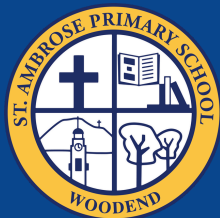


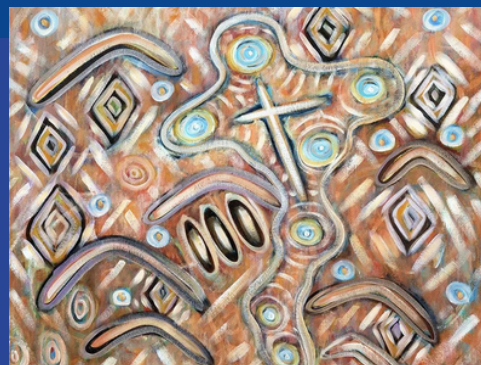
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St Ambrose Primary School

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

🐝 Respectful 🐝 Responsible 🐝 Resilient 🐝 Kind



We respectfully acknowledge the Dja Dja Wurrung people and give thanks to our elders past, present and emerging and truly appreciate the beautiful surrounds our school is built upon.
With gratitude; The St Ambrose Community.



My Prayer for synodality:
Loving God,
May our way of being together foster:
Compassion
Understanding
Self Care
Being Dependable
Being Organised
Being Professional
Being Supportive
Walking the Talk
Enabling our Vision & Mission
Resilience
Perseverance
Equity
Fairness
Service to Others
Deep Listening
Peace
Inclusion
Love
Hope
Amen

Saturday 30 August 2025	Sacrament of First Eucharist 5pm
Sunday 31 August 2025	Sacrament of First Eucharist 11am
Tuesday 2 September 2025	Footy Colours Day Father's/Special Person Day refreshments 2-2.45pm in the library Liturgy in the classroom 2.45-3.30pm Assembly 2.45pm (P/I/T hosting)
Wednesday 3 September 2025	Father's Day
Sunday 7 September 2025	School Production "Vaudeville" rehearsal at SHC 11am-1.45pm
Monday 8 September 2025	School Production "Vaudeville" matinee performance at SHC 11am-1.45pm
Tuesday 9 September 2025	School Production "Vaudeville" evening performance 6pm
Wednesday 10 September 2025	School Production "Vaudeville" evening performance 6pm
Thursday 11 September 2025	SAC meeting 9.15am
Monday 15 September 2025	End of Term Mass 9.30am
Wednesday 17 September 2025	Assembly 2.45pm (5/6M hosting)
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



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PFA CAKE STALL Sept 6th
See flyer in this NL.
Donations appreciated

Artwork by
first nations artist
Susan Reys

Our next newsletter for the will be published on Friday 12th September 2025.

Message from the Principal

Dear parents, families and friends,

Last week, I had the privilege of attending the National Catholic Education Conference which was a valuable opportunity to hear the latest ideas shaping education today. It was both inspiring and energising, and I welcomed the chance to gather with colleagues and leaders in Catholic education to share, reflect and learn from one another.

The conference offered workshops across a wide range of areas, including:

- Catholic identity, mission and formation
- Learning and teaching
- Leadership and governance
- Parent, parish and community engagement
- Resourcing, infrastructure, advocacy & more.

We began with a moving Acknowledgement of Country and a reflection on Truth-telling, Healing and Reconciliation. Another significant focus was on a Synodal Church—a way of being together that calls us to listen deeply, reflect spiritually, and discern collectively in order to carry out our shared mission.

Education is always evolving. Throughout your child's school journey, you'll notice changes in how teaching and learning are approached.

Some skills remain constant—like learning to write, read and communicate clearly. These are vital foundations. But learning also goes deeper: it's about applying knowledge, asking questions, thinking critically, and discovering new possibilities.

This “deep learning” is dynamic and ever-changing, just as our students are. As educators, it's our role to keep exploring new ways to nurture curiosity, creativity and critical thinking—so our children are equipped not only with skills, but with the capacity to thrive in a changing world. This week our staff did just that on our school closure day where we explored the why of the Respectful Relationships program as well as how we can best teach mental computation strategies effectively.

