



Newsletter

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Reflection



The Year 4 students are continuing to prepare for their First Holy Communion, and we ask the school community to pray for the students at this time.

For those students receiving First Holy Communion for the first time, this is a very special occasion. The word Communion tells us something very important about the Eucharist. It tells us that when we receive Communion we are united with Jesus. That means being as close to Him as we can be. It means sharing His love and His life.

The students have been focusing on the transformation that occurs during the Mass when the bread and wine is changed into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. The students have then focused on the transformation that takes place within themselves, once they too, have received their First Holy Communion.



Prayer for the students receiving First Holy Communion:

Lord Jesus, Bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time. May it be an initial step into a life-long love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

Connection with the Last Supper to today's Mass:

At the Last Supper, Jesus thanked God for the bread and shared it with the disciples and said, "Take this and eat it. This is my body which is given for you". Then He took a full cup, thanked God for it and said, "This is my blood, which will be poured out for many people so their sins may be forgiven. Do this in memorial of me." These words are the same words spoken at our Mass today, when we celebrate the Eucharist. This is an important part of our Catholic faith, which brings us closer to God.



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Acting Principal’s Message

Last Friday was another great example of the wonderful school community that we have at St. Vincent de Paul, with the Father’s Day breakfast. There was a fantastic turnout at both the 7am and 8am sessions. Thank you once again to the Parent’s Association and especially to the Year 6 Representatives for all of your hard work and dedication in making this event successful. We hope that all of our dads enjoyed Father’s Day last Sunday.

LITTLE GEMS

On Thursday 14th September the ‘Little GEMS’ will be holding a stall at 8:30am in the Junior Yard to sell items that have been made during the term in the Passive Play area. Items include: bookmarks, pom poms, and bracelets. Please see the price list below:

- ★ Bracelets - \$1.00-\$2.00
- ★ Bookmarks - \$1.00-\$2.00

The money raised from the stall would go towards new items for the Passive Play area to be used in Term 4.



FOOTBALL COLOURS DAY

On Friday 15th September, which is the last day of term, the Student Representative Council (SRC) have organised a Football Colours Day to raise money for The Royal Children’s Hospital. The activities will be held between 9am-11am in both the Junior and Senior Yards. Activities will include: handball, kick to kick and beat the ball. If parents are available on this day between 9-11am to help with the running of the activities, please email myself at lpetrie@svstrathmore.catholic.edu.au to indicate your availability.



MACSSIS

A reminder for parents who have received an email requesting you to complete the School Improvement Survey, could you please complete the survey before September 15. The information provided by this survey helps guide the school in its planning for 2024 and beyond.

COLOUR FUN RUN

We are looking forward to the Colour Fun Run on Friday 6th October. The students will be walking/running around the outside perimeter of the school, supervised by staff and parents. The students will be ‘splashed’ with coloured powder as part of the Colour Fun Run/Walk. The aim of the Colour Fun Run/Walk is to raise funds for the Columban Mission and the work they do overseas and also for the Parents Association which use the funds to purchase resources for the school. **Please make sure that your child is wearing a white t-shirt on the day, along with shorts/tracksuit pants and running shoes from home.**

BOOK WEEK

The Book Week celebrations culminated in the Book Parade the Friday before last. It was terrific to see the children get into the spirit of the event by dressing up in their favourite book characters. Please see below for photos of the fun experienced on the day.



LEARNING CONFERENCES - SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

A reminder that on Wednesday 13th September there will be a School Closure Day as we will be having Learning Conferences. Please note that the students in Year 3-6 are expected to attend the Learning Conferences to share their learning and the Year Prep-Year 2 students are also welcome to attend their Learning Conferences, however they will be led by the classroom teachers.

CONCLUSION OF TERM 3

A reminder that Friday 15th September is the last day of term 3 and the students will be dismissed at 1:30pm. We wish all of the students a safe and happy holiday break and we look forward to seeing the students return to school on Monday 2nd October.

