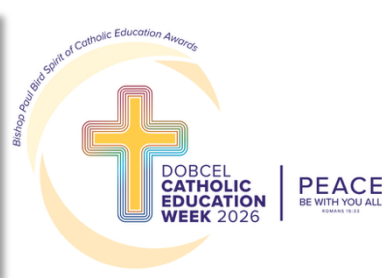


# NEWSLETTER

Dear Families,

What a wonderful community event our “Special Person’s Day” was last week! We had over 750 parents, grandparents, uncles, aunties, 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: “Peace be with you all” from Romans 15:33. 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.



A friendly reminder that this coming **Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> June**, is a school closure day (student-free day) to allow staff to undertake professional development and training focusing on student Mental Health.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO DYMPNA TURNER – AWARD WINNER

The St Thomas More School community extends its heartfelt congratulations to Dympna Turner on being awarded the **2026 Spirit of Catholic Education Award for Catholic Identity**. We are thrilled that Dympna has been recognised for the outstanding contribution she makes to our school community each and every day. Through her dedication, faith, and leadership, Dympna brings the Catholic identity of our school to life, inspiring students, staff and families alike. This award is a well-deserved acknowledgment of her commitment and passion. Dympna, thank you for all that you do for our community. Congratulations from the entire St Thomas More School community.



## SCHOOL PRODUCTION

A reminder for families that our school production “St Thomas More Goes to Broadway” is only 2 weeks away. The event is on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm at Civic Hall. Below is important information to support your child’s involvement in this special event:

### Rehearsals

On the day of the production, all classes will visit the Civic Hall for their rehearsal. Details regarding this excursion have been shared PAM portal for consent and approval. Students will travel to and from the Civic Hall by bus with their classroom teachers and classmates.

### Pre-ordering tickets

Due to the large number of families at our school (297 families) and the capacity of the venue (620 seats for parents) each family will be able to pre order a maximum of two tickets. These tickets will be able to be collected and paid for from Tuesday 9th June onwards. The cost of each ticket is \$33.50. All tickets must be pre-ordered. To pre-order your ticket/s please click this link <https://forms.gle/wak1KzT8s79ENTgE6> (Students in the production will not require a ticket). No tickets will be available at the door on the night.

### Pre-ordering a copy of the filming of the school production.

The school production is being professionally filmed by an external company. Parents are requested to not take pictures or videos during the show. The cost to purchase a copy of the filmed school production on USB is \$33. Pre-ordering of the USB is made at the same time as pre ordering tickets (see link above).

### Costumes

Students are required to wear basic black clothing as their base costume. This includes black school shoes or runners, black pants and a black t-shirt (short or long sleeve). Please avoid logos where possible. A coloured costume piece will be provided by the classroom teacher upon arrival on the night.

### Makeup and Hair

There are no makeup requirements for students. Hair should be neat and presented to the same standard as school photo day.

### Food and Drink

No food or drink is required to be brought by students to the venue. Water will be provided to the students.

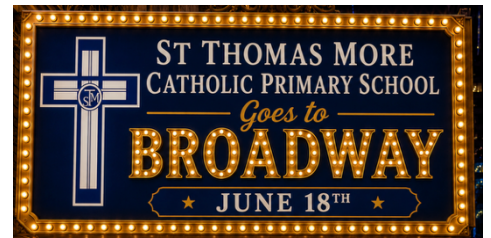
### Evening Drop-Off Procedures

On the night of the production students are to be dropped off at 5:15pm via the side entrance to Civic Hall (Doveton Street entrance near the Ballarat Library). This will operate as a drop-off zone only, with students exiting vehicles promptly and independently. Staff will be present to greet, sign in, and supervise students for the duration of the event.

### Pick up procedure

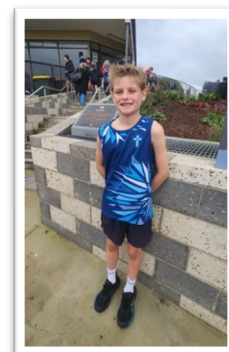
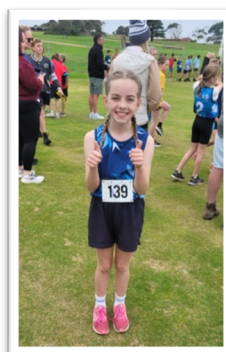
At the conclusion of the evening, approximately 7.30pm, students are to be collected from the same side entrance on Doveton Street. Students must notify their teacher before departing with their parents or guardians.

