



Newsletter

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Reflection

The Stations of the Cross



The students have begun to focus on Holy Week and the Stations of the Cross in their classrooms in the lead up to Holy Week and Easter at the beginning of the school holiday break. Please take this opportunity to talk with your child/children about Holy Week and the Stations of the Cross and reflect on this important time in our Catholic faith as a family.

The Stations of the Cross

- Station 1** - Jesus is condemned to death
- Station 2** - Jesus accepts the Cross
- Station 3** - Jesus falls for the first time
- Station 4** - Jesus meets his Mother
- Station 5** - Jesus is helped by Simon
- Station 6** - Veronica wipes Jesus' face
- Station 7** - Jesus falls for the second time
- Station 8** - Jesus meets the women
- Station 9** - Jesus falls for the third time
- Station 10** - Jesus is stripped of his clothing
- Station 11** - Jesus is nailed to the cross
- Station 12** - Jesus dies on the cross
- Station 13** - Jesus is taken down from the cross
- Station 14** - Jesus is buried

Holy Week

Palm Sunday

When Jesus arrived in Jerusalem on his donkey, there were many followers who wanted to see him. People crowded around him and called his name. Many called out "King" or "Savior." Worshipers knelt down and waved palm fronds as Jesus passed by. Children and grownups wanted to hear him speak to them. They wanted to touch him. Sick people wanted their Savior to make them well.

Holy Thursday

The Last Supper was on this day. Jesus sat down to eat with 12 other people. Those people were the disciples. His friend Judas was there that night. Jesus shared his bread and wine with everyone. He told the disciples that it was more important to serve someone else than to be served. He lovingly washed the feet of his disciples. After the meal was over, Jesus wanted to be alone to pray. Guards appeared a short time later and he was arrested.

Good Friday

Jesus was forced to make a huge cross and drag it up a hill all by himself. He had a crown on his head made of a branch of thorns. He was nailed to the cross by his hands and feet. One of the ways Good Friday is celebrated is by fasting. It is a day to mourn the death of Jesus, but also to celebrate that he gave his life for everyone.

Easter Sunday

Celebrate the risen Lord at Mass with the singing of the Gloria and alleluias, the renewal of baptismal vows, a sprinkling with Easter water and receiving the Eucharist. The time you spend on your Holy Week preparations will make Easter Sunday more meaningful for the whole family!

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Principal’s Message

Next Thursday marks the end of the first term for 2023 and what an exciting term it has been. The learning which has taken place has been terrific and it has been the smoothest start to a school for a number of years. The learning buzz around the school is a result of the effort staff, children and parents are putting into the activities the children have been involved in. It is amazing to think the Prep children have only been at school for nine weeks with the way they have adapted to their new learning environment. We look forward to next term continuing that positive start for all the children.

The children will finish school at **1:30pm next Thursday April 6** and return to school on **Wednesday April 26**. Monday April 24 will be a school closure day with staff working on exploring our mission as religious educators and how the staff can continue to support the children and the wider community in enacting this mission. I hope all families have a peaceful and enjoyable Easter and we look forward to the children returning next term.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Next Wednesday the school will re-enact the events of Holy Week to help remind us all of the sacrifice Jesus made. The event will commence at 11:50am and will take place in the senior yard and the area around the church. Parents are invited to attend. This is a very solemn and reverent recount of the events leading up to and including Jesus’ death and resurrection.

RECONCILIATION

Last Thursday and on Tuesday this week the children in Year 3 have celebrated their First Reconciliation. They have been working with their teachers and families in preparing for this sacrament throughout the term. Although a little nervous prior to confessing their sins, the children approached this milestone step in their faith journey confident because of their preparation. Thank you to Ms Elam, Ms Spiller, Mrs Rahill, Mrs Ellul, Mrs Petrie, Fr. Toy, Fr Brian and the children’s parents for their support of the children in preparing for this sacrament.

