

# St Ambrose Primary School

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

Respectful Responsible Resilient Kind



We pay our respects to the Traditional Custodians of this land, and offer our respect to Elders both past present & emerging.



*Mum  
thank you  
for all that you do*



In the name of the Father, the Son and The Holy Spirit,

God be in my head  
and in my understanding;

God be in my eyes  
and in my looking;

God be in my mouth  
and in my speaking;

God be in my heart  
and in my thinking;

St Ambrose, Pray for us

In the name of the Father, the Son and The Holy Spirit,  
Amen

## Term 2 Dates

Monday 18 May 2026	School nurse to visit Prep students 9-11am School Open Morning 9.30-11am
Tuesday 19 May 2026	School nurse to visit Prep students 9-11am Cobaw Soccer Grade 5/6 x 20 students Parent Teacher Interviews 3.45-5.00pm
Wednesday 20 May 2026	School nurse to visit Prep students 9-11am Middle Level (Gr 3/4) Mass 9.30am
Friday 22 May 2026	Division Cross Country Castlemaine Working bee in the shed post Fete 2.15-3.45pm
Monday 25 May 2026	School Photos
Tuesday 26 May 2026	Grade 5/6 Cobaw Winter Sports
Wednesday 27 May 2026	Assembly 2.45pm
Friday 29 May 2026	Confirmation Practice 12.45-1.45pm
Saturday 30 May 2026	Sacrament of Confirmation 1pm
Tuesday 2 June 2026	Region Cross Country St Arnaud
Wednesday 3 June 2026	Division volleyball Bendigo Grade 5/6 x 18 students
Friday 5 June – Monday 8 June 2026	Woodend Winter Arts Festival
Monday 8 June 2026	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday 9 June 2026	Staff TIL Day – Pupil Free Day
Wednesday 10 June 2026	Assembly 2.45pm
Tuesday 16 June 2026	Grade 3/4 Western Water Incurion 11.40-3.30pm
Wednesday 24 June 2026	End of Term 2 Mass 9.30am Assembly 2.45pm
Friday 26 June 2026	End of Term 2 – dismissal 3.30pm
Saturday 27 June – Sunday 12 July 2026	School Holidays
Monday 13 July 2026	Term 3 commences. Swimming Program commences at Kyneton Sports & Aquatic Centre



## Message from the Principal

Dear Families, Parishioners and Friends,

We shared a truly heartwarming afternoon as a school community during our celebration last week. It was a privilege to welcome so many mothers, grandmothers, and special persons into our school to celebrate the vital role you play and the deep love you share with your families.

Seeing our community gather in such a supportive and connected way reminded us all of the strength found in these bonds. We extended a very happy Mother's Day, Grandmothers and Special Persons day to everyone in attendance, as well as to the dedicated mums and grandmothers among our own staff.

We would like to offer our thanks to our Year 6 leaders who served as such wonderful hosts and ensured the afternoon ran smoothly.

Our gratitude also goes to Fr. Zaher for his beautiful blessing and to Katie for providing such delicious treats for us all to enjoy. It was a joy to witness the warmth and spirit of our school family coming together, and we hope all of our mothers and special people enjoyed a day filled with the love and appreciation you so richly deserve.

"A mother is she who can take the place of all others but whose place no one else can take."



## Post Fete Working Bee 22<sup>nd</sup> May from 2.15pm We Need Your Help!

If you are able it would be great to have your help tidying the shed and checking the marquees are dry and packed properly. We will begin at **2.15pm on Friday May 22nd**. With some helpers we will be finished by 3.30pm. We will send out an Nforma notice next week with the details.

## National Volunteer Week runs from May 18 - 24



Speaking of Volunteers, did you know that next week is National Volunteer Week! It is timely to thank you all for the many different ways you support our school. From canteen, classroom support, making the fete possible, sporting events, tidying the shed and more, your help is appreciated and makes a difference.

National Volunteer Week (18–24 May 2026) is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteering, honoring the millions of people who dedicate their time, skills, and energy to support community, social, and environmental causes. It shines a spotlight on the vital role volunteers play in building resilient communities, with the 2026 theme "Your Year to Volunteer" encouraging new and existing volunteers to engage in flexible, meaningful ways. You can click on the title to learn more!

PS: Hope to see those of you who can make it at our working bee on Friday afternoon! We may even get some weeding done too!



