

# St Ambrose Primary School



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



Respectful



Responsible



Resilient



Kind



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.



Calling for members  
to join our 2026  
Fete Core  
Committee!  
See information  
later in this edition.



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Our next newsletter for the will be published on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2025.

# Term 3 2025 Dates

Saturday 5 July 2025 – Sunday 20 July 2025	Term 2 school holidays
Monday 21 July 2025	School closure day – VCEA Accreditation
Tuesday 22 July 2025	Swimming Program 12.30-1.15pm 5/6M & half of 2KR 1.15pm-2pm 5/6P & half of 2KR 2-2.45pm 5/6W Curriculum information Evening 5.30pm
Wednesday 23 July 2025	Swimming Program 12.30-1.15pm 5/6M & half of 2KR 1.15pm-2pm 5/6P & half of 2KR 2-2.45pm 5/6W
Thursday 24 July 2025	Swimming Program 12.30-1.15pm 5/6M & half of 2KR 1.15pm-2pm 5/6P & half of 2KR 2-2.45pm 5/6W
Friday 25 July 2025	Swimming Program 12.30-1.15pm 5/6M & half of 2KR 1.15pm-2pm 5/6P & half of 2KR 2-2.45pm 5/6W
Monday 28 July 2025	Swimming Program 12.30-1.15pm P/15 1.15pm-2pm P/10 2-2.45pm P/1T
Tuesday 29 July 2025	Swimming Program 12.30-1.15pm P/15 1.15pm-2pm P/10 2-2.45pm P/1T
Wednesday 30 July 2025	Swimming Program 12.30-1.15pm P/15 1.15pm-2pm P/10 2-2.45pm P/1T
Thursday 31 July 2025	Swimming Program 12.30-1.15pm P/15 1.15pm-2pm P/10 2-2.45pm P/1T
Friday 1 August 2025	Swimming Program 12.30-1.15pm P/15 1.15pm-2pm P/10 2-2.45pm P/1T
Saturday 2 August 2025	First Communion Commitment Mass 5pm
Sunday 3 August 2025	Eucharist Commitment Mass 11am
Monday 4 August 2025	Swimming Program 12.30-1.15pm 3/4M 1.15pm-2pm 3/4CW 2-2.45pm 3/4O
Tuesday 5 August 2025	Cobaw Basketball Grade 6 100 days of school – Prep/1 Swimming Program 12.30-1.15pm 3/4M 1.15pm-2pm 3/4CW 2-2.45pm 3/4O
Wednesday 6 August 2025	Grade 5/6 Mass 9.30am Swimming Program 12.30-1.15pm 3/4M 1.15pm-2pm 3/4CW 2-2.45pm 3/4O
Thursday 7 August 2025	Swimming Program 12.30-1.15pm 3/4M 1.15pm-2pm 3/4CW 2-2.45pm 3/4O
Friday 8 August 2025	Feast of St Mary of the Cross (Mackillop) Swimming Program 12.30-1.15pm 3/4M 1.15pm-2pm 3/4CW 2-2.45pm 3/4O
Monday 11 August 2025	Bullying, No Way! Week School Open Day 11.30am-1.00pm Kid's Helpline largest anti-bullying lesson 1-1.30pm
Wednesday 13 August 2025	SAC Meeting 9.15am Prep-Gr 2 Mass 9.30am Assembly 2.45pm
Thursday 14 August 2025	Sacred Heart College Junior Chef 10am-12pm
Friday 15 August 2025	Cobaw District Athletics Feast of the Assumption
Monday 18 August 2025	Book Week Swimming Program 12.30-1.15pm 5/6M & half of 2KR 1.15pm-2pm 5/6P & half of 2KR 2-2.45pm 5/6W
Wednesday 20 August 2025	Book Week Parade 9.15am Virtual Perform Education Performance 12-12.45pm
Thursday 21 August 2025	Girl's Division Volleyball Bendigo
Monday 25 August 2025	Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 26 August 2025	AFL Roadshow incursion for all classes 9am-12.45pm (1hr per class) Sacred Heart College Junior Chef 4-6pm
Wednesday 27 August 2025	Reconciliation for First Communion candidates 11.45am Melbourne Renegades Cricket Team visit Grades 3-6 2.30pm
Thursday 28 August 2025	First Communion practice 11.45am-1.15pm
Saturday 30 August 2025	Sacrament of First Communion 5pm
Sunday 31 August 2025	Sacrament of First Communion 11am
Tuesday 2 September 2025	Father's/Special Person Day refreshments 2-2.45pm in the library Liturgy in the classroom 2.45-3.30pm
Sunday 7 September 2025	Father's Day
Monday 8 September 2025	School Production "Vaudeville" rehearsal at SHC 11am-1.45pm
Tuesday 9 September 2025	School Production "Vaudeville" matinee performance at SHC 11am-1.45pm
Wednesday 10 September 2025	Grade 3/4 Mass 9.30am School Production "Vaudeville" evening performance 6pm
Thursday 11 September 2025	School Production "Vaudeville" evening performance 6pm
Monday 15 September 2025	SAC meeting 9.15am
Wednesday 17 September 2025	End of Term Mass 9.30am
Friday 19 September 2025	Last day of Term 3 – students are dismissed at 3.30pm School Disco (PFA initiative) Prep-Gr 2 – 4.30-6pm Gr 3-6 – 6.15-8pm
Saturday 20 September – Sunday 5 October 2025	Term 3 school holidays
Monday 6 October 2025	Term 4 commences