ENERGY DRINKS

The school has become aware that some children have brought drinks which are sometimes referred to as ‘energy drinks’ to school to consume. There is evidence that these drinks, which can have excessive levels of caffeine, sugar, sodium and herbal stimulants have an adverse effect on children’s health. One such drink is ‘Prime’ which has grown in popularity in recent times but has health experts worried about its impact on children’s health including:

- jitteriness and nervousness
- upset stomach
- headaches
- trouble concentrating
- trouble sleeping

The drinks have warning labels on them which identify they are not suitable for children under 15. Health experts are trying to extend this age to 18 years old.

Drinks with high levels of caffeine, sugar & sodium such as Prime, Red Bull and the like are not be be brought to school in the best interests of the children.

LEARNING CONFERENCES

Thank you to those parents who have booked in for the Learning Conferences which will be held next Tuesday April 4. These conferences are an opportunity for students and teachers to identify how children are progressing in their learning. The children in Year P-2 will attend the conferences with their parents and the teacher will facilitate the meeting. The children in Years 3-6 will also attend the conference and will facilitate the first half of the meeting with the teacher facilitating the second half. With the learning Conferences taking place on Tuesday there are no classes for children. TheirCare are running a whole school day program for children who need care on the day.

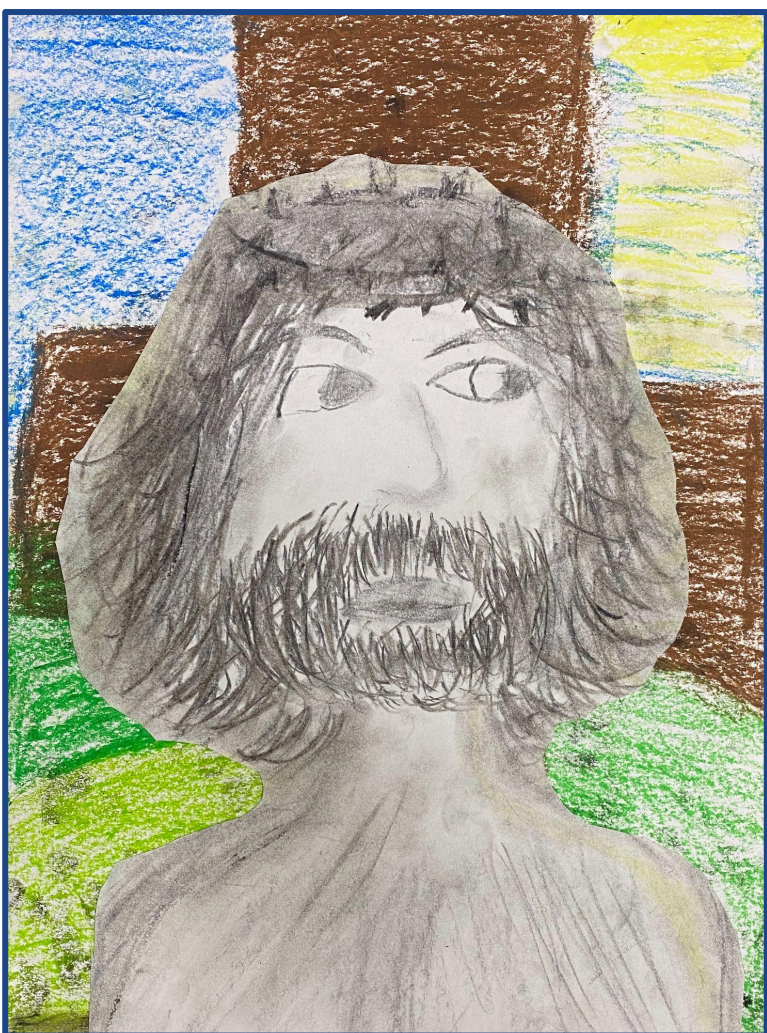
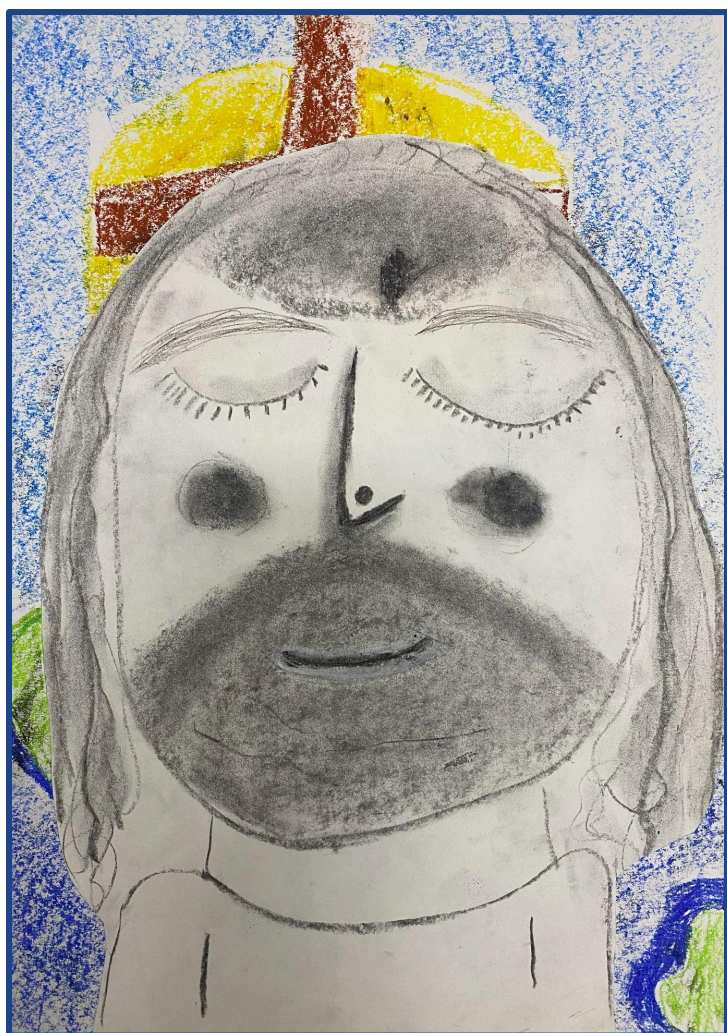
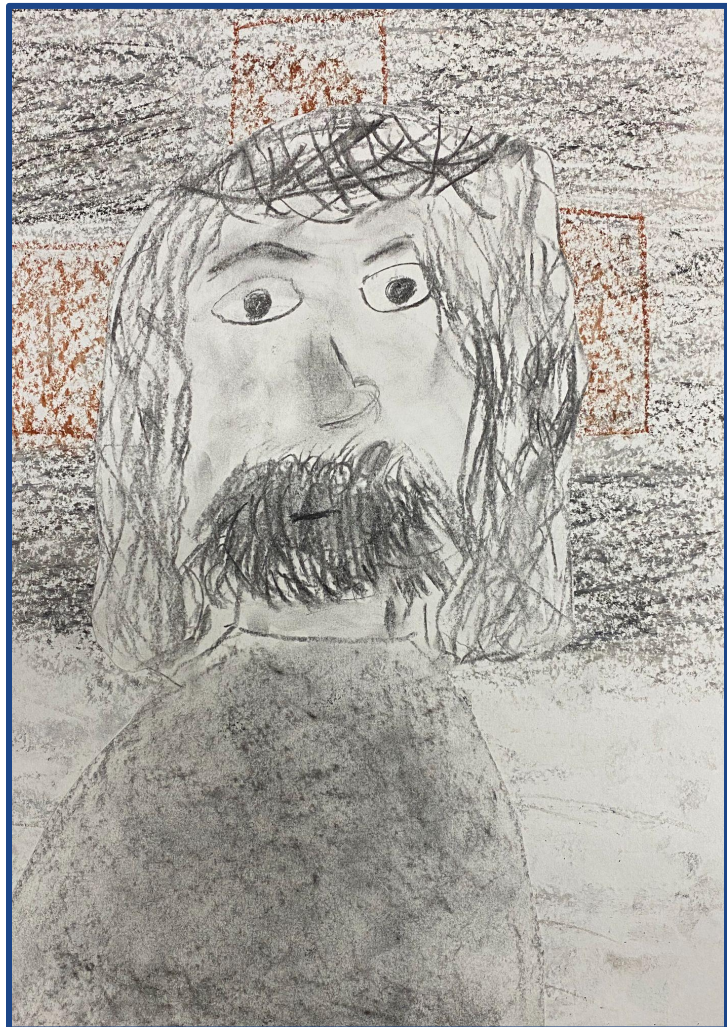
MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Thank you to Nick Reardon who has volunteered to lead the maintenance committee. We will communicate our first working bee date in coming newsletters.

