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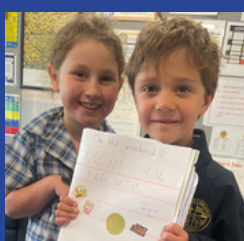
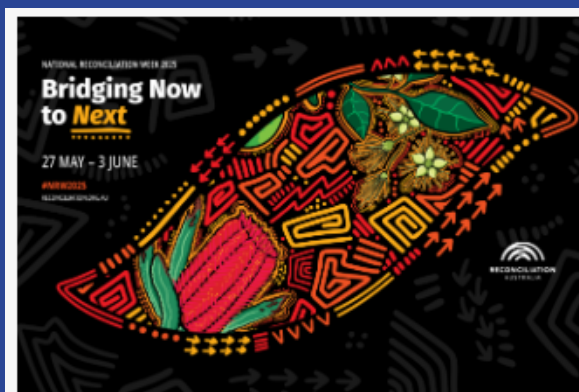
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**We give thanks to our elders past, present and emerging and truly appreciated the beautiful surrounds our school is built upon. With gratitude; The St Ambrose Community.**



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Lord Jesus,  
Fill us with the  
spirit of  
hope and joyful  
expectation.  
You have shared  
your life  
with us and,  
if we allow it  
to happen, we  
can never  
be alone.  
The future you  
have in  
store for us  
is beyond all  
human expectations.  
May we strive to  
keep our school  
a place of  
hope and inspiration.  
Amen



**Our next newsletter for the will be published on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025.**



## Term 2 2025 Dates

Friday 16 May 2025	National Walk Safely to School Day Division Cross Country Castlemaine
Saturday 17 May 2025	Confirmation Commitment Mass 5pm
Sunday 18 May 2025	Confirmation Commitment Mass 11am
Monday 19 May 2025	School Open Day 9.30-11am
Tuesday 20 May 2025	Cobaw Winter Sports Gr 5/6 Parent Teacher Interviews 3.45-5pm
Wednesday 21 May 2025	Gr 5/6 100 story building incursion
Friday 23 May 2025	<b>World Football Day Schools Clinic Prep-2</b> <b>All students may wear your favourite soccer shirt. Gold coin donation</b>
Wednesday 28 May 2025	Social Justice & Cultural Leaders visit to BUPA Aged Care Assembly 2.50pm
Thursday 29 May 2025	Pupil free day
Friday 30 May 2025	Pupil free day
Tuesday 3 June 2025	<b>Casual clothes day and Caritas coin line</b>
Wednesday 4 June 2025	Buddies Mass (Prep/1 & Gr 5/6) 9.30am
Thursday 5 June 2025	Prep/1 Woodend Vet Clinic incursion
Sunday 8 June 2025	Pentecost Sunday
Monday 9 June 2025	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Wednesday 11 June 2025	Reconciliation for Confirmation candidates 11.45am Assembly 2.50pm
Thursday 12 June 2025	Confirmation Practice 10am
Sunday 15 June 2025	Sacrament of Confirmation 1pm
Wednesday 18 June 2025	Prep/1 Brickwords Incursion 9-1.30pm
Wednesday 25 June 2025	Assembly 2.50pm
Wednesday 2 July 2025	End of Term Mass 9.30am
Friday 4 July 2025	End of Term 2 – students dismissed at 3.30pm
Saturday 5 July 2025 – Sunday 20 July 2025	Term 2 school holidays
Monday 21 July 2025	School closure day – VCEA Accreditation



## Last call! New jumpers for sale

We have 5 x size 10 jumpers (as pictured) for sale at the office if you are needing to stock up for winter.

\$20 each.....what a bargain!

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**FLASH SALE**



## Message from the Principal

Dear parents, families and friends,

It certainly has been a fortnight of community connection! Last Friday evening it was great to relax with our parents and friends. What a wonderful community we are part of! Thank you sincerely to our PFA for organising our Autumn social get together which was attended by almost 100 of our parents! For those of you who would like to be involved in some way, our PFA meet every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday evening at 7.00pm. We will soon be gearing up to plan for the 2026 school fete!

We also hope you all enjoyed a heartwarming Mother's Day over the weekend. It marks time to pause, celebrate, and say thank you to the wonderful mums, grandmothers, and mother figures who bring so much love, care, and strength to our lives and school community.



