



Newsletter

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Reflection



Pentecost Sunday



This Sunday, we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, the day the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles and filled them with courage, wisdom and joy. Gathered together in prayer, the disciples received the gift of the Holy Spirit and were inspired to go out and share the Good News of Jesus with the world. As we celebrate Pentecost, we are invited to open our hearts to the Holy Spirit and ask for the courage to live as followers of Jesus.

The following reading is from this coming Sunday
 Acts 2: 1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The Word of the Lord.



KidsView Social Justice Conference – Bahay Tuluyan

On Thursday 7th of May, our Mini Vinnie Leaders, together with Sandra Bradaric and I, had the privilege of attending the KidsView Social Justice Conference led by Bahay Tuluyan at St Therese's Primary School. Bahay Tuluyan is a children's rights organisation that supports children living in poverty in the Philippines through education, advocacy and sustainable development.

Representing St Vincent de Paul Primary School were our Mini Vinnie Leaders, Gia and Sia Sidhu, Rose Wieladek and Olivia Zara, who proudly represented our school throughout the day.

Students took part in a range of engaging activities, met students from other schools and learned about the challenges many children around the world face. Inspired by the message of becoming change makers, our Mini Vinnies leaders have already begun discussing ways we can make a positive difference in both our local and global community.

Thank you to our students for representing our school with confidence and pride, and to Sandra Bradaric for helping to make the day possible.

A quote from the day which sums up Bahay Tuluyan's message:

'Give a Man a Fish, and You Feed Him for a Day. Teach a Man To Fish, and You Feed Him for a Lifetime.'



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Principal's Message

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Over the next two weekends, the children in Year 4 will celebrate the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. This is a very special milestone in their faith journey as they receive the Eucharist for the first time and deepen their relationship with God and the wider Church community.

The children have been thoughtfully prepared through the support and guidance of their teachers, families and parish, and have developed a deeper understanding of the significance of this sacred sacrament. We thank all those who have assisted in preparing the children and supporting them throughout this important time.

First Holy Communion is not only a celebration for the children and their families, but also for our whole school and parish community, as we witness the children continue to grow in faith, love and understanding of God's presence in their lives. We ask that you keep the children and their families in your prayers over the coming weeks.

SCHOOL CONCERT

The preparations for the school concert are continuing with the children practicing their routines during their Performing Arts lessons and other main characters rehearsing during their lunchtimes under the guidance of Mrs Grindrod.

Many of the tickets for the 2 performances have been snapped up with any remaining tickets going on sale next Wednesday May 27.

We look forward to the children displaying their many talents on either June 17 or 18.

Link for ticket sales: [A World Of Our Own - Tickets](#)

INFORMATION SHARING/CODE OF CONDUCT

The school has a number of communication tools which are used to provide important information to parents on a number of subjects. These applications include Audiri notices, SeeSaw notices, the school newsletter and Instagram.

Recently we have situations which have occurred where children have been provided with inaccurate information from Whatsapp groups operating between parents. For example, this has resulted in children attending school in the wrong uniform. This has caused the children to be upset. We ask that you refer to the communication tools provided by the school to have the accurate information in relation to activities or events.

I would also like to remind parents about the Parent Code of Conduct and in particular the following unacceptable behaviours which are part of the code. It is not acceptable for a parent to be:

- approaching other school parents to resolve issues arising between students at school. Such matters should be referred to school staff.
- approaching a child that is not your own with a view to disciplining that child for their behaviour. Such matters are only to be dealt with by school staff.

The code is in place as part of the school's commitment to ensure a safe environment for all in our school community.

LEARNING SUPPORT OFFICERS DAY

Last Wednesday the school celebrated the wonderful work of the Learning Support Officers (LSO) and School Officers (Administrative staff) at our school. The school currently has 18 LSOs working in every class in the school supporting children in their learning and 3 School Officers working in the school office ensuring the school runs efficiently. Their hard work and commitment to improving the outcomes for the children is something we would like to acknowledge and thank them for.

CLOSURE DAY

Next Thursday, May 28 is a school closure day. Staff will be working on literacy and in particular different strategies to continue to improve student reading fluency.

CHILDREN BEING LATE TO SCHOOL

The number of children arriving late to school has recently increased significantly. This is unsettling not only for the children who arrive late, but also for those who have already begun their learning. We expect all children to arrive at school on time so they can begin learning alongside their classmates and have the optimum conditions for success.

WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM

It is great to see the children wearing their winter uniform. It is an expectation that all children be wearing their winter uniform. Should a child not be wearing their uniform parents are required to contact the classroom teacher to explain the reason for this.

