



Dear Families,

What a fantastic Term 1 we have had at St Thomas More Catholic Primary School. I have been delighted to see how our new students, staff and families have settled into our school. It is a real credit to the school the way the current staff, students and families have welcomed new members to our community.

In classes, and through our school gatherings this week, students have been learning about Holy Week. **Holy Week** is a very significant event for Catholics and for the whole of St Thomas More school community. At school we have been learning about and remembering all of the significant events of Holy Week including:

- Palm Sunday and Jesus' entry into Jerusalem,
- Holy Thursday, including the moment that Jesus washed the feet of his disciples; this very powerful ritual reminds us of Jesus' love and service for others. We also remember the *Last Supper* - the last meal the disciples shared with Jesus before his death.
- Good Friday - the day Jesus died has also been discussed with the students.



As we head into our upcoming Easter holidays I have been reminded of the powerful symbolism of the Paschal candle. The candle bears the symbol of the cross – an empty cross. This symbol reminds us of the risen Christ. It is a symbol of life. At Easter we celebrate life and, with that, hope. Let us remember this as we go forward and live each day full of the hope and joy that is celebrated on Easter Sunday.



## OUR 2021 SPORTS CAPTAINS & VICE CAPTAINS

We congratulate our Sports House Captains (C) and Vice Captains on their appointments and wish them well as they lead their teams tomorrow on the Sports Day.



**Red House** - Piper, Isla (C), Lachlan (C) and Paddy



**Gold House** - Macy, Emily (C), Mitch (C) and Jake



**Green House** - James, Alex (C), Nicola (C) and Gracie



**Blue House** - Emma, Lila (C), Will (C) and Archie

## SPORTS DAY DETAILS

Our annual Sports Day is tomorrow, **Thursday 1st April**, at the Llanberris Athletics Reserve, located in York St, Golden Point. Students are required to be dropped off at the venue by parents /caregivers between 8:20 – 8:35am for a prompt 8:45am start. Upon arrival students will gather in the grandstand with their teachers. Parents are most welcome to come along to support, providing they follow the COVID safe rules which require supporters to record their attendance using the QR system at the gates. We ask that you have the appropriate technology to facilitate this.

Students will need to bring snacks, lunch, drinks, sunscreen and a hat. If you are coming to join us for lunch or are bringing your child's lunch to the venue, please note that we plan to have a lunch break at approximately 11:20am. Students are timetabled to participate in a variety of events throughout the day and will move to each event in their year level grouping.

The day will conclude at 2:00pm, with students being able to be dismissed from the site, under the care of their parents/caregivers. For the students whose parents who have informed us through the Parent Access Module (PAM) that their child/ren will not be collected from the venue, they will return to school by bus with teachers. These students will then be dismissed at 2:30pm (end of term dismissal time).

In order to ensure that teachers know the whereabouts of students in their class we ask that when you are taking your child/children home from Llanberris, that you please inform their classroom teacher/s, and they will make a note of this.



## CYBER SAFETY PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT



Leading Senior Constable Des Hudson OAM, Ballarat Police Youth Resource Officer will be highlighting to parents/carers on Tuesday 20th April 2021 at 7pm the need to be up to date and in touch with what your children are doing with technology and social media. The Program is called "Think U Know".

See page 5 of this newsletter for additional information about this event.

To register your attendance please click on the Google Form link below and register by Monday 19th April –

[Cyber Safety Parent Information Night Registration Form](#)

## RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to the 36 students who undertook the required preparation and attendance at dismissals in readiness for receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation which was celebrated over two evenings last week at St Patrick's Cathedral. We wish them all the very best as they continue on their journey through the Sacramental program. Our 'newly reconciled' students were presented with certificates commemorating their sacramental progress at Assembly this week; many of these students feature in the photograph below. Congratulations!



## EASTER RAFFLE WINNERS

A big thank you to the Parent and Friends Committee for all their wonderful work in coordinating our Easter raffle. It has been a great success with over \$4000 raised. All of this money will be going towards funding the new playground at school. Many thanks for the generous donations from families; this certainly ensured that there were lots of smiling faces with over 50 happy prize winners.

## CLASSROOM HELPERS COURSE GRADUATES!

Thank you to the following people for attending and completing the Classroom Helpers course:

Carla Kerr, Michelle Larkin, Breanne Allen, Jayde Brennan, Nicole Oliver, Pam Oliver, Stephanie Glover, Michael Lees, Hayley Robertson, Danielle Murray, Natalie Purtell, Rebecca Canfield, Matt Ollis, Penny Sheppard and Jenny O'Donnell.



We look forward to welcoming you into our junior classrooms to assist during our Literacy block. Thank you also to our previously trained classroom helpers who have once again volunteered to help out, commencing in Term 2. All children in these classes benefit immensely from your assistance.

