



St Matthew's Catholic Primary School

Term 1, 25th February 2020. No 4

Parish Priest: Fr Florentino (Boy) Galdo

School Principal: Mr Bob Brown

Deputy Principal: Mrs Carmela D'Amato

RE Leader: Mrs Helen Howden

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Dear Students, Parents, Staff and Friends of St Matthew's,

Already we are into the 5th week of Term 1 and tomorrow marks the half way mark of this term which is only 9 weeks long. If yesterday is any indication of how fast a day can zip by, the term will be over before we know it. This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent which lasts for forty days leading up to Easter. Easter this year falls on the last weekend of the school holidays. Please join us at Mass this Wednesday at 10:30am, as we commence the Lenten season.

PARENT TEACHER CONVERSATIONS

As you know, last Wednesday we re-introduced our Parent/Teacher Conversations and they were highly successful. There was nearly 100% turn out of Parents which was extremely valuable to the Teachers. It was a great opportunity for both parties to meet each other and for the teachers to get to know their students even better at this early stage of the year. At the Dinner break the staffroom was a buzz with the teachers commenting on how great their conversations had been with their students' Parents.

A big thank you to all the Parents who attended and to all our Teachers who worked very late through to 7:45pm. It was an extremely valuable afternoon and evening where both parties had the opportunity to work in partnership in the education of your children/our students. Well done everyone!!!!

FAMILY ROOM

We invite you to come in, sit down, relax and have a cuppa before the gates are open at 3:15pm and before you pick your children up. If your toddlers are playing with the toys could you please make sure they are tidied up before you leave.

On Monday afternoon there were toys spread everywhere, half full coffee cups left on the bench and the furniture was in disarray. Parents this is your family room, please look after it as if it is your own.

START OF LENT:

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS THIS WEDNESDAY AT 10:30AM IN ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH. Parents and relatives are certainly most welcome to come and join our school community in celebrating the commencement of Lent.

NEW ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

The final touches are about to be put on our new Administration building this week. The last of the fencing was removed yesterday and the lettering **"ST MATTHEW'S PRIMARY SCHOOL"** will be put in place along the bottom of the Cladding each side of the corner facing William Street. You may notice that there are three panels missing and two panels damaged. These will be replaced once they arrive from Sydney in the coming weeks. We are looking forward to total completion and an Official Opening in the not too distant future. Stay tuned.

UNIFORM SHOP

The St Matthew's Uniform Shop is now open every Thursday 8:45am – 9:30am.

CANTEEN DAYS

CANTEEN IS NOW OPEN ON MONDAY, WEDNESDAY TO FRIDAY, Closed Tuesdays during Term 1.

OPEN DAYS AND SCHOOL TOURS

Enrolment time for 2021 will soon be upon us. If you know anyone who would like to come to our school next year, please let them know that we will be holding our open day and school tours on Tuesday 17th March at 9.15am OR 7pm and on Thursday 19th March at 7pm.

Enjoy the last official days of Summer. Autumn will be soon upon us.

Bob Brown - Principal.

Dates to Remember:

2020

February

Wednesday 26th: Ash Wednesday mass 10.30am. All families welcome

Friday 28th: Year 6 Round 2 Inter School Sports

Saturday 29th: Prep family welcome mass and BBQ, 5.30pm

March

Friday 6th: Year 6 Round 3 Inter School Sports

Year 3P Assembly. All welcome

Monday 9th: Public Holiday- no school

Friday 13th: Year 4 Level mass, 9.30am All welcome

Tuesday 17th: St Patrick's Day

School Tour for 2021 7pm

Wednesday 18th: Reconciliation Workshop

Thursday 19th: School Tour for 2021 9.15am

School Tour for 2021 7pm

Friday 20th: Year 2 level Mass, 9.30am. All families welcome.

Year 6 Inter School Sports Final

Market Fresh Incursion- Preps

National Day Against Bullying and Violence

Saturday 21st: Reconciliation Commitment Mass

Friday 27th: End of Term 1. Whole School Mass, 9.30am. All welcome

Saturday 28th: Family Fun Day (information sent out today)



LEARNING AT ST MATTHEW'S





LENT

fast . pray . give

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday and Lent

Shrove Tuesday comes from an old English translation which means “to confess” or “wash away” our sins. It is the day before Ash Wednesday the first day of Lent –a time that would end 40 days and 40 nights later on Easter Sunday. Many, many years ago it was important to use all the eggs, sugar, butter and dairy which were usually given up during Lent time. This is why making pancakes is the best as it uses all those ingredients with a little flour.

