



# Newsletter

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## Reflection



Throughout this term most of the students have been learning about ways to make our world a more sustainable place and the roles that we, as human beings, have, in caring for our world. Within this learning we have focused on a letter (encyclical) written by Pope Francis in 2015, called Laudato Si. Laudato Si means ‘Praise be to you’.

Pope Francis’ encyclical was written about the care for our common home. It encourages us to reflect on the values we share and create a more just and sustainable future, to “hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor” (n. 49).

Laudato Si has been welcomed as a document that calls upon all of humanity, prompting people around the world to reflect more deeply on our Creator and creation.

The students have learnt that by being a part of creation, made in the image and likeness of God, allows a deeper understanding of the connection between us and God, and also God’s Creation.



A special prayer within the encyclical is titled:

### The Canticle of Creatures (St. Francis)

Most High, all-powerful, good Lord,  
Yours are the praises, the glory,  
and the honour and all blessing.  
To You alone, Most High, do they belong  
and no human is worthy to mention Your name.

Praised be you, my Lord,  
with all Your creatures,  
especially Sir Brother Sun,  
who is the day,  
and through whom You give us light.  
And he is beautiful  
and radiant with great splendour;  
and bears a likeness of You, Most High one.

Praised be You, my Lord,  
through Sister Moon and the stars,  
in heaven You formed them  
clear and precious and beautiful.  
Praised be You, my Lord,  
through Brother Wind,  
and through the air, cloudy and serene,  
and every kind of weather  
through which you give substance to your creatures.



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Principal’s Message

SCHOOL REVIEW

Last week the school reviewer Leslie Tulloch completed her review of the school. This involved meeting with staff, students and parents to understand the strengths of the school and possible areas for improvement. Leslie will make her recommendations in the coming weeks and this will help guide the school’s strategic plan for the next 4 years. Once the new strategic plan has been created this will be shared with the school community as it will contain the goals the school will be working towards over the next 4 years.

CONFIRMATION

We ask that you keep all the children in Year 6 who are preparing to make the Sacrament of Confirmation in your prayers. As part of their preparation the children will be involved in a Retreat next Wednesday where Bishop Terry Curtin will speak with the children about the different elements of sacrament as well as discussing the Fruits and Gifts of the Holy Spirit. The two masses where the sacrament will be celebrated take place on Saturday June 3 at 10:00am and 12 noon.

FAMILY MASS

It was great to see so many of the Prep and Year 6 families at the parish mass last Saturday evening. It was also an opportunity for the community to meet the parish’s new assistant priest, Fr. Joseph Nguyen.



INTERVIEWS FOR 2024 PREP FAMILIES

This week we have begun to meet with families who are choosing to send their children to the school for Prep in 2024. These interviews for new and current families will continue into next week and are a terrific opportunity to meet the children who will be making up our Preps in 2024.

DEIDRE BRANDNER

One of the consequences of the COVID pandemic has been a significant increase in the anxiety levels of some children. Our school community has not been immune to this impact. To help guide parents to support children who may be experiencing anxiety the school has engaged Deidre Brandner to share her expertise with parents about using strategies with children to help cope with anxiety. Children will feel anxious at different times and in different situations so this information session is for all parents. Deidre has over 30 years experiences as a psychologist and more recently a published author. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in working with children not only from our school but from schools throughout Melbourne. **I would encourage every parent to attend this evening session as this is an opportunity that should not be missed.** The information session will held on August 10 in the hall beginning at 7pm. Please mark this in your calendars.

STUDENT LUNCHES & PICKING UP FROM SCHOOL EARLY

A reminder that we ask parents to ensure children have their lunch with them when they come to school at the beginning of the day rather than dropping lunch off during the day. We also ask that parents endeavour to organise appointments for children outside of school hours whenever possible. This will help reduce the interruptions to all the children’s learning that these situations can create.

STUDENT REPORTS

Included in this newsletter are details (page 4) about creating a new logon to be able to access the children’s reports. It is very important that parents follow the process and create the new logon prior to the date the reports are made available.

CHESS CLUB

The school has had a number of students show interest in having a Chess Club at school where they can learn strategies to play the game. Chess in Schools is an organisation which facilitates lessons during lunchtimes for children interested in this activity. Their goal is ‘to inspire and motivate students to enjoy the many benefits of chess and develop a love for the game’. The cost of the program is \$135 per term. To gauge whether there is enough interest in the program, Chess in Schools is conducting a free lunchtime session on Thursday June 15. More information about the program will be provided in the next newsletter. If this is something you would like your child to be part of as an extracurricular activity they have the opportunity to ‘try-before-they-buy’ through attending the free incursion.

