



# Newsletter

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## Reflection



On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of preparation before the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. This final candle represents peace on Earth. It reminds us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Goodwill towards all people".

### First reading

Micah 5:1-4

He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord

The Lord says this:

But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
the least of the clans of Judah,  
out of you will be born for me  
the one who is to rule over Israel;  
his origin goes back to the distant past,  
to the days of old.

The Lord is therefore going to abandon them  
till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth.

Then the remnant of his brothers will come back  
to the sons of Israel.

He will stand and feed his flock  
with the power of the Lord,

with the majesty of the name of his God.

They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power  
to the ends of the land.

He himself will be peace.

The Word of the Lord.

### Gospel

Luke 1:39-44

Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

### A prayer for all families as we end our school year for 2021

At the end of this school year we give thanks to God: For all the teaching and learning that has taken place in our school, both in and out of the classroom.

For the talents and gifts that have been shared. For the respect and care that has been given. We give thanks for the friendships that have just begun and for those that have grown. For the faith that has been lived in our daily struggles.

For the hope that has lifted our hearts on the dark days and for the love that has kept us going. We give thanks for the community that we are, and we ask you Lord Bless our students: may your Spirit inspire them with confidence and calmness. Bless our families as we take our holidays, may our time together leave us with memories to cherish.

Pour out your love on us that we may return renewed and refreshed to continue our journey together. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen



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**Principal's Message**

As the year draws to a close I would like to thank all our families for your support of the school and the children throughout the year. It has been another 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 during these challenging times that you can measure the strength of a community by the way it responds to the situations 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 in Years Prep and Year 6 beginning on Monday January 31 and children in Years 1-5 beginning on Wednesday February 2.

Today the children have taken home their books and other learning resources in response to parents indicating their children will not be returning to school this year. If parents choose not to send their children to school Wednesday and Thursday we support this decision. School will be open for those children who will attend school on Wednesday and Thursday. Unless we have further COVID cases, school finishes at 1.30pm this Thursday.

**CLASSES FOR 2022**

Today the children were scheduled to transition to their new classes today. Due to the new case of COVID today the moving into 2022 classes did not occur. The children were told their 2022 class teacher. Details of the staffing for 2022 are included in today's newsletter.

**SCHOOL CAPTAINS**

After a very extensive process which involved many of the Year 5 students, the new school Captains and Vice Captains have been selected. Congratulations to our Vice Captains Campbell Evans and Charlotte Hinton and to Max Eccles and Milla Forbes on their appointment of school Captains for the 2022 school year. We look forward to these leaders sharing their talents with the community.

Shane Byrne  
*Principal*

**St Vincent de Paul Staff List 2022**

<b>PRINCIPAL</b>	Shane Byrne
<b>DEPUTY PRINCIPAL</b>	Laura Petrie
<b>PREP BLUE</b>	Emma Thompson
<b>PREP GOLD</b>	Melanie Harrop
<b>PREP GREEN</b>	Sarah Nevill
<b>ONE BLUE</b>	Rachel Caruana (Mon-Tues) & Simone D'Cruz (Wed-Frid)
<b>ONE GOLD</b>	Gabrielle Ciampa
<b>ONE GREEN</b>	Sonia Di Cosmo
<b>TWO BLUE</b>	Olivia Baron
<b>TWO GOLD</b>	Meg Monaghan
<b>TWO GREEN</b>	Alannah Moon
<b>THREE BLUE</b>	Tess Elam
<b>THREE GOLD</b>	Louise Madden (Mon-Wed) & Marie Ellul (Thurs-Fri)
<b>FOUR BLUE</b>	Nathan Zuccarelli
<b>FOUR GOLD</b>	Stephanie Veltre (Mon-Tues) & Michelle O'Rourke(Wed-Fri)
<b>FIVE BLUE</b>	Kate McKibbin
<b>FIVE GOLD</b>	Daniel Igoe (Mon, Thurs & Fri) & Stephanie Serrano (Tues-Wed)
<b>SIX BLUE</b>	Liam Sweeney
<b>SIX GOLD</b>	Rachel Lewis