Lent is also the time when we make more of an effort to Pray, Fast and Giving. These three spiritual practices are very important during the Lenten season. We need to pray more during this time and make an effort to speak to God through Prayer. Fasting means going without or eating something you would like to eat a lot of. For example giving up chocolate! Giving means thinking about others and how we can help, can we add a gold coin to the Project Compassion box? Give clothing we no longer need to the poor? Or even give our time to those who need our help. What will you choose to do this Lent?

On **Ash Wednesday**, the very first day of Lent - we have a special mass – at 10.30am and the teachers this year will put a cross from blessed ashes (these are usually the palms that were used the previous year’s Palm Sunday) on our foreheads.

The cross that is made on our forehead helps us to remember that Jesus died on the cross for all of us and to remember our sins – what we truly feel sorry for.

SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2020

RECONCILIATION:

Workshop - Wednesday 7.00 pm 18th March 2020

Commitment Mass – Saturday 5.30 pm 21st March 2020

Sacrament of Reconciliation- Tuesday 7.00 pm 21st April 2020

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

Workshop – Wednesday 7.00 pm 6th May 2020

Commitment Mass – Saturday 5.30 pm 16th May 2020

Sacrament Holy Communion – 14th June 12.30pm & 3.00pm 2020

CONFIRMATION:

Commitment Mass – Saturday 5.30 pm 20th June 2020

Workshop – Tuesday 7.00 pm 21st July 2020

Sacrament of Confirmation Friday 6.00 pm 24th July 2020

Mrs Helen Howden

Religious Education Leader

Student Services/ Learning Diversity

Dear Parents,

If you have any new or additional information from paediatricians or psychologist in regards to your child could you please ensure that you send it through to the school office so that we are up to date with NCCD (National Consistent Collection of Data) that is required by the Government and by the Catholic Education Melbourne.

Also, if you have any student concerns or questions about the NCCD please contact Mrs Howden on 93595423 or by email hhowden@smfawknernth.catholic.edu.au

AUTISM CARERS SUPPORT GROUP

SUPPORT GROUP

**This Support Group meets on the
1st Thursday of the month
Time: 10am-12pm
Gold coin donation**

SPEAKERS FOR MARCH-JUNE

5 March - Robyn Gild Former Coordinator of Aspergers Victoria

Robyn is a mum of 4 (2 of which are on the Autism Spectrum and adults now). Robyn has been studying and working in the area of "Self-Regulation" focusing on the exciting work by Stuart Shanker <https://self-reg.ca/> which focusses on recognising when we are caught in a stress cycle and what we can do about to help ourselves and our children.

5 May - Max Williams - ICAN Network

Max is an adult on the Autism Spectrum and will share his own personal story along with insights regarding what sort of support from parents and carers can make a positive difference. He will also share about strategies to manage anxiety and self-doubt.

4 June - Lyndel Kennedy, Former President Aspergers Vic

Lyndel is an author, editor and mother of 3 including a son and daughter with Aspergers. Lyndel will share about her research findings and school management ideas around "How to best support children at Primary School"

**no meetings during school holidays or public holidays.
Tea and coffee provided. Feel free to bring a plate to share!**



SUSSEX NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE
at the Pascoe Vale Community Centre

