of belonging. Prioritising high-quality and respectful teacher-student relationships leads to supportive and caring classrooms where everyone is respected and treated fairly. When teachers create a positive learning environment, it helps students feel like they belong and reduces the occurrence of negative behaviours such as bullying. A podcast recommendation on this topic is - 'Bullying and Belonging' from the Department of Education and

Associate Professor and Educational and Developmental Psychologist at Monash University Dr Kelly-Ann Allen. Dr Allen discusses the importance of belonging in schools and how it can help to prevent bullying. This podcast is produced on behalf of

Bullying No Way: National week of action - an initiative of the Australian Schools Anti-Bullying Collective.

Working together with the school is the best way to help your child resolve bullying issues. We will work with you to resolve the situation and will also work with the other student's parents. Due to privacy law, they will not be able to share information about any other students involved.



Following the Footsteps of St Paul

For centuries, Christians have gone on pilgrimage, not just to visit a place and admire its nature, art or history, but to seek and immerse themselves in the presence of God. Pilgrimage gives us an opportunity to seek what our spirit longs for. As a collective of Principals of the Outer North Western Zone we see our schools as the Church for a large percentage of our communities. Consequently, Leaders of our Schools become Leaders within the Church. As part of our ONWZ collective we inspire a similar vision and goals to benefit us all both individually and collectively.

Experiencing the world of St Paul as it is today and to a degree, understanding what it was like for St Paul at the time of the early Church will give some insights for us into how to continue to be an inclusive, welcoming and respectful Christian community. We will follow this great Evangelist's passage beginning in Athens - Corinth - Meteora-Berea - Kavala - Philippi - Thessaloniki - Samos - Patmos - Kusadasi - Ephesus - Izmir.

This means that I will be on leave for the final two weeks of this term September 9th until September 20th as I take part in this pilgrimage with our ONWZ network. I am deeply grateful for this opportunity. During this time we will attend mass and study scripture. Mrs. Debbie Geisler will be stepping into my role during this time. I will keep you updated!

We Welcome Xavier College Mums

We foster a school community which is inclusive and welcoming. Last Friday we welcomed 130 guests who were mothers of day and boarding students from Xavier College to enjoy our new Gumbuya space for morning tea before they attended mass at St Ambrose church and lunch at Mt Macedon Winery.



Uniform

This is a reminder to support your children to wear the correct school uniform according to our uniform policy.

Note that hairwear and socks should be NAVY in colour.

[Click here to view our school uniform policy.](#)

Thank you for your co-operation.

Father's Day Celebrations Save the Date! 28th August 2.00pm

We are looking forward to celebrating next week with our Dads, Grandfathers and those like Father's to us with a sporty theme. Students may wear their favourite sporting uniform, scarf, jumper, shirt or hat.

Swimming feedback

Our students are to be highly commended for their respectful behaviour throughout our swimming program. So many KSAC staff and visitors to our school comment on how polite and respectful our children are (see below). Congratulations!



Do you know how a chicken, an aeroplane, a soldier and a pencil could save you from a dangerous situation? ... or when you might need to take a bold stride forward with arms outstretched like an eagle? Your children may be able to tell you!

Over the past few weeks at the Kyneton Sports and Aquatic Centre, St Ambrose students have demonstrated a real love of learning and of the aquatic environment as they've progressed through our school swimming program. Our swimming lessons extend far beyond the teaching of basic stroke and kicking technique - through role-play exercises, group discussions, practice activities and personalised coaching, students learn essential safety, survival and rescue skills, all while developing their swimming abilities and having a load of splashy fun!

My colleagues and I are always delighted to work with St Ambrose students - their attentiveness, courtesy and courage in trying new things are a real credit to all our families, the school community and culture, and of course to the individual efforts of the students themselves. We hope you and your youngsters continue to enjoy all kinds of aquatic environments as the weather warms up come and say 'hi' if you see me at the pool!

Many thanks, Juddie

Parents as Helpers School Support Program

We sincerely thank those of you who are supporting our programs in some way. We welcome your assistance and remind you to add your contribution to the Operoo form.

