

Newsletter

Term 1
23rd Feb 2024

Date		Program	Time
28 th Feb	Wednesday	Marcellin Activities Club	3.30-4.45pm
6 th March	Wednesday	Marcellin Activities Club	3.30-4.45pm
7 th March	Thursday	Athletics Family Fun Day	2.30-4pm
11 th March	Monday	Labour Day Public Holiday	
21 st March	Thursday	Learning Showcase	3.30-4.30pm
21 st March	Thursday	Harvest Fest	4.30-6pm
24 th March	Sunday	Palm Sunday	
28 th March	Thursday	Holy Thursday	
28 th March	Thursday	Term 1 Ends	1pm
29 th March	Friday	Good Friday	
30 th March	Saturday	Holy Saturday	
31 st March	Sunday	Easter Sunday	
15 th April	Monday	Term 2 Begins	8.45pm
25 th April	Thursday	Anzac Day	
26 th April	Friday	Closure Day	
4 th May	Saturday	St Pius X Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	

Prayer of the Week

“Lord, open my ears, my eyes, and my heart! Help me to hear your prophetic word, believe in you, and love you even more.”

Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19

Luke 11:29-32



From the Acting Principal:

Dear St. Pius X families and friends,

Welcome to our second School Newsletter for 2024, please remember that these newsletters will now be sent out fortnightly on a Friday afternoon.

As we enter the second half of Term 1, I reflect on the importance of the School community and its benefits to our wellbeing. Collaboration with our families enables Saint Pius X to be a great place to learn and play for our students. It's been wonderful to meet our students, their parents and extended family members. I have been struck by the strong bonds of welcome and friendship amongst parents and the feeling of connectedness at St. Pius X.

Our students have excitedly commenced specialist classes, including Garden class, Bush School, P.E., Visual Art and yesterday we welcomed Dr. Kamil Wolyniec to our Music/Performing Arts program. Kamil will present a series of lessons on Music, Movement and Mindfulness for our students.

Our Catholic Identity has been embraced with our Welcome Mass and Ash Wednesday Mass. The Saint Pius X Vision, our statement of aspiration, of being a Catholic community celebrating acceptance and a lifelong love of learning, is what we aspire to do each day.

Thank you for your patience and understanding while we have been attempting to resolve the situation with our Montessori Program.

Unfortunately, Mrs Rose Hey – Christiansen has decided to resign from her teaching position at St. Pius X due to personal reasons. We investigated as many options that were realistically available to us to resolve this matter but we sadly had to accept Rose's resignation this week.

Consequently, we have advertised for a Montessori teacher to start from the beginning of Term 2 2024. This is a fulltime position. The advertisement closes on Monday 11 March which is Week 7 out of the nine weeks for this term and will enable us time to interview, check references and appoint before the end of the term. As a Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Primary School, we advertise positions vacant on "Teachers On Net", as the school has done in the past, however if you know of a suitable qualified and available Montessori teacher please inform them of this opportunity.

While we await the completion of this process the students will remain as they have been for the last few weeks. Once again thank you for your ongoing support, understanding and patience.

Meanwhile our Stage 2 Building Project is continuing on schedule and within budget. At the Site Meeting last Tuesday, the Architect and the Builders agreed that the project should be finishing on or near 30 April.

Jim O'Sullivan
Acting Principal

School Leaders -

We congratulate the following students and look forward to seeing them lead our students at St Pius X in 2024

