



Melbourne Archdiocese  
Catholic Schools



# The Cloak – Edition 113

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## Principal's News



Dear Parents,

We have almost made it through August and Winter, and can now look forward to the start of Spring! The weather has started to change and there is more light at either end of the day, so we can emerge from our Winter hibernation.

We have had two very exciting weeks, with the Book Fair last week and Book Week as part of National Literacy and Numeracy Week this week. It was fabulous to see everyone get into the spirit of Book Week by dressing up as one of their favourite characters or books on Monday. Well done to you for organising those costumes!

The theme this year was '**Reading is Magic!**' I strongly encourage you to read daily **to and with** your child, to ask them questions about what they are reading and particularly to model reading yourself. Research has shown that parents who read (make the time to sit down and enjoy a book, newspaper, magazine or audio book) have a positive impact on the reading behaviour of their children. Modelling that this time is important, and sharing snippets about your book - character or plot - helps to develop imagination, creative and analytical skills. Reading is the foundation of learning, so please remember to foster the habit of reading for pleasure, not simply the book your child has for home reading, but literature by great authors. Not only will your child's general knowledge improve, so will their oral language capacity, as vocabulary is essential for understanding.

The students have participated in other literacy and numeracy activities across the week and **you are invited to attend classrooms this afternoon for some board games with your child/children.**

On Monday at our Parade, we also shared the winners of the Lego 'Creative Minds' Competition which was displayed in the Library. Congratulations to the following students on their work. They received a Book Voucher and certificate.

Prep - Teddy W

Year One - George A

Year Two - Valentina L

Year Three - Lachlan H

Year Four - Abigail C

Year Five - Henry A

Year Six - Joshua D

Sibling Award - Victoria and Lincoln M

Honourable Mention - Ethan P

Overall Winner - Sofia B

Thank you to everyone for entering the Competition!

Special thanks also to Fiona and Team for the organisation of the Book Fair and sales last week, and to Sandra Tieppo and Kellie Cumming for the activities planned across this week.

## YEAR FIVE LEVEL MASS - THIS SATURDAY AT 5.30PM

We look forward to the Year Five families gathering for Mass this Saturday, 24 August at 5.30pm, with students involved in parts of the Mass.

## YEAR THREE RECONCILIATION PREPARATION



Next Tuesday, 27 August, parents of Year Three children are invited to attend the **Reconciliation Information Night** from 7-8pm with Fr Elio Capra, a Salesian priest. Fr Elio will provide background information to assist you in discussions with your child and guide you during this time of preparation. We look forward to seeing you in the GECCO for this event. Parent/s only please - no children to attend.

Following this, on Saturday 7 at 5.30pm and Sunday 8 September at 10.00am, you are asked to attend a Commitment Mass.

The dates of the celebrations of Reconciliation are Tuesday 15, 22 and 29 October at 9.15am.

## INTERSCHOOL SPORT NETBALL TEAM WIN!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our amazing ISS Netball Team who have made it to the State Finals in the Boys/Mixed Competition. They play others across the State in the last week of this term, and we wish them all the best of luck. Thank you to Sean Martin and Fiona Henderson for attending this week. Well done to: Jake A, Alessio C, Joshua D, Annalise D, Jack D, Jack F, William L, Ebony L, Andrew McC, Harrison O'C, Blake S, Zoe S, Joshua T and Oliver T.

## DANCING ACROSS CULTURES

Next Monday, Toni Dent, our Performing Arts Teacher, has arranged a fantastic incursion for the students exploring four different styles of dancing. This follows on from the Olympics and a focus on cultures of other countries. **Parents are welcome to come in and watch the performances of these dances from 2.30pm on the Top Yard.**

## FATHER'S DAY STALL AND EVENT

On Thursday next week, the students will visit the Community Centre to purchase a gift/s for their Dad / grandfather / significant male in their life. Please ensure students have some money to purchase their items – further information is included in the Newsletter.

We hope all the Dads have a great time getting together at the Old England Hotel next Friday night.

Thank you to the PFA for organising both of these activities.

