

St Ambrose Primary School

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

Respectful Responsible Resilient Kind



Pico Iyer in his exploration of the art of stillness, in an age of constant motion, reminds us that:

*'In an age of speed nothing can be more invigorating than going slow,
In an age of distraction nothing can feel more invigorating than paying attention,
And in an age of constant movement nothing is more urgent than sitting still.'*



Monday 7 October 2024	Term 4 commences
Tuesday 8 October 2024	Recess canteen closed
Wednesday 9 October 2024	SAC meeting 9.15am AFL Roadshow incursion
Monday 14 October 2024	Region Athletics Bendigo
Wednesday 16 October 2024	Assembly 2.45pm
Friday 18 October 2024	STAM Day for senior students
Monday 21 October 2024	Division Basketball Grade 6 boys Castlemaine
Thursday 24 October 2024	Grade 3/4 Mass 9.30am
Friday 25 October 2024	World Teachers' Day
Wednesday 30 October 2024	Buddies Mass 9.30am 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 Lancefield Assembly 2.45pm
Wednesday 20 November 2024	Prep Orientation Session 2- 9-10am Advent Paraliturg week 1 – 2.45pm Junior school Zoo excursion
Friday 22 November 2024	Assembly 2.45pm
Wednesday 27 November 2024	Advent Paraliturg week 2 – 2.45pm Advent Paraliturg week 3 – 2.45pm
Monday 2 December 2024	Prep Orientation Session 3 – 9-11am
Tuesday 3 December 2024	Step up day – 9-11am Advent Paraliturg week 4 – 2.45pm
Wednesday 4 December 2024	SAC meeting 9.15am
Thursday 5 December 2024	Family Christmas Carols and Picnic on the oval 5-7pm
Saturday 7 December 2024	Feast of St Ambrose
Monday 9 December 2024	Prep Nativity 2.45pm Grade 6 Graduation Liturgy/Ceremony 6pm
Wednesday 11 December 2024	End of Year Mass (9.30am) and St Ambrose STEM activities Assembly 2.45pm No Canteen
Thursday 12 December 2024	Year 6 excursion to Splash Waterpark Grade 3/4 Lady Northcote Camp
Friday 13 December 2024	Grade 3/4 Lady Northcote Camp 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

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Our next newsletter will be published on Friday 18th October 2024.

Message from the Acting Principal

Dear families, parishioners, and friends,

During Term 3 we have had the pleasure to witness the passion, perseverance and resilience of our Australian Olympians and our awe-inspiring Paralympian's! Alongside this I have witnessed the continual growth of our students and staff who have demonstrated creativity, determination, adaptability and a willingness to have-a-go.

There has been much to celebrate especially the students learning which is visibly displayed on every wall inside and outside of the classrooms, and shared with the whole school during our fortnightly assemblies.



All our students who had a Bee Ticket drawn out each fortnight for demonstrating our school expectations of being Respectful, Responsible, Resilient and Kind received an extra play on Monday. As I watched the children stream out of each of the classrooms toward the playground and oval I heard one of our junior students shriek with pure delight, "This is the best day of my life!"



SHC Work Experience



We have been blessed this week with three of our former students in Year 10 at Sacred Heart College, Ben, Patrick and Ruben coming back to do their working experience with us. They enjoyed supporting staff and students across the school at all different levels and specialist classes. We thoroughly appreciate when our past students want to come back.

Thank you boys!



We closed our term with our Grade 4 students celebrating their First Eucharist over the past two weekends proceeded over by Fr. John. On Wednesday morning Fr. John celebrated with the whole school at our end of term mass.

The gospel was about God's commandment to 'Love one another', so he read a picture story book to the students for his homily called 'Big Hug Little Mouse' to make the connection of the message of the gospel to their everyday lives. He asked the students, 'What word in the gospel was mentioned 19 times?' "LOVE" He then asked, 'What did Jesus call us?' "FRIENDS" And finally he asked the students, 'What did the little mouse do to show love to her friends and family?' "HUG!" The students were left with the message to love your friends and family and don't forget to show them by giving them a hug.

Finally, I sincerely wish all of our students and families a safe, joy-filled and relaxing holiday break. May you enjoy being still and present with each other and find the joy in all the little things!... Just like a 5 year old!

