



Dear Families,

This **Sunday, 13th September**, the Catholic Church in Australia marks this day as Safeguarding Sunday; a day that focuses 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 several 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 550 people. These events and the volunteers that ran them are a big part of what makes our school community so special.



STUDENT INVOLVED LEARNING CONVERSATIONS (SILCs)

Thank you to the families that were involved with Student Involved Learning Conversations, (SILCs) last week. We had over 420 meetings held last week. The event provided a great opportunity for the students to share and celebrate some of their achievements so far this term. Over tonight and tomorrow night Mrs Gittings will be holding SILCs for the students in 3/4 Gittings/Willey.

ENROLMENTS 2027

With planning for the 2027 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 2027.

BOOK WEEK PARADE

Book Week is being celebrated across our school this week. This year the theme is a "Symphony of Stories". Students are encouraged to use their imagination to dress up for our Book Week parade due to be held on **Friday, 11th September**. Parents are most welcome to join us at 9am in the Hall and Multipurpose Room for the parade. Across the week all classes will participate in a special Book Week activity hosted by Renee Price. The focus for the various year levels is as follows:

Foundation classes: The Magic Faraway Tree, **Year 1/2 classes:** The Wizard of Oz and **Years 3-6 classes:** The Mystery of the School Library



SchoolTV: R U OK? Day

R U OK? Day is an important reminder to check in with those around us and encourage open conversations about wellbeing. This Special Report provides practical guidance for parents and carers on talking with children about their feelings, recognising signs that they may be struggling and creating supportive environments where children feel safe to share. We encourage families to take some time to explore the resources and ask the important question: "Are you OK?"

[Read the Special Report: R U OK? Day](#)



FOOTY COLOURS DAY

Next **Friday 18th September** (last day of Term 3) is our Footy Colours Day. On this day students may wear their favourite sports team colours. If your child does not have a favourite AFL football team, they may wear their favourite colour. There is no cost involved with this event.



JAPAN DAY

On **Wednesday 14th October** we will be celebrating our bi-annual Japan Day where students will have the opportunity to engage in traditional Japanese cultural activities. Students may dress up in something Japanese over their school uniform or simply add a touch of red and white to signify the Japanese flag.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Families are reminded that students must have a school hat to wear when outside during Terms 1 and 4. The wide-brimmed school hat is available for purchase from Noone, school uniform suppliers, located at 4 Armstrong St North, Ballarat Central. Please check that your child's hat is name labelled.



May God bless you all and keep you safe,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Simon Duffy".

Mr Simon Duffy
Principal

Term 3 Calendar, 2026

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9 Sept	7	8	9 Eureka Athletics for qualifying students	10 Assembly @ 2:55pm presented by 1/2 Edmends	11 Book Week Parade 9am
10 September	14	15	16	17 Whole School Prayer @ 2:55pm led by Foundation Edwards	18 Last day of Term 3 -1.45pm dismissal

Term 4 Calendar, 2026

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Oct	5 Term 4 commences	6	7	8	9
2 Oct	12	13	14 Japan Day	15 Whole School Prayer @ 2:55pm led by 3/4 Calleija	16 Yr 5/6 Interschool sport STMCPs & St Columba's
3 Oct	19	20	21	22 Assembly @ 2:55pm presented by 3/4 Woodhart	23 Mission Market Day
4 Oct	26 Year 3/4 Camp to Cave Hill Creek	27 Year 3/4 Camp to Cave Hill Creek	28	29 World Teacher's Day Whole School Prayer @ 2:55pm led by 1/2 Hammill	30 Foundation Excursion to MOPA
5 Nov	2 School closure day Assessment and reporting	3 Melbourne Cup Day Holiday	4	5 Assembly @ 2:55pm presented by Foundation Cudia	6 Yr 5/6 Interschool Cricket
6 Nov	9 SAC Meeting 5pm	10	11 Remembrance Day Foundation 2027 Transition Session #1 9.15 – 11am	12 Whole School Prayer @ 2:55pm led by 5/6 Larkin	13 Year 3/4 Mass 9.15am
7 Nov	16	17	18 Foundation 2027 Transition Session #2 9.15 – 11am	19 Assembly @ 2:55pm presented by 3/4 Martin	20
8 Nov	23	24	25 Foundation 2027 Transition Session #3 9.15 – 1pm	26 Whole School Prayer @ 2:55pm led by 1/2 Turkenburg/Bourke	27
9 Nov/ Dec	30	1 Catholic Secondary Schools Transition Day - Yr 6 to Yr 7 Going up day	2 Yr. 6 Adventure Park	3 Whole School Prayer @ 2:55pm led by 3/4 Hawkes/De Bono Christmas Carols 5pm – 7pm	4
10 Dec	7	8	9	10 Whole School Prayer @ 2:55pm led by 1/2 Allan	11 End of Year Mass and Yr 6 Graduation 9.15am
11 Dec	14	15 Nativity Whole School Prayer 2.30pm	16 Yr 6 Graduation dinner at Golf club 6pm	17 Last day of Term 4 Final Fun Day & Picnic at Vic Park Dismissal 1.45pm	18 Staff Day.



SUPER SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAM



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21 SEP - 2 OCT | 8AM - 5PM

BALLARAT NETBALL ASSOCIATION - 115 BARKLY ST - GOLDEN POINT - VIC 3350

KINDER - GRADE 6

WEEK ONE 21 SEP - 24 SEP



MON 21ST SOCCER CRAZY GAMES DODGEBALL



TUE 22ND BASKETBALL BADMINTON CRICKET



WED 23RD SUPER DUPER DANCE DAY!



THU 24TH FOOTY EXTRAVAGANZA! FREE HOT DRINK!



See you next week!

NOT RUNNING PUBLIC HOLIDAY

WEEK TWO 28 SEP - 2 OCT



MON 28TH NETBALL FRISBEE DODGEBALL



TUE 29TH SURVIOR DAY!



WED 30TH CRICKET TENNIS SOCCER



THU 1ST BASKETBALL CRAZY GAMES BADMINTON



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10 WEEK PROGRAMS
PREP TO GRADE 6

AFTER-SCHOOL PICK-UP:
Front of school at 4.20pm

MONDAYS

TUESDAYS

GYM AND CIRCUS

MULTI-SPORT

3:20PM - 4:20PM

3:20PM - 4:20PM

\$19 + GST PER SESSION

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BASKETBALL | BASEBALL | SOCCER | TENNIS | CRICKET

SIGN UP AT ANY TIME DURING THE TERM!



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SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAM

115 Barkly St - Golden Point - 3350

21 SEP - 2 OCT

BALLARAT NETBALL ASSOCIATION

8AM - 5PM

KINDER - GRADE 6

\$70 PER DAY



We're excited to be back for a fun-filled School Holiday program including lots of sports, awesome games & **MUCH MORE!**

SPECIAL EVENT DAYS

SUPER DUPER DANCE DAY - WED 23RD

FOOTY EXTRAVAGANZA - THUR 24TH
Added Incurtion Fee of \$25 for this day only

SURVIOR DAY - TUE 29TH

KELLY SPORTS GAMES - FRI 2ND

WHAT TO BRING?

Bring along appropriate clothing, jacket, or sweatshirt, hat, drink bottle, and food for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

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