## Term Four, Newsletter 15, Friday 24th October, 2025



# St Ambrose Primary School

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## Children's **Week 2025**

18-26 October Thems: Chargons should be about children's Rights.









me to create. Please grant me the strength and determination to persevere in my creative work. Help me to stay focused on my goals and grow in patience. Please guide me in my creative journey as I use my talents to show Your joy, beauty,

and love to the world.

Lord, thank You for inspiring



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#### HATS OFF to our TEACHERS





Our next newsletter for the will be published on Friday 7th November 2025.

## **Term 4 dates**

Sunday 26 October 2025	Last day for mango fundraiser orders
Monday 27 October 2025	Grade 3/4 excursion to Polly Woodside
Wednesday 29 October 2025	Canteen closed today. Super Sushi is still available.
	Junior Years Mass 9.30am
	Wonders of Living Gr 5 & 6 Parent and Student Online Evening 6.30-7.45pm
Thursday 30 October 2025	Hot Shots Tennis Girls' team – Swan Hill
Friday 31 October 2025	World Teachers' Day - "Hats off to Teachers" Crazy Hat Day
Monday 3 November 2025	Pupil Free Day – Staff Report Writing Day
Tuesday 4 November 2025	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Monday 10 November 2025	Pyjama Day initiative by SRC – donations to the Foodbank
Tuesday 11 November 2025	Remembrance Day
Wednesday 12 November 2025	Prep orientation session 1 9-10am
	Transition Day for Grade 6 students
	Senior Level Mass 9.30am
Monday 17 November 2025	Prep/1 Mad About Science Incursion
Wednesday 19 November 2025	Prep Orientation Session 2 9-10am
Wednesday 15 November 2025	Hip Pocket on site for sizing and ordering of uniforms 9.30-10.30am
	Advent Prayer Service Week 1 2.45-3.15pm
Sunday 23 November 2025	School open to parishioners for 30th anniversary
Tuesday 25 November 2025	Advent Prayer Service Week 2 (Gr 5/6)
Sunday 30 November 2025	First Sunday of Advent
Tuesday 2 December 2025	Prep Orientation Session 3 & Step Up Day 9-11am
	Hip Pocket on site for sizing and ordering of uniforms 9-11am
W I I 2 D I 2005	Grade 5 speeches 11.45-1.15pm
Wednesday 3 December 2025	Reach Program Gr 5/6 9.30-1.30pm
	Advent Prayer Service Week 3 (Gr 3/4)
Thursday A. D	Braemar Orientation Day
Thursday 4 December 2025	Family Carols and picnic on the oval 5-7pm (change of date)
Sunday 7 December 2025	Feast of St Ambrose
	Second Sunday of Advent
Monday 8 December 2025	St Ambrose Feast Celebration Day - Kaboom 9.30-11am
	Advent Prayer Service Week 4 (Gr 2)
	Graduation Prayer Service/Ceremony 6-7pm
Tuesday 9 December 2025	SHC Year 7 Orientation Day
	Gisborne Secondary Year 7 Orientation Day
	Nativity Prayer Service (Prep/1) 2.45-3.15pm
Wednesday 10 December 2025	Last day for Canteen
	End of Year Mass 9.30am
Friday 12 December 2025	Grade 6 Splash 12-2pm
Sunday 14 December 2025	Third Sunday of Advent
Monday 15 December 2025	Students last day of classes
Tuesday 16 December 2025	Numeracy Testing
Wednesday 17 December 2025	Numeracy Testing
Thursday 18 December 2025	Staff meeting day – no students
Friday 19 December 2025	Staff TIL day – no students
20 December 2025 – 27 January 2026	Term 4 school holidays
Tuesday 27 January 2026	Staff commence
Wednesday 28 January 2026	Literacy Testing
Thursday 29 January 2026	Literacy Testing
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Calendar dates in red are new additions or changes.





## Please note:

The Canteen will
be closed on
Wednesday 29 October 2025,
however Super Sushi orders
will still be open.

Term 4 dates

## **Message from the Principal**

Dear parents, families and friends,

Although our children have had to play inside for some of this week, indeed the rain has been welcomed and will freshen and revive our parks, farms and gardens!

At St Ambrose we commend our students for the respect and care they show toward one another. Indeed we are called to live out the Gospel values every day. Just as Jesus taught us, we are invited to help others and work for a world where everyone can live life to the fullest.

