



Newsletter

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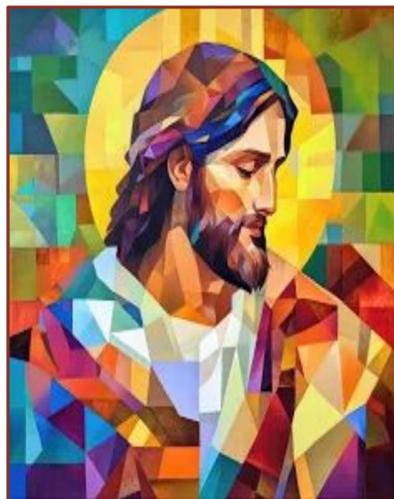
The following reading is from this coming Sunday.

Ephesians 5:8-14

Anything exposed by the light will turn into light

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,
 rise from the dead,
 and Christ will shine on you.



Fifth Sunday of Lent

This Sunday gently reminds us that Christ’s light lives within us. As we journey through Lent, we are invited to let that light shine through our words, our actions, and the choices we make each day. When we choose kindness, honesty and compassion, we help bring Christ’s light into the lives of others.

Prayer

Loving God,

Thank you for the light of Christ in our lives.
 Help us to shine that light through our kindness, our words, and our actions each day.
 May we bring hope, goodness and love to those around us.

Guide us to choose what is right and to care for others with gentle and generous hearts.
 May your light shine through us, so that all people may feel your peace and love.

Amen.



Acting Principal's Message

Last Wednesday was an opportunity for the staff to spend time focusing on our approach to learning and teaching through explicit direct instruction in Mathematics. The professional learning day was facilitated by mathematics consultant Brendan Lee, who is a researcher, podcaster and teacher. Brendan explored the importance of mathematical fluency as part of best practice in teaching mathematics. Our understanding of mathematical fluency was deepened through both theory and practice. We look forward to implementing some of the ideas that were presented on the day throughout our upcoming maths lessons.

YEAR 6 CAMP

This week our Year 6 students are attending camp at Campaspe Downs near Kyneton. They are enjoying a range of exciting outdoor activities including raft building, abseiling, rock climbing, canoeing, the giant swing and the flying fox.

We look forward to welcoming them back safely tomorrow and hearing about their experiences.

NAPLAN

Students in Years 3 and 5 will be participating in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) this week and early next week. Testing began on Wednesday, March 11 and will conclude on Monday, March 16. The assessments are conducted online, with the exception of the Year 3 writing assessment, which remains in a paper-and-pen format.

NAPLAN provides useful information about trends in student learning over time. However, it represents only a snapshot of a student's progress and is considered alongside school reports and the extensive assessment data collected throughout the year.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This year our Stations of the Cross will take place on Wednesday, April 1. Each grade level will present one of the Stations, continuing a valued school tradition that allows our community to reflect on the meaning of Easter and the sacrifice made by Jesus.

The event will begin at 11:40am in the Senior Yard and the area around the Church, and parents are warmly invited to attend. This is a very solemn and reverent reflection on the events leading up to and including Jesus' death and resurrection.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

A reminder that school photos will be taken on Wednesday, March 18, for individual and class photos and on Tuesday March 24, for sibling photos.

Students are required to wear their full summer uniform on this day. If your child has PE or sport scheduled, please ensure they bring their runners to change into rather than wearing their sports uniform.

LEARNING CONFERENCES

This year our Learning Conferences will be held on Tuesday, March 31. These conferences provide an opportunity for parents to receive feedback on their child's progress and discuss next steps in learning. Students are expected to attend the conferences with their parent(s). For students in Prep to Year 2, the conference will be facilitated by the teacher, with students attending alongside their parents.