Angus & Devang



Sports Leaders - Sofia, Sarah & Nakisha

Koorie Culture Leader - Nakisha



RE Leader - Sammy



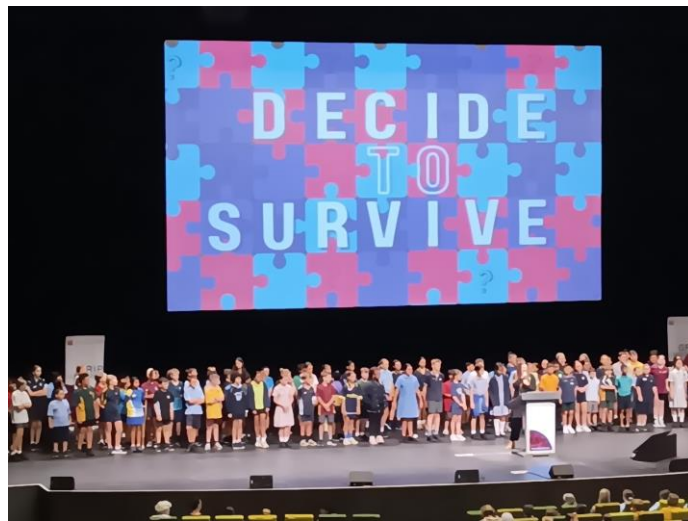
Wellbeing Leaders - Daniel & Sylvie



ICT Leaders - Kosta & Stefano

Year 5/6

On Monday 12th February the students of Grade 5 & 6 attended the GRIP Leadership student conference at Melbourne Convention center. The conference is a unique experience that specifically focuses on training student leaders for their role as school leaders. The style, topics and content of the conference all focused on what the students can do right now with their newly appointed leadership roles.



Sarah “ I enjoyed investigating how everyone can step forward and lead by using their talents by using the step up, step in, step out and step closer principle”

Kosta “ I learned the importance of sacrifice as a student leader, that sacrifice means giving up something for the sake of something more important”

Nakisha “I learned that it is important to step forward with new ideas”



Year 3/4

We hope you've had a wonderful holiday break filled with joy, laughter, and special moments. As we step into this new year, it's incredible to see how much our year 3 and 4 students have grown over the holidays! They've returned bigger and wiser, ready to embark on new adventures and learning experiences.

Our school year kicked off with a burst of creativity as students delved into the world of letter writing and persuasive texts. It's been inspiring to see our young minds expressing their opinions and honing their skills in debate. Through active listening and constructive argumentation, they're learning to communicate and respect differing viewpoints.

In the realm of mathematics, our students have been diving deep into the fundamentals of skip counting and place value. Exploring numbers up to thousands of numbers have truly stretched their understanding and challenged them to think critically. We're proud of their dedication and enthusiasm for mastering mathematical concepts.

One of the highlights of the season has been our vibrant gardening sessions. With summer in full swing, our garden is bursting with life! From crisp vegetables to juicy fruits and colorful blooms, there's always something exciting to discover. And on those scorching hot days, we've found a delicious way to beat the heat – making refreshing watermelon slushes with the help of our amazing Ms. Bella!

As we continue our journey through the school year, let's cherish each moment of growth, learning, and discovery. Together, we'll make this year one to remember!



Year Prep/1/2

Literacy

Our Prep to Grade Two students have been thriving in their daily phonics lessons! Each week, they are learning two new sounds, fostering their literacy skills and building a strong foundation for reading and writing. Preps are also exploring rhyming and learning how to segment and blend CVC words, while Grade Ones and Twos have been learning about nouns, verbs, and adjectives and writing silly sentences.

Maths

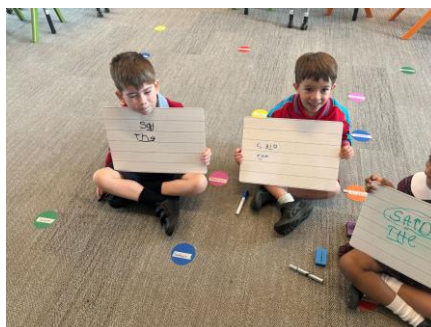
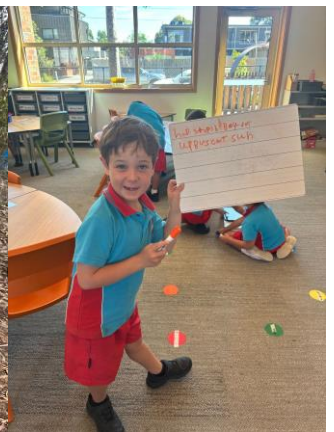
In the Prep's class, they have been exploring two part and three-part patterns, as well as learning the days of the week. Meanwhile, our Grade One and Two students are delving into the world of place value and enjoying creating pictographs. It's wonderful to see their enthusiasm for learning numbers and their problem-solving skills grow every day!

