



Reflection



As the Year 6 students continue to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation, we reflect on the Gifts and the Fruits of the Holy Spirit.

A list of some of the fruits of the Holy Spirit:

Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Generosity, Gentleness, Faithfulness, Self-control.



A list of some of the gifts of the Holy Spirit:

Wisdom, Understanding, Right Judgment, Courage, Knowledge, Piety (Reverence), Wonder and Awe.



A prayer for those students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation:

“Creator Spirit, strengthen these children with your gifts of grace, to love and serve as a disciple of Christ. Grant that they may grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ. Fill them with the joy of your presence. Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of love, patience and gentleness, the spirit of wonder and true holiness.”
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

St. Vincent de Paul - Winter Appeal 2025

Dear Families,

This year our Year 6 Mini Vinnies Leaders have been working towards a way of giving to those most in need. The St. Vincent de Paul Society has requested the donation of Coles or Woolworths vouchers to give to people most in need this winter and we felt that this would be a great way for our school to contribute.

We are asking families to donate ONE Coles or Woolworths voucher per family.

The Coles and Woolworths vouchers need to be GROCERIES ONLY vouchers, as shown below:



The voucher will need to be brought to school by Friday 4th July.

Thank you for your support,
Mrs. Petrie and The Yr 6 Mini Vinnies Leaders

Principal’s Message

CONFIRMATION

The Saturday after next the children in Year 6 will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. The children have been preparing with their family and classmates over many months. This is an opportunity for the children, whose parents and Godparents made promises on their behalf when they were baptised, to confirm the baptismal promises made on their behalf.

On June 5, the children participated in a Retreat Day at Moonee Ponds, where they reflected on the sacrament and the Fruits and Gifts of the Holy Spirit. They were not only supported by the school staff but they were also supported by our new Bishop Rene Ramirez, Fr. Gerard and Fr. John. Bishop Rene spoke with the children about different elements of the sacrament to help them understand the significance of the commitment they were about to make.

The children have been working with Ms Ciampa, Mr. Kingston and Mr Jones throughout the year to investigate the significance this step in the children’s faith journey has in each of their lives. We look forward to the children continuing to develop their gifts and share these with the community to benefit others.

The children, with the support of their families and the community, will be celebrating the sacrament at 10:00am and 12 pm masses on June 28.

We ask that you keep all the children in your prayers.

REPORTS

On Wednesday July 2 parents will be able to access Student Reports. This report provides feedback on your child’s learning for Semester 1, 2025. The Essential Learnings contained in each of the curriculum areas are drawn from the Victorian Curriculum and identify the content and skills investigated throughout Semester 1. In conjunction with the Learning Conferences conducted in Term 1, the report is designed to document your child’s achievement to date. Learning Conferences will again take place in Term 3 to further update parents on your child’s progress. On June 2 an Audiri notice was sent to families with details of how to access the reports using the Nforma portal app. We ask that you ensure you have read the details so as to ensure you have access to the reports.

PREP OFFERS

Last Friday letters were sent to families wanting their children to attend Prep in 2026. As a reminder for our current families who have a child who will be starting Prep in 2026, please ensure you have completed the response confirming your child’s acceptance of the offer by tomorrow, June 20.

UNIFORMS

Recently we were informed by our school uniform suppliers that they would no longer be operating as a supplier. After consultation with our School Advisory Council it has been decided to engage Noone as our new uniform supplier. Noone have been operating since 1947 and provide uniforms to many of the schools in the surrounding area. The closest store to the school is located at 543 Keilor Road in Niddrie. More information about ordering uniforms will be available in coming newsletters.

END OF TERM TIME

A reminder that the school finishes at 1:30pm on Friday, July 4. This is the last day of term with the first day of Term 3 being Monday July 21.

CHURCH CLEANING

The parish are asking for volunteers to help clean the church. Please see the details below.

Are **YOU** a Team Player and do you like coming to our Church and seeing it clean and tidy? If you do we **NEED** your help to keep this parish practice going. We are looking for some more helpers to keep or church clean and tidy. If you can join one of our friendly teams for around one hour a month for routine cleaning, please contact maureengreen11@hotmail.com

We all know that 'Many Hands make Light Work

Shane Byrne
PRINCIPAL

Parent Webinar Series - School Mornings for Success

FREE ONLINE EVENT!

