



St Matthew's Catholic Primary School

Term 1, 3rd March 2020. No 5

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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School Phone: 0393595423

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

Last week was another busy week with our Ash Wednesday Mass for the whole school commencing the season of Lent, Round 2 of Grade 6 Inter school Sport and finishing with our Prep Welcome Mass and BBQ on Saturday evening.

PREP WELCOME MASS

It was great to see many of our students and parents for the Prep Welcome Mass. The Preps were fantastic in all their participation throughout the Mass. Fr Boy commented that he thought their responses were wonderful. Almost all families stayed on to enjoy the BBQ, each other's company and the beautiful weather. It was a great evening! Congratulations and well done to Miss Vanessa Piscitelli (Prep P), Miss Caitlin Lyons (Prep L) and Mrs Helen Howden (Religious Education Leader) for organising and preparing the students for Mass on Saturday evening.

Many thanks also to our staff - Mrs Carmela D'Amato, Mrs Rina Carfi, Mrs Katrina White, Mrs Annie Torres and Mrs Anna El Khoury for all your assistance before, during and after Mass. We also sincerely thank our wonderful P & F Team : Lisa Gravina, Corinna Makdesi, Joanne Cappellano, Faye Themistokleous, Frances Pitruzzello, Anna El-Khoury, Anna Proud who helped set up, cooked the BBQ, served the meal and assisted in cleaning up. It was a great team effort!! Also thank you to the Dads who

served the meal and assisted in cleaning up. It was a great team effort!! Also thank you to the Dads who helped packing away all the chairs.

Well Done Everyone on a great Team Effort!!!

FURTHER NEW STAFF

Last Thursday we welcomed another experienced teacher, Mrs Daniela Caruana who will be here each Thursday releasing teachers to participate in meetings with parents (PSGs) and to write up Personal Learning Plans (PLPs) for their students.

A fortnight ago we farewelled our Grounds and Maintenance man Mr Damian Lyons who was offered the same job at another school 5 minutes walk from his home. Damian was sad to leave, but it was too good to pass up.

Yesterday we welcomed Mr Bruno Fornaro. If his surname sounds familiar, it should, as it is Miss Lucy Fornaro's (Teacher of 2F) dad. Bruno comes to us with a wealth of experience in many trades. He started yesterday and will be working 5 days a week from 8am - 1pm. We extend a warm St Matthew's welcome to Daniela & Bruno.

NEW ADMINISTRATION BUILDING – NEARLY THERE!!

The near final touches have been put onto our new Administration building this week. The garden landscaping and the lettering **"ST MATTHEW'S PRIMARY SCHOOL"** have been placed along the bottom of the Cladding each side of the corner facing William Street. The three missing and two damaged panels should be replaced in the coming weeks. We are looking forward to total completion and an Official Opening in the not too distant future. Stay tuned for the date.

OPEN DAYS AND SCHOOL TOURS FOR 2021 ENROLMENTS

Enrolment time for Grades Prep – Six in 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 days and school tours on **Tuesday 17th March at 7pm** and on **Thursday 19th March at 9:15am and 7pm**. Please look out for our advertisement in an upcoming edition of the Moreland Leader for Catholic Education Week.

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.

What a start to the Season of Autumn - 32 degrees!!!! Hope we have some lovely Autumn weather for the Long Weekend and the remaining three weeks of Term 1. Enjoy!

Bob Brown - Principal.

Our New Signage



Dates to Remember:

2020

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)





