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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Newsletter

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Reflection

Celebrating the Feast of St Vincent de Paul

Today we came together as a whole school community to celebrate the Feast of St Vincent de Paul, the patron saint of our school and a man who dedicated his life to serving people who were poor, vulnerable and in need.



St Vincent de Paul was born on 24 April 1581 in the small village of Pouy in France. He was ordained as a priest in 1600 at the age of 19. As a young priest, Vincent initially ministered to wealthy and powerful people. However, his experiences serving a poor parish and caring for galley prisoners changed the direction of his life. He became deeply committed to serving those who were most marginalised and powerless.

Vincent believed that every person had dignity and should be treated with love, compassion and respect. He encouraged his followers to respond to the most urgent needs of others and to work towards a more just society. He believed that helping people was not simply about providing charity, but also about education, opportunity and helping people to become self supporting. Vincent reminded his followers that “there is no charity without justice.”

St Vincent de Paul
Born: 24 April 1581, Pouy, France
Ordained: 1600, aged 19
Died: 27 September 1660
Canonised: 16 June 1737
Feast Day: 27 September

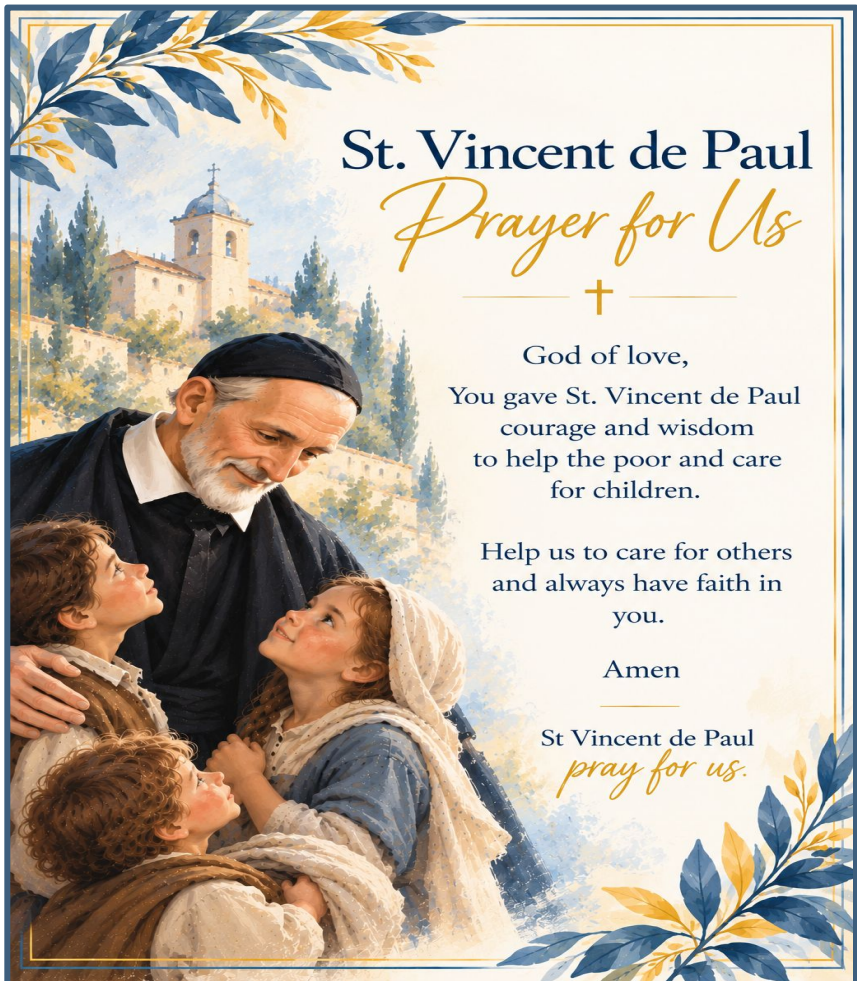


His commitment to serving others inspired many people to join him in his work. His legacy continues today through the St Vincent de Paul Society, Vinnies, which supports people experiencing hardship and works to assist those in need in communities around the world.

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

As a school community, St Vincent’s life reminds us that we are called to see Christ in others and to respond with kindness, compassion and generosity. His example encourages us to notice when someone needs help, to stand up for those who are vulnerable and to use our gifts to make a difference in the lives of others.

