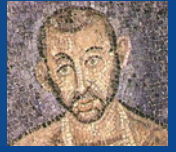


St Ambrose Primary School

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

🐝 Respectful 🐝 Responsible 🐝 Resilient 🐝 Kind



A Prayer of Gratitude for Our School Community



Loving Creator,

We gather our hearts today in deep gratitude for the blessing of this school community. Thank you for weaving us together into a tapestry of learning, growth, and shared life.

We give thanks for our dedicated staff. Thank you for the educators, administrators, support staff, and everyone working behind the scenes. Grant them a deep sense of purpose, fresh energy when they are tired, and the joy of seeing their efforts bear fruit. Bless them for the long hours, the quiet patience, and the profound care pour into our school every single day.

We give thanks for our beautiful, unique students. They are heartbeat of this community. Thank you for the diverse gifts, perspectives, and bright spirits they bring into our hallways. We celebrate their individuality—their quirks, their talents, their questions, and their resilience. Guard their hearts, spark their curiosity, and help them to always know that they are valued just as they are.

We give thank the finals for our supportive community.

We give thanks for our supportive community. Thank you for the parents, families, and neighbors who wrap this school in encouragement, trust, and collaboration. Thank you for the partnerships that strengthen us and the shared commitment to helping our young people thrive.

May our school always be a sanctuary of kindness, a place of belonging, and a beacon of hope. Help us to keep listening to one another, lifting each other up, and learning together with open minds and generous hearts. Amen.



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.



SCHOOL CALENDAR

Our next newsletter will be published on
Friday 24th July 2026.