Laura Petrie
ACTING PRINCIPAL

Wellbeing

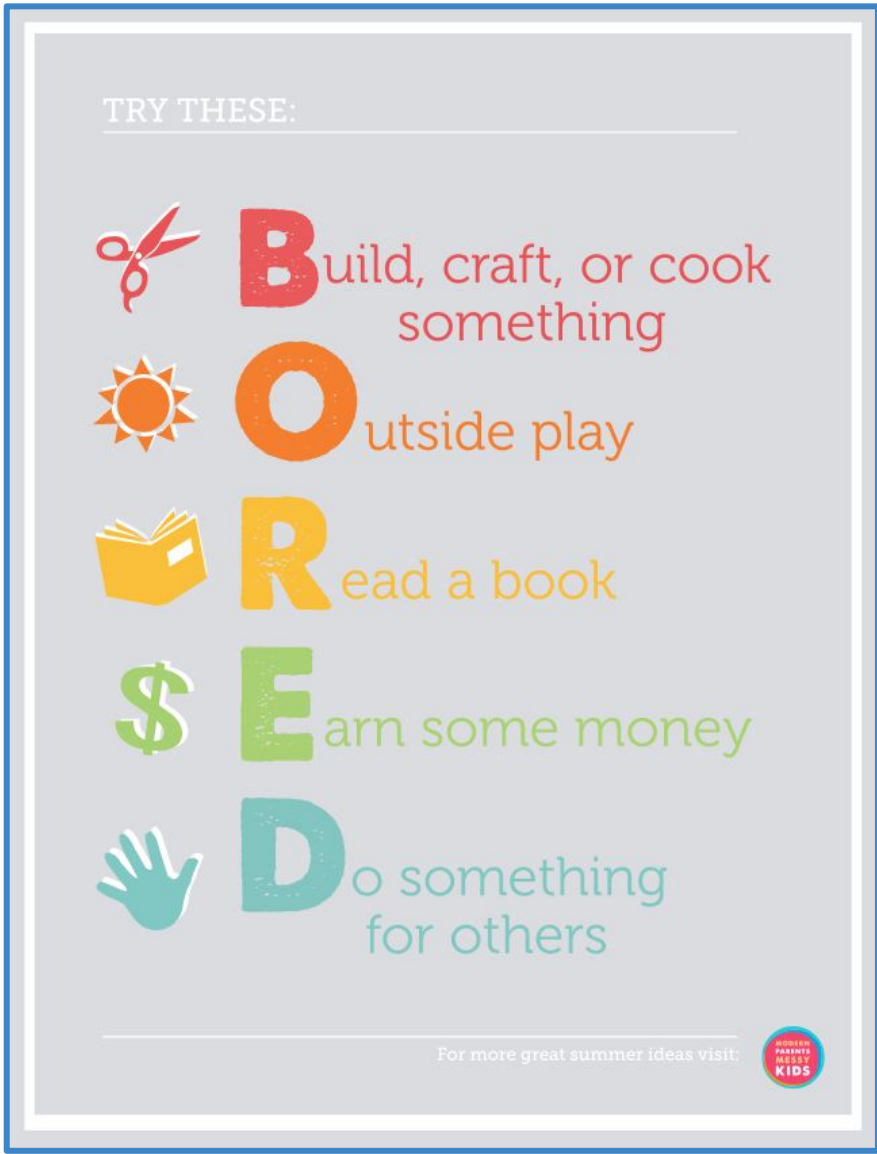
What are your plans these school holidays? If like me, you are staying in Melbourne to enjoy the first few weeks of spring, you might like some activities to complete at home. Most children enjoy the routine of school and therefore you might like to start the break by creating a schedule. This will prevent the children asking ‘What are we doing today?’ and will give them a clear structure for the holidays.

Some ideas to add to the schedule include:

- ❑ Making glow in the dark slime
- ❑ Water sponge bombs
- ❑ Rainbow toast
- ❑ DIY shoebox dollhouse
- ❑ DIY dreamcatchers
- ❑ Family puppets
- ❑ DIY I Spy bags
- ❑ Pom pom race tracks
- ❑ Puppet theatre
- ❑ Paper airplane challenge (see image below)
- ❑ DIY notebook
- ❑ Marshmallow catapult
- ❑ Pipe cleaner pets
- ❑ Life sized Angry Birds game

(Click on the Bored poster below for instructions on how to complete these activities.)