Bullying No Way!

Bullying: NO WAY!

Our students and staff came dressed with a "Pop of Purple" today to show solidarity towards our commitment to an anti-bullying community.

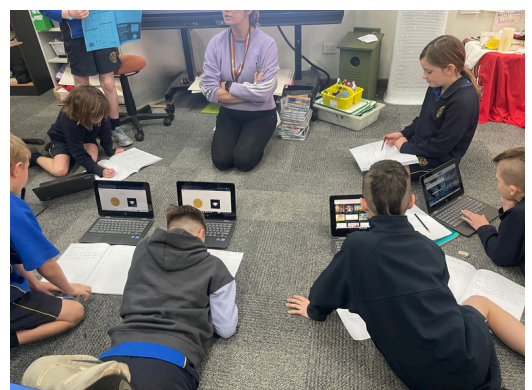
The theme for 2024 is 'Everyone belongs'.

"When we all feel like we belong, bullying struggles to find a place. It's about embracing who we are, respecting everyone's differences and standing up together against unkindness.

Belonging means we all have a role in preventing bullying. We're encouraged to speak up and create a safe place where everyone feels supported and respected, and our voices are heard and valued."

Our year preps took part in a buddy mass with their year six buddy. Fr. John spoke about Jesus who modelled kindness.

If we act with kindness then we create an inclusive bully free environment. Our students are pictured participating in their learning with a pop of purple!



Buddy Mass



St Ambrose Launches into Book Week at the Woodend Library!



On Monday August 19, our Prep and Yr 1-2 students attended a performance at the Woodend Library to kick off our Book Week Celebrations. The show's theme was, 'magic' which connects with this year's Book Week Theme "Reading is Magic!".

The students watched the performers showcase some of this year's shortlisted books and re-enact each character alongside the words from the book. We laughed, cheered and danced along with the characters. It was a sensational morning!



Mrs. Te Wiata's Special News

We are delighted that Mrs. Te Wiata and her family are expecting another baby in late December. This means that Haley will finish twelve teaching days before the end of the year. We thank Mrs. Kelly Woodman for stepping in during this time. Kelly is already teaching in 3-4T/W over Thursdays and Fridays. She will ensure that the students' programs continue throughout this time.

We wish Haley and her family all the very best during this special time.

Year 3-4 Camp to Lady Northcote

Our year 3-4 classes will go on their camp from **Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th** of December.

Please make note of this in your calendars.

Blessing of the Upgraded Buildings

Fr John will bless our upgraded building and the plaque will be unveiled with local member Mary-Anne Thomas MP on August 26th at 9.15 am. You are welcome to join us in the library for this event.

2025 Offers



Do you ever feel like time is passing by very quickly? It might seem like we are just past the middle mark of the school year and yet with our school leadership team, we are well and truly into planning for 2025! This means it is time to enrol for 2025 if you haven't already done so.

If you are wishing to enrol a sibling of a current student in Prep next year, we urge you to submit your enrolment application asap.

2025 Prep places are currently being offered. We are also taking enrolments across all levels.

Next Newsletter

For more news and photos visit our [website](#) and look at latest news including today's olympic games fun by clicking on our facebook button.

Our next newsletter will be published on Friday, 6th September

You are the greatest project you'll ever work on. Restart. Reset. Refocus. As many times as you need. Just don't give up.



Note PUPIL FREE DAY Friday 30th August



Bronwyn Phillips
Principal



5/6P CLASSROOM FEATURE

Farewell Finn

This term the 5/6s have been investigating Bushfire Preparedness. I have been very pleased with the discussions and learning taking place in the classroom and I look forward to our future collaboration with the CFA. The following paragraphs are a small selection that demonstrates the depth of knowledge of our students on this important topic. This week we also say **farewell to Finn** who is returning home to the Czech Republic after 7 weeks in 5/6P. The students, Joanna and I have enjoyed having Finn in our classroom. We have learned so much about him and his homeland, we wish him a safe journey home.



