



Newsletter

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Reflection



Holy Week Reflection



The Easter story begins on Palm Sunday where Jesus triumphantly entered Jerusalem on a donkey being hailed as king. People threw their cloaks on the ground before him, waived palm branches in the air, and cried out “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” Hosanna is a Greek word often translated as “please save us.”

On the Monday of Holy Week, Jesus visited the temple and found it overrun with buying and selling but not worship. The Temple was to be a place of sacrifice, prayer, and revelation, where God’s priests would make intercession for God’s people. But this is not what Jesus found. And so Jesus, prior to his great sacrifice, became angry, overturned the money-changers’ tables, drove them from the temple, and said “My Temple will be called a house of prayer,’ but you have turned it into a den of thieves!”.

On Wednesday, Judas Iscariot (one of Jesus’ 12 disciples) went to the leading priest to betray Jesus. John 12 tells us that Judas was in charge of the disciples’ money and would often steal from the money bag. This greed led Judas to ask a terrible question of the priests “How much will you pay me to betray Jesus to you?” The priests offered him 30 pieces of silver and Judas began looking for his moment of betrayal.

The next step in our Easter story is Holy Thursday. On this day Jesus shared a final Passover meal with his disciples and he instructed them to eat bread and drink wine in remembrance of him. This became the foundation of what Christians call “Communion” or the “Eucharist.”

After sharing a meal Jesus went to Gethsemane, a garden that sits at the base of the Mount of Olives. That night he wrestled with his impending death and he prayed “Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.” Surrendering to his Father’s will, Jesus returned to his disciples where Judas betrayed him with a kiss.

On Friday Jesus was tried before Pilate, whipped, beaten, mocked, hung upon a cross, and then buried in a tomb.

On Saturday the chief priests and Pharisees petitioned Pilate to place guards outside the tomb to make sure Jesus’ body wasn’t stolen. To which Pilate responded “Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how.”

The crescendo of our Easter story comes on Easter Sunday, the day our Savior rose from the dead! The resurrection of Christ is the single greatest event in all of history. It is the day that God forever broke the power of sin and death. Through Christ’s great sacrifice evil was conquered and redemption was made available to all who believe!



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Principal’s Message

Today is the last day of term and what a successful 9 weeks it has been. The learning the children have been involved in and the outcomes they have achieved has been terrific. One only has to look at how well the Prep children have settled into the learning and school routines in a relatively short time to understand how committed staff and parents are to providing the best opportunities for the children to succeed. We hope all families enjoy the break and take the opportunity over Easter to spend time with families and friends where possible. We also hope you take time to reflect on the sacrifice Jesus made and the significance of the events of Holy Week and Easter Sunday as part of our Catholic faith.

FAREWELL TO MICHELLE GRAHAM

As communicated to families last week today we farewelled Michelle Graham who has taken a position at St. John’s in Footscray. We thank her for the extensive work she has been part of her in her 15 years at the school and the way she has provided opportunities for so many children to excel in their respective sports. Her passion and enthusiasm for PE has been a hallmark of her time at the school and something the school community is very appreciative of. We wish Michelle all the best in her new role.

BEGINNING OF TERM 2

The children will begin school for Term 2 on Monday April 15.

WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM

In Term 2 children are expected to wear the winter school uniform. Details of the winter uniforms are listed below. Sometimes the weather can be warmer than expected so children can wear their summer uniform until April 26. From April 29 all children are expected to be in winter uniform.

<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
Grey Trouser	Winter Tunic
Long Sleeve Shirt (Sky)	Navy Pants
Skivvy (Sky)	Peter Pan Blouse (Sky)
Woollen School Jumper	Woollen School Jumper
Grey Stripe Anklet Socks	Skivvy (Sky)
Black School Shoes	Navy Anklet Socks or Navy Tights
	Black School Shoes
<u>Boys Sports Uniform</u>	<u>Girls Sports Uniform</u>
Rugby Top	Rugby Top
Navy Track Pants	Navy Track Pants
Navy Sport Shorts	Navy Netball Skirt, Navy Skort
Short Sleeve Polo Top	or Navy Sport Shorts
White Anklet Socks	Short Sleeve Polo Top
Runners	White Anklet Socks
	Runners



LEARNING CONFERENCES

On Tuesday this week parents and children were given the opportunity to meet with teachers to discuss the children’s progress in their learning. This was also an opportunity to acknowledge achievements and to identify future learning goals. Having the children present at the conferences also includes them in the discussion and gives them an understanding of the importance.

