



Newsletter

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Reflection



As the Year 6 students continue to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation we focus our thoughts on what the Sacrament of Confirmation means.

Confirmation is a Catholic Sacrament of mature Christian commitment and a deepening of baptismal gifts. Confirmation perfects our baptism and brings us the graces of the Holy Spirit that were granted to the Apostles on Pentecost Sunday. It is most often associated with the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. Confirmation is a true sacrament instituted by Christ. It is administered by laying-on of hands and anointing with chrism, accompanied by prayer. The chrism is blessed by the Bishop and the Bishop administers the Sacrament.

A list of some of the gifts of the Holy Spirit:

Wisdom, Understanding, Right Judgment, Courage, Knowledge, Reverence, Wonder and Awe.



A list of some of the fruits of the Holy Spirit:

Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Generosity, Gentleness, Faithfulness, Self-control.



A prayer for those students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation:

“Creator Spirit, strengthen these children with your gifts of grace, to love and serve as a disciple of Christ. Grant that they may grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ. Fill them with the joy of your presence. Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of love, patience and gentleness, the spirit of wonder and true holiness.”
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



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Principal's Message

SCHOOL CONCERT

Preparations for the School Concert are well underway with the 2 performances scheduled for July 22 & 23. The venue for the concert is The Clock Tower Centre located at 750 Mt Alexander Rd, Moonee Ponds VIC 3039.

The concert on July 22 will be performed by those children in Gold and Red team colours. The concert on July 23 will be performed by those children in Green and Blue team colours. The title of the concert is The Inquiry Project and the following description outlines the focus of the performance:

A teacher sets a task for her students during an inquiry lesson. They are to create an original dance by researching different dance styles. The students will explore different cultures, dance styles and grow as a team. The Year 6 students will play a key role in this production after being assigned a dance concept they don't like. As they struggle to work together they realise they need to look elsewhere for inspiration. This takes them on a journey of discovery, observing the younger year levels. Then, as a team they create an amazing final dance using their own spin on partner dancing and incorporating other styles of dance into their final routine.

Tickets go on sale on May 28 and are purchased through the Clocktower online. Initially families will be restricted to 4 tickets and once the school has ensured that every family has had the opportunity to purchase tickets, the school will release any remaining tickets. The cost of tickets is \$25 each. The children performing on the night do not require a ticket. More details on how to purchase tickets will be available in the next newsletter.



WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM

Now that the weather has cooled we expect that all children will be in their winter school uniform. If a child is out of uniform for any reason we ask that you inform your child's classroom teacher.

CONFIRMATION

This term the children in Year 6 and other children from the parish will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. The masses will take place on June 1 at 10:00am and 12 noon. Bishop Terry Curtin will lead the mass together with Fr. Tony. The children have been preparing for the sacrament since last term and part of the preparation involves an evening session for parents facilitated by Jude Caspersz tonight in the hall. We ask that you keep the children and their families in your prayers as they prepare for this important step in their faith journey.

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

The school community is looking forward to celebrating Mother's Day at next week's Mother's Day breakfast. Thank you in advance to those who will be involved in helping organising this important event and acknowledging the incredible role that mothers play in the lives of their families. We hope that all mothers have a wonderful day being spoilt by their families and are recognised for the sacrifices they make for each member of their family. We are really encouraging any father's who can help out on the day to please sign up on the link contained in the Parents Association newsletter. If any mum's want to sign up their husbands/partners to help out please go right ahead!

INTERSCHOOL SPORTS

The children in Year 6 and some children from Year 5 begin winter interschool sports tomorrow. The sports will be played at Boeing Reserve (football), Cross Keys Reserve (soccer & T-Ball) and netball (school). We are again able to use the Cross Keys Reserve after lobbying from our School Advisory Council and the support of our local council member, Ava Adams. We have been unable to use this facility since 2018 so thank you to the School Advisory Council for their work in securing the use of this facility.

