



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

On Friday we will join in the national commemoration of *Remembrance Day* by gathering together for a special prayer service that will be led by the Year 6 Student Leadership Group. We remember that this year marks the 104th anniversary of the Armistice, which ended World War 1 in 1918.



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Left We Forget

A PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

Ever-loving God,

We remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence;
may this same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony in our world.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

YEARS 3/4 CAMP

The Year 3/4 students thoroughly enjoyed their overnight camp to YMCA Lady Northcote, this week. I would like to thank the staff for all their efforts in making this camp possible and for providing such wonderful experiences for the students.



SCHOOL CLOSED - IMPORTANT DATE TO NOTE:

The school will be closed on **Friday 18th November** for a Curriculum Planning and Report Writing Day for teachers. On this day the P&F have organised a fundraiser event at **EXTREME BOUNCE**- Ballarat Trampoline Centre which you may wish to support.

Sessions are of one-hour duration for the following times:



10am–11am Foundation & Year1 students

11am – 12pm Years 2, 3 & 4 students

12pm – 1pm Years 5 & 6 students

Tickets are \$15 per student with \$5 from every ticket going to STMCPs.

Bookings are now available via the Extreme Bounce website. <https://xtremebounce.com.au/tickets/>

STATE ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

The 9/10 Girls Relay team placed 13th in the state athletics meet held last week in Melbourne. (Lily Petrie, Eva Bayles, Tessa Morris and Olivia McConchie).

Ollie Burt (12/13 Boys) placed 8th in the 800m and 9th in the 1500m.

Eva Bayles (9/10 Girls) placed 7th in the long jump. Congratulations to each competitor on their success.



CLASS GROUPINGS AND STRUCTURE FOR 2023

Teachers are currently in the process of creating class groupings for 2023. In doing this, academic, social and emotional considerations are considered to inform where each child is best placed. School is a place where children learn academically but it is also a place where they learn how to relate to other children. It is important that children learn to mix with lots of children rather than spending time with just a few favourite friends or children of like ability. Students will have a “Going-Up Session” on **Monday 13th December** where they will meet their new 2023 teacher/s and classmates.

We will have the following class structure in 2023.

Year level	Number of classes
Foundation	3
Year 1/2	5
Year 3/4	5
Year 5/6	5

YEAR 5/6 MUSIC CONCERT

Our Year 5/6 students have been busily preparing for the forthcoming Music Concert which will be held at school on **Thursday 24th November**.

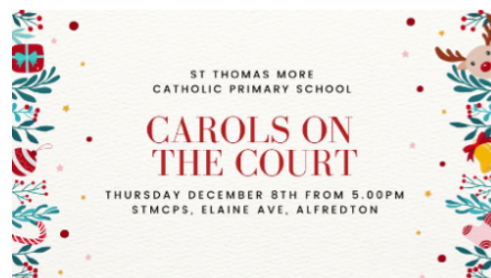
There will be performances during the day for students to enjoy and a **5pm** session for families to come along to. An invitation welcoming all parents and students to attend is included later in this newsletter.

FOUNDATION 2023

Over the next fortnight we will formally welcome the newest members of our school community, our 2023 Foundations students, who will be having orientation sessions. These two sessions, spread over two consecutive weeks, provide a fantastic opportunity for the students to experience a little of what next year will be like for them. We look forward to welcoming the new students and their families to our school. An information session for the parents of these students will be held in the Multipurpose room at 9.15am on **Wednesday 23rd November**.

CAROLS ON THE COURT

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



THANKSGIVING MASS AND YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Our Thanksgiving Mass will be held on **Wednesday 14th December** at 5pm at the St Patrick Cathedral, to which all families are most welcome to attend. At this mass we will acknowledge our Year 6 graduating students and departing staff while sharing a final celebration as a school community for 2022. The Year 6 parents have organised a special Year 6 Graduation Dinner to be held at the Ballarat Golf Club, following the conclusion of mass. Further details about the dinner will be provided to Year 6 families from the Year 6 Parent Group who are organising this event.

FINAL DAY FOR STUDENTS 2022

This year the final school day for students will be **Friday 16th December**. We have planned a picnic at the Victoria Park playground for the students, staff and families. More details will be sent out in the next newsletter.

May God bless you and keep you safe,

Mr. Simon Duffy,
Principal

Term 4 Calendar, 2022

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 Nov	7 Year 3/4 Camp	8 Year 3/4 Camp	9	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 Assembly presented by Foundation Keighrey @ 3:05pm	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 Student's last day

St Thomas More Catholic
Primary School Presents

Yr 5/6 Music Concert

Including a
special performance
by the School Band

5PM

THURSDAY 24 NOVEMBER, 2022

Multi-Purpose Building

Enter via the side gate on Elaine Ave



COMMUNITY EVENTS & NOTICES

KELLY SPORTS TERM 4 AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS **SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE!!!**

Mondays 3:30pm-5pm (5 weeks left: \$115.50)

Wednesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm (5 weeks left: \$88)

Boys & Girls, Foundation to Year 6

Both programs are run at STMCPs

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Queries: Please call Dom 0417 967 621

KELLY SPORTS DEC & JAN HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

DECEMBER: Mon 12th to Fri 23rd

JANUARY: Tues 3rd to Fri 27th (potentially extending to Tues 31st Jan)

Eastwood Leisure Centre

8am - 5pm (weekdays)

Boys & Girls, Kinder to Year 6

Cost: \$55 per day (\$250 for a full week)

Fun-filled days featuring sports, games and activities to keep the kids engaged, entertained & active for the full day.

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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 26th November. There will be practices on three Friday's in November - 11th, 18th and 25th 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 with your name and contact details.