

Newsletter

Friday, 1st March 2024

Inspired by the life of Jesus, we at St. Charles Borromeo aspire to be loving, respectful and inclusive of all through our learning and faith community.

We support and respect all children, as well as our staff and community. We are committed to the safety, participation and empowerment of all children. We have zero tolerance of child abuse, and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated very seriously and consistently with our robust policies and procedures.



Pope Francis' prayer intention for March: For the new martyrs
We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

11th March- Labour Day Holiday- No School 12th March- Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews- School Closure Day

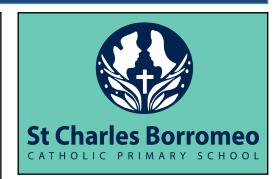
Dear St Charles families,



Thank you to all our families who were able to come along to our Welcome Morning Tea. It was a lovely opportunity for our new families and current families to come together and have a catch up with our staff.

We are well on the way with our new Foundation enrolments for 2025. Currently we have 10

families who have expressed their interest in our school. Over the coming weeks meetings to offer these families a position at our school will be held and we have many more school tours taking place.



17 Dates		
	2024 TERM DATES	
4th Mar	Foundation students full time	
5th Mar	Whole School Botanical Gardens Excursion	
6th Mar	District Swimming 9:00-3:00 pm Reconciliation Retreat Day- St Kevin's Church 10:00-2:30 pm	
7th Mar	Interschool Sports- Year 5/6 9:00-3:00 pm	
8th Mar	School Photo Day	
11th Mar	Labour Day Holiday- No School	
12th Mar	Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews- School Closure Day	
13th Mar	Whole school hot food day	
21st Marc	Reconciliation 7pm	

Last week I met with my regional manager in regards to our current enrolments and what can be done to further support our school. I would like all families to rest assured that even though we are a small school there has been no discussion surrounding a possible closure of our school. I understand there are many families who have left our school who were concerned about this and are still talking about St Charles. I encourage all families to come and speak to me if you have any questions or concerns. It is very sad that rumours are still continuing. I am always happy to clarify anything you have heard.

Last year we were chosen by MACS to host international students at our school. This relationship is continuing this year and has provided many benefits for our students as they build their social and emotional skills. Based on the number of international students who arrived at the same time several weeks ago, we have implemented a new induction to ensure all students transition well into our school setting. As our school continues to grow this opportunity will not continue due the consistency required to keep our class sizes authentic to our community setting.

On the 12th March we will be having Parent/Teacher/Student interviews during the school day. Please note that this will be a school closure day however students are required to attend the interview with the parent. Please keep an eye out for bookings next week, these will be shared with you via compass.

Ensuring all our students and families feel safe and happy is key to what makes our school the welcoming and supportive community that it is. We will be sharing with you the MACS code of conduct to review- once you have read over it all families are asked to return to school the final page which acknowledges you have read the document.

As of the 18th March we will be having a little change in our office. Gabee, the Principal at St Kevin's reached out to our school for some help as they have not been able to fill their office manager role since last year. Cathy will be helping to support St Kevin's school with their accounts on Mondays and Tuesdays. At St Charles we currently have

26th Mar	Easter Raffle and Easter Bonnet Parade
27th Mar	Interschool Sports- Year 5/6 9:00-3:00 pm Last Day of Term 1 3:15pm finish
15th Apr	Term 2 Begins
19th Apr	District Tennis Years 3-6 9:00-3:00 pm
25th Apr	ANZAC Day Holiday- No School
26th Apr	School Closure Day- Staff Time in Lieu Day
8th May	Confirmation Retreat Day- St Kevin's Church 10:00-2:00 pm
9th May	Mother's Day Stall
10th May	Mother's Day Breakfast 9:00-10:00 am
16th May	Interschool Sports- Year 5/6 9:00-3:00 pm
19th May	Confirmation 3:00-4:00 pm
21st May	Hot Food Day for Students
24th May	District Cross Country Year 3-6 students
4th June	Cross Country Years 3-6
13th June	Interschool Sports Year 5/6
26th June	Whole School ABC Music Performance
27th June	Last Day of Term 2 3:15 pm finish
15th July	Term 3 begins
2nd-4th Sep	Year 5/6 Camp
19th Sep	Last Day Term 3 3:15 pm finish
7th Oct	First Day Term 4
10th Dec	Year 6 Graduation
11th Dec	Year 6 Big Day Out
12th Dec	Last Day Year 6 students
17th Dec	Term 4 ends 3:15 pm finish

Katie working on Tuesdays in the office and for the short term we will have Lisa (our intervention LSO) covering the Monday. Cathy will continue working in our office Wednesday through to Friday. Gabee is most grateful that we have been able to work in partnership and support St Kevin's school.

Principal's morning teas are back in 2024. Please come along to have a chat about our school or just even to catch up. The next Principal's morning tea will be:

Wednesday 27th March- 9:00-10:00 am

Any families who are unable to make it to a Principal Morning Tea are more than welcome to share their topic of discussion in the following google form: https://forms.gle/nfsWTJDa4f1GuGgG6

If you would like to join me for a chat and morning tea, please send me an email (principal@scbtemplestowe.catholic.edu.au)

Don't forget that Playgroup is open to our wider community, not just St Charles families. If you know any families with preschool age children (or younger) please let them know they are welcome to join us! Please contact Cathy in the office for more information.

For any families who would like to follow our school on facebook, please use the following link:

https://www.facebook.com/scbtemplestowe

At St Charles we have a private school Instagram account (only our school community is permitted access). If you would like to follow St Charles on Instagram search for **stcha_rles**. Please send me an email with your username (principal@scbtemplestowe.catholic.edu.au). Until I

(principal@scbtemplestowe.catholic.edu.au). Until receive your email I will not accept your request.

