

Newsletter

Friday, 16th February 2024

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 February: For the terminally ill

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

Welcome Morning Tea 27th February 9:00-10:00 am

Dear St Charles families.

What an amazing start we have had to the year. Focussed and fun learning can be seen throughout our whole school. The assessments our students took part in at the beginning of the year have presented teachers with valuable data to inform individual learning plans for all of our students. On the 12th March we will be having Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews. This will provide opportunities for families to discuss their child's learning progress and also share important information with teachers which will help to support student learning. Please keep an eye out for the compass notification later this month regarding the interview booking.

This week we celebrated Ash Wednesday as a school community. Thank you to all our families who were able to attend and also to Tiziana for her very engaging homily. The following was shared with Catholic Primary schools in our most recent Director's News:

Pope challenges the faithful to seek to change the world this Lent

Lent is a time to free oneself from slavery and take action to free others suffering from the multiple forms of slavery that afflict the world, Pope Francis has said in his message Lent for 2024, which begins on 14 February.

2024 TERM DATES		
21st Feb	Foundation Rest Day	
27th Feb	Welcome Morning Tea	
28th Feb	Foundation Rest Day	
4th March	Foundation students full time	
5th March	Hot Food Day for Students	
6th March	District Swimming 9:00-3:00 pm Reconciliation Retreat Day- St Kevin's Church 10:00-2:30 pm	
7th March	Interschool Sports- Year 5/6 9:00-3:00 pm	
8th March	School Photo Day	
11th March 21st March	Labour Day Holiday- No School Reconciliation 7pm	
12th March	Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews- School Closure Day	
26th March	Easter Raffle and Easter Bonnet Parade	
27th March	Interschool Sports- Year 5/6 9:00-3:00 pm	
15th April	Last Day of Term 1 3:15pm finish Term 2 Begins	
19th April	District Tennis Years 3-6 9:00-3:00 pm	
25th April	ANZAC Day Holiday- No School	
26th April	School Closure Day- Staff Time in Lieu Day	
8th May	Confirmation Retreat Day- St Kevin's	
Oth Mass	Church 10:00-2:00 pm	
9th May 10th May	Mother's Day Stall Mother's Day Breakfast 9:00-10:00 am	
16th May	Interschool Sports- Year 5/6 9:00-3:00	
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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 Year 5/6 Camp	
2nd-4th Sep	Last Day Term 3 3:15 pm finish	
19th Sep 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	

Released by the Vatican last week, the Pope's Lenten message is titled, 'Through the Desert God Leads us to Freedom', which is from the Book of Exodus (20: 2). 'It is time to act, and in Lent, to act also means to pause. To pause in prayer, in order to receive the word of God, to pause like the Samaritan in the presence of a wounded brother or sister.'

(MACS Director's eNews)

On Tuesday 27th February I invite our school community to join staff at our **Welcome Morning Tea**. We would love to see you all there! If you are available to, please send me an email for catering purposes: principal@scbtemplestowe.catholic.edu.au.

As shared in my last newsletter I have been selected by our office (MACS) to mentor a newly appointed Principal, Angela Ferro, Corpus Chrisit in Glenroy. I have spent time getting to know Angela and supporting her with many new learning experiences which come up in the early days of being a Principal. I am looking forward to working closely with Angela over the next few years.

Last week I attended a Principal learning conference for Principals in my Eastern Region Network. The focus of our Professional Learning was based around Resilience First Aid Training. Over the two days the course took us through skills and strategies required in order to support others during difficult and challenging times. This training was most valuable and currently Principals are looking into the possibility of additional school staff training.



Congratulations to all our Year 3 to 6 students who did their best at the swimming trials last week. Nathan, Isaac, Lucas and William are now on to District Swimming, good luck boys!

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:

Tuesday 27th February 9:00-10:00 am

Please note that this is also our Welcome Morning Tea and it would be wonderful to have you come along and chat with other parents.

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/nfsWT]Da4f1GuGgG6

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 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,

Miranda Zuzic

Principal

principal@scbtemplestowe.catholic.edu.au

Term 1 Assemblies

Date	Class sharing
26/2/24	1/2P
25/3/24	3/4CW

Icy poles

Icy poles will be sold in Term 1 every Friday and any days which are 25 degrees or hotter (50c).

A Plus Schoolwear

<u>Click here</u> to order school wear. For instructions on how to order <u>click here</u>.

CDF PAY

<u>Click here</u> to access CDF Pay. For instructions on how to use CDF Pay <u>click here</u>

Harry's Cafe (Lunch orders)

<u>Click here</u> 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.

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.

Child Safety Standards

Child safety standards in Victorian schools are designed to create a safe and secure learning environment for children. These standards encompass various aspects, including physical safety, emotional well-being, and protection against abuse and neglect.

Physical safety standards involve measures such as ensuring safe infrastructure, regular maintenance of buildings and equipment, and implementing emergency response plans. Schools are required to conduct regular safety drills, install appropriate safety features like fire alarms and extinguishers, and provide adequate supervision during activities.

Emotional well-being is another crucial aspect of child safety standards. Schools are expected to foster a positive and inclusive environment that promotes mental health and well-being. This includes implementing anti-bullying policies, providing counseling services, and promoting respectful and supportive relationships among students and staff.

Child protection standards are in place to prevent and respond to child abuse and neglect. Schools have a legal obligation to report any suspected cases of abuse and provide appropriate support to affected children. Staff members undergo mandatory training to recognize signs of abuse and understand their responsibilities in reporting and responding to such incidents.

Child safety standards in Victorian schools emphasise the importance of parental involvement and communication. Schools are required to establish clear communication channels with parents or guardians, ensuring they are informed about safety policies, procedures, and any incidents that may impact their child's well-being.

Last year in the school review it was acknowledged that our work in this space was exemplary, this year St Charles Borromeo will continue to provide a secure and nurturing environment where all students will flourish.

Please reach out if you have any questions. Ellen Pearson (Student Wellbeing Leader)

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.