His words continue to inspire us today:
“Love the poor. Honour them, my children, as you would honour Christ himself”



Melissa Pannell
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Principal’s Message

Welcome back to the final term for the 2026 school year. It was great to see the children return to school so enthusiastically, having had a good break.

Apart from all the learning which will be taking place both inside and beyond the classroom there are a number of events happening throughout the term. Some of these include the athletics carnival, the Sacrament of Confirmation for the Year 6 children, the school fete, the welcoming of the 2027 Preps orientation and the Graduation of the Year 6 students.

As the fete is just over 5 weeks away we remind everyone this is our major fundraiser for the year and it needs the support of all families to be successful. Thank you to those people who have already committed to volunteering on the day. It is much appreciated. We still require more helpers on the day so if you are able to help put and continue to make St. Vincent’s the strong community it is we ask that you sign up using the link in the Fete newsletter.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FEAST DAY

Today our school community celebrated the Feast Day of Saint Vincent de Paul, the patron saint of our school. Known for his humility and lifelong dedication to serving those experiencing poverty, Saint Vincent famously reminded his followers: "To love the poor is to love God the right way."

At our school, we strive to follow his example by putting our faith into action every day through kindness, empathy, and community service. May Saint Vincent’s legacy continue to inspire our students to look out for one another and care for those who are most vulnerable.

Inspired by St. Vincent’s legacy of helping those in need, the children participated in a fundraising Walkathon for the Columban Mission. Funds raised will support communities around the world to build sustainable livelihoods and provide food and shelter for their families. Thank you to those parents who helped at the walkathon.

The children also commemorated the Feast Day by celebrating mass this morning with Fr. Nhan leading the celebration. Gen Bryant and her band helped make the mass even more special by leading the children in singing throughout the mass. Gen and her band then worked with the children in smaller groups throughout the day using music to celebrate the Catholic values and the work of St. Vincent. This culminated in all the school gathering to sing together in the afternoon with Gen leading the children.

To top off the day the children received a free Super Dooper from the Parents Association!

PLANNING FOR 2027

Planning for 2027 continues to progress and we ask any families who will not be returning to school in 2027 to please contact the school to let us know. We can then cater for any families who are currently on waiting lists to have the opportunity to enrol in the school.

CONFIRMATION

We ask that you continue to keep the children in Year 6 who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, in your prayers. As part of their preparation the children will be participating in a Retreat Day next week where Episcopal Vicar for the Northern Region, Father Luciano Toldo will chat with the children about the Sacrament. The children will celebrate the sacrament at the parish masses on October 24 & 25.

SUMMER UNIFORM

In Term 4 the children are expected to wear the summer uniform. Because the weather can sometimes be a little cool for the first couple of weeks of the term we do give the children 2 weeks to transition to the summer uniform. The one exception is the school hat. This needs to be worn by the end of the first week of Term 4. All children are expected to be wearing the summer uniform by Monday October 19. Please note that lycra shorts are not part of the school uniform.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SURVEYS

Thank you to those families who completed the School Improvement Surveys. These will help inform decisions for planning for 2027.

Shane Byrne
Principal

Summer School Uniform

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 Skort
- 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.”

Learning Diversity & Student Wellbeing

Creating Safe Spaces: Understanding Child Safe Standard 9

At Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS), maintaining a safe and welcoming community is central to our mission and grounded in the Gospel values of dignity, compassion, and respect. A key part of this ongoing commitment is **Child Safe Standard 9 (CSS 9)**, which focuses on shaping the environments where our students learn, play, and connect.

What is Child Safe Standard 9?

Child Safe Standard 9 ensures that both physical and online environments actively promote children's safety and wellbeing while minimising opportunities for harm. Safeguarding involves more than just adult behavior; it requires intentional design, proactive risk management, and active supervision in the physical and digital spaces students navigate daily.

