



Newsletter

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Reflection



Confirmation Retreat Day Reflection

On Tuesday the Year 6 students attended their Confirmation Retreat day at Moonee Ponds Bowls. The day was focused on prayer and reflection on the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. The students reflected on the gifts and fruits that they believe that they demonstrate, along with ways to share their gifts and fruits with others.

The students also reflected on the story of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles. The story explains how the apostles were blessed with the ability to speak in other languages, in order for the Good News to be shared amongst all people.

Acts 2:1-21: “When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them.”



St. Vincent de Paul - Winter Appeal 2024

Dear families,

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 14th June.**

Thank you for your support,
Mrs. Petrie and The Yr 6 Mini Vinnies Leaders



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Principal's Message

CONFIRMATION

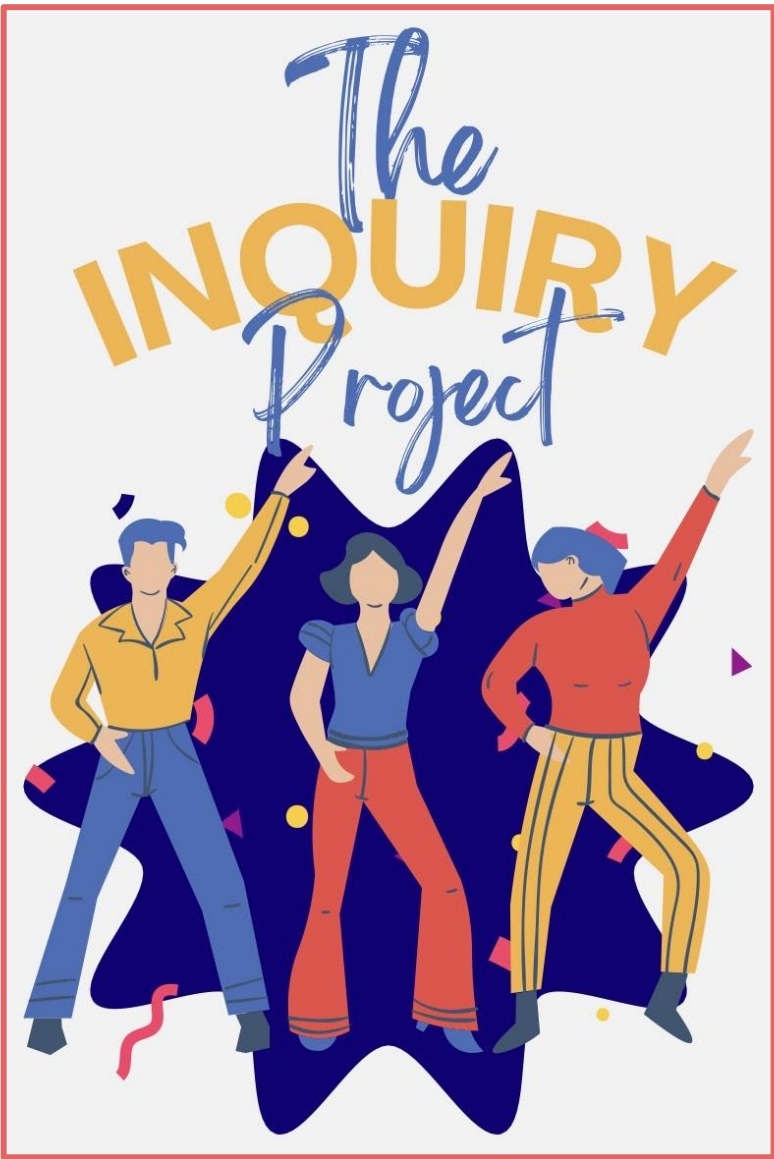
This Saturday June 1 at 10:00am and 12 noon the children in Year 6 will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. During the week the children participated in a Retreat Day where Bishop Terry Curtin spoke with the children about the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit.

The children have in a sense been preparing for this sacrament since their baptism where their parents and Godparents made promises on their behalf. This is an opportunity for the children to confirm these promises.

We ask that you keep all the children in your prayers.

SCHOOL CONCERT

As mentioned in the previous newsletter tickets for the school concert went on sale on May 28. Please ensure you log into: <https://clocktowercentre.com.au/st-vincent-de-paul-primary-school-the-inquiry-project/> to purchase your tickets. Ticket sales have been strong and we will be releasing more tickets once families have had the opportunity to purchase 4 tickets.



BUDGET RESPONSE

In recent weeks the Allan Labor Government announced a \$400 School Saving Bonus for all school students in government schools regardless of income, but only for Health Care Card holders in Catholic schools. This is deeply unfair.

We believe the payment should be means tested for all students or apply to all students. It should not be based on which school you attend. This policy punishes families for choosing to send their children to a Catholic school. Our school, and the peak body, the Victorian Catholic Education Authority, are working hard to oppose this policy and we need your help.