## Open Morning Message from our Captains



Eire and Amari are looking forward to showing our visitors through our School on Monday morning which is one of our Open Mornings. We will welcome those interested in our school between 9.30 and 11.00 am. Our leaders will give them a tour and tell them about our school.



## Petition for a Safe Crossing at Romsey Road - Have your Voice Heard!

The school, along with Mayor Kate Kendall, has received calls and emails from parents concerned about safety and she is calling on concerned parents, school and Woodend community members to email the Minister for Roads and Roads Safety,  
The Hon. Ros Spence MP,  
via [ros.spence@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:ros.spence@parliament.vic.gov.au)  
as the Romsey road is managed by the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP). Council has also written to the DTP to request urgent safety improvements. Her email is [kkendall@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:kkendall@mrsc.vic.gov.au) if anyone wishes to cc her in on any of the advocacy.

If you havent already added your name to the petition which was included in last terms newsletter it is not too late!

Here is a link to the petition:

<https://www.kathryntollerud.com/romsey-rd-crossing/>

## National Walk Safely to School Day



Justine, Mr. Baboth and I enjoyed the sunshine this morning along with all those who walked and cycled to school. It was great to see many students walk, ride or scoot from various areas across our beautiful town.

National Walk Safely to School Day 2026 is next Friday but we marked this event today Friday, 15th May 2026, while the weather is so nice! The event encourages primary school children to walk to school to promote healthy habits, road safety, and reduce traffic congestion. This kick start might encourage your children to continue to walk to school whilst we have good weather.

## Bus Services & Bus Stop Signage & Safety

I would like to acknowledge and thank Anita La Forgia for the work and time she has dedicated to lobbying for further bus services (updates will be shared when progress is made) in the area as well as improvements to bus shelters as a safety precaution.

The message she has put to council is that:

*Shelters require significant infrastructure, planning, and funding. However, I would like to propose the following immediate actions:*

1. *The immediate implementation of bus stop signage at all Department of Transport-listed bus stops within the Macedon Ranges, indicating that children may be present.*
2. *If resources allow, Council and bus operators could liaise annually to identify unused stops and temporarily cover or deactivate signage where necessary.*
3. *The inclusion of staged bus shelter implementation within future budgets. While demographics and bus stop usage may change over time, many bus stops have been consistently used for years. High-use stops should be identified and prioritized for shelter infrastructure over time, particularly those located outside major towns where there is currently little to no supporting infrastructure and conditions are often unsafe.*

We must stop passing responsibility between organisations regarding what should or should not be done. What matters most is the safety of children. I'm hoping we do not need any further advocacy on this. We are all stretched for time and energy.

We have road signs warning drivers about wildlife. Why do we not have adequate signs warning drivers about the presence of children?

I'd like to thank Councilor Janet for her support and time on this matter.

Anita.



## Child Safe Standard No 4



This month our staff have been revisiting Child Safe Standard No 4 as part of our commitment to maintaining a child safe environment. Click on the image above to read more about this standard.

### Overview of Child Safe Standard 4:

To be aligned, schools must support the following:

- Families participate in decisions affecting their child
- The organisation engages and openly communicates with families and the community about its child safe approach and relevant information is accessible.
- Families and communities have a say in the development and review of the organisation's policies
- Families, carers and the community are informed about the organisation's operations and governance.



## Further Athletics Coaching Opportunity

The flyer pasted below has been shared via Nforma. Next Athletics are offering an after school program being run by an accredited Athletics coach over the next 5 Tuesday's 3.30-4.30pm.

Some children participated in a free trial session last Tuesday.

The program runs for the next 5 weeks and may be of interest to your child to undertake running, jumping and throwing skill development exercises.

This program is not affiliated with the school and is a user pay program done outside of school hours.

Please refer to the Nforma message to register.

Note that the back oval is now booked on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays for after school sporting coaching. If you choose to use the play area after school on Tuesday we ask that you stay clear of the training area and actively supervise your children at all times.

Thank you.

**next** athletics  
Special TERM 2 Price!

**St Ambrose Primary School**

**Program:**  
Location - 18 Templeton Street, Woodend  
Level - **Level 2 (ages 5 to 8)**  
**Level 3 (ages 8 to 10)**

**Dates:**  
19 May - 23 June (Tuesday's 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm)

**REGISTER NOW!**

**LEVEL 2** **LEVEL 3**

**Why Next Athletics?**

- ✓ Develop Fundamental Movement Skills
- ✓ Learn from experienced & accredited coaches
- ✓ Participate through games-based activities
- ✓ Safe, inclusive and social environment
- ✓ Receive a FREE Next Athletics t-shirt

[LEARN MORE](#)

AUSTRALIAN ATHLETICS | **next** athletics

## School Photos

Our whole school photo day is on **Monday 25 May 2026** commencing at 9am.