Whether it was a specially crafted card, gift, a warm hug, or a quiet moment shared together, we hope the day was filled with joy, gratitude, and a little bit of pampering. We also remember those in our community for whom Mother's Day may have been a time of reflection or a reminder of lost loved ones. We'd also like to extend a big thank you to the families who joined us to honour our Mother's last Wednesday. It was a touching and meaningful celebration, and having you there made it all the more special. Now, with hearts full and smiles wide, we're ready for another exciting period of learning and growing together.

Last week we were delighted to see white smoke coming from the Vatican Conclave. A new Pope has been elected to lead the global Catholic community! Let us welcome Pope Leo XIV with joy, prayer, and open hearts. As the spiritual leader of over a billion Catholics worldwide, the Pope helps guide us in faith, kindness, and service to others. This is a moment that will be marked in history, and we encourage our students to learn about the Pope's important role and the message of love and hope he brings to the world. Our Year 2 class taught us what they have learned about Pope Leo at this week's assembly!

Message from the Principal



## World Football Day May 23rd

Woodend Soccer Club are coaching our Prep-Two students in their PE classes next Friday to celebrate world football day. We invite all of our students to wear their favourite soccer shirt instead of their school tops if they would like to.

We ask for a gold coin donation if your child wears a soccer shirt. See details below and flyer in Community News later in this newsletter.



St Ambrose Primary School  
**Schools Clinic**  
FRIDAY 23rd MAY

- Wear your favourite soccer shirt
- Gold coin donation to school charity
- Fun drills & skills training

## From our Captains Sonny & Asher



Hi all,

On June 3<sup>rd</sup> we invite all of our peers to come to school dressed in clothing that a person doing a job they would like to do when they are an adult may wear. If you could please bring a gold coin donation that would be amazing. Instead of us collecting the coins, students are to put them in the Caritas boxes. Straight after lunch time at 2:45pm the whole school will do the Caritas coin line under the shade sails, or if we have cold weather in the hall or library. The Caritas coin line is where you line the coins up from the Caritas box and whoever gets the longest wins a prize. This year's prize will be an incursion with NuDel kart. A kart that encourages social skills and STEM. Thank you.

NuDel Kart link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6lSeZcfBlM0>



## St Ambrose School Production- Vaudeville is Coming!



'Vaudeville' was a light variety style of entertainment popular in America from the mid 1890's until the 1930's. Our diverse show will include singers, dancers, jugglers, acrobats, magicians, escape artists, comedians, novelty and almost any other act you could imagine!

Students are learning about the history of Vaudeville and will be recreating a Vaudeville show with a modern twist for the school production in Term 3.

This will be a show to remember so save a date:

- Monday - 8th September - Rehearsal Practise 12pm
- Tuesday - 9th September - Matinee Performance 12pm
- Wednesday - 10th September - Evening Performance 6.30pm
- Thursday - 11th September - Evening performance 6.30pm

All students will be performing at least five items, the two opening items, the two final items and their own grade/level item. All students from Gr3 to Gr6 will be performing a small script each in their grade scene.

Please read production details in the Operoo message sent out.

### Ukulele Club

Our Ukulele group are meeting each week to enjoy playing, singing and improving their skills. perhaps we will see them perform in term 3!



## National Walk to School Safely

Congratulations to our year six captains and sports leaders for their support of our students to take part in the National Walk Safely to School Day!

It was great to welcome so many walkers, scooters and cyclists who braved the frost to get to school!

Thank you also to our families for enabling their children to walk from different points in the town.



### OH&S & Dogs Onsite



A friendly reminder that for OH&S reasons dogs are not permitted onsite. We understand that some families enjoy walking to school with their dogs.

This is great to see, however dogs need to **remain outside of the school premises.**

### OH&S - Closing Gates

To keep our children and visiting toddlers safe, please shut gates behind you when entering and exiting our school grounds.

### 2026 Enrolments

Enrolments for 2026 are now being taken. See information below and in our previous newsletter.

