

St Ambrose Primary School

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We Provide Excellence in Learning

Respectful Responsible Resilient Kind



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Our next newsletter will be published
on Friday 20th September 2024.

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Acknowledgement of Country

We are proud to acknowledge that this opening ceremony at St. Ambrose is being held on the traditional lands of the Dja Dja Wurrung people who have looked after Djandak, its waterways and woodlands over many thousands of years.

We pay our respects to Elders both past and present for they hold the memories, the traditions and the hopes of all Dja Dja Wurrung peoples.

We express our gratitude in the sharing of this land. May we always remember the contributions, strength and resilience of those who came before us and recognize the unique relationship of Dja Dja Wurrung People to Djandak for the benefit of us all, now and into the future.

We Pray,

We ask that our teachers, entrusted with the education of our young, model and teach their students how to engage in the discoveries of human wisdom through the lens of the Gospel and the life of Jesus, so they nurture a strong and maturing relationship with God, and demonstrate through their words and actions how to live the truth of our Catholic faith.

We also pray that our students find in their educators the image of Christ, so that, enriched with both human and divine learning, they will in turn, be ready and able to enlighten and assist everyone they come into contact with throughout life.

Amen

Term 3 dates

Saturday 7 September 2024	Sacrament of First Eucharist 6pm
Sunday 8 September 2024	Sacrament of First Eucharist 11am
Monday 9 September 2024	St Ambrose Food Drive Final Day
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 Assembly 2.45pm
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

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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
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
Friday 22 November 2024	Junior school Zoo excursion
Wednesday 27 November 2024	Assembly 2.45pm Advent Paraliturg week 2 – 2.45pm
Monday 2 December 2024	Advent Paraliturg week 3 – 2.45pm
Tuesday 3 December 2024	Prep Orientation Session 3 – 9-11am 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

Message from the Principal

Dear families, parishioners, and friends,

On Monday, August 26th we met as a school and parish community in our renovated library which we have named Gumbuya meaning meeting place to acknowledge our first nations people. This gathering was to officially open and bless our new and renovated spaces at St Ambrose.

As you may already know, our school received a grant of \$3,278,000 from the Victorian State Government to finance a much-needed renovation and to build a further four classrooms.

We were honoured to have local MP Mary-Anne Thomas and MACS Executive Director

Dr. Edward Simons attend the opening. Rev Fr John Healy blessed our buildings and numerous guests attended including Sr Virginia and other members of our parish.

It was great to celebrate with you and we are appreciative of the funding we received from the government.

Our talented year 5-6 students set the tone for a joyous event with their clever and vibrant circus extravaganza while Lachie G presented a beautiful account of what he loves about St Ambrose school. It was fitting to have four generations represented in his family, all who have been connected with our great school.

Our upgraded spaces allow the option to gather within the school building as a whole school and as a staff. Gumbuya is also an appealing area to host our families and guests for special events.

We now have our Art/STEM area located back within the school building, additional classrooms with break out areas, our Administration area is more spacious and functional, we have two more meeting rooms, a canteen large enough to use as a kitchen for student cooking, an outdoor classroom, a staff room large enough to cater for our staff, disabled toilet facilities and access, new play areas and the option to open up classrooms.

While St Ambrose (formally Our Lady's) has been registered since 1906, it has been in existence since approximately 1859. St Mary's Mission Kyneton was responsible for the school and the first lay teacher appointed, Mr William Barry is said to have walked from Kyneton to Woodend every day whilst he taught at the school. Numbers fluctuated in the years up until the 80's from 16-50.

The Carmelite nuns were in the school for a short time between 1971-1978 however, the sisters of Mercy took charge of the school in 1906 and have been in the school up until 1990. We have named our main meeting room Mercy and another wellbeing room Carmelite in honour of the sisters.

Originally the school was a homestead named "Blanchewood" located in Brooke St. As numbers grew, a planning permit was granted for the new campus on this site which was completed in 1996. The new school was renamed St Ambrose. St Ambrose was a most influential ecclesiastical figures of his time, a theologian and a statesman who served as the Bishop of Milan. He was a knowledgeable man and a fine orator which earned him the reputation of having smooth as honey lips.