If the children complain of being bored across the break, you could print out this poster for them to refer to. This will give them suggestions on how to purposefully fill their time.



I hope you find some of these ideas helpful across the break. I would love to receive some photos of these activities if you do complete any of them.

Rebecca Glenton
Learning Diversity and Student Wellbeing Leader



Father’s Day Breakfast

“Any man can be a father, but it takes someone special to be a dad.” This quote was posted at the entrance of the Father’s Day Breakfast last week; a wonderful event hosted by our parent reps. The smell of bacon and eggs carried all the way down Woodland Street and the amazing donut wall was a huge hit! We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the fathers, those who support us each and every day and those that are no longer with us. We hope everyone enjoyed the morning and a special mention to all of the parents who helped on the day, setting up, cooking on the barbeque, serving food and cleaning up. Your help is greatly appreciated. We hope you all had a terrific day on Sunday.



Sports Update

Athletics:
Congratulations to the 12 students who represented St Vincent’s at the Divisional Athletics on Tuesday. A great effort competing in very windy conditions. The following students finished 1st or 2nd in their events and will now compete at the Western Region event in Term 4. We wish them best of luck!

- Year 5
Asha Hale - Long Jump
Pia Palmisano - 100m
Year 6
Ethan Sands - Triple Jump



Lost Property Cupboard

The lost property cupboard is overflowing and a lot of the items are unnamed making it difficult to return to the owner. Please ensure that all items are labelled with your child’s name (including clothing, food containers, drink bottles etc). Anything unclaimed by the end of term will be donated or thrown out.



Project Compassion

**CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION
PRESENTED TO**
St Vincent De Paul Primary School

THANK YOU.
Your generosity during Project Compassion this year will support our neighbours worldwide, empowering the most vulnerable people to build a just future for their families and communities.

Kirsty Robertson
Caritas Australia CEO

Gwen Wickham
Community Representative

End poverty
Promote justice
Uphold dignity

caritas.org.au/project-compassion 1800 024 413 #projectcompassion

Dear St Vincent De Paul Primary School,

On behalf of Caritas Australia and the communities we support, thank you to your staff, students, parents and whole community, for all their support of Project Compassion in 2023!

Your compassion in action will allow real change in the lives of our most vulnerable brothers and sisters. Your kindness and partnership will help us to stand in solidarity with communities who face the challenges of poverty and ecological injustice. It is the passion and spirit of our supporters across Australia whose generosity of heart enables us to have our hands and feet in marginalised communities across the world.

Thank you so much for your support, it is very much appreciated.

Term 4, 2023 - Chess Club at St Vincent de Paul PS

SPECIALISED CHESS COACHING

Since 2002, we have been providing our popular Chess For Schools program in schools throughout Melbourne and Greater Geelong.

How can chess benefit your child?

Educational: Improved IQ, critical thinking, concentration, analytical skills, memory.
Social: Develop new friendships, social interaction skills, sportsmanship.
Emotional: Confidence, self esteem, resilience through winning/losing games.

CLASS STRUCTURE:

Different lessons are taught each week from a structured syllabus ranging from tactics, strategies, master openings, traps & special moves. After the lesson children are paired up in a fun tournament playoff. Prizes are awarded to the top 3 players at end of term.

[BOOK HERE](#) ➡ [CHESSFORSCHOOLS.COM.AU](https://chessforschools.com.au)

'Children love attending Phil's chess classes as he actively fosters their sense of wellbeing and motivation to learn more'.

*Rob Horwood Principal,
Stella Maris Primary, Beaumaris.*

CLASS DETAILS - ST VINCENT DE PAUL PRIMARY

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	DATES	COST
Mondays	1:40 - 2:20pm	Library	9 Oct to 11 Dec	\$135 per child/per term

Vic Soccer Clinics 2023

SENSATIONAL SPRING CLINICS 2023

FREE SOCCER BALL FOR EACH PARTICIPANT!

As a follow up to the Magnificent Matilda's tremendous performance at Soccer's World Cup, we are delighted to offer our clinics for 4-12 year old children!

