



Newsletter

St. Vincent de Paul Primary School
 Principal: Shane Byrne
 A: 94-112 Woodland St, Strathmore
 E: info@svstrathmore.catholic.edu.au
 P: 9379 5723 F: 9374 2389
 W: www.strathmore.catholic.edu.au



Reflection



Second Week of Advent

Theme:

Week 2 of Advent calls us to reflect on the peace of God.

Introduction:

The second candle is called the Bethlehem Candle to remind us of Jesus' birth and that his birth took place in a stable. The second candle also symbolizes faith with the "Bethlehem Candle" reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

Reading: Gospel

Mk 1:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight,

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

The Word of the Lord

Prayer:

Father, when we pray we expect that you will give us everything we ask for. But sometimes we do not get what we want. Everyone expects that Jesus would have a royal birth, but instead he was born in an old stable. Help us to understand that following Jesus is often difficult and not what we expect. Amen.



Principal: Shane Byrne
Email: principal@svstrathmore.catholic.edu.au

Parish Priest: Fr Peter Ray
Email: pray@cam.org.au
Website: www.cam.org.au/strathmore

PRESBYTERY
 2 The Crossway
 Strathmore 3041
Telephone: 9412 8460
Fax: 9379 1574

Principal's Message

As the year draws to a close I would like to thank all our families for their support of the school and the children throughout the year. It has been an exceptional year which has meant that the entire community has had to do extraordinary things to achieve the learning which has taken place throughout the year. It is in times of adversity that you can measure the strength of a community by the way it responds to the challenges which present themselves. It has been very evident that our community has responded in a positive and creative way to ensure the best results for everyone, given the circumstances.

I would like to thank our dedicated staff who have worked tirelessly to support the children and families throughout the year. Their ability to problem solve and work through the challenges COVID has created has been outstanding.

I hope everyone has a peaceful and restful Christmas and that the New Year brings a positive start to the year where everyone is safe and is able to enjoy the company of friends and family.

We look forward to all families returning safely after the break with the children beginning school on Friday 29th January. (Note: Preps begin school on Thursday 28th January).

Staffing 2021

At this time of the year it is always sad to say goodbye to staff. We would like to thank Anne-maree Milne for her service to the school community during her 16 years at the school. Anne-maree has worked in a variety of year levels as a classroom teacher as well as the Religious Education Leader during her time at the school. We wish her well in her move to Romsey and thank her for her commitment to the school over those years.

We also wish Abbey Rae all the best as she leaves the school to begin her family with her first child due in March. We wish her all the best and thank her for her work in supporting the children in the 5 years she has been at the school.

We would also like to thank Lyn Delaney for her work at the school over the past 3 and a half years. Lyn has also taught a number of different year levels over the years as well as being part of the parish choir and we thank her for her contribution to the school community.

Jo Gray and Teresa Germano will be returning next year as casual relief teachers and we thank them for the terrific work they have done with the Prep Green children this year.

Today the children were involved in the transition to their 2021 classes. The children were able to meet their classroom teachers and the new classroom locations. Details of the staffing for 2021 are included in today's newsletter.

Reports

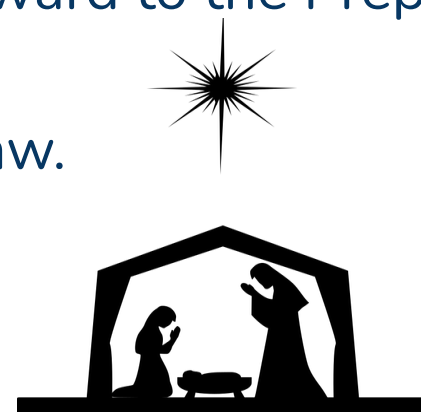
A reminder that parents are able to access their children's school report using the Parent Portal from today.

Nativity Play

As many of you would be aware the Year Prep children traditionally present the story of the Nativity to help us all understand the true meaning of Christmas. This year they will again present the Nativity but it will be recorded and made available to the community on December 11 for all to view. We are looking forward to the Prep children sharing it with everyone.

The recording will be made available via See-Saw.