For students in Years 3–6, students will lead the first part of the conference, followed by further discussion facilitated by the teacher. Please note that school will be closed on this day. Conferences will run from 11:00am to 6:00pm. Information about booking times was sent via the Audiri app on Monday, March 2nd. If you are yet to book in for your child's Learning Conferences, please do so as soon as possible, as the bookings close on March 27.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK: CHRIST BESIDE ME: WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF SAINT PATRICK

In 2026, Catholic Education Week will run from Sunday 15 March to Sunday 22 March. Catholic Education Week is an opportunity for all Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne to celebrate their Catholic identity, the pivotal role they play within their local community and the strength of the sector. The theme for Catholic Education Week 2026 is 'Christ beside me: Walking in the footsteps of Saint Patrick.' Saint Patrick's Cathedral, our mother Church, is named after the saint of Ireland, and is a reminder that Australia's migrants have always brought their religion with them. The Mass of St Patrick for Schools will take place on Friday 20 March 2026, followed by the Concert in the Park, and Young Speakers Colloquium. We are very pleased that our Year 6 Mini Vinnie's students and Mrs. Pannell will be attending the Mass and concert to represent our school.

PREP/YR 6 BBQ

A reminder that next Tuesday March 17, we are looking forward to the Prep/Yr 6 BBQ, which was postponed due to inclement weather. This is a wonderful opportunity for the Prep and Year 6 families to gather together, get to know one another and enjoy a BBQ dinner. Thank you once again to the Year 1 Parents Association representatives for all of your understanding and support with this event.

YR 3 COMMITMENT MASS

A reminder to the Year 3 families that this Saturday 14th March at 6pm and Sunday 15th March at 9:30am the Year 3 Commitment Mass will be held at our weekend Masses. Please remember to bring along the Prayer Card to this Mass as Father Nhan will call the children to the altar during the Mass.

Laura Petrie
Acting Principal

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

Learning Diversity & Student Wellbeing

Social Stories

At school, children learn not only academic skills but also how to navigate friendships, routines and social situations. One helpful strategy teachers sometimes use to support this learning is social stories.

A social story is a short, simple story that explains a situation, routine, or social interaction in a clear and positive way. Often supported with pictures, these stories help children understand what might happen in a situation, how people might feel, and what they can do to respond appropriately.

Social Stories can be used for many everyday situations such as learning playground expectations, taking turns, managing big emotions, or preparing for a change in routine. By breaking down situations into clear steps, they help children understand the “unwritten rules” of social interactions and school life.

Benefits of Social Stories

Social Stories can support children in a number of important ways:

- **Build social understanding** – Children learn what behaviour is expected in different situations
- **Reduce anxiety** – Knowing what to expect can help children feel calmer and more confident.
- **Develop empathy** – Stories often show how others feel, helping children understand different perspectives.
- **Teach problem-solving skills** – Children learn positive ways to respond to challenges such as sharing, waiting, or asking for help.
- **Support inclusion** – While originally designed for children with autism, Social Stories can benefit **all students**, particularly those learning new routines or social skills.

Because Social Stories use simple language and visual cues, they make complex social situations easier for children to understand. Over time, this can help build confidence, independence and positive relationships with others.

Teachers may sometimes use Social Stories in the classroom to help children prepare for events, learn new routines or develop social skills. Families can also use similar stories at home when preparing children for new experiences such as starting a new activity, visiting a busy place, or managing big emotions.

By working together, we can help children develop the social and emotional skills they need to feel confident, connected and ready to learn.

Rebecca Glenton and Will Kingston

Learning Diversity and Student Wellbeing Leaders

Wellbeing - 11 Months - 11 Standards

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) 11 Standards in 11 Months program, promoting and raising awareness of all 11 child safety standards within the school community.

Child Safe Standard 2

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Overview of Child Safe Standard 2

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- A public commitment to child safety
- Champion a child safe culture at all levels
- Ensure governance supports child safety policies
- Develop and enforce a Code of Conduct
- Implement risk management strategies that focus on preventing, identifying and mitigating risks to children

What does this look like in a school environment?

