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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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# Newsletter

**St. Vincent de Paul Primary School**  
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Reflection



**Mark 4:26–29**  
Jesus also said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow—he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

In the Gospel reading, Jesus tells a story about a seed that is scattered on the ground. The farmer does not rush the seed or force it to grow. Instead, he trusts the process. Over time, the seed grows step by step. First the stalk, then the head, and finally the full grain.

This story reminds us that growth takes time. Just like the seed, we do not grow all at once. We learn new things, build our skills, and grow in faith gradually, one step at a time. Some days we can see our growth clearly, and other days it might feel like nothing is happening, but God is still at work.

Our school theme, “Step by Step We Grow,” encourages us to be patient with ourselves and with others. It reminds us to trust that even small efforts matter. With care, support, and faith, God helps us grow into the people He created us to be, just as the seed grows into a full harvest.

A prayer for the beginning of the School Year:

**Loving God,**  
As we begin this new school year,  
we thank You for the gift of fresh beginnings  
and for bringing us together as one community.



**We know that learning and growing take time.**  
Help us to remember that step by step, we grow,  
in knowledge, in confidence, in kindness and in faith.

**When our steps feel easy,**  
may we be grateful and humble.  
When our steps feel challenging,  
give us patience, courage and trust in You.

**Bless our students as they learn and discover new things.**  
Bless our teachers and staff as they guide, encourage  
and walk alongside each child with care.  
Bless our families as partners in this journey of growth.

**May we support one another,**  
celebrate progress big and small,  
and remember that You walk with us every step of the way.

**We place this school year in Your loving hands**  
and ask that our words, actions and choices  
help us grow closer to You and to one another.

**We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen.**



Principal’s Message

Welcome back to the start of the 2026 school year, and a very special welcome to the new families who have joined our school community.

Our Prep children have made a wonderful start to their schooling over the past two days. They are settling in beautifully, becoming familiar with their new learning environment and the daily routines of school life. It has also been terrific to see students from all other year levels returning on Wednesday and Thursday for their testing sessions. We are very much looking forward to welcoming all students back together tomorrow for the first full day of the school year.

In addition to the important learning that will take place throughout the year, there are many events planned that we will continue to keep you informed about. Events coming up this term include the Opening of the School Year Mass, the Prep and Year 6 Picnic, the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Year 3), Swimming Carnival, Gala Sports Day, Year 6 Camp, Photo Day, Stations of the Cross and Learning Conferences.

We welcome our newest staff member Lucy Kett who takes on the role of Mathematics Leader. We also welcome back a number of staff who are returning after having children. These include Steph Serrano, Emma Butcher, Laura Buggy and Antoinette McKinnon. We look forward to all these staff sharing their many talents with the school community.

**THEME**

This year the school theme is “Step by Step, We Grow”. This theme reminds us that growth happens over time. Every small step, whether it be in learning, relationships, faith and wellbeing, matters. Together, we support one another as we learn, improve, and grow throughout the year. We know that progress is made through consistent effort, patience and support. By valuing each step of the journey, we nurture confidence, resilience and a love of learning in every student.

As a community, “Step by Step, We Grow” encourages us to move forward together, supporting one another through change and celebrating growth in all its forms. We look forward to seeing the growth in the children throughout the year.

**PREP & YEAR 6 FAMILY PICNIC**

On Tuesday, February 24, we invite all Prep and Year 6 families to a picnic in the Senior Yard. This is an opportunity to welcome the Prep children to the school and for the Year 6 and Prep families to meet their buddy’s family.

The picnic begins at 6:00pm and finishes at 8:00pm. The Parents Association will be providing sausages with salad/coleslaw for parents and children. It is a BYO event for everything else including drinks and picnic rugs/chairs.

We look forward to seeing all our Prep and Year 6 families attend this event which will be held in the Senior Yard.



**PARENTS ASSOCIATION**

This year our hard working Parents Association will again be organising social and fundraising events. For the first day of the Preps schooling the PA organised the morning tea which was well attended by our Prep parents.