He is the patron saint of bee keepers.

The library space and the additional two classrooms were built in 2010. On August 26th we celebrated the most recent building project here at St Ambrose and we are thrilled with our new and improved facilities.

A project such as this called upon significant contribution and collaboration from a broad and multi skilled group of people. Yes, so much work has been done behind the scenes to create such a fantastic result.

To all involved, planners, architects, builders, advisors, MACS staff, and to our families, staff and students THANKYOU! Your collective contribution has been brought to fruition in our improved facilities.

If you visit our school I am sure that you would agree that the building works have let in the light and offer beautiful, flexible and contemporary areas in which our school community can learn and grow.

Together, within our stunning upgraded school building we enable our vision; centred by faith, in partnership with community, we provide excellence in learning. How privileged we are to work together to embed the MACS Vision For Instruction, lighting the pathway to the full flourishing of our school community.



Our First Eucharist Candidates



We pray for the following young people in our parish who are making their sacrament of first Eucharist over the next two weeks:

Catalina B, Jessica F, Ruby ZW, Patrick F, Varli F, Holly M, Joseph O, A.J. S (Alejandro James), Isabelle M, Hamish M, Orlando L, 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.



National Anthem Auslan Style



National Teacher Aide Appreciation Week. We THANKYOU!



National Teacher Aide Appreciation Week

This week we acknowledge the wonderful work that our support staff do in our classrooms and around our school. Their input is invaluable. We are very fortunate to have nine dedicated and capable ESO staff who do an amazing job. Janene, Joel, Sandy, Jenny, Joanna, Rhonda, Fiona, Kerrie and Jodie....

THANK YOU!

Our ESO (Education Support Officers) staff make a difference, and Teacher Aide Appreciation Week is here to show appreciation for them and all the hard work that they do.

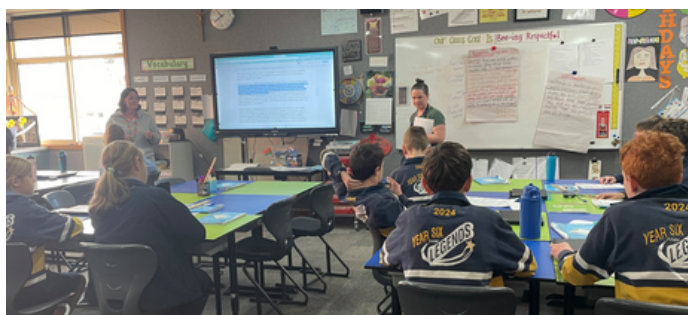
Student Leadership



Our year six leaders are pictured after collaborating with me about running our opening and blessing ceremony. I congratulate our fine young leaders on being so welcoming towards our visitors. Our guests commented on their level of maturity and appreciated the informed tour they gave them of the school. See our opening booklet for further information about this event.

Our captains are currently planning a STAM day. They will keep you informed!

Year Six Voice for Canteen Menu



We are grateful for the outstanding job Katie is doing in co-ordinating our canteen, planning the menu and cooking delicious food. This week Katie met with our year six class to seek their feedback and suggestions for some additional canteen options in term four.

Thank you Katie!

Get Ready to Boogie! Student Disco: SAVE the DATE!



The school Parents and Friends committee are organising and supervising their second event for the year, and it's all for the children to have some fun!

The St. Ambrose school glow disco is taking place on **Friday 20th September**, so hold off on heading away on holidays!

The Prep to Two students disco is from 4.00 - 5.15pm. The Grades Three to Six students can come and boogie from 5.30 - 7.00pm.

Venue: Woodend Tennis Club

DJ Company: BopTilYouDrop

(DJ, games, UV lighting so children 'glow')

If your child would like to come along but may not like the loud music, we can provide some noise cancelling headphones and plan to have a chill-out zone.

Students will be supervised indoors for the duration of the disco with nominated parent supervisors. We ask you not to stay unless you are a nominated supervisor. We also ask you to drop off and pick up promptly at the allocated times to avoid congestion.

Please complete the Operoo form sent out ASAP. We hope the kids will be really excited and have great fun at this event.