Shane Byrne  
PRINCIPAL



Mother’s Day Breakfast



Laughter, hugs, smiles and joy. These are the words that describe our Mother’s Day Breakfast this year. It was a spectacular event which gave our students an opportunity to thank their mums for everything they do each and every day.

A huge thank you to all of the parents who helped to make this event so special. Events like this confirm the fabulous community that we have here at St Vincent's.



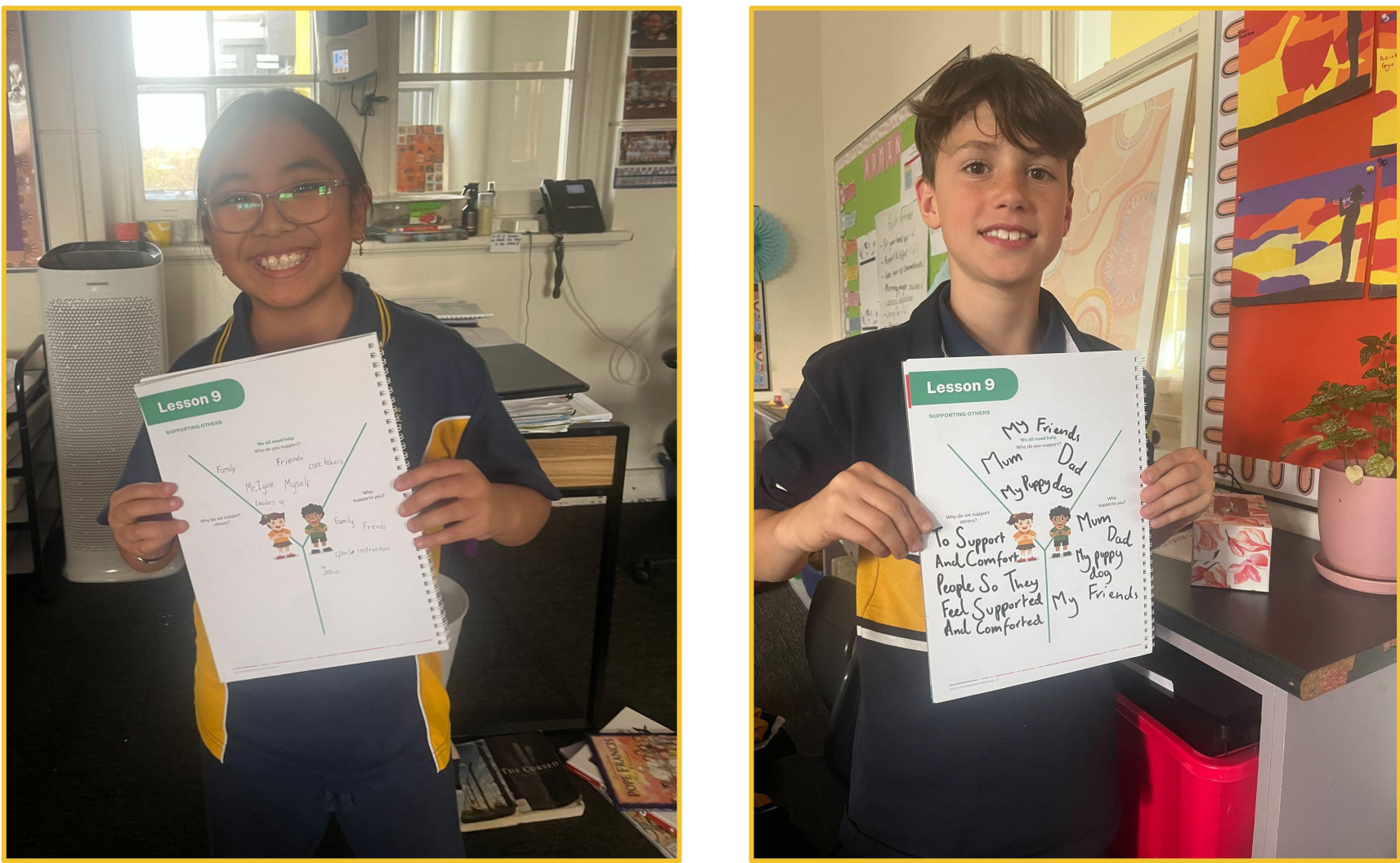
The Resilience Project

This week, our Year 5 students completed a Resilience Project lesson entitled - Supporting Others. The learning intention of this lesson was to understand the benefits of showing empathy. Students were defining empathy and recognising the benefits of showing empathy. They watched the following video and discussed how kindness comes back to you if that is how you treat others: <https://youtu.be/SiJdoZHqr1I>

The students discussed the statement ‘Empathy is most beneficial for the receiver’ and decided if they agreed or disagreed. It was an interesting discussion and comments included:

- “Helping others makes them feel better”
- ‘What goes around comes around’
- ‘It feels nice to show kindness. The giver receives double the kindness’

The discussion allowed them to hear the perspective of others and this is a skill they are currently focussing on in Inquiry. It was terrific to hear their ideas and discussions around this important topic.



