

NEWSLETTER

Dear Families,

As we enter the second half of this term, we have many exciting things for students and the school community to look forward to.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

We have thirty-four students from Years 3 and 4, who are involved with the sacramental program for Confirmation, which is currently being run through the St Patrick's Cathedral parish and supported by the school. We pray that the Holy Spirit guides and nurtures them and their families, as they progress along their faith journey. Confirmation will take place over the next two weekends at St Patrick's Cathedral. All are welcome to attend these masses.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS TRIVIA NIGHT

On **Friday 25th August**, the Parents and Friends Association are hosting a Trivia Night. Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm sharp start in the St Thomas More Multipurpose Room. Parents are most welcome to book a seat or a table for what will be a terrific community event. Tickets are \$15 each and tables of 8 are \$120. BYO food, drinks and glasses to this event. Click [here](#) or go to this link to book tickets.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/stm-parents-friends-trivia-night-tickets-680578828597?aff=oddtcreator>



FATHER'S DAY EVENTS

At school, we have several Father's Day events planned to celebrate the fathers and carers in our student's lives. On **Thursday 31st August**, 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. On Thursday afternoon, **31st August**, at 3pm our **Whole School Prayer** will focus on Father's Day. Parents are most welcome to attend the Whole School Prayer. On the following day, **Friday 1st 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](#) or via the following Eventbrite link.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-thomas-more-catholic-primary-school-fathers-day-breakfast-tickets-681377808367?aff=oddtcreator>



SWIMMING PROGRAM

Our intensive swimming program continues this week. The student's confidence, skills development and knowledge of water safety has been fantastic to see. We thank the swim teachers from the *Swim and Survival Academy* who teach our students these vital skills.



FAREWELLING STAFF

As a school community we farewell Mrs Ally Jeffrey and Mr Shaun Hon.

Most recently Ally has been one of our part time classroom teachers working in Year 3/4. Since starting her teaching career at St Thomas More Catholic Primary School as a graduate nine and a half years ago, Ally has held various teaching roles at the school in addition to taking maternity leave twice. Shaun, one of our Learning Support Officers, has worked at the school for the past five years, whilst simultaneously completing his teaching studies. We thank Ally and Shaun for their contributions and support of student learning through the roles that they have each held and we wish them all the best with their future teaching endeavours.

STUDENT INVOLVED LEARNING CONVERSATIONS (SILCs)

Student Involved Learning Conversations (SILCs) will occur later this term. In SILC's 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 you to provide them with some feedback. This will be a conversation between you, your child and your child's teacher. Student Involved Learning Conversations will take place **Monday 4th September** and **Tuesday 5th 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.**

WHY STUDENT LED CONFERENCES?

- Students develop ownership of their learning
- Students build independence
- Students take pride in their success
- Students identify areas for improvement
- Students share knowledge and skills learned

BOOK WEEK PARADE

Book Week will be celebrated across the school from **Monday 4th – Friday 8th September (Week 9)** this term. This year the theme is "Read Grow Inspire". Students are encouraged to use their imagination to dress up for our Book Week parade due to be held on **Friday, 8th September**. Further details can be found later in this newsletter.



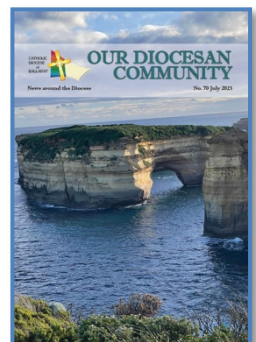
FOOTY COLOURS DAY

Friday 15th 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 AFL football team, they may wear their favourite colour.

OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNITY, JULY EDITION

The July 2023 edition of 'Our Diocesan Community' is available online now! This is a very interesting and informative magazine, as it shares the good news stories of our schools, parishes and agencies across the whole of the Ballarat diocese.

[Click here to view.](#)