- **Leadership commitment:** School leaders actively promote child safety and wellbeing as a priority in decision-making and daily operations.
- **Ongoing training and professional development:** Staff are provided with ongoing training and professional development opportunities that increase capacity and confidence surrounding all aspects of child safety.
- **Clear governance:** Policies and procedures reflect child safety responsibilities and are regularly reviewed, updated and publicly available.
- **Staff modelling safe behaviours:** Expectations of staff are clearly defined. All staff demonstrate respectful, inclusive, and protective behaviours towards children. All staff are encouraged and empowered to speak up if any alternative is observed.
- **Ongoing culture building:** Child safety is embedded in school values, professional development, and community engagement with the objective to continually improve practice.
- **Thorough recruitment processing:** Applicable to all staff working in a school context, extending to volunteers and contractors. Valid credentials, references and Working with Children Checks apply. Ongoing monitoring and supervision of all staff and intervention if required.

How Parents, Carers and Guardians can get involved!

Here’s how you can support:

- Familiarise yourself with the school’s child safety policies and understand how they support student wellbeing.
- Provide feedback when you notice something that may impact a child’s safety or wellbeing.
- Support your child when they express their views and that their opinions are valued and heard.

Sports News

Divisional Swimming Competition

Congratulations to Keira Reardon, Madeleine Russell, Mila Tadikamalla and Saige Morrell for representing our school at the Divisional Swimming Competition on Tuesday.

Well done to Keira who placed 3rd in the 50m freestyle race and 2nd in the 50m backstroke race as well as Madeleine for placing 5th in the 50m butterfly race. Congrats also to all four girls for placing 5th in the 4x50m freestyle relay event.

What a great achievement to progress to this level and giving it their best!

Interschool Sports Gala Days

Over the last fortnight the Year 6 students kicked off their Interschool Sports campaign for the year by competing in the Term 1 Gala Day Competitions. The students had the opportunity to participate in either Volleyball, Softball, Short Tennis or Cricket over the 2 week period.

Congratulations to all teams on the way in which they competed and supported each other throughout the games, displaying excellent sportsmanship.

A special congratulations to our Cricket and Softball teams for winning their District Final and progressing through to the Divisional Round Robin in Term 4.



Daniel Igoe
Sports / PE Co-ordinator

Call for Volunteers

Calling for Community Helper Volunteers

We are looking for community helpers to visit our school on **Monday 30th March** to help teach our Year 1 students about the important roles people play in our community.

If you or someone you know works as a community helper (for example: police officer, nurse, firefighter, paramedic, builder, postal worker or similar) and would be willing to speak with the Year 1 students about your job, we would love to hear from you. Please note that it is a requirement that you have a current Working with Children's Check (WWC) to participate.

The sessions will take place in the school hall, and visitors are welcome to join us for one of the following times:

- 9:00am – 9:50am
- 11:30am – 1:15pm

If you are available to volunteer your time, please contact Steph Serrano at sserrano@svstrathmore.catholic.edu.au

Thank you for helping our students learn about the people who make our community a great place to live.

2026 School Photos

School photos will be taken on **Wednesday 18th March** for class/individual photos and **Tuesday 24th March** for sibling photos at St. Vincent de Paul Primary School.

Please note that your child is required to come to school in their **full Summer school uniform**. If your child has Physical Education on this day, please place their runners into their school bag for them to change into. Please see the information below on how to order your child's school photos.

order your school photos now

to order visit: www.advancedlife.com.au
 enter code: **DY9 RG7 NXP**

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school photography & print specialists

2026 Project Compassion



Our school is proudly supporting Project Compassion, the annual Lenten initiative of Caritas Australia. This program invites us to live out the values of Lent through compassion, generosity and solidarity, standing against poverty and injustice both in Australia and around the world.

Students are learning about the challenges faced by others and responding through prayer, action and fundraising. We are currently collecting donations in our Project Compassion boxes and encourage families to support this important Lenten cause.

Who are Caritas Australia?

