



# Newsletter

St. Vincent de Paul Primary School

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## Reflection



The third week of Advent is Joy. This verse is from the story of Jesus' birth. The angels appeared to the shepherds in the fields nearby to announce that a baby has been born in a manger. The angels describe Jesus' birth as "good news of great joy" because he came to be our Savior!

### Mass Readings for the 3rd Sunday of Advent Year C

**First Reading:** Zephaniah 3:14-18 Shout for joy, sing joyfully.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Is 12:2-6 R. v.6 (R.) Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

**Second Reading:** Philippians 4:4-7 Rejoice, the Lord is near.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Isaiah 61:1 (Lk 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

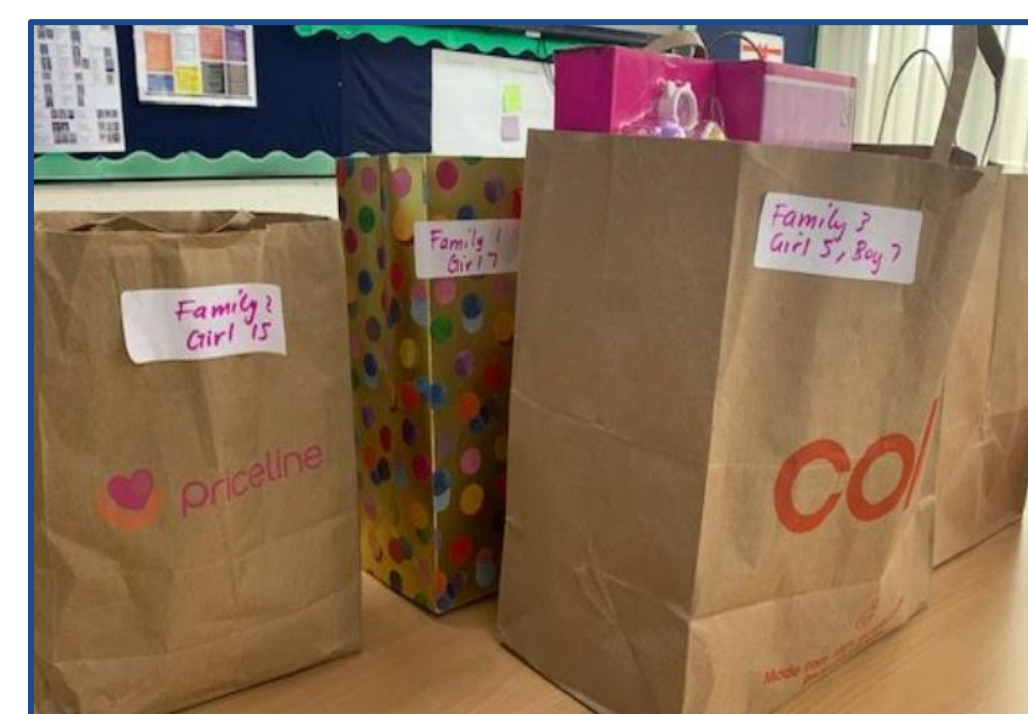
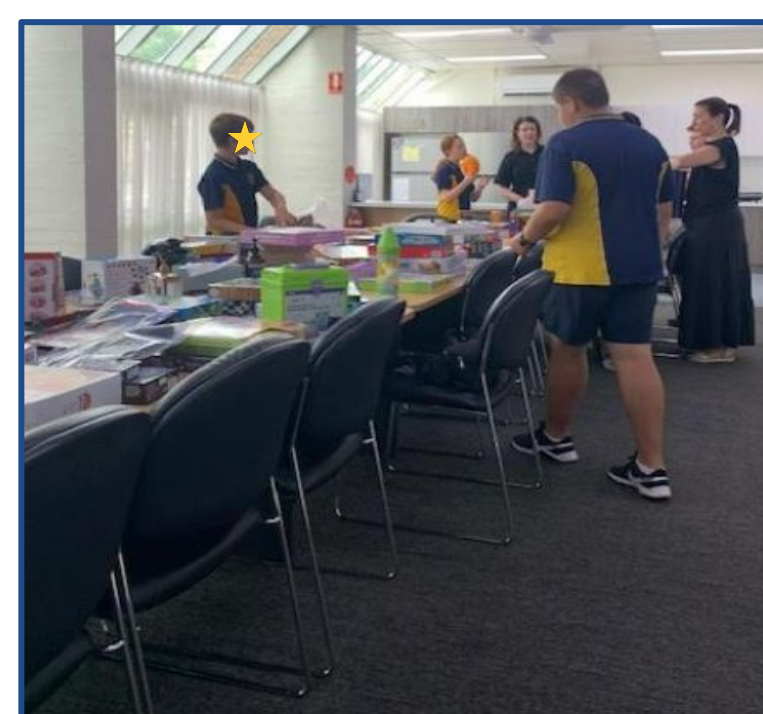
**Gospel:** Luke 3:10-18 John announces the coming of the Messiah.