Our world faces many challenges — the climate crisis, natural disasters, the rising cost of living, and conflicts in places like the Middle East and Ukraine. These often affect the poorest people the most. Every small act of kindness, can make a difference! We can share what we have, make fair choices, and contribute towards a world where food, peace and and a sense of hope are enjoyed by all.

Our SRC are currently planning for a Pyjama Day on **Monday November 10th** where we will be invited to wear pyjamas or our sports uniform and bring a food item to donate to the food bank for those in need. Anna M, pictured below, presented the idea to me this week. She will update us on behalf of the SRC as their plans progress.



As we approach the end of 2025 I encourage everyone to make a habit of reading our school newsletter each fortnight. So much happens across a term, (especially term 4!) and the newsletter is the best way to stay connected with the life of our school community.

## **Dental Care Fun**





Dental Health Learning! We thank the Woodend Dental Clinic for visiting our classes and facilitating fun and engaging dental health educative sessions. The children loved the dental care packs as well!



## 2026 School Fete 28<sup>th</sup> March SAVE the DATE!



#### Saturday 28th March 2026

Thank you to those who attended our recent meeting and who have volunteered to join

our Fete Core Committee. They will keep you posted and will soon be asking for help.

Please email Sophie Lynch on <a href="mailto:sophielynch1981@gmail.com">sophielynch1981@gmail.com</a> if you would like further information.

## **Childrens Week**



Children's Week is a national celebration.

It recognises the talents, skills, achievements and rights of children. The event takes place in October every year, with thousands of Victorian children taking part in the festivities. Children's Week 2025 will be held between 18 October – 26 October 2025.

This years theme is, "Everyone should know about children's rights".

#### **Mango Fundraiser Closing on Oct 26th**

Thank you for supporting our Mango Fundraiser. You have until Oct 26<sup>th</sup> to place your order. Don't miss out! See flyer on page 12.



#### **Hot Shots Tennis**

Congratulations to our girls team who have qualified to compete in Regionals at Swan Hill next week!

Madi Y, Madison M, Emily B, Amity C, Sophie V, Amelia S, Phoebe G, Madeline D & Asher J



## St Ambrose School Sustainability Leaders Update





Our Sustainability Leaders Sophie, Sofia and Jack are currently working on a plan to extend our hen house. They also plan to repaint the enclosure. Stay tuned!

## From our our PBL Leaders





Our PBL leaders Ellie and Tyler are currently working on a project to build an outdoor game using a wooden crate. As part of this project, the boys will need to paint their game. They visited the local hardware this week to choose the paints for their initiative.

## **Shorts Under Dresses**

Our children are enjoying the lovely weather throughout recess and lunch breaks. It is super to see them utilising all areas of our playground. We recommend that students who are wearing the summer dresses wear short leggings or shorts (black, white or navy) under their dresses so that they feel comfortable whilst playing on the monkey bars and climbing frames.



## **Summer Uniform & Hats**

All students should now be wearing their full summer uniform. This includes wearing the St Ambrose sun hat for outdoor play. As per our Sunsmart policy, all students are required to wear a hat while playing outdoors. Please ensure that your child brings their hat to school and that it is clearly named. Note all sock wear should be navy blue with no markings.

Click here for summer uniform requirements.

## **Nude Food Lunches**

It is fantastic to see that most of our students bring "Nude Food" for their snacks and lunch.

Nude Food is food without excess packaging. It is food that comes to school without disposable packaging such as extra plastic bags, paper bags, wrappings or cling wraps.

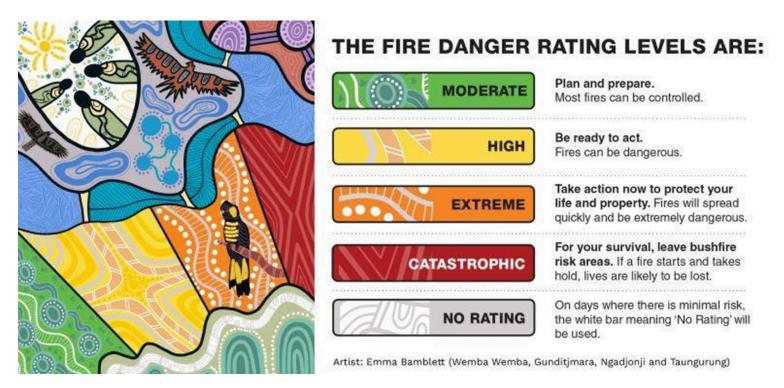
We encourage you to package snacks and lunches in durable, reusable containers. They are a great way to bring food and keep it fresh, promote healthy eating, provide long term cost savings and environmental benefits with reduced packing and waste.