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 at St Ambrose School, Woodend









**Open Day and Information Sessions**  
 General Curriculum Information Evening  
 - Tuesday 22nd July 2025 5.30pm  
 School Open Mornings/Learning Walks:  
 - 19th May 9.30 am - 11.00 am and 11th August 11.30 - 1.00pm

**ENROL FOR 2026 NOW** St Ambrose Primary School Woodend

Call to book a tour with the principal Bronwyn Phillips  
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## Autumn Splendour



*I give thanks each day for the beautiful environment we enjoy in Woodend. Mrs. Geisler captured the above in a recent photo. Our creative students are enjoying the gifts of autumn and have made these lovely leaf mobiles.*



### Eucharist Change of Date

Please note the Eucharist change of date in your calendars. As there are local sporting events scheduled on August 17<sup>th</sup>, those making their first Eucharist can either attend the Saturday evening mass at 5.00pm in Woodend on August 29<sup>th</sup> or the 11.00am Sunday mass on August 30<sup>th</sup>.

### Fortnightly Assemblies

You are always welcome to join our fortnightly assemblies at 2.50 pm in the library. Our next assembly is on Wednesday May 28<sup>th</sup> led by Prep-One S.



## Congratulations Marli and Harry!



Marli and Harry represented St Ambrose again last Saturday at the Geelong Grammar Interschool Dressage Championships at Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre.

Both Harry and Marli had a wonderful time and learnt a lot together. The sunshine was beautiful, and all the competitors were very supportive of each other which makes for a lovely encouraging environment.

Marli and Harry were lucky enough to be the Reserve Champions in the Primary Preliminary section.

## National Reconciliation Week

The National Reconciliation Week (NRW) 2025 theme, Bridging Now to Next, reflects the ongoing connection between past, present and future. We will be recognising our first nations people and their history and exploring this years themes meaning with our students.

## Homework & Class Placement Policy

We are currently reviewing our Homework and Class Placement Policy with staff and our SAC. We will share these updated policies in the coming weeks. You can access all of our school policies on our website by clicking on the policy button.

## Next Newsletter

For more news and photos visit our [website](#) and look at latest news by clicking on our [Facebook button](#).

Our next newsletter will be published on Friday, 6th June 2025.



**Bronwyn Phillips**  
Principal





# 3-4M CLASSROOM FEATURE



Chain reactions and creative thinking in action! Our students diving into the world of Rube Goldberg machines, where imagination turns simple tasks into spectacular adventures.



Little hands, big love – crafting blooms from paper and hearts for the most special mums this Mother's Day.

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Exploring feelings one bubble at a time – our young learners dive into emotions with The Resilience Project, turning self-awareness into a playful, powerful journey.



Through the eyes of young artists: heartfelt tributes to ANZAC Day, capturing the solemn sound of the Last Post and the bravery it honours.



# AROUND THE SCHOOL







# PARENTS' AUTUMN SOCIAL



The P&F Committee were delighted to host almost 100 St Ambrose parents at our social function last Friday night at the Vic Hotel. Thank you so much to all those new and old parents for supporting the night. There were plenty of new connections made and we look forward to hosting other events later in the year for our parent community. A reminder that the P&F meets on the third Monday of each month in the staffroom at the school and everyone is very welcome to come along and be involved.

[Photos from the night](#)





# Student Awards



P/1O George E for his dedication during reading and writing to record all the sounds he hears. Amazing effort!!  
P/1O Max A for always doing his very best in everything he does, especially in writing. Amazing work Max!!  
P/1T Valerie W for showing resilience and having a positive "can do" attitude.  
P/1T Jagger J for consistently being respectful and trying his best in all activities.  
P/1S Redmond O for his positive attitude and enthusiasm towards his learning! Well done!  
P/1S Elle S for her resilience and determination when sounding out the letters of the alphabet! Well done!  
2KR Lizzy D for working hard to complete learning tasks in learning times. Well done Lizzy!  
2KR Dominic O for being a responsible learner and working well with others on group tasks and activities!  
2KR Mateo S for fantastic work identifying character traits in a story!  
2KR Ruby W for a wonderful job helping to read at the Mother's Day liturgy!  
3/4CW Mollie H for being a responsible learner and asking questions.  
3/4CW Ben Y for actively contributing to class discussions.  
3/4M Jack B for his amazing effort in class and helping friends.  
3/4M Alice C for giving everything a go and showing amazing resilience.  
3/4O Evelyn C for always listening to feedback and striving to improve.  
3/4O Augie L for showing resilience and always being open to new things.  
5/6M A.J. S for his understanding of improper fractions.  
5/6M Cooper L for his entertaining narrative about a pirate ship.  
5/6P Elliot D for settling in well in our class.  
5/6P Cosette D for efforts in learning about fractions.  
5/6W Jack B for his enthusiastic and positive participation in the classroom and outside. Well done Jack!  
5/6W Aston M for his diligent attitude to learning and supporting others to do the same. Well done Aston!