We need to show the Victorian Government that punishing families who choose a Catholic school is unacceptable.

Please consider contacting your local Member of Parliament Danny Pearson, to express your concern. Danny Pearson can be contacted by calling phone (03) 9370 7777 or by emailing danny.pearson@parliament.vic.gov.au

A template email is attached to today's newsletter for families to personalise.

STUDENT REPORTS

On June 3 **all parents** will receive an email from nForma with a unique username and password to access the Parent Portal for student's reports. The password will be a temporary one which parents will be prompted to change. It is very important that the school has parents current email addresses. If you have changed your email recently please send your new email details to info@svstrathmore.catholic.edu.au.

SEE SAW

Each fortnight the classroom teachers publish the Curriculum News on See-Saw which outlines the curriculum to be explored by each of the year levels. It also includes important dates of events for each year level. I would encourage all parents to view this information to gain insight into the focus of the children's learning.

LEARNING DIVERSITY EXPO

This term all year levels have been exploring the concept of 'Diversity'. To showcase their learning all year levels are presenting an expo on June 21. This will be an opportunity for the children to explain what they have been learning in class as each year level focused on a different element of the concept. The times for the expo are:
Years P-2 - 11:30am-12:30pm
Years 3-6 - 12:30pm-1:30pm

COLLECTION OF STUDENTS DURING SCHOOL HOURS

A reminder that with the Year Prep assembly next Friday children cannot be collected whilst the assembly is on.

PARISH RENEWAL PROGRAM

Today your child would have received a brochure about the Parish Renewal Program. The program is about reviewing and renewing our personal commitment to the parish and the priorities of the parish into the future. Please take the time to read it. More information about the program and opportunities to become involved in the parish, is attached to this newsletter.

NCCD INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

For your information please see the attached the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) Information Sheet for Parents, Carers and Guardians.

Shane Byrne
PRINCIPAL

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

Digital Wellbeing for Families Webinar

We are greatly looking forward to seeing you all online for the Resilience Project parent webinar. Please see below for more information and for a link to register for this event.



Leah and our TRP Team are so looking forward to your upcoming Digital Wellbeing for Families Webinar (with other schools) on Tuesday 4th June from 6:30 - 7:30pm AEST.

What you can expect:

This 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.

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 be role models for their family.
- Feel equipped to support their children’s device usage with practical strategies without screen shaming, banning or removing devices.

Accessing the webinar:

Please click the link below to register for the webinar.

[Digital Wellbeing for Families Webinar](#)

PRESENTATION FOR PARENTS & CARERS

A photograph of a family of four sitting on a light-colored sofa in a bright room. A man with a beard is on the left, looking at a laptop. A woman is in the middle, looking at a smartphone. A young girl is on the right, holding a tablet. The scene is casual and domestic.

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DURATION
60 minutes

FORMAT
Online Webinar

SafetyNet Parent Program - “It Takes A Village” Webinar

We are pleased to announce that on June 25th we will be hosting a parent webinar focused on bullying prevention. This webinar will be run by Bully Zero and will begin at 7pm. We encourage all families to register for this event. The session is aimed at Teachers and Parents and recognises the importance of the whole school community coming together to help recognise and prevent all types of bullying. The session provides understanding of bullying behaviours, how to recognise it and how to prevent it and manage it.

Please find below Zoom link to upcoming Bully Zero parent session:

When: June 25, 2024 at 07:00pm

Topic: It Takes a Village, SafetyNet Parent Program

To register in advance for this webinar please go to the following link:

[It Takes A Village Webinar](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. Please contact Rebecca Glenton if you have any questions (rglenton@svstrathmore.catholic.edu.au).

School Photos - A Message from Advancedlife



Advancedlife would like to apologise for the delay in the distribution of the school photographs. We recently implemented new software and systems to enhance our photo processing and delivery procedures. Unfortunately, unforeseen technical issues arose during this transition period, causing delays in editing, processing, and ultimately delivering the final products to you. We understand the importance of these school photographs, capturing precious moments and memories that will be treasured for years to come. I deeply regret that our new systems and software issues have jeopardized the timely delivery of this year’s school photo packages.

I want to assure you that every effort is being made to speed up the delivery process without compromising the quality of the final product. Measures have been put in place to prevent such delays from happening again, and we are committed to ensuring a smoother and more efficient distribution process moving forward. All our staff understand that you have placed your trust in us to capture and deliver these important school memories. Your satisfaction is our top priority, and we are dedicated to making this right for you.

We are truly grateful for the opportunity to serve your school community. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the delay or if you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Advancedlife directly on 9852 1133. Your feedback is valuable to us, and we are here to assist you in any way we can. Thank you for your understanding.