We have already had a number of parents volunteer to be Parents Reps which is so important for the smooth running of the PA. The PA will be again be led by our executive committee and we welcome Amanda Marino to the role of treasurer. We also thank Jodie Jinnette for her hard work in the role for the past 2 years.

**LEARNING CONFERENCES**

This year the learning conferences will be held on March 31 and will be an opportunity for parents to receive feedback on their children’s progress. Children are expected to attend the learning conferences with their parent(s). The school will be closed on this day with the learning conferences beginning at 11:00am and concluding at 6:00pm. More details on how to book for the conferences will be made available in the coming weeks.

**NEW SCHOOL YEAR MASS**

Next Thursday, February 5, the school will celebrate the beginning of the school year with mass at 9:15am. Our SRC children and other leaders will be presented with their badges at the mass.

Shane Byrne  
PRINCIPAL

Summer School Uniform

SUMMER UNIFORM	
<b>BOYS</b>	<b>GIRLS</b>
-Grey Shorts	-School Summer Dress
-Short Sleeve Shirt (Sky)	-Navy Tailored Shorts
-Wool School Jumper	-Peter Pan Collar Short Sleeve Shirt (Sky)
-Grey Stripe Anklet Socks	-Wool School Jumper
-Black Leather Shoes	-Navy Anklet Socks
-Floppy Brim Hat	-Black Leather Shoes
	-Floppy Brim Hat
SPORTS UNIFORM	
<b>BOYS</b>	<b>GIRLS</b>
-Rugby Top	-Rugby Top
-Short Sleeve Polo Top	-Short Sleeve Polo Top
-Navy Sport Shorts	-Navy Netball Skirt
-White Anklet Socks	-Navy Skort
-Runners	-Navy Sport Shorts
	-White Anklet Socks
	-Runners

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

2026 Staffing

2026 ST VINCENT DE PAUL STAFF

PRINCIPAL	Shane Byrne
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL	Laura Petrie
PREP BLUE	Joanne Gurrisi
PREP GOLD	Melanie Harrop
PREP GREEN	Ashley La Porta
ONE BLUE	Stephanie Alessandrini
ONE GOLD	Simone D’Cruz
	Cathy Manos (Fri)
TWO BLUE	Eve Zikos
TWO GOLD	Sarah Nevill
THREE BLUE	Rachel Williams
THREE GOLD	Virginia Spiller
FOUR BLUE	Nathan Zuccarelli
FOUR GOLD	Holly Caven (Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri)
	Antoinette McKinnon (Wed)
FOUR GREEN	Giulia Costanzo
FIVE BLUE	Laura Rahill (Mon-Wed)
	Emma Butcher (Thur-Fri)
FIVE GOLD	Grace Harrington
FIVE GREEN	Gabby Ciampa
SIX BLUE	Laura Buggy
SIX GOLD	Will Kingston
SIX GREEN	Matthew Jones

SPECIALIST ROLES

Religious Education Leader	Laura Petrie
Digital Technologies Leader	Stephanie Serrano
Integrated Inquiry Leader	Stephanie Serrano
Literacy Leader	TBC
Mathematics Leader	Lucy Kett
Learning Diversity / Wellbeing Leader	Rebecca Glenton
Annual Action Plan Leader	Meg Monaghan
Annual Action Plan Leader	Simone D’Cruz
Team Leader Support	Cathy Manos
Performing Arts	Emily Grindrod
Visual Arts	Meg Monaghan
Sports / PE Co-ordinator	Daniel Igoe
Languages (Italian)	Tania Barbati
Literacy Intervention	Jessica McLeod
Mathematics Intervention	Lucy Kett
Maths Extension	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, Sebastian Frazzetto, Harrison Grindrod, Deb Hodges, Caterina Hollibone, Shariss Perisa, Christian Scerri, Salome Schembri, Kate Sourial and Hayley Thompson

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

Please note, in Term 1 Laura Petrie will be the Acting Principal and Rebecca Glenton the Acting Deputy Principal. Will Kingston will also be the Acting Learning Diversity Leader on Thursday & Friday. Melissa Pannell will be working in Year 6 Gold on Thursday & Friday for Term 1.

