

Demo Primary School

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2 Sept	Urban Camp grade 5
3 Sept	Term 3 School Mass · 9:30am
15 Sept	Year 6 graduation · 6:30pm
15 Sept	Cross Country
25 Sept	Footy Colours Day
28 Sept	School Photography Day
6 Oct	Grade 6 Golf Incursion · 1:45pm

A message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

As Term 2 draws to a close, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you all for your ongoing support and partnership throughout the semester. I would especially like to acknowledge the incredible commitment of our staff, who consistently go above and beyond to create a safe, inclusive and nurturing environment for all our students. Their positivity, flexibility and willingness to step in wherever needed is truly appreciated.

Our students continue to amaze us with their enthusiasm and engagement. They embrace every opportunity with energy and optimism, consistently demonstrating our core learning dispositions of Bravery, Curiosity, Collaboration, Resilience and Perseverance.

Reflecting on this term, there is much to celebrate. Highlights have included our Catholic Education Week celebrations, Mother's Day Breakfast and Liturgy, sacramental program and various enriching excursions - all contributing to a vibrant and memorable first semester.

A special thank you to the staff, parents and volunteers who helped make Friday's school disco such a wonderful success. It was fantastic to see our students enjoying themselves, dancing with friends and creating lasting memories. Events like these are only possible because of the generosity and support of our school community. It was wonderful to see so many people come together to make the evening such an enjoyable one for our children.

Wishing you a restful and enjoyable break with your families. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to St Brigid's on Monday, 13th July at 8:55am.

Take care and have a great week.

Jenni

Demo School Photo Gallery

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YEAR 3

Celebrating Our Grade 3 Superstars: This Week's Spotlight Awards!

We are thrilled to celebrate the incredible achievements of five of our Grade 3 students who went above and beyond this week, showcasing creativity, leadership, and a deep passion for learning! During yesterday's assembly, these shining stars were recognized with special Principal Awards:

- **Matilda K.** received the *Young Author Storytelling Medal* for writing and illustrating an imaginative graphic novel celebrating native Australian wildlife.
- **Archie P.** was awarded the *Tech Innovator Ribbon* after coding an interactive, educational computer game that helps younger students master their times tables.
- **Chloe V.** took home the *Playground Peacekeeper Award*, recognized by yard duty teachers for her empathy, kindness, and dedication to including peers in lunchtime games.
- **Leo C.** earned the *Green Thumb Sustainability Champion Award* for designing an ingenious, water-saving irrigation system for our Grade 3 wicking garden beds.
- **Liam O.** was presented with the *Junior Meteorologist Badge* for his meticulous dedication to tracking daily rainfall and charting local weather patterns for class science.

These students perfectly embody our school values of curiosity, kindness, and innovation. We are so proud of your hard work and enthusiasm. Keep shining brightly, Grade 3—we can't wait to see what you accomplish next!

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WHOLE SCHOOL

A Friendly Reminder from the School Crossing: Patience Saves Lives!

We all know just how hectic school drop-off and pick-up times can be. Between packing lunchboxes, beating the morning traffic, and rushing off to work or appointments, those extra few minutes in the car can feel like a race against the clock. We completely understand the pressure of the morning rush!

However, the safety of our children must always come first. Recently, we have noticed a few drivers creeping forward or accelerating just a little too early at our school crossing.

We want to issue a gentle, important reminder to all families: please slow down, be patient, and wait until **Dennis**, our wonderful school crossing supervisor, and every child have **completely cleared the crosswalk** and stepped safely onto the footpath before you drive on.

Even if Dennis has lowered his stop sign or is taking his final few steps toward the curb, Victorian road safety rules—and our own school community standards—require drivers to remain completely stationary until the crossing is 100% clear.

Dennis is out there every single day, in rain, hail, or shine, keeping our students safe. Let's help him do his vital job! Taking a deep breath and waiting those extra two seconds ensures that everyone gets to school and returns home safely.

Thank you for your ongoing support, patience, and care for our school community!

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YEAR 5

Grade 5 Urban Camp

The countdown is officially on for our Grade 5 students as they prepare to trade their traditional desks for the vibrant streets and cultural landmarks of Melbourne! From **Monday, October 12th to Wednesday, October 14th**, our students will embark on an immersive, three-day Urban Exploration Camp designed to bring their classroom learning to life.

This year's urban itinerary is packed with hands-on learning experiences. Students will step back in time to explore Victoria's rich history at the Melbourne Museum, push their creative boundaries with multimedia workshops at ACMI (Australian Centre for the Moving Image), and take in breathtaking 360-degree views of the city skyline from the Melbourne Skydeck. The camp focuses heavily on fostering independence, building peer relationships, and developing city navigation skills as students learn to safely navigate public transport networks.

Important Reminder for Families: To ensure a smooth departure, all medical forms, dietary requirement updates, and final permission slips must be completed and submitted via the parent portal by **Friday, September 18th**.

A comprehensive packing list—including mandatory comfortable walking shoes, a refilable water bottle, and appropriate wet-weather gear—is now available under the "Quick Links" section of our school app.