Student Representative Council

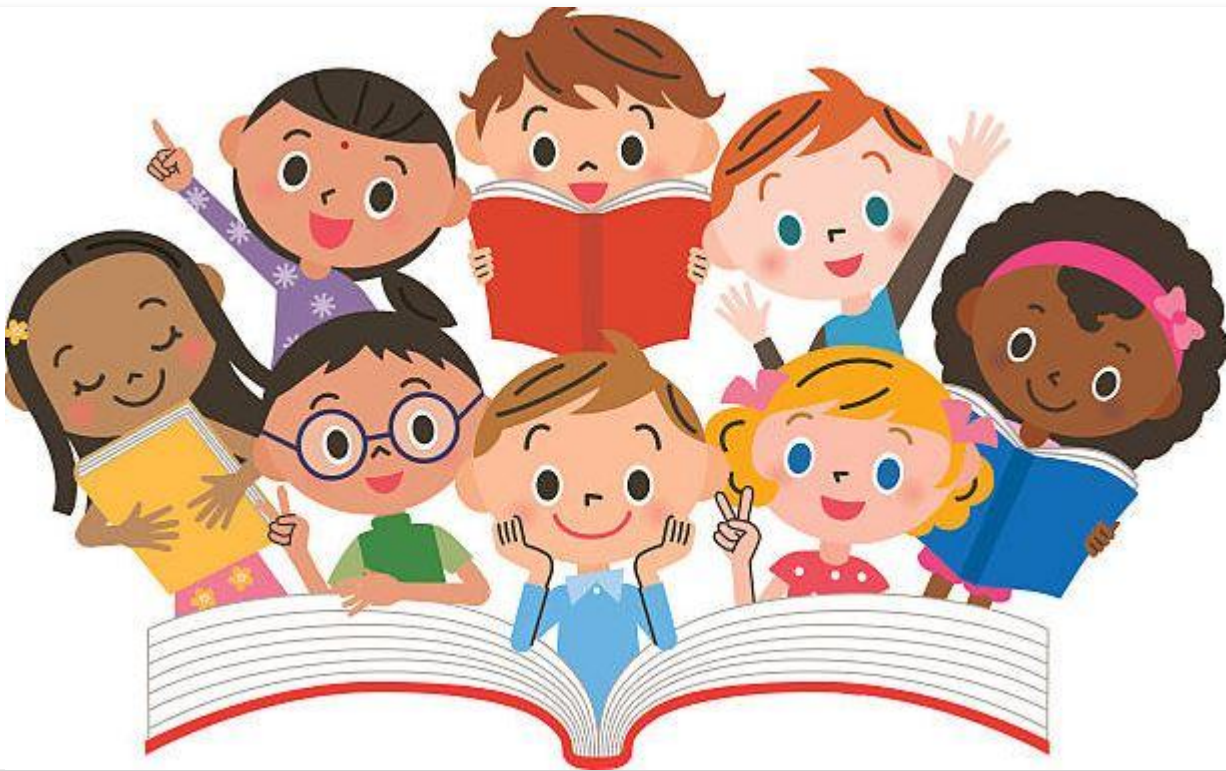


Last Friday our Student Representative Leaders were presented with their badges and were presented to our school community. They are very excited to lead our school in various activities. If you'd like to know more about our students, please go and read their profiles found outside the year 3/4 classrooms.

Congratulations once again to those students.

Mrs Torres

Wellbeing Leader



LITERACY

PARENT HELPERS FOR LITERACY NEEDED IN THE JUNIOR CLASSROOMS

What would I be committing to?

- Helping out in your child's classroom on a regular basis
- Attending one training session on *Friday, 13th March 9am-10am*
- Getting a 'Working with Children' check certificate

(All adults working in our school must have this. A form is available at the post office or online. Fill it in, send it off, then show the office staff and they will make a copy for our school records)

Please fill in and return the form sent out this week OR pop into my room in the Junior building and let me know if you can help.

We hope to hear from you!

Mrs Rina Carfi

Literacy Leader

VISUAL ARTS/WELLBEING

Last week we included some information about BULLYING and what it entails. At St Matthew's we take a zero tolerance to bullying and take it very seriously when students and parents come to us with concerns. The students at St Matthew's are working together to drive the message home: **MAKE A STAND TOGETHER. BULLYING NO WAY!** Have a look at the different signs going up around our school!

SAY NO TO BULLYING COLOURING COMPETITION.

Why not take part in the 2020 **Say No to Bullying Poster Competition** for primary school students. All entries must be given to Mrs Torres by Monday 23rd March.

The fantastic prizes available this year include:

- **National Winner** receives holiday accommodation on the NSW South Coast + a large Faber-Castell gift hamper + a Faber-Castell gift pack for their class
- **40 finalists** each receive a Faber-Castell gift pack
- **Schools with a 100% participation rate** go into a draw to receive Interrelates for FREE + a large Faber-Castell hamper
- **All schools who register** go into a draw for a large Faber-Castell hamper + a FREE webinar on a topic of your choice from Interrelates area of expertise (puberty, bullying, resilience, diversity, cyber safety etc.) Please click on the link to see further details or chat to Mrs Torres.

Mrs Torres

Wellbeing Leader

Take a stand together. Bullying, no way!





Say No To Bullying- Colouring competition

Take part in this fun activity and go into the draw to win some amazing prizes!

