



Reflection

*The Holy Spirit is with us*



A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

**There is one and the same Spirit giving to each as he wills.**

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The word of the Lord.



**A list of some of the gifts of the Holy Spirit:**  
Wisdom, Understanding, Right Judgment, Courage, Knowledge, Reverence, Wonder and Awe.

**A list of some of the fruits of the Holy Spirit:**  
Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Generosity, Gentleness, Faithfulness, Self-control.





## Principal's Message

On Tuesday this week the school was finally able to welcome some of the Preps who will begin school in 2021. Although the school is restricted to small numbers attending at any one time it was exciting to meet the children as they prepare for their transition from kindergarten to school. The Orientation days will continue next Monday and Tuesday for the remainder of the children. We look forward to the new Preps becoming familiar with their new learning environment and the staff who will be working with them.

### New Governance

At the beginning of 2021 the Governance structure of Catholic Schools in Melbourne will change. From this date Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Ltd (MACS) is a company limited by guarantee established to govern and operate all 293 schools owned by the Archdiocese and its parishes, including the employment of current and future staff at Catholic schools and Catholic education offices in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Under the current model the Parish Priest is the employer however with the legislative and compliance requirements rapidly becoming more complex for our schools the new structure will be implemented.

The school is not expecting much change under this new structure with the parish priest continuing to lead and be co-responsible for the religious life of the school. Schools will continue to operate as they currently are and will be supported by Catholic Education Melbourne and MACS.

### Parents Association

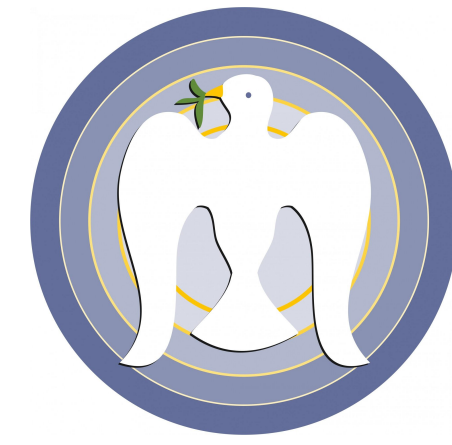
Last night the Parents Association Annual General Meeting was conducted. This was an opportunity to not only share what was accomplished by the PA this year, it was also to thank the outgoing members of the executive. Thank you to Luisa Caruana for her role as Vice President over the past 2 years, Amanda Corica for being secretary for the past 3 years and Rochelle Ciccone for her role as treasurer for the past year. We thank all of these people for their contribution to the PA and their commitment to supporting the school community.

We are also pleased to announce that Lucie O'Brien has taken up the secretary's role. We look forward to Lucie sharing her talents with the PA.



### Parish Education Board

Last night the Parish Education Board Annual General Meeting was also held. We are very pleased to announce that Sarah Metcalfe has joined the board and Brad Evans and Fiona Dean will continue on the board after re-nominating. We look forward to working with the new and existing board members in 2021.



### Confirmation

Last week we received details from Archbishop Peter Comensoli that schools could celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation under certain conditions. The Archbishop has permitted the Parish Priest to conduct the ceremony in place of the bishop. Unfortunately parents and sponsors are not able to attend under the current guidelines and a proxy sponsor will stand in their place. It allows for those children in Year 6 who wish to celebrate this Sacrament to be able to do so. There will be 3 ceremonies on November 30 with each of the Year 6 classes participating in this important step in the children's faith journey.

### School Year Start Dates

Next year children in Years 1-6 will begin school on Friday January 29. The Year Prep children will begin on Thursday January 28. This will give the 2021 Prep children who will experience a restricted orientation program this year, to transition with only the children from their year level on the first day.

### Book Week

It was great to see the children get into the spirit of Book Week by dressing up as their favourite book characters. Included in this newsletter are some photos of the children and staff in their outfits.

Shane Byrne  
Principal

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



School Photos 2020

Annual school photos have been taken by Arthur Reed Photos. To view the images of your child and order photos, you will need to register online.

- 1. Go to <https://order.arphotos.com.au>
- 2. Enter the 2020 image code for your child (*from their personalized flyer*)
- 3. Fill in your email and mobile details

**That’s it! You’ll be notified by email/SMS when 2020 images are ready to view and purchase.**

In the webshop you can view the photos taken of your child and customize your photo package; Choose ANY layout, ANY image and choose a digital image download which includes ALL of their 2020 portrait images.