PAINTING

Thank you to everyone for adapting to the new arrangements to the morning and afternoon drop off/pick up arrangements. We will communicate with families if the same arrangements need to continue for the first few days of Term 2.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Yesterday the children were very reverend and effective in retelling the events from Holy Week to the school community as part of the Stations of the Cross. This recount of events gives children time to reflect on the sacrifice Jesus made for us and why Easter is such an important time for our school community and communities around the world.

AUSTRALIA'S BEST TEACHERS

Do you have a favourite teacher? Nominate them today! For the second year, News Corp is running its Australia’s Best Teachers campaign, recognising inspirational and innovative educators across the country. The campaign will launch on Sunday 28 April, calling on the community to nominate teachers who have had an incredible impact on our students and all our lives. A panel of expert judges will then select and announce the top 50 teachers on Sunday 30 June. Nominate your favourite teacher today by visiting: [Australia's Best Teachers Campaign](#)

PREP PICK UP TERM 2

The Prep children will be able to be picked up from 3:10pm for the first week of next term only. Beginning April 22 the Prep children’s pick up time will be 3:20pm, in line with all the children’s pick up time.

NEW PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER

The school is pleased to announce that Will Kingston has been appointed to the role of physical education teacher for next term. Will has a wealth of experience in both secondary and primary schools and we look forward to him sharing his knowledge, skills and enthusiasm with the children and the school community.

Shane Byrne
PRINCIPAL

“St Vincent de Paul School empowers students to become lifelong learners facing life with faith, hope, humility and resilience.”

Mental Health in Primary School (MHIPS)

The Department of Education have implemented a new initiative for all schools to take part in Mental Health in Primary Schools training. We are fortunate to begin this new program in 2024 as part of a 4 year state rollout.

We know that over 8 percent of children aged 4-11 years have a diagnosed mental health disorder, and 20 percent of children experience mental health difficulties that inhibit their daily functioning. Mental health and wellbeing in primary school-aged children is particularly complex, as it can be difficult to differentiate behaviours and emotions that are developmentally appropriate from those that require additional support.

In 2019, the Victorian Royal Commission into Mental Health explored and analysed how Victoria’s mental health system can effectively prevent mental illness, and deliver treatment, care and support so all Victorians can experience optimal mental health, now and into the future. A strong theme emerging from the Royal Commission interim report, released in November 2019, was that schools represent a key location for promoting good mental health, identifying signs and symptoms for those at risk of poor mental health, and supporting external referrals to community services for those students who require extra support.

In response to the needs, the Murdoch Children's Research Institute (MCRI), the University of Melbourne's Faculty of Education (FoE) and the Victorian Department of Education partnered to develop a project aimed at building the capacity of Victorian Primary Schools to support the mental health and wellbeing of their students. This project was funded by the Ian Potter Foundation, Ross Trust and the Victorian Department of Education.

The aims of the project are to:

1. Train experienced teachers to become MHWLs who work to support staff in building their capability to better identify and address mental health issues as well as promotion of good mental health.
2. Create and strengthen a clear referral pathway model within the school and to external community-based services, for children identified as requiring further assessment and intervention.
3. Use these referral pathways to make connections between the education and healthcare sectors and with community services in the early identification and management of emerging difficulties to prevent the development of subsequent mental health problems.

I am personally excited to be a part of this training as as the dedicated Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader (MHWL) for St Vincent de Paul Primary school, I welcome any questions, comments or concerns you may have. Across the year, I will share my learning with you and I look forward to our school strengthening the promotion of good mental health in our children.