Term 3 Dates

Monday 13 July 2026	Term 3 commences
Tuesday 14 July 2026	Swimming Program - 12.30-1.15pm 5/6BM & half 1/2T, 1.15-2pm 5/6JM & half 1/2T, 2-2.45pm 5/6W
Wednesday 15 July 2026	Swimming Program - 12.30-1.15pm 5/6BM & half 1/2T, 1.15-2pm 5/6JM & half 1/2T, 2-2.45pm 5/6W
Thursday 16 July 2026	Swimming Program - 12.30-1.15pm 5/6BM & half 1/2T, 1.15-2pm 5/6JM & half 1/2T, 2-2.45pm 5/6W
Friday 17 July 2026	Swimming Program - 12.30-1.15pm 5/6BM & half 1/2T, 1.15-2pm 5/6JM & half 1/2T, 2-2.45pm 5/6W
Monday 20 July 2026	Swimming Program - 12.30-1.15pm Prep O, 1.15-2pm 1/2S, 2-2.45pm 1/2B
Tuesday 21 July 2026	Swimming Program - 12.30-1.15pm Prep O, 1.15-2pm 1/2S, 2-2.45pm 1/2B
Wednesday 22 July 2026	Swimming Program - 12.30-1.15pm Prep O, 1.15-2pm 1/2S, 2-2.45pm 1/2B
Thursday 23 July 2026	Swimming Program - 12.30-1.15pm Prep O, 1.15-2pm 1/2S, 2-2.45pm 1/2B
Friday 24 July 2026	Swimming Program - 12.30-1.15pm Prep O, 1.15-2pm 1/2S, 2-2.45pm 1/2B
	Sacred Heart College Enrolments due
Monday 27 July 2026	Swimming Program - 12.30-1.15pm 3/4O, 1.15-2pm 3/4R, 2-2.45pm 3/4CW
Tuesday 28 July 2026	Swimming Program - 12.30-1.15pm 3/4O, 1.15-2pm 3/4R, 2-2.45pm 3/4CW
Wednesday 29 July 2026	Swimming Program - 12.30-1.15pm 3/4O, 1.15-2pm 3/4R, 2-2.45pm 3/4CW
Thursday 30 July 2026	Swimming Program - 12.30-1.15pm 3/4O, 1.15-2pm 3/4R, 2-2.45pm 3/4CW
	Sacred Heart College Band playing for students in the hall 10.00am.
Friday 31 July 2026	Swimming Program - 12.30-1.15pm 3/4O, 1.15-2pm 3/4R, 2-2.45pm 3/4CW
	100 days of school for Prep students
Monday 3 August 2026	Staff PD – pupil free day
Wednesday 5 August 2026	Senior Level Mass 9.30am Assembly presented by 3/4R 2.50pm
Thursday 6 August 2026	First Communion Meeting 6.30pm
Friday 7 August 2026	World Principal's Day
Tuesday 11 August 2026	Sacred Heart College Junior Chef Round 1 - 9.45-12.15pm
Wednesday 12 August 2026	Junior Level Mass 9.30am
Friday 14 August 2026	Cobaw Athletics Bendigo (40 students – Gr 3-6)
Saturday 22 August 2026	First Communion Commitment Mass 5.00pm
Sunday 23 August 2026	First Communion Commitment Mass 11.00am
Monday 24 August 2026	Book Week
Tuesday 25 August 2026	Book Week
Wednesday 26 August 2026	Book Week Book Parade 9.00am Book Week online performance 12.00pm Sacred Heart College Junior Chef Round 2 3.45pm – 6.15pm
Thursday 27 August 2026	Book Week
Friday 28 August 2026	Book Week
Saturday 29 August 2026	Braemar Academic Testing Years 5 & 7
Tuesday 1 August 2026	Cobaw Basketball Sunbury (16 x Grade 6 students) Footy Colours Day Father's/Special Person's refreshments 2.00-2.45pm and liturgy 2.45pm
Sunday 6 September 2026	Father's Day
Wednesday 9 September 2026	Middle Years Mass 9.30am
Thursday 10 September 2026	Sacrament of First Communion Practice 11.45am-12.45pm
Saturday 12 September 2026	Sacrament of First Communion Mass 5.00pm
Sunday 13 September 2026	Sacrament of First Communion Mass 11.00am
Monday 14 September 2026	Braemar Academic Testing (Years 5 & 7)
Tuesday 15 September 2026	Division Athletics Bendigo
Wednesday 16 September 2026	End of Term Mass 9.30am
	End of Term 3 – students dismissed at 3.30pm
Thursday 17 September 2026	Staff Retreat – Pupil Free Day
Friday 18 September 2026	Staff Retreat – Pupil Free Day
Saturday 19 September – Sunday 4 October 2026	School Holidays
Monday 5 October 2026	Term 4 commences



Lost Property

These items are at the office if they belong to you.

Message from the Principal

Dear Families, Parishioners and Friends,

We have concluded the term/semester on a positive note. Our theme for our end of term Mass was, "Be the Change". Fr Zaher was inspired by the many ways our students could articulate how they can make the world a better place. It has been wonderful to observe the teamwork and enthusiasm as teachers and students made the most of this week's sunshine to add to the compost, mulch and create their worm farms within our beautiful grounds.



Garden-based learning transforms the traditional classroom into a living, breathing laboratory, offering a wealth of academic, physical, and emotional benefits for students.

By stepping outside, learners engage in hands-on, experiential education where abstract concepts in science, maths, and environmental studies instantly become tangible and real. Digging in the soil, planting seeds, and watching crops grow not only fosters a deep sense of responsibility and patience but also encourages healthier eating habits as children become excited to taste what they have planted and cared for. The collaborative nature of tending a garden builds essential teamwork and communication skills, while the physical activity and connection to nature provide a natural boost to mental well-being and stress reduction. Ultimately, it nurtures curious, environmentally conscious citizens who understand where their food comes from and how interconnected our ecosystem is.



Growing Our Garden: Expression of Interest



We are enthusiastically looking toward the continued development and ongoing maintenance of our school vegetable patches and gardens! Before we dive into building, purchasing materials, or organising a working bee, we want to look to our greatest asset – our wonderful community.