I am continually inspired by the commitment of our staff who work together to enable our vision and mission and recognise our school improvement goals.

Book Week



Last week, our school came alive with colour, imagination and a love of stories as we celebrated Book Week. Students and staff enjoyed dressing up as their favourite book characters, filling the day with laughter and creativity. From parades to shared reading activities, the week reminded us of the joy books bring and the power of stories to spark curiosity and inspire young minds. A big thank you to our families for helping with costumes and encouraging a love of reading at home—it was truly a celebration of books, learning and community spirit! Thank you to Erin and our amazing staff for making this day so much fun!

We hope you can sense the vibe when you look at our photo story of this day.



Eucharist

We keep our students, who are preparing to make their First Eucharist this weekend, in our thoughts and prayers at this special time in their faith journey. This sacrament of initiation is a sacred and joyful milestone as they come to share more fully in the life of the Church. We pray that they may always feel God's love guiding them and that the gift of the Eucharist strengthens their faith, hope and love in the years ahead.

You are all welcome to attend the 5pm or 11am mass this weekend.

School Production

Excitement is building as preparations for our school production 'Vaudeville' are well underway! Our students have been rehearsing with energy and enthusiasm, and we can't wait to share their hard work and talent with you.



This promises to be a spectacular performance filled with music, colour and joy—an event not to be missed! Make sure to secure your tickets soon and join us in celebrating what will be a truly memorable show!

Next PFA Meeting

Our next parents and friends association meeting will be held on Monday 15th September at 7.00pm in our staffroom. Please email Sophie Lynch on sophielynch1981@gmail.com if you would like further details.

Calling for Core Committee Members for our 2026 School Fete.

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

Junior Chef

Although our school was not the overall Junior Chef winner, our students should be extremely proud of their accomplishment. The scores this year were very, very close, and all students can take pride in their efforts. It was a memorable moment where the children truly shone, demonstrating their creativity, teamwork, and passion for cooking. Sophia M, Olive S, Alice C & Seb M are pictured below as "Yes Chef" and we congratulate them!

The Sacred Heart College Junior Chef Competition aims to provide an enjoyable yet challenging experience. It introduces students to the secondary school environment and encourages them to nurture their culinary skills. Our thanks to SHC for this worthwhile opportunity.

MACSSIS – School Improvement Surveys

Each year, our school takes part in MACSSIS (Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools – School Improvement Surveys). These surveys give students, families, and staff the chance to share their thoughts and experiences of school life.

The feedback we receive helps us celebrate what we are doing well and guides us in making improvements where they are needed most. Your voice plays an important role in shaping the future direction of our school and in supporting the best possible outcomes for all students.

Why MACSSIS Matters:

- Listening to our community: The surveys highlight our strengths and show us where we can grow.
- Planning for the future: Your feedback helps us set goals and plan for the coming years.

We encourage all families to complete this short survey. Links will be sent out next week.

Next Newsletter

"Do to others as you would have them do to you."

— LUKE 6:31

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, 12th September 2025.



Bronwyn Phillips
Principal



PREP/1S CLASSROOM FEATURE

What's been happening in

PREP / 1 S?

We have had a very busy start to Term 3! Our term started with the Swimming Program. We were resilient, determined and super excited to practice our swimming. Here are some more of our term highlights so far!



EXCURSION TO MELBOURNE MUSEUM

On Thursday August 14, the Prep/1 students went to Melbourne Museum to support our History Inquiry Unit. We saw an incursion called "My Grandmother's Toybox" that showed us how toys have changed over time. Then we explored the Dinosaur Walk and saw a huge Triceratops! We finished in "The Melbourne Story" where we saw old trams, an olden day house, a movie theatre and some olden day artefacts. We had such a great time exploring.



What's been happening in

PREP / 1 S?

BOOK WEEK

On Wednesday August 20, our school celebrated Book Week with a dress up day and a parade! We had princesses, jockeys, Pokemon Masters, Bluey and Bingos, Frida Kahlo and lots more in our class! Across the week, we did lots of fun activities with the Book Week stories and showed lots of creativity!