Even if you registered last year, you need to register again this year to link your child’s images for the current year with your details.

**Once registered, please wait for notification that 2020 images are ready to view before making your purchase. All photo orders will be sent directly to the address you provide when ordering.**

To be notified when 2020 images are ready to view – Register Online Now.



Lost Property

Lost property is overflowing with drink bottles and plastic containers. Please ask your children to check lost property for their missing items.



Term 4 School Closure Days

Please note the following School Closure Days for Term 4:

- Tuesday 8th December
- Wednesday 9th December

TheirCare will be offering a whole day program on Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th December for those families who would like to use this service.

Supporting Walk to School in 2020



Nothing about 2020 has been normal, so our Walk to School month activities will look a little different this year, as you settle back into learning at school Moonee Valley is celebrating by launching our New [Online maps](#) and a competition for the kids.

Many families have been walking and cycling around their local neighbourhood during the COVID restrictions, Moonee Valley are encouraging students to continue this habit and walk or cycle to and from school as often as possible.

The online maps that have been developed will assist in making the school run simple. The maps can also be used to get active around your neighbourhood if you’re learning from home.

From **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October** we are running a competition for all students, we’ve got great prizes over the next 4 weeks, including **2 x \$100 rebel online sports vouchers** up for grabs each week.

All you need to do is take a photo during your walk, ride or scoot to school or while getting active during lunchtime or after school. Follow Moonee Valley City Council’s Facebook page and post it in the comments on our Walk to School Facebook post.

Not sure where to start? We’ve mapped out some of the best ways to get to Moonee Valley schools [maps](#)

Or check out our webpage for more details [Moonee Valley Walk to School webpage](#) about the competition, including T&Cs and tips to keep your child cyber safe.

How to use the [maps](#)

Simply type in the name of your school to reveal some of the different ways to travel there.

- **Active Paths** - the Active Paths initiative aims to make it easier for students who want to ride, walk, scoot or skate to school. We work with schools to identify paths to school which are direct, safe and fun and based on where students live. Footpath decals will guide students along the way.
- **School crossing supervisors** – there’s 66 sites across Moonee Valley where school crossing supervisors work to help our younger residents safely across the road. They’re all marked on the map.
- **Walking School Bus** – while the Walking School Bus is temporality suspended while the 1.5 m rule is still active it doesn’t stop you walking along the routes with your family which are marked out on the map. We’ll notify volunteers as soon as we can get the Walking School Buses up and running again.
- **Park and walk locations** – we know some students live too far to walk to and from school so we’ve identified locations where there are usually parking spots so you can walk part of the way.
- **School drop off and pick up zones** – thunder and lightning? Time poor? We know there are days when you’ll need to take the car. We’ve marked out drop off and pick up zones that have improved traffic flow and created a safer environment for children to be dropped off and picked up at school.



Spoonville Update

After standing in the cold, rain and sunshine the spoons from Spoonville are off on their next adventure!  
They are off on their Christmas tree to celebrate Christmas indoors!  
Our tree will be displayed at Westfield shopping centre Airport West. I think it will be near Santa! The spoons are very excited about seeing Santa!




eSafety Information

For your information we have provided links below to the Australian Government eSafety Guide and advice about two online games that parents need to be aware of. These games are currently being used by some students resulting in some negative outcomes.

**eSafety Guide:**  
<https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/esafety-guide>

**Fortnite Battle Royale:**  
<https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/esafety-guide/fortnite-battle-royale>



### Fortnite Battle Royale


13+

Minimum age according to Fortnite

#### What is Fortnite?

Fortnite is a third-person shooter game where up to 100 players compete to be the last person or team standing. You can compete alone or join a team of up to four. You progress through the game by exploring the island, collecting weapons, building fortifications and engaging in combat with other players. You can make purchases for access to the full game or for bonus weapons. Players communicate with other players through online messaging or voice chat. Fortnite Battle Royale is a free version of the Fortnite game.

**Among Us:**  
<https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/esafety-guide/among-us>  
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### Among Us

Age Rating TBD

Among Us is working on an account system with reporting and moderation features to fight toxicity

#### What is Among Us?

Among Us is a cartoon-like action strategy game that can be downloaded for free on PCs or through app stores. Based on teamwork and betrayal, players are either 'crewmates' or an 'imposter' set in a damaged spaceship. Crewmates try to accomplish their tasks, while imposters try to sabotage these missions and murder crew.

