

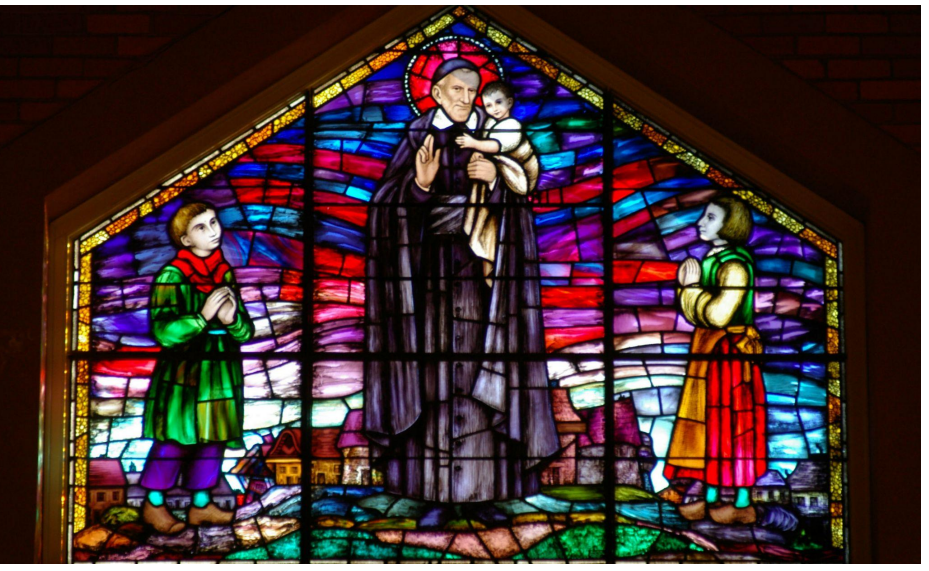


Newsletter

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Reflection



Today we celebrated the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, a man who dedicated his life to helping those most in need. St. Vincent saw Christ in every person he met and believed that faith is best shown through love and action.

He cared for the poor, the sick, and the forgotten, and inspired others to do the same. His kindness continues today in a number of ways, including through the St. Vincent de Paul Society (Vinnies), which works to support people experiencing hardship in our communities. Vincent de Paul was born in the small southern French town of Pouy (later renamed Saint Vincent de Paul in his honour) on 24th April 1581 and ordained as a priest in 1600 at the age of 19.

As a young man he ministered to the wealthy and powerful. However, an appointment as Chaplain to a poor parish, and to galley prisoners, inspired him to a vocation of working with those most marginalised and powerless.

Facts about St. Vincent de Paul:

- Date of birth: 24 April 1581
- Place of birth: Pouy, France
- Died: 27 September 1660
- Canonised a Saint: 16 June 1737
- Feast Day: 27 September



Vincent urged his followers to bring God’s justice and love to people who were unable to live a full human life:

“Deal with the most urgent needs. Organise charity so that it is more efficient...teach reading and writing, educate with the aim of giving each the means of self-support. Intervene with authorities to obtain reforms in structure...there is no charity without justice.”

Vincent de Paul died in Paris on 27th September 1660 at the age of 79. He was canonised on 16th June 1737 and, in 1883, the Church designated him as the special patron of all charitable associations.

“Love the poor. Honour them, my children, as you would honour Christ himself”

St. Vincent de Paul School Prayer

God of Love
 You gave St Vincent de Paul the courage and wisdom to help the poor and care for children.
 Help us to care for others and always have faith in You.
 Amen
 St Vincent de Paul Pray For Us



Principal's Message

Welcome back for Term 4! It was great to see the children return with so much energy and excitement on Monday. I hope everyone was able to enjoy the break in routine for the 2 weeks. Apart from all the learning the children will be involved in throughout this term there are also a number of events taking place. We have the athletics carnival, 2026 Prep Information Night, Year 2 & 5 Family Mass, Christmas Carols, Prep Orientation Days, Year 6 Graduation Ceremony and Dinner and the Nativity Play. We would ask that you mark these events down in your calendars with more details on each event being provided over the coming weeks.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This weekend and next weekend the children in Year 4 will be celebrating their First Holy Communion at the Saturday vigil mass and the Sunday morning mass.



