

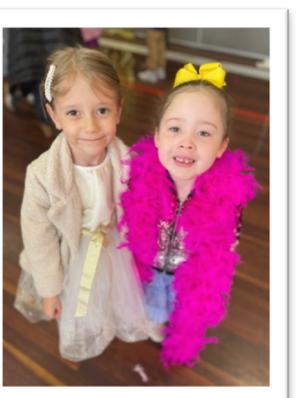


# NEWSLETTER

DATE: 3/08/2022  
TERM: 3

Dear Families,

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August, we celebrate the **Saint Mary MacKillop's** Feast Day. Father Ed will visit our school to lead our school community in Mass at 10am, to which parents are most welcome to attend. Mary MacKillop was an Australian religious sister who, in 2010, was declared a saint by the Catholic Church; to be known as St Mary of the Cross. She founded Australia's first order of nuns, the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart, and also established Australia's first St. Joseph's School in a converted stable in Penola. She was an important Australian who spent her life helping people, especially educating children. She is Australia's first saint and a great role model to all.



Today our Foundation students celebrated 100 days of school. It was been fantastic to see them grow in confidence from their first tentative steps through the school gate at the start the year to now being young independent and engaged learners.

The theme for this year's commemoration of 100 days was 'The Red Carpet' and the students (and staff) certainly dressed accordingly!

Our intensive swimming program continues with students participating in their sessions. I take this opportunity to again thank the staff from the *Swim and Survival Academy* who teach our students vital skills. Swimming sessions for the remaining 6 classes will continue in Week 7 (Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> - Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Aug).



## YOUNG ARTIST

Congratulations to Xavier, one of our Year 6 students, who recently had his paintings displayed at the Immigration Museum in Melbourne. He was interviewed by SBS television about his three artworks, for which he was highly praised. We are all very proud of you Xavier and applaud your artistic talent.



## FACE MASKS

Thank you for your support with the face mask wearing recommendations and your assistance in helping maintain a safe and health learning environment at St Thomas More Catholic Primary School. It remains strongly recommended by the Victorian Department of Health that facemasks are worn by students (aged eight or over) and staff in indoor settings, with face masks mandatory for those aged eight and over who are household contacts and attending school.



## BALLARAT DIOCESE 'CIRCUIT BREAKER' WEEKEND

As notified previously, the Ballarat Catholic Education Office has decided that a mid-term 'circuit breaker' long weekend will provide us all with the chance to rest and get well to help us get through the term with a lower number of absences of staff and students. This 'circuit breaker' is applicable to all catholic primary and secondary schools within the Ballarat Diocese. Therefore, **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August** and **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August** will be student and staff free days.

## TRIVIA NIGHT



Our fabulous Parents and Friends Association have rescheduled the Trivia Night to **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August**, commencing 7pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall. Parents, and their adult family members and friends, are most welcome to book a seat or a full table for what will be a terrific community event. Tickets are \$15 each and tables of 10 are \$150. BYO food and drinks to the event. To book tickets please click [here](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/stm2022trivia-tickets-383358364187) or go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/stm2022trivia-tickets-383358364187>

## ASSISTANCE NEEDED FOR FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

We are looking for parent helpers to assist with the coordination of the online Father's Day Raffle and the planning of the Father's Day Breakfast on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Please contact the school office if you are able to assist in any way. All efforts would be greatly appreciated so that these terrific community events can go ahead.

## COMMUNICATION WITH THE SCHOOL IF YOU HAVE A CONCERN

We would like to remind parents that if your child has a problem at school, it is really important that you communicate your concerns, in the first place, with your child's teacher as soon as possible. Dealing with the problem promptly and in a positive way makes a huge difference to your child's resilience, self-esteem and future relationships with teachers and peers. Please be assured that the staff at St Thomas More Catholic Primary School will always deal with your concerns confidentially and sensitively to ensure problems are resolved efficiently.

May God bless you and keep you safe.

Mr. Simon Duffy,  
Principal

## Term 3 Calendar, 2022

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 Aug	1 School closure day - RE Professional development	2	3 Assembly presented by 1/2 Brightly /Blachon  Celebration of 100 days of school for Foundation students	4	5
5 Aug	8 Feast of Mary MacKillop Mass 10-11am  School Advisory Council meeting 5pm	9	10	11	12 Circuit Breaker - School closure day
6 Aug	15 Circuit Breaker - School closure day	16	17 Assembly presented by 1/2 Turkenburg/ Wheelahan	18	19 P and F Trivia night 7pm
7 Aug	22	23	24 Assembly presented by 5/6 Gittings	25	26
<b>Swimming program</b> <b>11:30-12:15pm: 1/2Hoffmann &amp; 1/2 Woodhart    12:15 – 1:00pm: 3/4Bird &amp; 5/6Davis</b> <b>1:00-1:45pm:3/4Hoyle &amp; 5/6Richardson</b>					
8 Aug/Sept	29	30	31 Assembly presented by Foundation Cudia	1 Father's Day Stall Whole School Prayer led by 3/4 Hawkes/Jeffrey	2 Father's Day Breakfast
9 Sept	5 Parent / Teacher / Student Learning Conferences 2.30 – 6pm	6 Parent / Teacher / Student Learning Conferences 3:45pm – 6pm	7 Parent / Teacher / Student Learning Conferences 3:45pm – 6pm	8	9 Book Week Parade
10 Sept	12	13	14 Assembly presented by 5/6 Larkin	15 Whole School Prayer led by Foundation Gannon	16 Footy Colours Day Last day of Term 3 2.30pm finish