Yours in faith,
Debbie Geisler

School Hats & Summer Uniform in Term 4

Our SunSmart policy forms part of educating our children to protect themselves from the sun's harmful rays. As part of this policy and in the interests of child wellbeing, the 'no hat, no play' component, is enacted throughout terms one and four. Students who do not have appropriate hat are asked to play in the shade or a designated area protected from the sun.

All students are required to wear a school branded bucket hat.

If you are needing to purchase a new hat or any other uniform for Term 4, please contact Hip Pocket. Details are in this link - [Uniform information](#).

Our children may also wear their summer uniform from the beginning of term four. If the days are still cold they may also wear their winter uniform over the first two weeks of the term.



Food Drive

The Social Justice Team would like to announce that this year's Food Bank drive at St Ambrose has been a great success, a total of 330 items were donated to the Woodend Neighbourhood House Food Bank at the commencement of the drive. Thank you everyone for contributing to this cause.

The Food Bank is open Mondays and Thursday 12.30pm-2.30pm every week.



Message from Ms Phillips

"Happy are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage" Psalm 85:5

With gratitude I am spending a couple of weeks on a journey within and without... a time to nourish the soul! Beginning in the ancient city of Athens and finishing in Izmir Turkey following some of the path taken by St Paul (in reverse order) so many centuries ago.

Paul founded the church in Corinth and we were able to stand in the place where he used to preach to the Corinthians. From there, he moved on to Ephesus, a city on the west coast of today's Turkey, and then to Caesarea and Antioch to complete his mission. Paul later returned to Ephesus on his third missionary journey and stayed there for three years. During his time in Ephesus, St. Paul set one of the most well known religious routes in the world. This pilgrimage I am part of with a group of fellow ONWZ principals, follows his footsteps. We will visit Ephesus in a few days.

Paul is a key figure in Christian religion. Even though he wasn't one of Jesus' 12 Apostles, he spread the word of Christianity more than anybody else and for this reason he "Apostle of the Nations".

St Paul's journey in Greece has taken us through some of the most beautiful places that touch not only believers but also anyone who loves history. Our travels immerse us in a combination of pilgrimage as well as experiencing the sights of this magnificent country.

Last Monday we began our sacred journey stepping into an ancient faith tradition, joining countless saints and ordinary people who have gone before us on pilgrimage.

Our pilgrimage began with an exploration of Athens and its ancient and sacred sites. Greece of today continues on, buzzing around the ancient ruins and holy spaces.

As we follow the footsteps of St Paul we reflect on our beliefs, faith rituals and traditions, as well as modern day connections and how this applies to our own lives and that of our school communities.

Together we have shared silence, prayer and scripture at the Acropolis, the place where St Paul preached to the Athenians. It is here the Acts 17:15-34 is inscribed on stone.



After visiting Ancient Greek sites, Acropolis, Corinth and the Monastery of Hosios Loukas, Thessaloniki, Philippi and Kavala we now have a taste of what Greece was like when Jesus walked our earth and Paul spread the word of God.

Paul was a modern day influencer of his time. He travelled Greece and Turkey sharing our faith with others. Some were keen to listen and others were not. We have been fortunate to visit many of these places along with many other people from all around the world.

We have been in awe of the artefacts, mosaics, and paintings that give us a sense of what life was like in Paul's time and tell the scripture stories to all those who visit. We have seen these messages of the past echoing through the beauty in each of these places. We have been in awe of the creativity, patience and dedication the artisans of the day generated to make such beautiful spaces for worship and for the community to gather.

We have been extremely fortunate to have been gifted a sense of Paul's vision and mission to spread the good news of his friend Jesus Christ to all those who he thought needed it.

Today we travelled from Samos to Patmos by boat, as Paul would have done. It is here where we will visit where John wrote the Book of Revelation. Patmos is called the 'Jerusalem of the Aegean' due to the overwhelming atmosphere of the island during the great celebrations of Christianity. We look forward to learning more and reflecting on our faith in these glorious places.

At this point, for me the most moving experience I have had was in Phillipi where Paul baptised Lydia who was his first convert. We renewed our vows of baptism in this blessed place and I said a prayer for our St Ambrose community. "Faith is not the clinging to a shrine, but an endless pilgrimage of the heart." - Abraham Joshua Heschel.

Catholics see pilgrimage as an opportunity to strengthen their faith. We will continue to pray for you all and ask that you pray for us as we continue to witness the journey of St Paul.

