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Principal's News

Dear Families,

This week we celebrated World Teachers' Day, an occasion to acknowledge and express our gratitude for the dedication, professionalism, and care demonstrated by our teachers each day. We hope all staff enjoyed the Morning Teas held on Wednesday and Friday.

We also extend our thanks to the Parents and Friends Association for their thoughtful gesture in providing a gift for each teacher to mark this special day. We are truly grateful to our teachers for their ongoing commitment to delivering high-quality learning experiences and for the positive impact they make in the lives of our students.

"Hats off to Teachers!"

Leadership Positions

We are excited to advertise the Year 6 Leadership positions for 2026. We will have 2 School Captains, 4 House Captains, 2 Wellbeing Captains, 2 Faith and Social Justice team Captains, 2 Environmental team Captains and 2 Visual and Performing Arts Captains.

Position descriptions will be discussed and promoted in class. To apply, we are asking students to prepare a 2 minute presentation outlining their ideas, goals and skills for each position which will be shared with their peers and the leadership team. We encourage all Year 5 students to apply for these important roles and demonstrate their leadership qualities.



We respectfully acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands and waters of Victoria.

St. Patrick's is a Child Safe School & promotes the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.



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All Saints Mass

This week our school community gathered to celebrate All Saints Day with a special Mass. The celebration was a wonderful opportunity for students and staff to come together in prayer and reflection, honouring the example of the saints who inspire us to live with faith, kindness, and courage.

Thank you to Fr Siby for leading our Mass. He shared the story of St. Carlo Acutis, our modern day saint who serves as a relevant and incredible inspiration to us and our students. His dedication to Jesus and living as a model of Jesus in our time is so poignant in this digital world. The story of young St. Carlo is an incredible one that we encourage you to find out more about.

Year 5 and 6 Water Skills Program

Our Year 5 and 6 students participated in the Water Skills Program at GESAC on Monday. This program builds upon the skills and knowledge developed through the swimming program in earlier years and focuses on first aid, water safety, and survival techniques, helping students build confidence and responsibility around water.

Students also enjoyed a range of fun activities, including time on the giant slide, which was a definite highlight of the day! The program provided a balance of learning and enjoyment while reinforcing the importance of being safe and confident around water.

Twisted Science

Our Prep students enjoyed an exciting excursion to Twisted Science. The day was filled with hands-on experiments, interactive displays, and plenty of opportunities for curious minds to explore the wonders of science.

Students had a fantastic time learning through play and discovery, experimenting with different materials and observing how things move, change, and react. It was a fun and engaging experience that sparked their curiosity and deepened their love of learning.

Date Reminders

Just a reminder there will be **no school on Monday the 3rd of November and Tuesday the 4th** due to our student free day and the Melbourne Cup Public holiday.

Please note there will be no assembly or newsletter next week due to the short working week.





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Year 3/4 T20 Cricket

A great day of cricket at Dendy Park for our Year 3/4 students! Three teams showed fantastic sportsmanship, teamwork, and skill development throughout the day. A big thank you to Kate for all her support and help in making the day run smoothly. Everyone worked together and represented our school with pride — well done, team!

Year 5/6 Beachside Girls T20 Cricket

The St Patrick's Year 5/6 T20 cricket team competed in the Beachside Division T20 Cricket Playoff on Tuesday at Centenary Park, Bentleigh East. Our girls demonstrated some fantastic skills while batting, bowling and fielding in a couple of close games and displayed excellent sportsmanship.

Hoop Time Regional Finals

Congratulations to our All Star Girls Hoop Time team who have now progressed to the STATE championships for Basketball!!

They competed yesterday at regional level, winning 4/5 games and drawing the other. Many games were significant wins but there were some close ones also! Every team member played with passion, determination and teamwork to finish second in the pool. They advance to the highest level of competition for this tournament.

The state championship will be on December 2nd and we wish the girls all the very best!