This message is to call for an initial Expression of Interest to gauge how our families, friends, and community members might like to support our garden based learning. Our goal right now is to gather information to help inform our planning and ensure we build a sustainable, thriving space for our students.

We are looking to identify support in three key areas:

- **Expertise & Ideas:** Are you a landscaper, an avid home gardener, a carpenter, or just passionate about sustainability? We would love your brainpower and guidance.
- **Resources & Materials:** Do you have access to materials you might be willing to contribute? This could include timber, soil, seedlings, tools, or building supplies.
- **Helping Hands:** Would you be interested in joining a future working bee or helping with the ongoing maintenance of the garden beds?

If you, a grandparent, a local business, or a friend of the school would like to be involved in any capacity, please let us know!

How to connect with us: We will be sending out an nForma notice in week one of term three reaching out for volunteers and a brief note on how you might like to help (even if it's just a willingness to dig some dirt!).

Thank you for your ongoing support in making our school environment a beautiful, productive place for our children to learn and grow.

Canteen Semester One Wrap Up, Swimming and Year Six Specials

It has been a very busy term in the kitchen planning, shopping, cooking and serving lunch orders. Each and every week on average over half the students at St Ambrose order lunch from the canteen which definitely keeps me busy. Along with myself there are a team of dedicated volunteers. I would like to personally say a very big thank you to each and every one of them for generously giving their time on Wednesdays help. The canteen couldn't run as smoothly without volunteers and the students love seeing their parent or familiar face help out.

An nForma has been sent calling out for Term 3 volunteers. If you haven't yet been able to help but are interested please select a time that suits you. I would be truly grateful. Canteen volunteering is super easy, all you need to be able to do is read and count. No cooking skills required!

Without enough volunteers I would unfortunately need to offer a reduced menu. This may occur from time to time and only used as an absolute last resort.

Next Term on the week your child has swimming lessons Super Sushi and Canteen orders are unavailable. This is due to delivery timing of canteen orders and our supplier not aligning with the altered timetable. Please make sure your child brings lunch from home on these days.

Also something to look forward to for our Grade 6 students is their names in the spotlight! Each year they are given the opportunity to have an item of their choosing on the canteen menu for 1 week only. These specials are named after the student who suggested it and made in very limited quantities. To avoid disappointment make sure to place lunch orders early before they sell out. There are some wonderful suggestions not to be missed.

Finally thank you for all the orders, the smiling faces, wonderful manners of the kind student helpers who return their classrooms baskets to the canteen. You all make my day that much better. Have a wonderful break.

A Sincere Thank you



Our sincere thanks to all who have made it possible to keep our canteen open this term. Lawson, Libby, Anita and Katie are pictured above enjoying their canteen duty. We welcome your assistance in term three to enable us to offer a broader menu and to keep our canteen running smoothly.

We especially thank Katie for the thought and effort she puts into our menu and into keeping the canteen running efficiently. **Note that your child's class will not be able to order their lunch on their Wednesday swimming day.**

From our Captains



Hi everyone we hope you had a fantastic term 2, the year 5/6s certainly had a fun and productive term. There were loads of sports. like division volleyball the next stage of cross country which everyone did fantastic in and the 3/4s had their camp which looked like so much fun. 1/2B and 5/6W worked hard planting new plants and cleaning up our garden. And the preps are settling in nicely and making new friends. We hope you have the best holidays and we'll see you soon.

End of term Two Mass

Our students sang beautifully and set positive intentions throughout Wednesday's mass. We congratulated them on their growth this semester and hope that you can take some time to go through their reports with them and celebrate their progress.



Thank you CWA

Our local CWA have extended their generosity to us again this year with another \$200.00 donation for our library.

Road Safety Mary Anne Thomas

Local member Mary-Anne Thomas rang us to say that construction will soon begin to build the new footpaths around the perimeter of our school. She also shared that funds have been allocated to make the Romsey Road Crossing safer. Thank you to all of you who supported action to address this safety concern.

Thank you to our Student Teachers

We have been most fortunate at St Ambrose to support the learning of our future teachers.