Over the past six weeks in inquiry the 5/6s have been looking at fire ecology. We learnt about how being aware of bushfires can help you relax in a stressed situation and about how the Macedon Ranges is a fire prone area, it is also in the temperate zone. Did you know that lignotubers are woody bulges at the base of the tree, they connect the trunk to the roots underground just like carrots and green shoots sprout from them after a fire. Also when trees get burnt the trees grow epicormic buds that are basically small stems and make the tree look fuzzy. We are looking forward to our investigation and our exhibition.

By Madeline.

Throughout the past 6 weeks we have been learning about bushfire safety. The first thing we learnt about was our safety and how we can help around the house. We also learnt about being aware of bushfire danger and knowing the dangers of how it could affect us. We used google earth to see how far we are away from a bush and Mt Macedon's cross. After we learnt about the temperate zones and how the weather (Climate zones) normally is. We also learnt what we need to take: personal hygiene, food, water, pets, phones, passports and other important things. Then we found out about different types of bushland in Australia such as: rainforests, dry woodland, grassland, Alpine and heath. All up it is very interesting.

Audrey

In inquiry, we have been learning about bushfire safety and how we can stay calm and be aware during a bushfire. I have learnt about the different vegetation types in Victoria that grow and are bushfire prone, how animals can escape a bushfire and more. Lately, we have been learning about photosynthesis and epicormic growth. The most interesting thing I learned is that when the fire goes through, Mountain Ash trees open their gumnuts and drop their seeds into the ash bed and seedlings sprout.

I am looking forward to the rest of the unit.

SOPHIE.

Bushfires: People hear this word and fret about it, but it doesn't have to be that way. So, as a 5/6 unit we've been learning about this topic. Bush fires sound bad, but in reality having small burn offs every now and then is actually good for the forests we have in Australia! Different ecosystems like Woodlands, mallee, and more all need fire to keep re-growing and to keep living in Australia! We are one of the only countries with all the different climate zones, like subtropical and tropical.

In the end, Australia has lots of different flora and fauna to love so appreciate it and love it!

Charlotte.

Fire safety

This term our classes have been learning about fire safety in inquiry. We have been looking at fire prone areas, how adaptive traits help trees and animals survive over time and how we can prepare for fire at home by creating emergency bags with vital items. We have also learnt about different types of forests and bushlands like: Rainforest, woodland, grasslands alpine and heath.

Elijah

This term in inquiry we are learning about bushfire safety. I think being aware of bushfires is a great part of learning. I have learnt so much. One of my favourite things we learnt about this term was; how mountain ash is an obligate seeder which means the seeds are encased in hard capsules called gumnuts that open and drop their seeds after a fire. This allows the seedlings to grow and new life to be made. Another thing I enjoyed was learning about all the zones, and how the temperate zone is the most fire prone. A lot of other things we learnt so far: We live in the temperate zone, torpor in animals like echidnas enables them to survive a bushfire, germination, epicormic growth and ecosystems. I have enjoyed learning about bushfire safety and I am excited to learn more. Phoebe