## TRAFFIC AND PARKING

Please follow the traffic regulations at the front of the school and in the surrounding streets. Last week, a Council Parking Inspector booked parents who parked in a timed parking section. Council Officers will also fine those who park across the driveway of a house, inhibiting the owner's entry or exit. There appears to be additional traffic down Silk Street at the moment due to the road works, meaning you need to be aware of your children as they cross the road. Some of this traffic is not following the 40km/h rule outside of the school. The safety of our families is a top priority, so please be alert when crossing the road, careful when parking and maintain the recommended speed close to the school.

Please refer to the Council Safety Tips shared with you via Compass and in this newsletter.

## SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETINGS

There are two meetings in a row for the SAC - Thursday 29 August and Thursday 5 September at 7pm in the Seminar Room. Updates about Literacy and STEM will be a focus, as is the setting of the Fees for 2025.

## LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

Thank you to the staff and you for attending the Learning Conversations last week. If you have any queries regarding your child's learning, please get in touch with the classroom teacher/s first so you can work on any issue together.

## CLASS MASSES

Please note that the days and dates for Class Masses have been included in the Diary Dates. Please check your child's class as some of these may have changed. Teachers will send you an alert approximately three weeks prior to the Mass so you can change work if you would like to attend.

## SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSITION

The Catholic Secondary Schools are beginning to send Transition Forms and make times to visit our school to learn about their new Year Seven students for 2025. The students will soon complete their assessments which assist the school with knowing the levels at which the students are working. Most Orientation Days will be held in Term Four.

## END OF YEAR DATES AND EVENTS

The calendar now includes the dates and times for events including the Carols Night, End of Year Mass, Graduation Mass and Dinner, Transition Day etc. Please consult these when planning.

## PREP ENROLMENTS

We are still accepting Enrolment applications for Prep next year. If you know of any families showing interest in our school, please encourage them to come along to one of our school tours ~ more dates have been added to the website. Keep an eye out in Rosanna and surrounds for our cute red Prep t-shirts! These are the greatest marketing tool we could wish for!

## CLOSURE DAYS

Our Closure Dates for the rest of the year are: **Mon 4 Nov and Mon 2 Dec**. Please note these on your calendar.

## TEETH ON WHEELS

The '**Teeth on Wheels**' offer has been a popular program to support student dental health. It is great that schools and families can be supported in their children's health.

It has been a busy fortnight, so I hope you all have a relaxing weekend! God bless.

*Angela Lacey*

**PRINCIPAL**



### FATHER'S DAY REFLECTION

Next weekend is Father's Day, a time to reflect on our Dads and other significant role models.

How will you let them know their impact on your life and importance to you?

How do you remember those who were precious but have passed?

We pray for all Dads and significant role models...

God our Father, we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

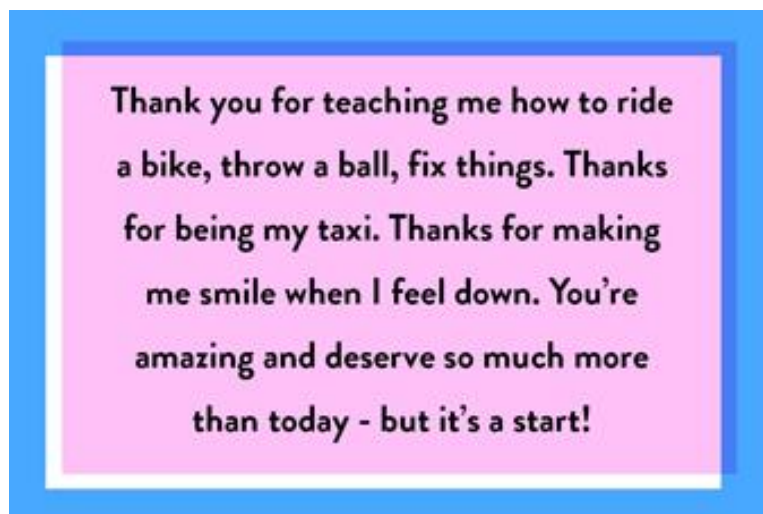
We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the god of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