Abbey and Caroline have just finished a placement with us. We thank them and wish them all the very best as they work towards a career in teaching. They will make a positive difference in the lives they touch.



Hip Pocket Uniform Delivery Next Term

Please note that Darren and Trudy will be on leave from July 21st until September 8th which means uniform will be delivered less frequently.

During this time deliveries to the school will be limited to one day a week, that day will change each week as their son will be doing the deliveries on his days off.

Demi and Yvonne in their office will send parents messages informing them when the deliveries will be going to the school.

Parents are always welcome to come to the shop to collect orders, it would be advisable that you ring first to make sure everything is in stock and ready for collection. Note that you may now order your puffer or soft shell vests if you want to purchase them.

Shop hours are from 9am to 4pm
Monday to Friday.

[Uniform information](#)

Water Safety Talks & Swimming Program

Our classes will all have a pre-swimming water safety briefing before they begin their lessons at the Kyneton Sports & Aquatic Centre. It's great to have Marie back. She always does a thorough job.



Our Next Assembly

Due to the swimming program our next assembly will be on Wednesday August 5th at 2.45pm. 3-4R/W will be leading.

Curriculum Information Evening

On Tuesday evening we were joined by prospective new families for an information session about how we work with our students across the school. We hope that they found this meeting informative.

Congratulations to Aston & Deon!



Champion long distance runners Aston and Deon are pictured above. We congratulate both students who recently qualified to run early next term representing our school in the state cross country event. Bravo boys!

Welcome Back Emma McMahon



We thank Rebecca Keenan for teaching in 3-4C on Fridays this semester. We hope to see Rebecca back over the year as a CRT. We are delighted that Mrs. Emma McMahon is coming back to teach each Friday in 3-4CM. Those of you who know Emma will attest to her skill as a kind and empathic teacher who offers a great deal to her students and the team. Welcome back Emma!

Fete Profits Fund New iPads & Screen for the Church

We are incredibly grateful for the work our fete committee did as well as for your support in making our fete a success. After final calculations our profit, which totalled \$11,300.00, has partially funded our much needed new iPads Apple iPad A16 (11th Gen) Wi-Fi - Tablet - 128GB - 11" IPS which cost \$478.00 each. We ordered 44 so the total cost was \$21,032.00. We had set some budget aside as we knew we would need to replace them and the fete funds meant we had enough money to go ahead. We also contributed \$2,000.00 of the profits to fund the screen for the church. We will continue to work towards building enough funds to upgrade the furniture in the art room. We hope to do this early in 2027.



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](#).



Creations from Art Classes



What a wonderful term we have had in art! We extended the students' inquiry area—sustainability—right into the art room. Preps have collectively created a mural that will be displayed in the hall in Term 3. Using drawing along with a variety of collage materials and techniques, they have beautifully shown what gardens need to stay healthy. Years 1 & 2 have used natural collage to create individual gardens, incorporating a variety of different representations of healthy environments.

Years 3 & 4 have taken a different approach, creating "Recycled Art" (with a big thanks to the many families who contributed materials and inspiration!). The students were given free rein over what they could create, with the only guideline being that it must be a "sculpture" formed primarily from pre-used materials that represented a message of sustainability. Indeed, their efforts and imaginations have truly blossomed!

Thankyou Mr. Boyd.

Semester One Reports

Your children's semester one reports were sent home via nForma yesterday Thursday June 25th at 4.00pm. You should also have access to your child's previous reports.

2027 Enrolments Now Due

A reminder to enrol siblings now for 2027. Current families who would like to book a time to meet with me to discuss their prep 2027 child's needs can do so via the office. You can access the enrolment form via our school website. Click below to enrol now.

