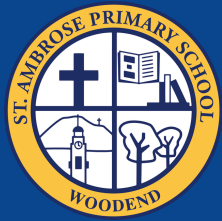


• Term One, Newsletter 8, Friday 12th June, 2026



St Ambrose Primary School

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



🐝 Respectful 🐝 Responsible 🐝 Resilient 🐝 Kind

We pause to acknowledge the Dja Dja Wurrung people as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we learn. We pay our deepest respects to their Elders past, present, and emerging, and extend that respect to all First Nations people.



A PRAYER FOR HOPE

God, when I feel discouraged,
lift my spirit.
Help me believe that better days
are ahead.
Teach me to hold onto hope.

"May the God of hope fill you with all
joy and peace as you trust in him."
Romans 15:13



God is like a mother
who is kind and caring



4.6.26
God is like a big hug because
he helps people if they are upset



God is like a tree because he is solid.
He doesn't fall over.
He is like an eagle.
He has very good eye sight to see people
in danger.



Our next newsletter will be
published on
Friday 26th June 2026.

"We are all part of one body
And we pray as sharers of one body
Delighting in our capacity
To appreciate diversity in unity."

Michael Morwood.



Term 2 Dates

Tuesday 16 June 2026	Grade 3/4 Western Water Incursion 11.40-3.30pm
Tuesday 23 June 2026	Curriculum Information Evening for incoming Prep families 5.30pm
Wednesday 24 June 2026	End of Term 2 Mass 9.30am Assembly 2.45pm
Thursday 25 June 2026	Grade 1/2 excursion to the Melbourne Zoo
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

Congratulations to our Confirmation Candidates

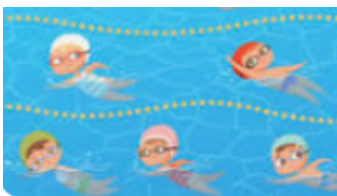


We congratulate the following students who made their sacrament of confirmation recently.

Eire B, Haley C, Felix D, Varli F, Leon G, Scarlett M, Angus N, A.J. S, Mirabelle S, Ruby Z W, Amari B, Olivia C, Alice C, Patrick F, Jim G, Isabelle M, Josh R and our parish children.

We thank our families, parishioners, Fr. John, Mrs. Devlin and our teachers for making this celebration so special.

Term Three Swimming Program - Helpers Needed



In order to deliver a successful swimming program and keep costs down we rely on the support of parent helpers at the swimming pool. We currently do not have enough volunteers to assist particularly in the junior classes. If you haven't already responded via nForma of your availability it would be great if you could ASAP. We need to be organised to begin the program in week one of term three.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Canteen Help Needed

Thank you to Katie and our wonderful volunteers who helped in the canteen this term.

If you are lucky, you can grab the last 2 spots for Term 2!

Contact the office if you can help.

Wednesday 17 June 2026 - 1 x 9-11am

Wednesday 24 June 2026 - 1 x 12-2pm

Look out for the Term 3 Canteen nForma coming soon!!

Thank you!



Message from the Principal

Dear Families, Parishioners and Friends,

As we approach the middle of the school year, our leadership team and teachers have been busy checking in with our 2026 Annual Action Plan to review our 2026 School Improvement Journey. Our AAP outlines how we are working to elevate your child's learning, backed by the latest educational research and our own school data.

This year, we are taking a highly targeted approach by focusing heavily on foundational fluency—the critical building blocks that allow students to successfully tackle complex mathematics problems, read with deep understanding, and become confident writers. Here is a snapshot of our 2026 strategic goals across the school:

1. Reading Fluency (Years 3 & 4)

·Our Goal: To ensure 80% of our Year 3 and 4 students reach or exceed their benchmark targets in oral reading fluency.

·What this looks like: When children can read words smoothly and accurately, their brains are free to focus on understanding the text. Teachers will be explicitly using high-impact strategies like Choral Reading, Echo Reading, and Paired Reading. We are also planning for specific time in our literacy planners every single day just for fluency practice.

2. Mathematics & Operation Fluency (Years 5 & 6)

·Our Goal: To significantly boost student automaticity and confidence in the four core operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division).

