



NEWSLETTER

DATE: 15/09/2021
TERM: 3

Dear Families,

Once again, we see ourselves returning to Remote Learning for the remainder of Term 3. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our amazing staff for their ongoing hard work, dedication and energy throughout this challenging term. At this stage, we await further government instructions as to when our students will return to onsite learning. We will keep families up dated as information comes to hand.

FOOTY COLOURS DAY

This **Friday, 17th September**, is our Footy Colours Day. Students at school, and at home, are encouraged to wear their favourite sports team colours. If your child does not have a favourite team they may wear their favourite colours. Please ensure that clothes are sun-safe; therefore, no singlets or short shorts please.

CHILD SAFETY

The Catholic Church in Australia marked last Sunday, 12th September, as Safeguarding Sunday; a day that focused on the protection of children and vulnerable people. At St Thomas More Catholic Primary School we have a **Safeguarding Officer** who oversees Child Safety at our school. Our Safeguarding Officer is Mrs Trish Caldow. Trish is our school Deputy Principal and works alongside staff and students to ensure the school is a safe place for all. The school website has up-to-date information regarding [Child Safety Standards](#), which parents are encouraged to visit.

CLASS LISTS FOR 2022

Early next term our classroom teachers will start to look at possible groupings for classes for next year. If you have any concerns that are of a significant nature please forward these requests to me by email no later than this Friday 15th October 2021. principal@stmalfredton.catholic.edu.au. Please understand that this is the only process to follow if you would like the consideration addressed properly. With planning for the 2022 school year now gathering momentum, I would also ask families who are aware that they will not be returning to St. Thomas More Catholic Primary School next year, to promptly inform the school.

UNIFORM

Please note that students will return to school next term wearing their summer uniform. Please take time over the holidays to ensure students have the correct uniform items. A reminder also that the school hat must be worn during outdoor times in Term 4.

BOOK WEEK PARADE – NEW DATE

Students are invited to dress up for our rescheduled book week parade on **Friday, 5th November**. The theme is *old worlds, new worlds, other worlds*. Use your imagination to come dressed as... a historical character (old worlds), a futuristic character (new worlds) or a fantasy character (other worlds).

END OF TERM 3 – START OF TERM 4

Our last day of school for this term is this **Friday 17th September** and classes cease at **2.30pm** at which time students will be dismissed. School will reopen for students for Term 4 on **Monday 4th October** at 8.30 am.

May God bless you and keep you safe throughout the holidays,

Mr. Simon Duffy,
Principal

Term 4 Calendar, 2021

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Oct	4 Term 4 commences. Students resume school	5	6	7	8
2 Oct	11	12	13	14	15
3 Oct	18	19 ARTS Festival	20 ARTS Festival	21 ARTS Festival	22
4 Oct	25	26	27	28	29
5 Nov	1 SAC meeting 5pm	2 Melbourne Cup Day Holiday	3	4	5 Book Week Parade

COMMUNITY NEWS



I AM LORETO

OPEN DAY

Wednesday 13 October, 2021 - 9am - 12pm

An opportunity for prospective families to experience Loreto College. Enjoy a guided tour of the College grounds and facilities with current students who will also share valuable insight into being a student at Loreto College.

LORETO ENROLMENTS

Year 7 2023 Parent Information Evening
MARY'S MOUNT CENTRE, Loreto College
20 OCT 2021 at 7pm

Applications Closing Dates
Applications for Year 7 2023 enrolments close
Friday 4 Feb, 2022 at 4pm

Registrations online for Academic Scholarships close
Monday 18 Oct, 2021

Applications for Year 7 2023 Academic Scholarships close
Friday 28 Jan, 2022 at 4pm

Important Dates
Year 7 2023 Scholarship Testing -
Saturday 5 Feb, 2022

Bookings essential for all events:
www.loreto.vic.edu.au/enrolment

All events are subject to COVID regulations





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DUBLIN

*Raising fine boys to the
status of great men.*

**Closing date for enrolment for
Year 7 in 2023**
is Friday 3, December.

2023 Information Session:
Thursday 21, October at 5.30 pm at
the College

2022 Scholarship Program:
Saturday 19, February, 2022

College Tours:
Each Friday at 9 am during the Term.
To book please visit stpats.vic.edu.au or
email enrolments@stpats.vic.edu.au





Experience Damascus College

Please register at damascus.vic.edu.au/enrolment/
enrol and click 'Book a Visit'

Enrolment Applications for Year 7 2023
close on 4pm Friday 4 February 2022

INFORMATION EVENINGS

The Information Evenings are a great way for prospective families to learn more about Damascus College. During the evening you will hear presentations from key staff and students, and prospective students will participate in two interactive group activities.

Wednesday 8 September, 5pm – 6.30pm
Please arrive by 4.30pm to secure a carpark and registration

Tuesday 19 October, 6.30pm – 8pm
Please arrive by 6pm to secure a carpark and registration

OPEN MORNINGS

The Open Morning Tours are an opportunity for prospective families to take a guided tour of the College led by current students. It is a unique opportunity to experience Damascus during school hours. The event runs for approximately 1.5 hours. Registration opens at 8.30am, with the event starting promptly at 9am. You will hear presentations from key staff and students before embarking on an engaging tour of the campus for approximately 45 minutes.

Thursday 16 September, 9am – 10.30am
Thursday 21 October, 9am – 10.30am
Thursday 3 February 9am – 10.30am (please note this tour is conducted by staff)

**Registration for INFORMATION EVENINGS and
OPEN MORNINGS is essential**



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Wednesday 15th September 2021

Dear Families of St Thomas More Catholic Primary School community,

City of Ballarat CEO Evan King and I recently had the opportunity to meet with School Principals to discuss concerns raised about road safety for students attending Alfredton Primary, St Thomas More Primary and Ballarat High Schools.

We appreciated the opportunity to have this discussion with representatives from all schools and are currently exploring the best ways to address safety in the area.

City of Ballarat's Infrastructure Unit is working on concept designs to upgrade and improve pedestrian access and traffic flow in the Sturt Street/Learmonth Street/Cuthbert's Road area in partnership with Regional Roads Victoria (RRV).

Several options are currently being considered including additional zebra crossings, and initiatives to reduce traffic congestion in these school areas, particularly at peak times.

The City of Ballarat will continue to work with RRV, as the approving body for pedestrian installations and the responsible authority for the intersection of Sturt and Learmonth Streets, regarding the list of actions from our meeting.

Council is also continuing to advocate for State and Federal Government support for the duplication of Dyson's Drive to reduce traffic volume on local roads.

I look forward to reporting back to your school community as we progress plans for traffic and safety improvements in the Alfredton school zone.

Yours sincerely

Cr Daniel Moloney
Mayor, City of Ballarat

PROTECT

Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from abuse.

No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in your family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community.

Tell a teacher or any adult at your school if you feel unsafe.



It's everyone's responsibility.

Adults at school must listen and respond to concerns about child abuse.

If you suspect abuse of any child or young person, you have a responsibility to report it, even if you are not sure.

Further information & resources

www.education.vic.gov.au/protect