I would like to congratulate our students who recently made their first Eucharist and all of our classes on their progress this term. I will share some points of interest with our classes after the Thankyou to our incredible staff and you our families and community for your contribution to our great school this past ten weeks. May you all enjoy the term break and I look forward to seeing you in term four.



This photo was taken at HOSIOS LOUKAS MONASTERY which is west out of Athens. It is a remarkable Byzantine Monastery of Hosios Loukas, built in the 11th century on the slopes of Mt Helikon. In 1990 UNESCO included this site on their World Heritage List. The Churches, crypt and surrounds housed amazing frescoes and mosaics. This ancient monastery is an architectural masterpiece and most beautiful spiritual sanctuary. I said a prayer for you all in this holy place.

Next Newsletter

For more news and photos visit our [website](#) and look at latest news including our opening and fathers day fun by clicking on our facebook button.

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Debbie Geisler
Acting Principal



PHYSICAL EDUCATION FEATURE

Paralympic Celebration in PE

Last Friday in PE we had Basketball Victoria come out to deliver a wheelchair basketball incursion to our Grade Three to Six students. It was a great way to celebrate the Paralympic Games and learn how to play a sport in a wheelchair. We learnt how to turn the chairs, how to dribble a basketball in a chair and had a game of basketball in the wheelchairs.





AROUND THE SCHOOL

Teaching the Macarana



Getting the weeds out of the gardens ready for planting this spring



Foodbank



PBL Rainbow Award Recipients

Auslan at Assembly



Seasons for Growth Program





AROUND THE SCHOOL

Grade 3/4 Country Expo



Weaving in Art





Student Awards

- Prep K - Ben H for sharing lots of creative ideas with the class when thinking about his Fuzzle story!
- Prep K - Leboko S for fantastic work sounding out words in his writing and spelling!
- Prep K - Emilia T for using her sound knowledge to sound out words when reading! Well done.
- Prep T - Julian G for his creative and detailed story writing - well done!
- Prep T - Bosco L for his informative and creative story writing - well done!
- 1/2CM - Jack J for trying hard to extend himself in maths. Well done!
- 1/2CM - Mosako S for working so hard to improve his reading. Excellent.
- 1/2S - Skylar C for working hard to share items into equal groups to show division. Well done!
- 1/2S - Ivy H for her consistent hard work and determination in her writing. Well done!
- 1/2S - Poppy C for her determination during Inquiry to find and record facts about a country. Well done!
- 1/2O - Jacques B for showing resilience when planning his writing.
- 1/2O - Florence H for working hard on her reading strategies.
- 3/4M - Augie L for working hard to complete his information booklet.
- 3/4M - Annie D for completing her information booklet and sharing it with others.
- 3/4M - Niamh F for displaying creativity in her presentation of her information booklet.
- 3/4R - Tillie J for being such an enthusiastic class member, especially when making pasta!
- 3/4R - Jacob W for being helpful and interested when making pasta!
- 3/4TW - Remy B for respectfully starting the day each day and working hard to improve basic fact knowledge.
- 3/4TW - Deon S for developing the confidence to share his ideas in front of the class.
- 5/6P - Harry M for being a responsible learner by asking questions and sharing knowledge.
- 5/6P - Phoebe G for showing kindness and support to her classmates.

Sports Stars of the Week

PBL Bronze Awards (20 Bee Gotcha Tickets)

Elsie A,

PBL Silver Awards (40 Bee Gotcha Tickets)

Jessica F, Alice C, Maddy Q, Anna M, Rupert F, Lachie E, Leo H, Nick L, Emilia T, Grace Y

PBL Gold Awards (60 Bee Gotcha Tickets)

Dominic O, Reuben T, Coby S, James B

PBL Rainbow Awards (100 Bee Gotcha Tickets)

Grace H, Elliott N, Scarlett M, Amari B,



Thank you Suzannah for capturing the rainbow above us this week.



22 September - Jack H, Augie L
23 September - Joseph M, Madi Y
24 September - James B
25 September - Nick L
26 September - Toby C
29 September - Felicity F
1 October - Ryan K
2 October - Caleb S
3 October - Leboko S
5 October - Lewis L, Amy M
6 October - Maggie C
7 October - Sofia M
9 October - Eva P
11 October - Charlotte W
12 October - Matteo T
13 October - Orlando B
17 October - Ruby ZW



ST AMBROSE PARENTS & FRIENDS
ASSOCIATION PRESENTS THE

School
DISCO
Party!