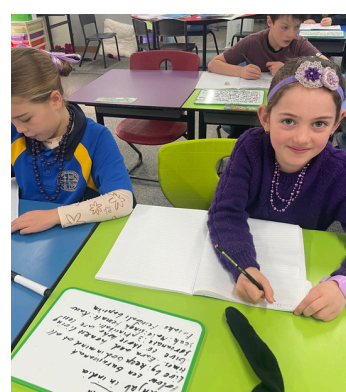
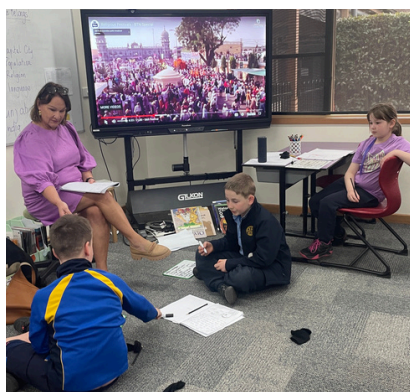
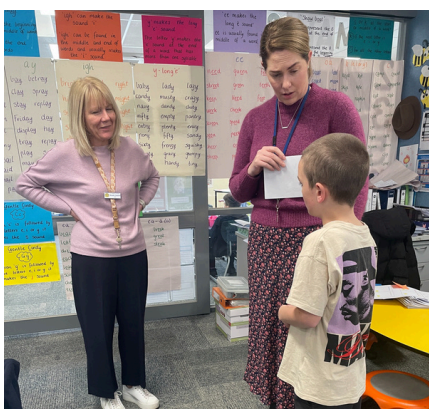
In inquiry we are learning about fire safety and how to protect us and others around us. We have learned a lot since the program started, like about what plants and vegetation are fire prone: we learned about the mountain ash what I really found interesting was when a mountain ash gets burnt in a fire they drop seeds from the hard capsule called a gumnut then they open at the right time and start growing in the ash bed and start to sprout to new mountain ash trees. Also, did you know that mountain ash is the tallest flowering plant in the world? I love learning about fire safety and I can't wait to learn more.

ELSIE



AROUND THE SCHOOL

Bullying No Way!



Buddies Mass



Cleaning up the sports shed





AROUND THE SCHOOL

Cobaw District Athletics



On Monday August 19th, Mrs. Cavric and Mr. Portelli took 37 students that qualified to attend our Cobaw district athletics event at the Latrobe athletics track in Bendigo. Students participated in 100m, 200m, 800m, 1500m, 4 x 100m relay, triple jump, long jump, high jump, discus and shotput! The students had a magnificent day and competed to the best of their ability. 17 of our students won first place and have qualified for the division level athletics at Bendigo on September 16th. If they qualify from this event, they go to region and then state level.

Congratulations to all the students on their participating and sportsmanship.



Last Monday the grade Three to Sixes attended Cobaw Athletics. It was in Bendigo on a synthetic track. It was very tough competition; some of the schools we competed against were Kyneton Primary, Our Lady Of The Rosary, Woodend Primary and many other schools.

Some of our students were successful placing in the top four receiving a ribbon.

The first place getters make it to the next level. We would like to thank Miss Cavric, Mr Portelli and Joanna for helping on this day. Once again congratulations to all of the competitors.

By Alani 5/6P.

Division Volleyballers!



Yesterday, nine of our grade 5/6 girls travelled to Bendigo Stadium to participate in the Sandhurst division volleyball competition.

These girls had previously won the Cobaw district volleyball competition back in February to progress to this level.

The girls were very competitive and won one of their four games.

It's great to see the girl's teams succeed and participate at a higher level and get enthused about a sport relatively new to them.

All of our sports competitions have the opportunity to progress to the next level and our school fully supports all of these opportunities.





AROUND THE SCHOOL

Book Week





Student Awards

PREP K Grace Y for responsibly picking up balls and rubbish. Thank you Grace!
PREP K Grace Y for wonderful sentence writing. Well done remembering
PREP K Leo Higgs for great progress in reading and working hard to practise lots of strategies!
PREP T Renzo L for remembering correct letter formation for "S" in his writing!
PREP T Anna M for showing resilience and dedication to learning new concepts in Math.
1/2CM Felicity F for her wonderful thoughts and contributions in our reading group.
1/2CM Coby S for the wonderful progress he is showing in reading!
1/2CM Ruby W for always showing kindness and care towards her peers!
1/2O Isabelle A for being an awesome leader and friend during our trip to the library.
1/2O Lachie G for being a supportive friend and responsible member of St Ambrose.
1/2S Jack B for his creative, thoughtful and interesting narrative writing! Well done!
1/2S Lizzy R for her creative and descriptive narrative writing. Well done!
1/2S Maggie C for her thoughtful contributions to our reading group discussions. Well done!
3/4M Jorel L for responsibly rearranging the sport shed. Thank you very much Jorel!
3/4M Bassy G for responsibly looking after our sport equipment. Thank you Bassy!
3/4M Lawson N for responsibly picking up balls and rubbish. Thank you Lawson!
3/4M Rex R for responsibly picking up balls and rubbish. Thank you Rex!
3/4M David Y for responsibly picking up balls and rubbish. Thank you David!
3/4M Hamish M for helping rearrange the sport shed.
3/4R Matilda C for her focus while recording facts about China.
3/4R Holly M for consistently demonstrating our school values in everything she does!
3/4TW Angus N for always showing kindness to others.
3/4TW Sofia M for always trying her best in everything she does.
5/6M Gus H for his entertaining opening paragraph about "Mr Fluffy!" Excellent vocabulary.
5/6M Madi M for her Ad campaign and great use of persuasive techniques.
5/6P Asher J for always being a kind and respectful classmate.
5/6P Amelia S for demonstrating resilience in solving Maths problems.

