



NEWSLETTER

Dear Families,

Earlier this week we joined in the national commemoration of *Remembrance Day* with a special whole school prayer service that was led by the students from 5/6 Dodd class. We remembered that this year marks the 106th anniversary of the Armistice, which ended the First World War in 1918.



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Left We Forget

A PRAYER FOR REMEMBRANCE

Ever-loving God,

We remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; May the 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.

COLOUR EXPLOSION

A big thank you to the Parents and Friends committee for organising the fantastic Colour Explosion event last Friday. Lots of fun was had by all involved. The fundraising amount has allowed for the purchase of new furniture for the ICT and STEM classrooms.



GREATER WESTERN REGIONAL BASKETBALL WINNERS

St Thomas More had eight boys represent our school on Thursday 31st October for the Greater Western Regional (GWR) basketball championships. The boys worked hard as a team and came out on top, winning the championship. We wish Buster Argall, Paddy Ashby, Marcus Brennan, Ernie Cheesman, Zac Collard, Will Piatkov, Tom Power and Freddie Tongue the best of luck as they travel to Melbourne to compete at state level on Monday 18th November.



FOUNDATION STUDENTS IN 2025

Today we welcomed the newest members of our school community: our 2025 Foundations students, who had their first of their three orientation sessions. These sessions, over three 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 all the new students and families to our school.

SCHOOL FEE AGREEMENT 2025

Families have received their 2025 School Fee Arrangement Form to be completed. This form is a compulsory requirement for all families/fee payers and is to be signed by all parties responsible for fee payments regardless of how you intend to finalise your account for 2025. All forms must be returned via email to feeamreements@stmalfredton.catholic.edu.au no later than **Friday 22nd November**.

CLASS GROUPINGS AND STRUCTURE FOR 2025

Teachers are currently in the process of creating class groupings for 2025. In doing this, individual student's academic, social and emotional characteristics are considered to inform where each child is best placed. School is a place where children 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. It is important at this young age that they experience many varied friendships and children of different learning abilities to their own. Students will have a "Going-Up Session" on **Monday 16th December** where they will meet their 2025 teacher and classmates.

We will have the following class structure in 2025:

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

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT SCHOOL

Our Parents & Friends group are in the process of organising our school Christmas Carols for **Thursday 12th December**, starting at **5pm**. This will take place on the school oval and all students will be involved in performing various Christmas carols. This is a free event where families are invited to bring along their dinner and a rug or chairs to sit on. More details to come.



THANKSGIVING MASS AND YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Our Thanksgiving Mass will be held on **Monday 16th December** at **9.15am** at St Thomas More Catholic Primary School, 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 2024. The Year 6 parents have organised a special Year 6 Graduation Dinner to be held at the Ballarat Golf Club later that day. Further details about the dinner will be provided to Year 6 families in coming weeks from the Year 6 Parent Group who are organising this event.

School TV: Update:

[SCHOOL TRANSITIONS](#)

'Whether it is starting school for the first time, moving up to a higher grade or embarking on a journey through secondary school, there is no doubt that any school transition is a very exciting time for children and parents. It means that the children are growing up!

However, for many it may also be a very anxious and stressful time for both parents and children. Parents need to be aware of their child's feelings during any school transition and minimise anxiety, so the process is an enjoyable experience for all. It is important for children to attend transition or orientation programs offered by schools. Familiarisation is often key to reducing stress levels. It is also important for parents to talk to their children about their expectations and being more responsible for their own needs.' (School TV, 2024)



May God bless you all and keep you safe.



Mr. Simon Duffy,
Principal

Term 4 Calendar, 2024

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 Nov	11 <i>Remembrance Day</i> <i>Whole School Prayer</i> <i>led by 5/6 Dodd</i> <i>@ 2.55pm</i> <i>School Advisory Council</i> <i>Meeting 5pm</i>	12	13 <i>Foundation 2025</i> <i>Transition 9.15 – 11am</i>	14	15 <i>Year 5/6 Interschool</i> <i>Sports Day with</i> <i>Emmaus Primary</i> <i>School</i>
7 Nov	18	19	20 <i>Foundation 2025</i> <i>Transition 9.15 – 11am</i>	21 <i>Assembly presented by</i> <i>1/2 Smith @2.55pm</i>	22
8 Nov	25	26	27 <i>Foundation 2025</i> <i>Transition 9.15 – 1pm.</i> <i>Yrs 5/6 Excursion to St</i> <i>Patrick's College The</i> <i>Lion King Jr performance</i> <i>11:00-1:15pm</i>	28 <i>Assembly presented by</i> <i>5/6 Gittings/Hoyle</i> <i>@2.55pm</i>	29
9 Nov/ Dec	2	3 <i>Transition day for Year 6</i> <i>students attending</i> <i>Loreto, St Patrick's</i> <i>College and Damascus in</i> <i>2025</i>	4 <i>Yr. 6 Adventure Park</i> <i>Excursion</i>	5 <i>Assembly presented by</i> <i>3/4 Hawkes /</i> <i>Blachon@2.55pm</i>	6 <i>Years 3/4 Excursion</i>
10 Dec	9 <i>Parent classroom</i> <i>helpers Thank You</i> <i>Afternoon Tea</i>	10 <i>Transition day for Year 6</i> <i>students attending</i> <i>Ballarat High School in</i> <i>2025</i>	11 <i>Nativity play Whole</i> <i>School Prayer led by</i> <i>Foundation students @</i> <i>2.30pm</i>	12 <i>P and F Christmas Carols</i> <i>5pm at</i> <i>St Thomas More School</i>	13
11 Dec	16 <i>Thanksgiving Mass @</i> <i>9:15am</i> <i>Going-up Session for</i> <i>2025</i> <i>STUDENT REPORTS</i> <i>AVAILABLE from 2:00pm</i> <i>Yr. 6 Graduation dinner</i> <i>6:00 – 9:30pm</i>	17	18 <i>Student's last day</i> <i>Final fun day activity at</i> <i>Victoria Park</i> <i>Finish 1.45pm</i>	19 <i>School holidays</i>	20 <i>School holidays</i>



HOLIDAY SQUAD

🌻 WHAT WE PROVIDE

- 2 day camp
- Snacks and lunch both days
- Giant inflatables
- 1st Aid accredited staff
- Lots of fun!

🌻 WHAT TO BRING

- Sunscreen
- Water bottle
- Warm clothes
- Shin pads / Football boots / Runners
- Any medical requirements

🌻 DATES

MORSHEAD PARK
THURSDAY 19TH
FRIDAY 20TH
DECEMBER 2024

🌻 COST

\$230
Single day and half
day options, please
enquire

🌻 BOOKINGS

To book your
camp, scan
the QR Code
or visit our
website.



www.westernvicfootball.com