FRIDAY 20 SEPT
AT THE WOODEND TENNIS CLUB

GRADES PREP, 1 & 2 | GRADES 3, 4, 5 & 6

4 - 5:15PM | 5:30 - 7PM

BOOK TICKETS AT:
WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/EVENTS/LANDING/1286220



There is no better time to practise apologies than the school holidays when sibling feuds can often become louder and more frequent. We often talk about how to apologise but not often we talk about how to accept apologies. These 2 infographics set out really easy scripts to follow for children of all ages.

"OOPS, TO 'OKAY"

3 steps to **apologise** and mean it



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"OOPS, TO 'OKAY"

3 steps to **accept** an apology



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Term 4, 2024
Loddon Mallee
Regional Parenting

What's On: Term 4

All programs are delivered by our qualified and passionate facilitators.

Multi-Session Programs

Tuning in to Kids | 6 Sessions, Wednesdays

Learn how to help your child understand and manage their feelings and develop emotional intelligence. In this program you will find out how to help your child manage feelings such as frustration, worry and anger.

FREE | Mondays, 21 Oct - 21 Nov | 10.30am - 12.30pm
CatholicCare Victoria, 176 - 178 McCree Street, Bendigo



Tuning in to Teens | 6 Sessions, Tuesdays

This program helps parents and guardians to build strong relationships and ensure positive interactions with their teenagers - even in difficult times.

FREE | Tuesdays, 22 Oct - 26 Nov | 10am - 12pm
Online, via Zoom



Our Kids | 6 Sessions, Tuesdays or Thursdays

This post-separation program helps separated families who have experienced high parental conflict, difficulty in managing children's arrangements, or who want to gain new skills and insights to improve the co-parenting relationship.

\$700, concession \$350

Thursdays, 17 Oct - 21 Nov | 12.30pm - 2.30pm
CatholicCare Victoria, 176 - 178 McCree Street, Bendigo

Tuesdays, 22 Oct - 26 Nov | 9am - 8pm
Online, via Zoom



Parenting Together - for couples 2 Sessions, Thursdays

This program helps couples who are parenting together, learn ways to balance parenting roles, understand your child's behaviour, communicate effectively and find a parenting style that works for you.

FREE | Thursdays, 10 & 21 November | 9pm - 10pm
Online, via Zoom



Keep informed on our programs across Victoria at www.catholiccare.org.au
(03) 5328 1300 | 176 - 178 McCree Street, Bendigo VIC 3550



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Single-Session Workshops

Connecting with Kids

This workshop helps parents and carers learn how to use emotional intelligence to understand and guide children's behaviour.

FREE
Monday, 14 October | 1pm - 2.30pm
Bendigo Library, 239 Argueres St, Bendigo



Tech Strategies for Families

Technology presents a raft of challenges for parents, guardians and carers. Learn ways of setting boundaries and create a calm and healthy tech environment for your family.

FREE
Wednesday, 23 October | 9am - 11am
Quarry Hill Primary School, Bendigo



Understanding Toddlers

This workshop for parents and carers covers the developmental stages of toddlers, as well as how you can connect, communicate and manage difficult behaviours.

FREE
Thursday, 14 November | 1pm - 2.30pm
The Nest, 91 Nolan St, Maryborough



Registrations are essential for all of our programs and workshops, places are limited.

Please call us if you have questions on (03) 5328 1300 or email bendigo.registration@catholiccare.org.au



Register:
www.catholiccarevic.org.au/workshops

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(03) 5328 1300 | 176 - 178 McCree Street, Bendigo VIC 3550

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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.

Action:

Once you respond to "who
Christ is for you," at the
end of the day decide
how and when your
actions did or did not
match your words.

Wonderings:

Who do we believe Jesus is? Who
do we say that he is? How do we
reveal that to others - at home, at
work, in the supermarket, at the
gym?

What do we do in our daily lives
that tells others, "I follow Jesus."
Can they see that without us even
saying a word?



Gospel Reflection: Mark 8:27-35

This passage does more than challenge the apostles to define Jesus. It challenges us, here and now, to make a declaration of faith, to believe, to act - not just think about what Christ means and who he is, but to say it. To make a declaration of faith.

But how do we do that? Jesus offered an answer many may not want to hear. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

Among other things, this passage affirms, once again, that Jesus never offered his followers the easy way out. What he was offering, instead, required sacrifice, hardship, suffering - carrying a cross, bearing a burden, even to the point of persecution and death.

