



NEWSLETTER

DATE: 21/07/2021
TERM: 3
EDITION: Ten

Dear Families,

Thank you for the way in which you have pivoted with patience and flexibility with the current school closure due to lockdown restrictions. As a school we realise and understand many of the challenges that families face with remote learning, as many of us are also assisting our own children at home. As a school community, we continue to pray for all those who are directly and indirectly impacted by these challenging times.

Let us pray to God, who alone makes us dwell in safety:

- *For all who are affected by coronavirus, through illness or isolation or anxiety, that they may find relief and recovery: Lord, hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.*
- *For those who are guiding our nation at this time, and shaping national policies, that they may make wise decisions: Lord, hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.*
- *For doctors, nurses and medical researchers, that through their skill and insights many will be restored to health: Lord, hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.*



FULLNESS OF LIFE FOR ALL

The *Fullness of Life for All* program, that covers Relationships and Sexuality Education, will commence when onsite learning recommences. It was fantastic last week to have over 70 families join us for our online parent information sessions facilitated by Jim Waight from the Catholic Education Office. The Diocese of Ballarat, has developed a curriculum scope and sequence that sets out what is to be taught in primary schools from Foundation to Year 6. Our students are covering the 'My Body' and 'Life Cycles' themes this term. We hope that this program will allow you to initiate discussions at home about Relationships and Sexuality Education with your children.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP – SEMESTER TWO

We are extremely fortunate and proud to have lots of aspiring leaders in our Year 6 cohort this year. This Semester our Year 6 leaders will be involved with many aspects of leadership associated with school life.



We congratulate these students and wish them all the best in their leadership roles:

Top Row: Siena, Emma, Amali, Scarlett, Amelie, Liam, Maya, Daynon, Ava

Bottom Row: Katie, Blake, Rhys, Macy, Campbell, Gracie, Jake, Larissa, Isla, Angelin

Absent: Zara, Kayla.

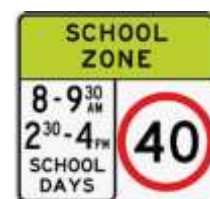
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We continue to keep the 34 students who are undertaking the sacrament of First Communion at St Patrick's Cathedral in our thoughts and prayers.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

As you would all be aware, traffic congestion around the school at the beginning and end of the school day presents many challenges. We are now working in partnership with the Ballarat police to ensure that drivers are following road rules around our school in these peak congestion times. Please remember to drive at the 40km per hour limit, do not block traffic by double parking, and use the crossing provided to safely cross the road. When school recommences police will be regularly be observing driver behaviour before and after school and issuing fines to drivers that break the law. Let's all work together to ensure the safety of all children in our school community.



REGIONAL CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONS

Well done to our outstanding cross-country team who competed at the Regional Cross-Country championships in Warrnambool last week.

- 12/13 Boys - Mitch Korosec - 3rd
- 12/13 Boys - Ollie Burt - 5th
- 12/13 Girls - Eliza Ashby - 3rd
- 12/13 Girls - Amali Torney - 6th
- 12/13 Girls - Emma McConchie- 14th
- 9/10 Boys - Lucas Sheehan - 22nd



We wish Mitch, Eliza, Ollie, Amali as the best as they head to the Victorian State Cross-Country Championships next month.



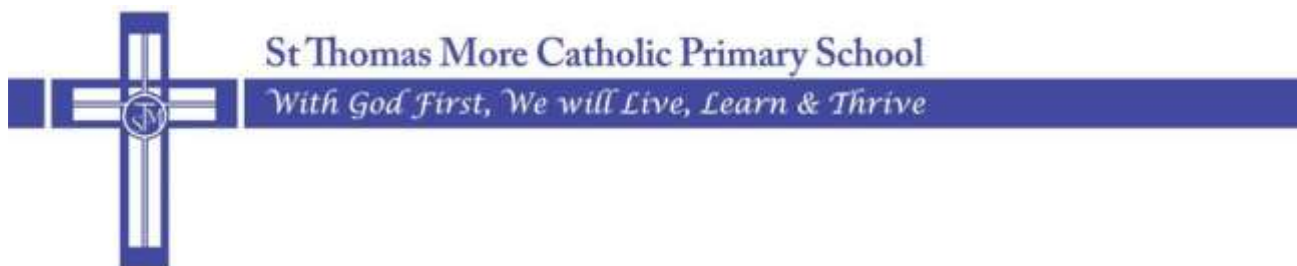
This term we have unveiled the St Thomas More Sporting Excellence wall. This wall records the school's athletics results and age group champions. The wall also displays students who have excelled to a high level in their individual sport. A big thank you to Mr. Richardson, our sports coordinator, for the creating of this fantastic project.