Caritas Australia is the Catholic Church’s international aid and development organisation. Their work is inspired by the Gospel and Catholic Social Teaching, calling us to live with compassion, justice and love for others.

Grounded in the example of Jesus who, after forty days in the desert, chose light, love and freedom Caritas continues this mission by working to bring about positive change in the world. Their vision is justice, dignity and hope for all people and for all of God’s creation, especially for the most vulnerable.



2026 Schedule of School Fees & Levies

PER ANNUM FAMILY FEE

(Billed over 3 Terms)

	1 Child	2 Child	3 Child	4 Child
	\$3860	\$3960	\$4010	\$4060
Term 1	\$966	\$1000	\$1016	\$1033
Term 2	\$967	\$1000	\$1017	\$1033
Term 3	\$967	\$1000	\$1017	\$1034
Maintenance Levy	\$210	\$210	\$210	\$210
Capital Levy	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750

INDIVIDUAL STUDENT LEVY

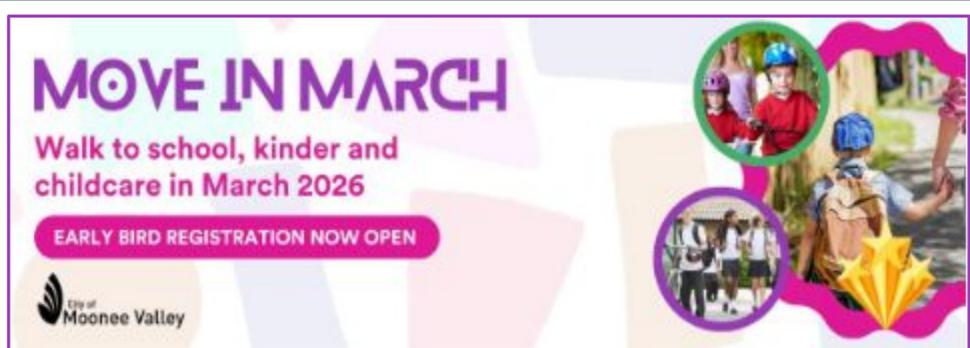
(Covers classroom requisites, books and excursions)

Book Levy	\$105
Prep	\$470
Year One	\$470
Year Two	\$470
Year Three	\$470
Year Four	\$470
Year Five	\$470
Year Six	\$530

If you have any questions about the school fees and levies, please contact Liz Piccione (lpiccione@svstrathmore.catholic.edu.au).

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.

2026 Move in March



Throughout March, we are participating in Move in March, presented by Moonee Valley Council. With over 8000 students registered already, thousands of families are taking up the challenge by walking, scooting, cycling or skating to and from school as many times as possible during March for the chance to win awesome prizes. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

We look forward to celebrating the class who have the most walkers, riders or scooters each Monday at Assembly with the Golden Boot Trophy.

Prep 2027 Enrolment Applications

Enrolments are now open for Prep 2027. Applications are to be submitted via the online enrolment application form on the school website:

[Prep 2027 Online Enrolment Application Form](#)



Applications close on **Wednesday 1st April 2026**.

Scholastic Book Club



The Term 1, 2026 Book Club catalogue was distributed to all students on Monday 2nd March. If you would like to place an order, it will need to be submitted online by **Thursday 19th March**.

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.

Carnevale Italian Day - Tuesday 28th April

We are excited to announce that on **Tuesday 28th April** our school will be celebrating **Carnevale Italian Day!**

Carnevale is a vibrant and colourful celebration traditionally held in Italy before Lent. Cities such as Venice and Viareggio are famous for their spectacular parades, elaborate costumes and beautiful masks. There are many other cities around the world that celebrate Carnevale also, like Goa in India, New Orleans in USA, Rio Janeiro in Brazil, Cologne in Germany and Nice in France. It is a final hurrah before the restrictions of Lent begin on Ash Wednesday. During the celebrations, which can last from a day to a month, revelers are free to eat, drink, and dance before the solemnity of Lent.