·What this looks like: We want our senior students to manipulate numbers quickly and accurately so they can tackle complex problem-solving with ease. We are embedding dedicated, explicit "fluency time" into every maths lesson, utilizing targeted maths games, rehearsal strategies, and regular checks to help students hit their individual growth goals.

3. Phonics & Word Knowledge (Prep / Foundation)

·Our Goal: To build a solid foundation in decoding and phonemic awareness, ensuring 80% of our Preps reach or exceed their word fluency benchmarks.

·What this looks like: We are implementing a highly structured, systematic phonics approach using the Phonics Plus scope and sequence, aligned with the new Victorian Curriculum 2.0. Your children are engaging in regular, active lessons that turn letter-sound connections into second nature.

4. Excellence in Writing (Years 1 & 2)

·Our Goal: To improve the quality of student writing, with 80% of our Year 1 and 2 students hitting age-appropriate targets in the Victorian Curriculum 2.0.

·What this looks like: We are dedicating a minimum of five hours per week across the curriculum to writing and writing instruction. Teachers explicitly model how to construct simple, compound, and complex sentences. We use our school-wide "Bump It Up" walls, allowing students to visually see what a great piece of writing looks like and take real ownership of their individual writing goals. The Bridge from Teacher to Student: To make this happen, our staff are engaged in intensive professional learning and will resume our peer-observation feedback. When our teachers collaborate closely on evidence-based practices, our students thrive.

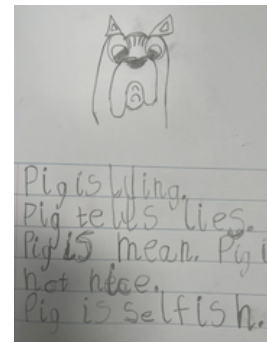
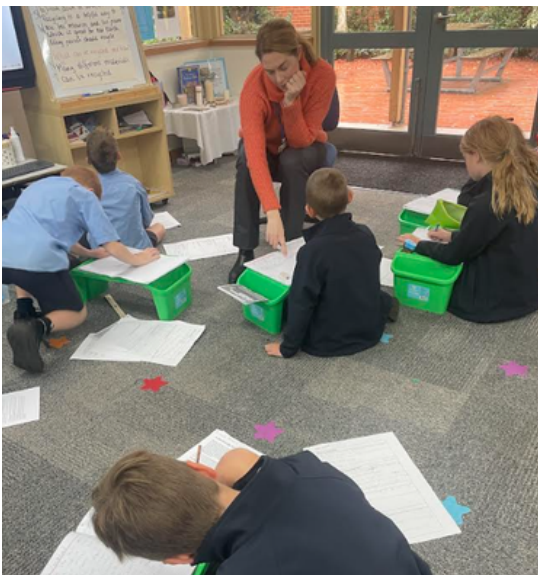
We are incredibly excited about the academic growth these targeted actions unlock for our students. If you have any questions or would like to discuss our 2026 goals further, please don't hesitate to reach out.



SIP Walkthroughs

As part of our dedication to ongoing school improvement Mrs. Geisler and I set time aside each week to walk through classrooms to learn more about our students and staff needs and to keep in touch with our progress in relation to our annual action plan goals. We commend our students and staff on their willingness to take on new learnings and to practice getting better at what they do.

Indeed we have a collaborative, mutually supportive and positive culture here at St Ambrose.



Assembly 1-2S



Our Year 1-2S class led an uplifting assembly this week where they sang a beautiful prayer and shared their learning in sustainability. It was great to join our 1-2 students in learning the song, "You are my Sunshine" that Mrs. Geisler taught them last week in their Auslan class.

School Uniform Additions: SRC Reps meet with SAC



SRC members Alice L, Neve ES and School Captain Eire B are pictured above presenting our students reasoning to add a skort option to wear on sports lesson day as well as a puffer and soft shell vest option for those who need extra warmth but like their arms free of heavy sleeves. These items should be purchased through Hip Pocket so that they comply with our school uniform policy. The vests need to have the school logo embroidered on them which is all done at Hip Pocket.

We hope that these uniform additions assist in meeting our students comfort and warmth needs. Note that legging shorts can also be purchased at Hip pocket to wear under tunics or dresses for extra warmth and comfort when using climbing equipment. The winter weather has arrived. We ask that you support your children to come dressed appropriately to keep warm. We do go outside to play unless it is raining or extremely windy.



