



# Newsletter

St. Vincent de Paul Primary School

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## Reflection



### 2024 St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal



This year at St. Vincent de Paul Primary School we will be collecting donations for the St. Vincent de Paul Society, who support children who may not receive presents during Christmas.

To support the St. Vincent de Paul society it would be fantastic if you could bring **ONE donation per family** from the list below:



- Toys for children
- Children's books
- Puzzles
- Dress up costumes
- Children's colouring books & pencils and crayons
- Art supplies: canvas, paint, brushes, sketch pads
- Board games
- Items for older children (teenagers) - deodorant packs, beach towels, perfume spray packs, Christmas stockings, body lotions, caps or hats

We would very much appreciate it if these items were **new**. Please **do not wrap the items** as per the request of the charity.

Please bring your toy donation to school with your child.  
**Donations will need to be brought to school between Monday 11th November and Monday 2nd December.**

*Thank you, Year 6 Mini Vinnies and Mrs. Petrie.*



**REMEMBRANCE DAY**  
*Let's We Forget*

On Monday 11th November the staff and students will gather for our Remembrance Day ceremony. Remembrance Day commemorates the signing of the armistice, an agreement to end World War I, which occurred on 11 November 1918 - at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. On this day we remember those who died in all wars.

The red Flanders poppy is a symbol used on Remembrance Day. It has been worn on this day for the last 98 years as a symbol of remembrance. This flower was among the first plants which sprouted on the battlefields of northern France and Belgium after they were devastated by warfare. Poppies are now sold to support ex-servicemen and women and their families.

#### Prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who made the supreme sacrifice for us in time of war. We pray that the offering of their lives may not have been in vain. Today we dedicate ourselves to the cause of justice, freedom and peace; and for the wisdom and strength to build a better world. Amen.

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**Principal's Message**

**FETE**

Thank you to all those families who have already shown their support for our school fete on November 23 by either signing up to help out on the day, by donating goods and services or being sponsors for this major fundraising event. As I have mentioned before, the fete is a great opportunity to demonstrate to the children what working together for a common goal looks like. We are looking forward to the funds raised from the fete being used for the installation of a new adventure playground in the Senior Yard.

**SWIMMING PROGRAM**

Last week the children in Year 2 participated in the swimming program which was conducted at Windy Hill Pool. The children's participation in the program helps build their confidence and skills in the water. Congratulations to all the Year 2 students, their teachers and the parent helpers on making it such a successful program.

**FEE STRUCTURE FOR 2025**

As explained in the last newsletter the following outlines the family fee and individual student levy for 2025.

**\$3630 PER Annum FAMILY FEE  
(Billed over 3 Terms)**

Term 1	\$890
Term 2	\$890
Term 3	\$890
Maintenance Levy	\$210
Capital Levy	\$750

This equates to an increase of \$1.95 per school day **per family** over the year.

**INDIVIDUAL STUDENT LEVY**

Prep	\$570
Year One	\$570
Year Two	\$570
Year Three	\$570
Year Four	\$570
Year Five	\$570
Year Six	\$620

The individual student levy also includes the \$100 book levy which was introduced last year to save families having to source stationary and books for each child.

**SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

We are inviting expressions of interest from parents who are interested in being part of the School Advisory Council. Four of the current council members will continue as part of the School Advisory Council for 2025. We are seeking three new members for a 2 year tenure to be part of the Council. While no particular expertise is required, the school seeks a range of diverse skill sets to best advise the principal, united by a desire to provide the best possible education for our students.

Expressions of interest opened on October 25 and close tomorrow, Nov 8, 2024. Expression of Interest forms are available by emailing me [principal@svstrathmore.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@svstrathmore.catholic.edu.au)

**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

Today the children participated in the Athletics Sports Day at Aberfeldie. Thank you to all those who were involved in the day and well done to the children for participating with such enthusiasm and energy. A special thanks to Will Kingston for organising such a successful day.

The Team Spirit Award went to Parker (Blue House).

The team with the overall highest point score was Donovan (Red House).



**GRADUATION CEREMONY**

The Graduation ceremony for the Year 6 children graduating this year will take place on December 12. The ceremony will be held in the Church and will begin at 6.00pm. The Graduation Dinner will be held at Melrose Receptions in Tullamarine and will begin at 7:30pm. Information on booking and costing for the dinner will be provided to Year 6 parents in the coming weeks.

The children in Year 5 are also expected to attend the Graduation Ceremony (not the dinner) together with the Year 6 children who will be graduating. Year 5 has an important role to play in the ceremony and we need their support in maintaining this tradition. We ask that parents of Year 5 & 6 children mark this date on your calendars to ensure your child is able to attend.

Shane Byrne  
PRINCIPAL

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



**Learning Diversity & Student Wellbeing**

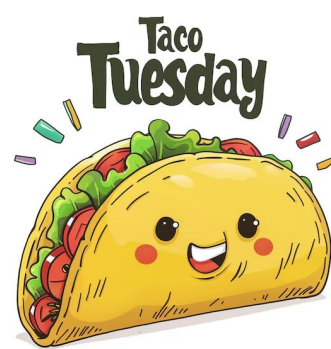
Last year we were very fortunate to have Deirdre Brandner as a guest speaker for a parent workshop. Deirdre is a child psychologist and her presentation on anxiety was both insightful and informative. Deirdre regularly posts on social media and this week one of her posts stood out to me. We all have extremely busy lives as working parents and often, family connection can be hard to achieve on a daily basis. Deirdre posted 'How to create moments of family connection' and I thought this would be helpful for us all in our busy lives.