Packing a 'nude' lunch every day promotes healthy eating as generally less pre-packaged food is bought so it is also cheaper and it ultimaltely results in less land fill.



## **St Ambrose Bushfire Rating**

St Ambrose School is rated as a Level 3 on the BARR scale. This means that our school will not open on a catastrophic fire day. See the table below.



## Fire Danger Ratings and Triggers for Action

- On a Catastrophic Fire Weather
   District forecast rating schools and education entities on the BARR and Category 4 close.
- On an Extreme Local Government Area forecast rating schools and education entities categorised 0-2 on the BARR relocate or close.
- On a High Local Government Area forecast rating schools and education entities categorised as 0 on the BARR relocate or close.

## School triggers for pre-emptive action based on fire danger ratings

			Fire Danger Rating (AFDRS)			
_			Moderate Fire Danger Rating	High Fire Danger Rating (Local Government Area)	Extreme Fire Danger Rating (Local Government Area)	Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating (Fire Weather District)
School Fire Risk BARR Category	egory	0	Operational	Alternate arrangements (relocate/close)	Alternate arrangements (relocate/close)	Close
	IRR Cat	1	Operational	Operational	Alternate arrangements (relocate/close)	Close
	Risk BA	2	Operational	Operational	Alternate arrangements (relocate/close)	Close
	l Fire l	3	Operational	Operational	Operational	Close
	Schoo	4	Operational	Operational	Operational	Close

Our school practices evacuation procedures so that we are prepared in the case of an emergency. You may like to visit our school website and read about the bushfire preparedness work our <u>Year</u> <u>5-6 students did last year</u>. We can empower our children to know what to do during the bushfire season.

## World Teachers Day: Hats Off to our Teachers! A Message from our Captains







School Captains Sonny and Asher are planning for our "Hats off to Teachers" day.

Hi everyone, we hope you are getting your hats ready to celebrate world teachers day on the 31st of October. This year's theme is hats off to teachers. Using this theme, on the 31st everyone can bring their favourite hat or even a silly homemade one to wear at school. We can't wait to see your creations. Sonny & Asher

## **No Lunch Procedure**

In the event of a student not bringing lunch to school we follow the steps below:

- 1. We check the bag again with the student.
- 2. We inform the teacher.
- 3. We ring the parent/carer and ask if they can bring in some lunch.



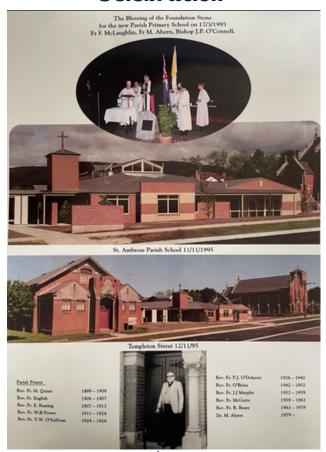
#### **School Fees 2026**

A detailed letter has been sent to all families via Operoo about our 2026 fees, which I have summarised below for your forward planning: Family Size Family Fee

> 1 Child \$2,750 per family 2 Children \$2,800 per family 3 Children \$2,850 per family 4+ Children \$2,900 per family

In addition, there will be the following Levies:
Capital Levy of \$220 per family
Curriculum Levy of \$670 per student
Camp Levy of \$270 per student (Years 3 and 4) and
\$510 (Years 5 and 6)
Swimming Levy of \$30 per student

## St Ambrose School 30 Years Celebration



On Sunday November 23<sup>rd</sup> our school will be open to the puplic as part of celebrating thirty years on this site! Those who havent been into our school in recent years will certainly notice the changes. The celebrations will begin with school tours from 10.15am until 11.00 am when parishioners and visitors will be invited to attend mass which will be followed by a light lunch in the presbytery gardens. All are welcome. We hope that our year six leaders are available on this day to lead our visitors through the school. See the flyer later in this edition.

## **Pupil Free Days**

Note that **Monday November 3<sup>rd</sup> is a Pupil Free**Report preparation Day and that **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November is the Melbourne Cup public holiday.**Our students will return to school on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>
November.