Wellbeing

In our wellbeing sessions, we've been learning about the importance of kindness and friendship. Students are discovering how they can be supportive and compassionate friends, by using kind words to uplift and encourage one another.

Classroom Favorites:

Dancing to the upbeat tunes of Danny Go and unleashing their creativity through LEGO creations continue to be loved activities in our morning routines. We also enjoyed our first week back at Darebin creek with Ms Zara. The Preps and Ones had a lot of fun climbing trees, making paint and running down the hill with the toboggan.



Visual Art

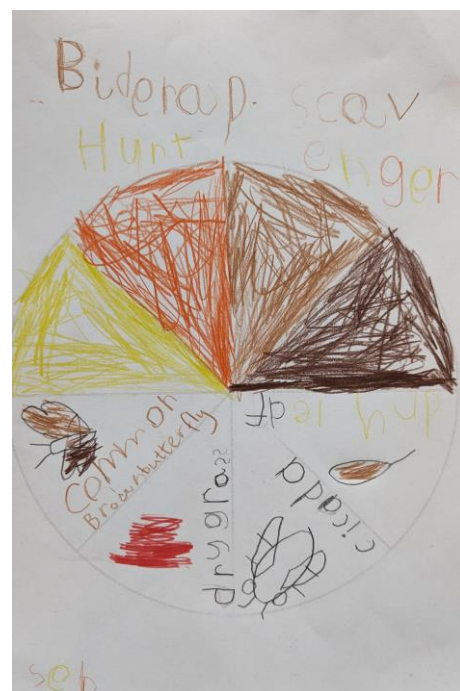
During our first few lessons in Visual Arts, Grade 1/2 children created their own Biderap (Wurrundjeri dry season) scavenger hunt, Grade 3/4 created shields which represented who they are and what their interests are, and Grade 5/6 tested their fine motor co-ordination by quilling paper strips into 3D pictures.

In Music we revised the interrelated dimensions of music, such as pulse, tempo and pitch, and played rhythm games. We sang songs of various genres and learned about famous musicians through modern history, like Bob Marley.

Sylvie's quilled fish



Sebastian's Biderap Scavenger Hunt



OPEN NIGHT

THORNBURY HIGH SCHOOL
THURSDAY 21 MARCH

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MARCELLIN COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Grow, learn, lead



SUNDAY, 17 MARCH | 11am - 2pm

Principal's Address 11am, 12pm and 1pm

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE

Now accepting Year 7 2026 enrolments | Applications close 16 August 2024

Secure your place today marcellin.vic.edu.au



AusBike

AGES 5 - 12



A new national program, designed by Australia's peak cycling body, AusCycling, is running at the Preston Cycling Club.

AusBike gives kids the essential skills to experience the freedom, fun and adventure of life on a bike.

AusBikers are safe & active kids!
Our accredited coaches will help build your child's competence and confidence on two wheels...and who knows where their love of riding will take them?!



[REGISTER NOW](#)

The AusBike program has been developed with the support of the Australian Government through the Australian Sports Commission.