SETTING SCHOOL MORNINGS UP FOR SUCCESS

The Secrets to Leading Your Family Through a Smooth Start to the Day

Join Dr. Nicole Sokol from Head into Healing for a **complimentary webinar** designed to **transform** your family's chaotic mornings into **calmer, more connected starts to the day**. Drawing upon her experience as a clinical psychologist, parent coach and Mum, Dr Sokol will uncover the lesser-told secrets for setting school mornings up for success.

Attendees will leave with fresh insight, practical tools, and a free **Calmer Mornings Guide** to help you lead your family through a smoother start to the day.


Key Takeaways:

- Understand why mornings feel so hard – and how to break out of the cycle
- Learn why your own energy as a parent is paramount
- Discover how to bypass your child's resistance and get the kids out the door

Time: 7-8:15pm AEST *(Includes Q&A!)* **Date:** Tuesday, 24th June 2025

REGISTER NOW

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

Learning Diversity & Student Wellbeing

Supplementary reteach

One of the ways we support students with their learning is through a process called supplementary reteach. Supplementary reteach refers to providing additional or alternative instruction to students who haven’t grasped a concept or skill after initial teaching. It is a targeted approach within a formative learning cycle, designed to address specific learning gaps and prevent the need for more intensive interventions. This may involve re explaining concepts, providing additional examples or using different teaching strategies.

Supplementary reteach is accessible to all students who need it at the point of need and involves the following elements:

- 1. Targeted instruction - Supplementary reteach focuses on specific areas where students are struggling, rather than re-teaching the entire lesson.
- 2. Formative assessment - it is informed by ongoing assessments that identify learning difficulties.
- 3. Small group and individualised - reteach may be delivered in small groups or on an individual basis, depending on the student’s needs.
- 4. Preventative - it aims to address learning gaps early on, potentially preventing the need for more intensive interventions later

Supplementary reteach works in the following ways:

- 1. We identify needs - teachers assess student understanding through various methods such as observations, quizzes or specific tasks.
- 2. Targeted re-explanation - based on the assessments, teachers re-explain concepts or skills using different approaches, potentially breaking down complex ideas into smaller steps.
- 3. Practice and feedback - students practice the targeted skill, and teachers provide immediate feedback to correct errors and reinforce correct understanding.
- 4. Modified materials - supplementary materials, such as differentiated worksheets, or visual aids, may be used to support the reteach.

An example of this is as follows. If a student is struggling with fractions, a supplementary reteach might involve:

- Revisiting the definition of a fraction
- Using manipulatives
- Practicing with simplified examples
- Teacher provides immediate feedback, correcting errors and reinforcing correct understanding.

If you have any questions about supplementary reteach, please don’t hesitate to reach out.

Rebecca Glenton
Learning Diversity and Student Wellbeing Leader

Sport News

Interschool Sports Update

A BIG congratulations to both our Girls Soccer and AFL teams for winning their District Finals last week against Strathmore Primary School! There was a lot of nervous energy on the bus heading out to Fairbairn Park, but the kids came together as a team and had great games to cap off an excellent Interschool Sports campaign.

Well done to all other students involved in the mixed/girls netball, mixed soccer and tee ball teams for their involvement in our Interschool Sports program also. Each week, our students represent St Vinnies with first class sportsmanship and fair play and we could not be prouder of their efforts. Final scores for the AFL and Girls Soccer are below:

AFL: St Vincent's 89 - 47 Strathmore

Girls Soccer: St Vincent's 4 - 1 Strathmore



Daniel Igoe
Sports / PE Co-ordinator

2025 Term Dates

TERM 2
Tuesday 22 nd April – Friday 4 th July
TERM 3
Monday 21 st July – Friday 19 th September
TERM 4
Monday 6 th October – Tuesday 16 th December

Maths Enrichment News

Maths Enrichment Update

This week, our Maths Enrichment students completed their second competition through the Maths Olympiad program. It's safe to say the students are definitely getting challenged, as there were a few curveball questions thrown in this week's test! Congratulations to the following students on their top 3 placings in this competition and we look forward to the third competition in the beginning of Term 3.

Year 3/4 - Maths Games:

- **Equal 1st:** Kris Tadikamalla & Isabella Dos Santos
- **Equal 2nd:** Phoebe Phan & Isabelle Alcide

Year 5/6 - Maths Olympiad:

- **1st:** Kai Pham
- **Equal 2nd:** Anthony Habib, Ashley Zucchi, Luke Hale & Kris Tadikamalla

Daniel Igoe

2025 School Closure Days

- ❖ Thursday 31st July
- ❖ Wednesday 17th September (Learning Conferences)
- ❖ Monday 3rd November
- ❖ Thursday 4th December

2025 Term 2 School Fees

A reminder that Term 2 school fees were due on Friday 23rd May. For details please refer to the statement that was emailed on 6th February 2025.