Walkthroughs



As part of our school improvement process Mrs. Geisler, Mrs. Boldiston and I spend some time in the classrooms each week. This enables us to stay in tune with our teachers' work, the students and their learning. It is great to visit the rooms and see our wonderful staff using strategies and practices we have learned about together that are researched and found to be effective. The level of student engagement is high which reflects the good work our teachers are doing. The walkthroughs guide us in knowing what we are doing well and the where to next in our quest to continue building our collective efficacy.

Year 3-4 Camp to Lady Northcote

Our year 3-4 classes will go on their camp from **Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th of December**. This means the date will remain the same as it was originally. Please make note of this in your calendars.

Honouring our Fathers

We were delighted that so many of our dads, granddads and those like fathers to us could attend our afternoon tea and class activities on August 28th.

We really enjoyed catching up with you and your children had great fun with you throughout the activities. Thank you for coming in. We are grateful for the important roles you fulfill and for coming along in your favourite sporting colours. Your kind donations raised \$177.



MACCISS SURVEY

The 2024 Staff, Student and Family School Improvement Surveys are now open. All surveys are open until Friday, 20 September 2024. We do hope that you will take the time to complete this survey to give us valuable feedback. **PLEASE follow the directions for the survey on page 9.**

Thankyou to our local CWA!



Anita and Megan from our local CWA are pictured above with Orlando, Bosco and Renzo. We are most grateful for their generous donation of \$200.00 to support a student or students in need of further uniform or assistance in an area.

Years 1-2 and Years 3-4 have been out and about!



Thankfully the winds settled in time for our 3-4 students to take part in the fun offered at Highpoint and our year 1-2 classes were able to visit the MCG as planned. Our students really enjoy a day out together. Thank you to the staff and parents for making this day possible. See the photos later in this edition.

Book Fair Profits

Our thanks to Erin for co-ordinating our Book Week parade and Book Fair this year. We also thank you our families for your generous support of the Book Fair. We have earned \$800.00 cash to spend on books to support teaching literacy thanks to your purchases.

Chantelle Albani Joining us in 2025

Our dedicated and very capable Jennifer Boldiston is retiring at the conclusion of this year so we have been looking for a suitable person to step into Jennifer's role. We were pleased to have a number of capable applicants and we feel very blessed to introduce Chantelle Albani, an experienced, competent and passionate educator. Chantelle will join us in 2025 to lead Learning Diversity, Numeracy and to co-ordinate and teach in the numeracy and literacy intervention space. While we will miss Jennifer who has big shoes to fill we are excited about having Chantelle, who comes to us with highly recommended join our team.

Introducing...

Ms Chantell Albani



I am very happy to be joining your community in 2025.

I moved to the Macedon Ranges three years ago and I absolutely love the area. It is such a pleasure to be living in such a beautiful setting. I am a mother of two beautiful girls. As a family, we love to bake, play games and snuggle together for family movie nights. We also love spending time outdoors, soaking up the sun or splashing in the puddles!

I have worked in Catholic primary schools for the last 16 years. In that time, I have been a classroom teacher in Junior, Middle and Senior classrooms as well as a Mathematics leader working alongside staff and students across years Prep to 6.

In my role as Learning Diversity Leader and Mathematics Leader at Saint Ambrose Primary School I look forward to working with teachers, students and parents to target the diverse learning needs of students across the school.

I am very excited to meet and work in partnership with you all very soon.

Staff Professional Development



Last Friday we gained great value from having the time together as a staff to strengthen our collective efficacy and enable our goals for school improvement. We specifically focused on the teaching and learning of Religious Education on Friday.

We aim to build a culture of dialogue, a culture that is embedded in a world of encounter. We support our students to learn together while embracing difference and diversity, exploring the deeper questions in life and making a positive difference in the world. Each week we meet twice to work on our teaching in all areas.

In the last week we have worked on building our competence in delivering the maths and literacy curriculum.

Year 5-6 Bush Fire Readiness To Empower Our Students



As part of our local community engagement our 5-6 classes are working with the Woodend CFA to learn more about bushfire preparedness. The students' recent excursion along the Five Mile Creek looked at topography, fuel loads and vegetation.

