

## NEWSLETTER

DATE: 31/08/2022  
TERM: 3

Dear Families,

This week at school we give thanks for the wonderful gift of fathers, grandfathers, uncles and male carers through the celebration of Father's Day. This is a great opportunity for each of us to thank God for the very special men who care for us and love us unconditionally. I am truly thankful for my dad, who is a father to three and grandfather to seven. His many gifts, including his compassion for others, wise judgment and good humour continue to be a great source of strength and inspiration for myself.



*God our Father,*

*We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.*

*We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.*

*We pray for fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.*

*We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide with fatherly love and advice.*

*We remember fathers, grandfathers and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.*

*Amen.*

### FATHER'S DAY EVENTS

On **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September**, the Parents and Friends Association is conducting a Father's Day Stall for the students. All gifts are priced at \$5 each. Students are asked to bring along \$5 on the day to pay for their chosen gift. Later that day our Whole School Prayer (at 3.05pm) will focus on Father's Day. Parents are most welcome to attend the Whole School Prayer.

On **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**, we will be hosting a Father's Day Breakfast, to which all fathers and carers are most welcome to attend. There are two different time slots to choose from: Sitting 1 | 7:15am - 8:00am and Sitting 2 | 8:00am - 8:45am.

**One hundred new tickets have been released.** Please book your free ticket (children are welcome too) by clicking [here](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/fathers-day-breakfast-2022-st-thomas-more-catholic-primary-school-tickets-401074904837) or via the Eventbrite link. <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/fathers-day-breakfast-2022-st-thomas-more-catholic-primary-school-tickets-401074904837>



### STUDENT INVOLVED LEARNING CONVERSATIONS (SILC)

Student Involved Learning Conversations will take place over three afternoons next week; **Monday 5th September, Tuesday 6th September and Wednesday 7th September.**

You are invited to book your preferred time slot via the Parent Access Module (PAM).

**Bookings are now open.**

## SCHOOL OVAL REDEVELOPMENT

During the upcoming school holidays, the school's main oval will begin to have major redevelopment works undertaken. The major works will involve the:

- removal of the existing poor-quality top soil,
- installation of drainage,
- installation of new soil structure,
- installation of a watering system
- laying of new turf on the oval

The works will occur throughout Term 4. All going to plan, it will be ready for use by the start of the 2023 school year. The redevelopment will allow for year-round playability of the oval for the students.



## BOOK WEEK PARADE

Students are invited to dress up for our Book Week parade. This year's Book Week theme is *Dreaming with eyes open*. Use your imagination to dress up. Our dress up day will be next week on **Friday, 9th September**.

## FOOTY COLOURS DAY

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

## ATHLETICS

Well done to the 36 Years 3-6 students who competed in the Catholic Schools Athletics Carnival last Friday. The students participated really well and showed great sportsmanship throughout the day. There were some fantastic individual and team results. A number of the students will now compete at the Regional Athletics Day in September. A big thank you to Mr Richardson for coordinating the student training and involvement on the day.



May God bless you and keep you safe,

*Simon Duffy*

Mr. Simon Duffy,  
Principal

## Term 3 Calendar, 2022

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 Aug/Sept	29	30	31	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 Assembly presented by Foundation Cudia	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 Calendar, 2022

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Oct	3	4	5	6 Whole School Prayer 5/6 Davis @ 3:05pm	7 Foundation excursion to MoPA Geelong
2 Oct	10	11	12 Assembly presented by Yr. 3/4 Brady @ 3:05pm	13	14
3 Oct	17	18	19 Assembly presented by Foundation Gannon @ 3:05pm	20 Whole School Prayer 1/2 Brightly/ Blachon @ 3:05pm	21 Mission Day
4 Oct	24	25 Japanese Cultural Day celebrations	26 Assembly presented by Yr. 1/2 Hoffmann @ 3:05pm	27	28 World Teacher's Day
5 Nov	31 School Advisory Council meeting @ 5pm	1 Melbourne Cup Day Holiday	2	3 Whole School Prayer Foundation Cudia @ 3:05pm	4
6 Nov	7 Year 3/4 Camp	8 Year 3/4 Camp	9 Assembly presented by Foundation Keighrey @ 3:05pm	10	11 Remembrance Day
7 Nov	14	15	16 Assembly presented by Yr. 3/4 Hobbs @ 3:05pm	17 Whole School Prayer 1/2 Woodhart @ 3:05pm	18 School closure day Assessment and reporting
8 Nov	21	22	23 Foundation 2023 Transition 9.15 – 11am Assembly presented by Yr 1/2 Munro @ 3:05pm	24 Senior Music concert 5pm	25
9 Nov/ Dec	28	29 Year 6 – 7 Transition days for St Pats, Loreto and Damascus	30 Foundation 2023 Transition 9.15 – 1pm.	1 Whole School Prayer Yr. 5 and Yr. 6	2
10 Dec	5 Parent Helper thank you afternoon tea session @ 2.30pm	6	7 Yr. 6 Adventure Park Trip Assembly presented by Yr. 3/4 Bird @ 3:05pm	8	9
11 Dec	12	13	14 Thanksgiving Mass & Year 6 Graduation @ 5pm	15 Whole School Prayer Foundations – The Nativity	16 Final fun day activity Finish 2.20pm Student's last day



## COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

### LORETO COLLEGE

Loreto College would like to invite prospective families to come along to their upcoming Open Mornings and see why a Loreto Education is so special. The Open Mornings will be led by student representatives between 9 am to 12 pm on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022** and **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023**. Visitors can expect to see interactive displays and activities as well as meet with students and staff. There will also be the opportunity to chat with the College Leadership Team. Please note that availability is limited. The College is also conducting a *Year 7 2024 Parent Information Evening* on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2022** at 7pm.

For further information, please visit the College's enrolments page at <https://loreto.vic.edu.au/loreto-education/enrolment/>

A promotional poster for Loreto College's Open Mornings. The top half features a collage of photos showing students and staff in various school settings. A central orange banner reads "I AM LORETO". Below this, the text "OPEN MORNING" is in large, bold, orange letters. The dates "Thursday 20 October 2022 | 9am - 12pm and Tuesday 07 February 2023 | 9am - 12pm" are listed. A QR code is on the right with the text "SCAN TO REGISTER". The bottom section, titled "LORETO ENROLMENTS", includes details about the "Year 7 2024 Parent Information Evening" on Tuesday 25 October 2022 at 7pm at Mary's Mount Centre. It also lists "Applications Closing Dates" (Friday 03 February 2023) and "Important Dates" (Year 7 2024 Academic Scholarship Testing on Saturday 18 February 2023). The website "loreto.vic.edu.au" and the Loreto logo are at the bottom.

### REBEL ROOKIES - FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINICS

Rebel Rookies is back in 2022 and this we're travelling around the country to bring as many kids as possible the experience of a lifetime. Try out Aussie Rules, Rugby League and Football in one day, with specialist-run clinics and exciting VIP guest appearances, including some of your favourite players and coaches from each of the codes.

To be eligible for this FREE event, make sure you're signed up to rebel's free loyalty program, Rebel Active, and show your confirmation email to staff at sign in. If you're not a rebel active member, sign up here. <https://www.rebelsport.com.au/rebel-active/rebel-active-home.html>  
More information is available at: <https://www.signonday.com.au/listing/rebel>



### BALLARAT TRAMWAY MUSEUM

On Sunday 2nd October the Ballarat Tramway Museum will be holding a special open day called Tramway Celebration Day, to celebrate fifty years of operation. The event has been rescheduled from last year due to COVID restrictions.

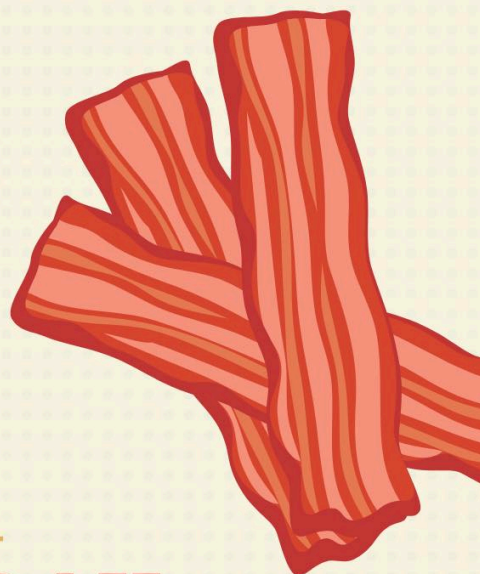
This not for profit, volunteer run, family event aims to showcase the evolution of various types of transportation vehicles from the past one hundred years or so. The event will include:

- the museum's collection of trams, there will be vintage cars, trucks and buses on display.
- Miniature railway, steam traction engine and paddle steamer rides.
- Model railway, engine and machinery displays.

The St Thomas More Catholic School Community is invited along to this milestone event. If you have any questions then please contact [johnrichardwhiting81@gmail.com](mailto:johnrichardwhiting81@gmail.com) or telephone 0400 255 041.



*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

ST THOMAS MORE  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY  
SCHOOL





Dress up in your favourite football or sporting colours  
on Friday 16th September - no donation required