## Message from the Principal

Dear parents, families and friends,

As we approach the end of semester one and the mid year break, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful journey we have shared over the past six months. It has been a busy time filled with learning, growth, and memorable experiences for our students which we have shared through our newsletters, class communications, Operoo, Seesaw and FB.

Your children may have kept you informed too!

We are incredibly proud of the progress each child has made, both academically and personally.

It's heartwarming to see their enthusiasm for learning and how they support one another. The collective spirit of curiosity, kindness, and resilience in the classrooms has truly been inspiring. Congratulations to all of our students whose semester one report will have reached you by now.

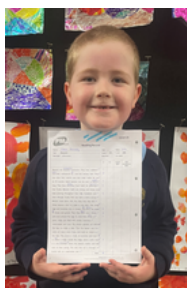
I would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks to you, our wonderful parents, for your encouragement and involvement. Your support plays a vital role in your child's education, and it has made a significant difference in our school community. Whether through volunteering, attending school events, or simply encouraging your child to engage in their studies, your commitment is deeply appreciated.

As we prepare for the break, we hope you enjoy the opportunity to spend time with your children, allowing them to have a well-deserved rest and engage in some fun activities. This time away from school is an excellent opportunity for them to explore new interests and recharge for the next term.

I would also like to thank Fr John and our amazing staff for all they do to ensure our students needs are met and that St Ambrose is a place of welcome, inclusion and an environment where they can thrive.

Wishing you all a joyful and restful term break, and we look forward to welcoming our students back, refreshed and ready for new adventures in the term 3!

Our swimming program will kick off in week one and our classes will be working on the final touches to share their polished performances with you later in the term at our school production!

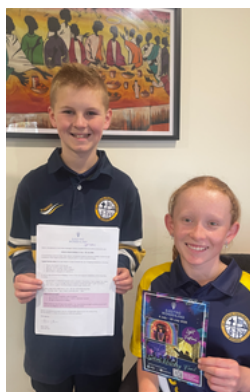


## Swimming Water safety Talks & Parent Helpers



Our swimming program begins in week one of term three with the 5-6 and year two classes scheduled in the first week. We do need parents to assist us. Contact your child's teacher if you are available. Assistance at the pool to help especially the junior students would be greatly appreciated. All classes had their water safety talks this week as a prelude to their lessons. We have a supply of free swimming caps at the office. Your child may collect one if they don't already have one.

### From our Captains



Hi everyone, Can you believe we're halfway through the school year? We've had so much fun! We've had incursions, excursions and sport days. I've really enjoyed being school captain this year. I hope you have a happy mid-year break and we can't wait to see you when we return.



Our 5-6 classes gathered today to celebrate the end of the term. We thank them for their fine leadership throughout semester one.

### 2025 Naplan Reports

We have been advised that our year 3 and year 5 Naplan reports will be sent to us in week one of term three. We will then send them home to our families.

## Semester One Reports

We hope that you have all been able to easily access your child/ren's semester one reports.

Make sure that you read the report letter at the beginning of your child's report to give context to the report.