## 2024 St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal



A huge thank you to all of our families for your generous donations to this year's St. Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal. As a school community we were able to support a number of families in the local area with gifts for children. Thank you also to Erin Armstrong and Laura Mancini for delivering some of the items to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Your support is very much appreciated!



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**Principal's Message**



As the school year draws to an end I would like to thank everyone for their support of the children throughout 2024. A great deal has been achieved with the children's learning and the many events and activities they have been immersed in. This has been possible because of the committed efforts of our staff in ensuring that the children are supported along their learning journey. They have partnered with parents to give the children opportunities to achieve and experience success.

This is also a time to say goodbye to our Year 6 students who are leaving for secondary school. They take with them the talents, knowledge and skills they have developed in their time at St. Vincent's to share with others and to continue their success. We look forward to hearing of their continued achievements.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year and we look forward to seeing everyone return in 2025.

**TRANSITION DAY**

Today the students found out their teacher for 2025. Classes are created keeping in mind inclusiveness and acceptance as underlying values which the school commits to. The classes will not be changed and we ask that parents support the school in the extensive process used to create the classes.

**STAFFING**

Tess Elam has accepted a position at Oscar Romeo Primary School in Craigieburn for 2025. Tess joined the staff in 2021 and her commitment and professionalism in her class teaching roles has impacted positively on the children she has taught.

Liam Sweeney has accepted a position at Penleigh Essendon Grammar School. Liam has been teaching at the school for the past 5 years and his passion for teaching has always been evident with the children he has worked with. The strong rapport he has developed with the children will be very much missed.

Nadia Davitt will also be leaving the school having decided to spend more time with her children. Nadia joined the school last year and has worked across Years 4 & 5 in that time. We thank her for her patience and calming nature in her role as a Learning Support Officer.

As explained in the previous newsletter Marie Ellul, Nola Graham and Jeanette Pearson will also be leaving the school after deciding to retire. Laura Buggy and Emma Butcher will be enjoying spending time with their newborn babies.

We wish Tess, Liam, Nadia, Marie, Jeanette and Nola all the best and thank them for all their hard work over their time at the school and sharing their many talents with the school community.

Shane Byrne  
PRINCIPAL

**St Vincent de Paul Staff List 2025**

<b>PRINCIPAL</b>	Shane Byrne
<b>DEPUTY PRINCIPAL</b>	Laura Petrie
<b>PREP BLUE</b>	Joanne Gurrisi
<b>PREP GOLD</b>	Melanie Harrop
<b>PREP GREEN</b>	Alannah Moon
<b>ONE BLUE</b>	Stephanie Alessandrini
<b>ONE GOLD</b>	Simone D'Cruz Cathy Manos (Tues)
<b>TWO BLUE</b>	Ashley La Porta
<b>TWO GOLD</b>	Sarah Nevill
<b>THREE BLUE</b>	Rachel Lewis
<b>THREE GOLD</b>	Laura Rahill (Mon-Wed) & Holly Caven (Thurs-Fri)
<b>THREE GREEN</b>	Virginia Spiller
<b>FOUR BLUE</b>	Nathan Zuccarelli
<b>FOUR GOLD</b>	Melissa Pannell
<b>FOUR GREEN</b>	Giulia Costanzo
<b>FIVE BLUE</b>	Sonia Di Cosmo
<b>FIVE GOLD</b>	Grace Harrington
<b>FIVE GREEN</b>	Meg Monaghan Emily Grindrod (Tues)
<b>SIX BLUE</b>	Gabrielle Ciampa
<b>SIX GOLD</b>	Will Kingston

