



NEWSLETTER

DATE: 30/03/2022
TERM: 1

Dear Families,

Our God calls us to give others a second chance. During this Lenten season, we can take time to reflect on this and challenge ourselves to act in a way that pushes us to genuinely give others a second chance. One such way we can do this at St. Thomas More Catholic Primary School is by participating in Project Compassion. It is Caritas Australia's annual major fundraising and awareness raising appeal which brings thousands of Australians in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity to give them a second chance.

This coming Friday, 1st April, the Years 1 – 6 students will be involved with **K's for Caritas** which is an opportunity to walk in solidarity with those in our world who walk each day to survive. This week, as part of their learning, students have become aware that every day, thousands of women and children around the world need to walk many kilometres to fetch water, obtain food, get to school or market, or simply to survive. In honour of these people, students will be walking laps around the school carrying buckets of water. By doing this we are indicating and saying *"I want to know how you feel. I am walking with you. I am by your side."* **On Friday, our students are asked to wear their sports uniform and bring a gold coin donation which will be passed on to Caritas Australia.**



PARENTS AND FRIENDS EASTER RAFFLE

Tickets are now available online for the Parents and Friends Easter Raffle at <https://rafflelink.com.au/stmcpseaster22>. All proceeds from the raffle will be put towards purchasing plants for our new school environmental garden. We are still seeking raffle donations in the form of chocolate eggs, bunnies, Easter stickers/stationery/craft/baskets and soft toys. Please drop these donations to the front office by Tuesday 5th April. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 7th April.



YEAR 5/6 CAMP TO CAVE HILL CREEK

Last week our Years 5&6 students enjoyed a fantastic three-day camp at Cave Hill Creek. A “huge thank you” to all the staff from St Thomas More and Cave Hill Creek for coordinating and running this excellent camp.



ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS



Our annual Sports Day is scheduled for **Friday 8th April** at the Llanberris Athletics Reserve, located in York St, East Ballarat. 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. This year, parents/caregivers and relatives are invited and permitted to attend this event. 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, we plan to have a 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 age group.

The sports day will conclude at 2:00pm, with students being dismissed from the site, under the care of their parents/caregivers. For those parents who have informed us through the Parent Access Module (PAM) that their child/ren will not be collected from the venue, their child/ren will return to school by bus with teachers. These students will be dismissed at 2:30pm (the usual 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. A program for the day is being finalised and will be sent home very soon.

Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen, by their peers, to lead their sports team for sports day.

	BLUE TEAM	GOLD TEAM	GREEN TEAM	RED TEAM
House Captains	Nash Stowe Ella Manley	Ollie Burt Bella Bruty	Jake Martin Freya Vimal	Xavier Andanar Quinnie Cheeseman
Vice Captains	Aidan Ellul Jemma Henderson	Wil Donnan Mia Sloper	Max Talpey Meg Anderson	Maggie Tun Tin Mia Hayne

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GREATER WESTERN REGION SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Well done to the students who recently competed at the regional level swimming championships in Horsham on the 19th March.

William Richardson - 1st 50m Freestyle and Butterfly (12/13 yr old boys)

Patrick Ashby - 1st 50m backstroke and 6th 50m freestyle (9/10 yr old boys)

Max McConchie 4th- 50m backstroke (11 yr old boys)

Pearl Goodwin 4th-50m breaststroke (12/13 yr old girls)

Both William and Patrick have qualified for the State Swimming Championships, occurring in late April.

FOUNDATION (PREP) 2023

All Ballarat Catholic Primary Schools have begun the 2023 Foundation (Prep) enrolment process. Please see details attached below. Please note that **all current families** will need to also complete the enrolment process, even if they have siblings currently attending at the school.