Our dedicated teachers have worked hard to ensure that Semester One reports are accurate and reflective of each student's progress. I extend my sincere thanks to our teachers for the energy, care, and professionalism they bring to this important task. As always, St Ambrose Primary School remains committed to working in partnership with parents and carers to support every child in reaching their full potential.

## Accessing Student Reports

You may access your child's semester report via the nForma Parent Portal. Click on the links below for instructions on how to access either via the URL or the App -

[nPortal Parent Guide using URL](#)  
[nPortal Parent Guide using the App](#)

## 2026 Enrolments



We will soon be planning for 2026. To avoid disappointment, if there are any families that have a child commencing in prep next year they should submit an enrolment form asap. If you know of anyone wishing to enrol their child at our great school across any level, you could direct them to our website or encourage them to call the office to make an appointment with me.

## Come Dressed for the Weather

We have many of our students coming to school without jumpers or jackets who then come up to the office asking for a spare jumper or jacket to wear as they are cold. It would be helpful if you can support your child to make appropriate choices from uniform items for the winter months. It may be even colder next term. We do have outdoor play if it is not raining or too windy. This supports children's health and ability to concentrate for their next learning session. We thank you for checking in with your child to make sure they have adequate clothing for the weather.

Message from the Principal

## It's a Girl!



We congratulate Emma McMahon, Ollie and Maxwell on the birth of their beautiful daughter and sister Isla Ann. Emma and Isla are doing very well!

## School Crossing Safety – A Reminder for Families from our Local Laws team at MRSC



As we approach the end of the school holidays, it's a timely reminder for all parents, carers and students to prioritise safety when travelling to and from school.

We've recently observed a number of children crossing roads unsafely – without stopping, looking, or using the supervised crossing. While we understand it can be more convenient to cross at other points, using the designated school crossing is the safest option.

Our School Crossing Supervisors are trained to help children cross safely and are present during peak times to manage traffic and ensure visibility. To help keep everyone safe, we ask that families:

- always use the supervised school crossing where available
- encourage children to stop, look, and listen before crossing
- walk bikes or scooters across the road
- lead by example – children are more likely to follow safe practices when adults do the same.

At St Ambrose we prioritise child safe practices and comply with the child safety standards. Let's work together to keep our school community safe and make road safety a daily habit for our children.



## 5-6 Box Arcade Expo



Throughout Term 2, our Grade 5/6 students stepped into the shoes of designers and entrepreneurs as they explored the full product development cycle. From initial research to final production, they created innovative and interactive 'Box Arcades Games'. Students took on the challenge of designing, marketing, and building their own arcade games—entirely out of cardboard!

To celebrate their creativity and hard work, they hosted a vibrant Expo on Tuesday, inviting all classes across the school to come and play. It was a fantastic showcase of imagination, problem-solving, and hands-on learning in action.

## 3-4 EXPO Rube Goldberg

Our year three and four students had great fun showing off their Rube Goldberg contraptions at their EXPO last week! A Rube Goldberg machine is a deliberately over-engineered contraption that performs a simple task in a very complicated and humorous way. It involves a series of chain reactions where one action triggers the next, ultimately leading to the completion of a simple final task. The concept is named after American cartoonist Rube Goldberg, known for his drawings of such machines. Much collaboration, trialling and adjusting as well as creative and critical thinking was involved in planning and constructing their contraptions!



## Calling for Core Committee Members for our 2026 School Fete. We Need Your Help!



We are very keen to start planning for our 2026 School & Parish Fete. In order to make this event possible we need a number of willing parents to **join our core planning committee**. If you are interested in joining this group to make our next Fete possible please email: Sophie Lynch on [sophielynch1981@gmail.com](mailto:sophielynch1981@gmail.com)



## Term Three Commencement Date

Term Three begins on **Tuesday July 22<sup>nd</sup>**.



## 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, 1<sup>st</sup> August 2025.



**Bronwyn Phillips**  
Principal





## 3/4CW CLASSROOM FEATURE

### The Power of Invention - Rube Goldberg Machines

This term has been so much fun learning about Rube Goldberg and being able to make one of his machines. We really enjoyed the Forces and Energy incursion earlier in the term where we got to experiment with lots of different things and explore how forces and energy made things move. We especially enjoyed watching the bottle rocket explode into the sky using built up pressure.

