



Newsletter

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Reflection

Catholic Education Week 2024

In the light of Christ | Sunday 10 March to Sunday 17 March

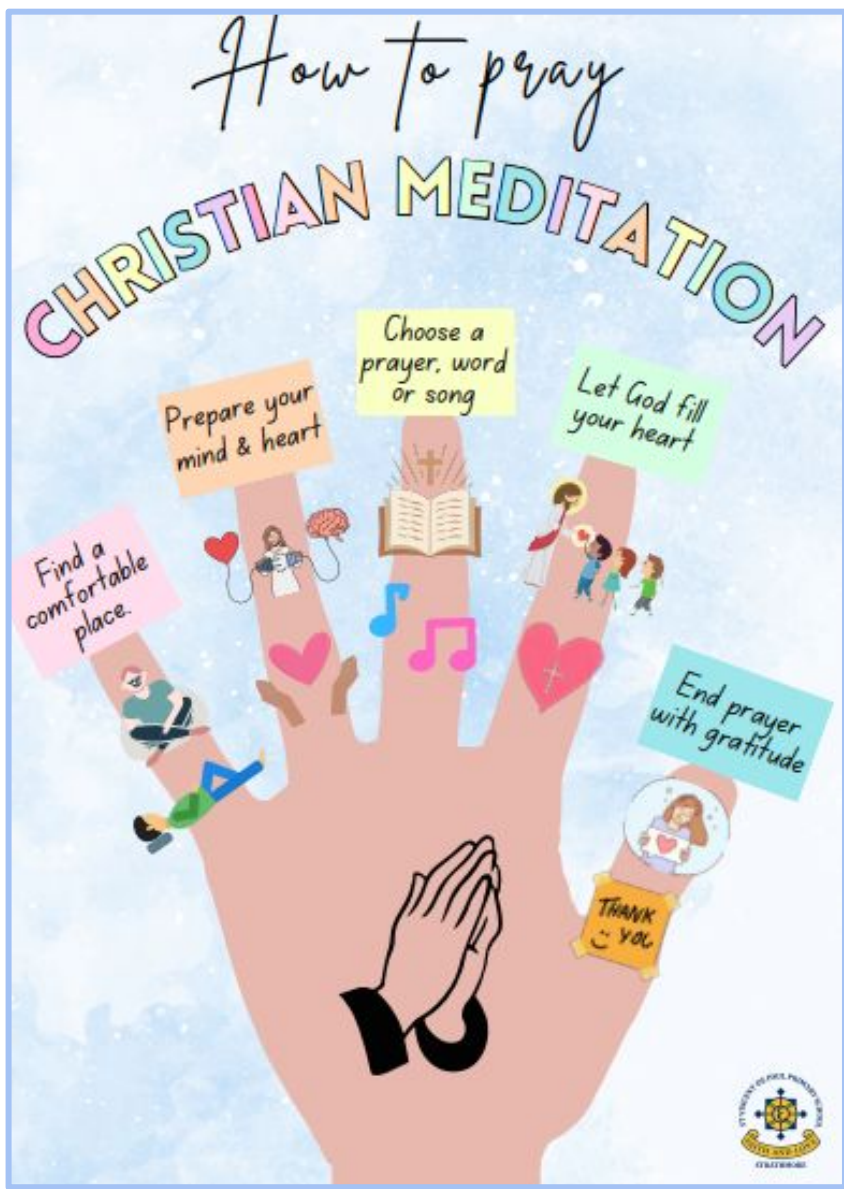
This year’s theme, ‘In the light of Christ’ is drawn from the Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools strategic plan, MACS 2030: Forming Lives to Enrich the World.

Catholic Education Week is an opportunity for all Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne to celebrate their Catholic identity, the pivotal role they play within their local community and the strength of the sector.

There are many things that we would like to celebrate about being a Catholic school. The focus at our school to begin our year has been on prayer, based on Pope Francis’s call for 2024 to be a year of prayer, in preparation for the Church’s 2025 Jubilee Year.

