Term Three, Newsletter 16, Friday 9th August 2024



St Ambrose Primary School



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

When we use our gifts - the talents that we possess - it brings us a sense of joy. Pictured to the right are Orlando, James, Hamish and Sophia who are representing our school in the 2024 SHC junior chef competition.

Using our talents and gifts can give us a sense of purpose and fulfillment. It can make us feel like we're making a positive impact on the world around

We give thanks for our gifts and talents and pray that we can use them to make the world a joyous, harmonious and peacefilled place.











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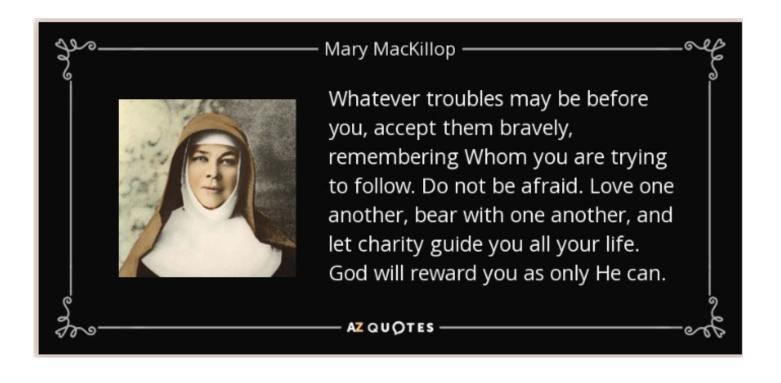
100 Days in Prep! St Ambrose prep students Friday and much fun was had! It is a joy visiting the prep rooms and observing them engaged in their learning and noting their progress. Congratulations to our fantastic prep students and their





Term 3 dates

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Saturday 10 August 2024	Eucharist Commitment Mass 6pm	
Sunday 11 August 2024	Eucharist Commitment Mass 11am	
Monday 12 August 2024	School swimming program - 3/4M 12.30-1.15, 3/4R 1.15-2, 3/4T 2-2.45	
Tuesday 13 August 2024	School swimming program - 3/4M 12.30-1.15, 3/4R 1.15-2, 3/4T 2-2.45	
Wednesday 14 August 2024	Buddies Mass – 9.30am	
	School swimming program - 3/4M 12.30-1.15, 3/4R 1.15-2, 3/4T 2-2.45	
Friday 16 August 2024	Cobaw Athletics Bendigo – Gr 3-6 x 50 students	
	Junior (1/2) Mass 9.30am	
Monday 19 August 2024	Prep/1/2 Book week show 10am at Woodend Library	
	School swimming program - 3/4M 12.30-1.15, 3/4R 1.15-2, 3/4T 2-2.45	
Tuesday 20 August 2024	School swimming program - 3/4M 12.30-1.15, 3/4R 1.15-2, 3/4T 2-2.45	
	Sacred Heart College Junior Chef 4-6.30pm	
Wednesday 21 August 2024	Book Parade for Book Week 9.15am	
	Maybe a Miracle – Livestream event for all classes	
	Assembly in Gumbuya – 2.45pm	
Thursday 22 August 2024	Grade 5/6 Mass – 9.30am	
	Girls Division Volleyball (Bendigo)	
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	
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	
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 3 dates

Message from the Principal

Here we are at the close of week four so the term is well under way! By now you will have looked over your children's class term overview outlining the learning focus in each curriculum area. The purpose of this is to provide families with valuable information about what is being covered. This enables you to have conversations with your child about the learning they are engaging in at school. In doing this, we hope to further strengthen the important home school partnership that supports learning success for all students. I know our teachers would appreciate your keeping in tune with what is happening in your child's classroom.

Next week we shine the spotlight on, "Bullying No Way" as it is the national week of action. This years theme is, 'Everyone Belongs" Please read the information later in this newsletter.

It was great to see so many families at Mass over the weekend to support their children who are preparing to make the sacrament of first holy communion. We pray for all of our young people making their First Eucharist.

This week is the feast day of Australia's first canonised Saint, Mary MacKillop. St. Mary MacKillop dedicated her life to the promotion of education, especially in small towns that might not otherwise have had a school. She set up Catholic schools for poor children across the country. Her legacy lives on in Penola, where she established her first school in 1866. She is known in the Catholic Church as St Mary of the Cross. Her vision was for her schools to be strong and connected communities where every student is enlivened by Christ to reach their personal best & live in truth, love and dignity.