## Sports Stars of the Week

Teddy A for excellent participation and sportsmanship in PE lessons.  
Angus N for enthusiasm and sportsmanship in PE at all times.

PBL Bronze Awards - Henry B, Remy B, Oscar D, Mateo S, Elise M, Coby S, Raphael A, William C, Jock R, Hellena M, Lachlan E, Jagger J, Aaliyah F, Rupert F, Valerie W, Teddy M, Tess J

PBL Silver Awards - Louis M, Nick L, Darcy S



happy  
BIRTHDAY

17 May Chase K  
18 May Evie M  
27 May Jaxen H, Lily M





## From Diagnosis to OAM

plus a Sibling's Perspective: A Personal Autism Journey

### Kilmore

**Thursday 22 May 2025, 6:30pm–9:30pm**

(3 hour seminar including question time, doors open 6pm)

**Daniel and Daniel's Dad (Daryl)** will discuss Daniel's journey from diagnosis to present day giving an insight from Daniel's personal perspective of living life as an Autistic individual.

**Daniel's sister (Leash)** will also be sharing the sibling perspective and is a qualified educator (may be prerecorded).

**Topics include** diagnosis, school journey, independent living, employment and strategies used to achieve the best outcomes.

#### Featuring Exhibitors



### Presented by

**Daniel Giles OAM**  
Order of Australia  
Medal Recipient  
& Autistic Self-Advocate

**Daryl Giles**  
Daniel's Dad

**Leash Purcell**  
Daniel's Sister  
and Educator



ABN: 11 945 440 100

### Venue

**Kilmore Trackside**  
East St, Kilmore VIC

**Tickets** (\*includes \$0.50 booking fee for online bookings)

**Autistic people, family & carers:**  
\$35.50\*

**Professionals** (Educators/Caseworkers/Therapists - Incl. CPD cert.)  
\$85.50\*

[trybooking.com/CYTGZ](https://trybooking.com/CYTGZ) (or scan QR code)

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## Prayer for the Pope:

Our Father. Hail Mary.  
O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful,  
look favorably on your servant Pope Leo XIV,  
whom you have set at the head of your Church  
as her shepherd;  
grant, we pray, that by word and example  
he may be of service to those over whom he  
presides so that, together with the flock  
entrusted to his care,  
he may come to everlasting life.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May:

For working conditions  
Let us pray that through work, each person  
might find fulfilment, families might be  
sustained in dignity, and  
that society might be humanized.

## Ponder:

Do I listen to the voice of God?  
How do I hear Him?



PARISH NEWSLETTER

## Gospel Reflection: John 10:27-30

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says: 'The sheep  
that belong  
to me listen to my voice; I know them, and they  
follow me.'

Jesus knows each of us. For Jesus, we are not  
anonymous  
persons. He calls each of us and knows us by  
name. The  
name given to us by loving parents and friends is  
known to  
him! Christ Himself is the Good Shepherd, who  
knows each  
one of us and gives His life for us.

We are called to listen to God's voice, a voice we  
can trust.

This voice always seeks the best for us and will  
guide us in  
the path of goodness. In the midst of so many  
voices, we  
recognize the voice of the one who gives us life.

This Sunday in [Australia], we celebrate Mother's  
Day. It is our mother's voice that first spoke to us  
about God, for which we are eternally grateful. We  
recognize the heartbeat of our mothers. We find  
safety and comfort with her. It is her voice that  
we can distinguish in a crowd and follow in the  
direction of that voice until we see her face.

Jesus is calling us. He says: "I came that they  
might have life and have it to the full" (John  
10:10). He said this while speaking of us, for he is  
our shepherd, our protector, leading us to  
everlasting life. A paraphrase of Psalm 23 says,  
"Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond  
my fears, from death into life."

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## RELIGIOUS CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN TERM TWO, 2025:

Date	Details	Time
17th May	Confirmation Commitment Mass	5:00 pm
18th May	Confirmation Commitment Mass	11:00 am
21st May	Middle Years Mass (Yrs 2, 3 & 4) (Cancelled)	9:30 am
4th June	Buddies Mass (Yrs Foundation & 5/6)	9:30 am
11th June	Reconciliation for Confirmation Candidates	11:45 am
15th June	Confirmation	1:00 pm
2nd July	End of Term 2 Mass	9:30 am

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



# COMMUNITY NEWS



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## Welcome to Sacred Heart College

Sacred Heart College is a Catholic co-educational secondary school that offers broad-based contemporary learning and teaching for young people of the Macedon Ranges.