The children, together with their families and teachers have been preparing for this special event in the children's faith development. We ask that you keep them in your prayers as they receive the Eucharist for the first time and deepen their commitment to their Catholic faith. The Saturday evening mass begins at 6:00pm and the Sunday mass begins at 9:30am.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FEAST DAY

Today the children celebrated the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul, the school's patron saint. This involved celebration at a whole school mass to commemorate the special occasion. We had Gen Bryant, who is a Melbourne based singer-songwriter of contemporary and Christian music, together with her band, leading the children in the singing throughout the mass. The children were also involved in working with Gen throughout the day.

BUILDING UPDATE

During the holidays the Moonee Valley City Council placed a notice on the school fence with details of the building works the school will be undertaking. This is part of the process to fulfill planning requirements. We wait to hear the council's response so that the school can proceed to putting the project out to tender and appoint a builder. In the meantime the school is continuing to meet with the architect and the MACS appointed consultant to refine the specifications for the project.

ART WORK

During weeks 3 & 4 of this term the children will be bringing home all the creative art work they have been working on. The work reflects their many talents in visual arts and the skills they have developed throughout the year under the guidance of Mrs Chadwick.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SURVEYS

Thank you to those families who completed the School Improvement Surveys. These will help inform decisions for planning for 2026.

PLANNING OVERSEAS TRAVEL

At this time of the year some families plan overseas trips for 2026. I would like to remind families who are considering this of a number of points which are outlined on our 'Application for Student Exemption Form'.

As a school we realise that life experiences borne from the likes of travel can be extraordinarily enriching and significant learning experiences. However, we also realise that there is not a substitute for school attendance. Parents taking their children on extended trips (more than 10 school days) outside of gazetted holidays can put a child's 'school learning' at risk.

We want parents to understand that:

- Parents understand that this risk is their choice and their responsibility
- Parents understand that our school will always endeavour to assist children who are falling below expected standards. However, those children who attend school 'full time' will be given preference in programs that offer support or intervention
- Parents understand that the teacher's responsibility is to teach those at school. They are not required or expected to be setting work for children on extended leave from school
- Parents understand that there is an expectation that children on extended leave are engaged in literacy (reading and writing) and numeracy activities, if not daily, very regularly. These activities are organised by parents.
- Parents understand that they are still responsible for all associated educational costs for the entire year, whether their child is present or not.

PLANNING FOR 2026

Planning for 2026 continues to progress and we ask any families who will not be returning to school in 2026 to please contact the school to let us know. We can then cater for any families who are currently on waiting lists to have the opportunity to enrol in the school. Thank you to those families who have already informed the school.

LATE ARRIVALS AT SCHOOL

With the change to daylight savings time we have a number of students who have been late in the first week of school. We remind parents that if children are late they need to be signed in by a parent on the iPad at the front office.

SUMMER UNIFORM

In Term 4 the children are expected to wear the summer uniform. Because the weather can sometimes be a little cool for the first couple of weeks of the term we do give the children 2 weeks to transition to the summer uniform. The one exception is the school hat. This needs to be worn by the end of the first week of Term 4. All children are expected to be wearing the summer uniform by Monday October 20.

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

Principal's Message cont.....

SUMMER UNIFORM

BOYS

- Grey Shorts
- Short Sleeve Shirt (Sky)
- Wool School Jumper
- Grey Stripe Ankle Socks
- Black Leather Shoes
- Floppy Brim Hat

GIRLS

- School Summer Dress
- Navy Tailored Shorts
- Peter Pan Collar Short Sleeve Shirt (Sky)
- Wool School Jumper
- Navy Ankle Socks
- Black Leather Shoes
- Floppy Brim Hat

SPORTS UNIFORM

BOYS

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

GIRLS

- Rugby Top
- Short Sleeve Polo Top
- Navy Netball Skirt
- Navy Skort
- Navy Sport Shorts
- White Ankle Socks
- Runners

Shane Byrne
PRINCIPAL

Learning Diversity & Student Wellbeing cont.....