WINTER UNIFORM

BOYS

- Grey Trouser
- Long Sleeve Shirt (Sky)
- Skivvy (Sky)
- Woollen School Jumper
- Grey Stripe Anklet Socks
- Softshell Jacket
- Black School Shoes

GIRLS

- Winter Tunic
- Navy Pants
- Peter Pan Blouse (Sky)
- Woollen School Jumper
- Skivvy (Sky)
- Navy Anklet Socks or Navy Tights
- Softshell Jacket
- Black School Shoes

SPORTS UNIFORM

BOYS

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

GIRLS

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

Shane Byrne
Principal

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

Learning Diversity & Student Wellbeing

National Sorry Day

Each year on May 26, Australians pause to acknowledge and reflect on National Sorry Day — an important day that recognises the strength, resilience and experiences of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, particularly the Stolen Generations.

National Sorry Day commemorates the release of the *Bringing Them Home* report in 1997, which shared the stories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who were forcibly removed from their families, communities and cultures under past government policies. These removals caused deep and lasting pain for many individuals, families and communities, the effects of which are still felt today.

For schools, Sorry Day provides an opportunity to continue learning about Australia’s shared history in age-appropriate and respectful ways. It encourages us to listen, learn and reflect on the importance of truth-telling, compassion, justice and reconciliation. It is also a time to celebrate the enduring cultures, identities and contributions of First Nations peoples across Australia.

At our school, we recognise the importance of helping students develop understanding, empathy and respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures. Through classroom discussions, literature, prayer, storytelling and reflective activities, students are encouraged to think about the importance of belonging, family, identity and community.

Sorry Day reminds us that saying “sorry” is more than words — it is about acknowledging the past, learning from it and working together towards a future built on respect, healing and reconciliation. As a school community, we continue to strive to create an environment where every person feels valued, heard and connected.

We encourage families to take time to talk together about the meaning of Sorry Day and the importance of kindness, understanding and inclusion in our daily lives. By learning from our history, we can help build a more just and compassionate future for all Australians.



Rebecca Glenton and Will Kingston
Learning Diversity and Student Wellbeing Leaders

Sports News

District Cross Country

Congratulations to the 36 students across Years 4-6 who represented our school at the District Cross Country Carnival on Tuesday. The under 10 students competed at their first XC event, completing a 2km race whilst the under 11 and 12 students competed in the 3km event. In some challenging weather and track conditions, the students gave it their best in all events and we are very proud of their efforts.

A massive well done to the 9 students who progressed through to the Divisional stage next Wednesday. Congratulations to Lachlan Grech and Jack Clutterbuck in the under 10 group, Kris Tadikamalla in the under 11 group and Louie Howard, Jasper Hosford, Olivia Godino, Chloe Bevelander, Rivka Bastola and Evie Anderson in the under 12 group for all placing in the top 10 in their respective events. We wish them well in the Divisional Cross Country event next week at the Keilor Park Athletics Track.



Interschool Sports

The Year 5 and 6 students have continued their Interschool Sports competition over the last two Friday’s, competing against Essendon Primary School and St Monica’s Primary School. Both schools put up some fierce competition for our students and we’ve been super proud of how our kids have worked cohesively as a team in all sports. We look forward to our Round 4 match against Strathmore North Primary School (home) tomorrow.

Week 2 Scores:

- Girls Netball: STV 13 - 11 EPS
- Mixed Netball: STV 15 - 0 EPS
- Teeball: STV 20 - 24 EPS
- AFL: STV 209 - 9 EPS
- Girls Soccer: STV 3 - 0 EPS
- Mixed Soccer: STV 3 - 5 EPS

Week 3 Scores:

- Girls Netball: STV 6 - 21 STM
- Mixed Netball: STV 16 - 12 STM
- Teeball: STV 21 - 27 STM
- AFL: STV 102 - 72 STM
- Girls Soccer: STV 1 - 1 STM
- Mixed Soccer: STV 2 - 3 STM

Daniel Igoe
Sports / PE Co-ordinator

2026 School Concert

"A World Of Our Own"

Written and Directed by Emily Grindrod

Four ordinary children travel through different habitats to collect special items after they are tasked with a challenge by the mysterious Wood Elves. Come and see the creatures and people they encounter, as these students embark on an adventure starting in Strathmore and ending in a frozen tundra!

Link for ticket sales: [A World Of Our Own - Tickets](#)

Please be aware that tickets are limited to four per family at this stage, in order to ensure that every family has an opportunity to attend the show.

Gold and **Green** house are performing on the **17th of June**.

Red and **Blue** house are performing on the **18th of June**.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me at: egrindrod@svstrathmore.catholic.edu.au



2026 Term 2 School Fees

A reminder that Term 2 school fees are due on **Friday 22nd May**. For details please refer to the statement that was emailed on 16th February 2026. 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 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



2026 Sacramental Dates

Year 3 Reconciliation

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

Year 4 First Holy Communion

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



Year 6 Confirmation

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

2026 Term Dates

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

Awards

Please find listed below the names of those students receiving awards at the assembly on **FRIDAY 5th June at 2:25 pm** in the hall.