When we began designing our Rube Goldberg machines we all had lots of ideas and everyone wanted to include their idea in their machines. Our groups had to compromise on our ideas and test if these would work using lots of different materials. We had so much fun building and creating our Rube Goldberg machines and then being able to share them with the other classes and the parents that came to see them. We also wrote information reports about Rube Goldberg and the simple tools he used to make his crazy machines work.

3/4CW





# AROUND THE SCHOOL



SWIMMING SAFETY TALK

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE GR 5/6 BOX ARCADE EXPO PICS](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE RUBE GOLDBERG PICS](#)





# Student Awards



- P/1O Taran G for his fabulous creative narrative writing. You are a wonderful author!
- P/1O Elise R for always trying her best with everything she does. Well done!
- P/1T Indy H for his creative ideas and following a narrative structure in writing - well done!
- P/1T Jack H for being a respectful and responsible member of the class.
- P/1S Renzo L for his determination and resilience when reading new texts. Well done!
- P/1S Raphael A for being a kind and caring class mate. Well done!
- P/1S James F for being a great role model to his peers. Well done!
- P/1S Winter T for her thoughtful ideas in her narrative writing. Well done!
- 2KR Elise M for demonstrating her understanding during maths tasks!
- 2KR Amelia S for her positive attitude towards everything she does!
- 2KR Isabelle A for always trying her best in maths tasks!
- 3/4CW Jordan M for working hard to listen to and follow instructions independently!
- 3/4CW Peaches K for her resilience to have a go and trust her ability.
- 3/4M Charlie P for trying new things to improve his writing.
- 3/4M Matilda C for having greater confidence in all of her work.
- 3/4O Rex R for always being up for a challenge and always offering help.
- 3/4O Agatha W for her determination when working on her Rube Goldberg Machine.
- 5/6M Caleb S for consistently demonstrating a commitment to deeper understanding by asking thoughtful questions.
- 5/6M Harriet F for working hard to understand chance experiments involving equally likely outcomes.
- 5/6P Archer B for always having a positive attitude towards his learning
- 5/6P Elke F for being and making our classroom a great place to be.
- 5/6W Amari B for his wonderful leadership not only in the classroom but also in the yard. Well done Amari!
- 5/6W Ruby S for your caring leadership that you showed towards your buddy during buddy mass. Thank you Ruby!

**PBL Bronze Awards** - Harry R, Ryder M, Charlie P, Sailor C, Taj M, Baz R, Harper C, Lucas T, Charlotte W, Seb M, Ruby W, Jordan M, Lawson N,

**PBL Silver Awards** - Rose A G, Iona T, Teddy M, Jethro F, Molly M, Leah W, Kate D, Milana M, Aaliyah F, Poppy P, Jack J, Rex R, Rose B, Mosako S, Lachlan G, Henry Q, Millie E, Taran G, Lexi K, Archie L, Lachie M, Bassy G, Jack B

**PBL Gold Awards** - Lucy S, Tillie J, Abi B, Madeline Q,

**PBL Rainbow Award** - Nevel E-S



6 JULY	ATTICUS L
8 JULY	HENRY Q
16 JULY	ELISE M
17 JULY	MOLLIE H
25 JULY	ELISSA A
27 JULY	MOSAKO S



# School News



## Student News

by Orlando B & Emrys G (5/6P)



Every Thursday evening we train with Western Swords Fencing Club in St Albans, which is really fun! We fence sabre and foil and are working towards épée. Last Sunday we competed in our first state tournament in North Melbourne, fencing with lots of people from many fencing clubs across Victoria and Tasmania. It was really exciting! Emrys scored the final winning point for his team in the last second of the bout, and Orlando scored two points in a bout with Victoria's state sabre coach. We really like fencing because it's challenging, we develop strategic thinking, and it's so much fun fencing with lots of other people.





## Canteen Wrap up and History of the Lamington

As Term 2 has come to a close I would like to personally say a big thank you once again to the Canteen volunteers who have generously given their time to help me each week. It's so nice to see regular faces, first time helpers and our first Dad in the canteen - Thank you! It's been fun and I know the children love seeing a parent or carer deliver their lunches.

I hope your children have enjoyed the variety of winter warmers and hot chocolate on offer this term. Hot Chocolates are popular. It's nice to enjoy something warm for morning tea on a cold Woodend day. If you didn't already know they are available in both regular milk as well as a soy milk gluten free version for those with dietary restrictions. The hot chocolates will continue through Term 3.

