

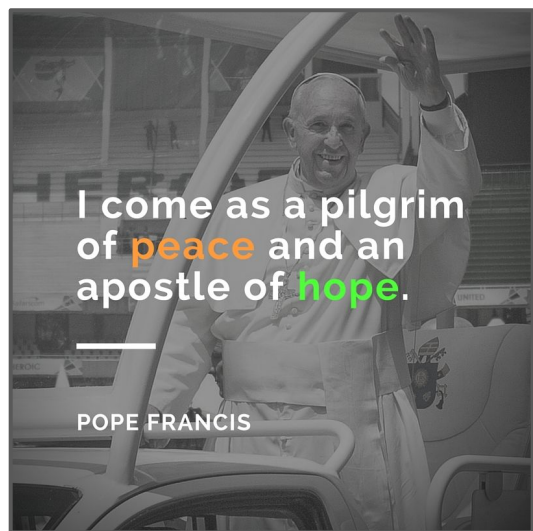


Newsletter

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Reflection



POPE FRANCIS



As a Catholic community, together we reflect on the life and legacy of Pope Francis, who's life was dedicated to serving all people, especially the poor. As a school community, we have looked to Pope Francis' message to care for our common home, to continue to show dignity to all people and to spread the message of peace throughout the whole world. Let us continue to love and care for one another, and our environment as Pope Francis called us to. We pray that he may rest in peace in the loving arms of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

A prayer for Pope Francis:

O God, faithful rewarder of souls, grant that your departed servant Pope Francis, whom you made successor of Peter and shepherd of your Church, may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven the mysteries of your grace and compassion, which he faithfully ministered on earth.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Anzac Day is our national day of commemoration. On Friday 25 April 2025, the Australian War Memorial will mark the 110th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings, as well as commemorating all Australians who have served in times of peace and war. As a school community the staff and students gathered today, to reflect on the sacrifices made by our servicemen and servicewomen so that we can enjoy our freedom today.

Prayer for ANZAC Day:

Gracious and loving God, the cross of Christ is the sign of your desire for justice and peace for all. Open our minds to your vision as we remember all who suffered through Australia and New Zealand's involvement in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

Grant all service persons who sacrificed health and life for the good of all, the gift of your deep peace. May we who inherit the freedom for which they fought become instruments of your peace in our homes, workplaces and world. We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen



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Principal's Message

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you were able to enjoy the break and celebrated Easter with family and friends. Prior to the holidays the children did an amazing job in presenting the Stations of the Cross which recount the events of Holy Week and Jesus Resurrection. Thank you to all those children and parents who were involved in presenting such an important event in our faith journey.

This Easter took on even more significance with the passing of Pope Francis. His courage to participate in the Easter celebrations despite his ill health was testament to the leader he was. We admire him for his wisdom, humility and commitment to living a simple life despite his responsibilities. We ask that you pray for Pope Francis and the cardinals who will be choosing his successor in the coming weeks.

FR. TONY LEAVING

Fr. Tony has announced that he will be leaving the Parishes of St. Vincent de Paul & St. Monica's to take up the position as Executive Secretary for Liturgy for the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. The following information was provided by Fr. Tony to parishioners about the upcoming changes.

I am writing to let you know about some changes which will take place in our parishes in coming weeks.

I have been appointed as Executive Secretary for Liturgy for the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. This part-time role (0.6 FTE), supports the work of the Bishops Commission for Liturgy and its three advisory councils: the National Liturgical Council, the National Liturgical Music Council, and the National Liturgical Architecture and Art Council. I am currently a member of the NLAAC.

This new role offers a unique opportunity to bring together my lifelong interest in the liturgical life of the Church with my experience as a presbyter, leader, and educator to support the work of the Bishops Commission for Liturgy across Australia according to its mandate. A major project over the next few years will be the production of a new Lectionary for Mass. This is a joint project with the Bishops' Conferences of Ireland and New Zealand.