3. Model inclusion and empathy

When our school community openly supports diversity in how people learn, we create a safer, kinder, more inclusive environment for everyone.

Tips for Parents and Carers

- Recognize and praise effort, not just results
- Talk openly about learning differences, help make them normal, not something to hide
- Work with teachers to understand what adjustments or supports could help your child
- Encourage use of assistive tools (e.g. text-to-speech, audiobooks, graphic organisers)
- Celebrate your child's successes, big or small, and remind them of their unique gifts

Learning Disabilities Awareness Month is more than just a label, it's an opportunity. An opportunity to grow empathy, to improve support, and to celebrate the many ways our students think, learn, and express themselves.

By raising awareness, sharing understanding, and adjusting our practices, we help every student feel valued, capable, and supported. Let's make October a month of learning *about* learning, and a month where each child feels seen and respected.

Rebecca Glenton
Learning Diversity and Student Wellbeing Leader

Learning Diversity & Student Wellbeing

October is Learning Disabilities Awareness Month — Let's Celebrate Strengths and Support Each Other.

October marks Learning Disabilities Awareness Month, a special time to deepen our understanding of the varied learning needs of students. Throughout this month, we aim to build empathy, shine a light on the strengths of students with learning differences, and remind our community that support and inclusion help everyone thrive.

What is a Learning Disability?

A learning disability is not about intelligence. Rather, it's a difference in how the brain processes information - affecting reading, writing, math, memory, attention, or comprehension. Some common types include:

- **Dyslexia** - difficulty with reading, decoding, and spelling
- **Dyscalculia** - challenges understanding numbers or math concepts
- **Dysgraphia** - difficulty with handwriting, composition, or organising ideas on paper
- **ADHD / attention difficulties** (which often co-occur with other SLDs)

These differences can present challenges in school, but they also come with unique strengths, such as creativity, problem solving, perseverance, and out-of-the-box thinking.

Why Awareness Matters

1. Removes stigma and shame

Too often, students with learning differences feel embarrassed or judged. Awareness helps shift our focus from what's difficult toward what supports and talents students bring.

2. Better support and accommodation

Understanding learning disabilities helps teachers, peers, and families respond in ways that are helpful, such as offering alternative ways to learn or demonstrate understanding.

2025 School Fees

Thank you to all those families that have paid their school fees. A reminder to those with outstanding fees that all school fees are now overdue.

Please contact the school office if you are unable to finalise your payment.

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.

2025 Term Dates

TERM 4

Monday 6th October – Tuesday 16th December

2025 School Closure Days

- ❖ Monday 3rd November
- ❖ Thursday 4th December

Term 4, 2025 - PE, Classroom Sport and Library Timetable

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

Awards

Please find listed below the names of those students receiving awards at the assembly on **FRIDAY 17th October at 2:25 pm** in the hall.

PREP BLUE	Alessio Cicione Allegra Dix	THREE GREEN	Luca Gervasi Natalia Sovilj
PREP GOLD	Jack Maver Matilda Whaley	FOUR BLUE	Mila Tadikamalla Julian Karamicov
PREP GREEN	Arthur Fensom Zahli Salmond	FOUR GOLD	Blaire Naim Jordan Liu
ONE BLUE	Hudson Melideo Arielle Vassallo	FOUR GREEN	Leonardo Wu Scarlett Attard
ONE GOLD	Matilda Kuret Thomas Fletcher	FIVE BLUE	Billy Giansiracusa Axel Armstrong
TWO BLUE	Elsie Makarucha Martina Soto Kairath	FIVE GOLD	Ruben Trimboli Chloe Bevelander
TWO GOLD	Hamish McCormick Raffael Andronaco	FIVE GREEN	Emma Bristow Jasper Hosford
THREE BLUE	Jessica Nfila Isaiah Saba	SIX BLUE	Joshua Georgiou Amelie Giardina
THREE GOLD	Jonathan Situ Sienna Atkinson	SIX GOLD	Josh Dean Xavier Vernali



Chess Club - Term 4, 2025



TERM 4, 2025 - 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.

