

Dear Families,

This Friday we celebrate **World Teachers' Day** here at St Thomas More Catholic Primary School. It is a chance for our school community to recognise and celebrate the incredible contributions our fantastic teachers make. World Teachers' Day is an opportunity to celebrate the teachers who are making an impact on the lives of the children at St Thomas More, and a chance to say, "Thank you". I encourage families to reach out to your child's teacher/s and say "Thank you" this Friday. A special morning tea and assembly has been organised for the teachers on the day.



### Prayer for World Teacher Day

Giver of all wisdom and greatest of all teachers,  
look upon our teachers with love.  
Grant them the resolve to nurture our eager minds  
and to never give up on us who fall behind.  
Bless their hearts for they rejoice when we succeed and  
encourage us when we fail,  
and bless them with gentle patience  
for the path of learning is never easy.  
Kindle a spirit and passion in them,  
it is the flame that ignites the love of learning in us.  
Help them see the potential in each student,  
their belief in us means much more than the grade we make.  
Instil in them a commitment to keep on learning,  
it shows us to not fear new knowledge and experiences.  
Inspire them to touch the future,  
they influence how big a dream we dream for ourselves.  
Bless our teachers who have come before,  
for their work endures to this day.  
Let the light of your example shine upon all teachers.

Amen.



### UNIFORM RAFFLE

We currently have an online raffle with prizes comprising of vouchers for families to put towards purchasing items of new school uniform for next year. The vouchers are from *Crocker's* and the *Athlete's Foot*. There are \$1300 worth of vouchers to be won. The funds raised through the raffle ticket sales will contribute towards covering the costs associated with **Upparel**, the company that has who have been contracted to collect and recycle our outgoing uniforms. Tickets are now available at raffle link <https://rafflelink.com.au/stmuniform2022>.

The raffle concludes on **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October**.



## SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

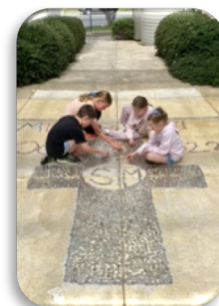
I would like to thank our outgoing parent representatives who have been School Advisory Council (SAC) members for many years. I thank them for their service and dedication to their role- **Carolyn Gately, Wayne Braybrook, Melissa Brown, Mark Cowell, Anna Sheehan** and **Anna Williamson**. Their input, support and advice has been greatly appreciated.

I'm pleased to announce that we will be welcoming five new members to our SAC team in 2023 - **Sam Brown, Clare Hogan, Jacklyn Mason, Adrian Misseri** and **Brenton Riordan**. These new members will join **Vasu Gill, Jake Huang** and **Manu Kaur** who are current and continuing SAC members.

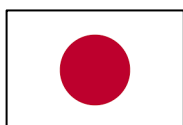


## MISSION DAY ACTIVITIES

Our Mission Day activities were a great success with over \$1250 raised. The funds raised will go to *Catholic Missions*, who work with children in over 160 countries worldwide to improve their living conditions. Thank you for the generous donation from families and extra special thanks to the Year 5/6 students who planned, organised and ran the activities.



## JAPANESE CULTURAL CELEBRATION DAY



Yesterday we celebrated our special Japanese Cultural Day to support our language program. Throughout the day the students were involved in numerous hands-on activities related to the Japanese culture and language. The students really enjoyed the whole school concert that included traditional taiko drums and shakuhachi (Japanese flute). A highlight for a number of the students was when they were randomly selected to play an active part in the performance.



## SCHOOL UNIFORM

As you are aware we will be undertaking a change to our current uniform commencing at the start of the 2023 school year. The phasing out of the current uniform and the phasing in of the new uniform will occur over 2023 and 2024. All current uniform pieces can continue to be worn until the end of the 2024 school year. Our new school uniform will be stocked exclusively by Crocker's in Ballarat, located at 4 Armstrong Street North, Ballarat.

To assist with the environmentally friendly recycling of the outgoing school uniform, the school has partnered with **Upparel**, who are a leading Australian textile recovery and recycling company. The company will collect the uniforms and recycle them. The following link presents a short video explaining what will happen to the retiring school uniforms. .... [Waste is not Waste until we Waste it](#).