To enable me to undertake this new role, I will relinquish my position as PP of Moonee Ponds and Strathmore as of 9th May 2025. I am grateful to Archbishop Comensoli for releasing me for this new role. At the same time, the Archbishop has appointed me as Principal Chaplain to Padua College, Mornington. In the interim, Fr Gerard has been appointed as Administrator of our parishes. To assist him, a new assistant priest, Fr John Pereira, has been appointed.

On behalf of all in our community I would like to congratulate Fr. Tony on this significant appointment within the Australian Catholic Church structure. We are very grateful for the important work he has done in both our parish and the parish of St. Monica's, having taken on the role of Parish Priest for both

communities. We thank him for his support of the children, especially in the preparation of their sacraments and the support of the staff. We wish him well in his new role.

STAFFING CHANGES

This term we welcome Matthew Jones to the staff. Matthew will be sharing the role of 6 Gold classroom teacher with Will Kingston. Matthew has a wealth of experience teaching overseas and in Australia and we look forward to him sharing his talents and skills with the school community.

Will Kingston will be working as Integrated Inquiry and ICT Leader 3 days a week, having taken over the position from Stephanie Serrano, who has begun parental leave.

Stephanie Veltre, who has worked at the school for the past 5 years has decided to spend more time with her family and has taken on a role at St. Monica's in Footscray one day a week. We thank Steph for the terrific work she did with the children at the school including the wonderful Art Show and her talents which she shared with the whole community.

We also thank Ellie Henderson who was in the Visual Arts role whilst Stephanie Veltre was on long service leave. Ellie has worked as a classroom teacher and a specialist teacher in her time at the school. She will be travelling later in the year and we may see her back doing some CRT work. We thank her for sharing her talents with the community and the work she did in presenting the school concert last year.

Irene Chadwick will be in the role as Visual Arts teacher for the term. Irene has a wealth of experience both as a classroom teacher and a specialist teacher and many of the children have been taught by Irene. We look forward to Irene using her creative talents to support the children in the development of their creative skills.

DEIRDRE BRANDNER - ATTENTION AS A SUPERPOWER

The school is delighted to announce that Deirdre Brandner will again be presenting at the school on **Wednesday April 30**. As a renowned Australian child psychologist, author, and parenting expert, Deirdre Brandner has devoted over 30 years to serving children, adolescents, and their families. Deirdre last presented at the school in 2023 and the feedback from parents who attended was overwhelmingly very positive and some of the best advice some parents had ever had. Parents who were not able to attend were very disappointed once they found out how beneficial it was to their parenting. In this seminar Deidre will support parents in harnessing their child's attention and focus, enabling them to excel academically and in all aspects of life. This is a free session and begins at 7:00pm in the hall. Please use the link sent out yesterday on Audiri to register your attendance.

PICK UP ZONE IN WOODLAND STREET

To help with the flow of traffic and to encourage parents picking up in the Pink Zone to move towards the start of the zone, we are asking children to also move further along Woodland Street.

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

Principal's Message continued.....

ANZAC DAY

Today the children commemorated ANZAC Day. This was an opportunity to remember those men and women who have served our country so we can enjoy the freedom we have as a community and a nation. Originally ANZAC Day was to commemorate the events in Gallipoli in the First World War. Anzac Day today commemorates the sacrifice and contribution of those who have served in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations.

PREP PICK UP TERM 2

The Prep children will be able to be picked up from 3:10pm for the first week of this term only. Beginning April 28 the Prep children's pick up time will be 3:20pm, in line with all the children's pick up time.

EARLY LEAVERS POLICY

Last term the school published the Early Leavers Policy via Audiri. This was to support the implementation of the Vision for Learning which the school began to implement last year. To ensure that this approach is implemented most effectively, the school is focused on minimising interruptions to the learning time, particularly children leaving early from school. In collaboration with the School Advisory Council and the staff the school has outlined reasons children would be permitted to leave school early and reasons which would not be considered appropriate to leave school early. We ask for your support of this new policy to maximise all children's learning time and minimise any disruptions.

WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM

In Term 2 children are expected to wear the winter school uniform. Details of the winter uniforms are listed below. Sometimes the weather can be warmer than expected so children can wear their summer uniform until May 2. From May 5 all children are expected to be in winter uniform.

Boys

Grey Trouser
Long Sleeve Shirt (Sky)
Skivvy (Sky)
Woollen School Jumper
Grey Stripe Ankle Socks
Black School Shoes

Boys Sports Uniform

Rugby Top
Navy Track Pants
Navy Sport Shorts
Short Sleeve Polo Top
White Ankle Socks
Runners

Girls

Winter Tunic
Navy Pants
Peter Pan Blouse (Sky)
Wool School Jumper
Skivvy (Sky)
Navy Ankle Socks or Navy Tights
Black School Shoes

Girls Sports Uniform

Rugby Top
Navy Track Pants
Navy Netball Skirt, Navy Skort
or Navy Sport Shorts
Short Sleeve Polo Top
White Ankle Socks
Runners

Shane Byrne
PRINCIPAL

Learning Diversity & Student Wellbeing

The Royal Children's Hospital are a terrific resource for parents and educators and of particular use are the fact sheets created with parents and caregivers in mind.

Kids Health Info is designed to help you support your child to thrive. The aim of Kids Health Info is simple: to guide you through the milestones and challenges your children may face - from croup to burns and everything in between.

Below you will find an example of one of the fact sheets developed by the Royal Children's Hospital and I encourage you to explore the website below for many more.

<https://www.rch.org.au/kidsinfo/>

Night Terrors (night time wakings)

Night terrors are very dramatic awakenings that happen during the first few hours of sleep at night. They can be very distressing to watch, as your child may seem extremely disturbed and upset, and it's very hard to console them. Night terrors are not the same as nightmares.

About five percent of children have night terrors, they usually happen in preschool and primary aged children. Night terrors will not have any long term effects on your child, and your child will most likely grow out of them.

Care at home

While there is very little you can do during a night terror episode, there are some general strategies for helping children who get night terrors.

- During the night terror episode, stay calm and don't touch your child unless they are going to hurt themselves. Efforts to help your child often make the episode worse.
- Keep your house safe at night time. Lock windows and doors, and clear the bedroom floor of objects so they don't step on things or trip over.
- Have a regular sleep time with a good bedtime routine to avoid your child becoming too tired.
- Don't make a big fuss about the night terror the next day. Children - and their brothers and sisters - can often become upset by your reaction and may become anxious about going to bed.

If your child is going away overnight to camp or a friend's place, warn the people caring for your child that they may have night terrors. Give them a copy of the RCH fact sheet. Make sure your child has a good sleep routine before going away.



Rebecca Glenton
Learning Diversity and Student Wellbeing Leader

Chess Club - Term 2, 2025



TERM 2, 2025 - REGISTER NOW @
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'I am thrilled with the tremendous success of the chess program run by Chess for Schools. The students' adoration for the program is evident as they eagerly anticipate lunchtime on Tuesdays, bursting with excitement. The instructors' dedication, patience and attentiveness foster an engaging and nurturing learning environment, igniting the children's passion for chess as their skills flourish.'
Jessica Ward, Teacher - Loreto Toorak.

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 and 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 play off. 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	1:40pm - 2:20pm		28 April to 23 June	\$145 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 concept and thinking. Keep up the great work!"
Katherine Lambert: Hampton Primary School

2025 Term Dates

TERM 2
Tuesday 22nd April – Friday 4th July


TERM 3
Monday 21st July – Friday 19th September

TERM 4
Monday 6th October – Tuesday 16th December

2025 School Closure Days

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

Scholastic Book Club



The latest Book Club catalogue will be distributed to all students Monday 28th April. If you would like to place an order, it will need to be submitted online by **Tuesday 13th May**. **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.