For many Christians around the world today, the cross might involve punishment or imprisonment, possibly even death, for declaring oneself a follower of Christ. But for most of us, the cross is very different, almost abstract. It isn't necessarily made of wood.

To be a Christian can mean carrying the cross of mercy - forgiving others and praying for them, when it is so much easier and gratifying to hate.

It can mean carrying the cross of patience - living with a thousand small setbacks and annoyances to perform acts of kindness, generosity or love for another.

Maybe it means carrying the cross of self-sacrifice - caring for others who might hunger for food or friendship or who yearn simply for someone to lend a hand or lend an ear.

In ways large and small, we are compelled to face the central question at the heart of Mark's Gospel - "Who do you say that I am?" - and answer it not only with words, but with our lives. We are called to do nothing less than to proclaim the love of Christ.

Whether we realize it or not, that charge lies - literally - at the center of the Gospel. It should also be at the center of our lives.

By: Deacon Greg Kandra

Religious Calendar of Events in Term 4:

DATE	DETAILS	TIME
24th October	Middle Level Mass	9:30 am
30th October	Buddies Mass	9:30 am
1st November	Junior Level Mass	9:30 am
20th November (Wednesday)	Advent Prayer Service Week 1 (Jocelyn)	2:45 pm
27th November (Wednesday)	Advent Prayer Service Week 2 (Grades 5/6)	2:45 pm
2nd December (Monday)	Advent Prayer Service Week 3 (Grades 3/4)	2:45 pm
3rd December (Tuesday)	Advent Prayer Service Week 4 (Grades 1/2)	2:45 pm
9th December (Monday)	Nativity Play (Preps) Gr. 6 Graduation	2:45 pm 6 pm
11th December (Wednesday)	St. Ambrose / End of Year Mass	9:30 pm

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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Faith & Family

First Communion Reflection

Over the past two weekends the Grade 4 children from St. Ambrose Parish have been making their First Eucharist. Father John spoke to many of them about a young boy called Blessed Carlo Acutis, who was born in 1991. Carlo was a normal young boy, very much like the children in our Parish. Carlo enjoyed doing all the things that any teenage boy did. He was really talented with computers and, through his work cataloguing all the Eucharistic miracles in the world, he tried to show people “that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist”.

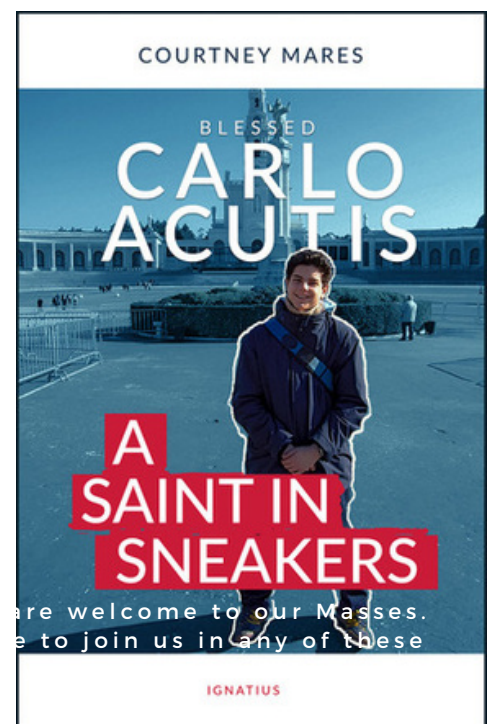
When he was 15, Carlo was diagnosed with an aggressive form of Leukaemia. He still thought of others more than himself as seen when he wouldn't wake his tired mother just because he was in pain. Carlo died in 2006, a week after he was diagnosed. What people didn't know at that time was that Carlo not only spread the faith with his online work, but he gave a lot of time and his own money to help the poor and homeless throughout Milan where he grew up. Next year Carlo, though only 15 when he died, will become a saint.

People have the misconception that young people and teenagers cannot make a difference in this world. Blessed Carlo Acutis demonstrated that, with God's help, they can. Our children, in receiving their First Eucharist, have shown an acceptance of God's love and help in all their endeavours. Father John explained to the communicants that Carlo loved the Eucharist and after receiving communion he would take Jesus with him into his everyday life and interactions. Father John explained that the Mass concludes with the priest saying “*The Mass has ended, go in peace to love and serve the Lord,*” and that's all they need to do! Just like Carlo, they can just take Jesus with them into their everyday. They, too, can make a difference in this world if they are willing to try.