[ENROL NOW](#)

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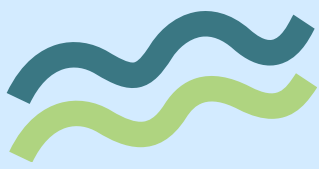
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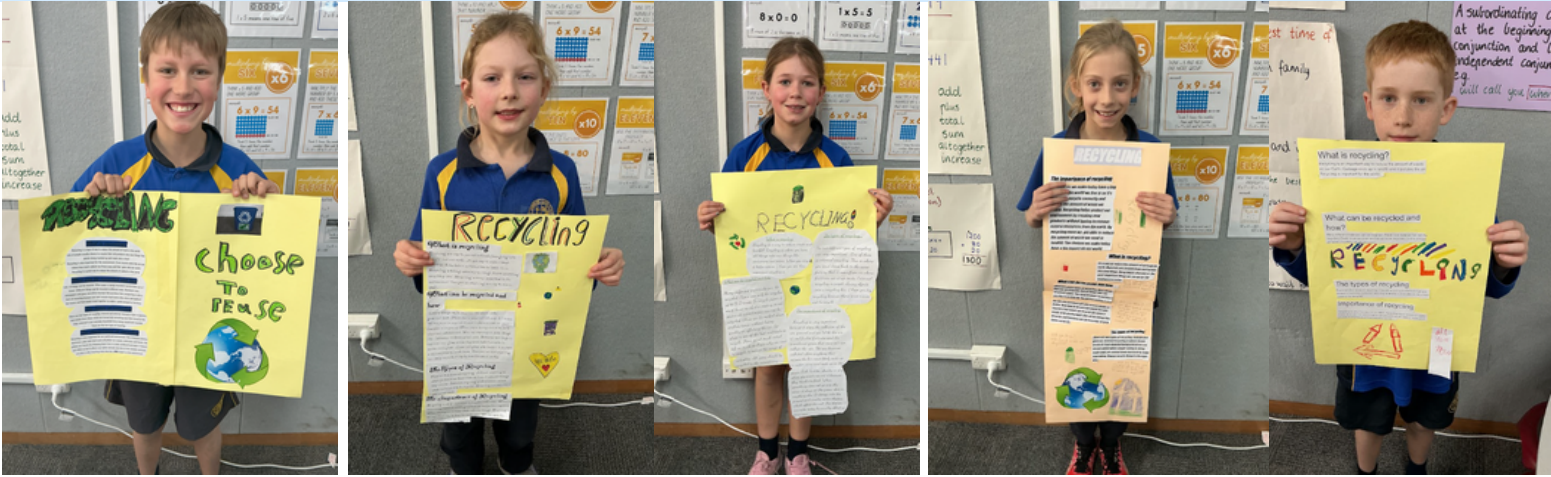