**SPECIALIST ROLES**

<b>Religious Education Leader</b>	Laura Petrie
<b>Inquiry Leader</b>	Daniel Igoe
<b>Literacy Leader</b>	Joanne Power
<b>Mathematics Leader</b>	Nicole Kaso
<b>Digital Technologies Leader</b>	Melissa Pannell
<b>Learning Diversity Leader / Wellbeing</b>	Rebecca Glenton
<b>Performing Arts</b>	Emily Grindrod
<b>Visual Arts</b>	Frances Williams & Laura Rahill
<b>Sports / PE Co-ordinator</b>	Michelle Graham
<b>Languages (Italian)</b>	Tania Barbati
<b>Literacy Intervention</b>	Julie Hanna
<b>Numeracy Intervention</b>	Melissa Pannell

**SCHOOL SUPPORT STAFF**

**Learning Support Officers**  
Stephanie Alessandrini, Kate Allan, Tanya Bonavia, Meredith Catena, Teresa Combon, Nicole Dionisio, Bernadette Eastham, Nola Graham, Caterina Hollibone, Deb Hodges, 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.”**



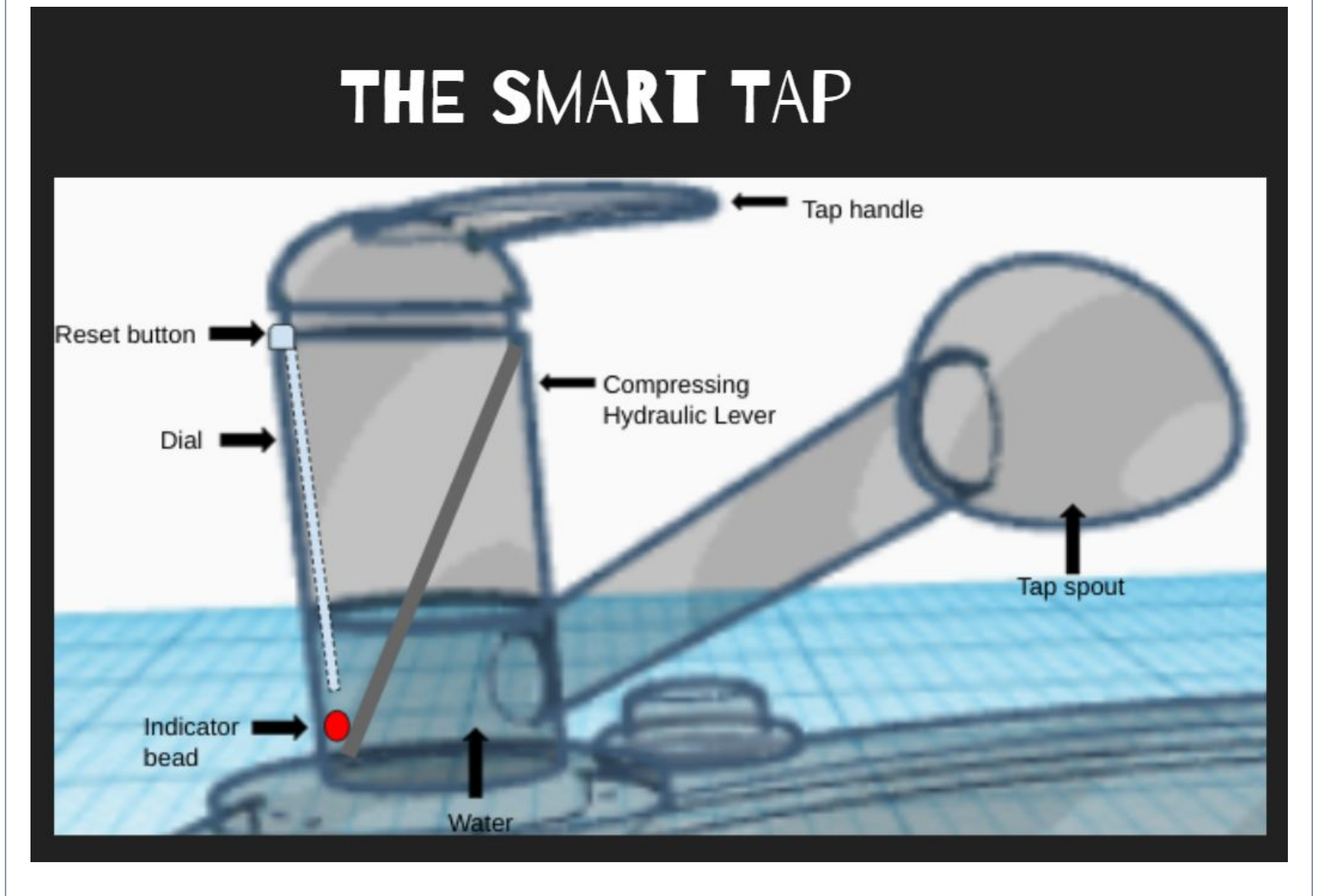
**Mini Vinnie Christmas Cards and Letters**