PREP 2024 ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS

A reminder that Prep 2024 enrolment applications close tomorrow, Friday March 31.

Shane Byrne
PRINCIPAL



Easter artwork from our Year 5 students

Harmony Week

We had a tremendous Harmony Week last week with all of the students and staff getting involved. The school was definitely a little bit brighter with everyone wearing a touch of orange and the Little GEM’s helped in promoting the day.

Harmony Week is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

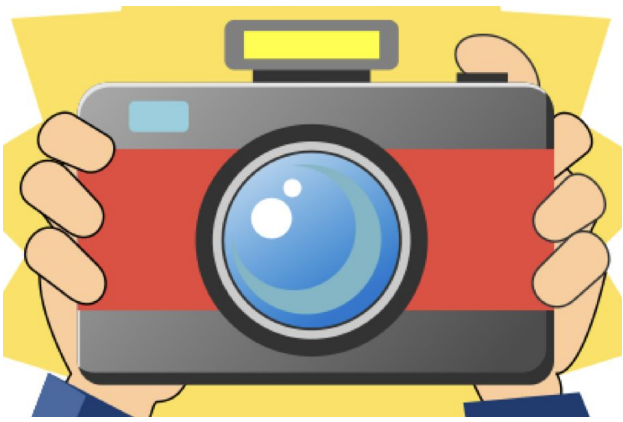
Across the week, children took part in a range of activities from researching countries, class discussions about diversity, making posters and promotional materials and crafts with orange items. The week was important for us to recognise and celebrate our amazing country and all of the cultures that make up our community and nation.



We had a Harmony Day photo competition and there were two winners. Abi and Ava from Year 6 created this terrific image which represents peace. Eva M from Year 3 was the second winner who entered this photo of her eating spaghetti and meatballs in her nonna’s Sicilian apron. A huge thank you to everyone who entered.



School Photos 2023 - Wednesday 22nd MARCH



School Photos 2023 – St Vincent de Paul Primary School

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

1. Go to <https://order.arphotos.com.au> and enter the 2023 image code for your child (*from their personalized flyer*)
2. Tap on ‘Add another child’ to enter the image codes of any siblings
3. Fill in your email and mobile details and then review all details before confirming your registration

That’s it! When 2023 photos are ready, you will be notified by email and SMS.

Even if you registered last year, it’s important that you do it again each year using your child’s new image code to link their photos for the current year with your contact details.

To ensure you are ordering school photos for the current year, please wait for notifications that 2023 images are online before placing orders.

In the webshop you can view photos and customize your photo package; Choose ANY layout, ANY image and purchase multiple digital image downloads.

All photo orders will be sent directly to the address you provide when ordering.

REGISTER ONLINE NOW to be notified when 2023 school photos can be viewed and ordered.

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2 Tap on 'Add another child' to enter the image codes of any siblings

3 Fill in your contact details & review before confirming your registration*

That's it! You'll receive an email and/or SMS when images are ready to view in our secure webshop

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Term 1, 2023 School Fees

A reminder that Term 1 school fees were due on **Friday 24th March**.

The 2023 Fee and Levy Statement was emailed to families on Wednesday 22nd February.

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.