Students are to come dressed in full **winter** uniform. Jumpers and jackets will not be worn in the photos. Of course they should wear them to school to keep warm.

Students are to wear navy socks and black shoes.

Ordering details have been shared via Nforma and on page 9 of this newsletter.

If you have any questions regarding ordering, please contact MSP Photography on 5333 5577.

## New Footpaths

Council will soon be starting works to create a footpath along our north fence along Anslow St. I have included a map of these works later in this newsletter FYI.

## Our 2026 SAC

Pictured below from left to right on each row are our chairperson this year Gerald Sullivan, our Secretary Rilla Healy, Maurice Fanning (parishioner), Paul Daniels, Brad Ellul, Debbie Geisler and Fr. John are also on our SAC.

Our members are pictured below.

You are welcome to introduce yourself to them.



## Parent/Teacher Conversations

Strong partnerships between home and school underpin student success. We hope that our parent-teacher conversations provided opportunity to discuss your child's social and academic growth. By sharing insights, we can align our support, and ensure every student feels encouraged both in the classroom and at home.

Staying connected ensures we are working together to help your child flourish. If you were unable to make it to your scheduled time please make another time with your child's teacher.

## NCCD FACT Sheet

I have included the latest NCCD fact sheet later in this newsletter for those of you who want to learn more about NCCD funding and how it is spent.

## Transitioning from Seesaw to ClassDojo

We are excited to announce we are transitioning from Seesaw to ClassDojo for sharing and viewing student work. This decision was made to better align with our current school needs and provide a more cost-effective solution for our community.

Please be aware that we encourage all families to use the free version of ClassDojo.

There is no requirement to purchase a subscription or use any paid "Plus" features to stay connected to your child's learning.

Your child's teacher will send home instructions shortly on how to link your account so you can begin viewing their schoolwork. We appreciate your support as we make this change to better showcase our students' achievements.

## Next Newsletter

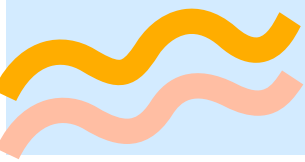
Our next newsletter will be published on **Friday 29th May 2026!**

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



Bronwyn Phillips  
Principal





# 3-4R CLASSROOM FEATURE

## 3/4 Camp to Weekaway

Last Wednesday and Thursday 3/4 's went on camp to Weekaway. We had a wonderful time together participating in new experiences and sometimes trying things that were a bit scary. It was a memorable camp, which we will be talking and thinking about for a long time. Please read 3/4R's thoughts about camp.

The zipline was my favourite because it looked like it just dropped away but when I watched others do it, it looked less scary and then I had my turn, Harper



My group enjoyed the lasertag. The zipline was exciting to go down, Everly



At first the zipline looked scary but it was actually fun when you had a turn, Leah



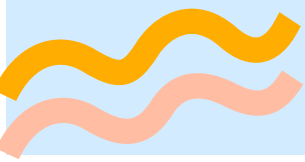
The zipline and lasertag were my favourite activities at camp. I got so many people in laser tag, Sam



Henry My favourite activities were zipline and low rope. The zipline was scary at first but so much fun! The low ropes were tricky but fun.



Camp was so much fun because the activities were awesome, Sophie



# 3-4R CLASSROOM FEATURE

 <p>I liked the chef. He was really nice. I liked the food, the sausages and pancakes were delicious. Ryder</p>	<p>I had friends in my cabin but it was hard to get to sleep. When I was canoeing Jonah kept moving from side to side and I thought we were going to fall in! Malie</p> 	<p>Canoeing was fun. I shared a canoe with Sophie and we collected 5 toys from the lake. F-aid</p>  <p>Canoeing was really fun even though it was so cold! Harper and I had trouble paddle but we still had fun. Felicity</p> 
 <p>My favorite activity was canoeing. Even though I struggled I had lots of fun. Charlotte</p>		 <p>It was fun at camp. Laser Tag was fun because it was like a real battle ground. Elliott &amp; Dom</p>
 <p>I liked laser tag because I was hiding behind a log the whole time and no one found me. Frida</p>	 <p>My favourite activity was the zipline because it was lots of fun. Aston</p>	
<p>The zipline was really scary but when I tried it, it was so much fun. I screamed as zipped down. Grace</p> 	 <p>My favourite activities were the maze and laser tag. Lucas</p>	 <p>My favourite activities were the zipline and laser tag. Teddy</p>