PREP BLUE	Alessandro Venditti Mackenzie Haynes	FOUR BLUE	Tanya Karnali Reuben Hally
PREP GOLD	Albie Hull Capri De Santo	FOUR GOLD	Anthony Cannavo Ari Azzopardi
PREP GREEN	Ethan Gray Sophia Leitner	FOUR GREEN	Victoria Liistro Dominic Pappalardo
ONE BLUE	Ruby Johnson Angus Lambert	FIVE BLUE	Eamon McFetridge Maggie Bui
ONE GOLD	Allegra Dix Ava Pappalardo	FIVE GOLD	Adrian Caruso Kiara Diseris
TWO BLUE	Ais Skimbirauskas Madeleine McKinley	FIVE GREEN	Mika Orlando Noah Marino
TWO GOLD	Kosta Diseris Arielle Vasallo	SIX BLUE	Levi Vitali Evie Anderson
THREE BLUE	Olive Russell Jonathan Karogiannis	SIX GOLD	Jayden Tran Ava Petrongolo
THREE GOLD	Eli Balik Olivia Giansiracusa	SIX GREEN	Billy Shannon Matilda Pound



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>



Penola Catholic College - Year 7, 2028 Enrolments

Penola is Excellence.

Enrolments for Year 7, 2028 are now open

Applications close Friday 14 August, 2026.

CLICK HERE

Click on the icon to complete the online enrolment process.

Important Dates 2026

Friday 14 August 2026
Applications close. Enrolments must be received by the College.

Friday 16 October 2026
Letters of offer will be sent to families.

Friday 6 November 2026
Final date for families to accept offer from the College.

NOTE: LIMITED PLACES FOR YEAR 7, 2027 AVAILABLE.

Junior Campus (Years 7-8)
35 William Street, Glenroy

Senior Campus (Years 9-12)
29 Gibson Street, Broadmeadows

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She Who Explores

JUNE SESSIONS

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

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

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

Choose from one of the following subjects and join us for an hour of fun and learning!

- Creative Spaces- Monday, 1 June
- STEM (repeat) - Monday, 1 June
- STEM (repeat) - Wednesday, 10 June
- Art - Thursday, 18 June



Simonds Catholic College - Tours for 2028 Entry

Shaping Men of the Future

Begin his journey today

Register Now

Book a tour

Tours available now for 2028 entry.

At Simonds, he can begin his journey to becoming the man he is meant to be, grounded in our values of belonging, character, and growth

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SHAPING MEN OF THE FUTURE

Victorian Premiers Reading Challenge

Victorian premiers' reading challenge

Stories to discover. Stories to tell.

To register, visit vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is led by the Premier with the support of former premiers.



Important Dates

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 9:15am	7	8 Mother's Day Breakfast Winter Sport Round 2	9	10 Mother's Day
11	12	13 Yr 3 Mass 9:15am	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 (online) 7pm	19 Parent Helper Workshop - 9:15am-9:45am (Yrs 1-6)	20 Yr 2 Mass 9:15am	21 Parent Helper Workshop - 2:30pm-3:00pm (Yrs 1-6)	22 Winter Sport Round 4	23 Holy Communion 6pm	24 Holy Communion 9:30am
25	26	27 Yr 1 Mass 9:15am	28 School Closure Day	29 School Disco	30 Holy Communion 6pm	31 Holy Communion 9:30am

JUNE 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1	2	3 Prep & Yr 6 Mass 9:15am	4	5 Year 1 Assembly 2:25pm (Hall)	6	7
8 King's Birthday Public Holiday	9	10 Yr 5 Gold Mass 9:15am	11 Hot Food Day (Pizza) School Advisory Board Meeting	12 Prep Assembly 2:25pm (Hall)	13	14
15	16	17 Yr 5 Blue Mass 9:15am School Concert 7pm - (Gold & Green House)	18 School Concert 7pm - (Red & Blue House)	19	20 Yr 4 Commitment Mass (Certificate) 6pm	21
22	23	24 Yr 5 Green Mass 9:15am	25 Crazy Hair Day (Fete donation)	26 Last Day of Term 1 - 1:30pm finish	27	28
29	30					

JULY 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Term 3 Begins	14	15	16	17 Casual Clothes Day	18	19
20	21	22 Yr 6 Gold Mass 9:15am	23 School Advisory Board Meeting	24 Trivia Night	25	26
27 School Closure Day	28	29 Yr 6 Blue Mass 9:15am	30	31 Hot Food Day Year 6 Assembly 2:25pm (Hall)		



TheirCare
where kids love to be!

PUPIL FREE DAY - THURSDAY 28TH MAY

TheirCare will be running a Pupil Free Day on Thursday 28th May, from 7:00am-6:00pm.

If you require care, we ask that you please book by no later than Monday 25th May so as we can staff accordingly.

WHAT TO BRING:

- Morning Snack (no nuts)
- Drink bottle
- Healthy lunch (no nuts)

We will provide breakfast from 7:00am-8:30am and afternoon snack from 3:30pm/4:00pm

Home toys are welcomed, please be advised no technology, mobile phone, smart watches or cameras are permitted.

Thank you for your understanding.

Lisa