Sports Stars of the Week

Charlie P for excellent forehand striking skills!
Madeline D for an impressive volleyball serve!

PBL Bronze Awards

Julian G, Bosco L, Oliver D, Matteo T, Jock R

PBL Silver Awards

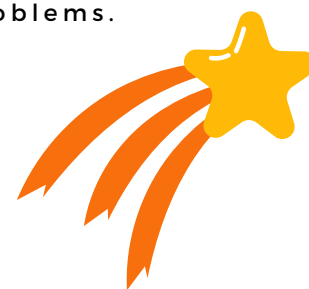
Joseph O, Agatha W, Peaches K, Ivy H, Skylar C, Lizzy R, Hunter R, Billie H, Holly M, Kate D

PBL Gold Awards

Oli J, Josh R, Aston M, Deon S, Haley C, Charlotte W, Elliott N, Maggie C, Ryder M, Poppy C, Lily M, Ben Y, Isabelle A, Baz R, Mollie H, Taj M, Sailor C, Lucy S, Leah W, Ava T, Lachie E

PBL Rainbow Awards

James B, Alice L





Junior Chef



Canteen Winter Special

Let's celebrate the last canteen day of Winter!

Next Wednesday we are running a special for 1 week only, available at recess.

Hot Chocolate and a Chocolate Chip Cookie
\$4.50

For our students with dietary requirements as always you are not forgotten. You can order our Allergy Friendly version. The cookies are DF, GF and Vegan. Hot Chocolate contains - soy milk and GF chocolate powder.



Congratulations Isaac!

A big congratulations to Isaac Creer for winning runner up best and fairest in the Riddell District junior football league's under 11A football competition.

A great achievement Isaac, well done!



Congratulations Indie!

A big congratulations to Indie Randle-Hewitt who won the Riddell District football netball league's best and fairest award for u13 division 1 netball award last Wednesday night!

We are very proud of you Indie!



24 August Austin S
25 August Grace M, Jordan M
27 August Jethro F
29 August Mila C, Alice L, Alfred O
31 August Olive S
1 September Bassy G
2 September Anna M, Ruby S
5 September Amity C, Arlia M





WOODEND COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE

The Woodend Neighbourhood House first set up a food swap at the end of 2021 with the idea that people could take what they need or leave what they could. Very quickly, demand outstripped supply, so in March 2023, the Woodend Community Food Bank formally opened its doors.

The Food Bank is open Mondays and Thursdays between 12.30pm – 2.30pm in the Undercroft of the Woodend Neighbourhood House. Access is via the gates by the Skate Park, off Margery Crescent.

The service provides food, household and personal hygiene items to those in need. Clients from all walks of life are welcomed by a friendly team of volunteers who assist with pantry staples, essential supplies, and a cup of tea and a chat.



To ensure the Woodend Neighbourhood House can continue to offer this important service to the local community, they rely heavily on donations.

The Social Justice Team at St Ambrose will be running a **Food Drive** between Monday 26th August until Monday 9th September. Donations can be made via the boxes in the classrooms, or via the office.