On the day, students are invited to come to school dressed in an appropriate **costume of their choice**, (the concept of Carnevale is that you are someone else for the day). They may create a **fantasy costume**, dress as a favourite character, or come as anything they like! (no toy weapons please). There is no need to hire or purchase a costume. If they prefer, students can also dress in the colours of the Italian flag - **green, white and red**. Students will have the opportunity to make their own mask at school.

Some of the activities that students will participate in throughout the day include:

- Mask making
- A festive Carnevale mask parade
- An Italian-themed scavenger hunt
- Watch a theatrical performance
- Dancing
- Playing bocce



This special day will be a wonderful opportunity for students to immerse themselves in Italian culture while practising their language skills in a fun and meaningful way. We look forward to a joyful and colourful celebration of Carnevale together!

If you have any questions, please email tbarbati@svstrathmore.catholic.edu.au

Grazie for your support.

Signorina Tania Barbati

2026 School Concert

ST VINCENT DE PAUL
PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS:

A WORLD OF OUR OWN

JUNE 17TH – GOLD AND GREEN HOUSE
JUNE 18TH – RED AND BLUE HOUSE

7PM CLOCKTOWER CENTRE

Free Mask Exhibition

There is a free exhibition of Venetian Carnevale masks. The Exhibition is on display from **29 January - 30 April 2026** (including the school holidays) at CO.AS.IT. Museo Italiano, 199 Faraday Street Carlton

Opening Hours:
Tuesday - Friday 10am-5pm
Saturday 1pm-5pm
FREE ENTRY

This exhibition traces the origins of Venetian mask traditions, their connection to **Commedia dell'Arte**, and the artisanal techniques used to create them, highlighting a craft that continues to thrive today. All exhibition panels are presented in both English and Italian, making the exhibition accessible to a wide and diverse audience.

<https://www.coasit.com.au/events/events-archive/behind-the-mask-history-symbolism-craft-in-venetian-carnevale>



Have your say on school choice - MACS family survey



Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools

Dear Parent/Carer,

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) is inviting families to take part in a short online survey about school choice and your experience as a MACS family.

The survey is being conducted in partnership with education research specialists Edified and focuses on the perspectives of **current MACS families**. It explores:

- what influenced your choice of school
- what matters most to your family now
- what supports satisfaction, belonging and confidence in your school

Your feedback will help MACS better understand what families value most and will inform future planning and decision-making for Catholic education.

The survey takes approximately **10–15 minutes** to complete and can be taken anonymously. All responses will be confidential and will only be used for the purposes of this research.

As a thank you for your time, families who complete the survey may choose to enter a prize draw to **win one of five \$100 eGift Cards**, redeemable across more than 100 in-store and online brands. Entry to the prize draw is optional and managed separately from survey responses.

Full prize draw terms and conditions are available here: <https://www.edified.com.au/post/macs-parent-survey-prize-draw>

Your voice matters. By sharing your experience, you are helping shape the future of Catholic education for current and future families.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MACSFAMILY>

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Community Engagement and Growth at ceg@macs.vic.edu.au.

Thank you for your time and contribution.

Warm regards,

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools

MACS Child Safe Standard 2



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This newsletter series provides an overview of what the Child Safe Standards are, how they are designed to help keep children and young people safe and what school governed by Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) are doing to prioritise and achieve this.

Overview of Child Safe Standard 2:

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- Ensure governance supports child safety policies
- Develop and enforce a Code of Conduct
- Implement risk management strategies that focus on preventing, identifying and mitigating risks to children
- Ensure staff, volunteers and contractors understand their obligation and the role they play in keeping children and young people safe. This includes information sharing and record keeping.

The Child Safe Standards

The Child Safe Standards are a set of guidelines that help organisations create safe environments for children and young people.

They make sure that children are protected from harm, listened to, and respected. These standards require organisations to have strong leadership, clear policies, and a culture that puts children first.