Tessa, Heidi, Poppy, Ana, Asher, Alicia, Bella, and Emily proudly and respectfully represented St. Patrick's and we are so proud of their achievements and sportsmanship.

Sam Torcasio - soccer superstar

Congratulations to Sam who competed this week at the 'School Sports Australia Games' held in Ballarat, Victoria. He was selected to the "Victoria Blue" team after numerous trials, and just over a month ago he was chosen as Team Captain!

Sam lead his Victorian team out for all 7 matches, against strong competition from across the country. He showed great leadership and displayed some standout skills all week - the team were awarded with the Silver Medal! We are so proud of him!

God Bless,

Joanne Soulsby

St Patrick's School Principal



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Dates

November

Monday 3	Student Free Day - No students at school
Tuesday 4	Melbourne Cup Day
Friday 7	Prep - Year 2 Tabloid Sports
Monday 10	Assembly 5L
Tuesday 11	Remembrance Day
Thursday 13	2026 Prep orientation session 2.20pm
Friday 14	Colour Run
Monday 17	Assembly 5M
Wednesday 19-20	Year 4 Sovereign Hill Camp
Friday 21	Year 4 Camp Rest day
Friday 28	Student Free Day - Staff Professional Development Day

December

Monday 1	Assembly - 3M
Thursday 4	Year 5 & 6 Mini Market
Friday 5	11am Advent Liturgy
Monday 8	Assembly - Year 4
Monday 8	11am Advent Liturgy
Tuesday 9	Year 6 Graduation 6pm
Friday 12	9.15am End of Year Mass
Friday 12	2pm Carols on the Deck
Monday 15	Assembly
Monday 15	Reports go home
Monday 15	11am Advent Liturgy
Tuesday 16	END OF TERM - Students finish at 1pm

Please find the link to our website for our calendar.
Our calendar is regularly updated for your information.
[CALENDAR](#)

2026 Year 6 Leadership Opportunities



The following opportunities are available for 2026. Applications due November 28th 2025.

St. Patrick's School are excited to advertise the Year 6 Leadership positions for 2026.

We encourage all Year 5 students to apply for these important roles and demonstrate their leadership qualities.

Are YOU interested in being a school leader?

Do you want to grow and develop your leadership skills? Position descriptions will be discussed in class.

To apply, please prepare a 2 minute presentation outlining your ideas, goals and skills for this role. You will share this with your peers and staff leadership.

2x St. Patrick's School Captains

2x Wellbeing and Phys Ed team captains

2x Faith and Social Justice team captains

2x Environmental team captains

2x Visual and Performing Arts team captains

4x Sport House Captains

Do you have a passion to inspire?

Year 5 & 6 Leadership Program 2026



We are pleased to present to you all the wonderful opportunities ahead for our senior students in 2026.

We look forward to supporting them as they grow as learners and leaders.