St Columba’s College - 2021 College Tours



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2021 College Tours

From Term 1 2021, onsite tours will resume

We will be releasing our 2021 College tour dates in the upcoming weeks. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter to be alerted to our Term 1 tour dates.

Book your place at [columba.vic.edu.au](http://columba.vic.edu.au)

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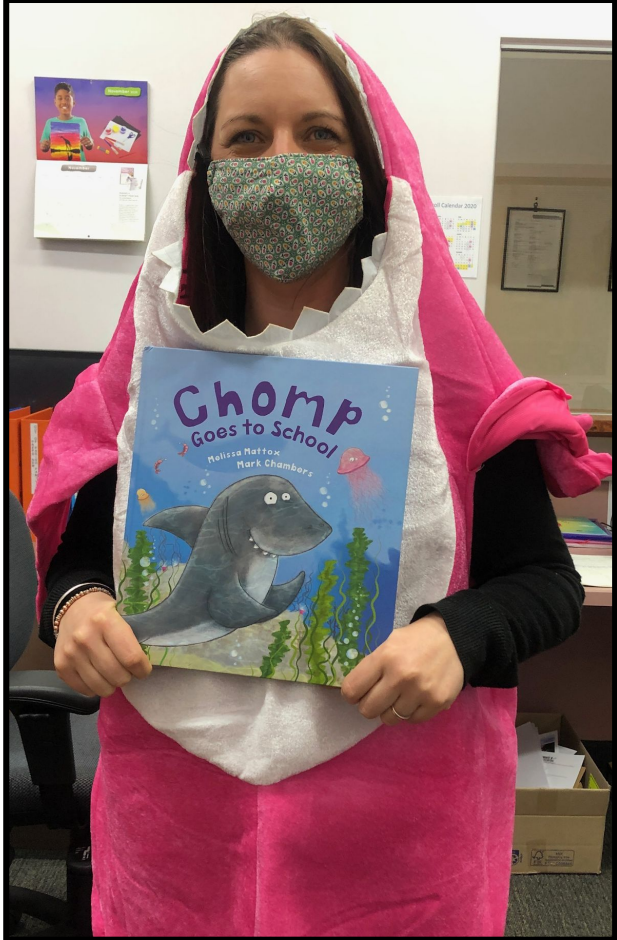
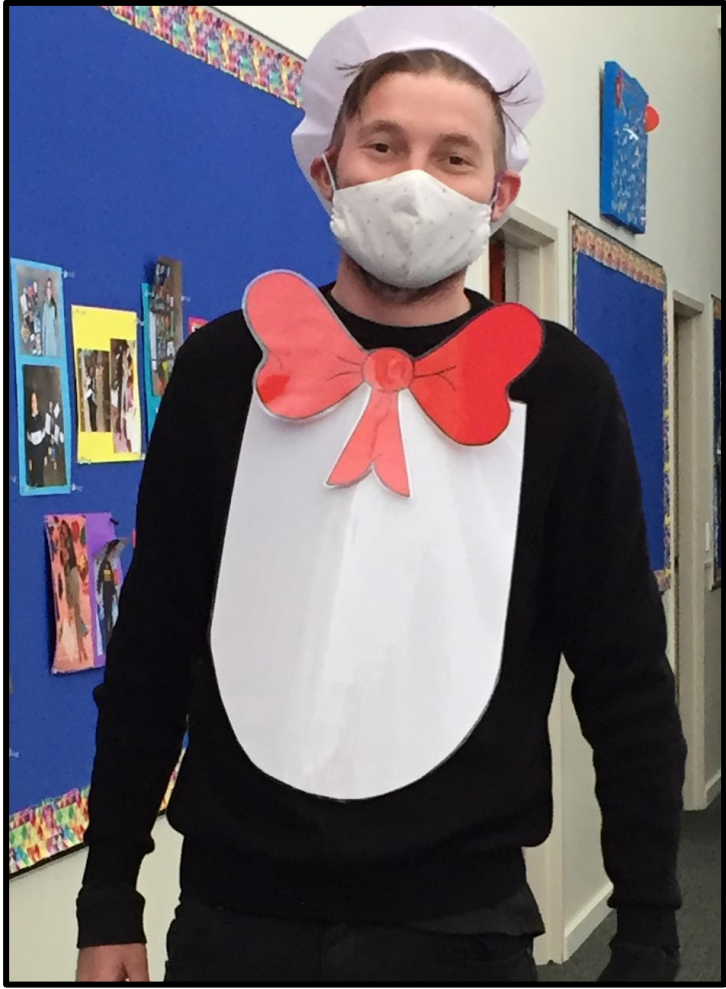
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TheirCare News

Please see the TheirCare Newsletter attached to the end of the school newsletter.