Our 2026 SRC



Our SRC are pictured above collaborating at their recent meeting. It is great to observe their confidence grow as they present their class ideas over the year having become more familiar with their roles.

Unexplained Absences

Our class roll is done by 9.05am each morning. If you drop off after the 9.00am bell you will need to sign your child in via the office and they then collect a late pass to take to their class teacher. If your child is going to be absent we ask that you log this through nForma. If we have unexplained absences Justine will send you a message. If we don't hear back from you by 10.00am Justine will then follow up with a phone call. Thankyou for your support in making sure that we have all of our students accounted for.

[Click here to see how a parent submits an attendance through the nForma parent portal.](#)

Child Safe Standard No 5: Equity is Upheld and Diverse Needs are Respected in Policy and Practice

As a school we continue to keep Child Safety at the forefront. You will notice the updated PROTECT posters at our sign in station and distributed through out the school. This month our staff are refreshing their understanding of this standard to uphold our commitment to child safety. You too can learn more about this standard [here](#).

A poster for Child Safe Standard 5. It features a photograph of three children in school uniforms smiling. The text on the poster includes: "Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools", "Child Safe Standard 5", "Equity is upheld and diverse needs respected in policy and practice.", "No one is exempted from striving to ensure respect for the dignity of every person", "Pope Leo XIV, May 2025", "MACS CARE", and "Play your part visit: care.macs.vic.edu.au".

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Pope Leo XIV,
May 2025

MACS
CARE

Play your part visit: care.macs.vic.edu.au
Revised: January 2024

Wet Days at St Ambrose



At St. Ambrose when the rainy days arrive as they do and our students need to remain indoors, online activities and TV screens are not an option. Stepping away from devices during indoor play allows them to slow down and connect and collaborate with each other. Screen-free play builds vital social skills like negotiation, compromise, and learning how to win or lose gracefully.

You can see some of our students pictured above enjoying screen-free indoor activities that keep them purposefully occupied and connected. Some of the options our children enjoyed over the past fortnight included:

- Board Game classics like Connect Four, Guess Who?, or Uno are brilliant for mixing up friendships. Students have to look each other in the eye, chat, and cheer each other on.
- Mega Floor Puzzles & Cooperative Building: Working together to solve a puzzle or constructing a massive Jenga tower requires teamwork. Students naturally self-organise into roles, collaborating to achieve a shared goal.
- Games like Indoor Table Tennis, Pictionary or Charades helps lower social barriers and encourages even the quietest students to join in the fun.

Cardboard Box Engineering: Many of our children really enjoy an opportunity to gather a few recycling materials like cardboard boxes, masking tape, and markers, and build entire cities or spaceships together, chatting the whole time. With a bit of imagination, indoor play can become a fun filled social and play session!

Student Medical Records

We ask that you keep the school informed about any changes or updates needed to your child's medical records. You can update records on nForma then email Justine to let her know you have updated. Thank you.

2027 Enrolments Now Due

A reminder to enrol siblings now for 2027. You can access the enrolment form via our school website. Click below to enrol now.

ENROL NOW

Student Semester One Reports

Your children's semester one reports will be sent home via nForma on Thursday June 25th at 4.00pm. You will also have access to their previous reports on this dates.



Next Newsletter

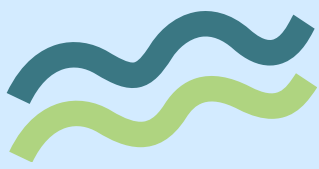
Our next newsletter will be published on **Friday**
26th June 2026!

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



Bronwyn Phillips
Principal





5/6JM



Inquiry Topic

In 5/6JM, we have been working on many things, but our core focus has been a deep dive into history. Every student in the 5/6 cohort selected a specific migration topic to investigate. We explored several major periods of migration, covering the arrival of the First Fleet, the stories of free immigrants, the experiences of Chinese migrants during the Gold Rush, the post-war journey of the Ten Pound Poms, and the history of Vietnamese migrants.

Newspapers

For our Writing project, we have been putting our hard research to use by creating our very own historical newspapers. It has been a massive effort, but we are finally reaching the finish line. Students have taken on the roles of real journalists by writing front-page articles and conducting historical interviews, alongside designing creative additions like letters to the editor, advertisements, recipes, crosswords, and news in pictures.