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. Clinics begin on Saturday the 14th of October 2023.

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

TERM 4 CLINICS BEGIN SAT. OCT 14th 2023

METHOD OF PAYMENT
Payment on first day of clinic 14/10/2023
Cheque or Cash \$150
Please register by Friday 13/10
to secure your child's place in the clinic.

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.

St Christopher's Junior Basketball Club

JOIN OUR CLUB!

EST. 1970

SUMMER SEASON 2023/2024

ST CHRISTOPHER'S JUNIOR BASKETBALL CLUB

Girls and boys teams
Under 8s (born 2017) to Under 20s (born 2005)
Keilor Basketball Association competition

Develop team skills and make new friends
All levels of experience welcome

**REGISTER BY
FRIDAY 8 SEPTEMBER**

stchristophersjbc.com.au/new-players

St Columba's College - Girls Day Out

OPEN TO GRADE 4 GIRLS

SPEND THE DAY GETTING HANDS ON IN OUR STEAM LAB.

BOOKING LINK WILL BE AVAILABLE VIA FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM IN THE COMING WEEKS.

Important Dates

SEPTEMBER 2023						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				1 Father's Day Breakfast Year 3 Assembly 2:30pm Hall	2	3
4	5	6 Year 5 Camp	7 Year 5 Camp	8 Year 5 Camp	9	10
11	12	13 School Closure Day Learning Conferences	14	15 Football Colours Day Last day of Term 3 1:30pm finish	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

OCTOBER 2023						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
						1 Daylight Saving Starts
2 Term 4 Begins	3	4 St Vincent de Paul Feast Day Celebration	5	6 Colour Fun Run	7 Sacrament of Holy Communion 6pm	8 Sacrament of Holy Communion 9:30am
9	10	11 Year 3 Blue Mass - Cancelled (Changed to 30th August)	12 Hot Food Day	13 Year 2 Assembly	14 Sacrament of Holy Communion 6pm	15 Sacrament of Holy Communion 9:30am
16	17	18 Year 2 Gold Mass	19 School Advisory Council Meeting	20 Nominations for School Advisory Council OPEN	21	22
23 Second Hand Uniform Sale 2:30pm-4:00pm School Hall	24	25 Year 2 Blue Mass	26 Art Show 3:30pm	27 Year 1 Assembly	28	29
30	31					

NOVEMBER 2023						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		1 Year 2 Green Mass	2 Music Soiree	3	4	5
6 School Closure Day	7 Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday	8 Year 1 Gold Mass Prep 2024 Information Evening	9 Whole School Athletics Day	10 Prep Assembly Nominations for School Advisory Council CLOSE	11 Remembrance Day	12
13	14	15 Year 1 Blue Mass Parents Association AGM	16 School Advisory Council Meeting	17	18 Year 2 and Year 5 Family Mass - 6pm	19
20	21	22 Prep 2024 Orientation Year 1 Green Mass	23	24 Parents Night Out 7pm	25	26
27	29	29 Prep Mass	30 Christmas Carols			



Wednesday 13th September - Pupil Free Day

TheirCare will be running a pupil free day on Wednesday 13th September from 7am-6pm in the school hall. Breakfast will be served until 8:15am on this day.

As we are a **NUT FREE ZONE**, we kindly ask not to send sandwiches or other snack foods that contain nuts to the service this including (muesli bars, Nutella snacks, kinder chocolates etc). If nut items are found in your child's lunchbox they will be removed and not able to be consumed.

What to bring?

- Lunchbox with fruits and nut free snacks as well as some lunch
- Drink Bottle
- Closed toe shoes are to be worn.
- Casual clothes may be worn on this day.

We also ask parents to please leave any special toys at home to prevent things getting lost or mixed up with other children's items.

TERM 4 SUN SMART POLICY

With Term 4 fast approaching we would like to remind families to bring a hat that is not a cap labelled with your child/ children's name that can be left at the service.

50+ sunscreen is always at the service and is provided to the children when going outdoors. If your child requires a specific sunscreen such as sensitive or a specific brand, we ask for parents to please provide this in your child's bag throughout the term.