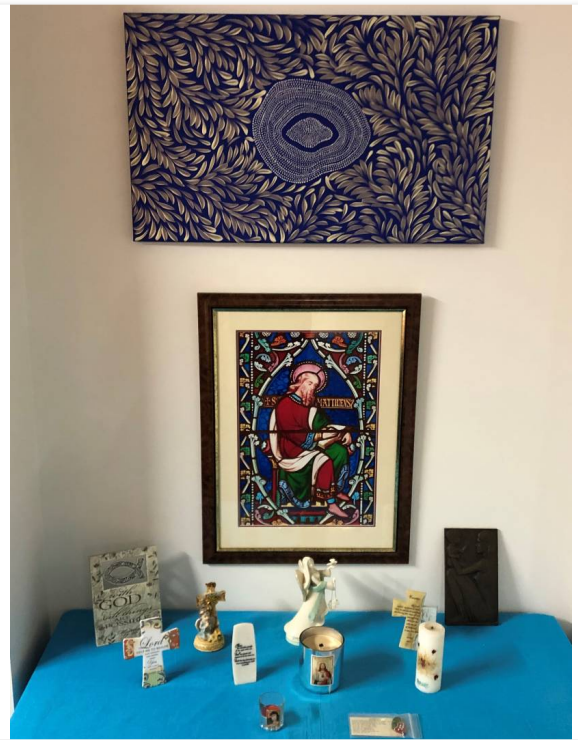
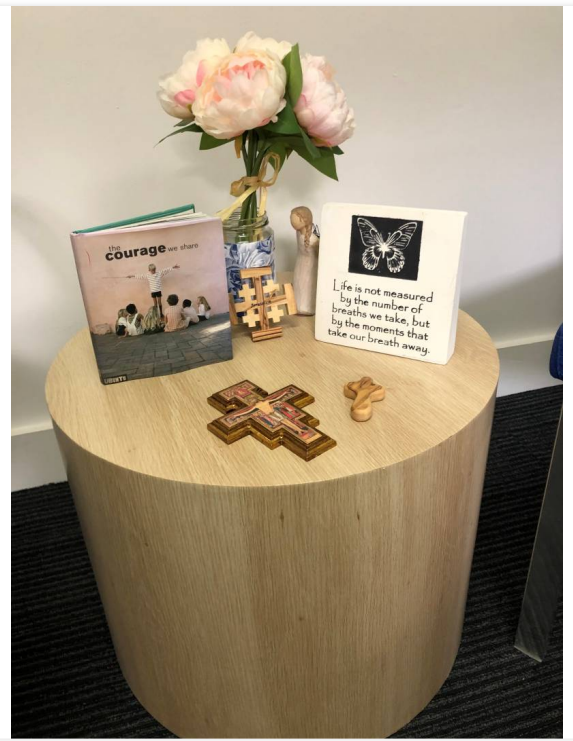
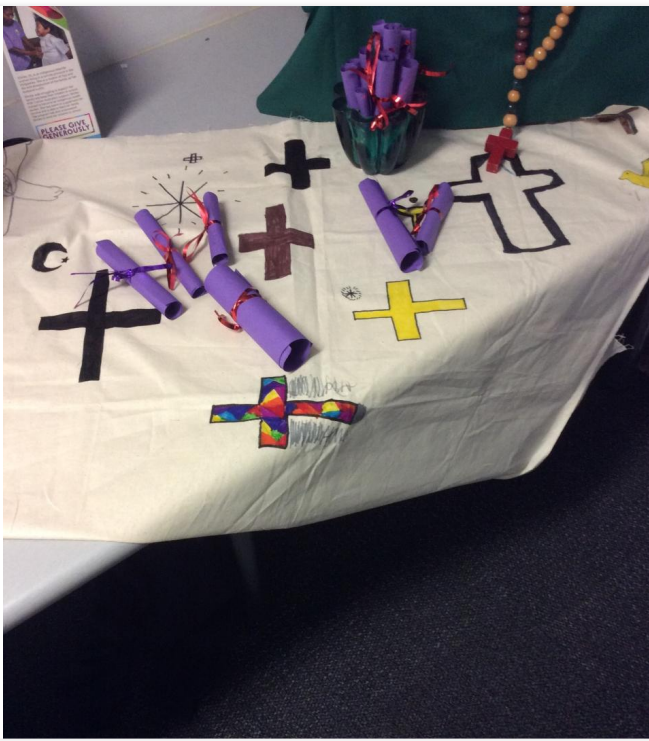
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This term our classes have been looking at prayer, prayer spaces and how prayer can be very calming. Every morning all our classes begin with a prayer and some even ask for special intentions. Many of our younger students pray for families who are in crises, or for family members who are ill, they even pray for their beloved pets. At school we learn some important prayers like the “Our Father” and the “Hail Mary” and the children will learn many others.

Pray though isn’t just something that we do at Church or just at school, its not just to pray for something we want –it’s a conversation, a connection with God. God answers us in when he knows we need it most, but we need to be persistent in our prayers, persistent in our connection with God - its an important cornerstone of our faith.

This year at the beginning of term one each class were given a new prayer cloth to decorate as their own for their prayer table. Over the next few weeks I will post some of our class prayer tables.

Our Prayer Cloths/Tables





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 finding 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!**