## School Photo Day Monday 25 May 2026



MSP Photography  
Ballarat  
T 03 5333 5577  
E [ballarat@mso.com.au](mailto:ballarat@mso.com.au)  
[www.msp.com.au](http://www.msp.com.au)

PHOTO DAY: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026

## HOW TO ORDER

Ordering online is quick and easy using the steps below!

If you have an existing account, please use those login details. Once logged in, you will be able to add additional children and place sibling photo orders.

### Step 1

Click on the link below to access your ordering portal.

<https://stambroseppswoodend-vic.msp.photos>

If you are new to the school, please follow Step 1 and Step 2.

### Step 2

Click 'Sign in with Student Details'

[Sign in with Student Details](#)

Enter your child's surname and date of birth. You will be prompted to create an account.

Please note that sibling photo orders must be placed by **Midnight on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026, to be included in student family list, that is sent to the school early on photo day.**

The portal does not have a cut off ordering date, however any orders placed more than 7 days after photo day will no longer be at the bulk discounted price and will revert to the standard pricing cost.



## Tee Ball by Billie H

On Thursday the grade 5/6s went to Cobaw sports. We were split into three teams; cricket, tee-ball and volleyball. There were boy teams and girl teams. The girls team drew one of their games and lost the other three. One thing the girls team found with their progress was that they needed to practise their passing to everyone and they needed to keep their foot on the base at all times.



They noticed they got better at cheering each other on throughout the games. Overall we think we did a really good job but could definitely improve on our skills. But we all had a good time playing with the other schools.

## School Futsal Championships

On Monday Toby, Rueben, Charlie, Teddy, Casey, Jack, Ryder and myself represented St Ambrose in the

West Melbourne School Futsal Championships. We played well for our 5 qualifier matches, winning 4 out of 5 games. One of the highlights was when Ryder was goalkeeper and kicked a goal all the way from the opponents goals. In the semi final, the other team kicked the first goal, then we kicked a goal, then they got a lucky goal, before we levelled the scores. We then had to do a penalty shootout, which we won, meaning we qualified for the grand final! Sadly we lost 5 to 6 to the team that we lost to 12 nil at the last school championships. It was a fun day, a big thanks to coach Kristy for organising the day and being such a great coach. Also a thank you to Chelsey and Gemma for driving.



## Caritas

### Project Compassion Casual Dress Day

Our faith leaders Ruby Z and Leon G organised our casual dress day to raise money for Project Compassion which is a focus for this time of year.

Part of our Catholic social teaching promotes community service and assisting those less fortunate. It was great to see our children arrive in some of their favourite outfits. Our sincere thanks for your generous donations.

Thanks to your generous donations we raised \$412.70 for this cause.



# AROUND THE SCHOOL



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15 May Jacob W  
17 May Chase K  
27 May Jaxen H  
Lily M

## Congratulations!

- Prep O Percy F for working so hard with his handwriting to form clear letters. Great work!
- Prep O Finn R for always trying his best with all of his learning. Well done!
- Prep O Alice C for being responsible and resilient with her learning. Well done Alice.
- 1/2B Abi B for your outstanding effort and achievement in spelling. Keep it up!
- 1/2B Max A for your thoughtful contributions and active class discussions. Well done!
- 1/2S Boston M for trying his best during Phonics Plus! Well done!
- 1/2S Harry G for working hard to improve his handwriting! Keep it up!
- 1/2T Chase K for great leadership and resilience, consistently setting a gold standard for hard work and kindness. Well done.
- 1/2T Rafy V for engaging in literacy activities and working to improve handwriting. Keep up the great work!
- 3/4C Kate D for showing wonderful resilience on 3/4 camp!
- 3/4C Coby S for showing wonderful kindness and inclusiveness on camp!
- 3/4O Jordan M for taking responsibility and supporting others while playing footy at recess.
- 3/4O Elise M for always displaying our Positive Behaviours for Learning. Well done Elise!
- 3/4R Sam W for his positive attitude at camp and giving everything a go!
- 3/4R Mollie H for showing resilience overnight at camp and her positive attitude.
- 5/6BM Eire B for consistently demonstrating our school values by being a kind and responsible member of our class.
- 5/6BM Oli J for being a responsible learner who has a positive attitude towards his class work.
- 5/6JM Deon S for showing amazing resilience and work ethic this term.
- 5/6JM Olive S for writing a well thought out and researched information report about women on the Goldfields.
- 5/6W Myles L for always giving everything a go and supporting those around him.
- 5/6W A.J. S for always following instructions immediately with a smile.