St. Pius X Primary School
1st Sep 2023 – 31st Aug 2024 GST Inclusive

Everyday Uniform

PULLOVER	Size	4 & 6	7, 8, 9	10 – 20
	Price	\$76	\$80	\$86
DRESS	Size	4 - 22		
	Price	\$58		
PINAFORE	Size	4 - 22		
	Price	\$64		
GIRLS SLACKS	Size	4 – 22		
	Price	\$43		
GIRLS SKORT	Size	4 – 22		
	Price	\$32		
GIRLS BLOUSE		Short Sleeve	Long Sleeve	
	Price	\$35	\$28	
TIGHTS	Size	Junior	Senior	
	Price	\$10	\$16	
BOYS TROUSERS	Size	4 – 22		
	Price	\$40		
BOYS SHIRT		Short Sleeve	Long Sleeve	
	Price	\$36	\$29	
BOYS SHORTS	Size	4 - 22		
	Price	\$30		
SOCKS	Size	9 – 12	13 – 3	2 – 8 +
	Price	\$10ea	\$10ea	\$10ea
ART SMOCK	Size	S	M	
	Price	\$22	\$22	
RAIN JACKET	Size	4 - 6	8 – 10	12 – 14 +
	Price	\$63	\$63	\$63
HATS / SCARF		Hat	Beanie	Scarf
	Price	\$15	\$15	\$15
BAGS		School Bag	Library Bag	
	Price	\$58	\$19	



Sports Uniform

TRACK TOP	Size	4 – 22
	Price	\$56
TRACK PANT	Size	2 – 22
	Price	\$39
POLO TOP	Size	4 – 22
	Price	\$37
SPORT SKORT	Size	4 – 22
	Price	\$32
SPORT SHORTS	Size	4 - XL
	Price	\$30
SPORT SOCKS	Size	Various
	Price	\$10ea

Uniform can be purchased the following ways:

On-line:

Visit www.academyuniforms.com.au for home delivery or choose the free weekly school delivery. Please allow 48 hours for processing.

HOLIDAY CLOSURE: 5pm Dec 21st to 9am Jan 2nd

In Store at Academy Uniforms, Thomastown:

Monday - Friday: 9am - 5pm Saturday: 9am – 12pm
238 Wolsley Place, Thomastown. Phone: 9460 8011

Not available at Deer Park Melton or Springvale stores.

2024 School Fees and Levies

Dear Parent/Guardian,

School Fees are billed per Family and Student Levies are billed per student. Statements are sent out in Term 1 with the full amount payable per annum.

You can elect to pay school fees as an annual payment in Term 1, three equal instalments in Term 1, 2 and 3, by credit card, cash, BPAY or by Direct Debit (monthly or fortnightly).

Every child is charged an annual fee covering items such as Excursions, Incursions, Religious Education, Class sets, Library, Information Technology, PE Costs and other educational resources.

Camp fees (if applicable) will be charged separately prior to commencing activities.

PROCEDURE FOR COLLECTING SCHOOL FEE PAYMENTS

- i. Fees are due for payment within 7 days of the beginning of each Term.
- ii. Payments can be made by Direct Debit Authority, BPAY, MasterCard and Visa card, EFTPOS card. Please contact the school office for further information.
- iii. Fees paid in total in Term 1 will have an early payment discount of 5% applied to their family account. This excludes student levies and Montessori family fees.
- iv. All Fees and levies must be finalised by 1st September (Term 3).
- v. In the event that the fees have not been paid by the due date the following procedures will be implemented:
 - a) A reminder statement will be sent in Term 2 and a Fees Statement reminder in Term 3, if applicable (excluding Direct Debit authorities).
 - b) A repayment schedule to accommodate current needs may be negotiated in circumstances where financial hardship can be demonstrated after discussion with the Principal. Agreed arrangements for periodical payment of fees will ensure that the outstanding debt is reduced, and that any debt is contained within reasonable limits and the repayment plan is manageable by the parents.
 - c) If no response is received within 14 days of the due date, a request will be forwarded for an interview with the Principal.

If you have any concerns regarding the payment of school fees, please make an appointment with the Principal or contact the School Office.