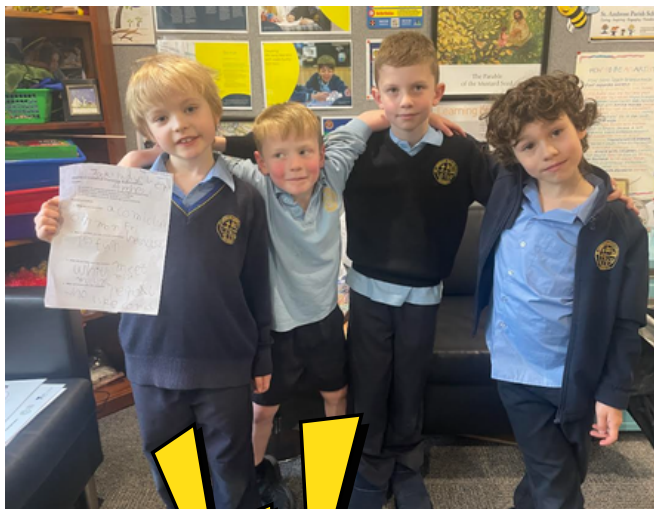


Dioramas

We took our history topics off the page and brought them into the third dimension by building detailed dioramas. We transformed regular shoeboxes into mini historical scenes. To create realistic landscapes and structures, everyone got incredibly resourceful, using handy everyday materials like stones, toothpicks, cardboard, and printed photographs to complete their models.

Overall, the students in 5/6JM have put an immense amount of effort into these combined projects. From research to creative news writing and hands-on building, we have accomplished a great deal of high-quality work on our topics.

Student Initiatives



Ben, Indi, Jock and Archer are busy making comics as part of their Comic Club initiative. They did a great job engaging those interested during our indoor play sessions when it was too wet to go outside.



Lawson and Rose are beginning a squishy club next Tuesday.



No Uniform Deliveries 21/7/26 - 28/8/26

Hip Pocket will be unable to deliver uniforms to the school between 21 July and 28 August 2026.

This is a good time to think about the uniform your child needs and order it for delivery before these dates.

Parents are welcome to attend the Castlemaine store for your purchases -

Phone - 03 5470 5600
castlemaine@hipocketworkwear.com.au
Shop - 20 Johnstone Street, Castlemaine

Opening hours -
Mon-Fri - 9.00am - 5.30pm
Sat. 9.00am - 12.00pm

Uniform information



AROUND THE SCHOOL





13 June Maddie Q
16 June Olivia C, Ben Y
19 June Taj M

Congratulations!

- Prep O William E for accepting a challenge in maths and helping others by sharing his understanding.
- Prep O Elena N for being a wonderful role model for her class mates. Thank you,
- Prep O Alice C for her determination in reading and learning tricky words!
- 1/2B Leboko S for his positive attitude and valuable contributions to class.
- 1/2B Fletcher R for his excellent effort and quality writing.
- 1/2S Lexi K for always showcasing our PBLs and being a great role model.
- 1/2S Leo H for always showing great responsibility for his learning, always trying to improve.
- 1/2S Emilia T for your resilience during literacy and always taking up the challenge.
- 1/2T Archie L for a fantastic week of consistently meeting classroom expectations. Well done!
- 1/2T Indy H for his outstanding effort and creativity in his story about the lost cat - Well done!
- 3/4C Lizzy D for the effort and care she is applying to all her work!
- 3/4C Jack B for always showing kindness to his peers and classmates!
- 3/4O Willow S for always giving every learning task her very best effort. Well done!
- 3/4O Sailor C for her outstanding work in vertical addition. Well done Sailor!
- 3/4O Bill R for consistently engaging in his learning. Keep it up Bill!
- 3/4R Leah W for demonstrating true leadership qualities within her class, always lifting up those around her and setting a wonderful example for others to follow.
- 3/4R Charlotte W for always watching out for others, showing incredible kindness, and is the very first to ask, "How can I help?".
- 5/6BM George L for always being respectful towards all teachers, using good manners, and is happy to help with jobs around the classroom.
- 5/6BM Isabelle M for quietly and consistently applying herself to her learning, using time efficiently, and always trying to do her best.
- 5/6BM Felix D for being a kind member of our class by supporting others.
- 5/6JM Rose AG for always trying hard and asking lots of questions.
- 5/6JM Jethro F for putting in an amazing effort in Maths.
- 5/6W Matilda C for having a growth mindset towards her learning and giving everything a go! Keep it up, Matilda!
- 5/6W Scarlett M for always showing the school values, especially resilience, inside and outside the classroom. Well done Scarlett!