Learning Diversity & Student Wellbeing

Settling Back Into the School Year: Supporting Children Through Change

The start of a new school year is an exciting time, new classrooms, new teachers, new routines, and new opportunities to learn. For many children, it’s also a time when feelings of nervousness or worry can surface. This is completely normal, and with the right support, children can settle in confidently and successfully.

Why the start of the year can feel tricky

Even positive change can feel overwhelming. New environments, unfamiliar expectations, and time away from school routines can all contribute to anxiety, particularly for children who thrive on predictability or reassurance.

How families can help ease anxiety

Here are some simple, effective strategies that can make a big difference:

Stick to routines where possible

Consistent morning and evening routines help children feel safe and prepared for the day ahead.

Talk about the school day

Encourage your child to share what they’re looking forward to, and what they might be worried about. Let them know it’s okay to feel nervous and that support is always available.

Preview what’s coming

Talking through the school day, teacher, timetable, or upcoming events can help reduce uncertainty. Knowing “what comes next” builds confidence.

Offer reassurance and praise

Acknowledge your child’s efforts, especially brave steps like entering the classroom, trying something new, or asking for help.

Encourage movement and regulation

Physical activity, brain breaks, and calm moments can help children manage big emotions and reset when things feel overwhelming.

Encourage help-seeking

Remind children that teachers and school staff are there to help. Asking for support is a strength, not a weakness.

How school is supporting students

At school, teachers are focusing on:

- Building strong, caring relationships
- Establishing predictable routines
- Providing clear expectations and visual supports
- Creating calm, welcoming classrooms
- Supporting emotional regulation and wellbeing

These approaches help all students feel safe, supported, and ready to learn.

The beginning of the year is a time of growth, and settling in looks different for every child. With patience, partnership, and encouragement, children will find their rhythm and confidence as the year unfolds.

If you have any concerns about your child’s wellbeing, please don’t hesitate to reach out to their teacher, we’re here to support you and your child every step of the way

*Rebecca Glenton*  
*Learning Diversity and Student Wellbeing Leader*

2026 Term Dates

TERM 1

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January (Prep)  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January (Yr 1–Yr 6) – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
(Note: Easter 3<sup>rd</sup>–6<sup>th</sup> April)

TERM 2

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June

TERM 3

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September

TERM 4

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

2026 School Closure Days

- ❖ Wednesday 4th March
- ❖ Tuesday 31st March (Learning Conferences)
- ❖ Thursday 28th May
- ❖ Monday 27th July
- ❖ Wednesday 16th September (Learning Conferences)
- ❖ Monday 2nd November
- ❖ Wednesday 2nd December

2026 Sacramental Dates

Year 3 Reconciliation

- 3:30pm - 5:00pm Tuesday 24th March
- 3:30pm - 5:00pm Thursday 26th March

Year 4 First Holy Communion

- 6:00pm Saturday 23rd May
- 9:30am Sunday 24th May
- 6:00pm Saturday 30th May
- 9:30am Sunday 31st May



Year 6 Confirmation

- 6:00pm Saturday 24th October
- 9:30am Sunday 25th October

2026 Family Masses

Please note the following 2026 Family Mass dates for Year Levels other than Sacramental years (Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6). The dates for the Commitment Masses for Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6 year levels has been sent to families via Audiri.

PREP FAMILY MASSES:

- Saturday 22nd August 6pm/Sunday 23rd August 9:30am

YEAR 1 FAMILY MASSES:

- Saturday 2nd May 6pm/Sunday 3rd May 9:30am



YEAR 2 FAMILY MASSES:

- Saturday 14th February 6pm/Sunday 15th February 9:30am

YEAR 5 FAMILY MASSES:

- Saturday 12th September 6pm/Sunday 13th September 9:30am

St Columba’s College Tours

A message from St Columba’s College

Welcome back to all students and families for the start of the 2026 school year. We hope the year ahead is one of growth, purpose and possibility for your whole community.



For Grade 5 students and families, this is often the time when thoughts begin to turn to the secondary schooling journey ahead.