**PBL Bronze Award** - Milana M, Archie L, Ben H, Jack H, Millie E, Neave K, Owen D, Tilly N, Maddy E, Indy H, Rupert F, Raphael A, Bosco L, Pip F, Abi B, Max A

**PBL Bronze Award** - Jaxen H, Boston M, Rosa M, Thomas S, Stuart P, Emilia T, Elise R, Aaliyah F, Valerie W, Winter T, Redmond O, Oliver D, Cooper L, Jethro F, Molly M, Neve E-S, Niamh F, Olivia C, Varli F, Angus N, Archer B,

**PBL Gold Award** - Hugo M, Poppy F, Willow S



# Stronger Together

## Community Safety & Support Expo




**When:** Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2026, 10am - 1pm

**Where:** Macedon Ranges Sports Precinct, New Gisborne

### For more information:

 [kristen.holding@benetas.com.au](mailto:kristen.holding@benetas.com.au)

 03 5428 0300

### Free community event

Learn about support available for issues that can impact safety and wellbeing, including: family violence, financial stress, alcohol & other drugs, and relationship challenges

### What's on

- Information stalls from local services
- Ask questions in a relaxed, welcoming space
- Private room available for sensitive conversations
- Free coffee van

### Why come?

- Understand the signs of family violence and related harms
- Learn how to support someone you care about
- Find out what help is available locally
- Connect with services in a safe, low-pressure environment

### Everyone welcome

Parents • Families • Young people • Community members • Professionals

***"Building stronger communities together"***



## FACT SHEET FOR PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND CARERS

### WHAT IS THE NCCD?

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD) takes place every year.

The NCCD is a collection that counts:

- the number of school students receiving an adjustment or 'help' due to disability
- the level of adjustment they are receiving to access education on the same basis as other students.

Students are counted in the NCCD if they receive ongoing adjustments at school due to disability. This 'help' allows them to access education on the same basis as a child without disability. The NCCD uses the definition of disability in the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*.

Schools provide this information to education authorities.

Go to *What is a reasonable adjustment?* below to learn about adjustments.

### WHY IS THIS DATA BEING COLLECTED?

All schools in Australia must collect information about students with disability.

The NCCD:

- ensures that the information collected is transparent, consistent and reliable
- provides better information that improves understanding of students with disability
- allows parents, guardians, carers, teachers, principals, education authorities and government to better support students with disability.

### Student with disability loading

Funding from the Australian Government for students with disability is based on the NCCD through the student with disability loading.

Students with disability who are counted in the top three levels of the NCCD (extensive, substantial and supplementary) attract the loading. Funding is based on a per-student amount at each of the three levels of additional support. The amount of the loading reflects the level of support students with disability need to participate fully in school, with higher funding for those who need higher levels of support.

Australian Government recurrent school funding is provided as a lump sum to school authorities including state and territory governments, which can then distribute the funding to their member schools according to their own needs-based arrangements.

The Government expects schools and school systems to consider their funding from all sources (ie Australian Government, state and territory and private) and prioritise their spending to meet the educational needs of all of their students, including students with disability.

### WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE NCCD FOR STUDENTS?

The information collected by the NCCD helps teachers, principals, education authorities and governments to better support students with disability at school.

The NCCD encourages schools to review their learning and support systems and processes. This helps schools to continually improve education outcomes for all students.

# JOIN THE CELEBRATION OF ALL THINGS Faith & Family



Prayer: Come Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit,  
Fill the hearts of your faithful,  
And kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Send forth your Spirit,  
And they shall be created,  
And you will renew the face of the earth.

*Please pray for our Confirmation candidates who will celebrate their Confirmation on the 30th May.*

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for May:

**That Everyone Might Have Food**

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

This year marks the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi. Pope Leo has proclaimed this year as the Jubilee Year of St. Francis.