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Who was Bl. Carlo Acutis?

"HAPPINESS IS LOOKING TOWARDS GOD. SADNESS IS LOOKING TOWARDS YOURSELF."



READ THE SHORT BIOGRAPHY OF CARLO ACUTIS OR WATCH AN ANIMATED VERSION HERE:



Carlo Acutis was born in London in 1991 to Italian parents and grew up in Milan. From a very early age, people felt that Carlo was a particularly special boy. Carlo showed a great devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist and to Our Lady, even though his parents didn't practice their faith.

Growing up, Carlo was lively, popular and cheerful. He wasn't always the most prepared for class and he often distracted others during boring lessons, but when this was brought to his attention by his teachers, he stopped completely.

A bright lad, Carlo finished middle school with distinction. He had a particular gift for kindness. He stood up for those who were picked on by others because they were different. He wanted his friends to live good virtuous lives, and he challenged the other students in his class to value the gift of modesty and he stood up for the gift of life. Above all, he wanted his friends to know and love God like he did. Carlo was his own man - he wasn't bothered by what other people thought about him.

"ALL PEOPLE ARE BORN AS ORIGINALS, BUT MANY DIE AS PHOTOCOPIES."

Young Carlo didn't just talk to his schoolmates only about prayer. He was a normal teenager, who loved joking and laughing, hanging out with his friends, making videos with them; he loved quizzes, flying kites, watching action films, playing soccer and being on his Playstation too. He loved Pokemon and Super Mario. He loved his dogs, cats and even his goldfish. His friends knew Carlo was always there for them, especially if they were going through a hard time in their families. Carlo also volunteered as a catechist for younger children preparing for their confirmation.



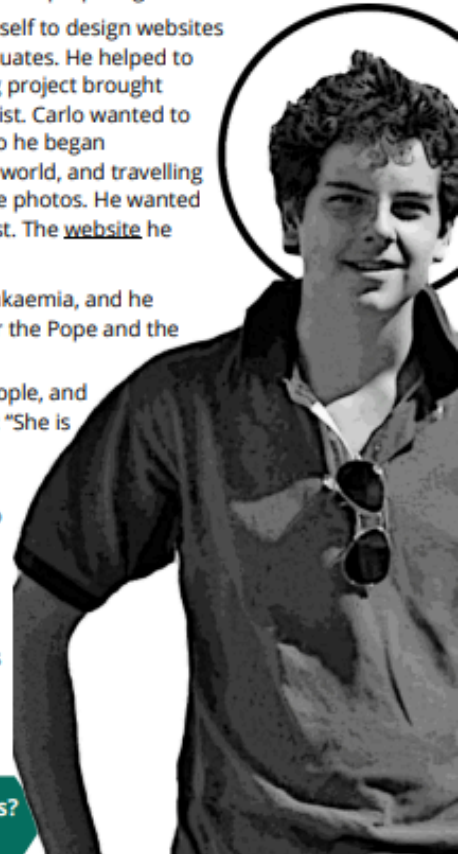
Carlo was really talented with computers. He taught himself to design websites and could understand computers as well as college graduates. He helped to create a website for his school and his parish, but his big project brought together two of his passions: technology and the Eucharist. Carlo wanted to catalogue all the Eucharistic miracles in the world, and so he began researching and collecting information from all over the world, and travelling to various shrines with his parents when he could to take photos. He wanted people to know that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. The website he started is still on the internet today!

When Carlo was just 15, he got really sick with a very aggressive form of Leukaemia, and he knew he didn't have long to live. He offered up all his pain and suffering "for the Pope and the Church, so as not to undergo Purgatory and enter heaven directly."

Even though he was really sick in hospital, he still thought more of other people, and nurses noticed that he didn't want to wake his mother when he was in pain: "She is very tired as well, and she will only worry even more about me."

Carlo died on 12 October 2006, just one week after being diagnosed, and was buried in Assisi where he loved to visit. A huge crowd of people came to his funeral. What many people didn't know about Carlo was that as well as his online work in spreading the faith, he was also giving up a lot of time and his own money to help the poor and homeless, bringing food and sleeping bags to people throughout Milan.