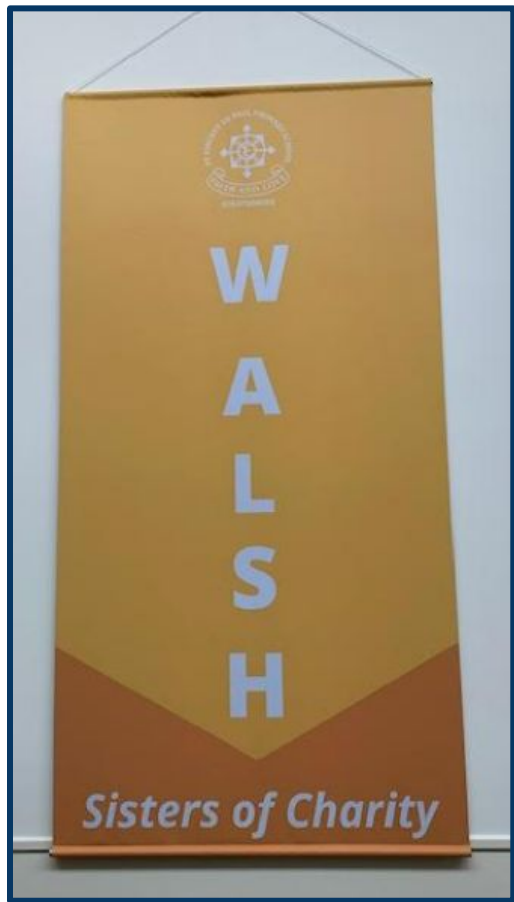
We have been focusing on Christian Meditation as a way to pray. The teachers and students have been spending time learning about the different elements involved in Christian Meditation and how we can build our relationship with God by being present in prayer.

Please speak with your child about the ways that they have been experiencing prayer at school and how this can also be included in prayer at home.



Let's Celebrate!

Let’s celebrate our Catholic Identity at St. Vincent de Paul by...sharing our symbols and signs of our Catholic faith throughout our school. Please make sure you come and have a look at our new Sisters of Charity House Banners located in the school corridor! They look fantastic!



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Principal’s Message

PREP & YEAR 6 FAMILY PICNIC

It was great to see so many of our Prep and Year 6 families at the BBQ last week. The Year 6 children showed their leadership skills by introducing their Prep buddies family to their own family.
Thank you to the Parents Association for providing the BBQ dinner for all the families.

RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to all those children from Year 3 who celebrated the Sacrament of Penance (the Rite of Reconciliation) last Tuesday and Thursday. Although the children were a little nervous about this step in their faith development they approached the sacrament with confidence having been prepared by their teachers and family.
Thank you to the families and to Ms. Elam. Ms Spiller, Mrs Rahill, Ms Ellul and Mrs Petrie for their work in preparing the children.

CLOSURE DAY

Last week the staff worked with Glen Pearsall, an educational consultant, on creating a sustainable coaching model for staff to work with. Glen explored a number of High Impact Teaching Strategies (HITS) which can be incorporated into teachers and LSOs repertoire of techniques to enhance the children’s learning.

The school will continue to work with Glen at staff meetings this year and next year to embed the coaching model in the school’s practices.

YEAR 6 CAMP

Yesterday I visited the Year 6 children at their camp at Campaspe Downs near Kyneton. They were keen to share their experiences of the activities they had been involved in over the 2 days and were thoroughly enjoying their time.
The feedback from the camp staff and our school staff was glowing of the children’s behaviour, enthusiasm and participation.

CODE OF CONDUCT

One of the many policies the school has is the Parent/ Guardian/Carer Code of Conduct. This policy provides clear guidelines to all parents and visitors regarding the conduct expected of them while on the school premises, engaging in school-related activities or representing the school.
This is to help ensure the school maintains a respectful learning environment that is safe, positive and supportive for all students, staff and visitors of the school.

Please take the time to familiarize yourself with the policy which is attached to this newsletter.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This year our Stations of the Cross will be held on Wednesday, March 27. At this important event each grade takes on the responsibility of presenting one of the Stations of the Cross. This is one of our school traditions and gives all in our community a chance to reflect on Easter and the sacrifice Jesus made.
The event will commence at 11:50am 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.



PREP 2025 ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS

A reminder that Prep 2025 enrolment applications close on March 27. Prep enrolment packs are available from the school office or online ([Prep 2025 Enrolment Information](#)).