Key Focus Areas

To uphold Standard 9, our school focuses on several critical practices:

- **Safe Physical Spaces:** Designing and monitoring classrooms, playgrounds, amenities, hallways, and off-site locations (such as camps and excursions) to eliminate hazards and ensure visibility.
- **Protected Online Environments:** Establishing clear behavioral expectations, device safeguards, and digital boundaries across all technology and communication tools used for learning.
- **Active Supervision:** Ensuring staff remain vigilant, attentive, and physically present during all school activities, moving beyond passive presence to keep students secure.
- **Inclusion and Culture:** Maintaining accessible, welcoming spaces that honor cultural safety for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and accommodate children with disabilities.
- **Proactive Risk Reviews:** Regularly assessing physical spaces and digital platforms to identify potential risks early and address them before issues arise.

Why It Matters

When physical and digital environments are designed with safety in mind, students feel secure, respected, and supported. By embedding safety into daily routines rather than leaving it to chance, we create an environment where every child can flourish academically, emotionally, and spiritually.



Rebecca Glenton
Learning Diversity and Student Wellbeing Leader

Term 4 Chess Club



TERM 4, 2026 - REGISTER NOW @
CHESSFORSCHOOLS.COM.AU

SPECIALISED CHESS COACHING

Since 2002, we have been providing our popular Chess For Schools program in schools throughout Melbourne and Greater Geelong



"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.

BOOK HERE ➡ CHESSFORSCHOOLS.COM.AU

CLASS DETAILS - ST VINCENT DE PAUL PRIMARY

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	DATES	COST
Thursdays	1:40pm - 2:20pm	Library	15 October to 10 December	\$155 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

Scholastic Book Club



The Term 4, 2026 Book Club catalogue was distributed to all students on Wednesday 7th October. If you would like to place an order, it will need to be submitted online by **Thursday 29th 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.

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

2026 Term 3 School Fees

Term 3 school fees were due on **Friday 21st August**. 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



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>



St Aidan’s Preschool Farewell

YOU'RE INVITED TO
**SAY GOODBYE TO
ST AIDAN'S PRESCHOOL**

After more than 75 years of memories, friendships and community, join us as we come together to celebrate the wonderful history of St Aidan’s Preschool and say farewell.

Past and present students, educators and their families

Woodlands Park
Near the playground

Saturday 21 November

3.30 – 5.00pm

Bring your picnic rugs, chairs and drinks.

Awards

Please find listed below the names of those students receiving awards at the assembly on **FRIDAY 16th October at 2:25 pm** in the hall.