Four things to do daily to promote family connection:

1. Play a special song in the morning
2. Share one thing you are grateful for
3. Enjoy a screen free dinner
4. Set a 10 minute timer and have everyone do a household chore

Four things to do weekly to promote family connection:

1. Spend 5 minutes in the morning to share your intention for the day
2. Exercise together (play a sport, go on a walk)
3. Create a themed dinner night (mediterranean Monday, taco Tuesday)
4. Share your highs and lows from the week



Four things to do monthly to promote family connection:

1. Have a purposeful family meeting to share 1 thing to appreciate about each family member, and 1 thing you can work on collaboratively as a family
2. Try a new place around where you live (restaurant. activity)
3. Cook a dish from a different country
4. Engage in a new activity e.g board game

Rebecca Glenton  
Learning Diversity and Student Wellbeing Leader



Deirdre Brandner

**2024 School Fees**

A reminder that all school fees were due on **Friday 23rd August**. 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.

**The Ministry of Altar Servers**

Our Parish is seeking to revive the Ministry of Altar Servers at our Sunday Masses. Students who have received First Holy Communion may train to become an altar server. If your child is interested, please collect an information and consent form (available from the Parish Office or the priests after Mass) and return it as soon as possible. Details of training will be advised in due course. If you have any questions, please see Fr Tony.

**Scholastic Book Club**



The latest Book Club catalogue was distributed to all students a few weeks ago. If you would like to place an order, it will need to be submitted online by **Saturday 9th November**. **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.

**Victoria Police - Neighbourhood Policing Forum**

## Victoria Police

Moonee Valley Neighbourhood Policing Forum VICTORIA POLICE

**The Victoria Police Neighbourhood Policing Forum welcomes local services and community members to talk with police about what issues are important in your community.**

The forum will explore topics including:

- Current crime trends and crime prevention
- Family violence
- Young people
- Road policing
- Drugs and drug related crime.

The Neighbourhood Policing Forum will be run by a Victoria Police panel and questions will be taken from the audience throughout the event.

**Refreshments will be offered. If there are any dietary requirements, please include them in your registration.**

**Registration is a must. To attend, please register by sending your details to:**

[NHP-MOONEEVALLEY-OIC@police.vic.gov.au](mailto:NHP-MOONEEVALLEY-OIC@police.vic.gov.au) or scan the QR code.

**To submit a question prior to the forum:**

[MOONEE VALLEY NHP questions](#)

**Event details**

Date:  
**13th November 2024**

Time:  
**5:30pm – 8:30pm**  
(Doors open 5:15pm)

Location:  
**Djerring Flemington Hub,  
25 Mount Alexander Road,  
Flemington**

Scan here to register your attendance

**Got a question for police?**

Scan the QR code to submit prior to the forum

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**Awards**

Please find listed below the names of those students receiving awards at the assembly on **FRIDAY 15th November 2:25 pm** in the hall.



<b>PREP BLUE</b>	Clara Pantano Giorgio Sukianto	<b>THREE GOLD</b>	Ella Kemp Blaire Naim
<b>PREP GOLD</b>	Mila Di Natale Leon Mitropoulos	<b>THREE GREEN</b>	Daniel Hastings Maggie Bui
<b>PREP GREEN</b>	Arielle Vassallo Dante Muscat	<b>FOUR BLUE</b>	Lucas Mangano Kirra Bristow
<b>ONE BLUE</b>	Leni Gittins Amelia Smith	<b>FOUR GOLD</b>	Lincoln Cairns Hayet Seoud
<b>ONE GOLD</b>	Isaac Torres Charlie Nguyen Harvey Layton	<b>FOUR GREEN</b>	Olivia Di Natale Archie Scerri
<b>TWO BLUE</b>	Sophie Pell Madeline Brigg	<b>FIVE BLUE</b>	Aria Sanza Xavier Leahy
<b>TWO GOLD</b>	Reuben Hally Penny Garbett	<b>FIVE GOLD</b>	Chloe Freeman Jordan Georgiou Toby Lessware
<b>TWO GREEN</b>	Charlize Palmai Kane Nguyen	<b>SIX BLUE</b>	Luca Daquino Asha Hale Joseph Karamicov Patrick McKnight Lucas Micevski Ryan Shaaya
<b>THREE BLUE</b>	Scarlett Attard Noah Marino	<b>SIX GOLD</b>	Isaac Portelli Clodagh O'Carroll Patrick Grgic

**Important Dates**

**NOVEMBER 2024**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				1 Zooper Dooper Day Year 1 Assembly 2:25pm (Hall)	2	3
4 School Closure Day	5 Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday	6 Music Soiree	7 SVDP Athletics Day	8 Expressions of Interest for School Advisory Council CLOSE	9	10
11 Remembrance Day	12	13 Year 2 Green Mass 10am	14 Prep 2025 Parent Information Night 7pm	15 Year 3 Assembly 2:25pm (Hall)	16 Year 2 & Year 5 Family Mass 6pm	17
18	19 Prep 2025 Orientation - Session 1	20 Prep Mass 10am	21 School Advisory Council Meeting	22	23 School Fete	24
25	26	27 Yr 1 Gold Mass 10am	28 Prep 2025 Orientation - Session 2	29	30	

**DECEMBER 2024**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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2	3	4 Year 1 Blue Mass 10am Prep 2025 Orientation - Session 3	5 School Closure Day	6 Zooper Dooper Day	7	8
9 Parents Association AGM	10 Prep Nativity Play	11 2025 Transition Day	12 Year 6 Graduation Ceremony & Dinner	13 Zooper Dooper Day	14	15
16	17 *End of School Year Mass - 10am *Year 6 Assembly 12:00 noon (Hall) *Last Day of Term 4 - 1:30pm Finish	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27	28	29
30	31 New Years Eve					

**JANUARY 2025**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		1 New Years Day	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Australia Day
27	28	29	30	31		