

NEWSLETTER

DATE: 18/05/2022
TERM: 2

Dear Families,



Mark 16:15



"Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole of creation."

All schools within the Ballarat Diocese will be celebrating *Catholic Education Week* from the 22nd – 28th May and the theme for this year's celebration is "*Share the Good News*". As a means of celebrating this theme within our school community we are hosting a "**Special Person's Day**" next week. This event will be held on **Friday 27th May** between **11.30am – 1.30pm**.

Special people can be parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, older siblings or family friends. These special people are welcome to bring along lunch to be shared between 11.30am – 12pm with your child/ren. Special people are then welcome to join the students in class for activities. The event will conclude with a special whole school prayer dedicated to all the special people in the children's lives. We look forward to you joining us.



CHANGING OF SCHOOL UNIFORM

I'm pleased to announce that we will be undertaking a change to our current uniform commencing at the start of the 2023 school year. The new uniform has been designed to be more inclusive, more comfortable, better wearing and longer lasting. The change is being introduced to improve the current standard of uniform being worn by students in the school and to ensure that we have a cost effective, smart uniform that is a representative of the high standards we uphold.

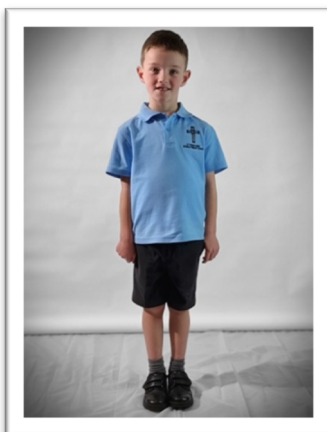
The phasing out of the current uniform and the phasing in of the new uniform will occur over 2023 and 2024. The current uniforms can be worn until the end of the 2024 school year.

Consultation with uniform providers and specialists over many months has guided and informed the direction that the new uniform will take. We believe that the new garments will be positively received by parents, students, staff and the wider community. The new uniforms are available for viewing over the next two weeks. The uniforms will be on display in the front office area for viewing. We welcome feedback from families regarding the new garments. Feedback forms will be available in the front office should you like to make comment.

The new uniforms will be ready for purchase in November 2022 and able to be worn from the beginning of the 2023 school year. The new uniform will be stocked exclusively by Crocker's in Ballarat. We know that this will help to standardise the uniform and eliminate confusion with different shades and brand types. We hope that parents will appreciate the clarity over what is the correct uniform.

We hope the advance notice of this new uniform will enable you to plan your uniform purchases into the future. The school's second-hand uniform stall will continue to be open for the remainder of the year. Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation in this matter and for your support for the standards we wish to uphold for our school.

The following photographs show some of our students modelling the summer, winter and sports uniform clothing items.





PARENTS AND FRIENDS

A big thank you to our fantastic Parent and Friends Association who over the last fortnight have arranged a number of wonderful events for the school community. The Mother's Day stall provided over 500 lovely gifts, and our Mother's Day breakfast catered for over 400 people. These events and the volunteers that ran them are a big part of what makes our school community so special.



XTREME BOUNCE

A reminder that this Friday, 20th May, is a student free day. The Parents and Friends association have organised a fundraiser at EXTREME BOUNCE to entertain the kids. Tickets are \$15 with \$5 from each ticket sale going back to the school. To make a booking just go to the Extreme Bounce website and select Friday, 20th May and then scroll to STM Fundraiser. As a guide we have recommended these times, however they are ONLY a guide. Sometimes this makes it easier for children to catch up with similar aged friends. Times are: 10-11am: **Foundation – Year 2**, 11am-12noon: **Years 3 & 4**, 12pm-1pm: **Years 5 & 6**. Feel free to book a time that suits you best. Hope to see lots of STM faces having fun!



PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISING

The St Thomas More Parents and Friends association currently have a fundraising event selling Billy G's Cookie and Biscuit Dough. If you would like to be involved by purchasing cookie dough, please see details at the end of the letter and visit www.cookie dough.com.au. **Orders can be placed up until Friday 3rd June. The cookie dough will be delivered to the school on Thursday 16th June (second last day of term 2).**



May God bless you all and keep you safe,

Handwritten signature of Simon Duffy in blue ink.