Emergency Management

Each term we enact drills in order to be prepared for any emergencies. We recently had a evacuation drill which aligned with our Emergency Management Plan. All staff complete yearly online training to keep up to date with all things related to our EMP.

MACS Bushfire liason officer visited us last week to check our compliance with our bushfire preparedness. As you know, given we are in a bushfire prone zone we are required to close the school on days rated as catastrophic. MACS have looked over our EMP and procedures and noted we are compliant.

2025 Offers

INSPIRE | ENGAGE | THRIVE
at St Ambrose School, Woodend

ENROL FOR 2025 NOW
St Ambrose Primary School Woodend

Call to book a tour with the principal Bronwyn Phillips
18 Templeton Street WOODEND | P: 03 5427 1285
E: office@sawoodend.catholic.edu.au
www.sawoodend.catholic.edu.au

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

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Bravo Ava!!!

Principal Enrichment

I will be on leave for the remainder of this term as I take part in the Outer North Western Principal Network Pilgrimage, "Following the Footsteps of St Paul". I will include information about this journey in coming newsletters. Mrs. Debbie Geisler will be Acting Principal in my absence. She can be contacted via the office or on debbie.geisler@sawoodend.catholic.edu.au.



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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May the remaining two weeks of this term celebrate all that your wonderful children have achieved! God Bless you all.



Bronwyn Phillips
Principal

MACSSIS

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As part of compliance, our schools regularly engage with and gather feedback from their communities. Schools use this information along with multiple measures of other data types to determine the What? How? When? and Who? will work to improve our schools.

What is MACSSIS?

MACSSIS is a collaborative approach to school improvement that includes all members of the school community.

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Improvement Surveys (MACSSIS) is a suite of internationally validated and research-based survey tools that collect a school communities perceptions.

These surveys create useful perception data from students in Year 4 to Year 12, teachers and non-teaching staff and families as invited by schools.

Please watch the MACSSIS video for families via the link below the learn more:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YIW89sAP-bk>

MACSSIS response data is used by your child's school to help inform the **ongoing improvement process** across your child's school.



Imagine if, in just
30 minutes
we could ask people
something very small...



For each question today
just click
what you think or feel.

When is MACSSIS?

NOW!!!

The MACSSIS family survey is open between Monday 2nd September and Friday 20th September.

Once the data creation window closes, schools will be able to access their MACSSIS data. These faster processing times means that schools can learn from their students, families and staff quicker and triangulate MACSSIS with current information about student learning, school processes and current demographic data.

How will students, families and staff access MACSSIS?

Each participating school has a MACSSIS coordinator who will organise access to the school's unique MACSSIS online portal. Coordinators will work with school leaders to provide time for students to access their survey with teachers on hand for supervision and support. For our students it is important for them to know that MACSSIS is not a test, your school wants to know what you think and what you feel can be improved.

Coordinators will also organise for families to access surveys. MACSSIS is about a school's individual improvement not appraisal or school rankings.

MACSSIS is 100% online. Is it secure?

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) has partnered with ORIMA Research to provide each school with its own safe and private portal. MACSSIS coordinators have been nominated by their Principals to distribute encrypted logins and passwords. All data that is collected in the portal is completely confidential and stored in data warehouses located in Australia. MACSSIS is a click only survey. There are no open-ended questions and it is impossible to identify anyone's responses.

Please note: Each family will have received a unique PIN, via email, so that every family has an opportunity to contribute to our school improvement.



1/20 CLASSROOM FEATURE

On Monday the Grade 1/2's went to the MCG for an excursion.

We have been learning about culture and sport in Inquiry this term and thought what better way to celebrate this learning than a trip to the "Sacred Ground" of Victoria's sporting culture.

There we visited the Australian Sports Museum. We met a Taekwondo Olympian, Reba Stewart, and finally had a tour of all the ins and outs of The 'G. It was a really fantastic day.

We got wristbands to scan things at the museum. - Grace

I liked that Reba's favourite move was the windmill kick. - Baz



We saw Cathy Freeman's suit. - Taj



We could colour a horse and then scan it and it would come up on the big screen. I loved it. - Leah



We got to see the club rooms and I was so excited to stand on the MCG oval. - Mollie

I loved going into the commentator's box. - Issy





AROUND THE SCHOOL

Opening of our New Buildings



My name is Lachie Gazzola and I am in grade 1/2.