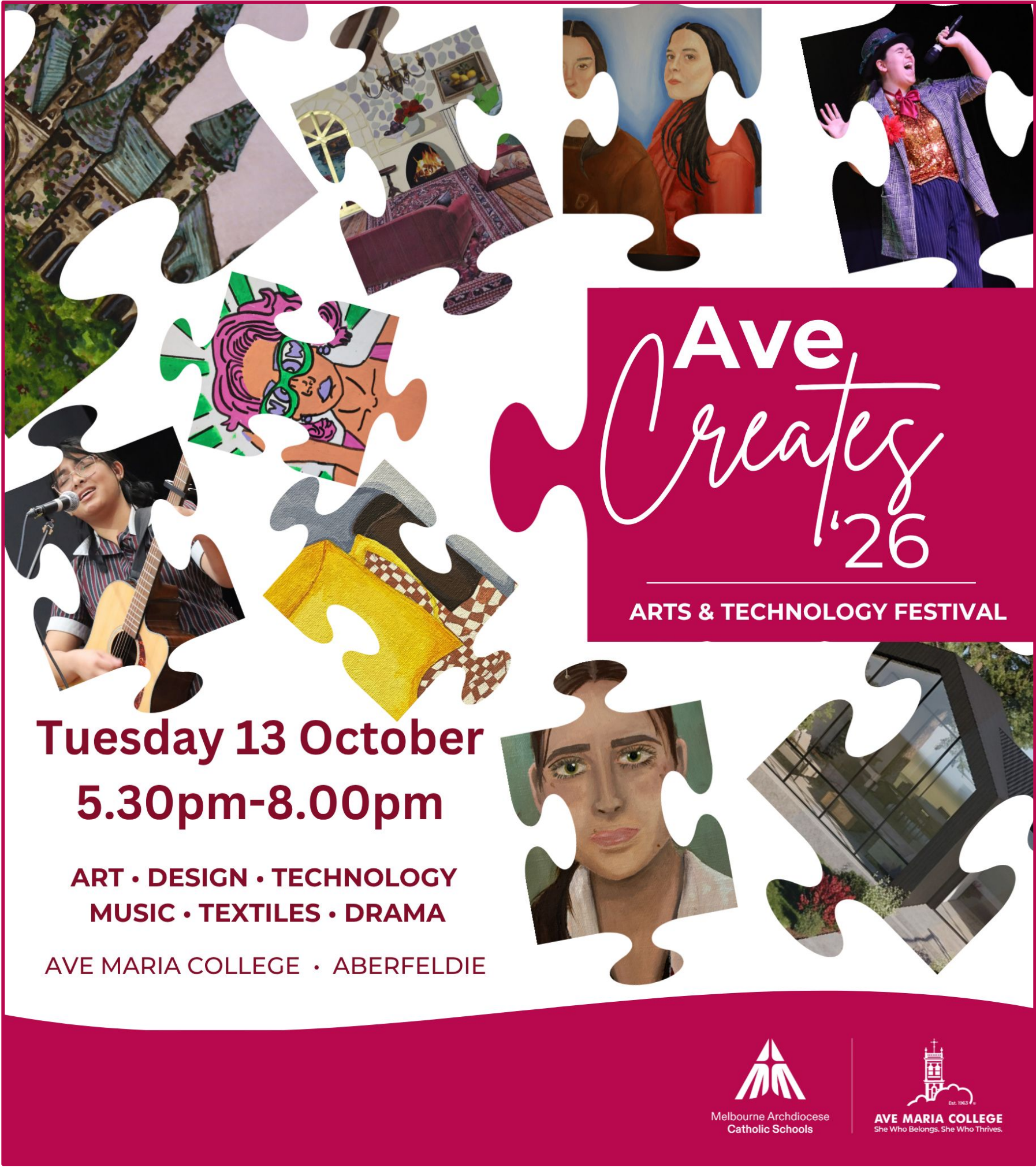
PREP BLUE	Michael Mitropoulos Adela Marino	FOUR BLUE	Lincoln Ong Mackenzie Hawken
PREP GOLD	Rachel Hammoud Dante Stuto	FOUR GOLD	Eva Katsalas Micah Di Carlo
PREP GREEN	Amaia Walsh Louis Garra	FOUR GREEN	Milana Nguyen Aston Potenza
ONE BLUE	Rio Orlando Victoria Sheppard	FIVE BLUE	Lucy Wooden Lachlan Grech
ONE GOLD	Sebastian Guirguis Zahli Salmond	FIVE GOLD	Emma Connelly Tobias Campbell
TWO BLUE	Giorgio Sukianto Grace McFetridge	FIVE GREEN	Eden Schepis Olivier Mineo
TWO GOLD	Angelina Cannavo Selena Sovilj	SIX BLUE	Jessica Aiello Xavier D
THREE BLUE	Sebastian Sands Wyatt Werner	SIX GOLD	Billy Giansiracusa Olivia Godino
THREE GOLD	Lachlan Schmidt Gabrielle Seoud	SIX GREEN	David Grgic Eva Haydon-Callegari



Term 4, 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	Monday	Thursday	Thursday
Two Gold	Wednesday	Thursday	Thursday
Two Blue	Wednesday	Thursday	Thursday
Three Gold	Monday	Friday	Friday
Three Blue	Monday	Friday	Friday
Four Gold	Wednesday	Friday	Monday
Four Blue	Tuesday	Friday	Tuesday
Four Green	Thursday	Friday	Wednesday
Five Gold	Monday	Tuesday	Friday
Five Blue	Friday	Monday	Friday
Five Green	Tuesday	Monday	Friday
Six Gold	Thursday	Friday	Monday
Six Blue	Tuesday	Friday	Monday
Six Green	Wednesday	Friday	Monday