Throughout 2023, our school has been working closely with The Resilience Project to support the wellbeing of our school community.

[The Resilience Project](#) delivers emotionally engaging programs and provides evidence-based, practical strategies to build resilience.

We would like to remind you of The Resilience Project’s Parent & Carer Hub. Here you will find a variety of information, videos and activities that outline the key pillars of resilience: **Gratitude**, **Empathy**, **Mindfulness** and **Emotional Literacy**.

This program is an important part of our school’s effort to look after the mental health of our community.

To view the Parent and Carer Hub, click on this link: <https://theresilienceproject.com.au/2023-parent-carer-hub-engage/>



School Photos 2023 - Arthur Reed 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 2023 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](http://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 (option 1) or [customerservice@arphotos.com.au](mailto:customerservice@arphotos.com.au)

Please note that you will need to register online with your **2023 photo code** to gain access to this year’s images.

All photo packages will be sent directly to your nominated address, 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 (option 1) or email [customerservice@arphotos.com.au](mailto:customerservice@arphotos.com.au)

nForma Parent Portal

This semester you will receive your child’s semester report online via the **nForma Parent Portal**. Please see below for instructions on how to access the Parent Portal.

What to expect for **ALL parents** in 2023:

- All parents will receive an email on **Monday 5th June 2023** with a unique username and password to access the Parent Portal.
- Please note that this email will come from **nForma** (not St. Vincent's) and may be in your junk mail. This email will be from [no-reply@nforma.com.au](mailto:no-reply@nforma.com.au)
- The email from [no-reply@nforma.com.au](mailto:no-reply@nforma.com.au) will provide you with a temporary password, which you will be prompted to change.
- The link to the Parent Portal will be included in the email from nForma.
- Your child’s report will be available on **Wednesday 21st June at 1pm**.

Further information for all families:

It is very important that the school has your current email address. If you have changed your email address recently, please send your new email address to: [info@svstrathmore.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@svstrathmore.catholic.edu.au)

If you have any questions, please call the school on 9379 5723. An Audiri (Skoolbag) app notification will be sent to the school community once the reports are available for you to access.

Term 2, 2023 School Fees

A reminder that the Term 2 school fees are due today, **Thursday 25th May**. The 2023 Fee and Levy Statement was emailed to families on Wednesday 22nd February. Please refer to this statement for details on which fees/levies are due for Term 2. If you have any concerns about your financial situation and are experiencing hardship, please contact Mr Shane Byrne ([principal@svstrathmore.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@svstrathmore.catholic.edu.au)), so that a confidential financial arrangement can be discussed.

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

This year our Year 6 Mini Vinnies Leaders have been working towards a way of giving to those most in need. The St. Vincent de Paul Society has requested the donation of Coles or Woolworths vouchers to give to people most in need this winter and we felt that this would be a great way for our school to contribute. We are asking families to donate **ONE** Coles or Woolworths voucher per family.

The Coles and Woolworths vouchers need to be **GROCERIES ONLY** vouchers, as shown below:



The voucher will need to be brought to school by **Friday 16th June**. Thank you for your support, Mrs. Petrie and The Mini Vinnie’s Leaders

Scholastic Book Club



The latest Book Club catalogue was distributed to all students on Monday. If you would like to place an order, it will need to be submitted online by **Monday 12th June**. **All orders are to be completed online.** The school office will not be accepting any orders. Once the books have been delivered to the school, they will be sorted and distributed to the students for them to bring home.



Plastic Bread Bag Collection - Recycle, Earn and Play

This year RHSports & Wonder Recycling Rewards are offering sports rewards (sporting equipment) for the collection plastic bread bags for recycling. It is a great way to help with recycling of these bags to be repurposed and used again.

The box for collection of these bread bags will be placed in the foyer near the junior yard so students can place them in the box on their way into class in the mornings.

**Bags can be from any brand of bread and PLEASE make sure the bags are clean and free of any bread crumbs when placed in the box.**

This program will run from now until 7th July so please ask your families and friends to help collect bread bags so we can be rewarded with lots of sporting equipment for our students to use at lunch time.

Please note it for **bread bags only** not all plastic bags. More information about the program can be found at the following website: [Wonder Recycling Rewards](#)



Essendon District Interschool Cross Country



On Tuesday 23rd May the St Vincents Cross Country team competed in the Essendon District Interschool Cross Country event at Aberfeldie Park.

