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Newsletter

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Reflection



Over the past two weekends, our Year 4 students celebrated a very special moment in their faith journey, their First Holy Communion. Surrounded by family, friends and teachers, the students received Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time.

First Holy Communion is a time of great joy and thanksgiving. It reminds us of Jesus’ love and the special meal He shared with His friends at the Last Supper. This spiritual nourishment helps us to live each day with hope, gratitude, and love, sharing kindness and care with others.

We congratulate all our students who received their First Holy Communion and thank their families and teachers for supporting them in their preparation. May this sacred celebration continue to guide them to live with faith-filled hearts, showing the love of Jesus in all they do.

Prayer for the students who received their First Holy Communion:

Dear Lord,

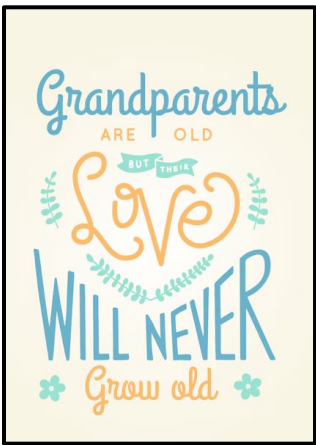
We thank you for the gift of Holy Communion, which brings us together as a community in Christ.

Guide us on our faith journey and encourage us to continue to share in Your gift of the Eucharist.

We ask this prayer, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Grandparents Mass - Year 1



On **Wednesday 29th October (Year 1 Gold)** and **Wednesday 12th November (Year 1 Blue)** the Year 1 students will be attending a very special Grandparents Mass to celebrate the love, wisdom, and faith that grandparents bring into our lives. **We invite all grandparents of the Year 1 students to join them at the 10am Parish Mass on either Wed 29th Oct or Wed 12th Nov.** This joyful occasion is a chance for us to give thanks for all the ways grandparents nurture, guide, and share God’s love within families.

Together, we will reflect on the gift of family and the important role grandparents play in helping us grow in kindness, faith, and gratitude.

After Mass, grandparents are warmly invited to join the students in the classroom to share some time together and see the children’s wonderful work.

We look forward to celebrating this special Mass and giving thanks to God for our grandparents, who bless us with love that lasts a lifetime.

Grandparents
are a delightful
blend of laughter,
caring deeds,
wonderful stories
and Love.

**TO THE WORLD,
YOU MAY BE JUST
A GRANDPARENT,
BUT TO US, YOU
ARE A TREASURE
BEYOND MEASURE.**

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Principal's Message

Over the past two weekends, the children in Year 4 have celebrated their First Holy Communion—a significant milestone in their faith journey.



The reverent and respectful way in which the sacrament was celebrated truly reflected its deep spiritual importance. The children's strong understanding of the meaning of the Eucharist was evident and is a testament to the thoughtful preparation and guidance provided by their families and teachers.

We extend our sincere thanks to Fr. Nhan and Fr. Raj for celebrating the Masses, and to the dedicated staff—Mrs. Pannell, Mr. Zuccarelli, Ms. Costanzo, Mrs. Petrie, Ms. Failla, Mrs. Calleja, Mr. Scerri, and Mrs. Eastham—for their invaluable support of the children throughout this special time.

BUILDING UPDATE

We have been informed by the Moonee Valley City Council that there were no objections to our planning application. We await the council's response to our planning application.

ART WORK

This week and next, the children will be bringing home the creative artwork they've been developing throughout the year. Their pieces showcase not only their individual talents in the visual arts but also the artistic skills they've nurtured under the expert guidance of Mrs. Chadwick. We hope you enjoy seeing and celebrating their wonderful achievements

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

We are inviting expressions of interest from parents who are interested in being part of the School Advisory Council. We are seeking 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 open tomorrow, October 24 and close on Nov 7, 2025. Expression of Interest forms are available by emailing me principal@svstrathmore.catholic.edu.au

LEAVE

Tomorrow I will be taking long service leave for 6 school days. Laura Petrie will step into the Acting Principal role and Rebecca Glenton will step into the Deputy role.

SUMMER UNIFORM

We remind families that all children are expected to be in summer uniform. If your child is out of uniform we ask that you contact your child's classroom teacher.

SUMMER UNIFORM

BOYS

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

SPORTS UNIFORM

BOYS

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

GIRLS

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

Shane Byrne
PRINCIPAL

Scholastic Book Club



The Term 4 Book Club catalogue was distributed to all students on Friday 10th October. If you would like to place an order, it will need to be submitted online by **Friday 31st October**. **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.

Secondary Education Guide

To assist your decision making in relation to your child's education for 2026 and beyond, please find below a link to the November 2025 edition of the Secondary Education Guide.

CLICK HERE:
<https://victoriaschoolguides.starcollaborative.com.au/secondary-education-november/>



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

Learning Diversity & Student Wellbeing

At St Vincent de Paul Primary school, we continue to explore the Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships (RRRR) program, which helps students develop emotional awareness, empathy, and strong social skills. This term, many of the year levels are focussing on positive coping — learning ways to manage strong feelings and respond to challenges in helpful ways.

