



## NEWSLETTER

Dear Families,

The school was a buzz with excitement last week with lots of fun Book Week activities depicting the theme of "Read, Grow, Inspire". A very special thanks to Mrs Renee Price for making the Book Week activities so engaging and interactive; they certainly brought the books to life for the students.



### FOOTY COLOURS DAY

A reminder that **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September** is our Footy Colours Day. On this day students may wear their favourite sports team colours instead of their school uniform. If your child does not have a favourite football team, they may wear their favourite sport or favourite colour.



### CLASS GROUPINGS FOR 2024

Early next term our classroom teachers will begin to look at possible groupings for classes for next year. If you have any concerns relating to your child, that are of a significant nature, please forward these requests to me by email no later than **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023** at [principal@stmalfredton.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@stmalfredton.catholic.edu.au). Please understand that this is the only process to follow if you would like the consideration addressed properly. With planning for the 2024 school year now gathering momentum, I would also 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.

### IMPORTANT DATES

As we move into our final term, I want to confirm some important dates for our school community so that you can plan ahead as needed. See the attached calendar for more important dates.

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

## ATHLETICS

Congratulations to the following students who placed highly in the Eureka Athletics competition that was held last Tuesday at Llanberris Athletics Reserve. The following students will now progress onto the Greater Western Region (GWR) Athletics Competition that is to be held on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October**.

*Olivia McConchie*: 1<sup>st</sup> 9/10yo Girls 1500m

*Paddy Ashby*: 1<sup>st</sup> 9/10yo Boys 100m, 4<sup>th</sup> 800m

*Isaac Yates*: 4<sup>th</sup> 9/10yo Boys Discus

*Marcus Brennan*: 2<sup>nd</sup> 9/10yo Boys Shot put

*Emily Pickles*: 2<sup>nd</sup> 11yo Girls 1500m, 3<sup>rd</sup> 100m, 1<sup>st</sup> Girls relay team

*Tessa Morris*: 1<sup>st</sup> 11yo Girls relay team

*Eva Bayles*: 1<sup>st</sup> 11yo Girls Long Jump, 3<sup>rd</sup> 200m, 1<sup>st</sup> Girls relay team

*Lily Petrie*: 3<sup>rd</sup> Long Jump, 1<sup>st</sup> Girls relay team

*Buster Argall*: 1<sup>st</sup> 11yo Boys Long Jump, 2<sup>nd</sup> 200m, 1<sup>st</sup> Boys relay team

*Ben Preston*: 1<sup>st</sup> 11yo Boys relay team

*Freddie Tongue*: 1<sup>st</sup> 11yo Boys relay team

*Jordan Korosec*: 4<sup>th</sup> 12/13yo Boys 1500m

*Xavier Crowe*: 1<sup>st</sup> 12/13yo Boys Discus

*Lucas Sheehan*: 1<sup>st</sup> 12/13yo Boys Long Jump

\*Those students who came either 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> in their individual event/s progress to the regional (GWR) finals. The relay teams that came 1<sup>st</sup> have also qualified for GWR on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October.

## CHILD SAFETY

The Catholic Church in Australia marked last Sunday, 10th September, as Safeguarding Sunday; a day that focused on the protection of children and vulnerable people. At St Thomas More Catholic Primary School we have a Safeguarding Officer who oversees Child Safety at our school. Our Safeguarding Officer is Mrs Trish Caldwell. Trish is our school Deputy Principal and works alongside staff and students to ensure the school is a safe place for all. The school website has up-to-date information regarding Child Safety Standards which parents are encouraged to read.

## PARENTS AND FRIENDS

A big thank you to our fantastic Parent and Friends Association who, over the last fortnight, have arranged a number of wonderful events for the school community. The Father's Day stall provided over 500 lovely gifts, and our Father's Day breakfast catered for over 500 people. These events and the volunteers that ran them are a big part of what makes our school community so special.



May God bless you and keep you safe over the holidays.