What's been happening in

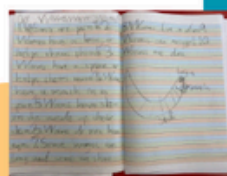
PREP / 1 S?

In the classroom we have been doing some wonderful learning!

In Maths, we have learnt about 2D shapes, their features and where we can find these in the environment. We have also been learning about Multiplication and Division through some fun games and stories.

In Literacy, we have been reading Non-Fiction texts and learning about their features. We have explored these texts in the library and in digital form on Epic! We have been learning about how to write facts and label diagrams!

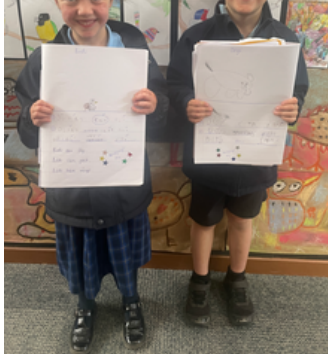
In Religion, we are learning about the types of prayer and how these connect us to God. We celebrated our Junior School Mass and have been learning new songs about God and our faith.



AROUND THE SCHOOL



Year 2's making clay houses in Art.



Rotary Club visit Grade 5/6 students.

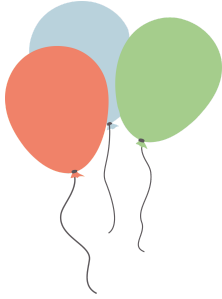


[Click here for Book Parade gallery.](#)





HAPPY BIRTHDAY



30 August	Boston M
31 August	Olive S
1 September	Bassy G
2 September	Anna M, Ruby S
3 September	Teddy A
5 September	Amity C
8 September	Elle B



BAKE SALE

SATURDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2025

8AM - 12.30PM

OUTSIDE THE WOODEND NEWSAGENCY

CAN YOU HELP WITH BAKED GOODS?

**Packaged baked goods,
with an ingredients list, may be dropped
at the school office next
Friday 5 September from 3.00-4.00pm.**



Raising funds for the St Ambrose School Disco & future events.



Father's Day Afternoon Tea

Next **Tuesday 2 September 2025**

we will celebrate our St Ambrose Fathers and/or significant persons, with an afternoon tea in Gumbuya (library) followed by a special prayer and games in the classroom. It is also a Footy Colours Day if you would like to come dressed in a sporty theme!

Afternoon Tea - 2.00pm

This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with other patriarchal figures and have a quiet moment on a busy day.

Toddlers are welcome to attend under parent supervision.

Special Prayer and Games in the Classroom - 2.45pm

Following afternoon tea, we invite our fathers/significant persons to join our students for a special prayer and games in the classrooms.

Please indicate your attendance for catering purposes via Operoo.



Tuesday 2nd September



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

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

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

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

The need for education support for kids with cancer

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

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

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

How do our programs help kids with cancer?

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





ST AMBROSE PARENTS & FRIENDS
ASSOCIATION PRESENTS THE

School
DISCO

★ *Glow Party* ★

FRIDAY 19 SEPT
AT THE WOODEND TENNIS CLUB

GRADES PREP, 1 & 2	GRADES 3, 4, 5 & 6
4:30 - 6PM	6:15 - 8PM

WEAR WHITE & GLOW!



We are excited to announce that this year, on **Thursday 11th September, at 1.30pm**, St Ambrose will be joining

The 6th Annual 'The World's Biggest Gratitude Lesson' LIVE Online Classroom Event

Bringing young people together from around the world to practise gratitude, kindness, empathy and to promote mental wellbeing.

For this year's event, the Growing with Gratitude team is partnering with The Embrace Collective.

The Collectives' mission is to help young people build better body image by appreciating what their bodies do for them rather than what they look like.

Their mission aligns beautifully with the World's Biggest Gratitude Lesson. The Embrace Collective founder, 2023 Australian of the Year, body image advocate, storyteller, filmmaker, author and global speaker Taryn Brumfitt will be joining the gratitude lesson to show how we can show gratitude for our own bodies.

The event was publicised on National Nine News in 2024, should you be interested in viewing, please see the link below.