Students have been discovering that it’s normal to feel emotions like worry, anger, or disappointment and what matters is how we respond. Through stories, discussions, and role plays, children are identifying strategies that help them calm down and feel better, such as:

- 🧘 taking slow, deep breaths
- 🚶 going for a walk or having a short break
- 💬 talking to a trusted adult or friend
- 🎨 doing something creative or relaxing

Positive coping helps children build resilience, the ability to bounce back after tricky moments. In some year levels, we’ve been practising “name it to tame it” (putting words to feelings), using calm-down corners, and celebrating times when students have managed big emotions in positive ways.

Families can support this learning at home by modelling calm problem-solving, naming your own feelings, and encouraging children to try healthy coping strategies. A simple conversation like, “*I can see you’re frustrated — what could help you feel calm right now?*” helps children feel understood and capable of managing their emotions.

Together, we’re helping students grow into confident, caring and resilient learners who can handle life’s ups and downs with a positive mindset. ❤️

Family activity idea

What to do:

- Find a small box or container** — decorate it together with drawings or stickers.
- Talk about things that help everyone feel calm** when they’re upset or worried (e.g., reading, listening to music, hugging a pet, going outside, deep breathing).
- Write or draw each coping idea** on a card and put it in the box.
- When someone feels upset, **choose a card** from the box to try a positive coping strategy.

Why it helps:

This activity normalises talking about feelings and gives children a practical way to practise self-regulation. It also builds family connection and shared understanding around emotional wellbeing.

Rebecca Glenton
Learning Diversity and Student Wellbeing Leader

Sport News

House Athletics Carnival



Over the past two weeks the students have been busily preparing for our upcoming House Athletics Carnival on Thursday November 6th! Please be aware that a permission form and related information was distributed via Audiri last week. If these forms could be filled in ASAP that would be much appreciated. A reminder that students are to wear a coloured t-shirt of their house (red, blue, gold, green) to the carnival. Thanks so much to parents who have volunteered to assist on the day, I’ll be in touch shortly to notify any required parents of their role. Fingers crossed for 25 degrees and sunny on the day and lots of fun had by all!

Year 2 Swimming Program & Year 3 Bike Education

Could parents of students in Year 2 & 3 please be aware of upcoming information and permission forms which will be shared via Audiri in regards to the Swimming and Bike Ed programs in the coming days. The Swimming Program will run in Week 6 and the Bike Ed Program will run from Weeks 6-9.

Daniel Igoe (Sports / PE Co-ordinator)

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

St. Vincent de Paul Feast Day Celebration

On Thursday 9th October our school students and staff celebrated our patron saint, St Vincent de Paul through song, prayer and the Eucharist. Throughout the day we were engaged in song by Gen Bryant, who is a Melbourne based singer-songwriter of contemporary and Christian music, together with her band.

The day began with the Prep and Year 2 students heading to Church to learn a song and actions focusing on peace, love and joy. Both the students and teachers were very involved in the singing and actions, which was wonderful to see!

The middle part of the day involved the Year 1, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 students learning the words and actions to Gen's songs 'Hope is Alive' and 'Send us Out', which also featured at our whole school Mass in the morning. The Church and School Hall were certainly buzzing throughout the day.

The end of the day culminated in a whole school concert in our School Hall, where we were all invited to sing and dance, demonstrating the love and joy that music brings.

Please speak with your child about our Feast Day celebrations as it was a magical day, that engaged us all in song and prayer.



Awards

Please find listed below the names of those students receiving awards at the assembly on **FRIDAY 31st October at 2:25 pm** in the hall.

PREP BLUE	Mila Mazzarella Frankie Waters	THREE GREEN	Mila Trevisiol Tasmine Zucchi
PREP GOLD	Ruby Brigg Henry Sullivan	FOUR BLUE	Annie Neal Olivier Mineo
PREP GREEN	Gabriel Angiolino Niya Martin	FOUR GOLD	Emma Connelly Phoebe Phan
ONE BLUE	Peter Randles Elsie Blunt	FOUR GREEN	Xavier Portelli Ella Kemp
ONE GOLD	Harriet Hull Kosta Diseris	FIVE BLUE	Sia Sidhu Rose Wieladek
TWO BLUE	Elijah Saba Eleanor Anderson	FIVE GOLD	Cara Bianchi-Rossi Thomas Bottomley
TWO GOLD	Isaac Torres Claudia Ambrosino Isabelle Correia	FIVE GREEN	Nerija Skimbirauskas James Laverde
THREE BLUE	Kane Nguyen Zak Piaia	SIX BLUE	Charlotte Micevski Levi Kheir
THREE GOLD	Austin Saliba Harper Pali	SIX GOLD	Joseph Dimasi Luca Pappalardo



Chess Club - Term 4, 2025



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*Rob Horwood Principal,
Stella Maris Primary, Beaumaris.*

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

2nd Strathmore Scout Group



Ready to try something new?

Join Scouts



2nd Strathmore Scout Group is welcoming new members to unlock adventure and start their Scouting journey!

Our Section meeting nights are
Joeys | ages 5-8 | Monday 5:15pm - 6:15pm
Cubs | ages 8-11 | Monday 7pm - 8:30pm
Scouts | ages 11-14 | Wednesday 7pm - 9pm
Venturers | ages 14-18 | Thursday 7:30pm - 9:30pm

We meet at 63A Kernan St, Strathmore



2nd Strathmore
Scout Group

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 Second Hand Uniform Sale - 8:30am (Hall)	31 Zoooper Doopers Year 1 Assembly 2:25pm (Hall)		

NOVEMBER 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
					1	2
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				