2023 School Closure Days / Learning Conferences

- Tuesday 4th April (Learning Conferences - No classes)
 - Monday 24th April
- Wednesday 13th Sept (Learning Conferences - No classes)
 - Monday 6th November
 - Wednesday 6th December

St Vincent de Paul Parish - Easter Mass Times

Thursday 6th April – Holy Thursday
7.00pm Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper

Friday 7th April – Good Friday
10.30am Stations of the Cross
3.00pm Celebration of the Lord’s Passion

Saturday 8th April – Holy Saturday
8.00pm The Easter Vigil

Sunday 9th April – Easter Sunday
9.30am Mass

St Columba’s College - Girls’ Day Out

School Holiday
Science Fun Day

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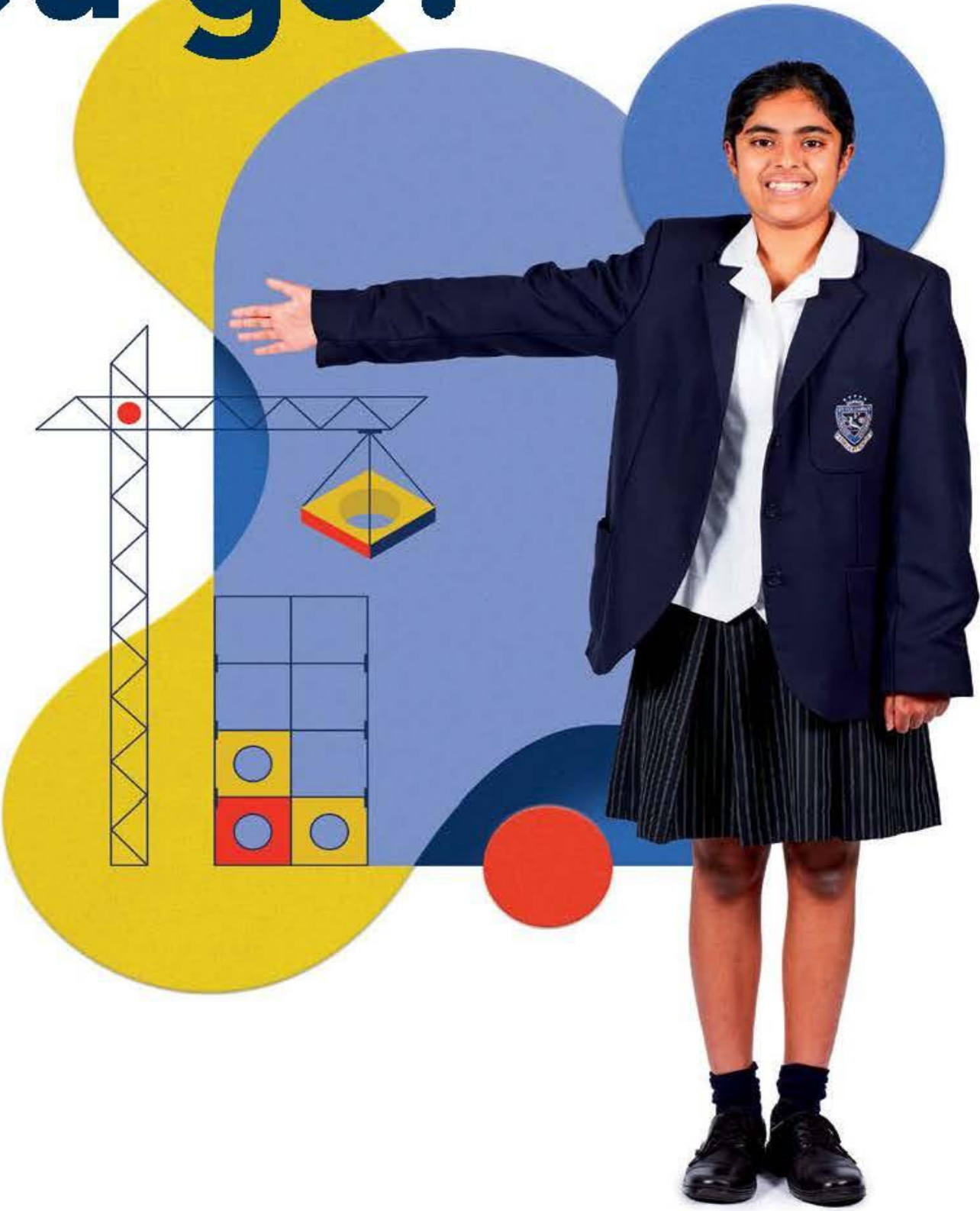
ST COLUMBA'S COLLEGE
GIRLS' DAY OUT
THURSDAY 20 APRIL