We thank you for your ongoing support and enthusiasm as we prepare for our whole school production. This event is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the talents and creativity of our students.



## GREATER WESTERN CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Well done to the seven students who represented our school at the Regional Cross-Country Championships held in Warrnambool last week. They all performed extremely well in their respective 2km and 3km age category events.



## INTER-SCHOOL WINTER SPORTS COMPETITIONS – SOCCER

Congratulations to our senior students who recently represented the school so well in soccer. Our teams positively encouraged each other and showed excellent sporting spirit throughout the day. Special thanks to Amanda Bray who coached the Girls team who were undefeated for the whole day and, as a result, have progressed through to the Greater Western Region competition to be held on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June**.



## School TV: Update Week 7, 2026: 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 empower children to recognise and value their own feelings and those of others, cultivating a positive and harmonious approach to all relationships.’ (School TV, 2025)



**SchoolTV** is offering parents and caregivers a free online webinar presented by Dr Emma Woodward and Dr Joe Stammeijer. They share valuable insights into recognising early signs of concern and practical approaches to supporting the wellbeing of young people.

WEBINAR: Understanding Anxiety and Depression to Foster Resilience

DATE: Wednesday, 10 June 2026

TIME: 7:30 pm

Topics in this session will include:

- Staying Calm and Connected
- Building Daily Routines
- Meeting the Needs of Neurodivergent Learners

<https://stmalfredton.catholic.schooltv.me/print/pdf/node/22851>



A FREE WEBINAR

**Understanding Anxiety and Depression to Foster Resilience**

PART 2

Supporting Primary & Secondary students

This webinar is Part II of a series.

In this session, topics include:

- Staying Calm and Connected
- Building Daily Routines
- Meeting the Needs of Neurodivergent Learners

Online, Wednesday  
10 June, 2026  
7:30 pm

**Dr Emma Woodward**  
Emma is recognised for her work as a child developmental and ELDs (emotional, behavioural, and social) presenter, trainer and facilitator. She is also a regular SchoolTV presenter.

**Dr Joe Stammeijer**  
A specialist in forensic psychology and a lecturer in medical education focusing on innovative practice and professional leadership. Joe is also a contributor to SchoolTV.

Don't miss out. FREE event. Scan to register.



## OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNITY

Please find below the link for the April 2026 edition of "Our Diocesan Community. This magazine continues to share the good news stories of our schools, parishes and agencies across the diocese.

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/ODC-April-2026-web.pdf>

## LOST PROPERTY – SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

Our lost property cupboard is overflowing with misplaced uniform items. If your child/ren are missing items, it would be advisable to come and check out the collection that has accumulated in Lost Property.

## FOUND PROPERTY – CAR KEYS

A set of car keys was handed in to the school office following our Junior Sports Day. The keys were found near a seat in the yard. They are at the office for identification and collection.

## SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS IN 2026 (STUDENT FREE)

Date	Purpose
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Mental Health staff professional development
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> July	Religious Education staff Professional Development
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	FLARE Literacy staff Professional Development
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Curriculum planning and reporting

May God bless you all and keep you safe,

Mr Simon Duffy  
Principal

## Term 2 Calendar, 2026

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7 May/June	1	2	3	4 <i>Assembly @ 2:55pm presented by 1/2 Turkenburg/Bourke</i>	5 School Closure Day Staff PD - Mental Health training day
8 June	8 <i>King's Birthday- Public Holiday</i>	9	10	11 <i>Whole School Prayer @ 2:55pm led by Foundation Gannon</i>	12 <b>Yr 5/6 Interschool Netball</b>
9 June	15 <i>Year 5/6 Excursion to Melbourne Museum and Imax. 9:00-4:15pm</i>	16	17	18 <i>Assembly @ 2:55pm presented by Foundation Edwards</i>  <i>School production 'St Thomas More Goes to Broadway' @6pm at Civic Hall</i>	19 <b>Yr 5/6 Interschool sport STM versing Emmaus</b>
10 June	22 <i>St Thomas More Feast Day Mass 9.15am</i>	23	24	25 <i>Assembly @ 2:55pm presented by 1/2 Hammill</i>	26 <i>Pyjama Day/Casual Clothes Day – Gold Coin Donation</i>  <i>Last day of Term 2 – 1:45pm dismissal</i>