<https://www.mhips.org.au/>

Rebecca Glenton

Learning Diversity and Student wellbeing Leader, MHWL



Walk to School Initiative - MOVE IN MARCH

St Vincent de Paul Primary School has signed up to participate in MOVE IN MARCH, along with many other schools in Moonee Valley.

MOVE IN MARCH encourages all school kids to walk, ride, scoot or catch public transport to and from school. It’s a great way to help students learn healthy habits and achieve the recommended 60 minutes a day physical activity, every day.

Along with these benefits, walking and riding to school reduces congestion around the school, saves on parking and helps the environment. So, it’s great for the whole school community.

Therefore, we at St Vincent de Paul Primary School are encouraging all students to walk, ride, scoot or catch public transport to and from school as many times as possible during the month of March.

Once you get to school don’t forget to record your walk, ride, or scoot on the calendars in your classroom, so we can record the highest participation rate in Moonee Valley.

Students have been given a Challenge Card, and each time you walk, ride, scoot or catch public transport to or from school you have completed one challenge. Once you have completed all the challenges on the card, you can drop it off at the School Office, and you will then go into the draw for many great prizes including:

- 10 x \$100 Rebel sports store vouchers
- Ascot Vale Leisure Centre family passes
- Keilor East Leisure Centre family passes
- Queens Park Pool family passes
- 50 water bottles

Walking part of the way is ok too!!

You can still participate if you live too far to walk all the way, just park a few blocks away from the school or at the Park and Walk location and walk part of the way to and from school!

For more information contact St Vincent de Paul Primary School.

To plan your route to school, check out Moonee Valleys school maps, just enter our schools name in the search button and it will show you our Active Path routes to school, School Crossings and Walking School Bus routes

<https://mvcc.vic.gov.au/live/my-neighbourhood/schools/>



St Vincent de Paul Parish - Easter Mass Times

Thursday 28th March – Holy Thursday

7.30pm Please join us at our sister Parish of St Monica, Moonee Ponds for the Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper

Friday 29th March – Good Friday

3.00pm Solemn Celebration of the Lord’s Passion

Saturday 30th March – Holy Saturday

8.00pm The Easter Vigil

Sunday 31st March – Easter Sunday

9.30am Mass



Easter Donation to Vinnies

On Friday 22nd March the Mini Vinnies students, Mr Byrne and I were very pleased to be able to invite Kathy Porter, who is the leader of the St. Vincent de Paul Society Strathmore Conference, to receive a donation of Easter items on behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul school community. As a Catholic school, part of our mission is to find ways to give to people who are in need of support. One way to do this is through the donation of goods and services. The Mini Vinnies will also be working with Kathy in Term 2 to determine the needs of people in need in our local community, so that we can support them through our Winter Appeal. Stay tuned for more information about our Winter Appeal in Term 2!
Mrs Petrie.



2024 School Closure Days

- ❖ Tuesday 20th August
- ❖ Wednesday 18th September (Learning Conferences)
- ❖ Monday 4th November
- ❖ Thursday 5th December

Chess Classes - Term 2, 2024



TERM 2, 2024 - REGISTER NOW @
[CHESSFORSCHOOLS.COM.AU](https://chessforschools.com.au)

SPECIALISED CHESS COACHING

Since 2002, we have been providing our popular Chess For Schools program in schools throughout Melbourne and Greater Geelong.



'Children love attending Phil's chess classes as he actively fosters their sense of wellbeing and motivation to learn more'.
Rob Horwood Principal, Stella Maris Primary, Beaumaris.

HOW CAN CHESS BENEFIT YOUR CHILD?

Educational: Improved IQ, critical thinking, concentration, analytical skills, memory.
Social: Develop new friendships, social interaction skills, sportsmanship.
Emotional: Confidence, self esteem, resilience through winning/losing games.

CLASS STRUCTURE:

Different lessons are taught each week from a structured syllabus ranging from tactics, strategies, master openings, traps & special moves. After the lesson children are paired up in a fun tournament playoff. Prizes are awarded to the top 3 players at end of term.

