



## NEWSLETTER

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.



*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

Tomorrow, **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> 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/carers. All gifts are priced at \$5 each. Also, our **3:05pm Whole School Prayer** tomorrow will focus on the theme of Father's Day. Parents are most welcome to attend the Whole School Prayer.



On **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 dining 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/e/st-thomas-more-catholic-primary-school-fathers-day-breakfast-tickets-681377808367?aff=ebdssbdestsearch) or via the following Eventbrite link. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-thomas-more-catholic-primary-school-fathers-day-breakfast-tickets-681377808367?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

### IMPORTANT DATES

As we move to the latter weeks of Term 3 and approach Spring, I would like to confirm some important dates relating to Term 4 and the start of the school year in 2024 so that you can plan ahead as needed. Please see the calendar that is attached to this newsletter for additional important dates for the remainder of Term 3 and also Term 4.

Important dates	Event
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Public Holiday – Melbourne Cup
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	School closure day (student free)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Students last day of school 2023
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Students first day of school 2024

### ENROLMENTS 2024

With planning for the 2024 school year about to commence, I would ask families who are aware that they will not be returning to St. Thomas More Catholic Primary School next year, to promptly inform the school as we continue to receive frequent enquiries from families seeking enrolment positions for 2024.

## STUDENT INVOLVED LEARNING CONVERSATIONS (SILCS)

Student Involved Learning Conversations (SILCs) will take place **Monday 4th September** and **Tuesday 5th September**. The meetings will be of 12 minutes duration and will include the student, parents and teacher. You are invited to book your preferred time slot via the Parent Access Module (PAM). **Bookings are now open.**

## BASKETBALL

Congratulations to all the senior student who represented the school so well in the interschool basketball competition last Wednesday. A big thank you to Mr Ryan Gibbs who had been coaching the teams during lunch breaks.



## ATHLETICS

Well done to the 56 Years 3-6 students who competed in the Catholic Schools Athletics Carnival last Friday. The students participated really well and showed great sporting spirit throughout the entire day. There were some fantastic individual and team results achieved amongst our competitors. A number of the students will now compete at the Regional Athletics Day on **Tuesday 5th September** in individual and relay events.

Special congratulations to the following students who have qualified to compete at the next level of competition:

Marcus Brennan, Isaac Yates, Xavier Crowe, Buster Argall, Eva Bayles, Lucas Sheehan, Paddy Ashby, Olivia McConchie, Tom Power, Emily Pickles, Jordan Korosec, Freddie Tongue, Ben Preston, Tessa Morris and Lily Petrie.

Also, a big thank you to Mrs Willey for coordinating the student training and involvement on the day.





## BOOK WEEK PARADE

Book Week will be celebrated across the school from the **4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> September** (Week 9). This year the theme is *“Read Grow Inspire”*. Students are encouraged to use their imagination to dress up for our Book Week parade which will be held on **Friday, 8th September**.



## FOOTY COLOURS DAY

**Friday 15<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 in place of their school uniform. If your child does not have a favourite football team, they may wear their favourite colour.