Shane Byrne
Principal



St Vincent de Paul Staff List 2021

PRINCIPAL	Shane Byrne
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL	Laura Petrie
PREP BLUE	Emma Thompson
PREP GOLD	Meg Monaghan
PREP GREEN	Sarah Nevill
ONE BLUE	Emmie Natoli (Mon-Wed) and Rachel Caruana (Thurs-Fri)
ONE GOLD	Irene Chadwick
ONE GREEN	Sonia Di Cosmo
TWO BLUE	Olivia Baron
TWO GOLD	Gabrielle Ciampa
THREE BLUE	Tess Elam
THREE GOLD	Matilda Roberts (Mon-Wed) and Marie Ellul (Thurs-Fri)
FOUR BLUE	Tim Kirkpatrick
FOUR GOLD	Louise Madden (Mon-Wed) and Stephanie Veltre (Thurs-Fri)
FIVE BLUE	Kate McKibbin
FIVE GOLD	Daniel Igoe (Mon, Thurs & Fri) and Stephanie Serrano (Tues-Wed)
SIX BLUE	Liam Sweeney
SIX GOLD	Michelle O'Rourke

SPECIALIST ROLES

Religious Education Leader	Laura Petrie
Inquiry Leader	Daniel Igoe
Literacy Leader	Joanne Power
Mathematics Leader	Nicole Kaso
Digital Technologies Leader	Melissa Pannell
Learning Diversity Leader / Wellbeing	Rebecca Glenton
Learning Diversity Support	Natalie Van Zuiden
Performing Arts	Holly Caven
Visual Arts	Frances Williams
Sports / PE Co-ordinator	Michelle Graham
Languages (Italian)	Tania Barbatì
Literacy Intervention	Julie Hanna
Numeracy Intervention	Melissa Pannell
Classroom Support	Holly Caven

SCHOOL SUPPORT STAFF

Learning Support Officers
Kate Allan, Tanya Bonavia, Meredith Catena, Nicole Dionisio, Bernadette Eastham, Nola Graham, Caterina Hollibone, Michelle Patrick, Jeanette Pearson and Kate Sourial

Administration Officers
Liz Piccione, Maria Kuret and Trish Hengel

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

School Photos



Our annual school photos have been taken and are now ready to order.

Arthur Reed Photos uses an online ordering system where you can view your photos prior to ordering.

On photo day all students received a flyer which includes a code unique to them.

You will require this 2020 code to register online and view your photos.

If you have already registered, you will receive an email or SMS from Arthur Reed Photos with a link to view your photos.

If you have not yet registered, please go to order.arphotos.com.au and enter your code to complete your order.

If you have misplaced your registration code, please contact the Arthur Reed Photos customer service team directly on 5243 4390 or customerservice@arphotos.com.au

Please note that you will need to register online with your **2020 photo code** to gain access to this year's images.

All photo packages are being sent home in 2020, so please ensure that you enter the correct details and nominated shipping address upon checkout.

If you require any assistance ordering your photos, please contact Arthur Reed Photos directly on 5243 4390 or email customerservice@arphotos.com.au

Library Books and Take Home Readers

Please ensure that all school library books and take home readers are returned to school before the last day of school on Monday 14th December.

Thankyou.



2021 Term Dates

TERM 1

Thurs 28th Jan (Prep) / Fri 29th Jan (Yr 1–Yr 6) – Thurs 1st April
(Easter 2nd – 5th April)

TERM 2

Monday 19th April – Friday 25th June

TERM 3

Monday 12th July – Friday 17th September

TERM 4

Monday 4th October – Tuesday 14th December (TBC)

Reminder to Download Reports & Portfolios

Parents of students who are leaving the school are reminded to download and archive reports and portfolios (ie from nForma and SeeSaw) before the end of the year while there is still access to these documents, as access will not be available in 2021.

TheirCare Program

Please note that **TheirCare** will be offering a whole day program on the following dates:


- Wednesday 16th December 2020
- Thursday 17th December 2020
- Friday 18th December 2020
- Wednesday 27th January 2021

Lost Property

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




St Columba's College - 2021 College Tours



st Columba's
College


FAITHFUL
CONTEMPORARY
INNOVATIVE
SINCE 1897





2021 College Tours
Term 1 Tour Dates Now Available

We have now released our Term 1, 2021 College tour dates. Visit the St Columba's College website to secure your place.

www.columba.vic.edu.au


St Columba's College Essendon


stcolumbascollege_


stcolumbas_

Important Dates

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 Yr 6 Big Day Out	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
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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