



Newsletter

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Reflection



God of all knowledge and understanding,
we learn from Your Word and from your action in the world.

Our whole life is a journey of learning
and you nurture us and nourish us
with people and experiences
that teach us and guide us along the way.

We ask your blessing on our school community
as we begin this new school year.

Be with us in our joys and sorrows.

Be with us in our laughter and our tears.

Bless the bonds of friendship that bind us
and gently call us back when we neglect that friendship.

Bless the care we show to those in need
and open our eyes to see where we are needed.

Bless the welcome we extend to one another
and open our hearts to the stranger in our midst.

We ask your blessing on our students,
that they may learn to know themselves as you know and love
them.

Bless the work of our classrooms,
that each student may know wonder and joy and pride in their
accomplishments.

Bless the laughter and fun of the playground,
and help us always to include, not exclude.
Give comfort and encouragement to those who struggle
and let them know your love.

We ask your blessing on our teachers,
that they may follow the model of Jesus the Teacher.
Bless them with your wisdom and judgement;
your compassion and your understanding.
May the light of Christ within them shine
and may they be the instrument of God's grace for their students.

Bless our families, our friends and all those who
support our school.

May everyone who comes in contact with our school
see the face of God and know the love of Christ.

We make this prayer through the intercession of St. Vincent de
Paul and through Jesus who welcomed children.

Amen.



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Principal's Message

Welcome back to the start of the new school year. It has been wonderful to see the children return with such energy and enthusiasm ready for the year of learning. We especially welcome our new families to the school.

The Preps have done an excellent job of transitioning to school and having the school and yard to themselves on Monday and Tuesday has helped them settle into their new learning environment. The testing of the children in Years 1-6 in their mathematics understanding has also given the teachers vital information about how to support the children in their learning.

THEME

The school theme for this year is Head, Heart and Hands. This theme is open to many different interpretations and perspectives. One of those perspectives is developing the knowledge and understanding (Head) from the learning the community does, using our Catholic values and dispositions to reflect on how to apply this knowledge (Heart) to help others and then taking action based on this reflection (Hands). Each of the classes will also have their own unique motto which will be connected to the school theme. Throughout the year we will take the opportunity to reflect on how we are living this theme as a school community.

NEW STAFF

We also welcome our new staff to the school this year. These include:

Joanne Gurissi - Prep classroom teacher
 Ashley Porter - Year 2 classroom teacher
 Virginia Spiller - Year 3 classroom teacher
 Genevieve Morison - Year 4 classroom teacher (Term 1)
 Ellie Henderson - Year 5 classroom teacher
 Deanne Keane - Literacy Leader
 Jessica McLeod - Literacy Intervention teacher
 Tara Failla - Learning Support Officer
 Anna Fedele - Learning Support Officer
 Zina D'Argenio - Learning Support Officer
 We also welcome back Rosemary Anderson from parental leave. We look forward to all these people sharing their talents and skills with the community.

CURRICULUM NEWS

The curriculum news, which is sent out each fortnight to parents will look different this year. After consulting with the School Advisory Council last year the curriculum news will be leaner with dot points outlining the major foci for the fortnight of learning. We understand the busyness of family life and the information which is communicated from many different sources over the week. Therefore, we are expecting this more succinct format will be helpful to parents in explaining the learning.

BABY NEWS

Congratulations to Emily Grindrod (Performing Arts teacher 2022) on the birth of her first child, Charles John, who was born on January 30. Mum, dad and Charles are all doing well.

PREP & YEAR 6 FAMILY PICNIC

Next Thursday, February 9, we invite all Prep and Year 6 families to a picnic in the Senior Yard. This is an opportunity to welcome the Prep children to the school and for the Year 6 and Prep families to meet their buddy's family. The picnic begins at 6:00pm and finishes at 8:00pm. The Parents Association will be providing sausages with salad/coleslaw for parents and children. It is a BYO event for everything else including drinks and picnic rugs/chairs. We look forward to seeing all our Prep and Year 6 families attend this event which will be held in the Senior Yard.

LEARNING CONFERENCES

This year the learning conferences will be held on April 4 and will be an opportunity for parents to receive feedback on their children's progress. The school will be closed on this day with the learning conferences beginning at 11:00am and concluding at 6:00pm. More details on how to book for the conferences will be made available in the coming weeks.

SCHOOL DISMISSAL TIMES

Thank you to everyone for adapting to the new school finish times, with Preps finishing at 3:10pm and Years 1-6 finishing at 3:20pm. On Tuesdays and Thursdays staff have Professional Learning meetings after school so will not be able to meet with parents during these times.