My favourite thing about St Ambrose is that it's a really good school. The first day I ever came here I was really nervous, but then a few boys in my class came over to play with me and I have been friends with them ever since.

I am so grateful to be a part of the school. All of the teachers are so nice.

I have been at the school since 2022. It has changed a lot since I started. I remember that we used to go to where all the new prep rooms are for our art lesson and the library and music room have changed a lot. There wasn't a big open hallway to walk down. The library is a lot bigger now and has lots more inside.

I love that St Ambrose fundraised to get lots of new books and that I can read on the big bench there.

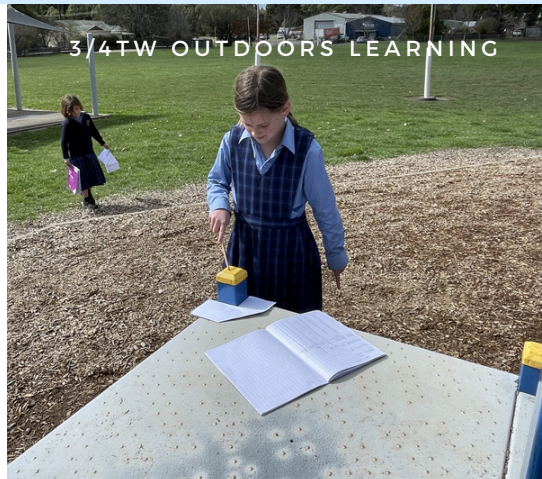
There's lots more light in the Performing Arts room and we can also go outside from it.

We're really lucky to have all the new changes to our school. I love them, and I know the other grade 1/2's do as well.





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Student Awards

Prep K - Jack H for a wonderful Show and Tell time. Well done on telling the class lots of information!

Prep K - Redmond O for a responsible and respectful learner - Keep up the fantastic work!

Prep T - Jock R for being a kind and considerate classmate.

Prep T - Tilly N for a positive attitude and always trying her best!

1/2CM - Jordan M for continuing to work hard in the classroom with his broken collar bone!

1/2CM - Scarlett AG for being a wonderful friend in the classroom and on the yard!

1/2S - Henry B for being a kind, respectful and thoughtful member of the class. Well done!

1/2S - Charlotte W for her concentration and effort when working on her narrative. Well done!

1/2S - Teddy M for working hard to create arrays and record the multiplication equations to match! Well done!

1/2O - Mateo S for always striving to be prompt and responsible during transition times.

1/2O - Baz R for always being willing to have a go and contribute to class discussions.

3/4M - Sebastian M for encouraging all his classmates to do their best!

3/4M - Ava H for always showing kindness to all students.

3/4R - Holly M for consistently demonstrating our school values in everything she does!

3/4R - William C for participating enthusiastically in our excursion while demonstrating our school values.

3/4R - Joseph O for being kind and engaging with others on our excursion!

3/4TW - Evelyn C for presenting all her learning to a high standard.

3/4TW - Cooper L for always lending a helping hand to others.

5/6M - Ava R for her attention to detail in all class tasks. Well done!

5/6M - Elle S for working hard to complete all set tasks to the best of her ability.

5/6P - Elijah E for consistently demonstrating our school values in everything he does.

5/6P - Elsie A for her positive and happy attitude.

5/6P - Spencer R for being responsible and kind at the Fathers' Day luncheon.

5/6P - Audrey C for being responsible and kind at the Fathers' Day luncheon.

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5/6P - Maeve D for being responsible and kind at the Fathers' Day luncheon.

Sports Stars of the Week

Sophie V for 100% effort in athletics events and inter-school athletics.

Hamish M for 100% effort and respectfulness in all PE lessons.