LEARNING CONFERENCES

This year the learning conferences will be held on March 26 and will be an opportunity for parents to receive feedback on their children’s progress. Children are expected to attend the learning conferences with their parent(s). 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.
The school will be closed on this day with the learning conferences beginning at 11:00am and concluding at 6:00pm. Details on how to book for the conferences was sent out via the Audiri app on Monday February 26.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

This week we celebrate Catholic Education Week.
The week is an opportunity for our school to join all 334 Catholic schools in the Archdiocese to celebrate our distinctive Catholic identity, our achievements, and the role our school plays within our parish and local communities.
The theme for this year’s celebrations is ‘In the light of Christ’ Catholic education seeks to provide students with a high-quality education that is inspired by the example of Jesus Christ and fosters the development of the whole person, forming individuals with more than just skills, but with the values and virtues to live life as transformative agents in our communities.

Shane Byrne
PRINCIPAL

Harmony Week

Harmony Week is coming up on March 18 to March 24 2024. Harmony Week is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

Australia is one of the world’s most successful multicultural countries and our cultural diversity is at the heart of who we are.

On Thursday 21st March, we invite all students and staff to wear a touch of orange to school. This might be an orange t-shirt, an orange pair of socks, an orange cap or ribbon in their hair.

We will be celebrating Harmony Week across the school and we look forward to sharing our experiences with you in the next newsletter.

You might like to celebrate Harmony Week at home and below are some suggested ideas for home:

- 1.Cook foods from around the world
- 2.Learn some words from another language
- 3.Discuss your own family history
- 4.Host a family quiz on flags around the world
- 5.Listen to music from other countries
- 6.Read a story set in another country
- 7.Watch a movie from another country
- 8.Investigate where the names in your family come from
- 9.See how many orange coloured foods you can eat across the week
- 10.Share your Harmony week activities with Ms Glenton!



Rebecca Glenton
Learning Diversity and Wellbeing Leader

2024 Term 1 School Fees

A reminder that Term 1 school fees were due on Friday 8th March.
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.

Walk to School Initiative - MOVE IN MARCH

St Vincent de Paul Primary School has signed up to participate in MOVE IN MARCH, along with many other schools in Moonee Valley.

MOVE IN MARCH encourages all school kids to walk, ride, scoot or catch public transport to and from school. It’s a great way to help students learn healthy habits and achieve the recommended 60 minutes a day physical activity, every day.

Along with these benefits, walking and riding to school reduces congestion around the school, saves on parking and helps the environment. So, it’s great for the whole school community.

Therefore, we at St Vincent de Paul Primary School are encouraging all students to walk, ride, scoot or catch public transport to and from school as many times as possible during the month of March.

Once you get to school don’t forget to record your walk, ride, or scoot on the calendars in your classroom, so we can record the highest participation rate in Moonee Valley.

Students have been given a Challenge Card, and each time you walk, ride, scoot or catch public transport to or from school you have completed one challenge. Once you have completed all the challenges on the card, you can drop it off at the School Office, and you will then go into the draw for many great prizes including:

- 10 x \$100 Rebel sports store vouchers
- Ascot Vale Leisure Centre family passes
- Keilor East Leisure Centre family passes
- Queens Park Pool family passes
- 50 water bottles.