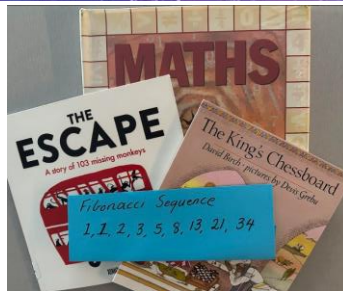
We remember fathers, grandfather, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

Amen



**May all Dads have a fabulous day next Sunday! May you be spoilt and cherished!**

# Literacy and Numeracy Week



There have been many highlights this week. On Monday, the week began with a very colourful and creative Book Parade. The students and staff put on a wonderful show and the costumes were amazing. Many thanks to parents and extended family who attended and supported the making of costumes.

On Tuesday, the teachers focused on reading a book with a Mathematics lens to their class. A sample of the books that were included were *The Doorbell Rang* by Pat Hutchinson, *The Math-Terpieces* by Greg Tang, *The Math Curse* by Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith and *The King Chessboard* by David Birch. Each of these books provided engaging mathematical concepts involving problem solving and reasoning skills. Key concepts in the junior years included multiplicative thinking whereas in the senior years the focus was on Fibonacci's sequence and exponential patterns.

Embracing the theme 'Reading is Magic', each class had a teacher swap for a picture book reading session on Wednesday, which went for up to one hour. Some classes further unpacked the content with either a literacy task, a writing response or a craft activity.

On Thursday students brought coins to school. The concept of having coins in your pocket and guessing and guessing other people's quantity was a simple but fun math task. Physical money or 'cash' is something that many students are unfamiliar with in this current society. It was pleasing to see students connect with key mathematical concepts regarding language around amount, total, value, quantity and change. Asking the question "How much more money do you need to make \$5.00? ....." encouraged student thinking in the middle years.

To conclude Literacy and Numeracy Week families were invited into the classrooms tomorrow afternoon to play board games. Playing board games involves many literacy and numeracy skills as well as building students analytical thinking, decision making and communication skills.

Many thanks to all families who supported the extra learning activities that were held during the week.

Sandra Tieppo and Kellie Cumming



# Lamont Book Fair



A very big thank you to all the families that supported the Lamont Book Fair.

We had lots of parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles visiting the Library to purchase books. We have raised \$1236.40 in commission which we will use to purchase more resources for the Library.

A special thank you to Fiona Robinson and Patsy Lynch for their time in setting up the Library space and keeping tabs on all the book orders. It was a huge commitment for them last week.