Thank you to our school students for taking the time to write Christmas cards and letters, which will be placed in the Church for parishioners to collect at Masses in the lead up to Christmas. We hope that the parishioners enjoy this act of kindness, which has been led by our Year 6 Mini Vinnies students.



**MACS STEM Mad Competition**

We are delighted to share with you that Ethan Bates and Sid Tadikamalla from Year 4 have done extremely well in the MACS STEM Mad competition. Ethan and Sid created a project entitled 'Smart Tap' to conserve water. They initially became a primary finalist for the STEM Curators Award which meant they made it through to the national round. Ethan and Sid took part in day long online sessions during which they completed challenges and heard from guest speakers. Ethan and Sid were finalists for the Best Engineered Product which was a wonderful achievement. We would like to congratulate them on their unique idea and also making it to the nationals. Congratulations Ethan and Sid!



**The Resilience Project**

Dear Families,

We are very excited to be engaging with The Resilience Project for 2022. We will be implementing their Wellbeing Program across all year levels which will provide evidence-based, practical strategies to support positive mental health and build resilience.

Attached to today's newsletter you will find a letter that outlines the program as well as a link to their website and parent portal - TRP@HOME. We encourage you to explore these resources over the coming weeks.

You are also all warmly invited to attend a live parent webinar on March 1, to introduce the program to families. We would love as many of you as possible to attend so that our entire community can engage with the 3 main elements of TRP - Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness. More information will be provided nearer the time but please save the date and time - 6:30pm.

We are sure this is going to be extremely positive for all of the children. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Rebecca Glenton (rglenton@svstrathmore.catholic.edu.au)

**Concessional School Fee Policy 2022**

Please continue reading to understand if you are eligible for discounted school fees under the newly introduced 2022 Concessional School Fee Policy (including Health Care Card holders).

**CONCESSIONAL SCHOOL FEE POLICY – 2022**

- 1 child family \$780 per annum**
- 2 child family \$1,196 per annum**
- 3+ child family \$1,560 per annum**
- (Excluding any camp charges)**

The following families are encouraged to apply for concessional school fees as outlined in the newly introduced MACS Concessional School Fee Policy contained on our website under: Concessional Fee Policy.