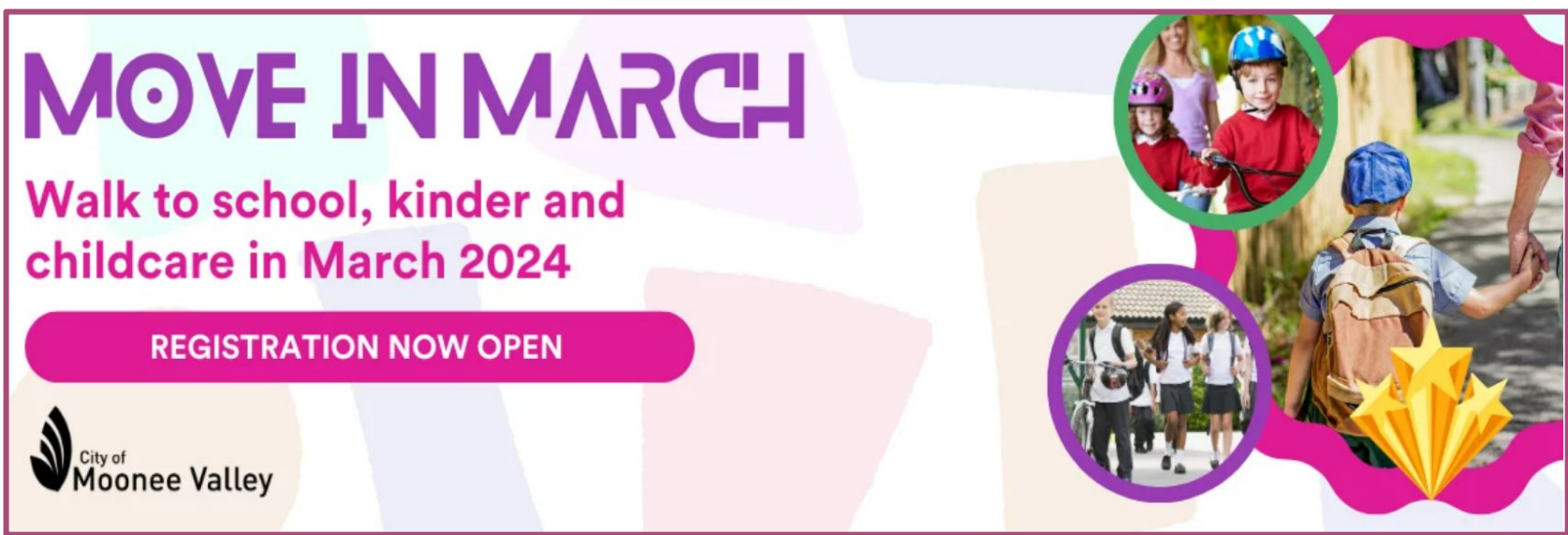
Walking part of the way is ok too!!

You can still participate if you live too far to walk all the way, just park a few blocks away from the school or at the Park and Walk location and walk part of the way to and from school!

For more information contact St Vincent de Paul Primary School.

To plan your route to school, check out Moonee Valleys school maps, just enter our schools name in the search button and it will show you our Active Path routes to school, School Crossings and Walking School Bus routes

<https://mvcc.vic.gov.au/live/my-neighbourhood/schools/>



SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS COMING UP SOON

ORDER NOW

School: St. Vincent de Paul Primary School

Date of photography: 20/03/2024

Place order by: 30/03/2024

HOW TO ORDER



OPTION 1 ORDER AND PAY ONLINE USING YOUR MOBILE



Scan this QR code using your mobile phone camera to go straight to your school's package options and order photos

OPTION 2 ORDER AND PAY ONLINE USING YOUR COMPUTER



Go to www.advancedlife.com.au and enter your school's 9 digit order code

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Should you have any questions please contact us at
www.advancedlife.com.au/contact

Awards

Please find listed below the names of those students receiving awards at the assembly on **FRIDAY 22nd March at 2:25pm** in the hall.



PREP BLUE	Hudson Melideo Ana Dos Santos	THREE GOLD	Eamon McFetridge Isabelle Alcide
PREP GOLD	Aria Cimino Nicholas Caruso	THREE GREEN	Will Favaro Kyah Watts
PREP GREEN	Carter Vitali Eva Colombi	FOUR BLUE	Max Gamble Grace Russell
ONE BLUE	Leila Diseris Jonathan Karogiannis	FOUR GOLD	Lincoln Cairns Emma Bristow
ONE GOLD	Lachlan Schmidt Allira Thompson	FOUR GREEN	James Laverde Sia Sidhu
TWO BLUE	Zoe Macheda William McKinley	FIVE BLUE	Elen Kalaskanis Henry Hough
TWO GOLD	Austin Saliba Matilda Duncan	FIVE GOLD	Isabelle Sanza Mason Farrugia
TWO GREEN	Evie Abela Archer Abela	SIX BLUE	Xavier Menon Katherine Bernyk
THREE BLUE	Eamonn Williams Scarlett Attard	SIX GOLD	Madeleine Colarossi Rivers Haydon-Callegari

