

Newsletter

Friday, 29th March 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.



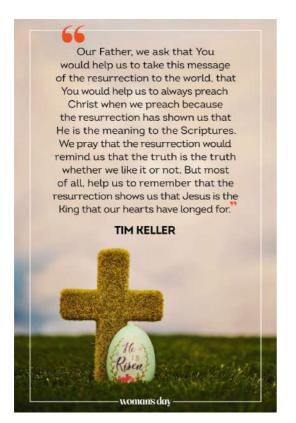
Pope Francis' prayer intention for March: For the new martyrs

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.

Dear St Charles families,

What a fantastic start we have had to the 2024 school year! Term one has been filled with lots of new learning and fun. Well done to all our students for their hard work! Thank you to all our staff who make sure each student achieves their best and thank you to all our fantastic families who work in partnership with us.

Welcome to Audrey who joined SCBT this week in Year 1! Year 1/2P was very excited to welcome their new friend.



15th April **Term 2 Begins** 19th April District Tennis Years 3-6 9:00-3:00 pm 24th April Whole school Science Dome Incursion 25th April ANZAC Day Liturgy 2:45 pm **ANZAC Day Holiday- No School** 26th April School Closure Day- Staff Time in Lieu Day **30th April Junior School Nudel Kart Incursion** Story and Craft Time for preschoolers 10:00-11:00 am 3rd May **Currawong School Environmental** 7th May **Excursion Years 3-6** 8th May **Confirmation Retreat Day- St Kevin's** Church 10:00-2:00 pm 9th May **Mother's Day Stall** Mother's Day Breakfast 9:00-10:00 am 10th May 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 Story and Craft Time for preschoolers 31st May 10:00-11:00 am 4th June **Cross Country Years 3-6** 10th June King's Birthday Holiday- school closure **Interschool Sports Year %** 13th June Story and Craft Time for preschoolers 10:00-11:00 am 14th June Whole School ABC Music Performance 26th June Last Day of Term 2 3:15 pm finish 27th June **Term 3 begins** 15th July Year 5/6 Camp 2nd- 4th Sep Last Day Term 3 3:15 pm finish First Day Term 4 19th Sep 7th Oct Year 6 Graduation 10th Dec Year 6 Big Day Out 11th Dec Last Day Year 6 students 12th Dec Term 4 ends 3:15 pm finish 17th Dec

2024 TERM DATES

Last week I attended the Victorian Association Catholic Primary School Principal (VACPSP) Conference in Lorne. This was a wonderful professional learning opportunity with many keynote speakers who helped us to reflect on the role of Principals and there was opportunity for prayer and reflection. Our keynote speakers were:

Ashley Fell- Social Researcher, TEDx Speaker and Director of Advisory at McCrindle social researchers.

Craig Foster- Former Socceroo, Broadcaster, Adjunct Professor, Sport and Social Responsibility,

Author and Human Rights Activist.

Theresa Ardler- Director of Gweagal Cultural Connections, Indigenous and Catholic Educator.

Mitch Tambo- Proud Gamilaraay man, Musician, Actor, Presenter, Performer.

Saroo Brierley- Best selling Author, subject of the Academy Award nominated film Lion.

Jelena Dokic- Former World Number 4, Popular Tennis Commentator and Best Selling Author.

Deborah Patterson- Former Principal, Coach and Mentor, Author.

Each of these speakers had amazing and sad stories to share all of which came back to their strength, goodness and kindness.

We also had a presentation on Mary McKillop and the Pilgrimage taken by current Principals Rachel Holdsworth, Olga Lyons and Jamie Walsh.

Each day our prayer was guided by Dr Helen Healy and Gen Bryant (who has the most amazing singing voice that touches your heart!)

The week also provided a wonderful opportunity to connect with Primary Principals from all over Victoria. During the first evening while I was speaking to a Principal (out of our network) she shared with me that she is hearing so many positive things about our school and we do wonderful things. I was so proud to hear this feedback and that our school is being recognised and spoken about in such a positive light.







Congratulations to all our students who were elected as our 2024 SRC. We are very fortunate to have had the Hon. Matthew Guy attend our assembly and present our SRC with their school badges.

Our Easter bonnets were certainly on parade this week! Well done to all our students on their very creative bonnets!



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 24th April 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: <u>https://forms.gle/nfsWTJDa4f1GuGgG6</u>

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

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 and safe Easter. I look forward to seeing you after the Term 1 break, ready for learning in Term 2.

Please remember I am always here to support your family.

Kind regards,

Miranda Zuzic

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Term 2 Assemblies

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

Icy poles

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.

Icy poles will be sold in Term 2 every Friday and any days which are 25 degrees or hotter (50c).

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.

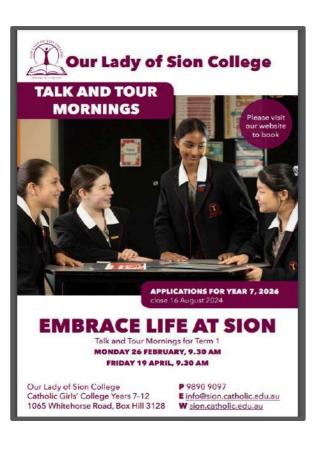
Child safety standards in Victorian schools emphasise the importance of parental involvement and communication. Schools are required to establish clear communication channels with parents or guardians, ensuring they are informed about safety policies, procedures, and any incidents that may impact their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









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