



Dear Parents and Carers,

The school has been a buzz of excitement over the last two weeks with lots of fun activities provided for our students; Book Week Dress-up Day and activities, Footy Colours Day and an excursion to Fairy Park have certainly all added plenty of excitement to our school days. A special thanks to Mrs. Renee Price for making the Book Week activities so engaging and interactive; they certainly brought the theme 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds' to life for the students. The following photos provide a snapshot of some of the amazing costumes that were on display for our Book Week celebrations.



### CELEBRATING BOOK WEEK 2020



With the ongoing health and safety of our school community as our highest priority, there may continue be procedures and decisions made over the coming weeks that will impact on our community in ways that may not be our normal way of being. I ask that you continue show understanding and co-operation in all that we endeavour to do as we navigate our way together through schooling for the remainder of Term 4.

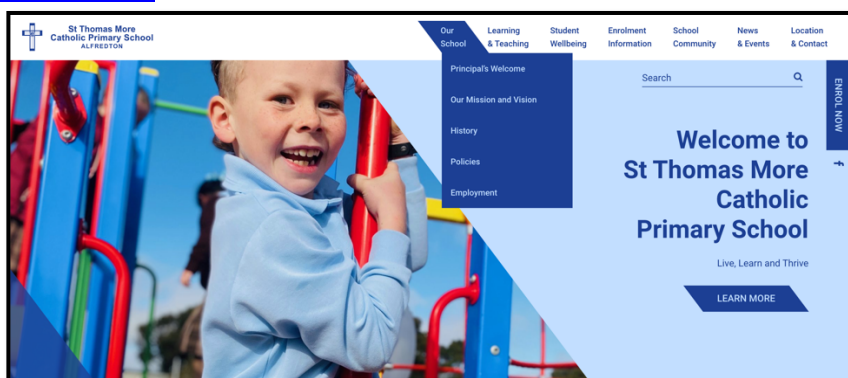
### Mission Day Activities

Our **St Thomas More Mission Liturgy and Activities Day**, will be held this Friday, October 30 commencing with Whole School Prayer being shared online at 1:10pm and followed by the students conducting fundraising stalls during second break, until 2:35pm. All money raised will go directly to Catholic Missions, who work with children in over 160 countries worldwide. Students are encouraged to bring along some money to participate in each of the activities and make purchases from the stalls on the day. Additionally, for a gold coin donation, they may also dress in casual clothes for the day.



## New Website

We are pleased to launch our new school website this week. A big thank you to the staff, particularly Mrs. Jo Wheelahan, who have assisted in building this fantastic interactive site. Please visit [www.stmalfredton.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stmalfredton.catholic.edu.au) to check it out.



## Baby News

This week we congratulate two staff members who have recently welcomed little bundles of joy. Firstly, congratulations to Kylie and Eric Blachon on the safe arrival of Luca. Our congratulations also go to Ally and Nathan Jeffrey on the safe arrival of Maya, who is now the little sister of Ollie.

*Proud parents, Eric and Kylie Blachon with newborn son, Luca.*



*Ally and Nathan Jeffrey's son Ollie is clearly very pleased to meet his little sister, Maya.*



## Sad News

We acknowledge the sad news of the passing of Sheila Barrett, mother of Genevieve Hawkes at age 86. Our thoughts and prayers are with Genevieve and her family at this challenging time.

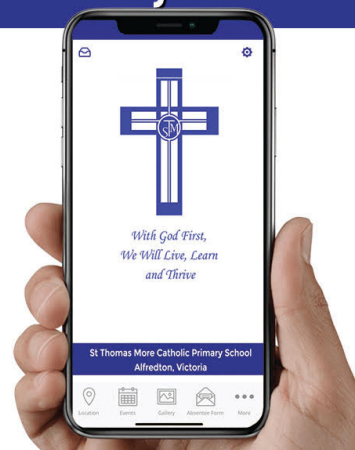
## New App

Over 250 families have already downloaded our new **St Thomas More Catholic Primary School App**. A reminder that this new App has replaced the **Skoolbag App**, therefore please download our new App to receive all the latest information. When installing the App please allow notifications so that you can receive messages and updates from the school.

## St. Thomas More Catholic Primary School

- Push Notifications
- Event Calendar
- Newsletter
- Parent Access Module
- One Touch Contact
- Absentee Reporting
- Canteen Menu
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### School Closed - Important Dates to Note:

The school will be closed on the following dates; therefore, students are not to attend school on:

- Week 5 – **Tuesday 3rd November** – Melbourne Cup Public Holiday (in lieu of Ballarat Show Day Holiday)
- Week 7 – **Monday 16th November** – Report Writing Day for Teachers

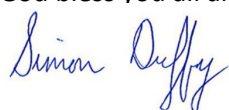
### School fees

As Term 4 continues please keep in mind that school fees must be finalised by the 30th November 2020. If you are having difficulty meeting your fee commitments please call the school as soon as possible.

### Sick Bay Notifications

We have recently changed the way in which we notify parents of any injuries/sickness/accidents that students may incur during school hours. Previously we would send a paper copy home with the student outlining the incident and treatment. We have now moved to an electronic system of recording all the information and this service allows a notification to be emailed to parents at 4pm. We will continue to contact parents immediately by phone in the event of any serious incident.

God bless you all and keep you safe,



Mr Simon Duffy,  
Principal

## Term 4 Calendar, 2020

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 Oct	26	27	28 Assembly -presented by 3/4 Brady	29	30 Whole School Prayer -presented by 2 Woodhart at 1:10pm Mission Day activities 1:40-2:45pm
5 Nov	2	3 Melbourne Cup - Public Holiday	4 Assembly -presented by F/1 Keighrey SAC meeting 6pm	5 Whole School Prayer -led by F/1 Brightly	6
6 Nov	9	10	11 Remembrance Day Assembly -presented by F/1 Keighrey	12 Whole School Prayer -led by 5/6 Larkin	13
7 Nov	16 REPORT WRITING DAY - Student free day	17 Foundation 2021 Transition Sessions	18 Foundation 2021 Transition Sessions	19 Whole School Prayer led by 4/5Hoffmann	20
8 Nov	23	24 Foundation 2021 Transition Sessions	25 Foundation 2021 Transition Sessions Assembly presented by F/1Cudia	26 Whole School Prayer led by 2Gittings	27
9 Nov/ Dec	30 Year 3/4 Camp	1 Year 3/4 Camp	2 Assembly presented by 1/2Nykoluk/Baker	3 Whole School Prayer led by F/1Mitchell	4
10 Dec	7	8 Going Up Day REPORTS GO HOME	9 Year 6 Graduation 9.30am - live streamed to parents Assembly presented by 3/4 Turkenburg/Wheelahan	10	11
11 Dec	14 Student's last day	15 Student Assessment Day	16 Student Assessment Day	17 Staff planning Day	18 Staff Day Staff last day.