BOOK HERE ➡ [CHESSFORSCHOOLS.COM.AU](https://chessforschools.com.au)

CLASS DETAILS - ST VINCENT DE PAUL PRIMARY

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	DATES	COST
Mondays	1:40 - 2:20pm	Library	22 Apr to 17 Jun	\$138 per child/per term

"Alex loves chess club and gets very upset if he misses a session. His chess has definitely improved and his teacher, Anita feels that it helps with his math in class in terms of concepts and thinking. Keep up the great work!" *Katrina Lambert: Hampton Primary School*

<https://chessforschools.com.au/>

2024 Term 1 School Fees

A reminder that Term 1 school fees were due on Friday 8th March. If you have any concerns about your financial situation and are experiencing hardship, please contact Mr Shane Byrne (principal@svstrathmore.catholic.edu.au), so that a confidential financial arrangement can be discussed.

2024 Term Dates

TERM 1

Tuesday 30th January (Prep)
Thursday 1st February (Yr 1–Yr 6) – Thursday 28th March
(Note: Easter 29th March - 1st April)

TERM 2

Monday 15th April – Friday 28th June
(Note: ANZAC Day – Thursday 25th April)

TERM 3

Monday 15th July – Friday 20th September

TERM 4

Monday 7th October – Tuesday 17th December

Term 2, 2024 - PE, Classroom Sport and Library Timetable

CLASS	PE Lesson	Classroom Sport	Library
Prep Gold	Thursday	Wednesday	Monday
Prep Blue	Thursday	Wednesday	Monday
Prep Green	Thursday	Wednesday	Monday
One Gold	Thursday	Friday	Thursday
One Blue	Tuesday	Friday	Thursday
Two Gold	Wednesday	Friday	Monday
Two Blue	Wednesday	Friday	Monday
Two Green	Tuesday	Friday	Monday
Three Gold	Friday	Monday	Thursday
Three Blue	Friday	Monday	Thursday
Three Green	Tuesday	Monday	Thursday
Four Gold	Wednesday	Tuesday	Tuesday
Four Blue	Thursday	Tuesday	Tuesday
Four Green	Thursday	Tuesday	Tuesday
Five Gold	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Five Blue	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Six Gold	Tuesday	Friday	Friday
Six Blue	Tuesday	Friday	Friday

Ave Maria College - Food Technology Program Invitation

She Who Explores: Food Technology

Come and see what it's like to be an Ave girl with our brand new after school program, **She Who Explores**.

Designed specifically for Year 4 and 5 students, this is a fantastic opportunity for our future students to explore subjects that they will be able to study at Ave Maria College.

Meet our fantastic Food Technology teachers and current students as we cook up a storm in our Term 2 Food Technology program.

For more information, please email Assistant Principal (Community and Partnerships), Mrs Natalie Meddis, AssistantPrincipalCommunity@avemaria.vic.edu.au or register via the QR.





St Bernard's Junior Football Club

St Bernards Junior Football Club U10 U12 and U14 Girls Register Now



More girls needed for our teams. Register now.
Practice match 7 April. Season starts 14 April.
Train Wednesday & Friday nights.
Subsidised registration fees.

Contact - Mark Juricskay juniorpres@stbernardsfc.com.au

Vic Soccer - 2024 Autumn Clinics

VIC SOCCER AWESOME AUTUMN CLINICS 2024

FREE SOCCER BALL FOR EACH PARTICIPANT!

As a follow up to the Magnificent Matilda's tremendous performance at Soccer's World Cup, we are delighted to offer our clinics for 4-12 year old children!

Saturday morning clinics begin on the 20th of April and involve 55 minutes of personalized tuition. There is an age and skill appropriate curriculum focus on the fundamentals of Soccer as well as an encouragement of social interaction to build skill levels and grow self esteem. Clinics begin on Saturday the 20th of April 2024

SESSION TIME & LOCATION:
9:00AM to 10:00AM at
Strathmore Secondary College,
Pascoe Vale Rd, Strathmore.