Bronwyn Phillips
Principal

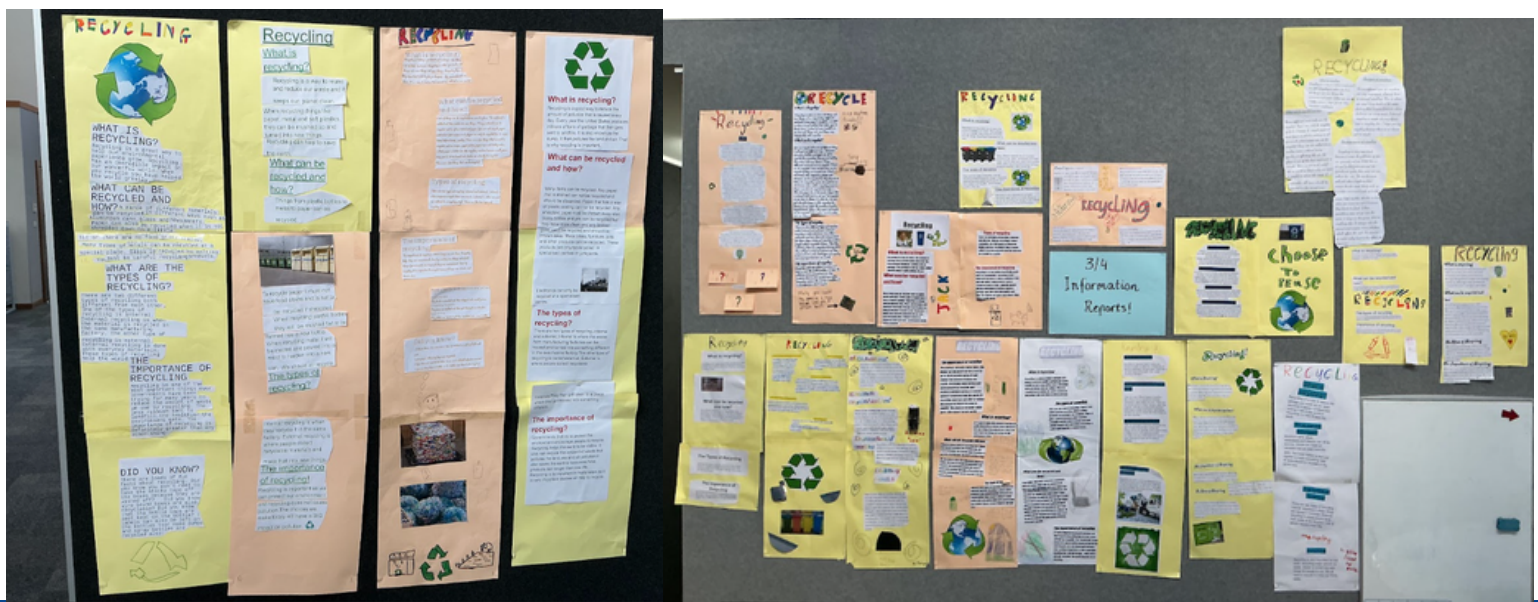




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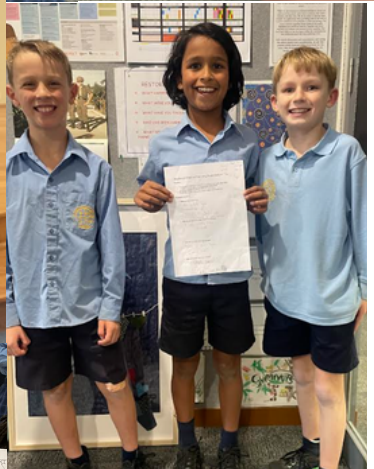


As part of our 'Sustainability' topic this term, the 3/4 students have been looking at what we can do to be more sustainable at school and in our community. In particular we have been researching all about the benefits of recycling, how to recycle and the specific materials that can be recycled to make new things. The students in 3/4C did a fantastic job reading and collecting information about recycling and then presenting this as an information report. The students are very proud of their information reports about recycling!

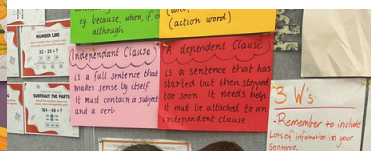


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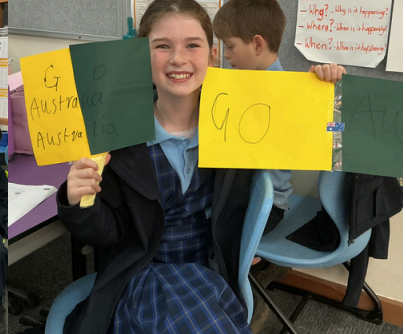
Grade 3/4 Water Incursion



Charlie, Elias and Jack are pictured presenting their idea to watch the world cup soccer.



Fun Jitsu class



Past student and current AFL West Coast Eagles player, Cooper Duff-Tytler had a Q & A session and kick to kick with the students.

GRADE 1/2 VISIT THE ZOO





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

28 June Tora C, Grace Y
30 June Will E, Neville G
1 July Anaisia M
6 July Matisse E
8 July Henry Q
13 July Harvey O
14 July Willow S
15 July Percy F
16 July Elise M
17 July Mollie H
22 July Madeleine E



Congratulations!