## **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, 7th November 2025.



Bronwyn Phillips Principal

## 3/4M CLASSROOM FEATURE





What a busy and exciting start to the term!

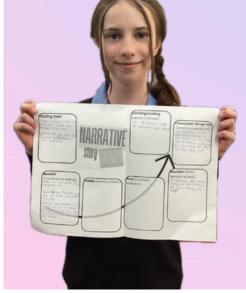
Our students have become rock stars this term with the introduction of Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS). We're thrilled to see them enjoying the multiplication challenges and logging on at home. Keep up the awesome practice!

In Writing, we're focusing on crafting compelling narratives. Students are learning to hook the reader instantly with powerful 'Sizzling Starts' and are putting a lot of effort into planning their stories for a clear structure.

Our Maths lessons have us exploring the physical world through 3D shapes and location. Students are learning to identify solids like prisms and pyramids and improving their spatial awareness with maps and coordinates.

Finally, to conclude our inquiry on the colonisation of Australia, we're eagerly anticipating our excursion to the historic Polly Woodside ship in the city. It's a fantastic chance to step back in time! Please keep an eye out for the permission slip coming home shortly.

We're so proud of the students' enthusiasm! Thank you for your continued support.





## **AROUND THE SCHOOL**



Around the School

## **Student News**



## Congratulations SSV Regional Athletics Bendigo



Congratulations to Deon who qualified for the state athletics championships in 1500m by running second in regionals on Monday.

The state event is scheduled for November 6th! Good luck Deon!



Congratulations to Elke who came overall 3rd in both her 800m and 200m. For both, Elke ran a PB which was an incredible achievement in its own.

Well done to Tom L, Aston M, Tora C and Isaac C who also competed.



## Hot Shots Tennis Boys' Team

Congratulations to our boys team who came a close second at the division hot shot tennis event!

Student News

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## **Hot Shots Tennis**

On Friday, 17th of October a group of Grade six boys and girls went to Castlemaine to compete in the Hot Shots Tennis Division competition.

We hopped on the school bus and made our way to Our Lady of the Rosary, in Kyneton, as they were travelling with us.

Hot Shots is a simplified version of tennis played on a smaller court. Players umpire and score their own matches. One point is awarded each time a rally is won, and play continues until the time limit finishes. Doubles matches run for 15 minutes, while singles matches last 10 minutes.

The boys Hot Shots Tennis team. We arrived just in time for the boys first round. The first part of the round was doubles, Player 1 and 2 paired up, 3 and 4 and so on. Next they played singles games. The first 4 boys played, then switched with the next four boys. Then they switched again for singles and then it was time for the girls.

Girls Tennis Competition After the boys completed their round, it was the girls' turn. They lined up in their pairs and then played their singles games. They lined up in our order, Madi.Y, Phoebe, Asher, Madison, Emily, Amelia, Sophie and Madeline. It was so much fun!

At the end of the day, the organisers called us over and congratulated us on the work we all put in and told us who had won the overall Division Sports.

And guess what? ........

Our girls team had won and had made it into the Regional Sports at Swan Hill. Unfortunately, the boys missed out on winning, by only 4 games. They were definitely one of the best teams all day; they gave it a really good go and were so close.

Finally, we would like to thank all the teachers, helpers and parents who supported us in Castlemaine.

By Sophie and Amelia 5/6P









On Wednesday, October 15th, all the Grade 3/4 classes attended an amazing incursion focused entirely on water. A scientist taught us that water can be used for many things, demonstrating that it isn't just used for washing and drinking. We learned many different concepts and participated in lots of exciting experiments.

For example, we studied the water cycle and even made our own fresh raindrops. We also created large bubbles using washing detergent and glycerin, and we created fake snow using a special powder.

It was a valuable learning experience and a wonderful opportunity for hands-on fun!







