



Newsletter

Friday, 2nd 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 **January**: For the Gift of Diversity in the Church:

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

Dear St Charles families,

Happy New Year and welcome to another amazing year of learning at St Charles! I hope the holidays were restful and filled with peace as you spent time with your family. We have had a very settled start to the year with excited faces in all classrooms across our school. Welcome to all our new families! I know you will enjoy being part of the learning community at St Charles.

Pope Francis announces Year of Prayer

Pope Francis has announced the start of a Year of Prayer in preparation for the Catholic Church's 2025 Jubilee Year. The Pope said that 2024 will be 'a year dedicated to rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer in one's personal life, in the life of the Church, and in the world'. The Vatican's Dicastery for Evangelisation will publish resources to help Catholic communities to more fully participate in the Year of Prayer.

A jubilee is a special holy year of grace and pilgrimage in the Catholic Church, it typically takes place once every 25 years. The Vatican and the city of Rome are expecting an estimated 35 million people to flock to the Eternal City for the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope – the first ordinary jubilee since the Great Jubilee of 2000. The 2025 Jubilee Year begins on 24 December (Christmas Eve) and concludes on 6 January 2026.

This term we will be focussing on the message of prayer from Pope Francis. We will be introducing family prayer boxes. More information will be shared with families later this term.

2024 TERM DATES

6th Feb	Safer Internet Day
7th Feb	Foundation Rest Day
12th Feb	Year 3-6 Swimming Trials 12:00-3:00 pm
13th Feb	Shrove Tuesday (Pancakes at school)
14th Feb	Foundation Rest Day
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	Labour Day Holiday- No School
21st March	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 Last Day of Term 1 3:15pm finish Term 2 Begins
15th April	District Tennis Years 3-6 9:00-3:00 pm
19th April	ANZAC Day Holiday- No School
25th April	School Closure Day- Staff Time in Lieu Day
26th April	Confirmation Retreat Day- St Kevin's Church 10:00-2:00 pm
8th May	Mother's Day Stall
9th May	Mother's Day Breakfast 9:00-10:00 am
10th May	Interschool Sports- Year 5/6 9:00-3:00 pm
16th May	Confirmation 3:00-4:00 pm
19th May	Hot Food Day for Students
21st May	District Cross Country Year 3-6 students
24th May	Cross Country Years 3-6
4th June	Interschool Sports Year 5/6
13th 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
19th Sep	First Day Term 4
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	

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)

Specialist Times

Monday	Physical Education (Students wear PE uniform) Visual Arts
Wednesday	STEM Music
Thursday	Italian Discovery Learning

Specialist classes begin as of next week on Monday 5th February.

Throughout 2024 there will be many learning opportunities we would like to share with our families. A new and exciting one is a music presentation- our students will showcase their musical talents! Please keep an eye out in the newsletter and also compass messages for more information and details.

On Tuesday next week I will be joining a group of Principals who have been selected to mentor newly appointed Principals. I look forward to working with my mentee and I am honoured to have been selected and invited to be a part of the Principal Mentoring Program.

On Wednesday through to Friday next week I will be joining the Principals in my network for professional learning based around mental health and the skills and strategies Principals are required to have post COVID lockdowns. I am looking forward to this new learning which will help to further support our school community.

Icy poles will be sold in Term 1 every Friday and any days which are 25 degrees or hotter (50c). Lunch orders will begin as of Friday 9th February.

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/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 **stcharles**. 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. I hope that 2024 is peaceful for you all. Please remember I am always here to support your family.

Kind regards,





Miranda Zuzic

Principal

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Assemblies held on the last Monday of each month

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

 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  Click here to view Caritas Australia's website.

PARISH NEWS



Fr Isaac

Assistant Priest: Welcome to Fr Isaac Ad Hani Moheib Fayez Zaki!

Fr Isaac joined St Greg's and St Kevin's on the 19th of January as Assistant Priest. Fr Isaac is happy to be called Fr Isaac or Isaac depending on your preference.

A significant part of his time will be spent as Chaplain caring for the Coptic (Egyptian) Catholic Community. Beyond that we will work out over coming weeks how best Isaac can minister with us.

Fr Isaac is about 40 and has been ordained for 13 years, serving in various roles in Egypt and spent five 'holidays in Canada providing supply for the Coptic priest in Ontario and has spent some time in England.

I have now spent a week with Fr Isaac and found him to be faith filled, engaging, insightful, knowledgeable, humorous, and caring. He will prove to be a gift to us from the Holy Spirit.

I ask your help to make sure, as a new migrant (he's been here a little over a month), that Isaac gets the best possible friendly induction to our ways, our culture, our approach to faith: amidst all the perplexity of a new country and parish and new ministries as a priest.

Fr Charles

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.

Playgroup News

Hi to our SCB community,
If anyone out there is wondering what to do with those toys or dress up clothing that you may no longer use or need, still in very good condition. Please drop the items into Cathy at the office, would love to have them for the playgroup. Playgroup is from 9:00am to 11:00 am in the foyer of the hall fortnightly Fridays.

Community News

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Our Lady of Sion College

TALK AND TOUR MORNINGS

Please visit our website to book



APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 7, 2026
close 16 August 2024

EMBRACE LIFE AT SION

Talk and Tour Mornings for Term 1
MONDAY 26 FEBRUARY, 9.30 AM
FRIDAY 19 APRIL, 9.30 AM

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INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

HERE AT YOUR SCHOOL

At ABC Music, we're passionate about nurturing well-rounded students, and our music program plays a key role in that mission. From learning to play the guitar to mastering the piano, our students are immersed in the wonderful world of music, and the benefits are truly remarkable. Research shows that music education can significantly enhance a child's cognitive development, academic performance, and overall well-being. When students engage with music, they sharpen their focus, improve their memory, and develop enhanced problem-solving skills – qualities that undoubtedly translate into academic success.

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We provide a range of musical instruments to learn, but this will differ from school to school. However, Keyboard and Guitar lessons are offered in all the schools we teach.

- Students can enrol for group, paired or private lessons
- Lessons are 30 min long every week during the school term
- We supply keyboards/guitars/drums for lessons (other instruments to be supplied by the student)
- Students progress reports are provided in term 2 and term 4
- Students concerts/performance run in term 4
- YES *We can prepare students for AMEB Exams!
- New students are required to purchase a music book on enrolment, the book will be delivered in class
- Instrument hire or purchase is available via our website
- Enrolment is on a subscription basis, and fees are charged every 3 months (once per term) via direct debit

Enrol Online on our Website www.abcmusicgroup.com.au/enroll-now/