May God bless you and keep you safe,

Mr. Simon Duffy,
Principal

Staff Term 3 Calendar, 2021

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 July	19 Remote learning	20 Remote learning	21 Remote learning	22 Remote learning	23 Remote learning
3 July	26 Remote learning	27 Remote learning	28	29 Whole School Prayer- 1/2Woodhart	30
4 Aug	2	3	4 Assembly- Leadership Group	5 Michael Mangan RE concert Whole School Prayer – 5/6Gittings	6 School closure day - RE Professional development
5 Aug	9 SAC meeting 5pm	10	11 Assembly- 1/2 Munro	12	13 Assumption Mass
Swimming program (3/4 Hobbs, 3/4 Brady, 3/4 Hawkes, 5/6 Larkin, 5/6 Baker/Larkin, 5/6 Gittings)					
6 Aug	16	17 School Review	18 School Review Assembly- 3/4 Hawkes/Blachon	19 Whole School Prayer – 3/4Bird	20
Swimming program (1/2 Hoffmann, 1/2 Woodhart, 3/4 Hoyle, 3/4 Bird, 5/6 Richardson, 5/6 Davis)					
7 Aug	23	24	25 Assembly – 1/2 Nykoluk/Turkenburg	26 Whole School Prayer – 1/2Hoffmann	27
Swimming program (Foundation Brightly, Gannon, Keighrey, 1/2 Cudia, 1/2 Munro 1/2 Nykoluk/Turk,)					
8 Aug/Sept	30	31	1 Assembly – 5/6Baker/Larkin	2 Father's Day Stall Whole School Prayer – 5/6Larkin	3 Father's Day Breakfast -



St Thomas More Catholic Primary School Swimming Program 2021

Week 1 (09/08)	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11:45am-12:30pm	3/4 Hobbs & 5/6 Baker/Larkin	3/4 Hobbs & 5/6 Baker/Larkin	3/4 Hobbs & 5/6 Baker/Larkin	3/4 Hobbs & 5/6 Baker/Larkin	3/4 Hobbs & 5/6 Baker/Larkin
12:30pm-1:15pm	3/4 Brady & 5/6 Gittings	3/4 Brady & 5/6 Gittings	3/4 Brady & 5/6 Gittings	3/4 Brady & 5/6 Gittings	3/4 Brady & 5/6 Gittings
1:15pm-2:00pm	3/4 Hawkes & 5/6 Larkin	3/4 Hawkes & 5/6 Larkin	3/4 Hawkes & 5/6 Larkin	3/4 Hawkes & 5/6 Larkin	3/4 Hawkes & 5/6 Larkin
Week 2 (16/08)					
11:45am-12:30pm	3/4 Hoyle & 5/6 Richardson	3/4 Hoyle & 5/6 Richardson	3/4 Hoyle & 5/6 Richardson	3/4 Hoyle & 5/6 Richardson	3/4 Hoyle & 5/6 Richardson
12:30pm-1:15pm	3/4 Bird & 5/6 Davis	3/4 Bird & 5/6 Davis	3/4 Bird & 5/6 Davis	3/4 Bird & 5/6 Davis	3/4 Bird & 5/6 Davis
1:15pm-2:00pm	1/2 Hoffmann & 1/2 Woodhart	1/2 Hoffmann & 1/2 Woodhart	1/2 Hoffmann & 1/2 Woodhart	1/2 Hoffmann & 1/2 Woodhart	1/2 Hoffmann & 1/2 Woodhart
Week 3 (23/08)					
11:45am-12:30pm	F Keighrey & 1/2 Nykoluk/Turkenburg	F Keighrey & 1/2 Nykoluk/Turkenburg	F Keighrey & 1/2 Nykoluk/Turkenburg	F Keighrey & 1/2 Nykoluk/Turkenburg	F Keighrey & 1/2 Nykoluk/Turkenburg
12:30pm-1:15pm	F Brightly & 1/2 Cudia	F Brightly & 1/2 Cudia	F Brightly & 1/2 Cudia	F Brightly & 1/2 Cudia	F Brightly & 1/2 Cudia
1:15pm-2:00pm	F Gannon & 1/2 Munro	F Gannon & 1/2 Munro	F Gannon & 1/2 Munro	F Gannon & 1/2 Munro	F Gannon & 1/2 Munro

Volunteer Information Session



For new volunteers

Learn about the unique volunteer experience at Ballarat Hospice Care.

Volunteering with us makes a local impact and directly helps people in our community.

Volunteering can be a time of growth, new friendships, appreciation and understanding. It starts by attending an information session.

Come along to find out about

- Ballarat Hospice Care – who we are and what we do
- Current volunteering opportunities
- Things to consider before volunteering

Details

Venue:	Ballarat Hospice Care
Address:	1836 Sturt St, Alfredton VIC
Date/Time:	Thursday August 12, 10-11am
Date/Time:	OR Thursday August 19, 6-7pm
Parking:	Front of Ballarat Hospice Care or on the street
Registration:	By August 11, 2021 on Eventbrite here or go to the Eventbrite website and search for Ballarat Hospice Care



Need more information?

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Cancellation policy: Ballarat Hospice Care Inc. reserves the right to cancel or postpone this event if minimum numbers of participants are not achieved. Participants will be offered a place in the next available information session.