Download

MATHEMATICS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

ORIENTEERING PROGRAM

We are very excited to let you know that the Year 4, 5 and 6 students will be participating in orienteering sessions throughout the remainder of Term 1. Orienteering is part treasure hunt, part amazing race. It is as much a mental activity as a physical one. It can be conducted outdoors and indoors and it caters for all levels of fitness, for walkers as well as runners.

The program teaches students orienteering skills using a variety of active, fun and inclusive games. Some of the skills students will learn include reading maps, map symbols, orientating the map (cardinal points/NESW) and route choice. The program concludes with an orienteering line course around the school.

Orienteering is a fantastic way to give students skills in Mathematics and Physical Education as well as developing team building and problem solving.

Mrs Katrina White (Mathematics Leaders) and Mr Andrew Burrafato (Phys Ed Specialist)

A sample of orienteering



St Matthew's Catholic Primary School

Fawkner North - Orienteering Map

StarO	
Star Relay	
1	Post
2	Fence Corner
3	Post
4	Small tree
5	Small tree
6	Fence corner

7	Fence bend
8	Small tree
9	Small tree
10	Play House, West side
11	Small tree
12	Tree

Star Relay



LEGEND	
Paved Area / Car Park	[Symbol]
Path	[Symbol]
Synthetic Turf	[Symbol]
Open Area	[Symbol]
Sand	[Symbol]
Building	[Symbol]
Undercover Area	[Symbol]
Play equipment	[Symbol]
Tree Large / small	[Symbol]
Goalpost / Pillar	[Symbol]
Low Wall	[Symbol]
Impassable Wall	[Symbol]
Fence	[Symbol]
Uncrossable Fence	[Symbol]
Garden Bed	[Symbol]
Scattered Trees	[Symbol]
Seat / Table	[Symbol]
Taps	[Symbol]
Object	[Symbol]

ORIENTEERING VICTORIA
www.vicorienteering.asn.au



Scale 1 : 1000 1cm = 10m
0 10 20 30 40 50m

Map produced Feb 2020 by Rob Fell & Rob Edmonds

Our school Map!

MUSIC

Bill Hatfield finally breaks the world sailing record.

On Saturday morning at 10.10 am Bill Hatfield finally crossed the finish line at Southport on the Gold Coast breaking 2 world records. The oldest person to circumnavigate the globe and the first person in history to circumnavigate, westabout, non stop, unassisted in a boat less than 40 ft.

Students have been following his journey on his blog and wrote and recorded a song for Bill.

Mr Travers was lucky enough to see Bill cross the finish line at the Gold Coast on Saturday. Bill gave Mr Travers two souvenirs.

The first souvenir is a piece of sail rope from his now famous boat the L'Eau Commotion. The piece of rope has a special story as it was discovered only by accident while mending a torn sail that this section of rope which went through the mast head was fraying and if it broke, his main sail would have collapsed.

The second souvenir is a 'spoon' which is a piece of shiny metal with a hook on it which is dragged behind the boat to lure and catch fish.

This spoon hooked a big fish one day who was clever enough to snap off the hook and swim free.

Photos and a video to come in next weeks newsletter!

Mr Michael Travers

Music Specialist



Coffee and Chat afternoon

Dear Parents/Guardian,

We are very fortunate at St Matthew's to be able to have Learning Support Officers who can speak different languages and can support our Arabic speaking families. Bushra and Silvana will be available every Thursday in the family room from 2.30 to 3.30 to assist with translating any forms, newsletters etc. If you need forms filled in, they are able to assist in this as well. Otherwise come and enjoy a cup of coffee and meet other families within our school.



Seesaw App

St Matthew's is using Seesaw again this year!

Seesaw gives your child creative tools to capture and reflect on their learning in their own portfolio - in real-time. This work is then shared with you. Seesaw will give you a window into your child's learning process. We will be using Seesaw to reflect and grow in all areas across the curriculum. Our students are excited to use this tool in partnership with the great things our teachers do in their classrooms.

You can download Seesaw's Parent App for iOS, Android, or use the web to view your child's learning. When your child adds new work, you will receive a notification to see, hear and respond with a like and a positive comment to your child's learning item.

You only have access to your own child's work and all of the content is stored securely.

Please contact your child's teacher with any questions about Seesaw. With your help, we can continue building our school community of lifelong learners.

This link gives you an overview of Seesaw and how it can be used.