OPEN TO GRADE 4 AND 5 GIRLS

BOOKING LINK WILL BE AVAILABLE
VIA OUR SOCIALS AT THE END OF MARCH

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Vic Soccer - 2023 Autumn Clinics

VIC SOCCER **AMAZING AUTUMN 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 an 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 an approximate rate of 1 coach to 10 players to allow each participant individual skills development.
Clinics begin on Saturday the 29th of April 2023*

SESSION TIME & LOCATION: 9:00AM to 10:00AM at Strathmore Secondary College, Pascoe Vale Rd, Strathmore.	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 <input type="checkbox"/> do not <input type="checkbox"/> give permission for my child to be photographed and for photos to appear on Vic Cric Social Media. Parent/Guardian Signature: _____
TERM 2 CLINICS BEGIN SAT. APRIL 29th 2023* METHOD OF PAYMENT Payment on first day of clinic 29/4/2023 Cheque or Cash \$150 Please register by Friday 28/4 to secure your child's place in the clinic.	

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

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

MARCH 2023						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		1 District Swimming Sports	2 Whole School Swimming Sports	3 Year 5 Gala Day 2 Zooper Dooper Day	4	5
6	7 2023 Prep Information/Parent Helper Workshop 6-7pm (Hall)	8 Year 5 Mass	9 Reconciliation Parent Info Evening - 7pm	10 Year 5 Assembly 2:30pm Hall 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 PA Meeting - Online	21 Prep 2024 School Tours 9:30am/12:30pm	22 School Photo Day	23 Hot Food Day Yr 3 Reconciliation 3:40-5:40pm	24 Harmony Day Year 4 Assembly 2:30pm Hall 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 Enrolment Applications Close		

APRIL 2023						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
					1	2
3	4 Learning Conferences (No Classes)	5 Stations of the Cross	6 Easter Raffle 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

MAY 2023						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 PA Meeting - Online	2	3 Year 3 Mass	4	5 Year 3 Assembly 2:30pm Hall	6	7
8	9 Mothers Day Stall	10 Year 2 Mass	11 Confirmation Parent Information Evening	12 Mothers Day Breakfast 7:30-8:15am 8:30-9:15am	13	14
15	16	17 Year 1 Mass	18 School Advisory Council Meeting	19 Year 2 Assembly 2:30pm Hall	20 Year 6 and Prep Family Mass 6pm	21
22	23	24 Prep and Year 6 Mass	25	26 Kid's Movie Night	27	28
29	30	31				



Pupil Free Day Tuesday 4th April

We will be running a pupil free day in the hall on Tuesday the 4th of April. Care will be provided from 7am-6pm. Please wear casual clothes and bring snack, lunch, a hat and a drink bottle. Breakfast will be available until 8.00am and a small snack will be provided at 3.45pm for afternoon tea.

Autumn Holiday Program "Wild Child"

Bookings are now open for the upcoming holiday program commencing on the 11th of April. Please note St Vincent De Paul students attend **Strathmore Primary School (14-34 Lloyd Street)** as we do not run a holiday program.

Preps Pick Up Process Term 2

The preps are currently in training for walking themselves to after school care. They have all been doing a fantastic job so far and are confident in knowing where to go for after school care. As of term two the prep children will be walking themselves up to after school care independently.

Parking for BSC and ASC

A friendly reminder to those collecting and dropping off their child/children please do not park on the **school/church grounds** for the safety of the children. Plenty of parking is available on Woodlands Street or on The Crossway.

We have had such a great term so far and hope to meet and see lots of new faces!

Have a good week! 😊

- Kirsten & Lisa