*Simon Duffy*

Mr. Simon Duffy, Principal



# BOOK WEEK FUN 2023





## Term 3 Calendar, 2023

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10 Sept	11	12	13 Assembly presented by 3/4 Edwards @ 3:05pm	14 Whole School Prayer @ 3:05pm 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 @ 3:05pm led by 5/6 Calleija	6 Athletics - GWR
2 Oct	9 Year 1/2 Excursion to Ballarat Wildlife Park	10	11 Yr. 5/6 Golf - interschool Assembly presented by 1/2 Smith @ 3:05pm	12 Whole School Prayer @ 3:05pm led by 3/4 Hawkes	13
3 Oct	16	17	18	19 Whole School Prayer @ 3:05pm led by 3/4 Gannon Foundation & Yr 1/2 Late Stay back 3:45-6:15pm	20 Mission Day activities
4 Oct	23	24	25 Assembly presented by Foundation Keighrey @ 3:05pm	26 Whole School Prayer @ 3:05pm 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 @ 3:05pm led by 5/6 Dodd	3
6 Nov	6	7 Melbourne Cup Public Holiday	8 Assembly presented by 1/2 Woodhart @ 3:05pm	9 Whole School Prayer @ 3:05pm led by 1/2 Stacey	10 Remembrance Day Yr. 5/6 Interschool sport day
7 Nov	13 Year 1/2 Excursion to Anakie Fairy Park	14	15 Assembly presented by Specialists @ 3:05pm Foundation 2024 Transition 9:15 – 11am	16 Whole School Prayer @ 3:05pm led by 3/4 Edwards  School Disco 5 - 8:30pm	17 School closure day - Assessment and Reporting
8 Nov	20	21	22 Assembly presented by 1/2Turkenburg/Hoffmann @ 3:05pm Foundation 2024 Transition 9:15 – 11am	23 Whole School Prayer @ 3:05pm led by 1/2 Smith	24
9 Nov/ Dec	27 Year 3/4 Camp	28 Year 3/4 Camp Yr 6 St Pat's, Loreto & Damascus Orientation Day	29 Foundation 2024 Transition 9:15 – 1pm.	30 Whole School Prayer @ 3:05pm led by 5/6 Baker/Larkin	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
11 Dec	11 Going-up session – 2024 classes Whole School Prayer @ 2:45pm led by Foundation classes Student Reports available	12	13 Thanksgiving Mass and Yr. 6 Graduation 5pm @ St Patrick's Cathedral	14 Yr 6 Slideshow and Graduation Song	15 Student's last day Final fun day activity at Victoria Park End of Term 4 Dismissal 2.30pm

## COMMUNITY NOTICES



**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

### FREE FOOTY FESTIVAL

The Western Bulldogs Ballarat, in conjunction with Power FM and AFL Goldfields, are providing a “**Free Footy Festival**” during the upcoming school holidays on **TUESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER** at City Oval, 1431 Mair Street, Ballarat, in the lead up to the AFL Grand Final.

There will be lots of FREE activities and games as well as giveaways and competitions with prizes to be won including 'best dressed.' Footy inflatables, handball targets, footy activities, mini-games, plus colouring station and garden games. Come meet the official mascots of the Western Bulldog 'Caesar' & 'Sunny' and appearances from AFL and AFLW players! Food Vans and Drinks will also be available.

**All children 4-12 years MUST register their participation to attend** (maximum of 275 participants per session). Sensory session also available. Register below now, so you don't miss out!

<https://www.powerfmballarat.com.au/win/free-footy-festival/>

See the poster below for additional information.





FREE ACTIVITIES  
GAMES • GIVEAWAYS • PRIZES  
BEST DRESSED • LOCAL FOOD & DRINK VANS

**TUES 26 SEPT**

WESTERN  
BULLDOGS



# FREE FOOTY FESTIVAL

Register NOW!

SESSION 1: SENSORY: 9AM - 10AM  
SESSION 2: 10.30AM - 1PM  
SESSION 3: 1.20PM - 4PM

Meet the Mascots  
**CAESAR + SUNNY** *Plus appearances by*  
**AFL + AFLW PLAYERS**  
*CHILDREN AGED 4-12 MUST REGISTER THEIR PARTICIPATION*

**POWER FM BROADCASTING LIVE**  
**CITY OVAL 1431 MAIR STREET**  
**10AM - 2PM**

FOOTY INFLATABLES  
HANDBALL TARGETS • COMPETITIONS  
PLUS MORE!



HEAD TO [POWERFM.BALLARAT.COM.AU](http://POWERFM.BALLARAT.COM.AU)  
TO REGISTER NOW SO YOU DON'T MISS OUT!



**BUNINYONG**  
LITTLE ATHLETICS

**WE ARE WELCOMING**  
*Give athletics a go!*

Do you love to run,  
jump and throw?

Do you love having fun  
and spending time  
with family and friends  
and achieving your  
personal best?

Why not give  
athletics a go?

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[lavic.com.au](http://lavic.com.au)



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PLAY TOGETHER**



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**AGES 5-10**

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including  
catches,  
throwing through  
fun game-based  
activities

8 weeks total  
Nov 4<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>  
Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>

**JUNIOR CRICKET 1**

**UNDER 11  
BOYS AND  
GIRLS**

Beginner stage.  
Ideal for girls  
and boys who  
have never  
played before.  
Noncompetitive  
format

7 players  
20 overs  
Mon train &  
Fri night  
game

**JUNIOR CRICKET 2**

**UNDER  
13 &  
UNDER  
14 GIRLS**

Entering more  
competitive  
format with hard  
ball, scoring &  
ladder

9 players  
20 overs  
13s train Thur  
14s train Tues  
night game  
Fri

**JUNIOR CRICKET 3**

**UNDER  
15**

Longer format.  
Game split over  
2 weeks.  
Competitive  
format.

11 players  
50 overs split  
Tue train &  
Sat morning  
game

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