Book Week 2020 Photos





Awards

Please find listed below the names of those children receiving awards at the virtual assembly on **FRIDAY, 27th November.**



PREP BLUE	Noah Nguyen Chiara Franze	THREE GOLD	Roman Bezzina Alice Healy Darcy Conway
PREP GOLD	Jaxon Waters Hayet Seoud	FOUR BLUE	Olive Chaseling Alexandra Egan Tommy Hallo Charlie Hall Jackson Ruth
PREP GREEN	Jessica Aiello Dante Barone Olivia Di Natale	FOUR GOLD	Eva Rametta Will Morgan Taite Isaacs Marc Corica Michael De Maria
ONE BLUE	Mila Atkinson Amelie Giardina Scarlett Tilovski Orlando Tenuta Levi Dangerfield	FIVE BLUE	Eden Murphy Natalie McDonald India Cabral Olivija Tenuta Samuel Campana Lachlan Fabbri
ONE GOLD	Giuliana Bongiovanni Arabella De Maria Joshua Dean Joseph Dimasi Mason Farrugia	FIVE GOLD	Max Alessio Lucas Barresi Mary Bazouni Carla Potenza Ava Mancini Jasmine Georgiou
TWO BLUE	Isaac Portelli Indie Dangerfield Christian Randello Ryan Shaaya Olivia Piccolo	SIX BLUE	Bianca Zacchei Declan Rafter Donal Healy Tess Barnetson Charlie Cook
TWO GOLD	Jacob Mucic Patrick Grgic Greta Faelis Danica Dziedzic Bodhi Ciantar	SIX GOLD	Chiara Patruno Domenic Bezzina Felicity Mahoney Ava Woolley Harrison Caruana Elouise Morgan
THREE BLUE	Jack Soper Oscar Tilovski Jet Cabral Natalia Glavic Evie Watson	SIX GREEN	Damon Dziedzic Nicholas Hume Madeline McAndrew Han Nguyen Aleisha Zammit



Important Dates

NOVEMBER 2020						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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2 SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY	3 Melbourne Cup Holiday	4	5	6 Book Week Celebration Day Nominations for PEB close Nominations for PA close	7	8
9	10 Prep 2021 Information Evening	11 School Photos	12	13	14	15
16	17 Prep 2021 Orientation	18 PEB AGM PA AGM	19	20	21	22
23 Prep 2021 Orientation	24 Prep 2021 Orientation	25	26	27	28	29
30 Yr 6 Confirmation						

DECEMBER 2020						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	1	2	3 Prep 2021 Orientation	4 Prep 2021 Orientation	5	6
7 Yr 6 Graduation Ceremony	8 SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY	9 SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY	10	11	12	13
14	15 LAST DAY OF TERM 4 School finishes 1:30pm	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

JANUARY 2021						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 PREPS COMMENCE TERM 1 2021	29 YR 1-6 COMMENCE TERM 1 2021	30	31





## TERM 4 - WEEK 7

### WHATS BEEN HAPPENING AT THEIRCARE

It's been great to see an increase of children attending the service in the last few weeks, the program continuous to be child led with many activities linked to the children's interest and ideas.

### PUPIL FREE DAYS

On December 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> we will be running Pupil Free Days from 7am-6.00pm. In addition, on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 17 and 18<sup>th</sup> we will also be running Pupil Free Days. If you are interested in enrolling your child, you can book online or alternatively call our head office on 1300 072 410. Breakfast and afternoon tea will be provided for the children.

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM JANUARY 2021

Strathmore Primary School (Lloyd St Strathmore) will be accepting external children to attend the January Holiday Program. The program will commence on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and will include Incursions and Excursions. You can view the program brochure on our website. Bookings can also be made online or alternatively call our head office on 1300 072 410.

Lisa Umana  
Co-Ordinator