Items in demand include:

- Breakfast cereal
- Tinned items, such as soup, tomatoes, baked beans, vegetables, fruit or fish
- Spreads, such as peanut butter, jam, vegemite, honey
- Jars, such as pasta sauces and stir fry meal bases
- Beans and legumes, including soup mixes, lentils and chickpeas
- Instant meals and stock powder
- Sauces, including tomato sauce and BBQ sauce
- Rice and pasta
- Tea, coffee and long-life milk
- Biscuits, both sweet and savoury
- Toiletries and sanitary products
- Cleaning items, such as washing up liquid, washing powder, sponges
- Toilet paper and tissues

Donations are also very welcome via the collection bins in Coles and IGA in Woodend and cash donations can be made in person or via bank transfer. Contact the Woodend Neighbourhood House between 9am – 3pm Monday to Friday to donate.

The Woodend Neighbourhood House is very grateful for the support of the St Ambrose Parish Primary students, staff and families.



JOIN THE CELEBRATION OF ALL THINGS Faith & Family

THE BODY OF CHRIST
GOD, OUR FATHER, YOUR SON, JESUS,
GAVE HIS WHOLE SELF FOR US.
TRANSFORM US INTO MEMBERS OF
HIS BODY HERE ON EARTH,
BY USING BOTH OUR GIFTEDNESS
AND OUR ORDINARINESS
FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHURCH, AND
OF ALL THOSE WE MEET DAY BY DAY.
IN JESUS' NAME WE PRAY. AMEN.



Wonderings:

What Christ like qualities do you have and what qualities would you like to have? In what ways could you change the way you live, the way you are with others, so that you can be more like Jesus, more holy?



Commitment Masses

Congratulations to the following children who made their commitment to the Sacrament of First Holy Communion two weekends ago:
Amari B, Felix D, Jessica F, Kitty B, Joseph O, Haley C, Billie H, Ruby ZW, Isabell M, Jett & Levi H, Holly M and Patrick F.
Please keep these children in your prayers.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY - 18.08.24

PARISH NEWSLETTER - 18.08.24

Gospel Reflection: John 6:51-58

One evening during my freshman year, I met a friend for dinner in South Dining Hall. We began discussing faith, and my friend—who was not Catholic at the time—asked me: "Do Catholics really believe that the Eucharist is Jesus Christ's Body and Blood?" I told him that we did.

My friend was skeptical, but not because he had any scriptural or theological quibbles. Instead, he responded: "I want to believe that Jesus Christ is fully present in the Eucharist, and when I attend Mass, I see people profess that Christ is fully present. Yet I know how many of these people behave outside Mass. I don't intend to pass judgment on anyone, but it seems hypocritical to say that Jesus Christ is truly with them and not live a life that reflects that."

I often remember this conversation because I couldn't argue with his logic. It provides a stark reminder that when we receive the Eucharist, we have Christ in us and are called to live accordingly. Particularly in light of our bishops' call for a National Eucharistic Revival, today's gospel serves to remind us that when we approach the altar at Mass, we are receiving Christ's Body and Blood. So we must commit ourselves to living a life that reflects the graces we receive through the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

Acknowledging Christ's presence in the Eucharist goes beyond our time at Mass. Christ gave us his Body and Blood so we may become more like him and bring him to our workplaces, schools, and homes. How we live ought to reflect our belief that Christ is truly present in the Eucharist.

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Religious Calendar of Events in Term 3:

| Date | Details | Time |
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| 28th August | Father's Day Prayer Service | 3 pm |
| 3rd September | Reconciliation for children making First Communion | 12 pm |
| 5th September | First Eucharist Practice (Grade 4) | 2:45 pm |
| 7th September | Sacrament of First Eucharist | 6 pm |
| 8th September | Sacrament of First Eucharist | 11 am |
| 12th September | First Eucharist Practice (Grade 4) | 2:45 pm |
| 14th September | Sacrament of First Eucharist | 6 pm |
| 15th September | Sacrament of First Eucharist | 11 am |
| 18th September | End of Term 3 Mass | 9:30 |

Please note: All are welcome to our Masses. If you would like to join us in any of these celebrations, you are most welcome.