God bless you all and keep you safe over the Easter break,

Mr. Simon Duffy,  
Principal

## IMAGES FROM OUR HOLY WEEK WALK



St Thomas More Catholic Primary School | Friday 30 April 2021

# Trivia Night

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## DETAILS

Friday 30 April 2021  
St Patrick's Hall – Dawson Street, Ballarat  
6.30pm

## TICKETS

\$15 per person (plus \$1.91 booking fee)  
Tables of 10 available to purchase  
Individual tickets purchased will be allocated to tables by organisers

## RAFFLE AND AUCTIONS ON THE NIGHT

Raffle tickets cash only

## BYO FOOD AND ALCOHOL

OFFICIAL

- 1. Tickets available through Eventbrite link address**  
<http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/st-thomas-more-catholic-primary-school-trivia-night-tickets-147038067819>
- 2. Tickets available through Eventbrite website**  
Go to the Eventbrite website and enter 'St Thomas More Trivia' into the search
- 3. Link to Eventbrite via Facebook**  
St Thomas More Catholic Primary School Trivia Night page  
OR  
Parents of STMCPs (Alfredton) page
- 4. For further details or if you are unable to purchase tickets online please contact**  
Melissa – 0400 382 948  
Jo – 0418 336 308  
Stacey – 0419 162 321  
Sarah – 0407 540 011

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### KELLY SPORTS EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

**Tuesday 6th April to Friday 16th of April 2021**

(excluding weekends and public holidays)

Eastwood Leisure Centre, Ballarat

8am to 5pm each day

Pre-School to Grade 6, boys & girls

\$50 per day (\$45 per day for 5+ days)

Enrol online [www.kellysports.com.au](http://www.kellysports.com.au) or Contact Dom on 0417 967 621

## BALLARAT LAWN TENNIS CLUB

The Ballarat Lawn Tennis Club, in conjunction with the Buninyong Tennis Association, is excited to announce two junior tennis competitions that are being developed this year to take place over autumn, on a Saturday morning 9:00 to 10:30am. During term 2 of the school year.

These will be ladder based competitions and not a team-based competition. Singles and doubles will be played. The games will take place at Ballarat Lawn and at Buninyong. B and C grade will alternate between Buninyong and BLTC each week.

Each week BLTC will be hosting 9–11-year old's who are starting comp or have been playing and/or having coaching and 7–10-year old's beginners who are just starting match play or having coaching.

Please contact Jenny Jolliffe 0408735068 to enquire and/or register.



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# Comfortable talking to your kids about technology and the internet?

A ThinkUKnow cyber safety and security presentation will take place on

**DATE:** Tuesday 20th April 2021 at 7pm

**LOCATION:** St Thomas More Catholic Primary School  
-Multipurpose room

## The session will cover:

- What young people SEE, SAY and DO online
- The challenges they may face
- How to report and get help if things go wrong

Visit [www.thinkuknow.org.au](http://www.thinkuknow.org.au) for more information about online safety and security.

### OUR PARTNERS



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## Term 1 Calendar, 2021

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10 March	29 Foundation 2022 Information session 9-11am	30 Easter Raffle Drawn	31 Stations of the Cross Liturgy-2:45pm	1 School Sports Day at Llanberris Reserve	2 Good Friday

## Term 2 Calendar, 2021

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 April	19	20	21	22 Foundation 2022 parent session 9-11am Whole School Prayer led by 3/4Hoyle	23
2 April	26	27 Foundation 2022 parent session 9-11am	28 Assembly presented by 3/4Wheelahan/Turner	29 Whole School Prayer led by 5/6Gittings	30 P&F Trivia Night St Patrick's Hall Dawson St starting at 6:30pm
3 April/ May	3	4	5	6 Mother's Day Stall and Raffle Draw Whole School Prayer led by 1/2Hoffmann	7 Mother's Day breakfast and liturgy  Catholic School Netball and Soccer competition
4 May	10	11 NAPLAN testing Year 3 and 5	12 NAPLAN testing Year 3 and 5 Assembly presented by 5/6Richardson	13 NAPLAN testing Year 3 and 5 Whole School Prayer led by 3/4Bird	14
5 May	17 SAC meeting 5pm	18	19	20  Whole School Prayer led by 1/2Woodhart	21 Catholic Schools Football Competition
6 May	24 Catholic Education Week	25	26 Assembly presented by 3/4Hobbs	27 Whole School Prayer led by 5/6Davis	28
7 May	31	1 School closure day for School Review	2	3 Whole School Prayer led by 1/2Nykoluk/Turkenburg	4
8 June	7	8	9 Assembly presented by 1/2Cudia	10 Whole School Prayer led by 13/4Hawkes/Turkenburg	11
9 June	14 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	15	16	17 Whole School Prayer led by 1/2Munro	18
10 June	21	22 STM Feast Day Mass 9.30-10.30am	23 Reports go home  Assembly presented by Foundation Gannon	24	25



# Foundation (Prep) 2022 Enrolments

## Catholic Schools in the City of Ballarat

### Enrolment Information for Prospective 2022 Foundation (Prep) Students at Catholic Primary Schools in the City of Ballarat

A single enrolment application process is in place for ALL families seeking Foundation (Prep) enrolment for the 2022 school year at a Catholic primary school within the City of Ballarat (see school list overleaf), including families with children already in one of the eleven schools. Note that information collected through the enrolment process is collated on a common database shared by the eleven schools.