Annual Review Meetings

"The more passionate we are about our work, the more vital it is that we take time to renew our own heart and mind — to reflect on the wellsprings of our service to others — to reconnect who we are with what we do". ~ Parker J Palmer

As part of the annual review process teachers reflect on their practice against the AITSL professional standards. Each year I meet with each staff member to hear about their year, their professional goals and aspirations and discuss their progress with their previous year's goals. I truly value these meetings which I have now had with all staff members. Indeed, we have a rich diversity of skills and expertise amongst our staff who willingly share their energies to make our school one where our children can excel.

I know that you would all want to acknowledge the work of all our educators for their continued hard work and dedication in providing our children with great care and learning opportunities and in return they certainly appreciate your continued support and cooperation. When we work together, we can continue to provide our children with many varied and amazing learning opportunities. "Vocation is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet" Frederick Buchner. I witness our staff commitment to their vocation on a daily basis. I thank them and look forward to continuing to manifest our vision together.

Congratulations to our Basketballers.





Spencer, Hayden and
Austin are pictured holding
the priemership flag!
Congratulations to our
boys team who will go on
to play the next level and
to our girls team who came
second!

SHC Junior Chef



Anita is pictured supporting our students to make delicious pancakes. The SHC junior chef competition aims to provide a fun, but challenging experience, along with an enjoyable introduction to the secondary environment.

We congratulate our team on this week's success making pancakes with a berry sauce and offer them our support next week as they rise to the challenge of making pasta and a tasty sauce! Our students did a superb job at SHC on Tuesday were they were commended for their fantastic team work.



Our Students Enjoying our Beautiful Library Space

Our students enjoy the opportunity to visit our library to immerse themselves in books in the comfortable and relaxing space. Each class visits the library at least once each week.







Music Instrumental Programs



It is great to observe our students enjoying their instrumental music lessons. We have been very impressed with the passionate teachers who have been coming in to teach the children. Jethro is pictured above under the guidance of Tim learning how to play the drums.

You can get further information about what Ranges Music offer via our website.

School Fees \$\$\$

Our thanks to those of you who are keeping your fees paid up to date. We rely on this income to cover the programs we offer our students. If you are unable to keep payments up to date please contact Karen Basa or me directly to organise a payment plan that will work for you.

If you have already done this, thank you too.

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.

Focus Teaching

One way we support learning from point of needs is in focus teaching groups. Our staff put time into planning these intense teaching sessions.







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

We are looking forward to celebrating 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.



Roof Laws

Following the recent tragic accident at a school in Melbourne where a teacher fell from a roof MACS are reviewing their policies and wish the following to be shared with you:

While the review is underway, I require that you direct your staff and parents - including permanent, fixed term, casual and CRT staff and parent volunteers - that until further notice they must not undertake any activities that would involve them working on roofs, or any similar locations where there is a risk of falling.

I ask that you are not tempted to climb up on our roof on the weekend to retirieve balls that your children may say are up there. Your safety is more important.

Swimming Program

Our students are enjoying their swimming lessons at the Kyneton Aquatics Centre. We thank Marie and the team who are again, doing a great job with our students. The children were delighted to discover Juddie was their swimming teacher!





Auskick



Auskick after school sessions are beginning after school in 2 weeks time (19 August), 3.45-4.45pm on Monday afternoons on the school oval.

This is not only for little ones but all ages from prep to grade six.

They are run by professional AFL Auskick coaches. There are 5 sessions and you can enrol using this link.

2025 Prep Offers

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.



Blessing of the Upgraded Buildings

Fr John will bless our upgraded building and the plaque will be unvelied 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.

Canteen on Swimming Days



Please note that canteen lunches will still be available on swimming days however there will be **no orders for**3/4M next week.

12 noon delivery to 3/4R 12:30pm delivery to 3/4TW No sushi to all 3/4 classes

next week.

"Let no obstacle deter us from proceeding with courage."







Next Newsletter

For more news and photos visit our <u>website</u> and look at latest news including todays olympic games fun by clicking on our facebook button.

Our next newsletter will be published on Friday, 23rd August



Bronwyn Phillips
Principal

3/4R CLASSROOM FEATURE







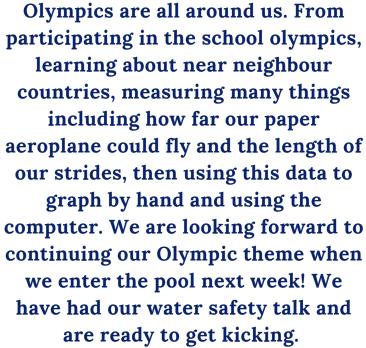




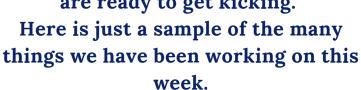














AROUND THE SCHOOL



Today we played Cobaw Basketball at Boardman Stadium in Sunbury. It was a district competition against all Cobaw local schools. It was a great day for all of us.