Carlo, our millennial saint, was beatified on 10 October 2020, and showed us that holiness and even sainthood are possible for teenagers and young people today, in the ordinary circumstances of everyday life. Saints can wear Nike and jeans, play computer games and surf the net too!



1. What is your initial response to the life of Blessed Carlo Acutis?
2. If you could ask him one question, what would it be?

JOIN THE CELEBRATION OF ALL THINGS **Faith & Family**

Sacrament of Eucharist



Congratulations to the following children who made their First Eucharist over the last two weekends:

Catalina B, Jessica F, Ruby Z W, Patrick F, Varli F, Holly M, Joseph O, Alejandro J. S, Isabelle M, Hamish M, Orlando LF, Billie H, Jim G, Felix D, Olivia C, Eire B, Alice C, Amari B, Hunter R, Joshua R, Harriet B, Haley C, Angus N, Jett H, Levi H, Matilda C, Leon G and Scarlett M.



COMMUNITY NEWS



GIRLS CRICKET!

AT THE WOODEND CRICKET CLUB

AGES 6-9 CRICKET BLAST

AGES 9-13 UNDER 13 GIRLS

KEEP ACTIVE! MAKE FRIENDS!

HAVE FUN!

**THE FUN STARTS FRIDAYS 5PM
BETWEEN OCTOBER AND MARCH.**

REGISTER NOW!

ALL SKILL LEVELS AND EXPERIENCE WELCOME

CONTACT EMMA ON 0422 441 889 OR EMAIL WOODENDCRICKETCLUB@GMAIL.COM



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Kyneton Croquet Club

Kids Come & Try

A School Holiday Program, where children learn the basics of croquet. Aimed at children 6+, must be accompanied by an adult. All equipment provided.

Cost is \$5 per child, accompanying adult no charge. Cash only on the day. Refreshments available to purchase.

Sessions: 10am-12pm

Monday 23rd Sept

Wednesday 25th Sept

Monday 30th Sept

Wednesday 2nd Oct

For further details or to RSVP contact
Jenny on 0414 371 262 or
kynetoncroquetclub@gmail.com

CRICKET REGISTRATIONS OPEN BOYS AND GIRLS WELCOME!

CRICKET BLAST (AGES 5-9), U11, U13, U15, U17



WWW.WOODENDCRICKETCLUB.ORG/JUNIORS

EMAIL: WOODENDCRICKETCLUB@GMAIL.COM

JUNIOR COORDINATOR (BEN) 0490 023 301



Kyneton Little Athletics 2024/25 Season Launch

Kyneton Little Athletics is excited to welcome all past and new members to our 2024/25 season! The season kicks off on Saturday, 5th October 2024, at 8:30 am at our brand-new facility located at the Kyneton Showgrounds' bottom oval,

Beauchamp St, opposite Home Hardware.

Our new facility features a permanent discus cage with a concrete circle, two permanent concrete shot-put circles, dedicated long jump and triple jump pits with two asphalt runways, and a brand-new club shed.

Join us for a fun-filled day with face painting and a BBQ to celebrate the start of the season. We look forward to seeing you there!



Junior School Showcase

Thursday 17 October, 4:00pm - 7:30pm

We invite you to experience the amazing project work of our Junior School students:

- Year 7 Project Respect
- Year 8 Make a Difference Project
- Year 9 Major Projects

Google: Junior School Showcase for more information



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COMMUNITY NEWS

ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC PARISH WOODEND

47 Urquhart Street, (PO Box 397),
Woodend, Victoria, 3442, Australia.
Telephone: 03 5427 2690
email: woodend@cam.org.au
Web: www.stambrosewoodend.com.au

13th September, 2024

Dear Parish Volunteers,

We would like to thank you for your on-going commitment to volunteering with us at St Ambrose Parish.

Volunteering with us does require you to have provided us with/completed the following:

- a valid Working with Children (WWC) check or a Victorian Institution of Training (VIT) card
- completion the Safeguarding Essentials Training every three years
- signing the Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct every three years

To make this process as easy as possible we will once again be running the Safeguarding Essentials Training here at St Ambrose to update us all for the next three years. David Millward has agreed to facilitate this training for us and Fr John will be present as well.

The training will be held on Saturday October 5th, 9.30-11am in the church.

Copies of the code of conduct will be available to sign on the day as well.

You are being personally invited to this training as you already volunteer with us but if you know anyone who may wish to volunteer in the next three years please invite/bring them along as well.