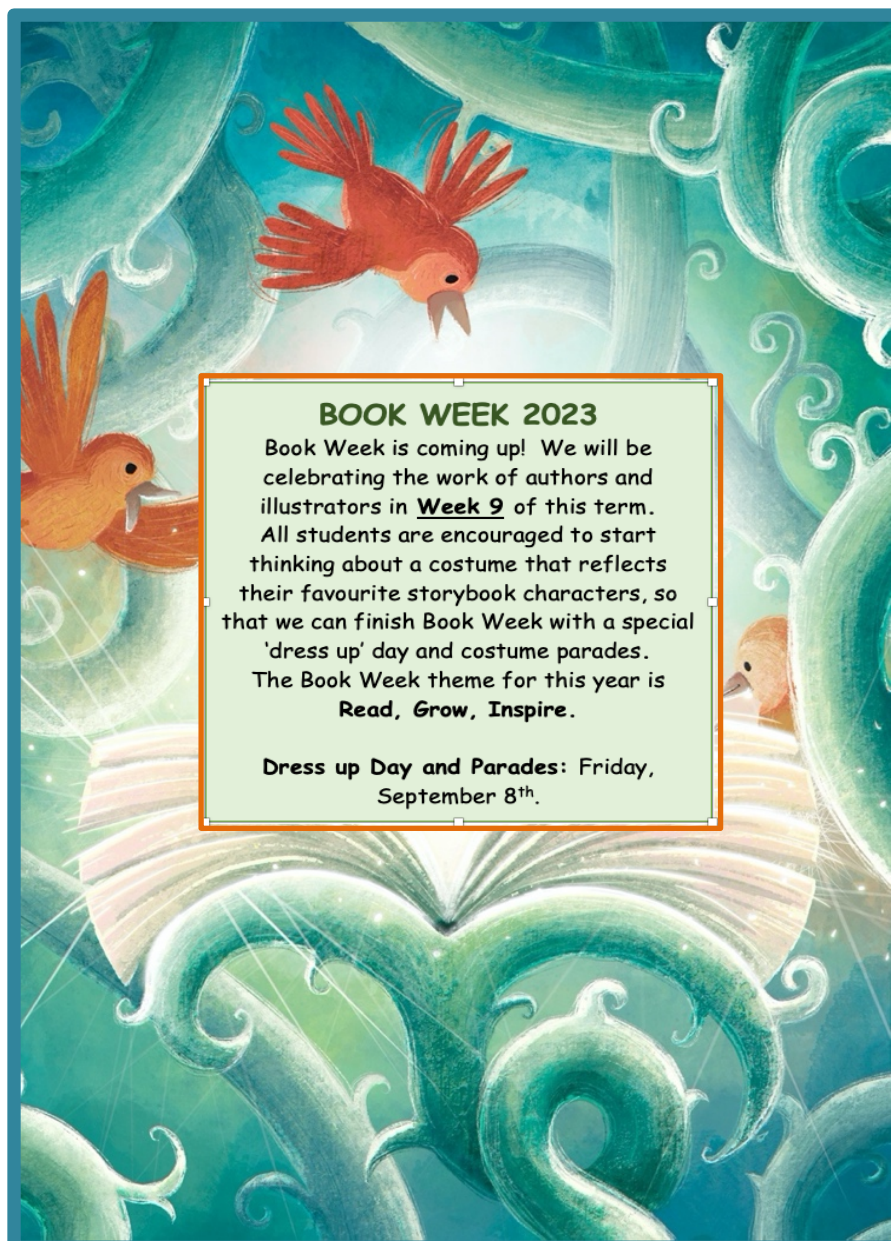
## CONGRATULATIONS

Natalie Ryan's calisthenics group, Iconic Calisthenics, came 2<sup>nd</sup> in their competition last weekend. Congratulations to Natalie and her team members.

May God bless you and keep you safe.

Mr. Simon Duffy,

Principal



## Term 3 Calendar, 2023

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 Aug/Sept	28 Yr. 5 visit to Loreto and St Pats	29	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  Student Involved Learning Conversations 2.45 – 6.45pm	5 Athletics - Eureka Div Student Involved Learning Conversations 2.45 – 6.45pm	6	7  Whole School Prayer led by Foundation Hobbs @ 3:05pm	8  Book Week Celebration and Costume 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

## Term 4 Calendar, 2023

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Oct	2	3	4	5 Whole School Prayer led by 3/4 Gannon	6 Athletics - GWR
2 Oct	9	10	11 Assembly presented by 1/2 Smith @ 3:05pm	12 Whole School Prayer led by 5/6 Calleija	13 Yr. 5/6 Golf - interschool
3 Oct	16	17	18	19 Whole School Prayer led by 3/4 Hawkes	20 Mission Day activities
4 Oct	23	24	25 Assembly presented by Foundation Keighrey @ 3:05pm	26 Whole School Prayer led by 1/2 Munro	27 World Teacher's Day
5 Nov	30 School Advisory Council meeting 5pm	31	1 Cricket - Eureka	2 Whole School Prayer led by 5/6 Dodd	3
6 Nov	6	7 Melbourne Cup Public Holiday	8 Assembly presented by 1/2 Woodhart @ 3:05pm	9	10 Remembrance Day Interschool sport day
7 Nov	13	14	15 Assembly presented by Specialists @ 3:05pm Foundation 2024 Transition 9:15 – 11am	16 Whole School Prayer  School Disco	17 School closure day Assessment and reporting
8 Nov	20	21	22 Assembly presented by 1/2 Turkenburg/Hoffmann @ 3:05pm Foundation 2024 Transition 9:15 – 11am	23	24
9 Nov/ Dec	27 Year 3/4 Camp	28 Year 3/4 Camp	29 Foundation 2024 Transition 9:15 – 1pm.	30 Whole School Prayer	1
10 Dec	4 Parent Helpers Thank you afternoon tea	5	6 Assembly presented by 3/4 Calleija @ 3:05pm Yr. 6 Adventure Park	7 Christmas Concert @ 5pm	8 S
11 Dec	11 Going up day – 2024 classes	12	13 Thanksgiving Mass and Yr. 6 Graduation 5pm	14 Whole School Prayer	15 Final fun day activity Finish 2.30pm Student's last day



## COMMUNITY NOTICES AND EVENTS




**Applications for enrolment in Year 7, 2025 are now open.**  
Visit [www.stpats.vic.edu.au/prospective-families/apply-now](http://www.stpats.vic.edu.au/prospective-families/apply-now)

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**I AM LORETO**

**YEAR 7 2025  
PARENT  
INFORMATION  
EVENING**  
TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER



**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](http://damascus.vic.edu.au)  
2025 Enrolments close Fri 2 Feb 2024

QUERIES: CALL DOM 0417 967 621

**KELLY SPORTS** **WILD WINTER SPORTS!**

**ST THOMAS MORE PS**

**AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS PROGRAMS**  
MONDAYS: GYMNASTICS & CIRCUS 3:30PM-5PM  
WEDNESDAYS: MULTI-SPORTS 3:30PM-4:30PM  
(AFL, SOCCER, BASEBALL, BASKETBALL & BADMINTON)

**SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE**

**FOR THE LOVE OF SPORT 25 YEARS**

SIGN UP FOR THE LAST FEW WEEKS OF TERM & ONLY PAY FOR THE REMAINING SESSIONS

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Queries: Call Dom 0417 967 621

**KELLY SPORTS** **SPRING**

**HOLIDAY PROGRAM**  
Mon 18th Sept - Thur 28th Sept  
\*No session Fri 29th Sept due to AFL GF PH

**JOIN US!**  
For a fun-filled Holiday Program!  
EASTWOOD LEISURE CENTRE BALLARAT  
8am-5pm Weekdays  
Kinder to Grade 6  
\$60 per child per day

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