

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT TO PARISH SAC – NOVEMBER 2025**

### **LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT**

- 2026 Planning is well underway:
  - Four homegroup teachers have been employed for next year. Positions of Leadership are being appointed internally to support the growth of middle leaders.
  - At this stage 2026 enrolment numbers are projected to be 620 students. We will have 26 classes including 4 prep classes.
- MACSSIS Survey data has been returned and identifies areas of strength and future areas of focus.
  - Overall endorsement from students, staff and families increased from 2024 to 2025 and sits above the MACS average across all three groups.
  - Student survey: Results were at or above the MACS average in all domains with the greatest growth in Enabling Safety which reflects students' sense of connection, safety and support.
  - Staff survey: We scored 10% or more above the MACS average in the areas of School Leadership, Staff Safety, Psychological Safety, Professional Learning, Collaboration around an Improvement Strategy, Team Collaboration, Team Support and Leadership Relationships.
  - Family survey: The greatest growth was in Student Safety with perceptions of student wellbeing and safety improving by 11% from 2024 to 2025.
  - Despite positive growth in the area Perceptions of Students Safety continues to be an area that needs to be a focus of school improvement for all three groups.
- Capital Works Update:
  - Stage 4 - we have completed the Cultural heritage Management Plan required to proceed with town Planning. We plan to go to tender early next year.
  - We will move ahead with the final stage of retrofitting internal walls in The Rise building over the school holidays.

### **EDUCATION IN FAITH**

- Staff are preparing for the season of Advent with professional learning led by Pauline Cicutto from MACS
- School liturgical celebrations for this term include World Teachers Day Mass, Remembrance Day and Advent
- Our RE Student Action team is preparing our Advent Social Justice Actions for St Vincent DePaul.

### **LEARNING & TEACHING**

- Assessment & Reporting - staff are working on report comments and progression reports for our Semester 2 reporting.
- Learning Conversations were held last week and were well attended.
- This term extracurricular activities include:
  - Interschool sports - Yr 3&4 Soccer, Regional Athletics
  - Excursions & Incursion: Prep Billy Cart Incursion, Year 1 Farm Excursion, Year 3 Swimming, YYear 5 Parliamentary Incursion and Leadership Day
  - Year 4 Camp at Kinglake & Year 5 Camp at Don Bosco Camp Dromana
  - Year 4, 5 & 6 Bike Ed
  - Year 6 Big Day Out
- Whole school assessment data is being collected in Maths and Literacy. We are seeing very pleasing progress across the school.
- On Friday 5th December staff will gather for our 2026 Planning Day to set the focus for learning and teaching in 2026 and prepare for Term 1.

### **STUDENT WELL BEING**

- Teachers have begun the complex task of creating the 2026 class lists. Teachers are using Class Solver to compile academic, behavioural and social needs of students to create these lists.
- Our School Wide Positive behaviour focus this Term is the M in the FARM Code - Make Good Choices.
- Program Support Group Meetings have been held with families whose children receive additional support.

### **SCHOOL COMMUNITY**

- We will end the year with Frozen Friday to fundraise for a Gaga pit.
- Our 'Pathway to Prep' Program continues this term with Parent Information Evening, Prep Play Dates and four Orientation sessions.
- We look forward to ending the 2026 school year with community events including Christmas Carols, Graduation and End of Year Liturgy and Assembly.

***Claire Pitcher - November 2025***