2024 FEES SCHEDULE

	St Pius X	St Pius X Montessori
Family Fees	\$1055	\$1055
Curriculum Levy/Student	\$644	\$644
ICT Levy / Student	\$155	\$155
Building Levy	\$100 Total \$1954	\$100 Total \$1954
Camp Levy* (Grades 4 – 6)	\$370 Total \$2324	
Montessori: Annual Fee[^]		\$1,500 Total \$3454
Montessori: New Family Fee[^]		\$1,500 Total \$4954

[^]Montessori Fees are due by March 1st, 2024

Early Payment Discount

An early payment discount of 5% applies to St Pius X Family Fees \$1009.00 (\$958.55). This excludes student levies (Curriculum & ICT), Camp Levies and Montessori fees (New family and Annual fees).

Camps, Sports, Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply for a Victorian Government CSEF payments. The CSEF provides payments, currently \$125 per annum, for eligible students to attend activities like: school camps or trips; swimming and school-organised sport programs; and excursions & incursions.

How to Apply

For more information regarding the contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

MACS Concessional School Fees Policy

To assist school families in accessing a Catholic primary education for their child/children, the Melbourne Archdiocese of Catholic schools has introduced from 2022, a concessional fee policy.

The following families are strongly encouraged to apply:

- Any family of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage.
- Any family holding an HCC and eligible for CSEF.
- Any family holding a DVA Gold Card.
- Any family identified as refugees and holding an ImmiCard.



Community Support and Information

GENERAL HEALTH

Emergency - 000 Police, Fire, Ambulance.

Nurse on Call (24 hours) 1300 606 024

National Coronavirus Helpline 1800 020 080

Coronavirus Disability Information Helpline 1800 643 787

Banyule Community Health Service 9450 2000

ASK IZZY askizzy.org.au

Ask Izzy can help you to find the services you need. It is free and anonymous, and you can search over 360,000 services

YOUNG PEOPLE

Banyule Youth Service - banyuleyouth.com

Flexible support options and referral pathways for young people

HOUSING

DHHS Housing

1300 664 977 <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/preston-office>

Haven; Home, Safe

9479 0700 - <https://havenhomesafe.org.au/>

The housing access point for the northern suburbs.

DOMESTIC ABUSE

If you are in immediate danger call 000

1800Respect

1800 737 732 - 1800respect.org.au

A service for you or someone you know who might be experiencing family violence.

Safe Steps Family Violence Crisis Response Centre

1800 015 188 - <https://www.safesteps.org.au/>

Victoria's 24/7 family violence support service

Orange Door

1800 319 355 <https://orangedoor.vic.gov.au/>

Aboriginal Family Domestic Violence

1800 105 303 - <https://djiirra.org.au/what-we-do/legal-services/>

inTouch Multicultural Centre Against Family Violence

1800 755 988 - <https://intouch.org.au/>

Help and assistance in non-English languages.

With Respect

1800 542 847 - <https://www.withrespect.org.au/>

Specialist LGBTIQ family violence service.

Men's Referral Service

1300 766 491 - <https://www.ntv.org.au/>

Confidential help for men wanting to stop abuse.

MensLine

1300 78 99 78 - <https://mensline.org.au/>

Seniors Rights Helpline

1300 368 821 - <https://seniorsrights.org.au/>

FOOD AND MATERIAL RELIEF

Banyule Support and Information (BANSIC)

9459 5959 - <http://www.bansic.org.au/>

Diamond Valley Community Support (DVCS)

9435 8282 - <https://www.dvsupport.org.au/>

Banyule Community Health Service

9450 2000 - <https://bchs.org.au/>

Includes support for non-residents

Livingstone FoodBank

9497 2014

Greenhills Neighbourhood House Food Pantry

9435 9287

3081 Angels

9450 2000 or email 3081angels@bchs.org.au

Pre-loved goods for children and families

Hayden's Helping Hands

0414 295 830

Non-perishable food, toiletries, clothing and blankets.