Students from Year 4 ran 2km and students from Year 5 and 6 ran 3km.

Well done to the 34 students who competed at this event and represented St Vincent de Paul Primary School.

Congratulations to the following students who have progressed to the Divisional Cross Country on Wednesday 31st May:

Marc Vacirca, Henry Hough, Asha Hale, Xavier Menon, Micky La Vita, Marina Trevisiol, India Clutterbuck, Samuel Dean and Charles Metcalfe.

We wish them all the very best in this event!

Awards

Please find listed below the names of those students receiving awards at the assembly on **FRIDAY 2nd June 2:30pm** in the hall.

PREP BLUE	Charlie Nguyen Allira Thompson	THREE BLUE	Billy Giansiracusa Cara Bianchi-Rossi
PREP GOLD	Alana Dyer Wyatt Werner	THREE GOLD	Christian Gervasi Ruben Trimboli
PREP GREEN	Patrick Rullo Selena Ibrahim	THREE GREEN	Joshua Casaletto Matilda Pound
ONE BLUE	Margot Trotta Keenan Micevski	FOUR BLUE	Vivien Wheaton Joshua Georgiou
ONE GOLD	Aston Potenza Madeline Brigg	FOUR GOLD	Joshua Dean Lily Hegarty
ONE GREEN	Ashton Melideo Ari Azzopardi	FIVE BLUE	Ryan Shaaya Sophie Gamble
TWO BLUE	Annie Neal Olivier Mineo	FIVE GOLD	Alex Zacchei Danica Dziedzic
TWO GOLD	Michelle Iseokwema Jude McCormick	SIX BLUE	Interschool Winter Sport
TWO GREEN	Arianna Soccio Leonardo Wu	SIX GOLD	Interschool Winter Sport





Australian Girls Choir Open Day

Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir (AGC) because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform. School aged girls are invited to come along to our June Open Day to try our fun and inclusive classes and learn more about being part of the AGC! Please visit our website to register to attend our free Open Day:

<https://ausgirlschoir.com.au/joinagc>



An experience that goes far beyond the stage!

Girls blossom as members of the AGC, both on and off the stage. Your daughter will develop confidence, public speaking and presentation skills, resilience and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Our senior performers have shared the stage with a long list of artists including Hugh Jackman, Amy Shark and Kylie Minogue. We are proud to have represented Qantas for 25 years in the iconic 'I Still Call Australia Home' advertising campaigns and at hundreds of live events.

Now accepting Semester 2 enrolments for our rehearsal venues in Berwick, Box Hill, Caulfield North, Cheltenham, Essendon, Glen Waverley, Greensborough, Heidelberg, Ivanhoe, Kew, Ringwood and Yarraville.



**JOIN US AT OUR JUNE OPEN DAY**

Register now at [ausgirlschoir.com.au/joinagc](https://ausgirlschoir.com.au/joinagc) or phone 03 9859 6499

St Columba's College - Girls Day Out

School Holiday  
Visual Arts Experience

SAVE THE  
DATE

ST COLUMBA'S COLLEGE

GIRLS' DAY OUT

TUESDAY 27 JUNE

BOOKING LINK WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE  
AT THE BEGINNING OF JUNE VIA  
OUR SOCIALS.



Important Dates

MAY 2023						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 PA Meeting - 7:30pm Online	2	3 Year 3 Mass	4	5 Year 3 Assembly 2:30pm Hall	6	7
8	9 Mother's Day Stall	10 Year 2 Mass	11 Confirmation Parent Information Evening Parish Centre - 7pm	12 Mother's Day Breakfast 7:30-8:15am 8:30-9:15am	13	14 Mother's Day
15	16	17 Year 1 Mass	18 School Advisory Council Meeting	19 National Walk to School Safely Day 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 National Sorry Day Kid's Movie Night: Prep-Yr3 4:20-6:20pm Yr4-Yr6 6:40-8:45pm	27	28
29	30	31				

JUNE 2023						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			1 Hot Food Day	2 Year 1 Assembly 2:30pm Hall	3 Confirmation Masses 10am (6 Gold) & 12noon (6 Blue)	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 King's Birthday	13	14	15 School Advisory Council Meeting	16 Parent's Trivia Night	17	18
19 PA Meeting - 7:30pm Online	20	21	22	23 Prep Assembly Last day of Term 2 1:30pm finish	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

JULY 2023						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Term 3 Begins	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Year 6 Gold Mass	20 School Advisory Council Meeting	21	22	23
24 PA Meeting - 7:30pm Online	25	26 Year 6 Blue Mass	27	28 School Disco	29	30
31						