Ave Maria College - Arts & Technology Festival



Ave Creates '26
ARTS & TECHNOLOGY FESTIVAL

Tuesday 13 October
5.30pm-8.00pm

ART • DESIGN • TECHNOLOGY
MUSIC • TEXTILES • DRAMA

AVE MARIA COLLEGE • ABERFELDIE

Strathmore Netball Club



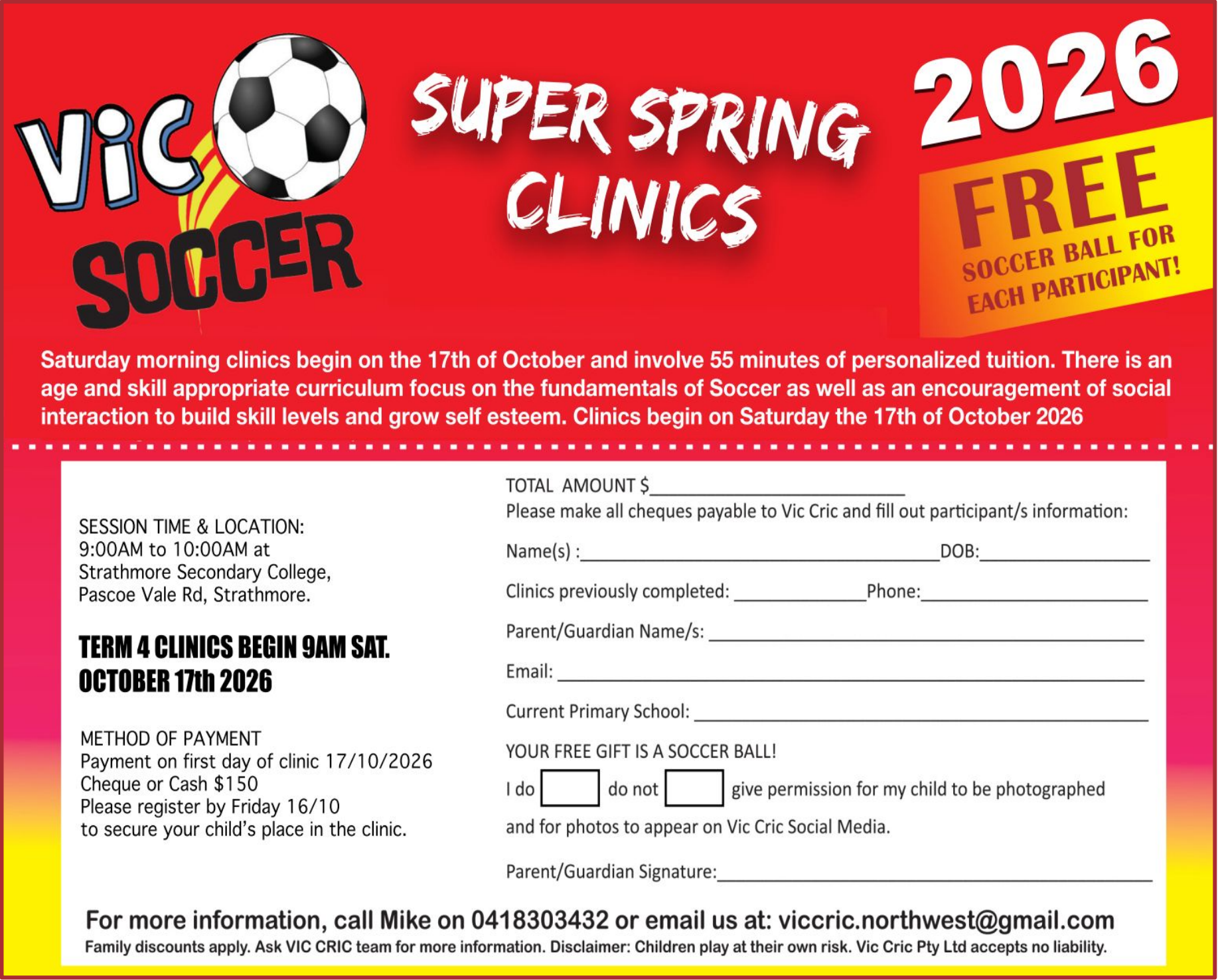
JOIN STRATHMORE NETBALL CLUB IN 2027
EST. 2003

35+ TEAMS | **NETSETGO TO OPENS** | **NEW AND EXPERIENCED PLAYERS WELCOME**

TRAINING: ABERFELDIE & RIVERSIDE | **GAMES: PARKVILLE & RIVERSIDE**

FIND OUT MORE & REGISTER YOUR INTEREST
www.strathmorenetball.com.au

Vic Soccer Spring Clinics



VIC SOCCER SUPER SPRING CLINICS 2026
FREE SOCCER BALL FOR EACH PARTICIPANT!