Wishing all our St Charles families a happy Term 1 filled with new learning.

Please remember I am always here to support your family.

Kind regards,

USEFUL WEB LINKS:



Staff Email Addresses

<u>Click here</u> to view staff email addresses.



A Plus Schoolwear

Click here to order school wear. For instructions on how to order **click here**.



CDF PAY

Click here to access CDF Pay. For instructions on how to use CDF Pay click here



Harry's Cafe (Lunch orders)

Click here to view the menu and for instructions on how to place a lunch order for your child.



Caritas Australia

<u>Click here</u> to view Caritas Australia's website.

Miranda Zuzic

Principal

principal@scbtemplestowe.catholic.edu.au

St Charles Borromeo Spirit Award

We are very excited to announce that we are introducing a new award to be given out to one student each assembly. The recipients of this award will be recognised for striving to adopt the spirit of St Charles and emulate his virtuous behaviour through words and actions.

We look forward to announcing the first deserving recipient of the St Charles Spirit Award at the next assembly!





In the spirit of reconciliation, we at St Charles Borromeo acknowledge the Wurundjeri people as the traditional custodians of the land on which our school stands and recognise the continuing connection to lands, waters and communities. We pay our respects to Wurundjeri Elders past and present, and to the ongoing living cultures of First Peoples.



Let us thank all those who teach in Catholic schools. Educating is an act of love; it is like giving life.

— Pope Francis —

CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

Child Safe Standard 1

Child Safe Standard 1 addresses the importance of creating culturally safe, welcoming and inclusive environments for Aboriginal children and young people, and their families. Schools must meet specific requirements relating to this standard regardless of whether there are Aboriginal children and young people currently using their services or facilities.

Standard 1

Organisations
establish a culturally
safe environment in
which the diverse and
unique identities
and experiences of
Aboriginal children
and young people
are respected and
valued

What this looks like in practice at St Charles Borromeo Primary School;

- We are proud to have students who are 'Fire Carriers'. Fire Carrier's bring Aboriginal culture, history and spirituality into the forefront of education in Catholic schools.
- Acknowledgement of Country at the beginning of each school gathering provides our students with an opportunity to show respect for Traditional Owners and the continuing connection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to Country.
- Flags are displayed in each classroom. displaying flags from different countries in the classroom or using them in school events promote cultural awareness.
- Ongoing staff professional development
- Policies and procedures available that describe MACs expectations and provide detailed guidance about actions staff, volunteers and leaders must take to establish a culturally safe environment in which the diverse and unique identities and experiences of Aboriginal children are respected and valued.

If you would like to discuss any of this further please come and have a chat.

Best wishes

Ellen Pearson

Parish News



This year's Lenten Reconciliation Service will be held on Wednesday, 27th March at 7.30pm at St Gregory the Great Church, 71 Williamsons Road, Doncaster. All are welcome.

Recently the Parish has emailed all St Charles families, please check your inbox to see if you have received an email (it may have gone to your spam). If you did not receive an email please contact Tiziana DCosta(tiziana.dcosta@cam.org.au)

Out of School Care

OSHC enrolment forms can be collected from the Hall/OSHC Room. If you have questions please contact us at 0477 007 374.

Community News

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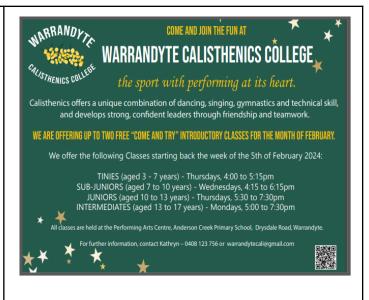














Newsletter information for parents BEFORE Photo Day

School Photos 2024 - St Charles Borromeo

Annual school photos including sibling photos will be taken by Arthur Reed Photos on Friday 8th March 2024.

There is no need to return any forms or money to school.

Unique image codes will be issued to all students on/after photo day so families can register online to view images when they become available in the webshop.

Registration is simple, just follow the 3 simple steps on your child's personalised flyer once you receive it and remember to add the codes for all your children attending this school.

Even if you registered last year, it's important that you do again this year using your child's 2024 image code to link their images for the current year with your contact details.

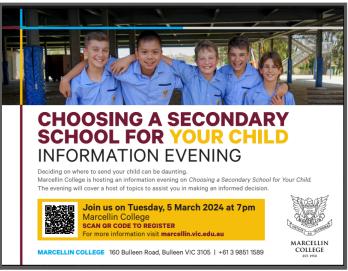
When images are ready to view and in the webshop, all parents who have registered will be notified by SMS and email.

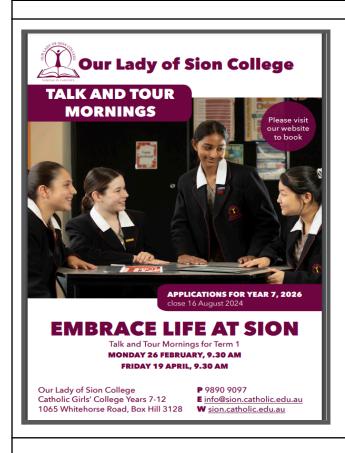
Once registered, please wait for notification that 2024 images are online to view before making your purchase.























EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS COMING TO FAMILIES SOON! DRAWN ON TUESDAY 26TH MARCH 2024



HOT DOG LUNCH

Wednesday 13th March
Order and Pay on CDF by Tuesday 12th March 2024
Hot Dog, Juice Box and pkt Chips \$ 7.00