

Newsletter

Friday, 17th May 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 May

is: For the formation of religious and seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

Dear St Charles families,

This coming Sunday (19th May) we have 4 of our Year 6 students taking part in the sacrament of Confirmation, at St Kevin's church.

The sacrament of Confirmation continues, strengthens, confirms and celebrates the gifts of the Holy Spirit received in Baptism. The Gospels are a rich source for the continuation of the works of Jesus' early ministry through the Holy Spirit.

At the conclusion of Jesus' earthly ministry, he promised his followers that he would send them the gift of the Holy Spirit who would help them to live as he had taught them and to pass on his message to all the nations. (See John 20:22 and Acts 2).

In the very early Church, Baptism and Confirmation were usually conferred by the bishop and celebrated together. However, over time, access to bishops became more difficult and Baptism came to be conferred by the local parish priest, so Confirmation began to be celebrated at an older age.

In the Sacrament of Confirmation, the bishop/priest lays his hands on the baptised person and prays that the Holy Spirit will fill the person with spiritual gifts. Then, using holy oil, the bishop/priest makes a cross on the person's forehead. It is usual for the person being confirmed to take on an extra name, that of a particular saint. The saint will be a source of inspiration by the way he/she lived life while on earth, and an intercessor in prayer to God.

(https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Confirmation-What-is-this-Sacrament-about#:~:tex t=In%20the%20Sacrament%20of%20Confirmation.cross%20on%20the%20person's%20forehead)

2024 TERM DATES

16th May Interschool Sports- Year 5/6 9:00-3:00

pm

17th May Story and Craft Time for preschoolers

10:00-11:00 am

19th May Confirmation 1:00-2:00 pm 21st May Hot Food Day for Students 24th May District Cross Country Year 3-6

students

30th May Principal Morning Tea 9:00-10:00 am 31st May Story and Craft Time for preschoolers

10:00-11:00 am

4th June Cross Country Years 3-6

10th June King's Birthday Holiday- school closure

Interschool Sports Year 5/6

13th June Story and Craft Time for preschoolers

14th June 10:00-11:00 am

Whole School ABC Music Performance

26th June Last Day of Term 2 3:15 pm finish

Term 3 begins

15th July Year 5/6 Camp 2nd- 4th Sep Camp Rest Days

5th-6th Sep Movie and Pizza Night Year 3 and 4

13th Sep 6:30-8:30 pm

19th Sep Last Day Term 3 3:15 pm finish

7th Oct First Day Term 4
25th Oct Grandparents Day
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

As a community please keep Gabby, Liam, George and Isaac in your prayers for this coming Sunday as they take part in the sacrament of Confirmation. Here are the boys at the retreat day last week at St Kevin's church, reading special letters which their families had written to them. I am sure the messages in these letters were about how proud their families were of them and how they are ready for the next step in their spiritual lives.









Marketing Update:

Our fortnightly marketing meetings focus on actions we have implemented and future actions. These meetings are currently focussed on targeting our local preschool and day care centres to build relationships with and promote our school (in total there are 40). There has been quite a bit of interest from many centres who are interested in visiting our school for an excursion. To date we have the following excursions booked in:

24th June- Doncaster Gardens Preschool 14th August- Deep Creek Preschool

Yarra Valley Preschool will be celebrating their 50 years very soon. Fiona the 3 year old preschool teacher has been working on this milestone and is putting together a community pack, which our school information and Open Days will feature in.

Our upcoming OPEN DAYS are as follows:

Tuesday 28th May 9:00-10:30am Thursday 6th June 9:00-10:30am Wednesday 12th June 9:00-10:30am Tuesday 18th June 9:00-10:30am Tuesday 13th August 9:00-10:30am

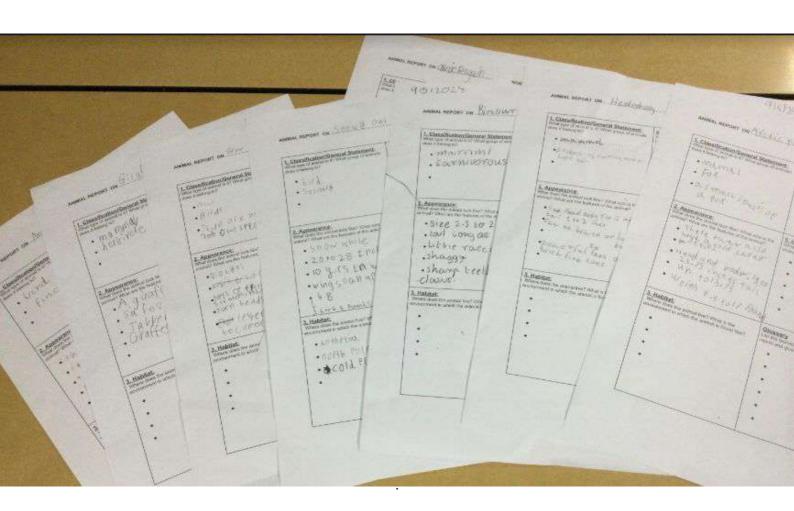
We have advertising boards placed in several places in the local community, including the front of our school. Keep an eye out for these!

Last term we began to offer 'Story and Craft Time' at St Charles. This has been a wonderful new way to engage new families in our school. If you know anyone with preschoolers who like to come along please let them know. Story and Craft Time will be running this term in the library as follows:

Friday 17th May 10:00-11:00 am Friday 31st May 10:00-11:00 am Friday 14th June 10:00-11:00 am

NEWS FROM OUR GRADES:

In Year 3/4, students are learning how to write information reports, with a particular focus on the topic of animals. Our recent excursion to the Currawong Bush Park also provided students with the opportunity to find out about a number of very interesting animals, and inspired them in selecting an animal for their own information report. There is a buzz of enthusiasm in our classroom, with students planning and researching this report.