Saturday morning clinics begin on the 17th of October and involve 55 minutes of personalized tuition. There is an age and skill appropriate curriculum focus on the fundamentals of Soccer as well as an encouragement of social interaction to build skill levels and grow self esteem. Clinics begin on Saturday the 17th of October 2026

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

TERM 4 CLINICS BEGIN 9AM SAT. OCTOBER 17th 2026

METHOD OF PAYMENT
Payment on first day of clinic 17/10/2026
Cheque or Cash \$150
Please register by Friday 16/10 to secure your child's place in the clinic.

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____
Please make all cheques payable to Vic Cric and fill out participant/s information:

Name(s) : _____ DOB: _____

Clinics previously completed: _____ Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Name/s: _____

Email: _____

Current Primary School: _____

YOUR FREE GIFT IS A SOCCER BALL!

I do ☐ do not ☐ give permission for my child to be photographed and for photos to appear on Vic Cric Social Media.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

For more information, call Mike on 0418303432 or email us at: viccric.northwest@gmail.com
Family discounts apply. Ask VIC CRIC team for more information. Disclaimer: Children play at their own risk. Vic Cric Pty Ltd accepts no liability.

JOIN STRATHMORE NETBALL CLUB IN 2027!

Established in 2003, Strathmore Netball Club is a welcoming, family-friendly community club with more than 35 teams from NetSetGO through to Opens.

We are proud to offer a positive and supportive environment where every player is encouraged to learn, build confidence, make friends and enjoy their netball.

Whether your child is picking up a netball for the first time or already has playing experience, our friendly coaches will help them continue developing their skills and love of the game.

Interested in joining us?
We would love to hear from you! Complete our short expression-of-interest form:
Register your interest in joining Strathmore

2027 Trials
If your child has playing experience and will be entering U11 or above, please register for our upcoming trials:

- Sunday 15 November 2026
- State Netball Centre, Parkville
- Register for the 2027 trials

Come and discover why so many local families are proud to call Strathmore Netball Club home!

www.strathmorenetball.com.au

Important Dates

OCTOBER 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			1	2	3	4
5 Term 4 Begins	6	7	8 St Vincent de Paul Feast Day Celebrations	9	10	11
12	13	14 Yr 2 Gold Mass 9:15am	15 School Advisory Board Meeting	16 Zooper Dooper Friday's Begin Prep Assembly 2:25pm (Hall)	17	18
19	20	21 Yr 2 Blue Mass 9:15am	22	23 Zooper Dooper's	24 Year 6 Confirmation 6pm	25 Year 6 Confirmation 9:30am
26 Parent's Association Meeting (online)	27	28 Yr 1 Mass 9:15am	29	30 Zooper Dooper's Year 1 Assembly 2:25pm (Hall)	31	

NOVEMBER 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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2 School Closure Day	3 Melbourne Cup Day	4 Whole School Athletics Carnival	5	6 Zooper Dooper's	7 Yr 6 Commitment Mass (Certificate) 6pm	8
9	10 Music Soiree	11 Remembrance Day	12 Prep 2027 Information Evening	13 Zooper Dooper's	14 School Fete	15
16	17 Prep 2027 Orientation - Session 1	18 Prep & Yr 6 Mass 9:15am	19 School Advisory Board Meeting	20 Zooper Dooper's Year 2 Assembly 2:25pm (Hall)	21	22
23	24	25 Prep 2027 Orientation - Session 2	26	27 Zooper Dooper's	28	29
30 Parent's Association AGM (in person)						

DECEMBER 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	1	2 School Closure Day	3 Prep 2027 Orientation - Session 3	4 Zooper Dooper's	5	6
7	8 Prep Nativity Play	9	10 Year 6 Graduation Ceremony & Dinner	11 Zooper Dooper's	12	13
16 2027 Transition Day	15 *End of School Year Mass 9:15am *Year 6 Assembly 12:00 noon (Hall) *Last Day of Term 4 1:30pm Finish	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27
28	29	30	31 New Years Eve			