FAMILY SUPPORT

The Family Support Group is one of the organisations within our school community that support families within the school who may be experiencing a change in circumstances which creates challenges for a family. The group provides meals to families to help alleviate the need to organise dinners whilst maintaining the privacy of such families.

Attached to today's newsletter is a form which we are asking families who could provide this assistance to others, to complete and return to the school. Kryssi Ruth is the coordinator of the group and does a terrific job of coordinating this wonderful work. Kryssi will place your name on the list.

COVID & RAT KITS

It has been great to start the school year without the need to wear masks or to report on cases of COVID. However, the school continues to use air purifiers and measures to provide optimum ventilation in rooms to help reduce the spread of the virus. If your child is unwell with COVID or any other illness we ask that you keep them home until they have recovered before sending them back to school.

The school still has Rapid Antigen Tests available which are excess supplies from last year. Parents are welcome to collect the RAT kits from the container located in front of the school office.

Shane Byrne
 PRINCIPAL

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

2023 St Vincent de Paul Staff List

PRINCIPAL	Shane Byrne
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL	Laura Petrie
PREP BLUE	Joanne Gurrisi
PREP GOLD	Melanie Harrop
PREP GREEN	Sarah Nevill
ONE BLUE	Rachel Caruana (Mon-Tues) & Simone D’Cruz (Wed-Frid)
ONE GOLD	Gabrielle Ciampa
ONE GREEN	Emma Butcher
TWO BLUE	Ashley La Porta
TWO GOLD	Meg Monaghan
TWO GREEN	Alannah Moon
THREE BLUE	Tess Elam
THREE GOLD	Laura Rahill (Mon-Wed) & Marie Ellul (Thurs-Fri)
THREE GREEN	Virginia Spiller
FOUR BLUE	Nathan Zuccarelli
FOUR GOLD	Melissa Pannell (Genevieve Morison-Term 1)
FIVE BLUE	Ellie Henderson
FIVE GOLD	Daniel Igoe
SIX BLUE	Liam Sweeney
SIX GOLD	Rachel Lewis

SPECIALIST ROLES

Religious Education Leader	Laura Petrie
Digital Technologies Leader	Michelle O’Rourke
Inquiry Leader	Michelle O’Rourke
Literacy Leader	Deann Keane
Mathematics Leader	Nicole Kaso
Learning Diversity Leader / Wellbeing	Rebecca Glenton
Team Leader P-2	Meg Monaghan
Team Leader 3-6	Daniel Igoe
Team Leader Support	Rosemary Anderson
Performing Arts	Holly Caven
Visual Arts	Stephanie Veltre
Sports / PE Co-ordinator	Michelle Graham
Languages (Italian)	Tania Barbati
Literacy Intervention	Jessica McLeod
Numeracy Intervention	Nicole Kaso

SCHOOL SUPPORT STAFF

Learning Support Officers
Stephanie Alessandrini, Tanya Bonavia, Meredith Catena, Teresa Combon, Zina D’Argenio, Nicole Dionisio, Bernadette Eastham, Tara Failla, Anna Fedele, Nola Graham, Deb Hodges, Caterina Hollibone, Jeanette Pearson, Lily Robinson and Kate Sourial

Administration Officers
Liz Piccione, Maria Kuret, Trish Hengel and Fiona McIldowney

2023 Term Dates

TERM 1

Monday 30th January (Prep)
Wednesday 1st February (Yr 1–Yr 6) – Thursday 6th April
(Note: Easter 7th – 10th April)

TERM 2

Monday 24th April – Friday 23rd June
(Note: ANZAC Day – Tuesday 25th April)

TERM 3

Monday 10th July – Friday 15th September

TERM 4

Monday 2nd October – Tuesday 19th December

Summer Uniform

SUMMER SCHOOL UNIFORM

BOYS

- Grey Shorts
- Short Sleeve Shirt (Sky)
- Wool School Jumper
- Grey Stripe Anklet Socks
- Black School Shoes
- Floppy Brim Hat

GIRLS

- School Summer Dress
- Navy Tailored Shorts
- Peter Pan Collar Short Sleeve Shirt (Sky)
- Wool School Jumper
- Navy Anklet Socks
- Black School Shoes
- Floppy Brim Hat

SUMMER SPORT UNIFORM

BOYS

- Rugby Top
- Short Sleeve Polo Top
- Navy Sport Shorts
- White Anklet Socks
- Runners

GIRLS

- Rugby Top
- Short Sleeve Polo Top
- Navy Netball Skirt
- Navy Skort
- Navy Sport Shorts
- White Anklet Socks
- Runners