Always keep your eyes out for something new in the specials tab on Flexischools. Specials are made (or purchased) when I have a bit of extra time in the kitchen on a Tuesday. They are generally only available for 1 or 2 weeks before a new item is added in its place. First week back next term Lamingtons will be on the specials menu for Recess.

Australians across the globe celebrate Lamington Day on the 21st of July each year. "This delightful square of fluffy vanilla sponge cake is not like a typical slice of cake, it is dipped in a layer of rich chocolate and dusted with a delightful coat of shredded coconut, making it more special and renowned. It's more than just a dessert, it's a national icon and pride of every Australian person. But where did this beloved confection originate, and how did it become a symbol of Australia?

### The Lamington's Origins

The origins of the lamington are a bit of a delightful mystery. One of the most popular historical stories is that they are named after Lord Lamington, the 6th Governor of Queensland (1896-1901). Lady Lamington, the governor's wife, once requested a new kind of afternoon tea cake to grace their social gatherings. While there's no definitive proof to solidify this claim, it adds a layer of intrigue to the lamington's legacy.

Another theory suggests that it is quite similar to a French dessert called a "gâteau à la française". This cake, featuring layers of sponge cake and jam, could have pushed Australian cooks to create something uniquely their own.

Regardless of how it was discovered, lamington quickly captured the hearts and taste buds of Australian people.

The first known printed recipe for "lamington cake" appeared in the December 17, 1900 issue of Queensland Country Life, along with several other recipes, under the headline "Useful Recipes". In the following years, recipes for lamingtons appeared in other newspapers, and by the mid 1910s, they became a staple of baking competitions at regional fairs."  
([Glenroybakery.com.au](http://Glenroybakery.com.au))

A final note to remember - The week your children have swimming lessons next term Canteen, Super Sushi and Subway orders will not be available to order. Please ensure your child brings lunch from home.

Wishing everyone a restful break.

Thank you  
Katie







# Mental Health & Wellbeing at St Ambrose

Erin Brass



Term 3, 2025  
Loddon Mallee  
Regional Parenting



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## What's On: Term 3

All programs are delivered by our qualified and passionate facilitators.

### Multi-Session Programs

#### Circle of Security | 6 Sessions, Tuesdays

A relationship-based parenting program helping parents to understand their child's world and support their child's security, by learning to read and manage emotional needs.

FREE | Tuesdays, 29 July - 2 Sept | 10.30am - 12.30pm  
CatholicCare Victoria, 176 - 178 McCrae St, Bendigo



#### Tuning in to Kids | 6 Sessions, Thursdays

Helping parents and carers build their skills to help their children develop emotional intelligence and manage their emotions, using 'emotion coaching'.

FREE | Thursdays, 31 July - 4 Sept | 10am - 12pm  
Online, via Teams



### Special Events

#### Seen - Film Screening

The film explores the transformative power of personal healing for parents, and delves into the scientifically supported effects of its impact on child brain development.

\$10 | Wednesday, 23 July | 7pm  
Star Cinema Eaglehawk

Register:



#### Creating Cooperation and Connection with Lael Stone

A unique opportunity to hear from a well known Australian parenting expert.

\$10 | Tuesday, 28 October | 7pm - 8.30pm  
The Capital Theatre, Bendigo

Register:



### Single-Session Workshops

#### Kids and Worry

Practical tools to help parents and carers assist their children to manage their worries and anxieties. Explores reasons why children worry and ways parents and carers can support them.

FREE  
Thursday, 24 July | 12.30pm - 2pm  
Kangaroo Flat Library, 23 Lockwood Rd



#### Knowing Your Teen

Exploring strategies that focus on the strengths of teenage development and build a positive relationship with them, even during challenging times.

FREE  
Monday, 18 August | 9.15am - 10.45am  
Bendigo Library, 259 Hargreaves St, Bendigo



#### Building Resilience in Kids

Resilience is not just about managing stresses, but also developing skills for dealing with challenges and becoming independent.

FREE  
Monday, 8 September | 10am - 11.30am  
Kangaroo Flat Library, 23 Lockwood Rd



#### Parenting Workshop

Contact our team for more information on [bendigo.reception@catholiccarevic.org.au](mailto:bendigo.reception@catholiccarevic.org.au)

FREE  
10 September & 11 September  
In-person, various locations



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

Please call us if you have questions on (03) 5438 1300 or email [bendigo.reception@catholiccarevic.org.au](mailto:bendigo.reception@catholiccarevic.org.au)



Register:

[www.catholiccarevic.org.au/workshops](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/workshops)

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RESILIENCE PROJECT.