As a parent or carer, you can expect organisations to involve families, empower children, train staff properly, and respond to concerns quickly and respectfully.

This standard promotes a shared responsibility for safety across the entire school community and all levels of the organisation. It ensures a child safe culture is actively championed and modelled from the top down and bottom up.

What does this look like in a school environment?

- **Leadership commitment:** School leaders actively promote child safety and wellbeing as a priority in decision-making and daily operations.
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- **Join in** on school activities, parent committees or forums that promote child safety and wellbeing.

Want to know more?

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about how we're supporting child safety, please get in touch.

More information on the Child Safe Standards can be found via the [Commission for Children and Young People \(CCYP\) website](#).

Working together for Child Safety



Reviewed: January 2026

2026 Term Dates

TERM 1

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

TERM 2

Monday 20th April – Friday 26th June

TERM 3

Monday 13th July – Friday 18th September

TERM 4

Monday 5th October – Tuesday 15th December

2026 School Closure Days

- ❖ 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 - 4:30pm Tuesday 24th March (3 GOLD)
- 3:30pm - 4:30pm Thursday 26th March (3 BLUE)

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

Parish Bulletin

Please see below for a link to the St. Vincent de Paul Strathmore and St. Monica's Moonee Ponds parish bulletin.

<https://www.stmonicasparish.com.au/newsletter.html>



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:

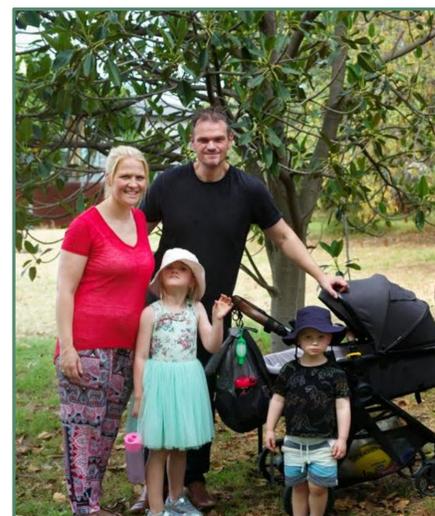
- Saturday 14th February 6pm/Sunday 15th February 9:30am

YEAR 5 FAMILY MASSES:

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

St. Vincent de Paul Parish Picnic

Thank you to the families who attended the St. Vincent de Paul Parish picnic on Sunday 1st March. It was a wonderful way to spend time as a parish community at the St. Columban's gardens.



Awards

Please find listed below the names of those students receiving awards at the assembly on **FRIDAY 20th March at 2:25 pm** in the hall.



PREP BLUE	Michael Mitropoulos Sophie Hancox	FOUR BLUE	Isabella Goodburn Gianluca Cicione
PREP GOLD	Marco Lane Sophie Hastings	FOUR GOLD	Evan Sfirlas Natalia Sovilj
PREP GREEN	Patrick Burgin Chloe Wright	FOUR GREEN	Zoe Macheda Jacob Zada
ONE BLUE	Sienna Porter Jesse Taylor	FIVE BLUE	Blaire Naim Xavier Cirelli
ONE GOLD	Timothy Mathews Tom Shannon	FIVE GOLD	Collette Pettinella Jacob Seoud
TWO BLUE	Dante Muscat Hugh Watson	FIVE GREEN	Eden Schepis Eamonn Williams
TWO GOLD	Alyssa Laverde Daniel Habib	SIX BLUE	Lachlan Blunt Sienna Mazza
THREE BLUE	Evelyn Grgic Charlotte Hatem	SIX GOLD	Jasper Hosford Chiara Franze
THREE GOLD	Mia Kalaskanis Allira Thompson	SIX GREEN	Emma Bristow Alexander El Madi

St Christopher's Junior Basketball Club

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JOIN OUR CLUB!