PBL Bronze Award - Jack B, Jack J, William C, Elissa A, Seb C, Seb M, Marli P, Evelyn C, Patrick F, Tillie J, James B, Alice L

PBL Silver Award - Chase K, Amy M

PBL Gold Award - Arianna F, Elara P



IN CELEBRATION OF MEN'S HEALTH WEEK

Join us for a special event for dads, father figures, and male caregivers focused on building stronger connections with kids through communication and understanding emotions.

Learn practical ways to help your child feel heard, supported, and connected.

WHEN: Wednesday 17 June 2026

TIME: 5:30 – 8pm

WHERE: Woodend Primary School
146 High St, Woodend

EVENT FEATURING:

Dads Tuning in to Kids info session
Guest speaker. Gabriel from Rad Dads
Fun activities with Woodend Heskett
Football Netball Club + BBQ!

ALL FREE!
ALL WELCOME!

TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION:



youth@mrsc.vic.gov.au



JOIN THE CELEBRATION OF ALL THINGS Faith & Family



During 2026 our focus for our community of faith will be based on the image of the Trinity (our new picture). An image reflecting the community of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, calling us to be a community of WELCOME and HOSPITALITY.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, by giving me bread and wine, Your Body and Your Blood, you teach me that life is either a gift, or it is not life: nourished by You, help me to make my life an offering pleasing to the Father.

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for June:

For The Values Of Sports
Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity and personal growth.

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.

Religious Calendar of Events in Term Two, 2026:

Date	Details	Time
Wed, 24th June	End of Term 2 Mass	9:30

Religious Calendar of Events in Term Three, 2026:

Date	Details	Time
Wed, 5th August	Senior Mass (Grs. 5/6)	9:30
Thurs, 6th August	First Eucharist Evening Meeting for Parents and Students	6:30
Wed, 12th August	Junior Mass (Grs P/1/2)	9:30
Sat, 22nd August Or Sun, 23rd August	Commissioning Masses for First Eucharist	5 pm Or 11 am
Tues, 1st Sept	Father's (Special Person's) Day Prayer Service	3 pm
Wed, 9th Sept	Middle Mass (Grs 3/4)	9:30
Thurs, 10th Sept	Sacrament of First Eucharist Practice	11:45
Sat, 12th Sept Or Sun, 13th Sept	Sacrament of First Eucharist	5 pm Or 11 am
Wed, 16th Sept	End of Term 3 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: Jn 6:51-58

THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI (i.e. THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST)

My newest baby is six years younger than his next oldest sibling. I was surprised by what I had forgotten in that time. When he was born, I was reminded of the fuzz that collects in the little fists and the sound of sweet snoring.

One thing I had almost forgotten, but which returned like a reflex, was the constant closeness both he and I need. This nearness is a primal demand of both our bodies. As a nursing mother, I sustain his life with mine. Every couple of hours, we rest together while he is provided nourishment by God's design.

Mothers throughout history needed proximity to their babies, because without any other feeding option, the baby's life depended on that closeness. God the Creator could have arranged the care of a baby in any way. But He planned that a mother's provision for her child would require this special intimacy.

In the same way, God could have chosen any way he wanted to feed our souls, but He commands us to partake of His body and blood. In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him."

He is clear that our life comes from consuming Him, an almost unthinkable action, as we are reminded by the incredulous bystanders in the narrative. This was part of His plan for our salvation.

Just as babies are programmed to grow by way of constant nearness to their mother, we become who we are fully created to be when we are fed by Christ in the Eucharist. Receiving the Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith, is what gives us true life in Christ.

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Ponder:

How would I have reacted to Jesus's instruction to eat His body and drink His blood if I had been a witness to this moment?