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.

Awards

Please find listed below the names of those students receiving awards at the assembly on **FRIDAY 27th June at 2:25 pm** in the hall.

PREP BLUE	Jacinta Ambrosino Evie Marino	THREE GREEN	Micah Di Carlo Tassie Zucchi
PREP GOLD	Alexander Barkho Rio Orlando	FOUR BLUE	Collette Pettinella Keira Reardon
PREP GREEN	Sonny Gittins Hudson Loverso	FOUR GOLD	Curtis Coleman Eden Schepis
ONE BLUE	Maeve O’Carroll Noah Zada	FOUR GREEN	Adriana Randello Kyah Watts
ONE GOLD	Daniel Potenza Charlie Bottomley	FIVE BLUE	Rose Wieladek Max Gamble
TWO BLUE	Alexis Ahern Harvey Layton	FIVE GOLD	Olivia Godino Rivka Bastola
TWO GOLD	Alicia Ren Sylvia Wieladek	FIVE GREEN	James Saghir Christian Barkho
THREE BLUE	Keenen Micevski Jessica Nfila	SIX BLUE	Lily Hegarty Henry Hough
THREE GOLD	Paige D Reuben Hally	SIX GOLD	Anthony Habib Toby Lessware



St Columba's College - Scholarship Program



st Columba's College

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Registrations Close

18 July 2025

Examination Date: Saturday 26 July 2025

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By Arya DSB, Year 7



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Designed specifically for Year 4 and 5 students, this is a fantastic opportunity for our future students to explore the curriculum and co-curriculum at Ave Maria College.

We hope that you will join us for our final sessions for 2025.

Thursday, 24 July 4:00pm-5:00pm STEM or Netball

Wednesday, 6 August 4:00pm - 5:00pm STEM (repeat)

Thursday, 7 August 4:00pm - 5:00pm Netball (repeat)

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







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Ave Maria College - Enrolments Year 7, 2027

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Important Dates

JUNE 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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2	3	4 Prep/Yr 6 Mass 10am	5 Confirmation Retreat Day - Moonee Ponds	6 Yr 6 Winter Sports #4	7	8
9 King's Birthday Holiday	10 Winter Appeal begins	11 Yr 5 Gold Mass 10am	12 Hot Food Day (Pizza) School Advisory Council Meeting	13 Prep Assembly 2:25pm (Hall)	14	15
16	17	18 Yr 5 Blue Mass 10am	19	20 Parent's Trivia Night	21	22
23	24	25 Yr 5 Green Mass 10am	26	27 Year 5 Assembly 2:25pm (Hall) (Note change of Year level)	28 Year 6 Confirmation Masses - 6 Gold 10am - 6 Blue 12noon	29
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JULY 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	1	2 Reports Available	3	4 Winter Appeal concludes Last day of Term 2 1:30pm finish	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Term 3 Begins	22	23 Yr 6 Gold Mass 10am	24 School Advisory Council Meeting	25	26	27
28	29	30 Yr 6 Blue Mass 10am	31 School Closure Day			

AUGUST 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				1 100 Days of Prep Year 6 Assembly 2:25pm (Hall)	2	3
4	5	6 Yr 3 Gold Mass 10am	7	8 Disco	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Year 4 Assembly 2:25pm (Hall)	16	17
18	19	20 Yr 3 Blue Mass 10am	21	22 Book Week Parade	23 Yr 1 & Yr 4 Family Mass 6pm	24
25	26	27 Yr 3 Green Mass 10am	28 School Advisory Council Meeting	29 Hot Food Day Year 3 Assembly 2:25pm (Hall)	30	31

TheirCare News

**WINTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

Our winter holiday program is only a few weeks away. Our winter theme is ‘We are Champions’ and we have amazing excursions, incursions and in house days happening such as:

- ★ Movie day ***Inside Out 2*** at Village cinemas
- ★ Monopoly Dreams Melbourne Central with exclusive access only for Theircare children only
- ★ Ice skating Docklands
- ★ Timezone Highpoint
- ★ Silent Escape Zone incursion
- ★ Pop art Ninja Ted

For a full preview and bookings of our holiday program please go to our website ***Theircare.com.au***