We will host a brief **Parent Information Webinar on Tuesday, August 25th at 6:00 PM** to answer any questions regarding accommodation arrangements, dining menus, and safety protocols. A link to the live stream will be broadcasted next week.

This camp promises to be an unforgettable milestone filled with shared laughter, discovery, and personal growth. Get ready, Grade 5—your big city adventure awaits!

YEAR 4

Grade 4 STEM Showcase: Inspiring Tomorrow's Innovators!

Mark your calendars! Our brilliant Grade 4 students are thrilled to invite families, friends, and the wider community to our annual **Grade 4 STEM Showcase Evening**. The highly anticipated event will take place on **Thursday, November 19th, from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM** in the school gymnasium.

Throughout this term, students have stepped into the roles of real-world engineers and scientists. Working in collaborative small groups, they have been busy researching, coding, and building interactive solutions to real-world problems. The showcase will feature a diverse array of student creations, ranging from custom robotics and smart micro:bit prototypes to impressive 3D-modeled architectural designs.

Event Highlights: Visitors will have the unique opportunity to interact directly with the displays, test student prototypes, and listen to our young innovators explain the design thinking behind their projects.

This evening is a wonderful celebration of curiosity, critical thinking, and collaborative teamwork. A light supper will be provided by the Parents Association, and entry is completely free. We cannot wait to see you there to celebrate and support the incredible achievements of our Grade 4 innovators!

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School Athletic Day Next Week

Dear Parents and Carers,

The absolute highlight of our sporting calendar is just around the corner! Next Friday, our students will take to the field for our Annual School Sports Carnival—a day dedicated to teamwork, healthy competition, and celebrating our vibrant school community.

The Details:

- **When:** Friday, July 10th
- **Time:** 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- **Where:** The Main School Oval

This event is about participation and school spirit just as much as it is about winning. Whether your child is a champion sprinter or simply loves cheering on their peers in the novelty relays, there is an event for everyone to enjoy.

What You Need to Know:

- **Dress Code:** Students must wear their standard sports uniform paired with a t-shirt in their designated House color. Please ensure they have a wide-brimmed hat and sunscreen applied before drop-off!
- **Food and Drink:** Our P&F committee will be running a sausage sizzle at lunchtime. Please ensure your child also brings a refillable water bottle and plenty of healthy snacks to keep their energy up.
- **Parent Helpers:** We still need a few extra hands for the finish line and the BBQ! If you can spare an hour, please register your interest via the parent portal.

We encourage all families to come along, bring a picnic chair, and cheer from the sidelines. Let's make this our best carnival yet!

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Updated School Booklists Are Now Available!

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we prepare for another fantastic academic year, we want to ensure every student is fully equipped for success from the very first day in the classroom. Our teaching staff has carefully reviewed and finalized our curriculum resources, and we are pleased to announce that the new school booklists are now officially available.

We know how busy the lead-up to a new school year can be for families. To streamline the preparation process, we have organized all required textbooks, stationery, and specific classroom materials into one simple, comprehensive document for all year levels.

Please click the link below to access your child's requirements. We highly recommend reviewing the list and organizing supplies early to avoid the last-minute back-to-school rush.

If you have any questions about specific items on the list or need support sourcing materials, our front office team is always happy to help.

Thank you for your continued partnership in setting our students up for a brilliant year of learning!

Year 1 to Year 6 Booklist.pdf

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Semester One Reports

Our end of semester reports will be available on PAM from 10am Thursday 25th June, 2026.

Semester One Formal Reports will include:

- Work Habits Table
- Level of attainment in the form of a dot on a continuum for the learning areas explicitly taught in Semester Two and in accordance with the Victorian Curriculum Achievement Standards:
 - Religious Education
 - English
 - Mathematics
 - Technologies
 - Humanities
 - Capabilities
 - Physical Education
 - The Arts
 - Technologies
- Comment to celebrate your child's achievements, in relation to their Personal and Social development and learning in Mathematics and English
- Statement outlining what has been taught and learnt in Auslan
- Comment to identify your child's next steps in learning to ensure future success and growth.

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Foundation to Year 2: Upcoming Mathematics Assessments

Over the coming weeks, our students in Foundation to Year 2 (F–2) will be participating in focused mathematics assessments to track their learning progress and numerical development. Far from being intimidating, these sessions are designed to be engaging, supportive, and completely stress-free for our youngest learners.

The assessments will focus on core developmental milestones, including number recognition, basic counting strategies, patterns, and foundational spatial awareness. Rather than traditional pen-and-paper tests, teachers will utilize hands-on materials, interactive tasks, and game-based activities to capture an accurate snapshot of each student's current abilities. This practical approach ensures children can comfortably demonstrate their mathematical thinking in a familiar classroom environment.

Why This Matters: The data gathered from these assessments will be instrumental in helping our teaching team tailor future math sessions. It allows us to design effective differentiation, introduce targeted enabling prompts, and ensure every student is supported at their exact point of need.

No special preparation is required at home. The best way to support your child is to ensure they arrive at school well-rested and ready for a fun day of learning. If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's classroom teacher.

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