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CLASS DETAILS - ST VINCENT DE PAUL PRIMARY

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	DATES	COST
Thursdays	1:40pm - 2:20pm	Library	16 Oct to 11 Dec	\$145 per child per term

Vic Soccer - Super Spring Clinics



2025 FREE SOCCER BALL FOR EACH PARTICIPANT!

Saturday morning clinics begin on the 18th of October 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 18th of October 2025

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

TERM 4 CLINICS BEGIN 9AM SAT. OCTOBER 18th 2025

METHOD OF PAYMENT
Payment on first day of clinic 18/10/2025
Cheque or Cash \$150
Please register by Friday 17/10 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.

Ave Maria College - 2025 Arts and Technology Festival



Ave Maria College Presents

Ave Creates

The 2025 Arts and Technology Festival
Tuesday 14 October 5:30pm - 8:00pm




Ave Creates

5:30pm - 8:00pm
Exhibitions of student work in the Mary Centre and Helene Building.

5:30pm - 6:15pm
College Choir and Solo Music performances in Helene Atrium.

6:30pm - 7:30pm
VCE Product Design & Technology Fashion Parade and VCE Drama & Music Performances

Student Work including:

- Year 12 Art Making and Exhibiting/Visual Communication Design student showcase
- Year 12 Media film screenings
- Student works from Year 7-11 Art, Media, Textiles and Visual Communication Design
- Food Technology demonstrations and displays
- STEM display
- Live performances from Drama and Music students




Important Dates

OCTOBER 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Term 4 Begins	7	8	9 St Vincent de Paul Feast Day	10	11 Yr 4 Holy Communion 6pm	12 Yr 4 Holy Communion 9:30am
13	14	15 Yr 2 Gold Mass 10am	16 School Advisory Council Meeting	17 Zoooper Doopers Prep Assembly 2:25pm (Hall)	18 Yr 4 Holy Communion 6pm	19 Yr 4 Holy Communion 9:30am
20	21	22 Yr 2 Blue Mass 10am	23	24 Zoooper Doopers Nominations for School Advisory Council OPEN	25	26
27 Parents Association Meeting 7:00pm Online	28	29 Yr 1 Gold Mass 10am	30	31 Zoooper Doopers Year 1 Assembly 2:25pm (Hall)		

NOVEMBER 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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3 School Closure Day	4 Melbourne Cup Day Holiday	5	6 Whole School Athletics	7 Zoooper Doopers Nominations for School Advisory Council CLOSE	8	9
10	11 Remembrance Day	12 Yr 1 Blue Mass 10am Music Soiree	13 Prep 2026 Information Evening	14 Zoooper Doopers Year 5 Assembly 2:25pm (Hall)	15 Yr 2 & Yr 5 Family Mass 6pm	16
17 Italian Week	18 Prep 2026 Orientation - Session 1	19	20 Hot Food Day School Advisory Council Meeting	21 Zoooper Doopers	22	23
24 Parents Association AGM 7:00pm Online	25 Prep 2026 Orientation - Session 2	26 Prep & Yr 6 Mass 10am	27 Christmas Carols	28 Zoooper Doopers Year 4 Assembly 2:25pm (Hall)	29	30

DECEMBER 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1	2	3 Prep 2026 Orientation - Session 3	4 School Closure Day	5 Zoooper Doopers	6	7
8	9 Prep Nativity Play	10	11 Year 6 Graduation Ceremony & Dinner	12 Zoooper Doopers	13	14
15 2026 Transition Day	16 *End of School Year Mass - 10am *Year 6 Assembly 12:00 noon (Hall) *Last Day of Term 4 - 1:30pm Finish	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27	28
29	30	31 New Years Eve				