Big Group Hug

requests@biggroup hug.org

material-aid for children and families

MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

Beyond Blue

1300 22 4636 - <https://www.beyondblue.org.au/>

Lifeline

13 11 14 - <https://www.lifeline.org.au/>

Kids Helpline

1800 55 1800 - <https://kidshelpline.com.au/>

(5 – 25 year olds)

Headspace

1800 650 890 - <https://headspace.org.au/eheadspace/>

(12 – 25-year olds)

ADDICTION

Banyule Community Health Service

9450 2000 - <https://bchs.org.au/>

DirectLine

1800 888 236 - <https://www.directline.org.au/>

Counselling Online

<https://www.counsellingonline.org.au/>

Gamblers Help Northern

1300 133 445 - <https://bchs.org.au/>

FINANCIAL/LEGAL SERVICES

Services Australia (formerly known as Centrelink)

136 240

Banyule Community Health Service

9450 2000

West Heidelberg Community Legal Service

9450 2002

For more service info please visit www.banyule.vic.gov.au • UPDATE MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2020

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National School Fundraising and Education Program

Schools can choose:

Bonus \$250!*

Mondo Clothing Drives

Receive \$0.10 cents per kilogram collected on designated collection days.

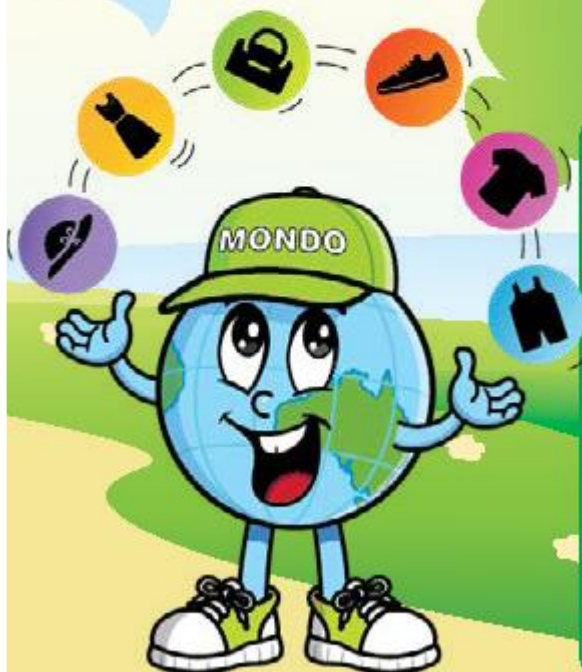
OR

Mondo Recycling Hubs

Receive \$0.10 cents per kilogram collected for hosting clothing recycling hubs.

In addition, schools have access to **FREE** online activities and a **FREE** Student Strategy Session delivered by an SCRgroup educator.

* Schools that select hubs will receive a one-off bonus **\$250** to go towards their fundraising. Offer valid until 30 June. Subject to site assessment.



Ask About...

Receiving a FREE Mondo visit!

All new Victorian schools receive a FREE Mondo visit valued at \$450.

Friends of Our World Storybook

NOW AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ONLINE. This storybook complements the school program and can be added to your school library collections. Buy now at www.friendsofourworld.com.

Mondo Classroom Incursions

Schools seeking a deeper educational insight into clothing reuse and recycling can book our half day Mondo Classroom Incursions, which include e-waste education. Activities align with the Victorian School Curriculum. Fee is \$750 per school.



Proudly supporting CERES' delivery of the ResourceSmart Schools Waste Module in 'Activating Your Community'. To find out more, go to: sustainability.ceres.org.au/program/itsav/wastemodule



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scrq.com.au/schools



ACCEPTABLE ITEMS



ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED



Vinnies Welfare Assistance Line is **1800 305 330** (Monday–Friday 10.00am to 3.00pm).
Over the phone, we will determine your situation and make a personal arrangement to support you.

[Welfare Assistance Line - St Vincent de Paul Society - Good Works \(vinnies.org.au\)](http://vinnies.org.au)