**SPECIALIST ROLES**

<b>Religious Education Leader</b>	Laura Petrie
<b>Digital Technologies Leader</b>	Stephanie Serrano
<b>Integrated Inquiry Leader</b>	Stephanie Serrano
<b>Literacy Leader</b>	Deann Keane
<b>Mathematics Leader</b>	Nicole Kaso
<b>Learning Diversity / Wellbeing Leader</b>	Rebecca Glenton
<b>Annual Action Plan Leader</b>	Meg Monaghan
<b>Annual Action Plan Leader</b>	Simone D'Cruz
<b>Team Leader Support</b>	Emily Grindrod & Cathy Manos
<b>Performing Arts</b>	Holly Caven & Emily Grindrod
<b>Visual Arts</b>	Stephanie Veltre Ellie Henderson (Term 1)
<b>Sports / PE Co-ordinator</b>	Daniel Igoe
<b>Languages (Italian)</b>	Tania Barbati
<b>Literacy Intervention</b>	Jessica McLeod
<b>Mathematics Intervention</b>	Nicole Kaso
<b>Maths Extension</b>	Daniel Igoe

**SCHOOL SUPPORT STAFF**

**Learning Support Officers**  
Tanya Bonavia, Nicole Calleja, Meredith Catena, Tina Chadraoui, Zina D'Argenio, Nicole Dionisio, Bernadette Eastham, Tara Failla, Anna Fedele, Deb Hodges, Caterina Hollibone, Shariss Perisa, Christian Scerri, Salome Schembri, Kate Sourial, Hayley Thompson and Eve Zikos

**Administration Officers**  
Liz Piccione, Maria Kuret, Trish Hengel and Fiona McIlldowney

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

**SVDP & St Monica's Parish Christmas Masses**



**St Vincent de Paul Parish - Strathmore**

**Tuesday 24th December**

6:00pm Christmas Vigil Mass

9:00pm Christmas Vigil Mass

**Wednesday 25th December**

9:30am Christmas Day Mass

**St Monica's Parish - Moonee Ponds**

**Tuesday 24th December**

6.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass

9.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass

**Wednesday 25th December**

8:30am Christmas Day Mass

10:30am Christmas Day Mass

**2025 Sacramental Dates**

**Year 3 Reconciliation**

- Parent Information Evening:
  - 7:00pm Thursday 20th February
- Year 3 Family Mass:
  - 6:00pm Saturday 22nd February
- Sacrament of Reconciliation:
  - 3:45pm - 5:00pm Tuesday 4th March
  - 3:45pm - 5:00pm Thursday 6th March



**Year 6 Confirmation**

- Parent Information Evening:
  - 7:00pm Thursday 15th May
- Year 6 and Prep Family Mass:
  - 6:00pm Saturday 17th May
- Sacrament of Confirmation Masses:
  - 10:00am and 12:00noon Saturday 28th June

**Year 4 First Holy Communion**

- Parent Information Evening:
  - 7:00pm Thursday 21st August
- Year 4 and Year 1 Family Mass:
  - 6:00pm Saturday 23rd August
- Sacrament of First Holy Communion Masses:
  - 6:00pm Saturday 11th October
  - 9:30am Sunday 12th October
  - 6:00pm Saturday 18th October
  - 9:30am Sunday 19th October

**Library Books and Take Home Readers**

Please ensure that all school library books and take home readers are returned before the last day of school. Thankyou



**2025 Term Dates**

**TERM 1**

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January (Prep)

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January (Yr 1–Yr 6) – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April

(Note: Easter 18<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> April)

**TERM 2**

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July

**TERM 3**

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September

**TERM 4**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

**2025 School Closure Days**

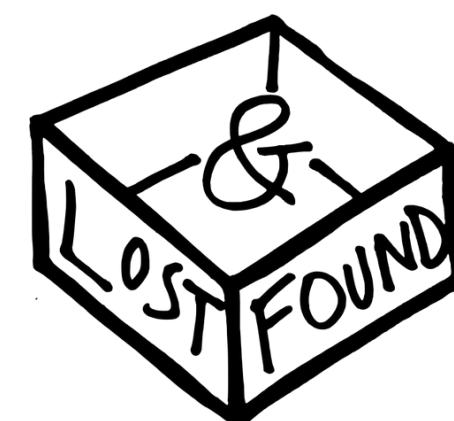
- ❖ Monday 3rd March
- ❖ Tuesday 1st April (Learning Conferences)
- ❖ Wednesday 21st May
- ❖ Thursday 31st July
- ❖ Wednesday 17th September (Learning Conferences)
- ❖ Monday 3rd November
- ❖ Thursday 4th December