**Families are now able to bring any outgoing school uniform items to the school office, where we have collection tubs that will be forwarded to Upparel for recycling.**



## TOYS AT SCHOOL

We ask that parents assist the school with reducing the excessive number of toys that some students in the Junior years are currently bringing to school each day. We strongly request that students don't bring toys to school as they frequently present as distractions during learning time and they also run the risk of accidentally becoming damaged or lost.

## CROSSING CUTHBERTS ROAD

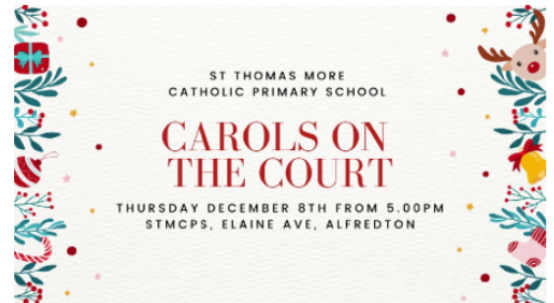
One afternoon last week we almost had a pedestrian accident involving a child and parent who were crossing Cuthberts Road at a non-designated crossing area. Fortunately, both the parent and child were uninjured but it was very unsettling for those who witnessed it and the driver of the vehicle. It is a timely reminder that we ask parents to set a good example for the children by crossing either at the supervised school crossing near Alfredton Primary School or at the designated crossing at the intersection of Cuthberts Road and Elaine Ave. We thank you for your support with this important request.

## YEAR 5/6 MUSIC CONCERT

Save the date - Our Year 5/6 students will be putting on a music concert on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November**. There will be performances during the day for students to enjoy and a 5pm session for families to come along to. More details still to come.

## CAROLS ON THE COURT

Our Parents & Friends group is in the process of organising a school community event, "Carols on the Court" for **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December**, starting at 5pm. This will take place at school and all students will be involved in performing various Christmas carols.



## CHESS CLUB

We have 14 students from F-6 currently enrolled in the Chess Club. They meet on Wednesdays at 1:30-2:30pm and the sessions are hosted by Mr Robert Bailey. A lot of fun and enjoyment is being had by all.



*Students working through movement puzzles.*



*Students completing a game 'Check mate'.*

May God bless you and keep you safe,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Simon Duffy'.

Mr. Simon Duffy,  
Principal

## Term 4 Calendar, 2022

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 Oct	24 School Advisory Council Meeting @ 5pm	25 Japanese Cultural Day celebrations	26 Assembly presented by Yr. 1/2 Hoffmann @ 3:05pm	27 Whole School Prayer Yr. 1/2 Brightly/Blachon @ 3:05pm	28 World Teacher's Day
5 Nov	31	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 Yr. 1/2 Woodhart @ 3:05pm	18 School Closure Day - Assessment and Reporting
8 Nov	21	22	23 Foundation 2023 Transition 9:15 – 11am	24 Senior Music Concert 5pm	25
9 Nov/ Dec	28	29 Year 6 – 7 Transition days for St Pats, Loreto and Damascus Colleges	30 Foundation 2023 Transition 9:15 – 1pm. Assembly presented by Yr. 1/2 Munro @ 3:05pm	1	2
10 Dec	5 Parent Helper Thank You Afternoon Tea @ 2.30pm	6	7 Yr. 6 Adventure Park Trip Assembly presented by Yr. 3/4 Bird @ 3:05pm	8 Carols on the Court 5pm	9
11 Dec	12	13	14 Thanksgiving Mass & Year 6 Graduation at St Patrick's Cathedral @ 5pm	15 Assembly farewelling Yr. 6 students at 1pm  Whole School Prayer Foundations – The Nativity	16 Final Day for students Fun Activity Day Dismissal at 2:30pm <b>Student's last day</b>

### COMMUNITY EVENTS & NOTICES

#### St Patrick's Cathedral Junior Choir

The St Patrick's Cathedral community is inviting students from Years 3 to 8 to join a choir that will lead the singing at the First Week of Advent 6.30 pm Mass on the 26<sup>th</sup> November. There will be practices on three Friday's in November - 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> November at 5.30 until 7pm in the Mackillop and Glowrey Rooms (in the St Patrick's Cathedral Hall). Snacks will be provided. Interested singers are encouraged to attend at least one practice. Parents who would like to help are most welcome, but you must have a current Working with Children Check. If you are interested in being part of this choir, please call Judy Gustus on 0400344533 or email: [jgustus58@gmail.com](mailto:jgustus58@gmail.com) with your name and contact details.