SCHOOL FETE

The school fete for this year is locked into the calendar with Saturday, November 23 being the big day. We ask that you mark this in your calendar because we need the support of everyone on this day to make it the successful event that it has been in the past. There are some details contained in today's Parents Association newsletter and more will follow in the coming weeks.

RESILIENCE PROJECT PARENT NIGHT

The Resilience Project Parent webinar is scheduled for June 4 at 6:30pm. This is an online presentation. Please mark this in your diaries as the feedback from parents from previous sessions confirms that this can be very beneficial to supporting your child's wellbeing.

The 60 minute presentation gives parents/carers the opportunity to reflect on their family's digital wellbeing. They will explore practical tips and strategies to create healthy habits around screen time to positively impact relationships and strengthen connections within the home.

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

Principal's Message (cont...)

Throughout this presentation parents and carers will:

- Gain insight into the latest research around family screen time and its impact on individual and collective wellbeing in the home.
- Be provided with ideas and strategies to enhance their own digital wellbeing to role model for their family.
- Feel equipped to support their children's device usage with practical strategies without screen shaming, banning or removing devices.

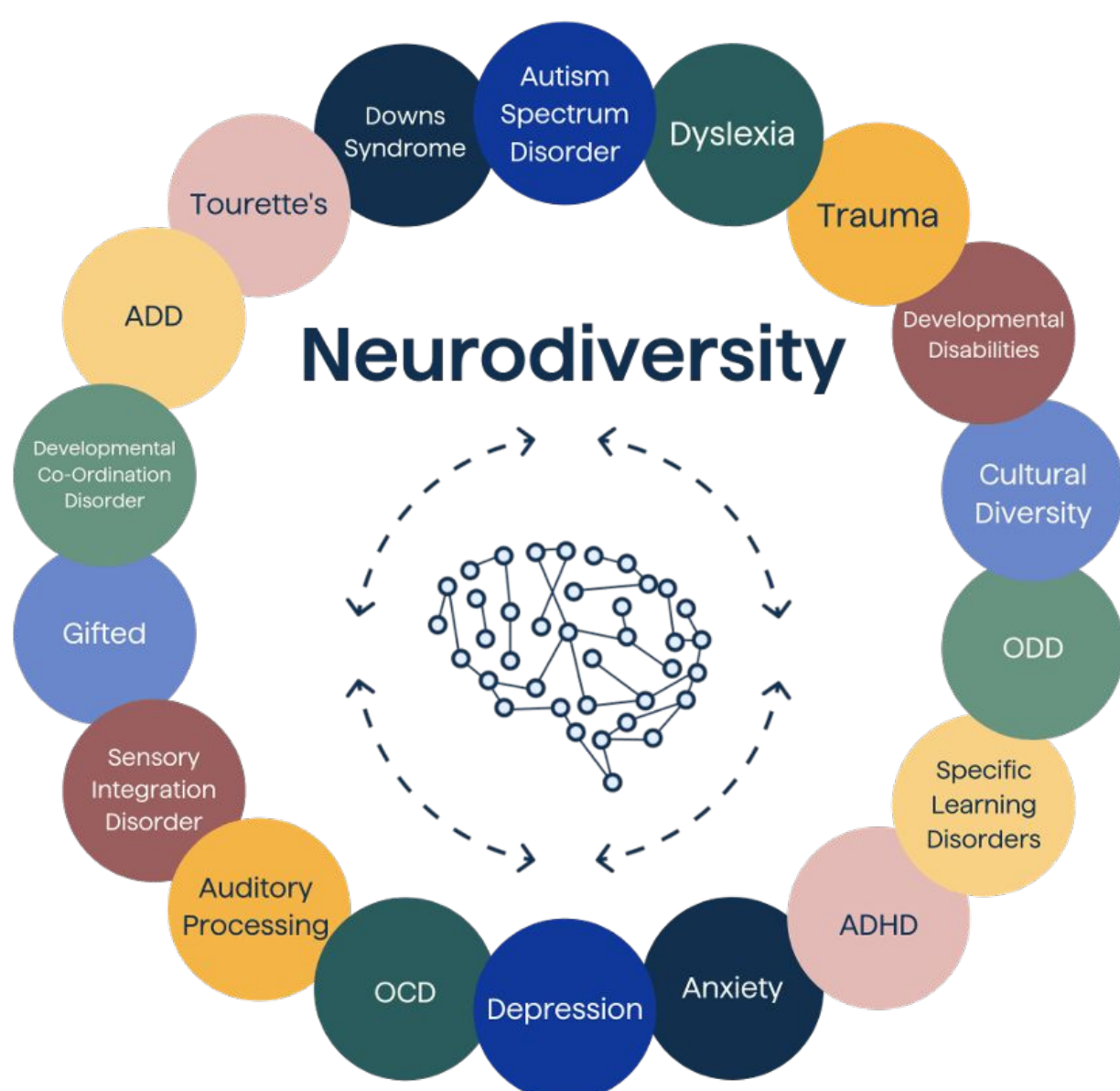
Shane Byrne
PRINCIPAL

Neurodiversity

When it comes to inclusion, neurodiversity refers to a world where neurological differences are recognised and respected as all other human variations.

Depending on how our brains are wired, we think, move, process information and communicate in different ways. Many people in our community use neurodiversity as an umbrella term used to describe alternative thinking styles such as Dyslexia, DCD (Dyspraxia), Dyscalculia, Autism and ADHD. But regardless of labels, neurodiversity is about recognising those who think differently. And no matter whether you are a school, university or organisation you can benefit from different thinkers!

Approximately 15-20% of population has a neurological difference. Instead of labelling people with deficits or disorders, when we use the term neurodiversity, we take a balanced view of an individual's unique strengths and challenges. Many 'challenges' neurodivergent people face are more to do with the environment and systems they are placed in, often designed by a majority population.



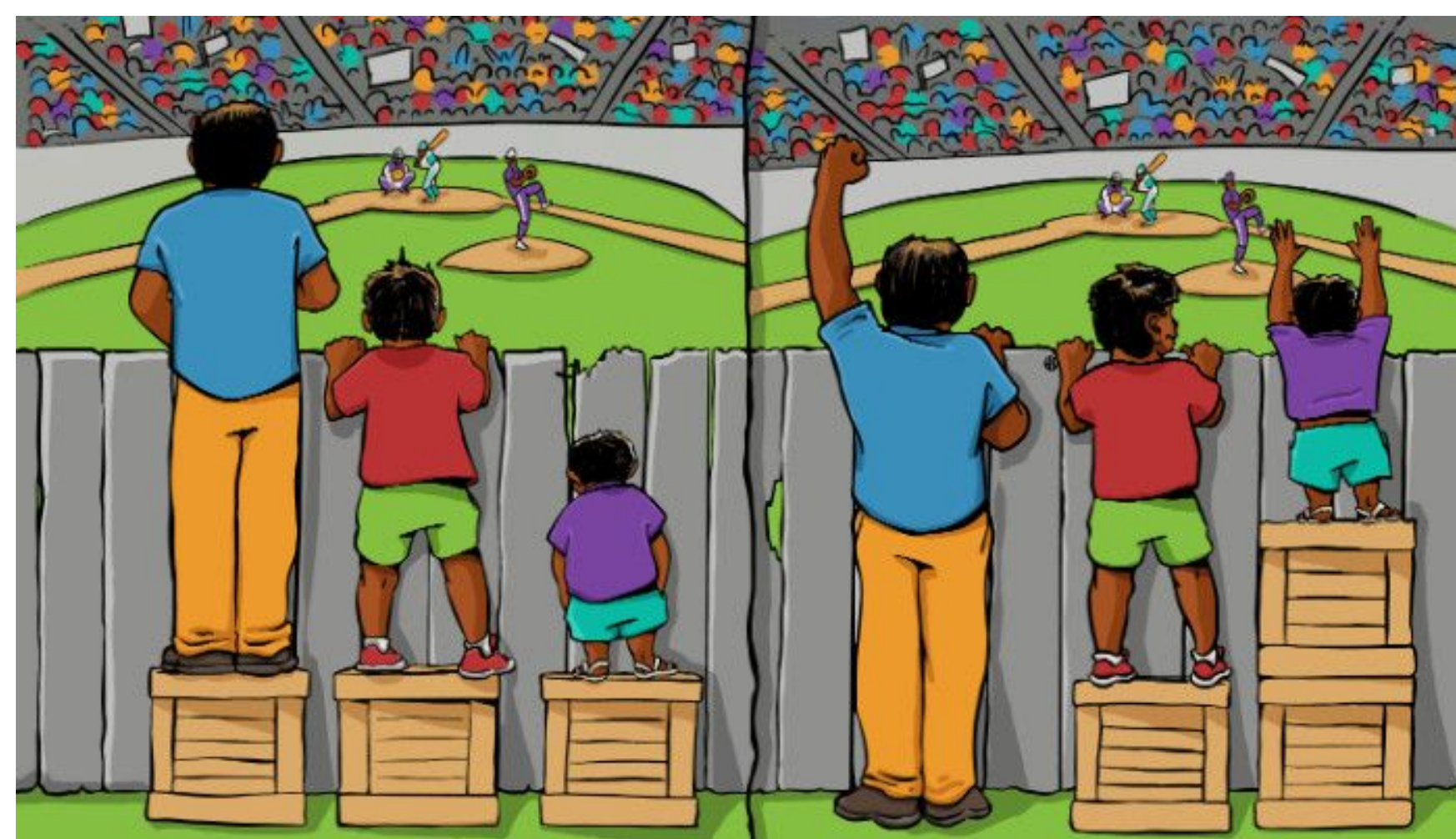
Did you know that:

- No two people are the same and so we will all have different profiles
- Although we talk about specific neuro differences such as Autism and Dyslexia, the reality is that these can co-occur
- Every neurodivergent individual has a unique pattern of strengths and challenges

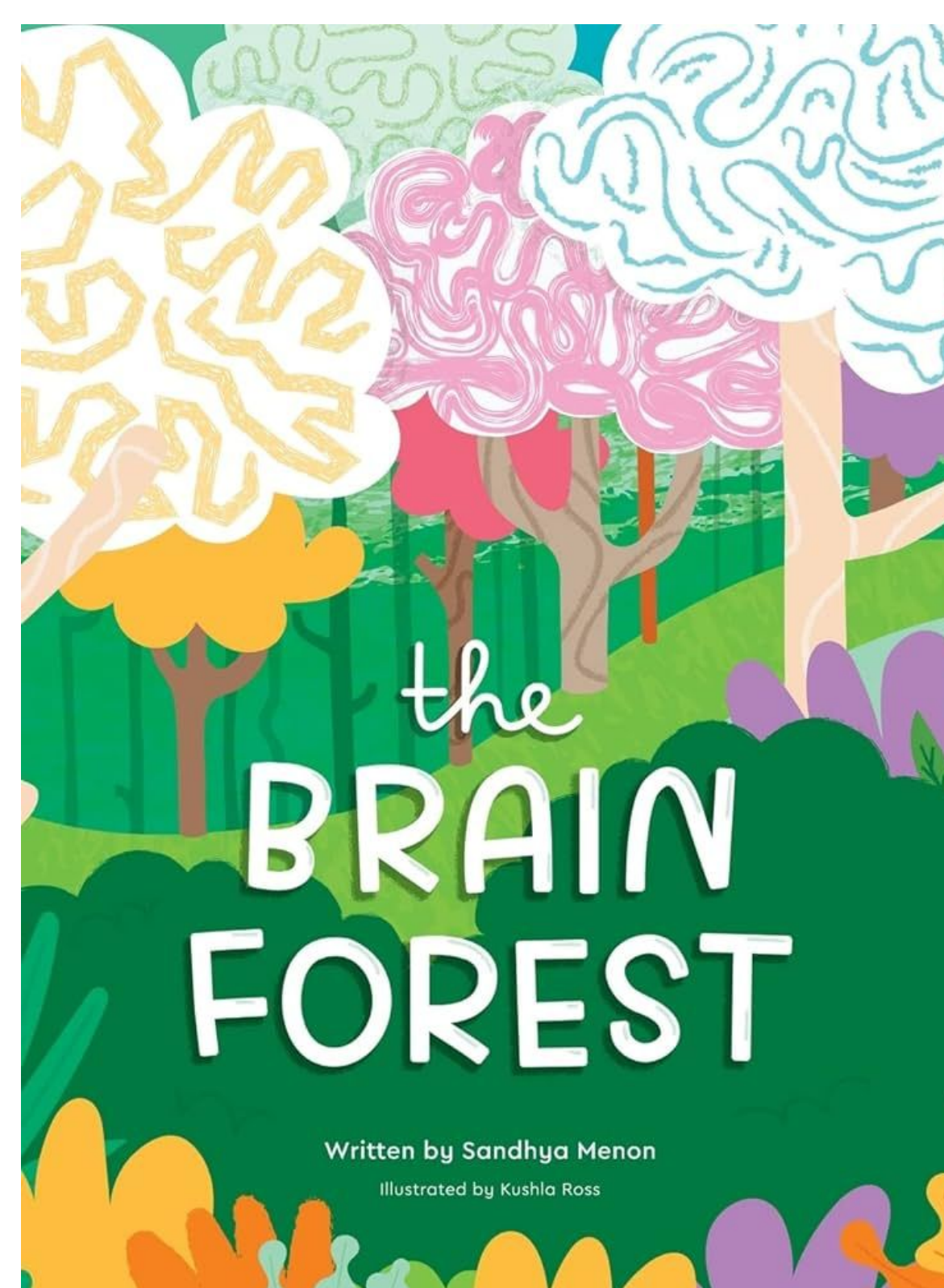
Neurodiversity (cont...)