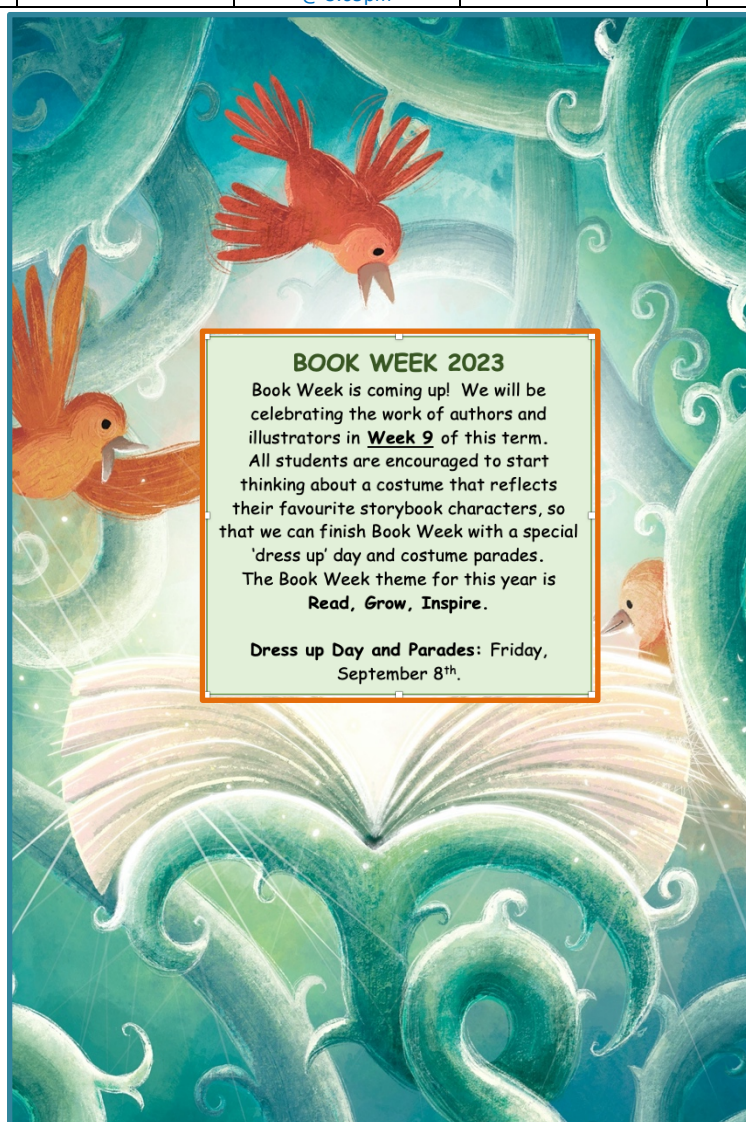


May God bless you and keep you safe.

Mr. Simon Duffy,
Principal

Term 3 Calendar, 2023

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 Aug	14	15	16 Assembly presented by Foundation Cudia @ 3:05pm	17 Whole School Prayer led by 1/2 Stacey @ 3:05pm	18
Swimming Program Classes involved: 3/4Gannon & 5/6Baker/Larkin, 3/4 Brady/Hoyle & 5/6Calleija, 3/4Hawkes/Jeffrey & 5/6Dodd					
7 Aug	21	22	23 Yr. 5/6 Interschool Basketball	24 Whole School Prayer led by 5/6 Gittings @ 3:05pm	25 Interschool Athletics Catholic Schools Trivia Night at STMCPs
Swimming Program Classes involved: F. Keighrey & 1/2Smith, 1/2Stacey & F. Cudia, F. Hobbs & 1/2Munro					
8 Aug/Sept	28 Yr. 5 visit to Loreto and St Pats Parent/ Teacher student learning conferences 2.45 – 6.45pm	29 Parent/ Teacher student learning conferences 2.45 – 6.45pm	30 Foundation incursion – Fire Rescue Assembly presented by 3/4 Hawkes @ 3:05pm	31 Father's Day Stall Whole School Prayer led by 1/2 Woodhart @ 3:05pm	1 Father's Day Breakfast Session 1 7:15-8:00am Session 2 8:00-8:45am
9 Sept	4	5 Interschool Athletics Eureka Division	6	7	8 Book Week Parade
10 Sept	11	12	13 Assembly presented by 3/4 Edwards @ 3:05pm	14 Whole School Prayer led by 5/6 Davis	15 Footy Colours Day End of Term 3 2.30pm dismissal



COMMUNITY NOTICES & EVENTS




Applications for enrolment in Year 7, 2025 are now open.

Visit www.stpats.vic.edu.au/prospective-families/apply-now

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BE MY BEST IT'S WHAT I HAVE INSIDE... AND WHAT'S AROUND ME

OPEN NIGHT
DISPLAYS • DEMOS • TOURS
Tues 17 Oct, 4.30pm, 5.30pm, 6.30pm

OPEN MORNINGS
Thurs 5 & 19 Oct, 9am - 11am

Registration essential: damascus.vic.edu.au

2025 Enrolments close Fri 2 Feb 2024



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YEAR 7 2025 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER



Ballarat Hindu Temple & Cultural Centre Inc.

Ganesh Festival 2023

ARTS AND CULTURAL KIDS WORKSHOP

We are excited to invite you and your children to our special program designed to introduce the captivating world of Hindu culture and Indian traditions.

Join us for a fun-filled and educational journey that includes a variety of activities to ignite curiosity and creativity in young minds.

Workshop concludes with light refreshments.

Activities

- Story Time : Introduction to Hindu Culture & sharing stories of cultural importance
- Cultural performances
- Colouring and Play Dough Modelling
- Arts and Crafts Exhibition

REGISTER NOW!

Date
22 September 2023

Time
Slot 1 : 9.00 AM to 11.00 AM
Slot 2 : 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM

Contact us

Info@bhctcc.org.au
Lalitha @ 0431 434 011, Vijay @ 0425 430 911,
Nithiya @ 0423 206 014 & Gobi Anand @ 0429 588 446

Venue : Ballarat High School - 1726 Sturt St, Ballarat VIC 3355





NEW SEASON

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

NEW PLAYERS.

Phoenix Basketball Club are looking to recruit girls and boys aged 6-14 years of age, for the upcoming Basketball season. We are seeking children for all under 8,10,12, and 14 teams.

New season starts October (first week of Term 4)

Weekly training is held at Ballarat High School

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