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Our College, provides students with the opportunity to engage in a variety of extracurricular activities, join student organisations, and take advantage of opportunities to develop their leadership, teamwork, and communication skills.

Applications for Year 7 in 2026 are now closed, however late applications may be accepted - Please contact the Registrar with your enquiry.

We have recently moved to an online enrolment system and we welcome your child's application for entry into Year 7 2027, please note that the closing date for these enrolments is Friday 25 July, 2025.

**Apply now by clicking the link below or type the below URL into your browser**



If you would like to discuss your child's enrolment or have any questions regarding the College please contact our College Registrar, Mrs Rowena Rokesky-Alder, via email:

registrar@shckyneton.catholic.edu.au or phone: 03 5421 1238

We look forward to assisting you with your child's enrolment .

Dr Darren Egberts  
Principal

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## KIDS CLASSES

AT THE WOODEND NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE



### ART CLUB FOR KIDS

- 2-5 years  
Wed: 2pm - 3pm
- Prep to Grade 4  
Wed: 3.45pm - 5pm
- Grade 5 & 6  
Wed: 5.15pm - 6.30pm



### YOGA FOR KIDS



### YOGA FOR KIDS

- Bendy Buddies  
2-5 years  
Tues: 9.30am - 10am
- Creative Yoga  
Prep to Grade 6  
Wed: 3.45pm - 5pm

More information: [www.woodendnh.org.au](http://www.woodendnh.org.au)

"Football is the only sport where you put people together, it doesn't matter your gender, if you are rich, or poor, or black, or white. It is one nation. This is the beauty of football."  
- Pelé, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador



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**WORLD FOOTBALL DAY**  
25 MAY



St Ambrose Primary School  
**Schools Clinic**  
FRIDAY 23rd MAY

- Wear your favourite soccer shirt
- Gold coin donation to school charity
- Fun drills & skills training



11:30am Monday 9 June 2025  
St Ambrose Hall, Woodend

## CINDERELLA

Step into a magical realm where Prokofiev's "Cinderella" dances with new life. Let Inventi Ensemble sweep you off your feet with their enchanting performance, weaving together the timeless tale with Sally Whitwell's captivating composition. Like Cinderella's transformation at the stroke of midnight, experience a symphonic metamorphosis that transports you through every twist and turn of the story. With each note, you'll feel as if you're gliding across the ballroom floor, swept up in a whirlwind of emotion and melody. Join us for a night where music and storytelling converge, leaving you spellbound till the final curtain falls.

This is a family-friendly event with children's tickets available.



For tickets and more information visit  
[woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au](http://woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au)



## Sacred Heart College Kyneton

### Raising Respectful Young Men & Women

Members of the local community are invited to attend this event.

#### Guest Speaker: Andrew Fuller

Andrew Fuller is a clinical psychologist and author specialising in the wellbeing of young people and their families. He works with many schools and communities and has been described as someone who "puts the heart back into psychology".



This session will examine:

- the forces of society that lead us towards disrespect
- why we treat one another badly
- the antidote to disrespectful behaviour
- how to deal with bullying behaviours

**When:** Wednesday 4 June

**Time:** 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

**Where:** Mary Moloney Theatre  
Sacred Heart College, Kyneton

**Tickets:** This is a free event but seats must be booked via [www.trybooking.com/CXSVZ](http://www.trybooking.com/CXSVZ)

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Come and try orienteering - Sunday 18th May 2025  
- Scout camp carpark - Middle gully Rd, MACEDON

The Macedon regional forest is looking splendid this time of year.

You can choose from easy, moderate or hard course navigation challenges depending on how experienced you are.

The easy course will go along or near easy to follow features (like paths), the moderate course will be a bit more challenging and might involve reading a few more contour features and the hard courses are designed more for experienced orienteers.

There'll be lots of friendly helpers on the day to help you choose the right course for you and get the hang of the navigational side of things.

Registration from 9:30am, choose your own start time from 10:00am-11:30am but please finish your course by 1pm.

Entry is just \$12 for adults and \$6 for kids, \$30 family maximum. Coaching and equipment loan available.

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