We started off with a few easy games that we won without much of a challenge. But then it got more challenging, we had a tough match against Our Lady Of The Rosary as we only won by 3 points. Soon after we had the deciding game between us and Kyneton Primary, it came down to 1 point which is equivalent to a free throw. We won by 1 point and the scores for the game against Kyneton were 14-11.

We all played really well and most of us scored a goal. We then went on to win the rest of our games and we finished on top of the ladder going through to the next stage.

We would like to thank Mel Lethbridge for being a fair and encouraging coach. We hope she will continue to support us in the next round.

By Harry 5/6P and Tom 5/6M



On the 6th of August the grade sixes attended Cobaw Basketball. We were part of the girls basketball team. We played 8 games against teams from around the district and we had 1 bye. We were very competitive and everyone scored at least 1 goal. Defence was by far our best asset, intercepting shots and passes.

We unfortunately lost 2 games against Kyneton and Woodend Primary School, but it was a great team effort, only going down by 1 goal in each game. We would like to thank Mrs Macca, Kyra and Mel Lethbridge for encouraging our teams to be the best we can.

By Indie 5/6M and Alani 5/6P













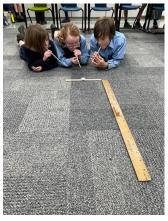




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Around the School



Student News



STUDENT AWARDS

- Prep K Nick L for fantastic listening during swimming and trying his best in every lesson Well done!
- Prep K Chase K for greeting our bus driver respectfully every day during swimming.
- Prep T Pip F for being a kind and encouraging friend.
- Prep T Attticus L for being responsible and respectful at swimming.
- 1/2CM Reuben for working hard to focus at his table. Well done!
- 1/2CM Elise M for her amazing work in writing. Well done!
- 1/20 Isla M for starting the term taking responsibility for her learning.
- 1/20 Ben C for his resilience and persistence in his writing.
- 1/2S Lily M for being a collaborative learner. Well done for working respectfully in groups and sharing your ideas.
- 1/2S Agatha W for working hard to re-read and edit her writing. Well done!
- 1/2S Everly B for being a kind and thoughtful friend who includes others. Well done!
- 1/2S Grace H for always giving 100% to everything she does. Well done on your persistent and resilient attitude!
- 3/4M Rex R for always extending himself in Maths.
- 3/4M Lawson N for using Story Grammar to write independently.
- 3/4R Felix D for showing resilience when making a paper aeroplane.
- 3/4R Archer B for always taking on ideas for SRC responsibly.
- 3/4R Hunter R for using his computer confidently to make graphs.
- 3/4TW Jett M for demonstrating leadership skills inside and outside the classroom and showing kindness to all.
- 3/4TW Ruby ZW for achieving two writing goals in one week writing descriptively throughout and starting sentences differently.
- 5/6M Orlando B for always being prepared to share his knowledge with our class!
- 5/6M Bruno B for his dedication to all learning tasks always giving 100% effort.
- 5/6M Arlia M for her teamwork and sportsmanship at Cobaw basketball.
- 5/6P Maeve D for enthusiastically answering questions in Maths.
- 5/6P Spencer R for being a kind and caring classmate.

Sports Stars of the Week

Amari B for amazing sportsmanship shown on Olympic Games Day.

Charlotte N for being an excellent cultural role-model at school Olympics.

Aston M for amazing sportsmanship shown on Olympic Games Day.

PBL Bronze Awards

Grace Y, Stuart P, Thomas S, Redmond O, Nick L, Leo H, Ben H, Amelia S, Mosako S, Casey M, Tilly N, Rupert F, Atticus L & Pip F

PBL Silver Awards

Dominic O, Harry R, Jim G, Deon S, Archer B, Teddy M, Felicity F, Tess J

PBL Gold Awards

Henry B, Remy B, Amari B, Harriet B



12 AUGUST RUBY P
13 AUGUST WILLIAM C & DAVID Y
17 AUGUST OSCAR D & PEACHES K
18 AUGUST MATEO S
23 AUGUST ARCHER B

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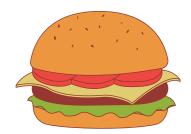
Junior Chef

There was silence as we waited for the other schools to arrive. Eventually after what felt like a year's wait the schools started to flood in, finally it was time to enter the kitchen. "READY! SET! GO!" the organiser shouted.