Vic Soccer Autumn Clinics



AMAZING AUTUMN CLINICS 2025
FREE SOCCER BALL FOR EACH PARTICIPANT!

Saturday morning clinics begin on the 3rd of May and involve 55 minutes of personalized tuition. There is an age and skill appropriate curriculum focus on the fundamentals of Soccer as well as an encouragement of social interaction to build skill levels and grow self esteem. Clinics begin on Saturday the 3rd of May 2025

SESSION TIME & LOCATION:
9:00AM to 10:00AM at Strathmore Secondary College, Pascoe Vale Rd, Strathmore.

TERM 2 CLINICS BEGIN 9AM SAT. MAY 3rd 2025

METHOD OF PAYMENT
Payment on first day of clinic 3/5/2025
Cheque or Cash \$150
Please register by Friday 2/5 to secure your child's place in the clinic.

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____
Please make all cheques payable to Vic Cric and fill out participant/s information:
Name(s) : _____ DOB: _____
Clinics previously completed: _____ Phone: _____
Parent/Guardian Name/s: _____
Email: _____
Current Primary School: _____

YOUR FREE GIFT IS A SOCCER BALL!
I do do not give permission for my child to be photographed and for photos to appear on Vic Cric Social Media.
Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

For more information, call Mike on 0418303432 or email us at: viccric.northwest@gmail.com
Family discounts apply. Ask VIC CRIC team for more information. Disclaimer: Children play at their own risk. Vic Cric Pty Ltd accepts no liability.

Awards

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



PREP BLUE	Ava Pappalardo Lucas Andrewartha	THREE GREEN	Ari Azzopardi Max Haynes
PREP GOLD	Evelyn Grima Luke Tyson	FOUR BLUE	Kiara Diseris Olivier Mineo
PREP GREEN	Henley Caparello Isla Coombe	FOUR GOLD	Adrian Caruso Ivy Ciccone
ONE BLUE	Sofia Mascaro Stefen Mangano	FOUR GREEN	Willow Johnson Charan Wickneswaran
ONE GOLD	Isla Garra Leon Mitropoulos	FIVE BLUE	Axel Armstrong Ava Petrongolo
TWO BLUE	Octavia Dix Eli Balik	FIVE GOLD	Jayden Liu Gia Sidhu
TWO GOLD	Jayden Barkho Mackenzie Schepis	FIVE GREEN	Jasper Hosford Grace Russell
THREE BLUE	Alessa Ahern Joshua Inguanti	SIX BLUE	Interschool Sport
THREE GOLD	Cierra Petrou Aston Kheir	SIX GOLD	Interschool Sport

A Message from A Plus Schoolwear

Dear School Families,

We hope this message finds you well. We would like to extend our sincere apologies for the delays in the delivery of school uniforms and backorders that some families are experiencing. We understand how important it is for students to have their uniforms, and we truly appreciate your patience during this time.

The unexpected surge in demand, largely driven by the government’s “state school bonus,” has led to a significant increase in purchases, depleting our stock at a much faster rate than anticipated. As a result, we have faced challenges with our resources, including fabric, trims, and production lines, which have been stretched to their limits. Our dedicated team has been working overtime to keep up with demand and continue to maintain the high quality that A Plus Schoolwear is known for.

To address these issues, we have employed additional staff and are working closely with our suppliers to meet the ongoing needs for uniform production and delivery. We are committed to catching up and getting back on track as quickly as possible. Our goal is to be fully up to date by Term 2, and we are actively working towards that timeline.

We greatly appreciate your understanding and patience as we navigate these challenges. Please rest assured that we will reach out to each family individually to inform you when your order is ready for pickup from the uniform shop. In the meantime, we kindly ask for your continued support in informing the wider school community about the current uniform situation and encourage everyone to show patience and kindness towards our staff at A Plus Schoolwear.

Once again, we apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused and thank you for your understanding as we work diligently to resolve the matter.