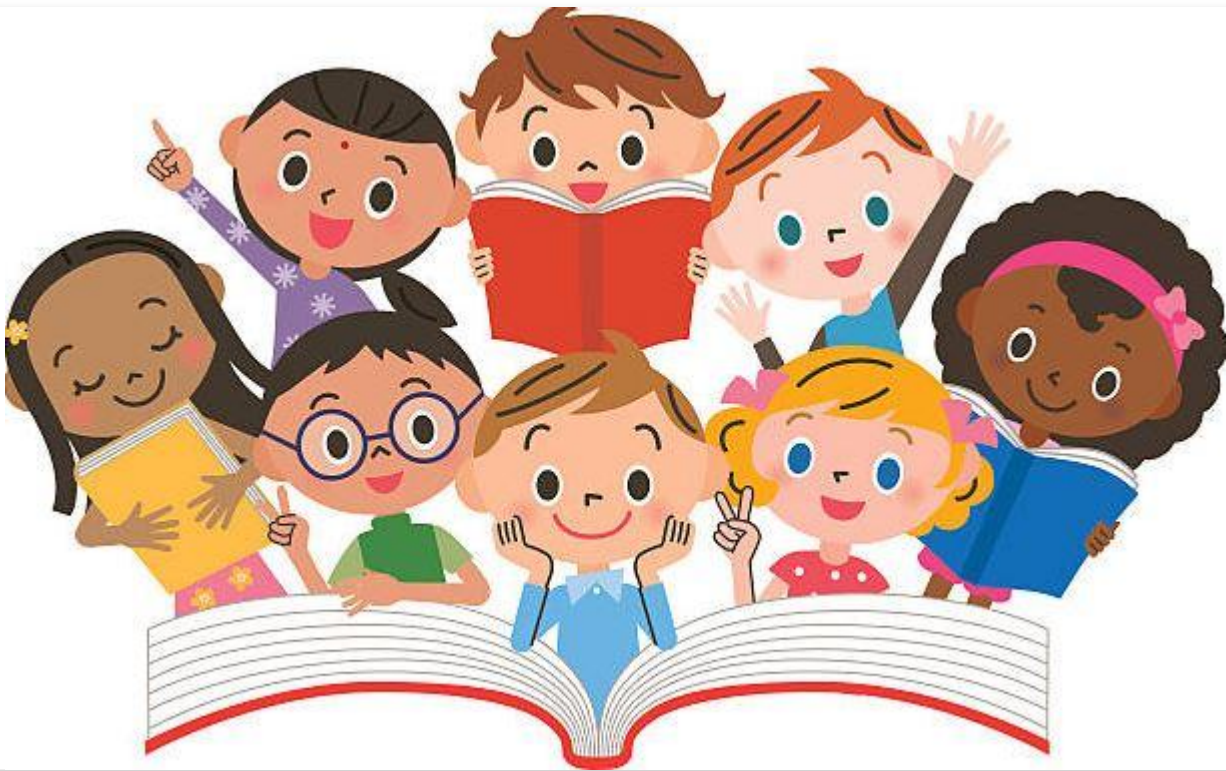
SUSSEX NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE
at the Pascoe Vale Community Centre



Student Representative Council

Mrs Torres

Wellbeing Leader



LITERACY

Years Prep-2

Thank you to the parents who have returned their slip for volunteering to be a helper in the classroom.

The training session will be held on **Friday, 13th March at 9am in the Family Room.**

Years 3-6

Prime Minister's Spelling Bee: The inaugural PM's Spelling Bee is being run in Term One by kidsnews.com.au and is open to all students across Australia in Grades 3 to Year 8. It will be a digital competition run online in school classrooms.

There are three reading levels within the Bee for years 3-4 (green category), years 5-6 (orange category) and years 7-8 (red category)

Entrants are required to answer 30 spelling words per round. Those who have the most accurate spelling in the fastest time will progress to finals. Each student is given random words from a curated list of words designed for each level

It will start on March 16 with the two-week school-level competition before state/territory and national finals are held in April and May.

If your child's class is taking part in the Prime Minister's Spelling Bee, please make sure you sign and return the consent form provided by the teacher.

Mrs Rina Carfi

Literacy Leader

WELLBEING

YOU CAN DO IT PROGRAM is here at St Matthew's! (Early Years to Level 6)

What is Social-Emotional Learning?

Social and emotional learning (SEL) is the process through which children and adults understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions.

SEL is promoted across multiple settings every day. SEL is more than just a program or lesson. It is about how teaching and learning happens, as well as what you teach and where you learn.

The 5 Social and Emotional skills are:

- SELF AWARENESS
- SELF MANAGEMENT
- RESPONSIBLE DECISION MAKING
- RELATIONSHIP SKILLS
- SOCIAL AWARENESS

The YCDI program will be implemented in each year level and will be explicitly taught 1 hour per week. It is important to understand that the Social and Emotional skills need to be taught not only in classrooms but need to be expected, modelled and reinforced throughout their school culture and practices and beyond in their wider community including their homes every single day for it to make a difference in our children's lives.

We look forward working alongside the children and their families supporting the You Can Do It Program.

Annie Torres

Student Wellbeing Leader

YOU CAN DO IT



You Can Do It!
Education

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The 5 Social and Emotional skills

The Strength of Self-Acceptance



Strength of Self-Acceptance

MATHEMATICS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

ORIENTEERING PROGRAM

Last week our Year 4, 5 and 6 students participated in their first orienteering session. 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)

Grade 4 Orienteering Session no 1







MUSIC

Bill Hatfield finally breaks the world sailing record.