2023 School Closure Days

- Thursday 23rd February
- Tuesday 4th April (Learning Conferences)
 - Monday 24th April
- Wednesday 13th September (Learning Conferences)
 - Monday 6th November
 - Wednesday 6th December

Term 1, 2023 - PE, Classroom Sport and Library Timetable

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

2023 Sacramental Dates

Year 3 Reconciliation

- Parent Information Evening:
 - 7:00pm Thursday 9th March
- Reconciliation:
 - 3:40pm - 5:40pm Thursday 23rd March
 - 3:40pm - 5:40pm Tuesday 28th March



Year 6 Confirmation

- Parent Information Evening:
 - 7:00pm Thursday 11th May
- Confirmation Masses:
 - 10:00am (6 Gold) and 12:00 noon (6 Blue) Saturday 3rd June

Year 4 First Holy Communion

- Parent Information Evening:
 - 7:00pm Thursday 31st August
- First Holy Communion Masses:
 - 6:00pm Saturday 7th October
 - 9:30am Sunday 8th October
 - 6:00pm Saturday 14th October
 - 9:30am Sunday 15th October

Caroline Chisholm Society

Thank you once again to the families from 2022, for your generous donations to the Caroline Chisholm Society as part of our Christmas Appeal.

We have received an email from Caroline Chisholm which warmly thanks and acknowledges the generosity of our school community:

“On behalf of the Caroline Chisholm Society team I wish to offer my deepest gratitude for your support in our work with at risk mothers and children.

Our Christmas Toy Drive and Santa Shop this year was extra special with close to \$15,000 in gifts received and distributed to families who are doing it particularly hard and in need support. The overwhelming response we had to this year’s giving went beyond all expectations and with many families expressing their appreciation for the thoughtfulness and care they received as a result of the generosity of our community.

For the toy drives, the setup, being onsite to assist families and the special Christmas elves who spent time wrapping gifts too – thank you!”

Thank you also to a couple of our school families, including past students, who took the time to support the Caroline Chisholm society by volunteering their time. A wonderful experience for all involved!

2023 Concessional School Fee Policy

Please continue reading to understand if you are eligible for discounted school fees under the newly introduced 2023 Concessional School Fee Policy (including Health Care Card holders).

CONCESSIONAL SCHOOL FEE POLICY – 2023

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)

Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the cost of school trips, camp and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested **CONCESSION CARD** or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

\$125 per primary school students

\$225 per secondary school students

We would encourage all parents who do have a concession card to apply for this benefit as, apart from receiving the CSEF payment, it also impacts on the school student funding.

For more information you can visit the CSEF website:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>

If you have applied, or would like to apply, please advise the school office (info@svstrathmore.catholic.edu.au).

2023 School Fees

SCHEDULE OF SCHOOL FEES AND LEVIES FOR 2023

\$3110 PER Annum FAMILY FEE (Billed over 3 Terms)

Term 1	\$810
Term 2	\$810
Term 3	\$800
Maintenance Levy	\$190
Capital Levy	\$500

INDIVIDUAL STUDENT LEVY (Covers classroom requisites and excursions)

Prep	\$425.00
Year One	\$425.00
Year Two	\$425.00
Year Three	\$425.00
Year Four	\$425.00
Year Five	\$425.00
Year Six	\$475.00

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.

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.

Absences and Late Arrivals

A reminder that if your child is Absent, please fill in the Skoolbag App Absentee Form **before** 9AM. This will avoid you receiving text messages from the school unnecessarily.

If your child is going to be late to school, please notify us via the Skoolbag App. The procedure is the same as an absence, Simply select 'Late' under Away for Full Day.

Instructions for downloading and using the Skoolbag App can be found in this Newsletter.

In addition, when dropping off your child after the bell has gone at 8:50am, the child must be signed in by their parent/guardian at the front office and they will be given a Late Pass to give to their teacher. If you are picking up your child from school early you must sign your child out at the front office.

SkoolBag - Update your Group for 2023

The SkoolBag app is one of the main methods of communication from the school to parents. Could all parents please ensure that they have selected their child's new year level group for 2023 on the Skoolbag app. You will find the year level groups in the school Groups tab of the app.



How to get started

- Download SkoolBag**

From your phone, navigate to the [Apple App Store](#) (iPhone users) or [Google Play Store](#) (Android users) and search for "SkoolBag: School Communication" to download the free app.
- Create an account**


Open the app and follow the prompts to set up your account. You'll need your email to get started.
- Add our school**

Click on the **ADD/REMOVE** icon to search for the organisation by name and press enter. Tap the plus icon to subscribe to the school.
- Enable notifications**

You'll be prompted to allow SkoolBag to send you notifications. Ensure you select **allow** so you don't miss any crucial information!
- Subscribe to Groups**

Click on our logo to navigate to our profile page. Click on the Groups tab to find and select the required groups to receive news as a member of that group.