If you could please email me at Bernadette.Petrucelli@cam.org.au or Woodend@cam.org.au if you are able to attend at the time nominated above. If you are unavailable at this time please also let me know and we will be in contact with you directly about other training options available.

Any questions please contact me directly at the parish office 03 54272690 or return email.

Kind regards,

Bernadette Petrucelli
Bernadette Petrucelli

Parish Secretary

Awesome Authors

Creative Writing Competition

Poetry and Short Story Competition: Opens September 5, closes 31 October for students in the Macedon Ranges and surrounds.

Entry is **FREE** and there will be **PRIZES** for winners in each category. Scan the QR Code to view the Terms and Conditions and entry form.

Short Story: Theme of 'Winter' or use the word 'chill' or 'cold' somewhere in your story. Enter up to two short stories. Stories of any length below the maximum are welcome, numbers are a guide. Overall we are looking for quality not quantity.

Up to Grades 3 & 4: From 50 to 1000 words

Grades 5 & 6: From 200 to 2000 words

Grades 7 & 8: From 500 to 3000 words

Poem: no theme or as above ('Winter' and 'chill'/'cold' if you are looking for inspiration). Enter up to three poems.

Up to Grades 3 & 4: Up to 30 lines per poem.

Grades 5 & 6: Up to 50 lines per poem.

Grades 7 & 8: Up to 70 lines per poem.

If you have any questions please email Kat kbuttigieg@macedonrangeswriters.com



★ ★ ★ **SUNBURY AGRICULTURAL SHOW** ★ ★ ★

**SUNBURY RECREATION RESERVE
CLARKE OVAL**

★ OCT **12TH** 2024 ★

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Holy Cross Primary School
158 Hamilton Road New Gisborne



COMMUNITY NEWS

Come in for some
Inflatable fun
these school holidays!

1pm - 3pm

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
KTSAC 23/9	GAC 24/9	KTSAC 25/9	GAC 26/9	No Inflatable 27/9
GAC 30/9	KTSAC 1/10	GAC 2/10	KTSAC 3/10	GAC 4/10

Gisborne Aquatic Centre
6 Aitken Street, Gisborne 3437

Kyneton Toyota Sports & Aquatic Centre
4 Victoria Street, Kyneton 3444



Access to the inflatable is
included in the entry fee.

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Aquatic & Fitness Centres



Music In The Sticks presents:

MUSIC INDUSTRY WORKSHOPS

Sept 2024 school holidays
Kyneton Youth Portable (behind Town Hall)

Tuesday September 24
10am-3:30pm

Stage Lighting

Free entry- registration essential
Lunch provided

To RSVP scan here or visit:
www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/mits



- All young people aged 12-18 in the Macedon Ranges welcome to join
- Fully supervised
- Food and drink provided
- Alcohol, smoke, vape, drug free



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Swim Intensive

Preschool and Primary Programs

September / October

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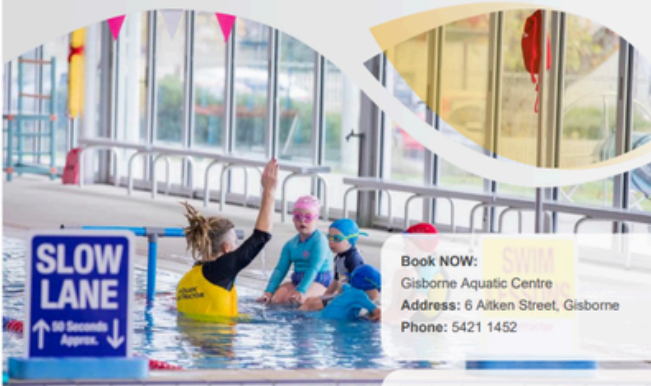
Develop your child's water awareness, safety and swimming skills. Separate programs for preschool children aged 3-5 and primary school-aged students.

Week 1: 23rd - 26th September

30 min lessons 4 days @ \$77.00
(No classes on Friday 27th Due to Public Holiday)

Week 2: 30th - 4th September / October

30 min lessons 5 days @ \$96.25



Book NOW:
Gisborne Aquatic Centre
Address: 6 Aitken Street, Gisborne
Phone: 5421 1452

Book NOW:
Kyneton Toyota Sports & Aquatic Centre
Address: 4 Victoria Street, Kyneton
Phone: 5421 1477

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