- We tend to operate on an approach to diagnosis and labels which can mean that quite often the focus is on the challenges rather than the many strengths and talents of neurodivergent individuals
- It is important that we take a person-centred approach, by tailoring strategies to each individual
- It is important to harness the strengths and talents of neurodivergent individuals, this helps to build confidence and self-esteem, and ensures individuals are given the opportunity to flourish in their day-to-day

The image below helps us all to understand neurodiversity and how we, as teachers, need to make adjustments in the classroom to ensure all students have a fair access to education. We also need to educate the children to ensure they understand that everyone is different and these different strengths should be celebrated.



The picture story book below is a great way to begin the conversation of neurodiversity with your children.



Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions about neurodiversity and the adjustments and accommodations that we make in schools.

Rebecca Glenton
Learning Diversity and Student Wellbeing Leader

Chess Classes - Term 2, 2024



TERM 2, 2024 - REGISTER NOW @
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SPECIALISED CHESS COACHING

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




'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.

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

CLASS DETAILS - ST VINCENT DE PAUL PRIMARY

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	DATES	COST
Mondays	1:40 - 2:20pm	Library	22 Apr to 17 Jun	\$138 per child/per term

"Alex loves chess club and gets very upset if he misses a session. His chess has definitely improved and his teacher, Anita feels that it helps with his math in class in terms of concepts and thinking. Keep up the great work!" **Katrina Lambert: Hampton Primary School**

<https://chessforschools.com.au/>

2024 Term 2 School Fees

A reminder that Term 2 school fees are due on Friday 24th May. For details please refer to the statement that was emailed on 12th February 2024. 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.

2024 School Closure Days

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

2024 Term Dates

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

Move On Mondays - Move and Win Challenge

St Vincent de Paul Primary School is participating in Move on Mondays this year! Join in each Monday, students are encouraged to walk, ride, scoot, or skate to and from school every day but especially on a Monday. Let your teacher know when you have walked, rode, or scooted to or from school each Monday, so they can enter your walk, ride or scoot into the challenge that will be totalled at the end of each term to go into the prize draw. There is one \$100 Hart Sports voucher up for grabs every term!