Wellbeing - Bluey

Bluey is an inexhaustible six year-old Blue Heeler dog, who loves to play and turns everyday family life into extraordinary adventures, developing her imagination as well as her mental, physical and emotional resilience.

Bluey isn't just for kids, it has plenty of lessons for adults to learn too. All viewers find that there is something captivating about the Heelers and their experiences that always end with a lesson to be learned.



From teachings about speaking up for oneself to one's about the fleeting nature of life, Bluey has a lot to teach us all about life long lessons and growing up to be resilient and brave.

Sometimes adults need an extra reminder that self-care isn't selfish. This reminder is provided in *Bluey*, season 3, episode 11, "Sheepdog," where Chilli is able to take a well-deserved rest. Chilli serves as a role model for setting boundaries and advocating for her needs, as she firmly tells her family, *"I need 20 minutes when no one comes near me!"* Not only is this moment relatable for parents everywhere, but it reminds them that it's okay to want, need, ask for, and take time for yourself. This is just one example of many that shows us that this family of dogs have a lot to teach us.

There are life long lessons we can all learn from Bluey and attached you will find a list of episodes that can assist social and emotional learning for children and adults of all ages.

I hope you find this a useful resource and can feel comfort that screen time can sometimes have benefits!

Rebecca Glenton
Learning Diversity and Student Wellbeing Leader



Sport News

Cross Country

This term has been buzzing with sports activities, and we're thrilled to recognise the incredible efforts of our students. Our athletes from Years 4 to 6 participated in the district cross country event, showing determination, teamwork and resilience. The challenging course, complete with a steep hill, didn't deter them, with every student successfully completing the run! Notable achievements were Chloe (Year 4), Asha, Danica, James and Xavier (Year 6) who advanced to the next round. Yesterday, we received fantastic news! James and Xavier (Year 6) have qualified for the Regional Cross Country. We would like to wish them the best of luck as they represent our school in this challenging event.

Winter Interschool Sports

Our Year 6 cohort, along with several Year 5 students, have been competing in soccer, AFL, netball, and T-ball against other local schools. Their teamwork and sportsmanship have been commendable, taking part in a number of very competitive matches. We are especially proud of our unbeaten girls' netball and soccer teams, who will be competing in the finals early next month. Our AFL and mixed soccer teams are currently waiting on other results to see if they make it to their finals. I would like to congratulate all students for taking part and representing the school.

Will Kingston
Sports / PE Co-ordinator



Some of the Cross Country team members



Awards

Please find listed below the names of those students receiving awards at the assembly on **FRIDAY 7th June 2:25 pm** in the hall.

PREP BLUE	Ned Klavins Maeve O’Carroll	THREE GOLD	Ivy Ciccone Olivier Mineo
PREP GOLD	Henry Goodburn Nandi Donga	THREE GREEN	Olivia Layton Andreas Liapis
PREP GREEN	Thomas Fletcher Aiste Skimbirauskas	FOUR BLUE	Louie Howard Cara-Bianchi-Rossi
ONE BLUE	Olive Russell William Guardabascio	FOUR GOLD	Christian Gervasi Valerie Smith
ONE GOLD	Mila Pantano Millie Arnup	FOUR GREEN	Christian Stattrop Ava Petrongolo Thomas Bottomley
TWO BLUE	Dominic Pappalardo Valentina Zara	FIVE BLUE	Olivia Lo Monaco Lucas Ponte
TWO GOLD	Bella Goodburn Tom Klavins	FIVE GOLD	Arabella De Maria Julian Galluzzo
TWO GREEN	Margot Trotta Sienna Atkinson	SIX BLUE	Luca Corica Sophie Gamble Olivia Raso
THREE BLUE	Jawad Ibrahim Adriana Randello	SIX GOLD	Indie Dangerfield Eddie Giansiracusa Ari Menon



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

2024 School Closure Days

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

2024 Term 2 School Fees

A reminder that Term 2 school fees were 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.

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 Concert Ticket on Sale Year 6 Confirmation Retreat Day - Moonee Ponds Bowls	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 Food Day - Sushi 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 Learning Diversity Expo: -P-2: 11:30-12:30pm -3-6: 12:30-1:30pm Coloured Hair Day PA Trivia Night 7:30pm	22	23
24	25 "It Takes A Village" Parent Webinar 7:00pm	26 Semester 1 Reports available online - 1pm	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				



AUTUMN HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Holiday program is only 4 weeks away and we are preparing for a fun time. We have amazing excursions happening at Pascoe Vale South Primary School and Strathmore Primary School such as Disney on Ice, Movies, Ice skating, 3D Dinos Imax, Jump and Jam. In addition to our excursions there will also be incursions and in house fun days. Please book online as early as possible for availability for excursions.

Looking forward to an amazing 2 weeks of fun.