## GEM Chats Emotional Literacy

### CREATING WELLBEING HABITS & CONNECTION

GEM Chats help families practice The Resilience Project's principles, offering a simple wellbeing check-in while building stronger connections through daily conversations.

### HOW TO USE GEM CHATS

Make GEM Chats a part of your dinner routine to reflect, check in, and practice emotional literacy.

Try these prompts:

- What emotion do you feel right now and why?
- What are some emotions you have felt today/this week? How did you identify them?
- Describe a moment from your day when you felt excited.
- What emotions have you noticed today in your friends, teachers or family members? How did you recognise these emotions?
- What could you do today/tomorrow to experience a positive emotion?



TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE RESILIENCE PROJECT, HEAD TO:

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# 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.

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for July:

For formation in discernment  
Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.



## PONDER:

HOW DOES PETER'S STORY ENCOURAGE YOU TO TRUST GOD, EVEN AFTER MISTAKES?  
ARE THERE AREAS IN YOUR LIFE WHERE YOU FEEL GOD IS CALLING YOU TO CHANGE, LIKE PAUL?  
HOW CAN YOU SHOW COURAGE IN LIVING AND SHARING YOUR FAITH WITH OTHERS?



## Are you interested in becoming a part of our Catholic Community in Lancefield, Romsey or Woodend?

Fr John will start a program for adults interested in becoming a Catholic in mid-July. An information evening will be held at St Ambrose Presbytery 47 Urquhart St Woodend 7pm – 8pm, on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July. At that meeting we will discuss the program and where is the best place to meet. Please email Fr John on [john.healy@cam.org.au](mailto:john.healy@cam.org.au) to show and expression of interest. This is an information evening, leaving people free to begin the journey or not.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

## Gospel Reflection: Matt 16:13-19

The lives of Peter and Paul teach us that God can use anyone to do His work. Peter was an ordinary fisherman, and Paul started as someone who opposed Christians. Both became leaders of the Church. This reminds us that no matter our past or weaknesses, we can serve God if we are willing to follow Him.

Peter's life teaches us about trust and forgiveness. He made mistakes, like when he denied Jesus three times. But Peter repented and accepted Jesus' forgiveness. He went on to lead the early Church with courage. This shows us that failure is not the end. When we turn back to God, He gives us another chance.

Paul's life shows the power of change. He was once an enemy of Christians, but after his conversion, he became one of the greatest missionaries. Paul reminds us that God's grace can change even the hardest hearts. No one is too far away from God to come back to Him.

Both Peter and Paul show us how to be brave in our faith. They faced threats, prison, and even death, but they kept preaching the Gospel. Their courage inspires us to stand firm in our beliefs, even when it is not easy.

Another lesson from their lives is the importance of working together. Peter and Paul had different missions and sometimes disagreed. But they worked for the same goal: spreading the message of Jesus. They remind us that unity is more important than differences.

The examples of Peter and Paul teach us to trust God, seek forgiveness, be open to change, and stay strong in faith. Their lives encourage us to live with purpose and to share the message of Jesus with others.

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

Date	Details	Time
2nd August	1st Eucharist Commitment Mass	5:00 pm
3rd August	1st Eucharist Commitment Mass	11:00 am
6th August	Senior Level Mass (Grs 5/6)	9:30 am
7th August	1st Eucharist Evening Meeting	6:30 pm
13th August	Junior Level Mass (Grs P-2)	9:30 am
27th August	Reconciliation for 1st Eucharist	11:45 am
28th August	1st Eucharist Practice	11:45 am
30th August	First Eucharist	5:00 pm
31st August	First Eucharist	11:00 am
2nd September	Father's Day Prayer Service	3:00 pm
10th September	Middle Level Mass (Grs 3/4) (Cancelled)	9:30 am
17th September	End of Term 3 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.





