



NEWSLETTER

DATE: 27/10/2021
TERM: 4

Dear Families,

This Friday we celebrate **World Teachers' Day** here at St Thomas More Catholic Primary School. It is an opportunity for our school community to recognise and celebrate the incredible contributions our fantastic teachers make. Our teachers, like all our staff, have shown their resilience, leadership and adaptability throughout all of the recent challenges. World Teachers' Day is an opportunity to celebrate the teachers who are making an impact on the lives of the students at St Thomas More, as well as a chance to say, 'thank you'. I encourage families to reach out to your child's teacher/s and say "Thank you" this Friday. The Parents and Friends have organised a special morning tea for the staff on Friday morning, which is greatly appreciated.



A PRAYER FOR WORLD TEACHER DAY

Giver of all wisdom and greatest of all teachers,
Look upon our teachers with love.
Grant them the resolve to nurture our eager minds,
and to never give up on us who fall behind.
Bless their hearts for they rejoice when we succeed,
and encourage us when we fail.
And bless them with gentle patience,
for the path of learning is never easy.
Kindle a spirit and passion in them,
for it is the flame that ignites the love of learning in us.
Help them see the potential in each student,
their belief in us means much more than the grade we make.
Instil in them a commitment to keep on learning,
as it shows us to not fear new knowledge and experiences.
Inspire them to touch the future,
as they influence how big a dream we dream for ourselves.
Bless all of our teachers who have come before,
for their work endures to this day.
Let the light of your example shine upon all teachers,
to build up with their words
to love with their mind
to share with their heart.
Amen.



NEWS FROM THE PARISH

Bishop Paul has announced that Fr. Justin will be leaving the Cathedral parish in the new year as he takes up a new ministry in the parishes of Daylesford, Gordon and Creswick. We are so blessed to have had Fr. Justin as our Governor, Cathedral Administrator, Parish Priest, Spiritual Leader and friend for the past 14 years. We will miss him very much. Fr. Ed Moloney will take on the role of parish administrator for us in the new year and we look forward to welcoming Fr. Ed Moloney in his new role.



NEW APPOINTMENT

I'm pleased to announce that **Jayne Mohr** has been appointed to the position of Deputy Principal – Learning Diversity Leader at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School, Ballarat East from the beginning of 2022. She currently holds the role of Religious Education Leader and Learning Diversity Leader and has worked for 17 years at St Thomas More Catholic Primary School. Jayne will be greatly missed by the school community and we wish her all the best.



MISSION DAY ACTIVITIES

Our school's Mission liturgy and activities day, will be held on **Friday 12th November**. All money raised will go directly to Catholic Missions, who work with children in over 160 countries worldwide. For a gold coin donation, students may dress in casual clothes for the day. The students will be involved in many games and activities on the day. (Please note that no money is required to participate in these activities).



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The Parents and Friends are in the process of organising a Christmas Raffle for later in the term. They are currently seeking prizes to add to the raffle. If any family, who either owns or manages a local business, would like to donate a prize please contact the school office. All businesses who make donations to the raffle will have their name displayed and recognised in the online raffle. All donations are greatly appreciated and will contribute towards making this a wonderful raffle.



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 2nd November** – Melbourne Cup Public Holiday (in lieu of Ballarat Show Day Holiday)
Week 7 – **Monday 15th November** – Report Writing Day for Teachers

BOOK WEEK PARADE

On **Friday 5th November** all students are invited to dress up for our rescheduled Book Week parade. 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).



Students are encouraged to bring their favourite picture story book from home to school on Friday 5th as they will have an opportunity to spend time sharing favourite stories with their 'buddy'. Library books are also available for use.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

The School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting that was scheduled for Monday 1st November has been postponed due to the unavailability of the guest speaker. A new date will be organised and communicated to SAC members in due course.

May God Bless you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Simon Duffy'.

Mr. Simon Duffy,
Principal

WEARIING OF FACE MASKS BY STUDENTS

For all school settings, the current guidelines from the Victorian Chief Health Officer:

- Directs primary school students in Year 3 and above to wear a face mask indoors at school, unless a lawful exception applies. Face masks can be removed while outdoors at school.
- Strongly recommends students in Prep to Grade 2 to wear a face mask indoors at school.
- A face mask must cover the nose and mouth.

Whilst the school has a small supply of disposable masks to assist when a student loses, breaks or forgets to bring their mask, it is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their child/ren bring their own mask to school.

To support students always having access to a mask, we suggest that families put an extra mask/s in the students' school bag.



Term 4 Calendar, 2021

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 Oct	25	26	27	28	29
5 Nov	1	Melbourne Cup Day Holiday 2	3	4	Book Week Parade 5
6 Nov	8	9	10	Remembrance Day 11	Mission Day- Liturgy and activities 12
7 Nov	School closure day - Reporting and Assessment 15	16	17	Year 3/4 Camp 18	Year 3/4 Camp 19
8 Nov	22	23	2022 Foundation Transition session 9:15-11am + Parent Info Meeting 24	25	26
9 Nov/ Dec	29	30	2022 Foundation Transition session 9:15-12:30pm 1	2	3
10 Dec	6	7	8	9	10
11 Dec	Going up day REPORTS GO HOME 13	End of year Mass and Graduation Mass 5pm at Cathedral 14	15	Final Fun Day activity Finish 2.20pm Student's last day 16	Staff Day 17

COMMUNITY NEWS

Spots available with Kelly Sports for the last 6 weeks of term!

Wednesdays 3:35pm-4:35pm (Starting Wed 3rd Nov)

Multi-Sports Program

Preps to Year 6

\$99 for the 6 weeks

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*** All our coaches have been fully vaccinated**