- Prep O Logan R for working hard to find the sounds in words he knows. Great effort.
- Prep O Imogen M for always showing respect for her peers and teachers. Well done.
- Prep O Chloe M for sharing her reading knowledge with her peers. Fantastic work!
- 1/2B Raphael A for excellent work with large numbers. Well done!
- 1/2B Poppy P for achieving great results in spelling. Well done!
- 1/2S Winter T for showing improved focus and effort during Phonics Plus!
- 1/2S Stuart P for always taking on a maths challenge. Keep it up!
- 1/2S Elise R for always showing great resilience during learning and trying your best!
- 1/2T Owen D for always enthusiastically embracing every challenge during Phonics Plus - Well done!
- 1/2T Ben H for consistently being a kind, thoughtful and inclusive classmate.
- 3/4C Elias B for his thorough and informative report about "Recycling!".
- 3/4C Lily M for her great effort revising and editing her writing!
- 3/4C Alfred O for always striving to improve in all aspects of his learning!
- 3/4O Holly C for always being encouraging and supportive of others.
- 3/4O Lucy S for consistently showing our Positive Behaviours for Learning. Well done Lucy!
- 3/4R Sophie P for always having a go and giving 100%
- 3/4R Dominic O for his great work in maths and knowledge of place value!
- 3/4O Theo T for using the sounds he knows to blend and read new words. Keep up the great work.
- 5/6BM Alice L for asking questions to clarify her thoughts. A great learning trait!
- 5/6BM Patrick F for the kindness he shows to all his peers and teachers.
- 5/6BM William C for working hard to complete his newspaper about his migration era.
- 5/6BM Mila C for completing 'Level 5' in her TTRS program, with a 95% accuracy.
- 5/6JM Jacob W for outstanding perseverance and commitment to improving his reading.
- 5/6JM Cooper L for outstanding focus, dedication and hard work in catching up and completing your project.
- 5/6W Leon G for showing initiative and independence in the garden. And for sharing knowledge and collaborating positively with others in the garden projects. Well done!
- 5/6W Caleb S for sharing the school values of kindness and respect inside and outside the classroom. Well done!

Congratulations to our Bronze, Silver & Gold PBL award winners also!!



Children's Mental Health

The Murdoch Children's Research Institute; Centre for Community Child Health has created a video series exploring how children's mental health shows up in everyday life. Click on the titles above the images to see each video, or alternative click on [here.](#) to see the webpage.

[What is children's mental health?](#)



[How do I know if they are doing ok?](#)



[How to have better conversations about MH.](#)



[Am I doing enough?](#)



[When do I need help?](#)



The centre for community child health is evaluating these short videos and inviting parents and caregivers in Australia to take part in a short research study. If you are a parent or caregiver of a child aged 2–12 years, you're eligible to participate.

[Find out more.](#)

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, teach me to be generous,
to serve you as you deserve,
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labor and not to look for any reward,
save that of knowing that I do your holy will.

Prayer of St Ignatius

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 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: Matthew 10:26-33

In this Sunday's Gospel (cf. Mt 10:26-33) the invitation that Jesus addresses to His disciples resonates: to have no fear, to be strong and confident in the face of life's challenges, as he forewarns them of the adversities that await them. Today's passage is part of the missionary discourse, with which the Teacher prepares the Apostles for their first experience of proclaiming the Kingdom of God. Jesus persistently exhorts them to "have no fear". Fear is one of the most terrible enemies of our Christian life. Jesus exhorts: "have no fear", "fear not". And Jesus describes three tangible situations that they will find themselves facing. (...)

They are like three temptations: to sugar-coat the Gospel, to water it down; second: persecution; and third: the feeling that God has left us alone. Even Jesus suffered this trial in the Garden of Olives and on the Cross: "Father, why have you forsaken me?", Jesus asks. At times one feels this spiritual barrenness; we must not fear it. The Father takes care of us, because our value is great in His eyes. What matters is frankness, the courage of our witness, our witness of faith: "recognizing Jesus before men" and going forth doing good.