At St Columba’s College, we offer College tours throughout the year to support families as they explore their options. These engaging tours provide a genuine, behind-the-scenes look at the College in action and the distinctive educational experience we offer. Led by our student ambassadors, College Registrar and a member of our leadership team, tours offer the opportunity to explore our campus, ask questions and gain a clear sense of life at St Columba’s.

For the latest information on College tour dates for 2026, please visit [www.columba.vic.edu.au/enrolment](http://www.columba.vic.edu.au/enrolment)

Audiri - Update your Group for 2026

The Audiri app is one of the main methods of communication from the school to parents. Could all parents please ensure that they have selected their child's **new year level group for 2026** on the Audiri app. Just go to the 'Resources' tab located on the bottom right hand side of the app and then select 'Groups' then add or remove the relevant year level/s.

Install the App in 4 easy steps!



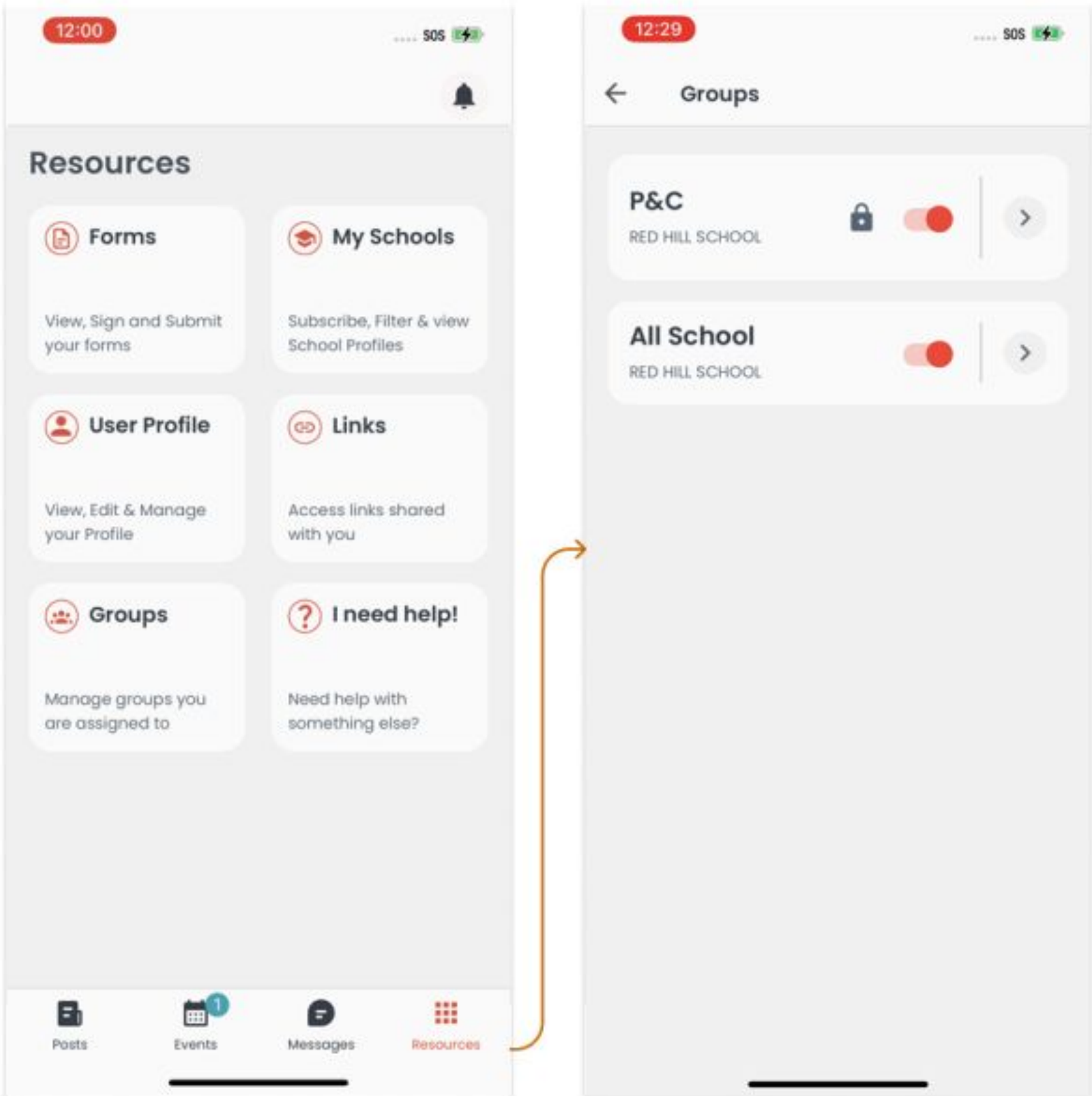
The free Audiri school app offers parents a convenient way to stay up-to-date with the school calendar, last-minute forms, newsletters, all school communications, and even make cashless payments. With Audiri, you can get started in just a few minutes by following these simple steps:

1. Open the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store and search for 'Audiri'. Install the app.
2. Create an account and follow the prompts. Click 'Sign up'. Enter your email address, create a password and click on 'Sign up'. A confirmation email will be sent to confirm your account. Open the confirmation email and confirm your account.
3. Open the app, and click 'Add/Remove'. Type your school's name and press enter.
4. Tap the + icon to add. Now you can see your school, under My Schools & Services.



How do I subscribe or unsubscribe from a Group?

- To subscribe or unsubscribe from a *Group*, navigate to your *Groups* list from the *Resources* screen.
- From there, you can scroll through the list of available *Groups* and toggle each *Group* on or off as required.



2026 Concessional School Fee Policy

Please continue reading to understand if you are eligible for discounted school fees under the 2026 Concessional School Fee Policy (including Health Care Card holders).

CONCESSIONAL SCHOOL FEE POLICY – 2026

- 1 child family \$810 per annum
  - 2 child family \$1,240 per annum
  - 3+ child family \$1,620 per annum
- (Excluding any camp charges)

The following families are encouraged to apply for concessional school fees as outlined in the newly introduced MACS Concessional School Fee Policy contained on our website under: Concessional Fee Policy.

- Any family holding a Health Care Card and eligible for Camps, Sports and Excursions (CSEF)
- Any family of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage
- Any family experiencing severe financial hardship
- Any family holding a DVA Gold Card
- Any family identified as refugees and holding an ImmiCard

Families who meet one of the above criteria are required to return the below documentation to the office:

- Concessional Fee Application Form
- A completed direct debit request service agreement
- A copy of the government concession card (if applicable)
- A completed Camps, Sports and Excursions (CSEF) application form (if applicable)

2026 Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the cost of school trips, camp and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested CONCESSION CARD or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is **\$400** per primary school student. We would encourage all parents who do have a concession card to apply for this benefit as, apart from receiving the CSEF payment, it also impacts on the school student funding.

For more information you can visit the CSEF website: [CSEF Information](#). Application forms are available on the website.

If you have applied, or would like to apply, please advise the school office ([info@svstrathmore.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@svstrathmore.catholic.edu.au)). Applications must be submitted to the school by 26th June 2026.

2026 Booklist - Items from Home

The 2026 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, 2026	<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, 2026	<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, 2026	<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, 2026	<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, 2026	<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, 2026	<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, 2026	<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>

Term 1, 2026 - PE, Classroom Sport and Library Timetable

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

Chess Club - Term 1, 2026

Parish Finance Officer Position



TERM 1, 2026 - 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.

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CLASS DETAILS - ST VINCENT DE PAUL PRIMARY

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	DATES	COST
Thursdays	1:40pm - 2:20pm	Library	05 February to 26 March	\$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**

St Monica’s Parish, Moonee Ponds, and St Vincent de Paul Parish, Strathmore, are currently seeking a Finance Officer for 15-hour per week. This is a six-month, part-time position. This is a warm, community-focused role where the Finance Officer will be the welcoming face of our parishes. The position plays an integral part of Parish finance. If you are interest and would like a copy of the position description, please email Fr Nh  n Le – [Nhan.le@cam.org.au](mailto:Nhan.le@cam.org.au)

Vic Soccer 2026 Summer Clinics



## SENSATIONAL SUMMER CLINICS

# 2026

## FREE

SOCCER BALL FOR EACH PARTICIPANT!