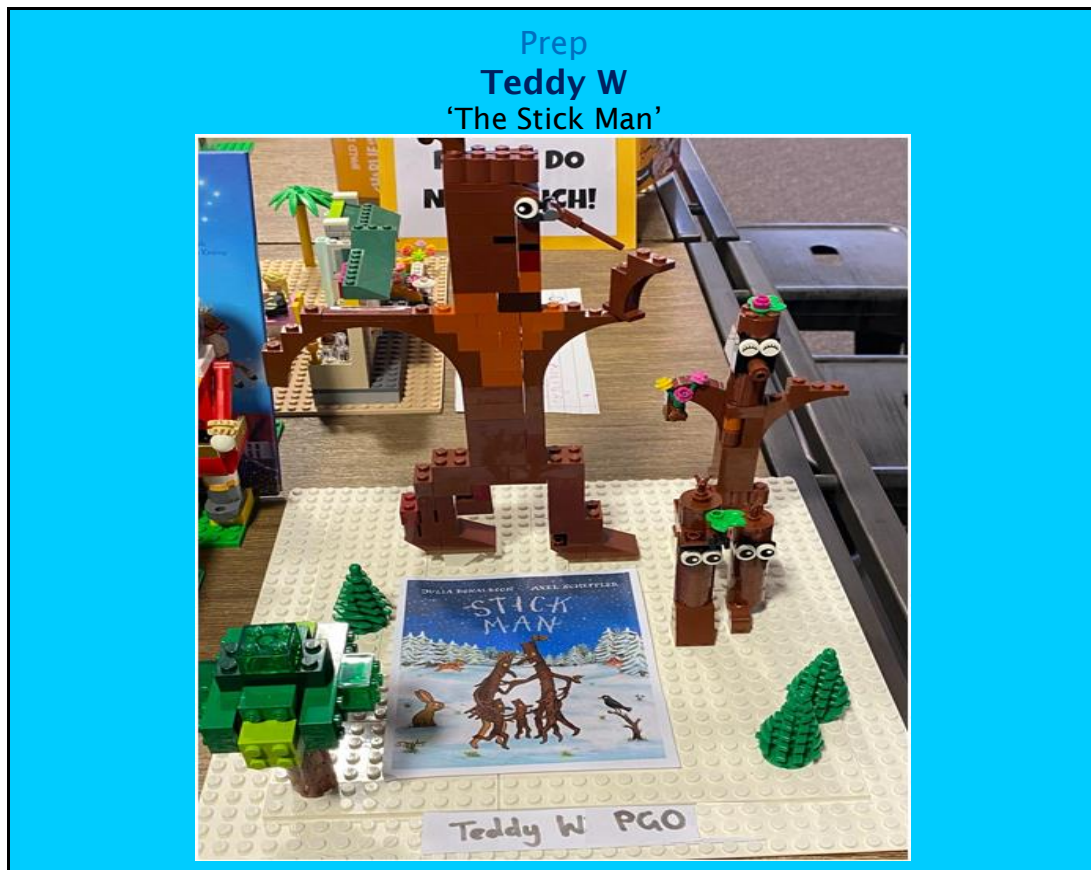
# The Creative Minds Competition

It was wonderful to see so many amazing Lego entries for the Creative Minds Competition this year. It was so difficult to pick a winner.

Thank you to all the students who took time to enter their creation. They should all be so proud of their work. The winners were presented with a prize at the Book Parade on Monday morning.



**Take a look at the winning entries!**





Year 1 **George A**  
'Khawaja-Cricket'



Year 2 **Valentina L**  
'The Magic Faraway Tree'



Year 3 **Lachlan H**  
'Minecraft Mobspotters Encyclopedia'

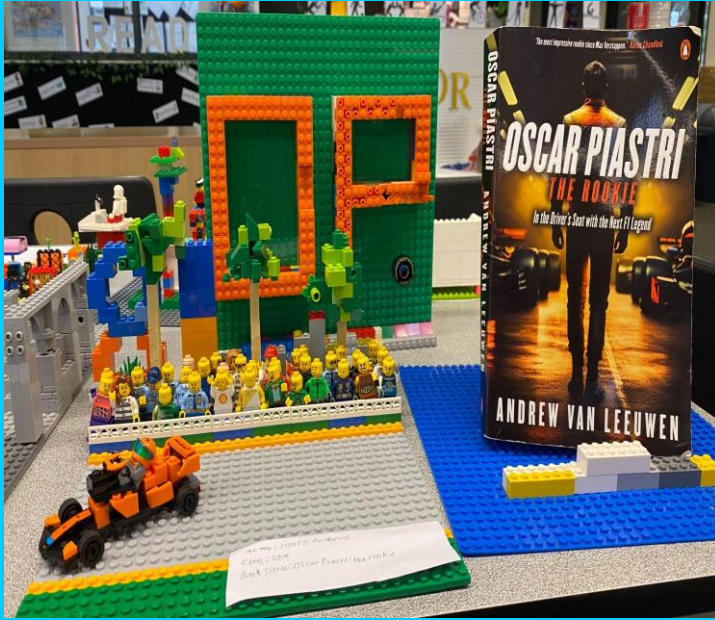


Year 4 **Abigail C**  
'Girl Sports Academy -Gymnastics'