Mr. Simon Duffy,
Principal

Staff Term 2 Calendar, 2022

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 May	16 Cyber Safety Parent session 7 – 8.30pm	17	18 3/4 Hawkes/Beggs presenting Assembly at 3pm	19 1/2 Turkenburg/ Wheelahan Whole School Prayer	20 School Closure Day Student-free Day ReLATE program PD for staff
5 May	23 Catholic Education Week School Advisory Council meeting 5pm	24	25	26 3/4 Bird Whole School Prayer	27 School Open session for 'Special Person's' visits 11.30am – 1.30pm Foundation 2023 enrolment applications close
6 May/June	30	31	1 1/2 Woodhart presenting Assembly at 3pm	2 5/6 Barker / Larkin Whole School Prayer	3 Last day for Cookie Dough orders
7 June	6	7	8	9 Foundation Keighrey Whole School Prayer	10 School Closure Day Student-free day Report writing Day
8 June	13 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	14	15 5/6 Richardson presenting Assembly at 3pm	16 1/2 Hoffmann Whole School Prayer Cookie Dough Collection	17
9 June	20	21	22 St Thomas More Feast Day 9:15am Mass	23	24 Last Day of Term 2 2.30pm Dismissal



SPECIAL PERSON'S DAY

To celebrate Catholic Education Week we are inviting “special people” to join us for lunch, classroom activities and a liturgy.

DATE: Friday 27th May

TIME: 11.30- 1.30pm

Bring along a picnic lunch to share with your children!



TEN DELICIOUS COOKIE DOUGH FLAVOURS

The St Thomas More Catholic Primary School Parent and Friends Association have organised a fundraiser for the school. The fundraising is cookie dough. Please see the details below if you are interested in purchasing.

Thank you so much for supporting our school, especially through fundraising. This term 2, we are running a **Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough** Fundraiser to raise money for our **STMCPS!!**

Billy G's is an Australian family owned and operated business. There are ten (10) dough-licious flavours including their popular Choc Chunk and NESTLE® SMARTIES® cookie dough. There is even a cheese flavoured Doggie Dough for your special furry family members! The cookie dough is only available through fundraising and is not sold in stores, so stock up!

Orders will open from Monday 16th May, 2022.

Visit www.cookie dough.com.au and register to create your child's cybersafe fundraising profile.

Instructions are in your child's order form. You have until **Friday 3rd June, 2022** to order so make sure you get the dough-rolling and create your online fundraising page today!

Please note Billy G's is a completely cashless fundraiser. All orders must be placed online and paid by credit card/Paypal. **Orders will be delivered on Thursday 16th June for collection.**

How do we create a Fundraising Page? Creating a fundraising page is easy!

Go to www.cookie dough.com.au to create your Fundraising Page by clicking the "Register Now" button and fill in your information as a parent/guardian.

Choose your goals and create a unique avatar!

Place your order using the "Order Now" button and share your fundraising page with your family and friends via the "Share" section so they can start buying some yummy cookie dough. How Easy!

How do prizes work? Help your child fundraise more by setting a prize goal! Students who sell 1 tub or more are entitled to an incentive prize for their efforts. But why not aim higher? Family and friends are your greatest supporters, so ask them first for support. You will reach your fundraising goal in no time by sharing your fundraising page! There are 12 prizes up for grabs and prizes will be automatically ordered at the end of our fundraiser based on the number of tubs sold.

Happy fundraising!

STMCPS P&F Committee

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK



VICTORIA POLICE



Participate in the Annual Victoria Police Community Sentiment Survey - 2022

As part of our commitment to Neighbourhood Policing, Victoria Police is seeking information about the community's safety concerns, engagement preferences, and experiences of police in local areas.



SCAN ME

Or visit: engage.vic.gov.au/annual-vicpol-community-sentiment-survey-2022

If you are keen to know more about Neighbourhood Policing, speak to a member at your local police station or visit police.vic.gov.au