- Any family holding a Health Care Card and eligible for Camps, Sports and Excursions (CSEF)
  - Any family of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage
  - Any family experiencing **severe** financial hardship
  - Any family holding a DVA Gold Card
  - Any family identified as refugees and holding an ImmiCard
- Families who meet one of the above criteria are required to return the below documentation to the office:
- Concessional Fee Application Form
  - A completed direct debit request service agreement
  - A copy of the government concession card (if applicable)
  - A completed Camps, Sports and Excursions (CSEF) application form (if applicable)

**St Vincent de Paul Parish - Christmas Masses**



**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December**  
3.00pm – Vigil Mass

*This Mass is for those of Unknown Vaccination Status  
50 person limit – bookings essential – Please phone 9412 8460*

6.00pm – Vigil Mass\*

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> December**  
12.00am (Midnight) – Mass During the Night\*

10.30am – Mass During the Day\*

*\* For the 6.00pm Vigil Mass, Mass During the Night, and Mass During the Day, you must be double-vaccinated and have evidence of your vaccination status with you.*

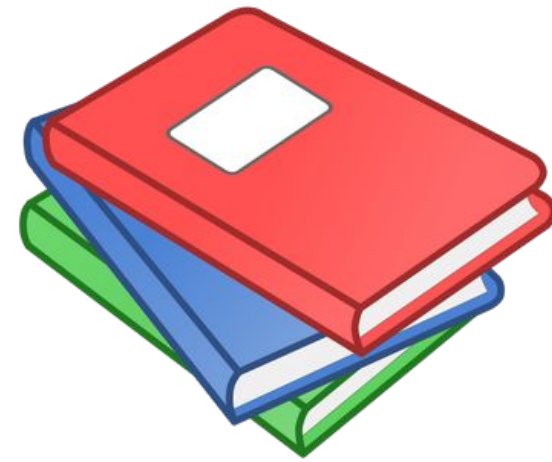


**Reminder to Download Reports & Portfolios**

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 2022.

**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.



Thankyou.

**2022 Term Dates**

**TERM 1**

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January (Prep/Yr 6) & Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February (Yr 1–Yr 5) – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April

(Easter 15<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> April & ANZAC Day Mon 25<sup>th</sup> April)

**TERM 2**

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June

**TERM 3**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September

**TERM 4**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December

**St Columba's College - School Tours**

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*College Tours*

Term 1, 2022 College Tours are now open.  
Visit [columba.vic.edu.au/college-tours](http://columba.vic.edu.au/college-tours) to book your place.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to be the first to know about additional 2022 tours.

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**2022 School Fees**

**SCHEDULE OF SCHOOL FEES AND LEVIES FOR 2022**

**\$2865.00 PER Annum**

**(Billed over 3 Terms)**

Term 1	\$770.00
Term 2	\$770.00
Term 3	\$765.00
Maintenance Levy	\$180.00
Capital Levy	\$380.00

**INDIVIDUAL STUDENT LEVY**

**(Covers classroom requisites and excursions)**

\$405.00	Prep
\$405.00	Year One
\$405.00	Year Two
\$405.00	Year Three
\$405.00	Year Four
\$405.00	Year Five
\$455.00	Year Six

Please note that the above fees and levies do not include the Year 5 and Year 6 camp levies or the Chromebook lease charge for Years 3-6.

**TheirCare - Job Opportunities**

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To find out more contact [recruitment@theircare.com.au](mailto:recruitment@theircare.com.au)

\*Some terms and conditions apply

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**Important Dates**

**DECEMBER 2021**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		1	2 Prep Orientation	3	4	5
6	7 Carols Night - Cancelled	8 School Closure Day	9 Year 6 Graduation	10	11	12
13 Whole School Activity Day	14 Transition Day	15 Year 6 Big Day Out	16 Assembly 12:00 Last Day of Term 4 1:30pm Finish	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day
27	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve		

**JANUARY 2022**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
					1 New Years Day	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Australia Day	26	27	28	29	30
31 Preps & Year 6 Commence School Year 1 - Year 5 Maths Assessment Testing						

**FEBRUARY 2022**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	1 Year 1 - Year 5 Maths Assessment Testing	2 Year 1 - Year 5 Commence School	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
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