2024 School Closure Days

- ❖ Tuesday 26th March (Learning Conferences)
- ❖ Tuesday 20th August
- ❖ Wednesday 18th September (Learning Conferences)
- ❖ Monday 4th November
- ❖ Thursday 5th December

2024 Term Dates

TERM 1

Tuesday 30th January (Prep)
Thursday 1st February (Yr 1–Yr 6) – Thursday 28th March
(Note: Easter 29th March - 1st April)

TERM 2

Monday 15th April – Friday 28th June
(Note: ANZAC Day – Thursday 25th April)

TERM 3

Monday 15th July – Friday 20th September

TERM 4

Monday 7th October – Tuesday 17th December

St Bernard's College - Auskick



St Vincent's We want you!



14 sessions starting 20 April 2024
9:30am - 11:00am Saturdays
St Bernard's College ovals
All ages from 4 - 10 years

Experienced coaches, weekly prizes,
Marvel stadium games (TBC) & more



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St Bernard's Junior Football Club - Season 2024



REGISTER NOW FOR ST BERNARD'S SEASON 2024 OPEN



Girls and Boys
U/9-U/16

Included in your registration

- Training Top
- Personalised drink bottle
- Friday night dinners after training

Important Dates

MARCH 2024						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				1 Year 5 Gala Day Zooper Doopers	2	3
4	5 Prep 2024 School Tour 9:30am/12:30pm Reconciliation Ceremony 3:45-5:30pm Prep/Year 6 BBQ 6-8pm	6 School Closure Day	7 Prep 2024 School Tour 9:30am/12:30pm Reconciliation Ceremony 3:45-5:30pm	8 Zooper Doopers Year 5 Assembly 2:25pm	9	10 Catholic Education Week 10-17 March Theme: In the light of Christ
11 Labour Day	12 Year 6 Camp 2024 Prep Info/Parent Helper Workshop 6-7pm (Hall)	13 Year 6 Camp NAPLAN Year 4 Mass 10am	14 Year 6 Camp NAPLAN School Advisory Council Meeting	15 Year 6 Camp NAPLAN Zooper Doopers	16	17
18	19	20 School Photo Day	21 Harmony Day	22 Hot Food Day - Pizza Year 4 Assembly 2:25pm	23	24
25	26 Learning Conferences (School Closure Day)	27 Stations of the Cross 11:30am-1:30pm Prep Enrolment Applications Close	28 Easter Raffle 12 noon Last day of Term 1 1:30pm finish	29 Good Friday	30 Holy Saturday	31 Easter Sunday

APRIL 2024						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Easter Monday	2 Easter Tuesday	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Term 2 Begins	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 PA Meeting 7:30pm Online	23	24 Year 3 Mass 10am	25 ANZAC DAY	26	27	28
29	30					

MAY 2024						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		1 Year 2 Mass 10am	2 Confirmation Parent Info Evening 7pm	3	4	5
6	7 Mother's Day Stall	8 Year 1 Mass 10am	9 School Advisory Council Meeting	10 Mother's Day Breakfast	11	12
13	14	15 Prep & Year 6 Mass 10am	16	17	18 Prep & Year 6 Family Mass 6pm	19
20	21	22	23	24 Movie Night	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



Pupil Free Day Tuesday 26th March

We will be running a pupil free day in the hall on Tuesday 26th March. Care will be provided from 7am-6pm. Please wear casual clothes and bring snack, lunch, hat and a drink bottle. Breakfast will be available until 8.00am and a small snack will be provided at 4.00pm for afternoon tea.

Technology and Smart watches are not permitted during service hours, if you can please ensure that these items are kept at home. If you need to contact your child at any time, please feel free to call us on our service phone 0474 007 664.

Autumn Holiday Program (New Service now available)

Bookings are now open for the upcoming holiday program commencing on the 2nd of April. Please note St Vincent De Paul students can now attend our new venue at PASCOE VALE SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL, 411-429 Reynard Street, Pascoe Vale South. The school has an amazing space and is approximately a 3 minute drive from St. Vincent De Paul. We advise that you book your child ASAP for availability.

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. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to call us on 0474 007 664.

We have had such a great term so far meeting lots of new faces!

Lisa – Coordinator