**Ponder:**

Do I take it personally when my kids break my rules?  
Do I think God takes it personally when I break His?

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**Religious Calendar of Events in Term Two, 2026:**

Date	Details	Time
Wed, 20th May	Middle Mass (Grs 3/4)	9:30
Fri, 29th May	Sacrament of Confirmation Practice	11:45
Sat, 30th May	Sacrament of Confirmation	1 pm
Wed, 3rd June	Buddies Mass (Grs. P and 5/6) - <b>CANCELLED</b>	9:30
Wed, 24th June	End of Term 2 Mass	9:30

*Please note: All are welcome. If you would like to join us in any of these celebrations, you are most welcome. Please sit at the back or upstairs to make sure there is room for all the students.*

Gospel Reflection: John 14:15-21

Ever since my kids were old enough to understand, I'd remind them of the rules of our household: be kind, put others before yourself, choose right over wrong, and do your fair share in the family. None of those guidelines were too taxing, and all were created for their good. I wanted them to grow up and be contributing members of society, in all the best ways.

So, when they broke any of my rules, I took it personally, as if they were purposefully trying to defy me. My view was if Jesus could say "If you love me, you will keep my commandments," then so could I.

Yet, when I break God's commandments, am I doing so because I don't love Him? Not at all. It's just me being weak, giving in to temptation. So, why did Jesus tie love and rule-keeping together?

I believe it's because He wanted love to be the inspiration for following the Commandments. He didn't want fear, guilt or peer pressure to be our motivation. Those emotions lead to resentment. He knows what is good for us and what will bring us true and abiding joy. He set the framework and the boundaries to contain that truth and joy. Love is His invitation to open the gate and step inside so we can enjoy the sanctuary of His grace, His kingdom here on earth.

The next time we, or our children, are tempted to break one of His commandments, we need to think of that sanctuary and decide: Do I want to exist inside it? Or be stuck on the outside looking in? Choose love. Open the gate. Step inside.

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**Sacramental Dates in 2026:**

*If your child is making one of their Sacraments this year, please note the changes to the calendar below.*

Date	Details
29th May	Confirmation Practice
<b>Saturday, 30th May</b>	<b>Confirmation @ 1 pm (Please note change of time!)</b>
6th August	Eucharist Evening Meeting
<b>22nd &amp; 23rd August</b>	First Eucharist Commitment Masses
10th September	First Eucharist Practice
12th & 13th September	First Eucharist Masses



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Kyneton, register for kindergarten by 31 May for 2027!



Register in 2 minutes for free

To be included in first round offers for 2027

We're accepting registrations for 15 kindergartens including:

- Kyneton Community House
- Kyneton Kindergarten
- Bug-a-Lugs Kyneton
- Embracia Childcare and Kindergarten
- Woodend Kindergarten

and many more kindergartens in the shire.

### How to Register

Visit: [mrscvic.gov.au/kinder-rego](http://mrscvic.gov.au/kinder-rego) or scan the QR code.

Contact us: Kindergarten Enrolment Team on 03 5422 0239 or [kinderenrolment@mrscvic.gov.au](mailto:kinderenrolment@mrscvic.gov.au)

Register by 31 May 2026!



## Kindergarten Tours

Come and see our council kindergartens

- Kyneton Kindergarten
- Lancefield Children's Centre
- Romsey Kindergarten
- Woodend Kindergarten and more...

Scan QR code for tour dates and times



May 25 - 29 2026  
No bookings required!

## RANGES STUDIO SPEECH & DRAMATIC ARTS

# TERM 2

Educator-led sessions designed to build confidence, creativity, communication and connection.

### GISBORNE

MONDAYS

Hub for Kids

10am & 11am –  
Tell & Show (1-5 years)

4pm & 5pm –  
Speech & Drama (5+ years)

### MACEDON

THURSDAYS

Jubilee Hall

10am & 11am –  
Tell & Show (1-5 years)

4pm & 5pm –  
Speech & Drama (5+ years)

[nic@rangesstudio.com.au](mailto:nic@rangesstudio.com.au)



[rangesstudio.com.au](http://rangesstudio.com.au)



## Woodend Eagles Spots Open



Effort  
Attitude  
Teamwork

For more information head to :  
[woodendsoccer.com.au/2026-eoi](http://woodendsoccer.com.au/2026-eoi)





# COMMUNITY NEWS



**INVENTI ENSEMBLE**  
**1001 NIGHTS!**  
 FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT  
 10.00am Sunday 7th June 2026  
 St Ambrose Hall, Woodend

Step into a world of magic, adventure and mystery as Scheherazade begins her incredible tales from the 1001 Nights. Inveni Ensemble brings these famous stories to life with dazzling music by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, arranged especially for their six instruments. From brave heroes and clever princesses to sea voyages and secret treasures, each piece of music opens the door to a new story.