Noise polluted our ears as we got to work. A few minutes later we were already flippin' pancakes and the berry sauce was simmering, we peered over to see the other teams still whisking their batters. Beep! Beep! Beep! The timer went off. Confidently we took our pancakes to the judges. They urged us out of the room so they could judge in peace. We waited and waited and waited until they came out and gave us participation awards. We came back to school wrapped with our results. The experience taught us that we are a real team, our communication is great and we need to divide and conquer for the pasta round!



By Hamish, Holly, Orlando & Ryan.





Canteen News

Hello Parents, Carers, Staff and Students!

Thank you all for bearing with the alternate lunch delivery times for each class due to swimming lessons over the past few weeks. I was happy that most students were still able to get a lunch order if they wanted.

You will have also noticed there have been changes to the menu in the past few weeks with the introduction of croissants, cheeseburgers and chicken schnitzel burgers, all of which have been hugely popular.

Unfortunately I have had to place limits on and not offer some menu items due to not having enough volunteers to get the orders out to everyone. Apologies for any disappointment in not being able to order your favourites. This is temporary and will only be done as a last resort.

Finally, a very big thank you to the generous volunteers. Without your help it would be difficult to offer such a wide menu range to the students.

You are all valued and appreciated!

Thank you Katie

Mental Health & Wellbeing at St Ambrose



Erin Brass



Wednesday 28th August



St Ambrose Parish School, thanks to the Social Justice Team, are once again registered for Footy Colours Day!

We will be raising money (via a gold coin donation) for this very worthy cause in union with celebrating Father's Day.



The need for education support for kids with cancer

Every year, more than 950 children and young people aged 0-19 are diagnosed with cancer in Australia.

These kids are absent from school for long periods of time as they go through cancer treatment and recovery. Many drop class levels when they return to school, become isolated from their friends and disengage from their education.

Our education programs fight to reduce the long-term impact of cancer.

How do our programs help kids with cancer?

- *Maintain their education and connection with their school and school friends
- *Provide flexible, individual lesson plans that work around their illness and treatment
- *Mix of face-to-face and online learning sessions
- *Ease the transition back to 'normal' school life
- *Ensure kids with cancer reach their **full educational**, **professional and vocational potential**

So, we are inviting all our dads/carers, staff and students to wear their favourite team colours e.g. beanie/cap, scarf or jersey and bring along a gold coin donation.

Please note: it does not have to be a footy team. Other favourite teams' colours are welcome.



JOIN THE CELEBRATION OF ALL THINGS

Faith & Family

Lord, thank you for being the Bread of Life. with the joy of salvation. We come to you with gratitude for all that we have. Open our eyes and the eyes of all to see you as the only Bread for spiritual hunger but, also, to see your presence in the faces of all who have physical hunger.



Wonderings:

As the people asked Jesus, we must ask ourselves, "What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?"



Commitment Masses

Congratulations to the following children who made their commitment to the Sacrament of First Holy Communion over the weekend:

Jim G, A.J. S., Joshua R, Olivia C, Eire B, Leon G, Matilda C, Orlando L, Hamish M, Angus N, Hunter R, Harriet B and Alice C. Please keep these children in your prayers.

This weekend will be the last of the Commitment Masses for children making their First Holy Communion later in the term.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection: John 6:24-35

Friends, today's Gospel comes from the bread of life discourse: "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." What God has wanted from the beginning is to sit down with his creatures in a fellowship banquet, sharing life and laughter, giving and receiving and giving back again.....The more we receive the divine life, the more we should give it away and thereby get more of it.

Throughout the Old Testament, we find images of the holy banquet. On God's holy mountain, Isaiah says, there will be good meats and pure, choice wines. And throughout his ministry, Jesus hosts meals to which all are invited. God wants to share his life with us.

This comes to full expression in the Eucharist, when Jesus identifies himself so radically with the bread and the wine that they change into his Body and Blood, and then he invites all of us around this table to feast and share life, to give and receive and give again.

By: Bishop Robert Cannon (Word on Fire Website)

Religious Calendar of Events in Term 3:

Date	Details	Time
10th August	Eucharist Commitment Mass	6 pm
11th August	Eucharist Commitment Mass	11 am
14th August	Buddies Mass (Grades 5/6 and Preps)	9:30 am
28th August	Father's Day Prayer Service	3 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
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.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

<u>Visit our website</u>, <u>or click here to apply.</u> 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 <u>virtual tour</u> 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





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