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COMMUNITY NEWS

2026 Junior Development Program

Get a head start over Winter, join the Softball Victoria Junior Development Program tailored to beginner to intermediate skilled players from 7 to 15 years of age, and develop fundamental skills and game sense leading into the 2026/2027 Summer season!

Venues across metro Melbourne and Regional Victoria, visit the website or scan the QR code for further details

- Learn from experienced coaches and state representative players
- Experience and develop the different elements of Softball including batting, fielding, pitching, catching and base running
- 2 hours each week over 6 weeks
- \$90 registration includes participant pack with T-shirt, cap & drink bottle

Shaping Tomorrow's Softball Stars

REGISTER HERE: www.softballvic.org.au/events/353057



Contact: Tim Hatzl - State Participation & Development Manager email: tim.hatzl@softballvic.org.au or ph: 0479 104 403

WayOut Macedon Ranges

PERK

Parents Empowering Rainbow Kids

You are invited to join PERK for a free afternoon tea in Kyneton

Thursday, June 11 2026

Kyneton location

5.30 - 6.30pm



To register, scan the QR code or follow the link

<https://forms.office.com/r/gG4cDGhLcy>



School Holiday Softball Program

Unlock your Softball potential these July School holidays, with this fun and engaging program, designed for kids of all skill levels aged 7-14

Programs across metro Melbourne on various days, times and venues, visit the website or scan the QR code for further details

REGISTER HERE: www.softballvic.org.au/events/353045



CONTACT: Tim Hatzl - State Participation & Development Manager
Email: tim.hatzl@softballvic.org.au
or Ph: 0479 104 403

About

- 4 hour duration
- Experienced Coaches
- Equipment Provided
- Safe & Inclusive & Fun Environment



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM TERM TWO 2026

These programs offer parents and their children 7-11 support with mental health and wellbeing. The one-hour sessions are run by mental health staff from the Loddon Children's Health & Wellbeing Local. Sessions are fun, educational and interactive. **Groups are small: five children with one parent per child attending.**



TOPICS

10.30am Worry in children for kids 7-11

1.30pm Social skills for Kids 7-11

2.30pm **Parent Drop in** with questions to ask the mental health staff about parenting and or your child. Open to any age group from birth to 11 years. Kids can play in the room while we chat. No need to book in for this session

DATES AND LOCATION:

2nd July Kyneton - Omnia Community Health

Bookings are essential:

Please call Annette or Kerry on 1800 433 977 or email us with your child's name, which sessions you want to attend, your name and contact details including telephone number, icfhlocals@bchs.com.au

We will be in touch one week prior to the session to confirm details including how to access the venue.



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Complete the Community Sentiment Survey



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Scan the QR code or head to engage.vic.gov.au/vicpol-2026



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COMMUNITY NEWS

✂ FUN FITNESS & HEALTH CLUB FOR KIDS! ✂

Saturdays Just Got More Exciting!

Looking for a fun, active, and creative way for your child to start the weekend?

Join **Gina Mendoza, Exercise Physiologist**, for an exciting weekly health and fitness class designed especially for kids aged **8–11 years!**

****Now bulk billing all patients who have a GPCCM care plan referral****



Gina Mendoza
Clinical Exercise Physiologist specializing in
Movement Technique
14 Brooke Street Woodend
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Email bsmc@bsmc.net.au

Biography

Gina Mendoza is a Clinical Exercise Physiologist specialising in Movement Technique for exercise rehabilitation, injury prevention, falls prevention, balance issues, movement efficiency for the aged and chronic back and large joint pain.

Over 40 years ago, Gina designed a dance movement program for pre and early primary school aged children. It focused on the development of perceptual motor skills awareness, spatial awareness, depth perception, direction, balance and coordination, and the rhythm of movement sequences done in fun dance form to music.

Gina's passion as a Clinical Exercise Physiologist, is working to help clients through her expertise in movement technique. She has worked as a university lecturer in Clinical Exercise Studies, supervised Exercise Physiology Master's students, worked in community health, in a private specialist weight-loss clinic, designed several movement programs including a boys ballet program, and has worked locally in the Macedon Ranges in private clinic practice.

Gina has also completed advanced training in Dance for Parkinson's. Classes for Parkinson's Movement Class run through put the school terms.

