



NEWSLETTER

DATE: 17/08/2022
TERM: 3

Dear Families,

I hope that the extra-long weekend assisted families to have a little break during these challenging times. With refreshed energy, we look forward to working alongside families in the many events planned for the second half of this term.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



We have over 40 students, largely from Years 3 and 4, who are involved with the Confirmation Sacramental program that is currently being run through the St Patrick's Cathedral parish. We keep the many students at school, who have begun their preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation, in our prayers and pray that the Holy Spirit guides and nurtures them, and their families, as they progress along their faith journey.

STUDENT INVOLVED LEARNING CONVERSATIONS (SILCS)

We are introducing an exciting and important new practice; Student Involved Learning Conversations (SILCs) later this term. Conducted in place of the traditional parent-teacher interviews, your child will have a significant role to play in talking about their own learning. They will talk to you about some learning goals they have had, the progress they have made, perhaps show you some of their work, and invite feedback. This will be a conversation between you, your child and your child's teacher. Student Involved Learning Conversations will take place over three afternoons in Week 9 of this term: **Monday 5th September, Tuesday 6th September and Wednesday 7th September.**

The meetings will be of 12 minutes duration. You are invited to book your preferred time slot via the Parent Access Module (PAM). **Bookings are now open.**

FATHER'S DAY EVENTS

At school, we have a number of Father's Day events planned to celebrate the fathers and carers in our children's lives. On **Thursday 1st September**, the Parents and Friends Association is conducting a Father's Day Stall for the students. All students will have the opportunity to purchase a gift for their father/carer. All gifts are priced at \$5 each. Students are asked to bring along \$5 on the day to pay for their chosen gift. On Thursday afternoon, **1st September**, our Whole School Prayer will focus on Father's Day. Parents are welcome to attend the Whole School Prayer. If you intend to attend, we ask that you are seated quietly and prayerfully in the Multipurpose Room by 3pm. On the following day, **Friday 2nd September**, we will be hosting a Father's Day Breakfast, to which all fathers and carers are most welcome to attend with their child/ren. There are two different time slots to choose from: Sitting 1 being 7:15am - 8:00am and Sitting 2 being 8:00am - 8:45am. Please book your free tickets by clicking [here](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/fathers-day-breakfast-2022-st-thomas-more-catholic-primary-school-tickets-401074904837) or via the following Eventbrite link. <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/fathers-day-breakfast-2022-st-thomas-more-catholic-primary-school-tickets-401074904837>



CASUAL CLOTHES DAY - FRIDAY 19th AUGUST

The Year 6 Student Leadership Group has organised a casual clothes day for staff and students for Friday 19th August. The students are asked to bring along a gold coin donation. The funds raised will go to local charities.





BOOK WEEK PARADE

Students are invited to dress up for our Book Week parade. This year the theme is *Dreaming with Eyes Open*. Use your imagination to dress up. Our dress up day will be on **Friday, 9th September**. Please see the last page of this newsletter for details of the dress-up day.

FOOTY COLOURS DAY

Friday 16th September (last day of Term 3) is our Footy Colours Day. On this day students may wear their favourite sports team colours. If your child does not have a favourite football team they may wear their favourite colour. Please ensure that clothes are sun-safe; therefore, no singlets or short shorts please. Children are not required to pay/donate any money for this event.

TRAFFIC CONGESTION AROUND THE SCHOOL

As all members of our school community know, there is a large amount of traffic congestion around the school each morning and afternoon. This congestion can often lead to dangerous and illegal driving around the school which endangers our students. Ways that your family can assist with reducing the congestion around the school include:

- Walking to school
- Riding/scooting to school
- Dropping off and collecting your child a short distance from school.

Please only use the Elaine Ave parent pick up drive-through area if really needed. To ensure that high levels of safety and efficiency are maintained in the drive-through we request that all drivers adhere to the following expectations between the times of 8:15-9:00am and 3:00-3:45pm:

- Only enter the drive-through by turning left from Elaine Avenue
- Exit the drive-through by turning left into Elaine Avenue
- Refrain from overtaking any vehicle whilst in the drive-through
- Driver is to remain in the car and encourage children to exit the car promptly to avoid delays.

There are over 150 carparks within 250 metres of our school that you can use to drop off and collect your child. Please see the attached map.

Areas for parents to drop off and pick up their children within 250m of our school are indicated in **red**.



May God bless you and keep you safe,

Mr. Simon Duffy,
Principal

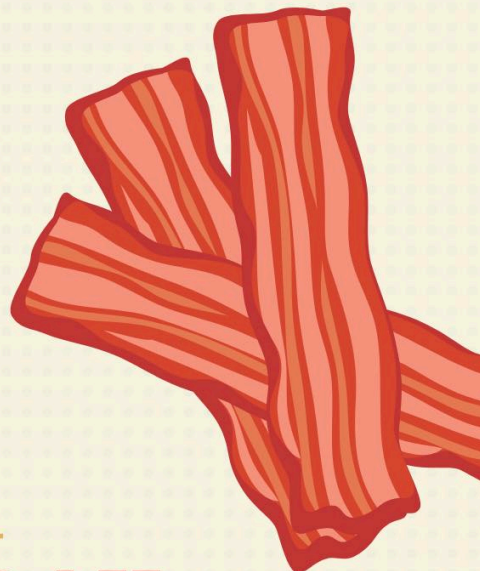
Term 3 Calendar, 2022

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 Aug	15 Circuit Breaker - School closure day	16	17 Assembly presented by 1/2 Turkenburg/ Wheelahan	18	19
7 Aug	22	23	24 Assembly presented by 5/6 Gittings	25	26
	Swimming program 11:30-12:15pm: 1/2Hoffmann & 1/2 Woodhart 12:15 – 1:00pm: 3/4Bird & 5/6Davis 1:00-1:45pm: 3/4Hoyle & 5/6Richardson				
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 @ 3pm	2 Father's Day Breakfast Sitting 1: 7:15-8:00am Sitting 2: 8:00-8:45am
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: 'Dreaming with Eyes Open' theme
10 Sept	12	13	14 Assembly presented by 5/6 Larkin @ 3:05pm	15 Whole School Prayer led by Foundation Gannon @ 3:05pm	16 Footy Colours Day Last day of Term 3 2.30pm finish

Term 4, 2022 commences on Monday 3rd October.



*With God First,
We Will Live, Learn
and Thrive*



FATHER'S DAY

BREAKFAST

FRIDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER

SITTING 1: 7:15AM - 8:00AM

SITTING 2: 8:00AM - 8:45AM

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Book Week is coming up!

This year's theme is:



Reading is dreaming with your eyes open!
Stories stimulate the imagination and help us to dream ourselves
into a book.

You can travel to other places and times and into imaginary
worlds...

You are invited to dress up! What will you dream of being?

Our **dress up day** will be on **Friday, 9th September**.

We will have lots of fun and book related activities
for this day.