COMMUNITY NEWS



CWA WOODEND EVES

SCONEZILLA IS COMING!

SATURDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2024

\$12 FOR A HALF-DOZEN OF OUR FRESHLY BAKED LARGE SCONES BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED IN A CLEAR LIDDED GIFT BOX.

PERFECT WITH HOMEMADE BERRY JAM OR LEMON CURD MADE BY OUR MEMBERS FROM LOCAL FRUIT FOR \$4 EACH. GLUTEN FREE SCONES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE.

WHY NOT GIFT TO SOMEONE SPECIAL IN YOUR LIFE, WITH THE OPTIONAL GIFT TAG!

PICKUP ON SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2024 FROM THE WOODEND NEWSAGENCY
101 HIGH STREET, WOODEND 10AM - 1PM

PLEASE HELP US SUPPORT THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

ORDER HERE : [HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/CKMKV](https://www.trybooking.com/CKMKV)





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YEAR 7 2026 APPLICATIONS

Salesian College Sunbury



TO PARENTS OF STUDENTS CURRENTLY IN GRADE 5

Here at Salesian College Sunbury we are proud of our relationship with our neighbouring schools and communities. We work together to provide a quality Catholic education to the young people of Sunbury and surrounds. We celebrate life and faith, prepare students to contribute positively, and provide opportunities to achieve excellence.

We would love to see you as part of our Salesian family.

Did you know that now is the time to apply for a place at Salesian College Sunbury in Year 7 2026? Applications are being accepted and close on Friday 16 August 2024.

[Visit our website, or click here to apply.](#) The online application form can be started, saved, and completed at any time. I invite you to visit our College website for all other information.

Our website also features a [virtual tour](#) where you can explore what makes us so unique and 'A Home that Welcomes'.

First round interviews for Year 7 2026 places will be conducted in early September 2024 and offers will go out on Friday 18 October, with acceptances due Friday 8 November 2024. An interview booking link will be supplied to all applicants soon after the closing date.

If you require further information, please contact our College Registrar (03 9744 0000 - option 4).

Mark Brockhus
Principal - Salesian College Sunbury

BOOK A TOUR



MEET & GREET



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS, ONE COMMUNITY

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COMMUNITY NEWS

KYNETON BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

REGISTRATIONS
Summer domestic comp 2024/25
OPEN

Mondays
U10s and U12
Wednesdays
U14/U16/U18
Register for \$165

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or link in bio

Please contact
kynetonbasketballassociation@gmail.com
for further enquires

Term 4 and 1
commencing 8th October







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LANCEFIELD SHOW

SUNDAY
20TH OF OCTOBER
9AM-4PM

LANCEFIELD PARK CHAUNCEY STREET, LANCEFIELD

ADMISSION ADULTS: \$15 KIDS FREE
EARLYBIRD UNLIMITED RIDE WRISTBAND: \$35



 FOR TICKETS PLEASE SCAN AND
FOR MORE INFO VISIT
WWW.LANCEFIELDSHOW.ORG.AU

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**SUNBURY RECREATION RESERVE
CLARKE OVAL**

★ OCT **12TH** 2024 ★

FOR MORE INFORMATION
SUNBURYSHOW.ORG.AU

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 **SUNBURY SHOW**



Is your child interested in playing basketball this year?

Summer Season Terms 4 & 1

Registrations are currently open for the **2024/25 Summer Junior Domestic Season**, part of the Sunbury Basketball Association competition.



Visit the Hawks website for full details:
www.woodendhawksbasketball.org.au

The link for registration is provided below. Any queries can be sent via email to the coordinator.

Register: www.bit.ly/WHB2024SummerRegistration
Or contact:
coordinator@woodendhawksbasketball.org.au



Summer Season: commences
Saturday 12 October 2024 and runs
throughout Terms 4 & 1.