[Growing with Gratitude World's Biggest Gratitude Lesson](#)

JOIN THE CELEBRATION OF ALL THINGS Faith & Family



Door of Humility,
Church of Nativity,
Bethlehem



Prayer:

Lord, as You journeyed through life, You looked only at the hearts of those You encountered.

You treated each person with dignity and love.

Please help me to shed all temptations to see others through the eyes of the world and to show full respect to all of Your sons and daughters.

Jesus, I trust in You.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August:

For mutual coexistence
Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

Do you see every person in the way that God sees them? Do you see everyone with equal dignity and worth? Or do you elevate those whom you envy and whose success you covet? Seek to eliminate all worldly ways of looking at others so that you will only look at others through the lens of their dignity and fidelity to the will of God.



PARISH NEWSLETTER

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Gospel Reflection: Luke 13:22-30

The context of this passage provides insight into Jesus' mission and His concern for each and every person. Note that Jesus was traveling toward the large and populous city of Jerusalem. But as He traveled, He passed through "towns and villages" and taught the people as He went. This might seem like a small detail, but it is also a significant one.

One historian, Josephus, wrote that there were about 240 villages throughout Galilee at the time Jesus lived. It's interesting to note that Jesus wanted to teach everyone. He didn't care if they were wealthy and powerful people in the large city or peasant farmers and shepherds from the countryside. His mission was to all.

One thing this teaches us is that we, also, must have love and concern for everyone, regardless of their social status. Each and every person is equal in dignity. From the president of a large country, to the beggar in an alleyway, everyone deserves our respect and attention in an equal way.

Our fallen human nature experiences various forms of temptation. Among them are temptations for riches, power and prestige. For that reason, we tend to admire those who have obtained worldly success because we want it for ourselves. As a result, we tend to show greater respect for those who have achieved what we covet and give less attention to those who do not have that success. This, of course, goes to the heart of the problem.

When you think about the people whom you have encountered recently, what comes to mind? Perhaps your "encounter" was to read about someone's great success in the financial world. Or perhaps it was to read about someone's demise in another way. Perhaps a neighbor has done well and purchased a new car, or a friend got fired from a job. Whatever the case may be, it is important to consider the level of personal respect and love you show for each person. It must be equal. Worldly status cannot determine how we treat others. This is hard to avoid.

At the end of today's Gospel, Jesus says, "For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." The latter statement must have especially resonated with those who felt somewhat insignificant and unimportant in life.

Those who felt like they were "last" would have received a certain hope. This tells us that God never measures us by our successes from a worldly standpoint. He measures us only on the level of our fidelity to His holy will.

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RELIGIOUS CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN TERM THREE, 2025:

Date	Details	Time
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

MACEDON RANGES BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

MIDWEEK JUNIOR BASKETBALL

SUMMER SEASON 2025/26
16 WEEK SEASON - STARTING 13TH OCT

OUR DOMESTIC COMPETITION IS STILL SETTLING INTO OUR FRESH NEW LOOK!
TEAM SUBMISSION DETAILS WILL BE SHARED ONCE REGISTRATIONS ARE COMPLETE!

ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL
U10S - \$190 **OTHER AGE GROUPS - \$215**
PLUS BV & BA FEES, WHERE APPLICABLE
ENDS SUNDAY, AUGUST 31ST
AFTER THIS DATE, THE REGISTRATION FEE WILL INCREASE TO \$235

AGE GROUPS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
JUNIOR GIRLS	U10 BOYS	U19 BOYS
INTERMEDIATE GIRLS	U12 BOYS	(NEW AGE GROUP)
	U14 BOYS	
	U16 BOYS	

SCAN HERE

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT - WWW.MRBA.ORG.AU

40 YEARS OF MRBA

HONORING THE PAST, EMBRACING THE FUTURE

JOIN THE WOODEND HAWKS THIS SUMMER!

WOODEND HAWKS

REGISTER NOW for the Summer 2025/26 junior domestic basketball season, commencing Saturday October 11 and running across Term 4, 2025 and Term 1, 2026. For girls and boys aged **under 10** to **under 21** (born 2008 to 2018).

The Woodend Hawks Basketball Club is a thriving, inclusive and supportive community for basketball players, providing development opportunities at all levels.