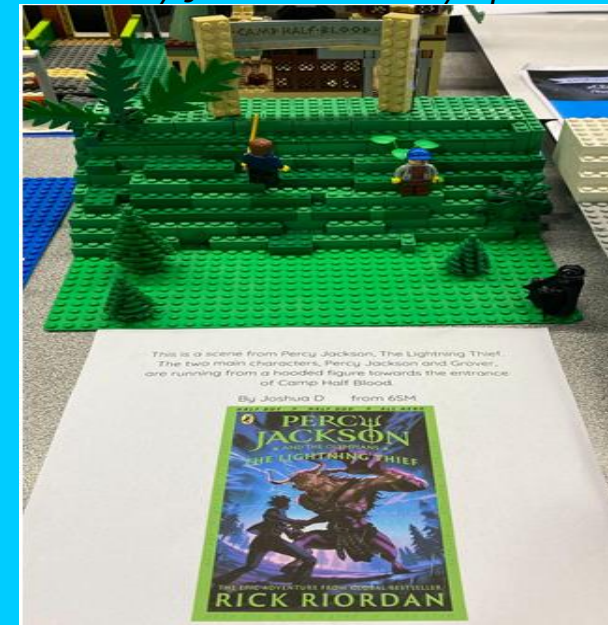




Year 5 **Henry A**  
'Oscar Piastri The Rookie'



Year 6 **Joshua D**  
'Percy Jackson & the Olympics'



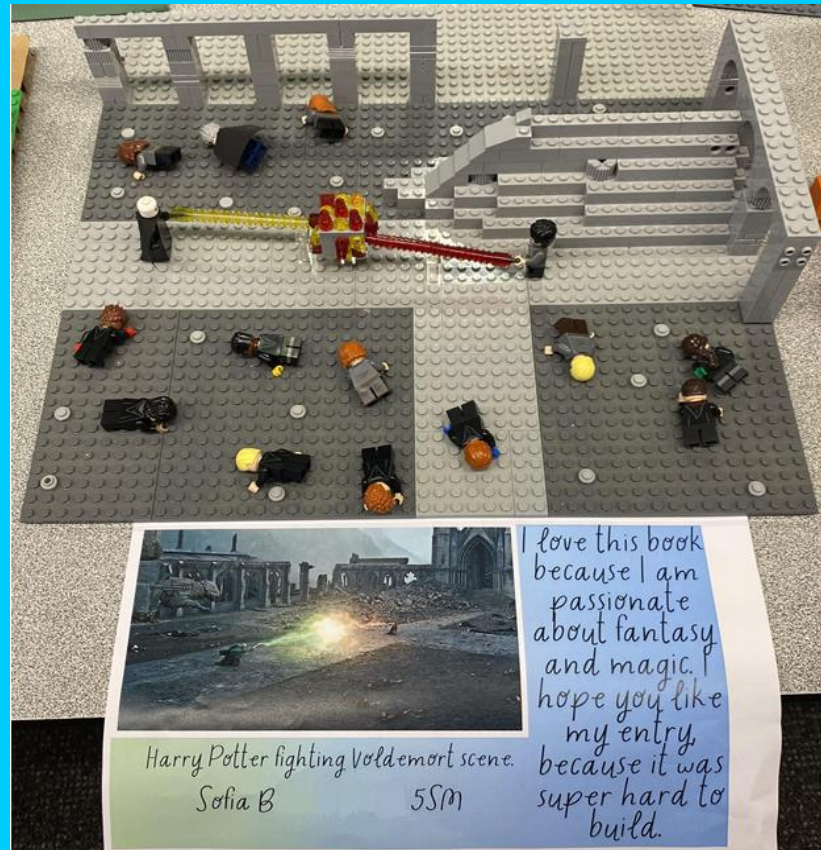
Siblings Award  
**Victoria and Lincoln M**  
'Harry Potter'



Honourable Mention  
**Ethan P**  
'How To Beat Minecraft'



Overall Winner  
Sofia B  
*'Harry Potter Fighting Voldemort'*





# Year 6 Excursion

On Tuesday 13th August the Year 6 students, teachers and parent volunteers headed into the Melbourne CBD.