# COMMUNITY NEWS

  
**ELECTRIC WONDERLAND**  
4 July - 20 July 2025

*Light Festival*

*School Holiday Fun!*

electricwonderland.com.au



 Scan for more information or to book tickets

  
**ELECTRIC WONDERLAND**  
4 July - 20 July 2025

Off-Peak (Sun-Thu)	2 years & under	3-16 years	Adult 16+	Family (2A+2C)
ONLINE*	Free	\$14	\$22	\$58
AT GATE	Free	\$16	\$24	\$64

Peak (Fri & Sat)	2 years & under	3-16 years	Adult 16+	Family (2A+2C)
ONLINE*	Free	\$16	\$24	\$64
AT GATE	Free	\$18	\$26	\$70

\*Booking fees apply.

*School Holiday Fun!*

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Take advantage of our OFF-PEAK SAVINGS!

**HAWKS HEADSTART**  
**GAME-READY SKILLS PROGRAM**



Is your child ready to try basketball? Get them off to a flying start with this 6-week skills program for under 8 girls and boys (born in 2017 and 2018), and be game-ready for competition basketball in Summer 25/26!

WHEN	WHERE	COST
4.30-5.30pm every Thursday from July 31	Buffalo Sports Stadium, Woodend	\$30 (includes a basketball to keep!)



**SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN**  
**kidsBiz**  
8th - 11th July 2025 10am - 12pm

 **OAK & STONE**  
66 High Street | Woodend | Vic | 3442

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Colouring in competition
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Crafting bracelets
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Nature collages
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Finger puppet craft
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Mask Making

Book online:  
events.oakandstonecafe.com.au



**SCAN THE CODE TO FIND OUT MORE!**

and follow us for updates on how and when to register (places limited)







# COMMUNITY NEWS



**GIVE KARTING A GO!**

JUNIOR SPROCKETS AND SPROCKETS PLUS  
**BENDIGO KART CLUB**  
**JULY 8, 2025**



Limited Spaces Available  
Scan QR To Reserve A Spot  
[www.karting.net.au/junior-sprockets/](http://www.karting.net.au/junior-sprockets/)



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT -  
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**TERM THREE**  
**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**  
**AUSSIE HOOPS**

7 WEEKS | 60 MINS SESSIONS  
INTRODUCTION TO BASKETBALL



GISBORNE (MRSP) -  
WEDNESDAY - 4:45PM - 5:45PM  
SATURDAY - 8:30AM - 9:30AM  
WOODEND (BUFFALO STADIUM) -  
FRIDAY - 4:30PM - 5:30PM  
SATURDAY - 8:30AM - 9:30AM



**Macedon Ranges**  
Shire Council

**Kid-friendly  
winter fun!**



Hi,  
Welcome to the latest edition of the Macedon Ranges Kids eNews  
Warm up with some winter ideas for workshops, activities and school holiday ideas for children in the Macedon Ranges!







# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Living with wildlife: Kangaroos

Have you seen a lot of kangaroos around lately? Populations change with the availability of food and water. Kangaroos are a special part of our environment – let's keep them (and us!) safe.

Here's how you can help protect kangaroos and stay safe too:

- Slow down between dusk and dawn. Kangaroos are most active early in the morning and at night.
- Keep your dog on a leash. This helps protect your pet and the kangaroo. Kangaroos may feel scared or threatened by dogs.
- Don't feed kangaroos. Feeding them can make them sick or change their natural behaviour. Let them find food on their own.
- See a sick or injured kangaroo? Call Wildlife Victoria on (03) 8400 7300. If you find dead wildlife on a Council road, report it at (03) 5422 0333.



Let's look after our local wildlife – and each other!  
For further information, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/Live-Work/Environment](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/Live-Work/Environment)



**Macedon Ranges**  
Shire Council

**JULY**  
**9TH, 10TH & 11TH**  
**10AM & 1.00PM DAILY!**

Scan the QR code for more information!

**Interactive WILDLIFE SHOWS**  
**Jubilee Hall MACEDON**

**Wild Action**

[www.wildaction.com.au](http://www.wildaction.com.au)

## Penguin Foundation

### Knits For Nature

The Penguin Foundation and Phillip Island Nature Parks **Knits for Nature** program has been hugely successful for over 20 years. Generous knitters and groups from all around the world answered the call to knit jumpers for little penguins to save their lives in the event of oil spills. Our rehabilitation clinic is well stocked with jumpers in the unfortunate event of an oil spill, and we thank the hundreds and thousands of people who contributed their expert knitting skills to provide these life-saving garments for the colony of 40,000 little penguins living on Phillip Island (Milawul).