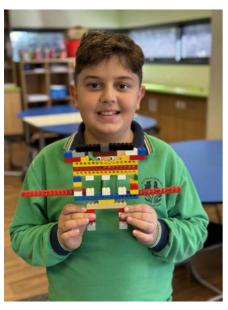


Highlights from the last 2 weeks!



















On Tuesday 7th May our Year 3 to 6 students took part in an excursion at Currawong. This was a wonderful experience which connected their learning to the environment and animals.

Our lunch time clubs have been a hit and are all based on what our students tell us they would like to do! Lego and gardening club are featured in this newsletter.

Thank you to all our mums and special family members who joined our Mother's Day Breakfast last Friday (10th May). This was such a beautiful way for our community to come together. Congratulations to Jen who won the raffle!

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:

Thursday 30th May 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/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)

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 very happy, safe and fun filled Term 2 of learning!

Please remember I am always here to support your family.

Kind regards,

Miranda Zuzic

Principal

principal@scbtemplestowe.catholic.edu.au

Term 2 Assemblies

<u>Date</u>	Class sharing
29/4	5/6A
27/5	P/1/2
24/6	3/4CW

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.

OUR FRIENDSHIP SCHOOL

Supporting our friendship school is our social justice focus for Term 2. We are inviting all families to donate items in need that we can send in a balikbayan box. Each class has been assigned specific items to donate (please see the below). Children's underwear is also needed, so it'd be much appreciated if you are able to donate a pack of underwear too (sizes to fit 5-12 years). Tea Towels and face washers are also greatly needed. Thank you in advance for helping our Filipino friends.

F/1/2 - donate hair brushes, hair ties, skipping ropes, textas, highlighters

- 3/4 donate toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, pencil cases, crayons, pencils, shareners
- 5/6 donate small balls such as downballs and tennis balls, thongs, exercise books, pens





Friendship bracelets for our friendship school

Buy a friendship bracelet and show your support for our friends at Mantayupan.

Audrey (Year 4) has been working hard to create and make some amazing friendship bracelets to sell to help raise much needed money for our friendship school. These will be sold lunchtimes at school next week. Prices range from \$2-\$5. Special orders will also be taken! Thank you Audrey for your hard work and generosity.

All proceeds from the upcoming movie day will also be donated to Mantayupan.



CHILD SAFETY

Child Safe Standard 4

Family engagement

Ensure that families and communities are informed, and involved in promoting child safety and wellbeing.

What this looks like at St Charles Borromeo Primary School

- We conduct school open days to welcome families and the broader community.
- Last year we celebrated the 40th Birthday of St Charles with a community event inviting students past and present to join us as a community.
- We have a welcoming environment at school reception so community members and families feel respected, included and safe to come onto school grounds.
- We provide frequent opportunities for parents and carers to engage with staff to discuss their children's experiences at school.
- We often seek feedback from parents and regularly check in with families



Triple P Parenting Program

This is a free online parenting program.

Triple P helps you:

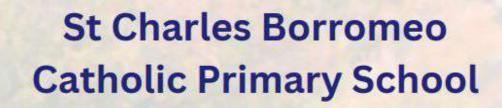
- Raise happy, confident, capable kids
- Build and maintain a close, loving relationship with your child
- Understand more about child development to make parenting more enjoyable and easier
 - Encourage positive behaviour
- Prevent and manage misbehaviour effectively, in a way that supports children's emotional wellbeing
 - Have rules and routines everyone respects and follows
 - Feel less stressed and calmer
- Feel more able to handle various parenting situations, knowing you're doing the best for your kids.

Visit the website for further details:

https://www.triplep-parenting.net.au/

Reach out if you have any questions.

Best wishes Ellen



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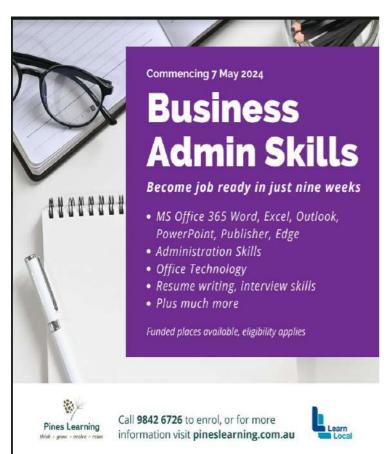
Book your tour here

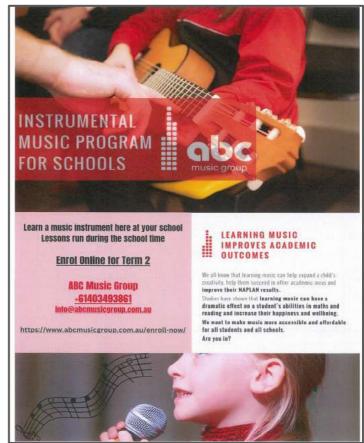


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Do you want to play tennis for St Gregory's Tennis Club?

We have a couple of teams that need you in our junior competition for 9-11 year olds.

We play on a Saturday mornings 8:30-10:30am (local suburbs only.

For more details contact:
Gianna 0438 410 506 or
Email: sgtg.tennis@gmail.com

2025 enrolments for Doncaster Gardens
Preschool
are now open!

Applications
close April 30

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