

NEWSLETTER

DATE: 10/11/2021
TERM: 4

Dear Families,

Tomorrow we will join in the national commemoration of *Remembrance Day* with a special prayer service that will be led by the students of 5/6 Larkin. We also remember that this year marks the 103rd anniversary of the Armistice, which ended the First World War in 1918.



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Let We Forget

A PRAYER FOR REMEMBRANCE

Ever-loving God,

We remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may the same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony in our world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MISSION DAY

On **Friday 12th November** we will be holding our St Thomas More Mission Liturgy and Activities Day. On this day the students will learn more about the *Catholic Missions* organisation who work with children in over 160 countries worldwide to improve their living conditions. On Friday, for the cost (donation) of a gold coin, students are invited to wear sun-smart casual clothes to school.



Students are not required to bring any other money on the day as all the activities will be free of charge.

CLASS GROUPINGS AND STRUCTURE FOR 2022

Teachers are currently in the process of creating class groupings for 2022. In doing this, academic, social and emotional considerations are considered to inform where each child is best placed. School is a place where children learn how to relate to other children. It is important that children learn to mix with lots of children rather than spending time with just a few favourite friends or children of like ability. It is important at this young age that they experience many varied friendships and children of different learning abilities to their own. Students will have a "Going-Up Session" on **Monday 13th December** where they will meet their new teacher and classmates.

We will have the following class structures in 2022.

Year level	Number of classes
Foundation	3
Years 1/2	5
Years 3/4	5
Years 5/6	5

SCHOOL CLOSED - IMPORTANT DATE TO NOTE:

The school will be closed on **Monday 15th November** for a Report Writing Day for teachers. On this same day, **Mon 15th November**, the P&F have organised a fundraiser at **EXTREME BOUNCE**- Ballarat Trampoline Centre.

Sessions are of one-hour duration for the following times. **10am – 11am** Foundation & Year 1 students

11am – 12pm Years 2, 3 & 4 students

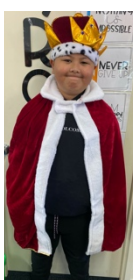
12pm – 1pm Years 5 & 6 students



Tickets are \$15 per student with \$5 from every ticket going to STMCPs. Bookings are now available via the Extreme Bounce website. <https://xtremebounce.com.au/tickets/>

BOOK WEEK

The school was a buzz with excitement last week with lots of fun Book Week activities depicting the theme of *Old Worlds, New worlds, Other Worlds*. A special thanks to Mrs. Renee Price for making the Book Week activities so engaging and interactive; they certainly brought the books to life for the students.



FOUNDATION 2022

Next fortnight we welcome the newest members of our school community; our 2022 Foundations students, who will be having orientation sessions. These sessions, over two weeks, provide a fantastic opportunity for the students to experience a little of what next year will be like for them. We look forward to welcoming the new students and families to our school. An information session for parents of these students will be held in the Multi-Purpose room at 9.15am on **Wednesday 24th November**.

CHANGES TO PARENT ACCESS TO SCHOOL

Recent changes to the School Operations Guide now allow parents to enter the school yard at 'Drop Off' and 'Pick Up' times. We still require that parents remain socially distanced and only stay on the school grounds for the minimum amount of time that is required. At this stage, parents are still not allowed to enter the school buildings, apart from the Office area, if the need arises. Gathering of all students and staff for Assemblies and Whole School Prayer will resume this week but, unfortunately, the current operational guidelines still do not allow visitors to attend these gatherings.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The Parents and Friends are in the final stages of organising a Christmas Raffle. They are still seeking prizes to add to our raffle. If any families own, manage or work for a local business, please consider donating prizes to ensure we have a fabulous range of prizes. Prize donations, and raffle enquiries, are being accepted at the school office. The names of all donating businesses will be displayed and recognised in the online raffle. All prizes are greatly appreciated.



'JAMS' AWARD

Well done to the students of 5/6 Davis for winning the "JAMS Award" for the last fortnight. The class is to be commended for the way in which they have been involved in our four specialist classes – Japanese, Art, Music and Sport.



SCHOOL APP

A reminder that our St Thomas More Catholic Primary School App is free to download and has lots of handy information for parents. 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
- and much more ...

* Be sure to enable Push Notifications to receive Instant Messaging from the school



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May God bless you all,

Mr. Simon Duffy,
Principal (& aspiring astronaut)



Term 4 Calendar, 2021

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 Nov	8	9	10 Foundation Excursion to Sovereign Hill (postponed due to inclement weather)	11 Remembrance Day Tennis Coaching -Yrs 3/4	12 Mission Day- Liturgy and activities Tennis Coaching -Yrs 3/4
7 Nov	15 School closure day - Reporting and Assessment	16 Yrs 1/2 Excursion to the Ballarat Wildlife Park	17	18 Year 3/4 Camp to Log Cabin Lodge Creswick	19 Year 3/4 Camp to Log Cabin Lodge Creswick
8 Nov	22	23	24 2022 Foundation Transition session 9:15-11am + Parent Info Meeting	25 Tennis Coaching -Yrs 3/4	26 Tennis Coaching -Yrs 3/4
9 Nov/ Dec	29	30 Yr 6 to Yr 7 Transition Day to St Pat's, Loreto & Damascus	1 2022 Foundation Transition session 9:15-12:30pm	2 Tennis Coaching -Yrs 3/4	3 Tennis Coaching -Yrs 3/4
10 Dec	6	7	8 Year 6 Excursion to Adventure Park, Geelong	9 Tennis Coaching -Yrs 3/4	10 Tennis Coaching -Yrs 3/4
11 Dec	13' 'Going up Session' for F-Yr 5 students REPORTS RELEASED TO PARENTS	14 End of year Mass and Graduation Mass 5pm at Cathedral	15	16 Student's last day 2021 Final Fun Day - Activities Finish 2.20pm	17 Staff Day

MORE PHOTOS FROM OUR BOOK DAY PARADES