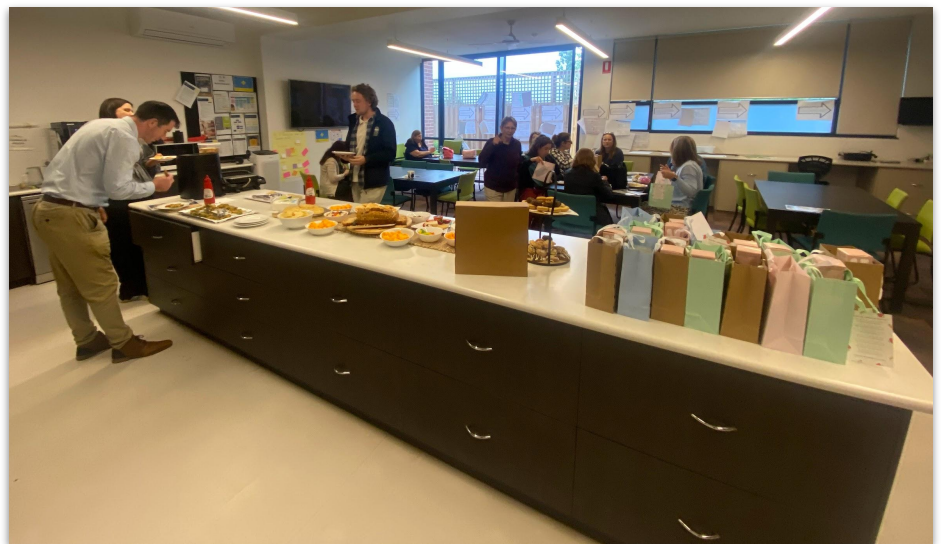
Year 5 Program

- **Public Speaking Program**
- **Fire Carrier Program leaders**
- **Year 5 Adventure Camp & Enchanted Forest**
- **Year 1 Buddy Program**
- **Mini Market Program**
- **Life Saving Program**
- **Year 5/6 Interschool Sport opportunities**
- **Sports Clinics**
- **Applications for Year 6 Captain roles Program**

Year 6 Program

- **Public Speaking Program**
- **School and Leadership Team captains**
- **Leadership Team membership**
- **Year 6 Confirmation**
- **Prep Buddies**
- **Year 6 Canberra Camp**
- **Hosting Monday Assembly**
- **Facilitating School Tours**
- **Mini Market Program**
- **Life Saving Program**
- **Year 5/6 Interschool Sport opportunities**
- **Sports Clinics**
- **Year 6 Big Day Out**
- **Graduation**
- **Peer Support facilitation**

World Teachers' Day



ART ROOM NEWS...

THE YEAR 5 CLASSES HAVE BEEN EXPLORING THEIR SCULPTURE SKILLS USING CLAY TO MODEL AND DESIGN THEIR FAVOURITE CHOCOLATE BARS.



They have worked on colour mixing and form to bring their bars to life!



A delicious project!!

Year 5 and 6 Water Skills Program



Sporting News



**Year 5/6 T20
Beachside
cricket team!**



**Year 3/4 T20
Cricket Teams**



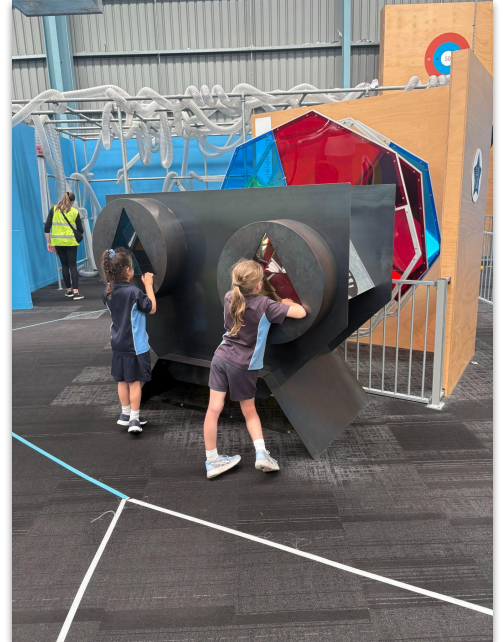
Sporting Achievements



Prep Excursion - Twisted Science



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Parents & Friends

St. Patrick's Murrumbena

COLOUR RUN



Volunteers needed
Scan to sign up



NEW
DATE!

14 November 2025

Entry: \$20 per child, includes merch, treat, and colour run. Payment via CDFpay.

Donations: Top fundraising class wins a movie, popcorn, and a free dress day!

Prizes: earn one raffle entry for every \$25 raised – heaps of cool prizes!

Volunteers needed: sign up here to help on the day [📄](#)

Parents & Friends

St. Patrick's Murrumbena COLOUR RUN RAFFLE PRIZES

**1st
PRIZE**



**2nd
PRIZE**



**3rd
PRIZE**



**4th
PRIZE**



**MORE
PRIZES**



**CLASS
PRIZE**

For the class that raises the most money (average per child)



class movie



popcorn



free dress

Every ticket makes a difference! All raffle funds will go towards exciting upgrades and improvements across our school!