ST CHRISTOPHER'S JUNIOR BASKETBALL CLUB

Girls and boys teams
Under 8s to Under 20s
Keilor Basketball Association competition

Develop team skills and make new friends
All levels of experience welcome

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Important Dates

MARCH 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
						1
2 PA Meeting (in person) 7pm	3	4 School Closure Day	5	6 Gala Day 2 (Yr 6) Zooper Doopers Year 5 Assembly 2:25pm (Hall)	7	8
9 Labour Day Public Holiday	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 School Advisory Council Meeting	13 Yr 6 Camp NAPLAN (Yr 3 & Yr 5) Zooper Doopers	14 Yr 3 Commitment Mass 6pm	15 Yr 3 Commitment Mass 9:30am
16 NAPLAN (Yr 3 & Yr 5)	17 School Tour Prep & Year 6 BBQ 6-8pm (Change of date)	18 School Photo Day	19 School Tour	20 Harmony Day Zooper Doopers Year 4 Assembly 2:25pm (Hall)	21	22
23	24 Sibling Photo Day Yr 3 Reconciliation 3:30-4:30pm	25 Yr 6 Mass 9:30am	26 Yr 3 Reconciliation 3:30-4:30pm	27 Food Day - Sushi	28 Yr 3 Commitment Mass (Certificate) 6pm	29
30	31 School Closure Day Learning Conferences					

APRIL 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		1 Stations of the Cross	2 Easter Raffle Last Day of Term 1 - 1:30pm finish	3 Good Friday	4 Easter Saturday	5 Easter Sunday
6 Easter Monday	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Term 2 Begins	21	22 Yr 5 Mass 9:30am	23 Holy Communion Parent Info Evening 7pm	24 ANZAC Day Ceremony	25 ANZAC Day	26
27	28 Italian Day	29 Yr 4 Mass 9:30am	30 School Advisory Council Meeting			

MAY 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				1 Winter Sport Round 1 Year 3 Assembly 2:25pm (Hall)	2 Yr 1 Family Mass & Yr 4 Commitment Mass 6pm	3 Yr 1 Family Mass & Yr 4 Commitment Mass 9:30am
4	5 Mother's Day Stall	6 Yr 4 Mass 9:30am	7	8 Winter Sport Round 2 Mother's Day Breakfast	9	10 Mother's Day
11	12	13 Yr 3 Mass 9:30am	14 Prep Information Parent Helper Workshop	15 Winter Sport Round 3 Year 2 Assembly 2:25pm (Hall)	16 Yr 4 Commitment Mass 6pm	17 Yr 4 Commitment Mass 9:30am
18 Parents Association Meeting 7pm	19	20 Yr 2 Mass 9:30am	21	22 Winter Sport Round 4	23 Holy Communion 6pm	24 Holy Communion 9:30am
25	26	27 Yr 1 Mass 9:30am	28 School Closure Day	29 Winter Sport Round 5 Disco	30 Holy Communion 6pm	31 Holy Communion 9:30am



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where kids love to be!

PUPIL FREE DAY - TUESDAY 31ST MARCH

Theircare will be running a Pupil Free day on Tuesday 31st March from 7.00am-6.00pm. If you require care, we ask that you book by Friday 27th March so we can staff accordingly.

WHAT TO BRING:

- Morning snack
- Healthy nut free lunch
- Drink bottle
- Hat

We will provide breakfast from 7:00am - 8:30am

We will provide afternoon snack 3:30pm / 4:00pm

Home toys are welcome but please be advised that Theircare do not take responsibility of home toys.

HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Bookings are now open for our Autumn Holiday program. Lots of fun and exciting excursions, incursions and in house fun days will take place. To view our program and to book please visit our website: theircare.com.au

PREPS

Preps will be commencing training next week for walking themselves to before school care and to the service for after school care. They are already demonstrating confidence in knowing where to go for before and after school care independently.

Please feel free to contact me in-between our operating hours from 7:00am - 9:00am and 2:30pm - 6:00pm if you have any concerns on 0474 007 664.