As part of our unit 'How and Why do We Pray' we visited the East Melbourne Synagogue and St Patrick's Cathedral. Rabbi Gutnick shared the history of the Jewish faith with us, along with its many symbols and rituals.

At the Cathedral, David, our guide, provided us with a map of the Cathedral and gave us an opportunity to explore the incredible space.





# 'Dancing Around the World!'

Come and join St Martin's students and staff in a  
dance showcase.

Each class will showcase a dance  
for your enjoyment.

On Monday 26th August, 2024

At 2.30pm

On Top Yard  
(weather permitting)



# Father's Day Stall

St Martin of Tours Parents and Friends' Association  
presents

## Father's Day Stall Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August

Gifts are priced from  
\$2 to \$7

Gifts for fathers, grandfathers  
and special loved ones

We need volunteers to help at the stall and to  
help set up the day before.

If you are able to help, please sign up at  
<https://signup.zone/smotpfa-volunteer>

## Father's Day Stall Timetable 2024 V2

Thursday 29th August

Location: COMMUNITY CENTRE (Next to Car Park)

Please note this timetable may change, please contact your classroom teacher if you have any queries

Time	Class
9 - 9.40am	PJL, 1HM & 6RV
9.40 - 10.15am	PBL, 1JV & 6BM
10.15 - 10.50am	PGO, 1SI & 6SM
RECESS	
11.40 - 12.10pm	3LA, 3KR & 5SM
12.10 - 12.30pm	2JG & 4EP
12.30 - 12.50pm	2MO & 4HV
12.50 - 1.10pm	2RO & 4JR
1.10 - 1.40pm	3CJ, 5JM & 5ZW
LUNCH	
2.40 - 3.10pm	PFA Pack Up



ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

# DAD'S SOCIAL NIGHT

FINGER FOOD PROVIDED  
LOTS OF DOOR PRIZES  
DRINKS AT BAR PRICES

**30**  
AUGUST  
**7PM**

**THE E.BAR**  
OLD ENGLAND  
HOTEL

**\$25**  
ENTRY  
TICKETS CLOSE  
TUESDAY 27TH AUGUST

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## Parenting with Influence, Not Control

One morning, a farmer was doing chores in front of his farmhouse when a large four-wheel drive pulled into his driveway. A man in a uniform climbed out, walked up to the farmer, and declared, "I'm here to inspect your farm for any illegally grown drugs."

The farmer responded, "Fine. But whatever you do, do not go into that paddock over there." He pointed to a beautiful paddock behind the man.

The officer, bristling with authority, replied, "Mate, I don't think you understand. I'm here to inspect your farm and I have the authority of the state government – the premier – behind me." He reached into his pocket and pulled out a badge. "Do you see this badge? It means I can go onto any land I want! Have I made myself clear?"

The farmer apologised and resumed his chores. A short while later, the farmer heard a scream. He looked toward the paddock and saw the officer racing across it with a raging bull in hot pursuit.

Seeing the imminent danger, the farmer stepped onto the fence surrounding the paddock and called out, "Your badge! Show him your badge!"

### The Badge of Authority


As parents, we often find ourselves in the same predicament as the officer. We believe that our authority should compel our children to comply, but just like the bull, they are unimpressed by our badges. We say things like, "Because I'm the parent, that's why," and expect obedience. When our children resist, we escalate, relying on our power to enforce compliance.

But this approach is flawed. H.L. Mencken said, "There's always a well-known solution to every human problem – neat, plausible, and wrong." This is especially true in parenting. Our simplistic strategies for "fixing" our children often create bigger challenges. Children need to know we have power, but that power should make them feel secure, not controlled.

When our children don't listen, we get mad. We yell, threaten, remove privileges, ground, and some parents even resort to physical punishment. But these actions ignore the reasons behind their behaviour and damage our relationship with them. They might



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## Getting Along With Siblings

If the sounds of "He hit me!" or "She's hogging the TV!" are echoing through your home, you're not alone. Sibling rivalry is as common as vegemite sandwiches in households with multiple kids. Sure, having an only child might guarantee peace and quiet, but most of us are raising a whole crew, navigating the inevitable clashes that come with it.