### Penguin Jumper Pattern

**8 ply Pattern** Directions given Australia (U.K., USA)

#### You will need:

8 ply (D.K., Sport/Worsted) yarn  
1 pr 3.75mm (no.9, US no.5)

#### Method:

##### BACK

- Cast on 36 sts.
- K1 P1 to the end of the row.
- Repeat for 7 more rows.
- Change to K2 P2 and inc. 8 sts. evenly across this row. (44sts.)
- Continue until the work measures 12cm.
- Dec. 1 st. each end of every row till 28 sts.
- Dec. one stitch in the middle of the next row. (27 sts)
- Change to K1P1 rib for 10 rows. Cast off.

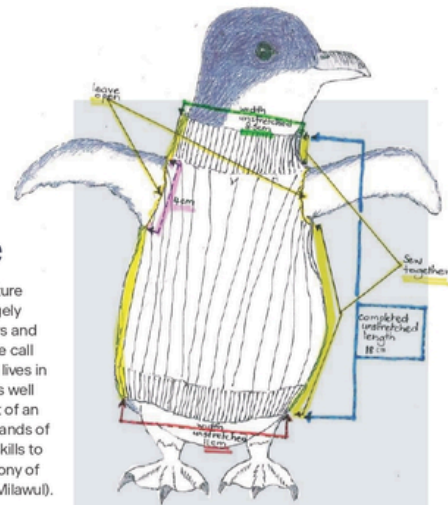
##### FRONT

- Knit same as the Back.
- Using a flat seam join the neck edges together (about 4cm)
- Stitch the sides to the beginning of the upper decreasing (opening for each flipper). Side seam should be 12cm approximately. Flipper opening about 4cm in length.

Total length of finished jumper should be no more than 18cm, width should be no more than 12cm, base width should be no more than 11cm.

Please send or deliver your little penguin jumpers to the following address:

**Penguin Foundation: Shop 4, 154/156, Thompson Ave, Cowes VIC 3922.**



Penguin jumper measurement diagram.

Little penguin in knitted jumper recovering from oil pollution at the Phillip Island Wildlife Clinic.



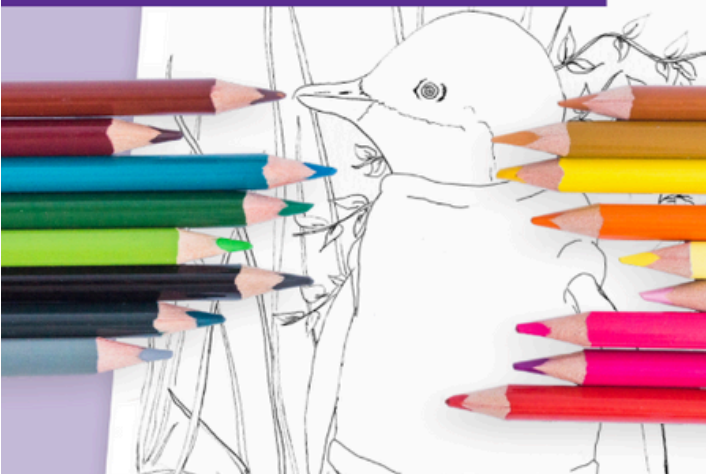
To make a donation to enhance Phillip Island's natural environment and protect native wildlife scan the QR code.



For further information please contact the Penguin Foundation at [info@penguinfoundation.org.au](mailto:info@penguinfoundation.org.au).

Or visit: [www.penguinfoundation.org.au](http://www.penguinfoundation.org.au)

## Design your own little penguin jumper to WIN



**Three prize packs to be won!**  
**Valued at \$179.99 each.**

Head to the Penguin Parade Visitor Centre these school holidays to join in the fun!

**Open daily from 12 pm.**

For terms and conditions visit [penguins.org.au/terms-and-conditions](http://penguins.org.au/terms-and-conditions)

**Phillip Island**  
**NATURE**  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_



Entrants consent to Phillip Island Nature Parks using their name, age and display their entry on social media likeness in connection with the competition

Entries close 7pm Sunday 20 July, 2025. A prize pack will be provided to three winners, including a family 3 Parks Pass and plush dressed penguin. All prizes to be collected from the Penguin Parade Visitor Centre. Please monitor our socials for winner announcements Friday 25 July, 2025. For full terms and conditions visit [penguins.org.au/terms-and-conditions](http://penguins.org.au/terms-and-conditions).