Families seeking enrolment should follow the steps below to apply by **Monday 10 May, 2021**.

#### Application Process

1. Contact the school/s you are interested in enrolling your child in – see school list overleaf.
2. Ask the school about their enrolment process. Do they provide information sessions or school tours?
3. Complete the online Expression of Interest for Enrolment form by visiting [www.ceob.edu.au](http://www.ceob.edu.au).  
Click on the Schools tab, select Enrolments, then complete the *City of Ballarat Expression of Interest for Enrolment* form by **Monday 10 May, 2021**.

#### Important:

- If you are applying for more than one Catholic primary school, please make clear which school is your first preference.
- If you are unable to access the online form, contact Kim Butler at [kbutler@ceob.edu.au](mailto:kbutler@ceob.edu.au) for assistance.

#### Key Dates

Foundation (Prep) enrolment applications open	<b>Monday 8 February, 2021</b>
First deadline for enrolments	<b>Monday 10 May, 2021</b>
School principals meet to determine allocation of placements	<b>Monday 17 May, 2021</b>
First round placement offers sent	<b>Tuesday 25 May, 2021</b>
Written acceptance of enrolment required from parents	<b>Wednesday 16 June, 2021</b>

#### Important:

- Each Catholic Primary School will make offers of enrolment in line with the Diocese of Ballarat Enrolment Policy which takes into consideration a variety of factors.
- Completing this application process does not guarantee an offer of enrolment in a City of Ballarat Catholic primary school.

[www.ceob.edu.au](http://www.ceob.edu.au)

*As partners in  
Catholic education  
and open to God's presence,  
we pursue fullness of life for all.*

# Catholic Primary Schools in the City of Ballarat

## St Thomas More School

**Phone:** 5334 2244  
**Principal:** Mr Simon Duffy  
**Location:** 100 Cuthberts Road, Alfredton  
**Website:** [www.stmalfredton.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stmalfredton.catholic.edu.au)

## St Patrick's Parish Primary School

**Phone:** 5332 7680  
**Principal:** Mr Mark Hogbin  
**Location:** 119 Drummond Street South, Ballarat  
**Website:** [www.spballarat.catholic.edu.au](http://www.spballarat.catholic.edu.au)

## St Alipius Parish Primary School

**Phone:** 5331 1816  
**Principal:** Ms Eileen Rice  
**Location:** 106-108 Victoria Street, Ballarat East  
**Website:** [www.saballarat.catholic.edu.au](http://www.saballarat.catholic.edu.au)

## St Francis Xavier Primary School

**Phone:** 5331 6311  
**Principal:** Mr Paul Bissinella  
**Location:** 100 Fortune Street, Ballarat East  
**Website:** [www.sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au)

## St Columba's School

**Phone:** 5332 4894  
**Co-Principals:** Ms Bambi Afford & Mr Shaun Mohr  
**Location:** 306 Howard Street, Ballarat North  
**Website:** [www.scballarat.catholic.edu.au](http://www.scballarat.catholic.edu.au)

## Lumen Christi Primary School

**Phone:** 5336 2015  
**Principal:** Mr Murray Macdonald  
**Location:** 111 Whitelaw Avenue, Delacombe  
**Website:** [www.lcdelacombe.catholic.edu.au](http://www.lcdelacombe.catholic.edu.au)

## Siena Catholic Primary School

**Phone:** 5334 3096  
**Principal:** Mr Chris Kavanagh  
**Location:** 150 Eleanor Drive, Lucas  
**Website:** [www.slucas.catholic.edu.au](http://www.slucas.catholic.edu.au)

## Emmaus Catholic Primary School

**Phone:** 5330 2266  
**Principal:** Ms Jo-Anne Bond  
**Location:** 1503 Geelong Road, Mt Clear  
**Website:** [www.emtclear.catholic.edu.au](http://www.emtclear.catholic.edu.au)

## St Aloysius Primary School

**Phone:** 5335 8177  
**Principal:** Mr Michael Kennedy  
**Location:** 800 Ripon Street South, Redan  
**Website:** [www.saredan.catholic.edu.au](http://www.saredan.catholic.edu.au)

## St James' Primary School

**Phone:** 5335 8750  
**Co-Principals:** Mr Peter Fahey & Mr Garth Kydd  
**Location:** 260 Albert Street, Sebastopol  
**Website:** [www.sjsebastopol.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sjsebastopol.catholic.edu.au)

## Our Lady Help Of Christians School

**Phone:** 5339 4726  
**Principal:** Ms Leigh Bradshaw  
**Location:** 480A Gillies Street, Wendouree  
**Website:** [www.olhcwendouree.catholic.edu.au](http://www.olhcwendouree.catholic.edu.au)