In true Inveni style, the musicians mix exciting storytelling with brilliant live music, showing how their instruments can paint pictures and create characters. Alongside the famous music, you'll also hear three brand new pieces by Australian composers, written especially for the show. Full of colour, imagination and adventure, this concert invites children and families to discover the magical world of 1001 Nights.



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



**MAXINE BENEBA CLARKE**  
**THE POWER OF**  
**PICTURE BOOKS**  
**AND POETRY FOR**  
**YOUNG PEOPLE**

SUITABLE FOR AGES 5-12.

3.00pm Saturday 6th June 2026  
 St Ambrose Hall, Woodend

Maxine Beneba Clarke takes us through some of her beloved books for younger children, including the CBCA Honour Book and Boston Globe Horn Prize winning picture book *The Patchwork Bike*, her ode to local book stores *We Know a Place*, her fashion anthem for young people, *Fashionista*, and her poetry collections *It's the Sound of the Thing: 100 new poems for young people*, and *Stuff I'm (NOT) Sorry For: 99 new poems for young people*.

**Tickets are free, but must be reserved in advance using the ticketing system.**



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**VCASS VCE Student**  
**Recital: Young Virtuosos**  
**ENSEMBLE AREA 57**

2.15pm Sunday 7th June 2026  
 St Ambrose Hall, Woodend

AREA 57 is a dynamic collective of young musicians whose performances combine the energy of a jazz trio – piano, double bass, drum kit – with the richness of classical cello. Formed at the Victorian College of the Arts Secondary School in 2025, AREA 57 are known for their remarkable virtuosity and a refreshing musical voice. Combining jazz and classical traditions, AREA 57 show impressive versatility with combinations of solo, duo, trio and quartet repertoire.

With the double bass as the unifying force, this curated program for the Woodend Winter Arts Festival features works for quartet by Claude Bolling and David Baker, as well as other works by Dmitry Shostakovich, Jean-Baptiste Barrière, Luciano Berio and François Rabbath.



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**Elena Kats-Chernin &**  
**Tamara-Anna Cislowska**  
**PIANO MASTERCLASS**

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!

12.00pm Saturday 6th June 2026  
 St Ambrose Hall, Woodend

A piano masterclass is new to our Festival.

This is an exclusive opportunity for young pianists (AMEB Grade 8 or above) to get feed-back on their performances from two of Australia's most acclaimed musicians.

Solo and duet applications are welcome, duets preferred. Applications are now open! Follow the link in the QR code for an application form.



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# COMMUNITY NEWS



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DATE: 29/04/2026

Dear Resident / Occupier,

RE: MRSC WOODEND, ANSLOW STREET TO WOOD STREET – FOOTPATH

On behalf of Macedon Ranges Shire Council, MAN Civil & Constructions will be constructing a new concrete footpath on the south side of Anslow Street, down the west side of wood street finishing at Urquhart Street. The works also involves reinstatement of vehicle crossings and naturestrip, service pit adjustments and other minor civil works along the proposed footpath alignment. Shrubs and trees overhanging on to the proposed path will be pruned for construction. All construction works are limited to the road reserve.

The works are expected to start within the week of Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May and should conclude within three weeks weather permitting. There will be a period where driveway access will be restricted during the concrete pours of the new footpaths & reinstatement of vehicle crossings. The road will be kept open during construction and disturbance will be kept to a minimum where possible however there will be an increase in vehicles in the area during construction.

Construction work and noise will be restricted between the below hours:

Weekdays 7.00AM – 5.00PM

Weekends 9.00AM – 3.00PM

For further information, please contact our office on (03) 5428 2833 or email [admin@mancivil.com.au](mailto:admin@mancivil.com.au)

Alternatively, please contact MRSC project officer Bhusan BC on (03) 0459 893 800

Thank you for your patience and understanding during these works.

We appreciate your cooperation throughout this time and will endeavour to make all stages of the construction process as smooth as possible for everyone involved.

Kind regards,

Mark NICHOLLS  
General Manager

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