[SeeSaw- An Introduction for parents](#)

You will receive a handout soon with directions to download and sign up for your child's Seesaw journal.

How to download and sign up for Seesaw

Download and sign up!

iOS and Android Smartphones

1. Search for "Seesaw Parent Access" in the iTunes App Store or Google Play Store
2. Download the app and scan the QR Code in the handout sent home with your child
3. Create an account and allow notifications to start getting notified about new items



iOS App for
Parents

Android App for
Parents

Other Smartphones & Computers

1. Go to the link provided by the teacher in any web browser (email or handout)
2. Choose your child from the class list and create an account
3. After you've been approved by your child's teacher, you'll get access to their journal

Parent Website

Parent Web Portal
app.seesaw.me



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FAMILY FUN DAY

St Matthew's P&F are having a Family Fun Day on **Saturday, the 28th of March** so save the date now parents. It's going to be a fantastic day. Come along and support our school.

Pre order forms for the unlimited ride access wristbands are available now for \$30 each.

All profits will be going to purchase new shade-sales above the seating area near the canteen.

Please be reminded that our next P&F meeting will be held on the 5th of March just after drop off. All welcome to attend, children are also welcome!

Once again THANK YOU to our sponsors ***Nelson Alexander*** for their generous donation towards our event! And to *Display Lab* and the ***Enviro Print Group*** for their printing of flyers, posters and signage for the school.

FAMILY FUN DAY



Family Fun Day!

Saturday

28th March 2020

11am - 4pm

**95 William Street
Fawkner**

**INFLATABLE
FUN**

**MARKET
STALLS**

**MUSIC
AND
GAMES**

**FOOD
TRUCKS**

**CARNIVAL
RIDES**

**ANIMAL
FARM**

SHOWBAGS

**LOTS MORE
ACTIVITIES
FOR ALL
AGES!**

A fun day for all of the family!

**There will be plenty of stalls,
local produce, craft and wares.**

Come and join us for an afternoon of fun

Unlimited wristband are available on the day of the event

FAMILY FUN DAY – pre order your unlimited rides ticket



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Saturday
28th March 2020
11am - 4pm
95 William Street Fawkner

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Dear Families,

NOW AVAILABLE
for Pre-order
UNLIMITED
RIDE ACCESS BANDS
for the Family Fun Day on
Saturday 28th March 2020!

Price: \$30 per person.

This offer is only available for purchase until 20th March 2020!
(Be sure not to miss out, as no late orders will be accepted.)

Childs Name: Class:

Parents name: Contact number:

Quantity of tickets: Amount enclosed:

PENOLA CATHOLIC COLLEGE



Penola Catholic College

Enrolments for Year 7 in 2022
are now open

Applications close Friday 21st August 2020

Apply now

Limited enrolment places are still available
for some year levels in 2021.



www.penola.vic.edu.au

SIMONDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Discover Simonds Catholic College



SCHOOL TOURS

See over for Tour Dates



The Inner City School for Boys

SIMONDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

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St Brigid's Campus: Cnr Alexandra Pde & Nicholson St, Fitzroy North 3068
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W: www.sccmelb.catholic.edu.au



**SIMONDS
CATHOLIC COLLEGE**
Phone: 03 9321 9200 Web: www.sccmelb.catholic.edu.au

Simonds Catholic College is an inner city, secondary Catholic boys' school of about 450 students, operating across two campuses. School Tours provide an excellent opportunity for parents and students currently in the process of selecting a secondary school to view our College.



SCHOOL TOURS

Tours commence at 9:15am and you can see the school in operation, as well as speak directly with our Principal regarding any questions you may have about the College.

2020 Tour Dates

February

Tuesday 11th & Wednesday 19th

March

Tuesday 3rd, Thursday 12th, Friday 20th

April

Wednesday 22nd

May

Wednesday 6th & Tuesday 19th

June

Wednesday 3rd, Wed 10th, Thursday 18th

July

Friday 17th & Wednesday 29th

August

Friday 7th, Wednesday 19th & Friday 28th

September

Thursday 3rd & Friday 11th

October

Tuesday 13th & Friday 23rd October

November

Wednesday 4th & Friday 13th

For further information please contact our School Registrar: Maria De Fazio via info@sccmelb.catholic.edu.au or ph (03) 9321 9207 or visit our website.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: www.trybooking.com/BGI0G

Year 7 2022 - Enrolment Applications are being accepted now.

