



St Thomas More Catholic Primary School

With God First, We will Live, Learn & Thrive

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

What a wonderful community event our "Special Person's Day" was last week! We had over 750 parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, siblings, friends and neighbours of our school community join us for the celebration. The day was a truly great opportunity to celebrate *Catholic Education Week* with the theme of: "*May the God of Hope fill you with Joy and Peace.*" (Romans 15:13) The day highlighted the enormously important role that so many "special" people play in moulding and educating our young people. I would like to thank all the special people who were able to attend and join us for lunch, classroom activities and prayer.



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ADMINISTRATION, SOCIAL WORKER and MAINTENANCE APPRECIATION DAY



Yesterday we celebrated Administration, Social Worker and Maintenance Staff Appreciation Day, where we recognised and gave thanks to our fabulous staff who work in the front office, supporting student /family wellbeing, and caring for our school grounds. We are very fortunate and blessed to have Tina, Phil, Fran, Liv and Renee who are such dedicated and hardworking staff members. Each day each of these five staff members contribute enormously towards presenting a welcoming and safe school environment where all can live, learn and thrive.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

As a school community we acknowledge and celebrate National Reconciliation Week. The theme this year is "Bridging Now to Next," which reflects the ongoing connection between past, present and future. The students are learning that it is a time for all Australians to share histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation. This link will take you to further information about Nation Reconciliation Week:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YWXYgLR_SaU



INFORM AND EMPOWER

We are thrilled to announce that on **Wednesday 2nd July at 6.30pm till 8pm** we will be running a parent information session about "Raising Kids in a Digital World". We are very fortunate to secure the founders of the **Inform and Empower** company to facilitate this session. This is a unique session in which you will hear from both the expertise of an experienced primary school cyber safety educator (Marty) combined with the insights of a psychologist and mum (Carley). We strongly encourage at least one member of each family to attend. If required, staff will provide supervision for children so that parents can attend.

To register your attendance please click the <https://bit.ly/StThomasMoreAlfredton>

Below is a short video summary of what the session will be about.

<https://vimeo.com/1034366431?share=copy#t=0>



GREATER WESTERN CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Well done to the six students who represented St Thomas More Catholic Primary School at the Regional Cross-Country Championships held in Warrnambool on Monday. They all performed extremely well in their respective 2km and 3km age category events, with special congratulations to Olivia McConchie who finished 1st which has now qualified her to compete at Victorian state level in Melbourne, early Term 3.



CATHOLIC EDUCATION BALLARAT OFFERS FEE RELIEF TO FAMILIES IMPACTED BY DROUGHT

As parts of Victoria endure one of the most severe droughts in decades, Catholic Education Ballarat is reaffirming its commitment to supporting families facing financial hardship by offering school fee relief across its 57 schools in the diocese. Executive Director Tom Sexton emphasised the organisation's dedication to ensuring that every child has access to a quality, faith-based education, regardless of their family's financial circumstances. "The ongoing drought has placed immense pressure on many families in our communities," Mr. Sexton said. "We understand the challenges faced by those in agricultural sectors and related industries, and we are here to support them during this difficult time."

Families experiencing financial hardship due to the drought are encouraged to confidentially discuss their situation with myself. Catholic Education Ballarat offers various support mechanisms, including the Family Fee Assistance Scheme, which provides reduced fees for eligible families. "Our schools are more than just educational institutions; they are communities that stand together in times of need," Mr. Sexton added. "We urge any family facing difficulties to reach out so we can work together to find a solution." Catholic Education Ballarat remains committed to its mission of providing accessible education and supporting the wellbeing of its students and their families, especially during challenging times.

School TV: Update Week 6, 2025: RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

Here is the link to: [Respectful Relationships](#)

Initiating conversations about respectful relationships with children is crucial for their emotional and social development. By addressing topics like kindness, empathy, and communication, parents create a foundation for healthy interactions. These discussions promote awareness of boundaries, consent, and mutual understanding, fostering a safe environment where children can thrive. Teaching respect from an early age equips kids with essential skills to navigate friendships and romantic relationships, building a future based on empathy and equality. Open dialogues about respect empowers children to recognise and value their own feelings and those of others, cultivating a positive and harmonious approach to all relationships.' (School TV, 2025)



May God bless you all and keep you safe,



Mr Simon Duffy
Principal

Term 2 Calendar

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 May	26 <i>Catholic Education Week</i> <i>Greater Western Region Cross Country Championships</i>	27	28 <i>Year 5/6 interschool Soccer</i>	29	30 <i>Year 3/4 Mass 9.15am at STMCPs</i>
7 May/June	2	3	4 <i>Year 1/2 Excursion to Fairy Park</i>	5 <i>Whole School Prayer @ 2:55pm led by 5/6 Dodd</i>	6 <i>Year 5/6 Interschool - Netball</i>
8 June	9 <i>King's Birthday Public Holiday</i>	10 <i>Year 5/6 Camp</i>	11 <i>Year 5/6 Camp</i>	12 <i>Assembly @ 2:55pm presented by Foundation Cudia</i>	13 <i>Yr 5/6 Interschool Sport against Emmaus PS</i>
9 June	16	17	18 <i>Greater Western Region Soccer Competition</i>	19	20 <i>Mass celebrating St Thomas More Feast Day @ 9.15am and Talent Show @ 12.30pm</i> <i>Greater Western Region Netball Competition</i>
10 June	23	24	25 <i>Greater Western Region Football Competition</i>	26 <i>Assembly @ 2:55pm presented by 1/2 Harris</i>	27
11 June/July	30 <i>Fullness of Life Parent Information session @ 2:30pm</i>	1	2 <i>Semester One Student Reports available.</i> <i>Inform and Empower Parent Session @ 7:00pm</i>	3 <i>Whole School Prayer @ 2:55pm led by Foundation Gannon</i>	4 <i>Casual Clothes Day</i> <i>Last Day of Term 2 1.45pm finish</i>