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## **Birthdays & Student Awards**





P/10

5/6W

Poppy P 24 October Darcy S 25 October Sebastian C 26 October Eire B, Alice C 29 October 31 October Jackson G-S Abi B, Thomas S, 1 November 2 November Josh R, Valerie W 4 November Cosette D, Charlie P 5 November Oliver D, Niamh F 6 November Winter T

P/10	Abi B for sharing her positive attitude with her peers. Youa re a fabulous friend!
P/1T	Indy H for a positive start to term 4! Keep up the great work!
P/1T	Hellena M for amazing effort sounding out words when writing independently!
P/1S	Jack D for working hard to write sentences with a capital letter and full stop. Well
	done!
P/1S	Atticus L for his positive attitude towards his learning. Keep up the great work!
P/1S	Louis M for the wonderful effort he is putting into his writing and sounding out his
P/1S	words. Well done!
P/1S	Bodhi V for being a respectful and kind member of the class. Thank you!
2KR	Coby S for asking questions to assist his understanding of fractions!
2KR	Teddy A for having a positive attitude towards his learning!
3/4CW	Tillie J for always seeking out ways to challenge her learning!
3/4CW	Holly C for demonstrating resilience when faced with learning challenges!
3/4CW	Neave E-S for her amazing confidence and competency in maths!
3/4 M	Remy B for a wonderful start to Term 4 and showing Responsibility around the
	classroom.
3/4 M	Ivy H for trying really hard to learn her spelling words each week.
3/4O	Maggie C for her determined focus to her classwork.
3/4O	Gwendolen G for always asking for feedback to improve on her work.
3/4O	
5/6M	Kitty B for her bright, happy smile each morning when she enters the class.
5/6M	Sonny B for always being prepared to take on jobs to help with the smooth running
5/6M	of the class.
5/6M	Mila C for her wonderful narrative about a lion cub named Misty.
5/6P	Olivia C for being respectful in class and helping others.
5/6P	Patrick F for focusing on his work and not being distracted.
5/6W	Aston M for your amazing results in the 800m event at Regional Aths.
	Congratulations.

Henry Q for making great choices in the class and on the yard. Well done!

PBL Gold Awards - Willa M, Rosa M, Raphael A, Ava T, Atticus L, Jack H, Milana M, Indy H, Valerie W, Hellena M, Jaxen H, Owen D, Jock R, Mo R
 PBL Rainbow Awards - Charlie C, Leo H, Renzo L
 PBL Diamond Awards - Lucy S

Tom L for your amazing results in triple jump at Regional Aths. Congratulations!

<u>Prime Minister's Spelling Bee</u> - Eire B, Archer B, Olivia C, Elliot D, Patrick F, Elke F, Hugh F, Jim G, Jackson G-S, Evie M, Scarlett M, Amelia S, Tyler T, Sophie V, Sofia X, Ruby ZW

## **School News**





Pre-order your 7 kg tray of Bowen Special Mangoes (aka Kensington Pride) delivered fresh from the farm!

(approx. 12-23 mangoes per tray depending on fruit size)

Your order makes a difference - thank you for supporting our fundraiser!



Orders close:

26 October 2025

Delivery week:

Early December

Price per tray:

\$30.00

Order - <u>flexischools.com.au</u>

or contact the office for cash/card payment. Ph. (03) 54271285

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## Mental Health & Wellbeing at St Ambrose Erin Brass

## RESILIENCE PROJECT.

# **Family Activity**

#### MINDFUL MOVEMENT: CONNECTING BODY & MIND

As a family, discuss how often when we move, we do so mindlessly. We are more focused on where we are trying to get to or the thoughts spinning around in our heads. When we move with mindfulness, it becomes a fantastic way to bring together movement of the body and focus of the mind.

#### **ACTIVITY IDEA: FAMILY WALKING MEDITATION**

Set aside time to take a short walk together. As you walk, practice mindful movement by focusing on each step you take. Remind yourselves that your body is moving, while your mind remains calm and present.

Here are some ideas to help you focus:



Pay attention to your breath as you walk.



Notice how your arms swing, your feet lift, and your knees bend.



Focus on the sensation of your foot touching the ground: heel, ball, and toes.

After your walk, talk about how it felt. Did it help you feel more centered? Where else in your daily life could mindful movement be helpful?















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## JOIN THE CELEBRATION OF ALL THINGS

# Faith & Family



#### Prayer:

For Strength and Perseverance:

We ask for your strength to overcome challenges

and to persevere in our faith, even when faced with adversity,"

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for October:

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

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

Date	Details	Time
29th October	Junior Level Mass (Grs P-2)	9:30 am
12th November	Senior Level Mass (Gr 5/6)	9:30 am
19th November	Advent Prayer Service Week 1 (Jocelyn to lead)	2:45 pm
25th November	Advent Prayer Service Week 2 (Grs 5/6 to lead)	2:45 pm
3rd December	Advent Prayer Service Week 3 (Grs 3/4 to lead)	2:45 pm
8th December	Advent Prayer Service Week 4 (Gr 2 to lead)	2:45 pm
8th December	Grade 6 Prayer Service and Graduation	6:00 pm
9th December	Nativity Prayer Service (P/1)	2:45 pm
10th December	End of Year / St Ambrose Feast Day 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. For safety reasons, our students need to sit downstairs on the church pews. We would love to see you there, but please sit in the last two seats at the back (or stand at the back) or you may sit upstairs in the loft. This will ensure there is room for all the students.