If you live further away, part-way is okay! You can use our Park and Walk locations or park a few streets away to still join in on the challenge each Monday. Find the best walking and cycling routes using the Better Moves Around Schools map on Council's website: [Getting to and from school safely - Moonee Valley City Council \(mvcc.vic.gov.au\)](http://Getting to and from school safely - Moonee Valley City Council (mvcc.vic.gov.au))



MOVE ON MONDAYS

Walk, ride, scoot or skate to school every Monday this year

MOVE AND WIN CHALLENGE

City of Moonee Valley

Awards

Please find listed below the names of those students receiving awards at the assembly on **FRIDAY 10th May 2:25 pm** in the hall.

PREP BLUE	Clara Pantano Hugh Watson	THREE GOLD	Blaire Naim Logan Nguyen
PREP GOLD	Imogen Metcalf Kosta Diseris	THREE GREEN	Jordan Liu Alexis Abela
PREP GREEN	Rosie Pham Dante Muscat	FOUR BLUE	Nerija Skimbirauskas Christian Barkho
ONE BLUE	Eleanor Anderson Archer Drapos	FOUR GOLD	Evie Macheda Luke Hale
ONE GOLD	Xavier Echeverria Lachlan Bugryn	FOUR GREEN	Axel Armstrong Olivia Di Natale
TWO BLUE	Luca Gervasi Jessica Nfila	FIVE BLUE	Harper Tulloch Luca Pappalardo
TWO GOLD	Mila Trevisiol Milana Nguyen	FIVE GOLD	Ava Milinkovic Lachlan Campbell
TWO GREEN	Gianluca Cicione Amelia Pennisi	SIX BLUE	Winter Sport
THREE BLUE	Arianna Soccio Collette Pettinella	SIX GOLD	Winter Sport



Important Dates

MAY 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		1 Year 2 Mass 10am	2 Confirmation Parent Info Evening 7pm	3 Year 6 Winter Sport Commences	4	5
6	7 Mother's Day Stall	8 Year 1 Mass 10am	9 School Advisory Council Meeting	10 Mother's Day Breakfast Year 2 Assembly 2:25pm (Hall)	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 Year 1 Assembly 2:25pm (Hall) Movie Night	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

JUNE 2024

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

JULY 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Term 2 Begins	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Dress Rehearsal School Concert	23 School Concert	24 Year 4 Gold Mass 10am	25 School Advisory Council Meeting	26	27	28
29	30	31 Year 4 Blue Mass 10am				



T.C TITANS

Last Wednesday we welcomed back our T.C Titans AFL clinic. It was great to see the children participate that had never played football before and for the children that do play football, taking the opportunity to be able to have an extra training session. The T.C Titans will be attending every Wednesday A.S.C for the next 4 weeks. If you would like your child to attend, please feel free to book early.

AUTUMN SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

It was great to receive some very positive feedback about our new service at Pascoe Vale South Primary School regarding our last holiday program. Several children from St Vincent De Paul attended and enjoyed the excursion, incursions, and our fun in-house days. Looking forward to our winter holiday program.

INCREASING NUMBERS A.S.C.

Attendances have already begun to increase dramatically for this term. If you require care, please ensure you book no later than 48 hours before. Alternatively, if possible, you can book your child 1 month in advance. If you need to cancel a session you can do so 48 hours before to prevent a late cancellation fee. In case of an emergency that you require care please do not hesitate to contact us on 0474 007 664.

CANCELLATIONS

If your child is booked into after school care and is picked up at school dismissal time, please ensure that you notify us by a text message as soon as possible. We only have a 25-minute time frame from dismissal bell to confirm that a child has been picked up. If we are not able to contact parents or persons on contact list to confirm that the child was picked up after school, police will be called.

SMART WATCHES

Smart watches are not permitted during B.S.C, A.S.C, Pupil free days and holiday program. If you need to contact your child, please do not hesitate to contact us on our service phone.

Thank you for your understanding.

Lisa and Tulay