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First Eucharist:

Just a reminder that next term the children in Grade 4 will be making their First Eucharist. If you wish your child to participate but have not responded to the information sent out at the start of the year, it is important that you let me know asap.

Ponder:

What fear or worry do you need to place into God's hands today?

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COMMUNITY NEWS

SUNDAY JULY 5TH
(SCHOOL HOLIDAYS)

JUNIOR FOOTBALL & NETBALL SKILLS CLINIC

FUN, SKILLS & FRIENDS THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

Come and learn from senior RDFNL football and netball players and coaches including 3 time A Grade netball premiership players and coach.

LOCATION
Gilbert Gordon Reserve
1 Davy St, Woodend

2 HOUR SESSIONS
10AM - 12PM **7-11YR OLDS**
12:30PM - 2:30PM **12-17YR OLDS**

COST
\$50 PP
PLAYERS FROM ALL CLUBS, ASSOCIATIONS & LEAGUES WELCOME!

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS HERE



SCAN TO REGISTER!

OR VISIT:
www.trybooking.com/DMOGB

GIVEAWAYS
FOR ALL REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS!

TICKETS
AVAILABLE THROUGH TRY BOOKING BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

BBQ & CANTEEN
AVAILABLE ON THE DAY!

FACEBOOK - Woodend Heskett Football Netball Club
INSTAGRAM - woodendheskett_fnc

ANY QUESTIONS? Feel free to contact us at manager@woodendheskettfnc.org



Ranges Studio

Growing confident, creative thinkers

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& expressions of interest

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1-5 years

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5+ years

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Kids Cooking Competition

Mystery Box Challenge! Ages 9 - 13

Macedon Ranges Health
supported by **betanet**

When: Tuesday 30 June & Wednesday 1 July
10.30am - 12.30pm

Where: Macedon Ranges Health, 5 Neal St, Gisborne

Get ready to think like a chef!

In this fun, hands-on cooking challenge, kids will open a surprise mystery box filled with fresh, healthy ingredients and create their very own masterpiece.

Participants will work in small teams to design a tasty, colourful snack - just like on MasterChef! There's no right or wrong answer, just plenty of creativity, teamwork and fun.

Our friendly judges will be looking for:

- 🌟 Creative ideas
- 🍴 Colourful, nutritious choices
- 👁️ Eye-catching presentation
- 👏 Great teamwork

From rainbow veggie pinwheels to fruit parfaits and crunchy veggie cups, this session is all about building confidence in the kitchen while learning that healthy food can be fun and delicious. Fast-paced and full of surprises!

Bookings essential:
mrh.org.au/event/junior-chefs




Ford aussie hoops

Beginners aged 5-9 years old

Term 3

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

8 WEEKS - 45 MIN SESSIONS



SESSIONS

GISBORNE - MRSP
WED 4:30 - 5:15PM
WED 5:15 - 6:00PM *ALL GIRLS SESSION
SAT 8:30 - 9:15AM

WOODEND - BUFFALO
FRI 4:45 - 5:30PM
SAT 8:30 - 9:15AM

FOR MORE INFO - AUSSIEHOOPS@MRBA.ORG.AU





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!

Thursday 16th April • 11am - 1.30pm

\$45 pp

Prep to Grade 6

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29 June - 10th July 2026

WINTER

Monday 29th June

Circus Fun

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 paints 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!

Tuesday 30th June

Artsy Fartsy

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!

Wednesday 1st July

Gold Rush

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!

Thursday 2nd July

Christmas in July

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.

Friday 3rd July

Planetarium Incurison

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!

Monday 6th July

Magician - Tricky Nick

Abracadabra! "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!

Tuesday 7th July

Stop Motion

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!

Wednesday 8th July

Make it, Break it

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!

Thursday 9th July

Mad Science

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.

Friday 10th July

Silent Disco

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!

\$100 per day before rebates

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