Gospel Reflection: Luke 18:1-8

The idiom of "the squeaky wheel gets the grease" certainly seems to be true for the widow whom Jesus speaks about in today's parable. Despite her hopeless situation—her reality as a widow with no legal power, a judge known to be unfaithful and dishonest, and her history of rejection—she asks again anyway. She ultimately is granted the just decision she is seeking.

And yet, by comparing the dishonest judge to God, who listens, Jesus does more than remind his disciples of the merits of persistent prayer. He reminds us that who we have put our faith in does not answer prayer out of annoyance or impatience with our incessant asking, but out of delight and deep love for us.

Jesus gives us a clear command to pray without growing weary. I have to imagine that by the time the widow from today's parable received her just decision, she had already become a familiar visitor and an indelible voice in this particular judge's court. How much more would our heavenly Father delight in hearing from us as we await diagnoses, grieve loved ones, pray for our neighbours? When the Son of Man comes, will he find this faith in us on earth?

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#### Ponder:

What examples of God's faithfulness can I draw from my own life? Are we persistent in our prayers to God?



19th October, 2025 Parish Newsletter

19th October, 2025 Children's Liturgy

Faith & Family



Ambrose Care will, again, be supporting families in need this Christmas.

We will be providing those families with a gift card for each of their children to spend on gifts. For any families in need of food, some food vouchers will also be gifted.

If you are able to help, you can purchase a voucher from your preferred local business and drop it into the office or you can give a cash or bank transfer donation directly to Ambrose Care. Ambrose Care will purchase the cards on your behalf.

Cash can be dropped at the office or can be transferred to the following account:

Name: Ambrose Care

BSB: 063-806 A/C: 10210993

Re: Christmas appeal

So we can distribute to families before the end of the school term, could we please have all donations in before Monday 8th December.



## **COMMUNITY NEWS**







Twilight School brings our community together for inspiring evening workshops, run by community members and local businesses at Salesian College Sunbury.

Learn new skills, connect with others,

Tickets on sale now!



## Junior School Showcase

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

We invite you to experience the amazing project work of our

Junior School students: • Year 7 - Gallery of Learning

- Year 8 Make a Difference (MAD) Project
- Year 9 Major Projects
- Year 7 9 Art & Design Exhibition



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# TWILIGHT ORIENTEERING

#### AWAKEN YOUR SENSE OF ADVENTURE

12 NOV	KYNETON	QUARRY RESERVE - PIPER ST
19 NOV	GISBORNE	JACKSON RESERVE
26 NOV	WOODEND	CAMPASPE PARK
3 DEC	MACEDON	TONY CLARKE RESERVE



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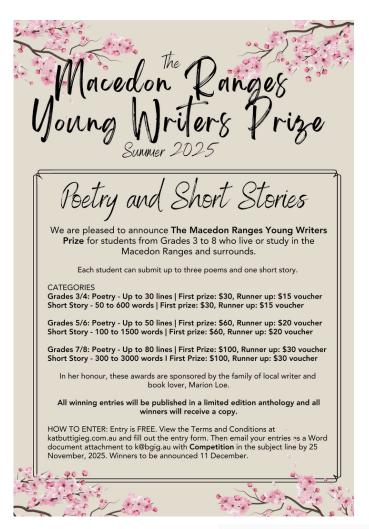


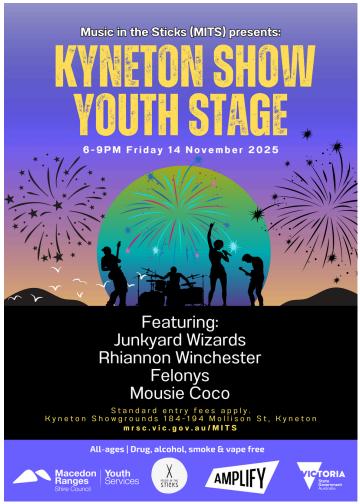
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