TERM 2 CLINICS BEGIN 9AM SAT. APRIL 20th 2024

METHOD OF PAYMENT
Payment on first day of clinic 20/4/2024
Cheque or Cash \$150
Please register by Friday 19/4
to secure your child's place in the clinic.

For more information, call Mike on 0418303432 or email us at: viccric.northwest@gmail.com
Family discounts apply. Ask VIC CRIC team for more information. Disclaimer: Children play at their own risk. Vic Cric Pty Ltd accepts no liability.

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____
Please make all cheques payable to Vic Cric and fill out participant/s information:

Name(s) : _____ DOB: _____

Clinics previously completed: _____ Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Name/s: _____

Email: _____

Current Primary School: _____

YOUR FREE GIFT IS A SOCCER BALL!

I do ☐ do not ☐ give permission for my child to be photographed
and for photos to appear on Vic Cric Social Media.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

St Bernard's College - Auskick



St Vincent's We want you!



14 sessions starting 20 April 2024
9:30am - 11:00am Saturdays
St Bernard's College ovals
All ages from 4 - 10 years

Experienced coaches, weekly prizes,
Marvel stadium games (TBC) & more



Contact Tom Isaacs
stbernardsfooty@gmail.com
or 0400044006

Important Dates

MARCH 2024						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				1 Year 5 Gala Day Zooper Doopers	2	3
4	5 Prep 2024 School Tour 9:30am/12:30pm Reconciliation Ceremony 3:45-5:30pm Prep/Year 6 BBQ 6-8pm	6 School Closure Day	7 Prep 2024 School Tour 9:30am/12:30pm Reconciliation Ceremony 3:45-5:30pm	8 Zooper Doopers Year 5 Assembly 2:25pm	9	10 Catholic Education Week 10-17 March Theme: In the light of Christ
11 Labour Day	12 Year 6 Camp 2024 Prep Info/Parent Helper Workshop 6-7pm (Hall)	13 Year 6 Camp NAPLAN Year 4 Mass 10am	14 Year 6 Camp NAPLAN School Advisory Council Meeting	15 Year 6 Camp NAPLAN Zooper Doopers	16	17
18	19	20 School Photo Day	21 Harmony Day	22 Hot Food Day - Pizza Year 4 Assembly 2:25pm	23	24
25	26 Learning Conferences (School Closure Day)	27 Stations of the Cross 11:30am-1:30pm Prep Enrolment Applications Close	28 Easter Raffle 12 noon Last day of Term 1 1:30pm finish	29 Good Friday	30 Holy Saturday	31 Easter Sunday

APRIL 2024						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Easter Monday	2 Easter Tuesday	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Term 2 Begins	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 PA Meeting 7:30pm Online	23	24 Year 3 Mass 10am	25 ANZAC DAY	26 Year 3 Assembly	27	28
29	30					

MAY 2024						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		1 Year 2 Mass 10am	2 Confirmation Parent Info Evening 7pm	3	4	5
6	7 Mother's Day Stall	8 Year 1 Mass 10am	9 School Advisory Council Meeting	10 Mother's Day Breakfast Year 2 Assembly	11	12
13	14	15 Prep & Year 6 Mass 10am	16	17	18 Prep & Year 6 Family Mass 6pm	19
20	21	22	23	24 Year 1 Assembly Movie Night	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Pascoe Vale South Primary School, 411-429 Reynard St, Pascoe Vale South is taking bookings for the autumn holiday program. The program will include excursions, incursions and house fun days, you can find more information online at theircare.com.au. If you would like your child to attend please book as soon as possible.

PREPS

Our preps have been doing an amazing job while in training to come to after school care on their own next term. First week back from term 2, I will continue to monitor the preps to ensure they are confident with coming to after school care on their own. All preps now have their 'I HAVE AFTER SCHOOL CARE' tags for their bags, please ensure they are on their school bags on days that they do have care. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Warmest wishes for a joyful and happy Easter to all.

Lisa, Tulay and Lezley