Sincerely,
Mr. Peter Kisvarda
Managing Director
A Plus Schoolwear



Ave Maria College



Calling future Ave girls! Come join our brand new homework assistance program, Ave in Action. Open to Year 4 and 5 girls from our Feeder Primary Schools, these sessions will allow students the opportunity to get help with their homework from our student leaders in our fantastic Helene Library.

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2+3=	5-3=	
4+2=	8+2=	

Tuesday, 6 May 4:00pm-5:00pm
 Tuesday, 13 May 4:00pm-5:00pm
 Tuesday, 20 May 4:00pm-5:00pm
 Tuesday, 27 May 4:00pm-5:00pm
 Tuesday, 3 June 4:00pm-5:00pm
 Tuesday, 10 June 4:00pm-5:00pm

Please note there is a 2 sessions limit per student.

For more information, please email Assistant Principal (Community and Partnerships), Mrs Natalie Meddis, AssistantPrincipalCommunity@avemaria.vic.edu.au or register via the QR.



She Who Explores

TERM 2 Sessions

Come and see what it's like to be an Ave girl with our after school program, **She Who Explores**.

Designed specifically for Year 4 and 5 students, this is a fantastic opportunity for our future students to explore subjects that they will be able to study at Ave Maria College.

We hope that you will join us for one or two of the following sessions.

Monday, 5 May, 4:00pm - 5:00pm - Writing
Thursday, 15 May, 4:00pm - 5:00pm - Leadership Skills
Thursday, 29 May, 4:00pm - 5:00pm - Food Technology (repeat)
Monday, 16 June, 4:00pm - 5:00pm - Science (repeat)

For more information, please email Assistant Principal (Community and Partnerships), Mrs Natalie Meddis, AssistantPrincipalCommunity@avemaria.vic.edu.au or register via the QR.

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Year 7 2027

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- Personal Growth and Confidence
- Leadership Opportunities
- State-of-the-Art New Facilities
- 128 Year History of Catholic Education

Registrations Close

18 July 2025

Examination Date: Saturday 26 July 2025

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columba.vic.edu.au/scholarships/

Important Dates

APRIL 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	1 Learning Conferences (School Closure Day)	2 Stations of the Cross	3	4 Easter Raffle 12 noon Last day of Term 1 1:30pm finish	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Good Friday	19 Easter Saturday	20 Easter Sunday
21 Easter Monday	22 Term 2 Begins	23 Year 5 Mass 10am	24 ANZAC Day Ceremony	25 ANZAC Day	26	27
28	29	30 Year 4 Mass 10am Deirdre Brandner Info Session 7pm Hall				

MAY 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			1 School Advisory Council Meeting	2 Yr 6 Winter Sports #1 Year 3 Assembly 2:25pm (Hall)	3	4
5	6 Mother's Day Stall	7 Year 3 Mass 10am	8	9 Mother's Day Breakfast Yr 6 Winter Sports #2	10	11 Mother's Day
12	13	14 Year 2 Mass 10am Second hand uniform sale 8:30am	15 Year 6 Confirmation Info Evening 7pm	16 Yr 6 Winter Sports #3 Year 2 Assembly 2:25pm (Hall)	17	18
19 Parents Association Meeting 7:00pm Online	20	21 School Closure Day	22	23 Movie Night	24 Prep & Yr 6 Family Mass 6pm	25
26	27	28 Year 1 Mass 10am	29	30 Year 1 Assembly 2:25pm (Hall)	31	

JUNE 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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2	3	4 Prep/Yr 6 Mass 10am	5	6 Yr 6 Winter Sports #4	7	8
9 Kings Birthday Holiday	10	11 Yr 5 Gold Mass 10am	12 Hot Food Day School Advisory Council Meeting	13 Prep Assembly 2:25pm (Hall)	14	15
16	17	18 Yr 5 Blue Mass 10am	19	20 Parent's Trivia Night	21	22
23	24	25 Yr 5 Green Mass 10am	26	27 Year 6 Assembly 2:25pm (Hall)	28 Year 6 Confirmation Masses - 10am & 12noon	29
30						