St Mary's 7-9 Campus
273 Victoria St
WEST MELBOURNE VIC 3003

St Brigid's 10-12 Campus
Cnr Alexandra Pde & Nicholson St
FITZROY NORTH VIC 3068

ELTHAM RUGBY UNION



Eltham Rugby Union Football Club 2020 Season

50th years of rugby union in Eltham

Want a new sport in 2020?

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Address: 58 Bridge Street, Eltham VIC 3093
Email: membership@elthamrugby.com.au
Web: www.elthamrugby.com.au
Facebook: <http://facebook.com/elthamrugby>

Registration and pre-season training start in March so
please contact us without delay

All registered players are fully insured through Rugby Australia.

Rugby Victoria manage the local rugby union competitions.

Registration is via RugbyXplorer app – download to your mobile device



LORNE ST KINDERGARTEN

Kinder places are filling fast for 2020!

If you have a child who is 3 years old or turning 4 years old by 30 April 2020, it's time to enrol them in kindergarten!

We still have some places available at our kindergartens located in the Hume and Moreland areas, including:

LORNE STREET KINDERGARTEN

Located at Fawkner Primary School, Fawkner



How to enrol

For the four-year-old program, call Moreland City Council on 9240 2271 or visit

<https://www.moreland.vic.gov.au/four-year-old-kindergarten>

For the three-year-old program, call the NSEYC Office on 9306 1662 or email office@nseyc.org.au

Why enrol your child at an NSEYC kinder?

TO LOVE A LIFE OF LIVING AND LEARNING

Our experienced and passionate educators will encourage your child to:

- develop their social skills
- build their independence and confidence
- encourage a love of learning, curiosity and wonder
- strengthen language and numeracy skills
- prepare for the transition to school
- play and have fun!

TENNIS LESSONS



IMPROVE YOUR GAME

Jesse Laino Tennis Services - Moomba Park Tennis Club, Fawkner

Would you like your child to start tennis lessons?

We have a FREE STARTERS PACK valued at \$50

First Lesson - Hotshots T-shirt - Junior Racquet

BOOK NOW!!! - 0423 382 268 - Jesse Laino - jlts.com.au



Mercy Open Day



2020
Science Laboratory Refurbishment

TERM ONE DISCOVER MERCY
Open Days

Meet our Principal, explore the facilities and chat with our students and staff at our first open days for 2020.

Saturday 29 February - 10.00am
Monday 2 March - 9.30am and 6.00pm

Presentation and tour will take approximately 90 minutes
Book your sessions online or call 9319 9299

mercycoburg.catholic.edu.au

Applications for year 7 2022 now open

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9-15yrs

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TODAY!**

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karate**
classes for kids 4-6 years

SCHOLASTIC BOOK SALE- 3 DAYS ONLY!

SCHOLASTIC
Special Sale Events

**THE GREAT SCHOLASTIC
WAREHOUSE SALE!**

DATES Wednesday 26th February: 3pm - 6pm (TEACHERS-ONLY)
Thursday 27th - Friday 28th February: 8am - 5pm
Scholastic Warehouse, 17 Production Drive, Campbellfield

3 DAYS ONLY

Mention your school at the checkout... to get a **FREE GIFT** when you spend \$20!

One per customer. While stocks last.



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SCHOOLS
Download a notice for your school community here
↓

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For every \$100 you spend on school account*, get an extra
\$30 OFF!

*To buy on school account, please bring school customer number with a letter of authority on a school letterhead, or a purchase order.

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1. Download SkoolBag

Search SkoolBag in the Apple App or Google Play Store, download the FREE app:

SkoolBag: School Communication



2. Create an Account

Follow the prompts to create your account in seconds.

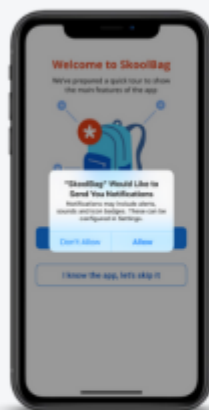
3. Add your School

Type your school's name and press enter. Tap the plus icon to add.



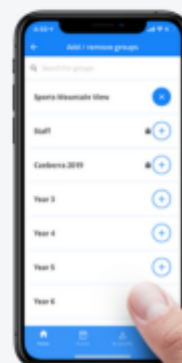
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Ensure you Allow SkoolBag to send you push notifications when prompted.



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