From the very young to the older population – Senior Ballet Classes are turning out to be a hit at Brooke Street's Movement Hub. Our older participants have expressed that they are loving the whole-body workout they are getting to do their weekly ballet barre classes. This exercise is great for balance, muscle tone and strength, coordination, range of movement, flexibility, mental stimulation, and memory, and for the sheer enjoyment of doing a ballet barre class to ballet music with class friends. We keep things carefully paced, and everyone learns to engage their core spinal control in a way that helps older backs and joints and assists in restore a greater sense of confidence in movement control. We have a range of classes at varied times running thought out the week.

18 years ago, Gina took her skills in movement technique to work with talent identified junior sub-elite and adult world level track and field athletes. It was during that time she designed the original Sport-Barre movement training techniques for athletes, which was presented at the Australian Innovations Festival in 2005.

Gina's books are open every Monday for bookings. Gina accepts clients using NDIS funding, home care packages, Workcover and TAC, Care plan referrals and private patients. Please call us on 03 5427 1002 or send referrals via fax (03 54272623) or email (bsmc@bsmc.net.au)

Gina Mendoza
Exercise Physiologist

14 Brooke St, Woodend
PO Box 228, Woodend
PH: 5427 1002



Grade 5 Parents - Act Now!



Enrolments for Year 7, 2028 close on 24 July, 2026 (students currently in Grade 5).

Explore the possibilities for your child - visit the enrolment page of our website to learn more about College life, to book a tour, or begin your online application. For further enrolment information please contact College Registrar, Rowena Rokesky-Alder.



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Sounds-Write Phonetics

Supporting children to develop their reading, spelling and writing skills

Speech pathologist-led group sessions providing the Sounds-Write Phonics Program at Omnia Community Health, Sunbury

For primary school aged children



Eligibility for participation:

- Fee may be applicable based on income
- Not eligible for NDIS participants
- Referral must be made by an educator
- Also taking participants with a family history of dyslexia

omniacommunityhealth.org.au ☎ 5421 1666 ✉ intake@omniach.org.au



Refugee Week

A Million Stories

Celebrating courage, resilience and our shared humanity

Trivia Night

MRRAR's night of nights returns! Sign up as a table of 8, or rock up and we'll assign you to a table. **\$25 per person**, with all proceeds going to the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project.

6:30pm for 7pm start
Saturday 13 June
Norma Richardson Hall
Woodend



For bookings, visit trybooking.com/DLOMC



Book Club

The MRRAR book club provides a welcoming space to learn more about refugee stories. For this Refugee Week, we are reading **Cactus Pear For My Beloved**, a novelised memoir by Palestinian author Samah Sabawi.

6:30pm
Thursday 18 June
600 Above, Woodend
Attendance is free
Registration essential

RSVP: tinyurl.com/Sac6wvt3

Any questions? mrrar-refugees@gmail.com



COMMUNITY NEWS



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS FUN AT WNH APRIL 2026

CREATIVE YOGA: HOP INTO AUTUMN

Embrace creative moments, gentle movement, and time to rest as we connect with the senses.

Tuesday 7th April • 10am - 12noon

\$35 pp

Prep to Grade 6



DRAMA WORKSHOP

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

Wednesday 8th April • 9.30am - 12.30pm

\$35 pp

Prep to Grade 6

UNDER THE SEA AQUARIUM WORKSHOP

Join us these school holidays for a joyful, under-the-sea inspired creative workshop.

Wednesday 15th April • 10.30am - 12noon

\$35 pp

Prep to Grade 6



DOLPHIN DRUMMING

Experience the joy of putting together simple rhythms in this fun, interactive workshop!