St Bernard's College - Year 7 2025




St Bernard's College
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Year 7 2025

INFORMATION NIGHT
14 & 15 March 2023
7.00 PM - College Auditorium


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Vic Soccer Summer Clinics 2023



**SIZZLING
SUMMER CLINICS**

2023

**FREE
SOCCER BALL FOR
EACH PARTICIPANT!**

Saturday morning clinics run during the school term for 8 sessions* and involve 55 minutes of personalized tuition. There is and 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. We ensure and approximate rate of 1 coach to 10 players to allow each participant individual skills development.
Clinics begin on Saturday the 11th of October 2023*

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

TERM 1 CLINICS BEGIN SAT. FEB. 11th 2023*

METHOD OF PAYMENT
Payment on first day of clinic 11/2/2023
Cheque or Cash \$150
Please register by Friday 10/2
to secure your child's place in the clinic.

*** ALL START DATES AND SESSION LENGTHS
ARE SUBJECT TO COVID RESTRICTIONS ***

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: _____

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.

Important Dates

FEBRUARY 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		1 Yr 1 - Yr 6 Commence Prep Testing	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Prep Testing	9 Prep/Yr 6 Family Picnic 6-8pm	10 Zooper Dooper Day	11	12
13	14	15 Prep Testing	16 Opening School Mass School Advisory Council Meeting	17 St Patrick's Day Mass Zooper Dooper Day	18	19
20	21	22 Ash Wednesday Prep Testing	23 School Closure Day	24 Year 6 Assembly Year 5 Gala Day 1 Zooper Dooper Day	25	26
27	28					

MARCH 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		1	2 Whole School Swimming Sports	3 Year 5 Gala Day 2 Zooper Dooper Day	4	5
6	7	8 Year 5 Mass	9 Reconciliation Parent Info Evening - 7pm	10 Year 5 Assembly Zooper Dooper Day	11	12
13 Labour Day Holiday	14 Year 6 Camp	15 Year 6 Camp NAPLAN Year 4 Mass	16 Year 6 Camp NAPLAN School Advisory Council Meeting	17 Year 6 Camp NAPLAN Zooper Dooper Day	18 Yr 3 Family Mass 6pm	19
20	21 Prep 2024 School Tour 9:30am/12:30pm	22 School Photo Day	23 Yr 3 Reconciliation 3:40-5:40pm	24 Year 4 Assembly Zooper Dooper Day	25	26
27	28 Yr 3 Reconciliation 3:40-5:40pm	29 Prep 2024 School Tour 9:30am Year 6 Mass	30	31 Zooper Dooper Day Prep Enrolments Close		

APRIL 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
					1	2
3	4 Learning Conferences (School Closure Day)	5 Stations of the Cross	6 Last day of Term 1 1:30pm finish	7 Good Friday	8 Holy Saturday	9 Easter Sunday
10 Easter Monday	11 Easter Tuesday	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 School Closure Day	25 ANZAC Day	26 Term 2 Begins	27	28	29	30



We would like to welcome all the children back to school and hope that you all did some exciting things over the holidays. This week the children were very excited to see their friends again and have had many discussions on what they got up to over the holidays and Christmas break. We have been doing getting to know you activities and letting the children explore their environment.

Our sun smart policy also applies this term, we ask all parents to pack hat (that is **NOT** a cap) that can stay in the children's bag to ensure the children are protected as much as possible from sun exposure.

A friendly reminder to ensure bookings for BSC and ASC are made **within 48 hours** as numbers are dramatically increasing. This will help staffing as there is an increase of educator shortage in the childhood education sector. If we cannot staff accordingly, we may have to cancel late bookings and cap sessions.

How to enrol my child into BSC or ASC?

If you would like to enrol your child/ children into before school care or after school care you can visit the TheirCare website <https://theircare.com.au/> and select the blue "book now +" button where then you will need to register and create an account and fill out the enrolment form. If you have any questions, please call Kirsten on **0474 007 664** or if I'm out of service you can alternatively call our head office number **1300 072 410**.

Our BSC session is from 7.00am-8.30am and our ASC session is 3.20pm-6.00pm.

We look forward to this term and hope to meet and see lots of new faces!

Have a great week 😊

- Kirsten & Lisa