**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 the year will be donated or thrown out.



**Reminder to Download Reports & Portfolios**

Parents of students who are leaving the school are reminded to download and archive reports and portfolios (ie from nForma and SeeSaw) before the end of the year while there is still access to these documents.

Access will not be available in 2025.

**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.

Term 1, 2025 - PE, Classroom Sport and Library Timetable

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>PE Lesson</u>	<u>Classroom Sport</u>	<u>Library</u>
Prep Gold	Thursday	Wednesday	Monday
Prep Blue	Thursday	Wednesday	Monday
Prep Green	Thursday	Wednesday	Monday
One Gold	Wednesday	Friday	Friday
One Blue	Wednesday	Friday	Friday
Two Gold	Tuesday	Thursday	Thursday
Two Blue	Tuesday	Thursday	Thursday
Three Gold	Friday	Monday	Thursday
Three Blue	Tuesday	Monday	Thursday
Three Green	Wednesday	Monday	Thursday
Four Gold	Tuesday	Friday	Tuesday
Four Blue	Monday	Friday	Tuesday
Four Green	Monday	Friday	Tuesday
Five Gold	Monday	Tuesday	Friday
Five Blue	Friday	Tuesday	Friday
Five Green	Thursday	Tuesday	Friday
Six Gold	Wednesday	Friday	Monday
Six Blue	Thursday	Friday	Monday

## 2025 Booklist - Items from Home

The 2025 booklist items have been purchased in bulk by the school from Campion Education. Please see the list below for items to be purchased by families or retained from the previous year. These items are to be brought to school on the first day of school next year.

Year Level	Items to bring from home
Prep, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waterproof art smock (labelled)</li> <li>• 1 soft pencil case (labelled)</li> <li>• (Library bags will be provided by the school)</li> </ul>
Year 1, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 large pencil case</li> <li>• Blue folder (retain from previous year)</li> <li>• Headphones (retain from previous year)</li> <li>• Art smock (retain from previous year)</li> <li>• Library bag (retain from previous year)</li> </ul>
Year 2, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 large pencil case</li> <li>• Blue folder (retain from previous year)</li> <li>• Headphones (retain from previous year)</li> <li>• Art smock (retain from previous year)</li> <li>• Library bag (retain from previous year)</li> </ul>
Year 3, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 large pencil case</li> <li>• Blue folder (retain from last year)</li> <li>• Headphones (retain from last year)</li> <li>• Art smock (retain from previous year)</li> <li>• Library bag (retain from previous year)</li> </ul>
Year 4, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 large pencil case</li> <li>• Headphones (retain from last year)</li> <li>• Art smock (retain from previous year)</li> <li>• Library bag (retain from previous year)</li> <li>• Australian Children's Mass book (retain from previous year)</li> </ul>
Year 5, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 large pencil case</li> <li>• Headphones (retain from previous year)</li> <li>• Art smock (retain from previous year)</li> <li>• Library bag (retain from previous year)</li> <li>• Australian Children's Mass book (retain from previous year)</li> </ul>
Year 6, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 large pencil case</li> <li>• Headphones (retain from previous year)</li> <li>• Art smock (retain from previous year)</li> <li>• Australian Children's Mass Book (retain from previous year)</li> </ul>

**Important Dates**

**DECEMBER 2024**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
						1
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 Preps only begin school Yr1-Yr6 - Testing Day	30 Preps only at school Yr1-Yr6 - Testing Day	31 Yr 1-Yr 6 begin school All students at school		

**FEBRUARY 2025**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6 Opening School Mass 10am	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Year 3 Reconciliation Info Evening 7pm	21	22 Yr 3 Family Mass 6pm	23
24	25 Prep/Year 6 BBQ 6-8pm	26	27 Whole School Swimming Sports	28		