



## NEWSLETTER

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TERM: 3  
EDITION: Five

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we celebrate **Catholic Education Week**, with the theme "Listen to what the Spirit is saying". This theme focuses on listening and discernment, which comes from rich dialogue. Pope Francis defines discernment as more than intelligence or common sense: *'It is a gift which we must implore. If we ask with confidence that the Holy Spirit grant us this gift, and then seek to develop it through prayer, reflection, reading and good counsel, then surely we will grow in this spiritual endowment.'* Gaudete et Exsultate 166.



As the principal, I have a strong commitment to listening and discerning to all members of our school community.

### Catholic Education Week Prayer

*Gracious God, nurture in us a discerning heart,  
to hear the Holy Spirit in the voices of others, to challenge our own will,  
desires, fears and prejudices and to be open to your will.  
Amen*

### Victoria's roadmap for reopening – Schooling in regional Victoria

The Victorian Government has released its plan for easing coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions. These changes remain subject to the advice of Victoria's Chief Health Officer:

#### **5th – 9th October (first week of Term 4)**

Remote and flexible learning will continue for all students. On-site supervision for children of eligible workers and vulnerable students will continue to be provided consistent with existing guidelines.

#### **From 12 October - Schools in rural and regional Victoria**

All students (from Prep to Year 12) return to full-time on-site schooling by Friday 16 October. Schools can stage the return of different year levels as appropriate during this week.

#### **At St Thomas More catholic Primary School:**

- All students will return to learning at school on Monday 12th October. This is the beginning of Week 2, Term 4.
- Students will continue to engage in the Continuation of Learning for remote learning until the end of week 1 (Friday 9th October).
- Once we return there will still be the need for us to adhere to some of the practices we have had in place to ensure the health and safety of our community. More information will be provided once we receive the details.
- Bookings for on-site supervision for Week 10 (next week) and Week 1 of Term 4 are now open. The guidelines and eligibility remain the same. Please contact the office if you require further information.

God bless you all and keep you safe,

Mr. Simon Duffy,  
Principal