COVID SAFE

As this term draws to a close, I would like to once again thank the school community for all working together to make our school as COVID-safe as possible. Thank you to the staff, parents and students who have continued to follow the recommendations in relation to mask wearing and Rapid Antigen Testing. A reminder that we recommend that you continue to test your child on Sunday night and Tuesday night each week. The testing is on a voluntary basis; however, the school highly encourages this testing to assist in keeping our whole community safe and thus keeping the school open. If your child receives a positive test result at any time, you must report this through the Department of Health system located at <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au> or via the coronavirus hotline at 1800 675 398. Parents/guardians must also report a positive result to us here at school, by phoning (03 5334 2244) or emailing the notification to admin@stmalfredton.catholic.edu.au.

May God bless you all and keep you safe,



Mr. Simon Duffy,
Principal

COMMUNITY EVENTS & NOTICES

EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Monday 11th April to Friday 22nd April 2022

Fully supervised, COVID-safe, fun-filled days of sports & activities that kids love!
(excluding weekends and public holidays)

Eastwood Leisure Centre, Ballarat

8am to 5pm each day

Kinder to Year 6

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

Enrol online www.kellysports.com.au/greater-ballarat or Contact Paul on 0423 335 616

Term 1 Calendar, 2022

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10 March/ April	28 Classroom Helper training session 9-10:30am (Part 2)	29	30 Foundation 2023 Information session 9-11am Yr 3/4 Excursion to Lake Wendouree 10:45-3pm	31 Foundation 2023 Information session 5-6pm	1 K's for Caritas Foundation 2023 Information session 9-11am Foundation Excursion to Lake Wendouree 9:30am – 1:00pm
11 April	4	5	6	7 Holy Week Liturgy 1pm Easter Raffle Draw 2:30pm	8 Annual Athletic Sports day at Llanberris Reserve Last Day of Term 1 2.30pm dismissal

Term 2 Calendar, 2022

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 April	25 ANZAC DAY -Public Holiday	26	27	28 Foundation 2023 Information session 9-11am	29
2 May	2	3	4	5 Mother's Day Stall	6 Mother's Day Breakfast
3 April/May	9	10 NAPLAN testing	11 NAPLAN testing	12 NAPLAN testing	13 NAPLAN testing
4 May	16 NAPLAN testing	17 NAPLAN testing	18 NAPLAN testing	19 NAPLAN testing	20 School Closure Day - Staff Professional Development- ReLATE
5 May	23 School Advisory Council meeting 5pm	24	25	26	27 Foundation 2023 Enrolments close.
6 May/June	30	32	1	2	3
7 June	6	7	8	9	10 School Closure Day - Report writing Day
8 June	13 Queen's Birthday -Public Holiday	14	15	16	17
9 June	20	21	22 St Thomas More Feast Day	23	24 Last Day of Term 2 2.30pm dismissal



Foundation (Prep) 2023 Enrolments

Catholic Schools in the City of Ballarat

Enrolment Information for Prospective 2023 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 2023 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 **Friday May 27th, 2022**.

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.dobcel.catholic.edu.au. Click on the Schools tab, select Enrolments, then complete the *City of Ballarat Expression of Interest for Enrolment* form by **Friday May 27th, 2022**

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 Sarah Johnson at sjohnson@dobcel.catholic.edu.au for assistance.

Key Dates

Foundation (Prep) enrolment applications open	Wednesday 9 Feb, 2022
First deadline for enrolments	Friday May 27th, 2022
School principals meet to determine allocation of placements	Friday June 3rd, 2022
First round placement offers sent	Friday June 10th, 2022
Written acceptance of enrolment required from parents	Friday June 24th, 2022

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.

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

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

St Alipius Parish Primary School

Phone: 5331 1816
Principal: Ms Emily Clarke
Location: 106-108 Victoria Street, Ballarat East
Website: 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

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

Lumen Christi Primary School

Phone: 5336 2015
Principal: Ms Carmel Hanley
Location: 111 Whitelaw Avenue, Delacombe
Website: 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

Emmaus Catholic Primary School

Phone: 5330 2266
Principal: Ms Jo-Anne Bond
Location: 1503 Geelong Road, Mt Clear
Website: 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

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

Our Lady Help Of Christians School

Phone: 5339 4726
Principal: Ms Leigh Bradshaw
Location: 480A Gillies Street, Wendouree
Website: www.olhcwendouree.catholic.edu.au