# Term 3 Calendar, 2026

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 July	13	14	15	16 <i>Assembly @ 2:55pm presented by 5/6 Davis</i>	17
2 July	20	21 <i>Sacrament of Confirmation parent info session 9am at St Thomas More</i>	22	23 <i>Whole School Prayer @ 2:55pm led by 1/2 Stacey</i>	24
3 July	27	28	29	30 <i>Assembly @ 2:55pm presented by 1/2 Edmends</i>	31 <i>School closure day Staff Religious education Professional development day</i>
4 Aug	3	4 <i>Learning Support Officers Appreciation Day</i>	5	6 <i>Whole School Prayer @ 2:55pm led by 5/6 Dodd</i>	7 <i>Catholic School Athletics selected students</i>
5 Aug	10 <i>School Advisory council meeting 5pm</i>	11	12	13 <i>Assembly @ 2:55pm presented by 5/6 Smith</i>	14 <i>Yr 5/6 Interschool Basketball selected students</i>
<i>Swimming Program: 11:30-12:15pm Foundation Gannon &amp; 1/2 Hammill 12:15-1:00pm Foundation Edwards and 1/2 Stacey 1:00-1:45pm Foundation Cudia and 1/2 Turkenburg/Bourke</i>					
6 Aug	17	18	19	20 <i>Whole School Prayer @ 2:55pm led by 3/4 Gittings/Willey</i>	21 <i>Year 1/2 Mass 9.15am</i>
<i>Swimming Program: 11:30-12:15pm 1/2 Allan and 1/2 Edmends 12:15-1:00pm 3/4 Hawkes/DeBono and 5/6 Dodd 1:00-1:45pm 3/4 Martin and 5/6 Smith</i>					
7 Sept	24	25	26	27 <i>Assembly @ 2:55pm presented by Foundation Gannon</i>	28
<i>Swimming Program: 11:30-12:15pm 3/4 Calleija and 5/6 Baker 12:15-1:00pm 3/4 Woodhart and 5/6 Larkin 1:00-1:45pm 3/4 Gittings/Willey and 5/6 Davis</i>					
8 Sept	31 <i>Parent/ Teacher student learning conference 3.00 – 6.45pm</i>	1 <i>School Closure Day- Literacy staff professional development</i>	2 <i>Parent/ Teacher student learning conference 3.00 – 6.45pm</i>	3 <i>Father's Day stall  Whole School Prayer @ 2:45pm led by 3/4 classes</i>	4 <i>Yr 5/6 interschool sport Father's Day breakfast 7am – 8.30am</i>
9 Sept	7	8	9 <i>Eureka Athletics selected students</i>	10 <i>Assembly @ 2:55pm presented by 5/6 Baker</i>	11 <i>Book Week Parade 9am</i>
10 September	14	15	16	17 <i>Whole School Prayer @ 2:45pm led by Foundation Edwards</i>	18 <i>Last day of Term 3 -1.45pm dismissal</i>



## ALFREDTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

# OSHC

## Outside School Hours Care

Before & After School Care for Our School Community

We are excited to offer a safe, supportive and engaging environment where children can relax, play, connect with friends and take part in fun and enriching experiences before and after school.



### OUR PROGRAM TIMES



#### BEFORE SCHOOL CARE

6:30am – 8:45am  
\$30.00 per session

A calm start to the day with breakfast, games and activities to get ready for learning.



#### AFTER SCHOOL CARE

3:30pm – 6:30pm  
\$35.00 per session

A fun afternoon of play, learning experiences, outdoor time and time to relax with friends.

**Fruit and a snack will be provided each afternoon.**



### WHAT WE OFFER



Caring & qualified educators



Safe, inclusive & supportive environment



Fun & engaging activities



Healthy breakfast (BSC) and fruit & snack (ASC)



Strong partnerships with families and our school community



### FEES

Before School Care \$30.00 per session

After School Care \$35.00 per session

### HOURS OF OPERATION

School Days Only



### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Bookings are essential.
- Child Care Subsidy (CCS) is available.
- All staff hold current WWCC, First Aid, Anaphylaxis & Asthma training.



### VACATION CARE

VACATION CARE DETAILS TO COME!

More information about our vacation care program will be shared soon.

Please note: There will be no VAC for Term 2.



### ENROL HERE

Scan the QR code to enrol your child in OSHC today!



### HAVE QUESTIONS?

We're here to help!



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