We offer dedicated team training and play in a graded competition through the Sunbury Basketball Association.

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT UNTIL SUNDAY AUGUST 24

FOLLOW US ON  

SCAN THE CODE OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO REGISTER

Need help? Visit woodendhawksbasketball.org.au or email coordinator@woodendhawksbasketball.org.au





COMMUNITY NEWS

WALK OR RIDE TO SCHOOL



Why walk or ride?

Physical activity is good for kids' physical and mental health

Kids that are active are more likely to continue healthy behaviours later in life

Kids who walk or ride to school have been found to be more attentive and focused in class

Kids who walk to school will have a greater connection with their community

Remember

Plan ahead

Plan with your parents or guardians so everyone knows which paths you will take, and who you will walk or ride with

Safety first

Take care when crossing roads. Always follow the road rules. Plan for hot, cold, or wet days. Wear a helmet when riding

Part way is OK
If you can't walk all the way, why not park the car a few blocks from school and walk, ride or scoot the rest of the way?

For more information visit:
walktoschool.vichealth.vic.gov.au



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS FUN AT WNH SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2025

ROBO EXPLORERS

Join the STEMBuddy team for an interactive workshop, designed to teach coding and control

Monday 22 September
10am - 12noon

\$45

Prep to Grade 2



ROBO MASTERS

Join the STEMBuddy team for this interactive workshop, featuring EV3 LEGO Robots

Monday 22 September
12.30pm - 3.30pm

\$55

Grades 3 - 6



ZENTANGLE PILLOWCASES

Decorate your own butterfly or fish pillowcase with zentangle patterns to create a unique dream pillow

Wednesday 24 September
10.30am - 12noon or 1pm - 2.30pm

\$35

Prep to Grade 6



BUG CREATIONS

Scavenge for natural materials, then get creative in the garden as you craft your very own bug!

Monday 29 September
10.30am - 12noon

\$35

Prep to Grade 6



SUN COLLAGES

Craft your own sunshine with textured papers, inspired by artist-illustrator Claire Youngs

Tuesday 30 September
10.30am - 12noon or 1pm - 2.30pm

\$35

Prep to Grade 6



STORYBOARD DRAMA

Join the crew at Storyboard Drama for a fun and energetic performance workshop

Wednesday 1 October
9.30am - 12.30pm or 1pm - 4pm

\$35

Prep to Grade 6



BENDY BUDDIES

Bendy Buddies Yoga is a joyful and playful yoga adventure designed for little yogis

Thursday 2 October
9am - 9.30am

\$10

Aged 2 - 5 years



CREATIVE YOGA

Join Sarah for this unique blend of yoga, fun and relaxation perfect for primary school kids

Thursday 2 October
10am - 11am

\$15

Prep to Grade 6



For more information or to make a booking, visit our website: www.woodendnh.org.au or call 5427 1845

A Safe Space for Everyone



JUST DROP IN. NO BOOKING NEEDED.

Tuesdays & Wednesdays 5:30pm - 8:30pm, 47 Forest St, Woodend.
for an update on opening hours, follow us on social media

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- Warm, welcoming, and inclusive.
- Free cuppa & conversation.
- Quiet space to relax.
- Creative & wellbeing activities available.
- Friendly trained volunteers ready to listen.



COME & TRY
CRICKET
DAY!

FUN
GAMES
& BBQ

PLAY CRICKET AT THE
MOST ICONIC GROUND
IN REGIONAL VICTORIA!



SUNDAY SEPT 14TH, 11-2PM @ HANGING ROCK

FRIDAY NIGHTS

- U13-15 GIRLS
- U11 MIXED

SATURDAY MORNINGS

- U13 MIXED
- U15 MIXED

- No experience necessary
- Most Equipment supplied
- Training Tues & Thurs
- Games start Term 4 end Term 1
- U11 Modified rules to focus on FUN

- Meet our coaches
- Fun activities
- Help with registration

First Game
IN TERM 4

Contact
HRCCREGO@OUTLOOK.COM

Register at:
PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU
(Search Hanging Rock Cricket Club)

ENQUIRE NOW