PBL Bronze Awards (20 Bee Gotcha Tickets)

Audrey C, Valerie W, Leboko, S, Jack H, Neave K, Archie L, Lachlan M

PBL Silver Awards (40 Bee Gotcha Tickets)

Chase K, Toby C, Jack B, Margot G, Mosako S, Iona T, Lawson N, Molly M, Jorel L, Emrys G, Niamh F,

PBL Gold Awards (60 Bee Gotcha Tickets)

Teddy M, Harry R, Lucas T, Everly B, Lizzy R, Jim G, Sebastian C, Aston M, Deon S, Tillie J, Darcy S, Angus N, David Y

PBL Rainbow Awards (100 Bee Gotcha Tickets)

Eire B & Marli P



HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

8 September

Ellie B

15 September

Myles L

Coby S

17 September

Molly M

19 September

Deon S



Congratulations Ava!



1ST PRIZE VALUE \$800
2 X MELBOURNE VICTORY CHAIRMANS LOUNGE TICKETS

2ND PRIZE VALUE \$600
2023/24 SIGNED MELBOURNE VICTORY SHIRT

3RD PRIZE VALUE \$463
FAMILY AUDIO PACKAGE (EARBUDS & HEADPHONES)

4TH PRIZE VALUE \$200
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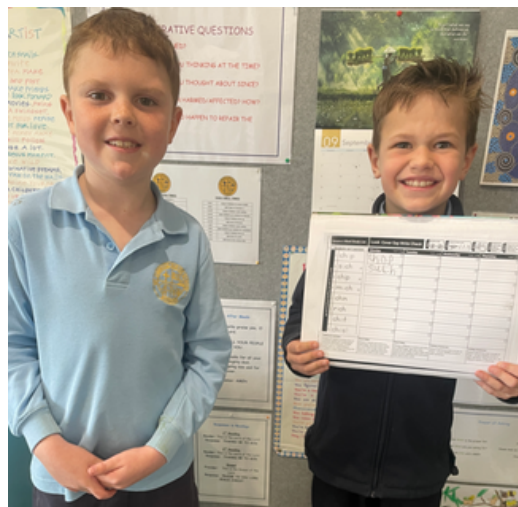
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FundAVA RAFFLE

Gisborne Soccer Club - FundAVA RAFFLE.
Drawn on: Sunday, 13 October 2024....
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Great Progress Harry R!



Marvellous Magnificent Minds!

M cubed By Amari B

Two weeks ago I went to St Bede's College in East Bentleigh for a learning experience called M3 (cubed), Marvellous Magnificent Minds. There were 3 activities to choose from, Socratic Thinking, Critical Thinking and Tournament of the Minds and lastly Exploring the E in STEM which was what I did. In that we had to come up with a solution to help with sustainability. My group thought of a machine that stopped rubbish going into the ocean. We had 5 bins and a camera to sort the rubbish into the correct conveyor belts and separate it from the drain water. It was an amazing experience and I recommend going if you get the chance.





THE RESILIENCE PROJECT™



Heard a lot about The Resilience Project at the end of the school day? Interested in seeing The Resilience Project live and in action with the kids over the holidays?

About the Kid's Shows

The Resilience Project are back on the road tackling children's mental health with their high-energy kids show tour – '3 Happy Tricks' with Martin Heppell.

Through music, storytelling and plenty of laughs, these shows provide primary school aged children and their parents practical strategies on how to be happier and more resilient.

You can catch the tour, featuring their most engaging and entertaining presenter, Martin Heppell, around Victoria in the Term 3 school holidays (September-October) in Bendigo, South Morang, Frankston, Ringwood, Melbourne, and Geelong!

Click on the link to find tickets

<https://theresilienceproject.com.au/kids-shows-2024/>

Who is Martin Heppell?

There's nobody quite like Martin. A high-energy, passionate speaker and educator, Martin is known for his impactful work in resilience and mental wellbeing. With a background in elite sports and education, he mixes real-life experiences with evidence-based insights to captivate audiences of all ages. As a key member of The Resilience Project, he helps deliver programs that boost mental wellbeing, emotional literacy, and positive mental health strategies.

While Martin loves connecting with everyone, his real passion is teaching kids how to become resilient and be mentally healthy. His enthusiastic, funny, and relatable style makes him a hit in schools, companies, and communities.



JOIN THE CELEBRATION OF ALL THINGS

Faith & Family



Prayer:
Dear Lord,
Help us turn our words and
actions into your words and
actions,
so that in everything that
we say and do,
we reflect your presence in
our lives.
Amen.