Last week I wrote about the Travels of Bob Hatfield who broke the world sailing record. Here is a link of his journey as seen on channel 9.

[Channel 9 news Clip](#)

This also a photo of the second souvenir the Bob gave me, 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.



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.





Prep Welcome Mass and BBQ

Thanks to the parents and friends for helping to organise and cook for the prep BBQ. A special thanks to Joanne Cappellano, Faye Themistokleous, Frances Pitruzzello, Anna El-Khoury, Anna Proud. For all your hard work on the night.

We would also like to especially thank North Street Bakery for their generous donation of all the bread supplied on the night.

Corinna Makdesi and Lisa Gravina

P&F Board Members

Proudly supported by

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FAMILY FUN DAY

St Matthew's P&F are having a Family Fun Day on the 28th of March so save the date now parents. It's going to be a fantastic day. So please come and support the school.

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

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 at 9.15am. All welcome to attend children are also welcome!

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

Thankyou



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FAMILY FUN DAY





Family Fun Day!

Saturday

28th March 2020

11am - 4pm

**95 William Street
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**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



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.

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A fun day for all of the family!
There will be plenty of stalls, local produce, craft and wares.

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:

COMMUNITY NEWS

HARMONY DAY

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In FAWKNER



From the first Australians to the newest arrivals, we all contribute to a rich diverse society. Let's celebrate a free Family Fun day with our community members. Bring any ethnic belongings or any valuables from you country to show and share your words. Share a plate of cultural food and wear something in orange or any cultural dress to enjoy a Multicultural Harmony day Event!



8th March 2020

Sunday

10:30 am – 12:30 pm

**Community Garden
Charles Mutton Reserve
Creedon Street, FAWKNER**

- Multicultural Music
- Arts & Craft activities
- Children's activities
- Ethnic belongings show
- Face Painting
- Henna
- Delicious Foods & Drinks

By: Nikhat Saleem

RSVP 0469 212 632

PENOLA CATHOLIC COLLEGE



Penola Catholic College

Enrolments for Year 7 in 2022
are now open

Applications close Friday 21st August 2020

Apply now

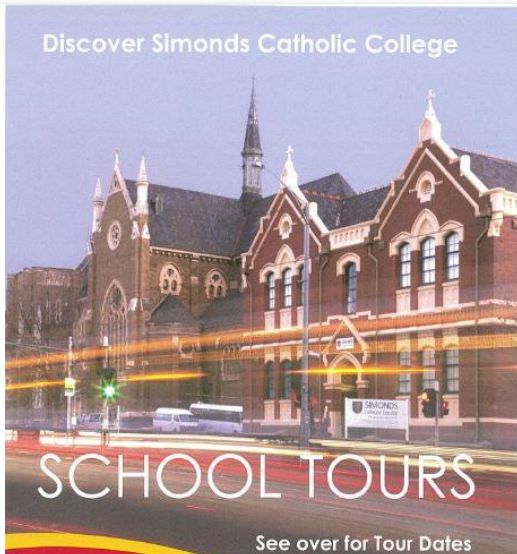
Limited enrolment places are still available
for some year levels in 2021.



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
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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	July Friday 17th & Wednesday 29th
March Tuesday 3rd, Thursday 12th, Friday 20th	August Friday 7th, Wednesday 19th & Friday 28th
April Wednesday 22nd	September Thursday 3rd & Friday 11th
May Wednesday 6th & Tuesday 19th	October Tuesday 13th & Friday 23rd October
June Wednesday 3rd, Wed 10th, Thursday 18th	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
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- Teach stroke correction for intermediate beginners, safe entry
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- Improve technique and build stronger swimmers

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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

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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



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Download the SkoolBag App

The SkoolBag app is the easiest way keep up with school events, last minute notices, newsletters and all school communications.

5 Easy Steps to Staying Informed



SkoolBag is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minute notices, newsletters and all your school's communications.

1. Download SkoolBag

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

SkoolBag: School Communication



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Follow the prompts to create your account in seconds.

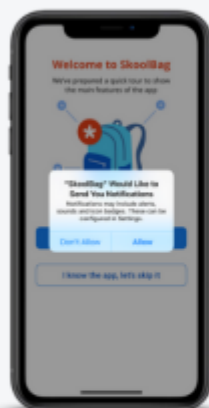
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Type your school's name and press enter. Tap the plus icon to add.



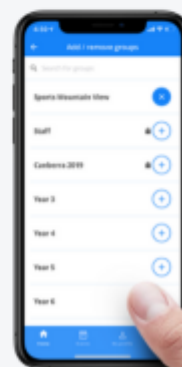
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Ensure you Allow SkoolBag to send you push notifications when prompted.



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Select Year Groups / Sports Teams to appear in your feed.





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