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Woodend Holiday Program

29 June - 10th July 2026

<p>Monday 29th June Circus Fun</p> <p>Roll up, roll up! Our Bug-A-Lugs Circus Day will be bursting with laughter, colour and nonstop fun. Children will step into the spotlight as they learn exciting circus skills, from juggling to balancing acts that would make any clown proud! Bright points and big smiles will fill the room as faces are transformed into lions, clowns and ringmasters. Creative hands will be busy making circus crafts to take home, with the day finishing in plenty of giggles and applause. It will be a spectacular show from our little performers!</p>	<p>Monday 6th July Magician - Tricky Nick</p> <p>Abacadabra! The art of a magician is to create wonder," and today at Bug-A-Lugs, that is exactly what it is all about! Join us for a magical day filled with mystery, creativity and fun as children create enchanting crafts, learn awesome magic tricks, and enjoy a day full of surprises. We are very excited to have the amazing Tricky Nick joining us to perform his incredible magic show, packed with laughter, wonder and magical moments. You may even learn a trick or two along the way! This is one magical day you definitely don't want to miss!</p>
<p>Tuesday 30th June Artsy Fartsy</p> <p>Come on down to Bug-A-Lugs today and join us for our fun and messy Artsy Fartsy Day! Today is all about being creative in the most unique and imaginative ways. Children will learn how to make natural paint, create colourful art using food, design something amazing from sustainable materials, and explore the world of abstract art. It's a day full of colour, curiosity, texture and creativity, where children can discover that art can be so much more than just a picture on a page!</p>	<p>Tuesday 7th July Stop Motion</p> <p>Get ready for an exciting Stop Motion Movie Day, where the children become filmmakers for the day! Using clay and their own creative ideas, they'll design characters, build mini sets, and bring their stories to life frame by frame. From silly adventures to epic tales, children will learn the magic behind stop motion animation while working together, experimenting and having loads of fun. By the end of the day, they'll have their very own mini movie to share!</p>
<p>Wednesday 1st July Gold Rush</p> <p>Join us at Bug-A-Lugs and get ready to strike it rich! Our Gold Rush Day is all about stepping back in time and exploring the exciting world of gold, discovery and life on the diggings. Children will have the chance to pan for "gold," dress up like real prospectors, and take part in fun games and challenges inspired by the old goldfields. There will be plenty of hands-on activities, golden surprises and opportunities to learn about what life was like during the Gold Rush. So grab your hat, boots and adventurous spirit, it's time to dig, discover and go on a golden adventure!</p>	<p>Wednesday 8th July Make it, Break it</p> <p>Today, creativity meets curiosity... with a little bit of chaos mixed in! Children will design and build their own creations using cardboard, tools, special screws and bolts, and a range of recycled materials, with one important twist: by the end of the day, they'll take it all apart again! From pulling apart old computers and keyboards to deconstructing their own inventions, this hands-on experience encourages problem solving, imagination, critical thinking and the freedom to explore how things work inside and out. It's messy, exciting and all about learning through both doing and undoing!</p>
<p>Thursday 2nd July Christmas in July</p> <p>HO, HO, HO Christmas has come early! Today at Bug-A-Lugs we are celebrating all things Christmas in July. Come along in your best Christmas gear and join in the fun. Today there will be lots of cooking, crafts and games! There is guaranteed to be something for everyone! Lunch is provided.</p>	<p>Thursday 9th July Mad Science</p> <p>The day will be packed with hands on fun as children explore crazy science experiments, make their own slime, and create erupting mini volcanoes. Through each activity, they'll learn how chemicals react, use real scientific vocabulary, and practise observing, predicting, and experimenting like young scientists. Children will discover concepts such as polymers, viscosity, gas formation, and cause and effect, all while enjoying a safe, messy, and exciting day of discovery.</p>
<p>Friday 3rd July Planetarium Incursion</p> <p>Today is about bringing the wonder of space to life! The hall will be transformed with an incredible giant portable planetarium dome, where children can sit back, watch and learn all about the amazing world beyond our planet. We'll explore stars, planets, the moon and the mysteries of space through an exciting dome experience, before getting creative and making our very own space dioramas to take home. Today is all about hanging out with friends, using our imaginations, and enjoying an out-of-this-world adventure. Get ready to blast off into a day full of discovery, creativity and space fun!</p>	<p>Friday 10th July Silent Disco</p> <p>Get your headphones on, lace up those dancing shoes, and prepare your best wiggle worthy moves because today Bug-A-Lugs is transforming into a full-scale disco. Dazzling light shows, bumping beats, and enough glittery vibes to make a disco ball blush. It's going to be loud, lively, and legendary. The dance floor will be hosting some seriously dance-tastic challenges. There are prizes with your name on them. It's going to be a cracking day of laughs, lights, and unforgettable dance battles!</p>

\$100 per day before rebates

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