Wonderings:

Do I embrace the laws of God or the laws
and influences of human beings? What is the
quality of my thoughts, words, actions and
my whole character and behavior? Do I
knowingly disobey God's explicit commands,
warnings and admonitions? Do I invest so
much of my money, time, energies and
capacities on what is temporary and worldly
but spend very little on what is eternal and
heavenly?



Please keep the following children in your
prayers as they make their First Eucharist
over the following 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,
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CHILDREN'S LITURGY

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection: Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Handwashing has always been a big deal in our house.

With four of the six of us having immune system disorders, it was a necessity, not to mention I didn't have the time or energy to run around the house scrubbing dirty handprints from appliances and walls.

Additionally, the thought of eating food with grimy hands grosses me out.

So, in a small way, I can sympathize with the Pharisees in today's Gospel. They observed Jesus's disciples eating their meals without first washing their hands and were alarmed. Their alarm, however, was for a completely different reason than mine. They weren't really worried about health or being sanitary, they were in search of any tiny thing that would allow them to accuse our Lord and His followers of wrongdoing. In this Scripture passage, the point they chose to pick on was not the griminess of the disciples' hands, but the fact that they were not adhering to Jewish laws for purification. They were fanatic about the laws, not because they wanted to please God in all things, but because they thought it made them better than others.

When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus by questioning the disciples' behavior, our wise and quick-witted Lord has the perfect comeback, quoting the prophet Isaiah, "This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me."

He points out that the Pharisees and others like them brush off God's laws in favor of human laws that often are without meaning or love of God. It's all just for show. Jesus doesn't care about what's outside of us; He cares about what's inside of us. He cares what lies in our hearts and how it affects our love for Him.

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Religious Calendar of Events in Term 3:

Date	Details	Time
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

MRBA MACEDON RANGES BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
MIDWEEK JUNIOR BASKETBALL NO WEEKEND COMMITMENTS!
SUMMER 24/25 COMPETITION

ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME

AGE GROUPS

MONDAY
JUNIOR GIRLS 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
INTERMEDIATE GIRLS 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013

TUESDAY
U12 BOYS 2014, 2015
U14 BOYS 2012, 2013
U16/18 BOYS 2009, 2010, 2011

WEDNESDAY
U10 BOYS 2016, 2017

SEASON REGISTRATION
\$210 PLUS BV & BA FEES, WHERE APPLICABLE
REGISTRATION CLOSSES - SUNDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

- 16 WEEK SEASON (INCLUDING GRADING & FINALS)
- SEASON COMMENCING WEEK OF MONDAY 14TH OCTOBER
- PLAYING SINGLET PROVIDED
- NO DOOR FEES

FOR MORE INFORMATION (INCL. FINANCIAL HARDSHIP QUERIES) PLEASE CONTACT - DOMESTIC@MRBA.ORG.AU

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS FUN AT WNH
SEPTEMBER 2024

TERRARIUM WORKSHOP

Make and create a jar terrarium in this fun workshop delivered by Creative Me
Monday 23 September • 10am - 11.30am
\$35 pp Prep to Grade 6



CREATIVE YOGA FOR KIDS

Join Sarah from Shanti Studio for this unique blend of yoga, fun and relaxation
Wednesday 25 September • 9.30am - 10.30am
\$15 pp Prep to Grade 6

BANNER WORKSHOP

Make a colourful and tactile felt banner in this workshop delivered by Creative Me
Wednesday 25 September • 12noon - 1.30pm
\$35 pp Prep to Grade 6



CALICO BAG DECORATING

Join our volunteers for a creative session of fabric painting on a cotton calico bag
Wednesday 2 October • 10am - 12noon
\$10 pp Prep to Grade 6

YOGA FOR TEENS & TWEENS

Join Sarah from Shanti Studio and explore balance, strength, flexibility and breathwork
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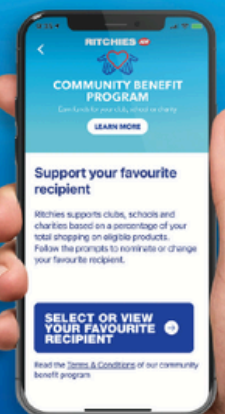
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SATURDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2024

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