Parents and Friends Dates

Calendar of Events

November

Fri 14



Colour Run

To Do Checklist

ASAP

Before Fri 14
Nov



Buy Colour Run Ticket (CDFpay)

Before Fri 14
Nov



Buy Colour Run Raffle Tickets
(CDFpay)

Anytime



Donate to the pre-loved uniform
shop

Pre-Loved Uniform Shop

SECOND HAND UNIFORM STORE

Did you know we have a pre-loved uniform store run by a group of wonderful volunteers?

Request for items can be emailed to:
stptssecondhanduniforms@gmail.com at any time of the year!

ALL ITEMS \$5!

Donations are always appreciated and can be dropped into our designated green uniform bin located to the left of the stage in the hall.



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THE EDUCATOR 5 STAR BEST SCHOOL AWARD



SALESIAN COLLEGE ANNOUNCED IN THE EDUCATOR 5-STAR BEST SCHOOLS

Salesian College Chadstone has been recognised by The Educator as a 5-Star School for Excellence in Education, earning a place among Australia's top 34 schools for 2025.

Following a rigorous three-month review, The Educator's Intelligence Unit and judging panel identified schools demonstrating outstanding innovation and impact across student learning and wellbeing. Criteria included innovative extracurricular programs, comprehensive student support, safety and wellbeing initiatives, technology in learning, diversity and inclusion, and holistic student development.

Chris Sweeney, Managing Editor for Special Reports at The Educator, said:

"Salesian College Chadstone fully merit their 5-Star recognition for exemplifying educational excellence. Their forward-thinking approach and dedication to student growth are evident through innovative programs and a strong focus on wellbeing."

College Principal, Mark Ashmore, said the recognition reflects the strength of the entire Salesian community. "This award is a testament to the professionalism and commitment of our staff, the support of our families, and the spirit of our students. Salesian College Chadstone is proud to be setting new benchmarks in academic excellence, innovation and pastoral care; from record ATAR results and national child safety recognition to Australia's first designer-curated school uniform with Peter Morrissey. Add to this a vibrant program of sports, arts and leadership opportunities, and it's clear our community is thriving. It's an exciting time to be a Salesian student."

Learn more via www.salesian.vic.edu.au/about-us/5-star-best-schools/



CELEBRATING EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP

We could not be prouder of Year 12 student Thomas Maguire-Nguyen, named Overall VCE Leader of the Year.

Thomas is the Founder and Director of Per Vocem Vita (Latin for Life Through Speech), an organisation he established in Year 9 to deliver free public speaking and debating programs to primary school students.

Read more via www.salesian.vic.edu.au/blog/



YEAR 7 2026 & YEAR 7 2027 LIMITED PLACES STILL AVAILABLE

With students set to learn in our exciting new Year 7 & 8 campus from 2026, enrolments are filling fast. Secure your son's place now and be part of this historic new chapter at Salesian College Chadstone.

Enrol now via <https://www.salesian.vic.edu.au/enrolment/apply/>



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INFORMATION EVENING FOR FUTURE FAMILIES

Discover what makes Salesian College Chadstone an award-winning choice at our upcoming Information Evening for Future Families. Hear from Principal Mark Ashmore, meet our students and staff, and learn about our commitment to personal excellence and lifelong learning. Recently recognised with the 2025 Child and Youth Empowerment Award and named among The Educator's 5-Star Best Schools, Salesian College Chadstone continues to lead with innovation, student voice and a strong focus on wellbeing.

Join us on **Tuesday 11 November at 7pm** to experience our thriving, supportive community and see why Salesian is the right choice for your son's future.

Register via www.salesian.vic.edu.au/book-a-tour/



Read more about our 5-Star Best School recognition [salesian.vic.edu.au](https://www.salesian.vic.edu.au)