Saturday morning clinics begin on the 7th of February 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 7th of February 2026

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

**TERM 1 CLINICS BEGIN 9AM SAT.  
FEBRUARY 7th 2026**

METHOD OF PAYMENT  
Payment on first day of clinic 7/2/2026  
Cheque or Cash \$150  
Please register by Friday 6/2  
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](mailto: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.

Important Dates

JANUARY 2026

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 Preps only begin school Yr1-Yr6 - Testing Day	29 Preps only at school Yr1-Yr6 - Testing Day	30 Yr 1-Yr 6 begin school All students at school	31	

FEBRUARY 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
						1
2	3	4	5 Opening School Mass 9:15am	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Reconciliation Parent Info Evening 7pm	13 Zooper Doopers	14 Yr 2 Family Mass & Yr 3 Commitment Mass 6pm	15 Yr 2 Family Mass & Yr 3 Commitment Mass 9:30am
16	17	18 Ash Wednesday	19	20 Zooper Doopers Year 6 Assembly 2:25pm (Hall)	21	22
23	24 Prep & Year 6 BBQ 6-8pm	25	26 Whole School Swimming Sports	27 Gala Day 1 Zooper Doopers	28	

MARCH 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
						1
2 PA Meeting (in person) 7pm	3	4 School Closure Day	5	6 Year 5 Assembly 2:25pm (Hall)	7	8
9	10 Yr 6 Camp	11 Yr 6 Camp NAPLAN (Yr 3 & Yr 5)	12 Yr 6 Camp NAPLAN (Yr 3 & Yr 5) Second Hand Uniform Sale 2:30pm	13 Yr 6 Camp NAPLAN (Yr 3 & Yr 5)	14 Yr 3 Commitment Mass 6pm	15 Yr 3 Commitment Mass 9:30am
16	17 School Tour	18 School Photo Day	19 School Tour	20 Year 4 Assembly 2:25pm (Hall)	21	22
23	24 Yr 3 Reconciliation 3:30-5:00pm	25 Yr 6 Mass 9:30am	26 Yr 3 Reconciliation 3:30-5:00pm	27 Food Day - Sushi	28 Yr 3 Commitment Mass (Certificate) 6pm	29
30	31 School Closure Day Learning Conferences					

## TheirCare News

**HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

Welcome back to a brand-new school year! We're excited to see all our returning children and to warmly welcome our new families. We hope you all had a wonderful holiday break.

Our Summer Holiday Program at St. Vincent's was a huge success. The children enjoyed a fantastic mix of activities: arts and crafts, science experiments, movie outings, Mini Golf, the STEM Fair, Clown Academy, IMAX, and the Melbourne Museum. We received wonderful feedback from both parents and children, and we're already busy planning another two weeks of fun for the Term 1 Holiday Program.

**BOOKINGS**

A friendly reminder that all BSC and ASC bookings must be made at least 48 hours in advance. This helps us manage staffing and avoid late booking fees.

Please note that if we reach capacity, we are unable to accept children who are not booked in.

For emergency care, please contact us between 7:00–9:00am or at 2:30pm on 0474 007 664. Alternatively, you can reach our head office during business hours on 1300 072 410.

**CANCELLATION**

If your child will be absent or picked up early, please call or text us before 3:00pm so we can update our records.

**PREPS**

During Term 1, Prep students attending Before School Care will be walked to their classrooms each morning. In the afternoons, they will be collected from the dismissal area for After School Care.

**SUNSMART**

Our SunSmart policy is in effect this term. All children must have a hat for outdoor play. We encourage families to provide a wide-brim hat to keep at the service (it doesn't need to be a school hat).

We're looking forward to an exciting, fun-filled Term 1!

Lisa – Coordinator

Tulay – Educator