But here's the thing: some squabbling is perfectly normal. It's how kids learn to share, compromise, and stand up for themselves. However, it's crucial to know when those playful tugs-of-war cross the line into something more hurtful.

So, how do you tell the difference between everyday bickering and behaviour that needs parental intervention? Here are some questions to consider:

- 1. Is it one-sided?** If one child consistently hurts, manipulates, or excludes the other, it might be a sign of bullying. Look for patterns of aggression, teasing, or control, especially if the targeted child isn't instigating the conflict.
- 2. What's the motive?** Are the children fighting over typical kid stuff like toys or attention, or is one sibling intentionally trying to hurt or humiliate the other? If the motive is malicious, it's crucial to address the behaviour promptly.
- 3. How old are they?** Young children are still developing conflict resolution skills, so some immature behaviour is expected. However, as they grow, you can teach them healthier ways to express their emotions and resolve disputes.



# Stars of the week

*Students are recognised for academic achievement, personal & social capabilities or for demonstrating our school values*

## **PBL**

**Michael** for using your initiative to help your teacher and classmates. It has been wonderful to also see you helping to pack up items after playtime to help the teachers on yard duty. Keep it up!

**Ayla** for building your confidence to answer a question and share your thoughts and ideas in the classroom. I have really enjoyed hearing your ideas and answers this week during our learning! Superstar!

**Neive** for being a fantastic role model to your classmates of how to move safely and respectfully around the school. You have also demonstrated fantastic listening in the classroom and in the church at Mass. Well done!

## **PGO**

Congratulations **Prep GO** for shining brightly when Mrs Beautiful was away!

Thank you **Patrick** for sharing your thoughts and ideas in Prep GO. We love to learn from you. Thankyou also for being a wonderful learner who makes good choices about who you sit next to. So proud of you!

**Bella** thank you for shining brightly in Prep GO. You always try your best and challenge yourself by having a go when completing new learning activities. We love sharing our school days with you.

## **PJL**

**Sophie** for embodying the school values of respect, resilience and gratitude. Thank you Sophie for the compassion you show towards others. You are so aware of those around you and treat them with respect and kindness. Prep JL is so lucky to have your caring and supportive nature. Keep shining brightly!

**Teddy** for working hard on his writing. Well done for being motivated to write and excited about improving your skills. I love reading what you have written and reading the brilliant words you know and use. Keep up the amazing work and keep believing in yourself!

## **1HM**

**Jack** - for being a fantastic friend and helper to another student who needs physical support at the moment. It has been so wonderful to watch you ask to take on these responsibilities with initiative and maturity and to show such kindness to your friends. Well done Jack!

## **2JG**

**Senudi** you have been a delight to have in the class of 2JG. Your happy smile and friendly personality are a delight.

## **2MO**

**Luella:** for engaging in your reading tasks about clouds. You unpacked the information to demonstrate your understanding. You're a star!

**2MO** for your participation, creativity and enthusiasm during Book Week. You are all Book Week Legends!

## **2RO**

**Jacob** - for your enthusiasm and creativity shown when participating in the Creative Minds Competition. Well done Jacob!

**Aurora** - for being a thoughtful and caring classmate. You watch out for others and help whenever you see a need. You are a superstar Aurora!

## **3CJ**

**Hannah W** - for your persistence and hard work to learn the vertical algorithm in multiplication, clearly showing all working out. Fantastic!

**Audrey** - for your incredible consideration of others, your enthusiasm and your amazing memory and organisational skills. You're a STAR!

## **3KR**

**Liam** for working hard on your information report, you have included subheadings, paragraphs and descriptive language to share what you learnt about kangaroos.

**Georgia** for diligently researching about possums, checking whether her information was correct and sharing her research with others in the classroom.

## **3LA**

**Harry D:** for being a kind and caring friend. Your positive attitude and helpful nature make our classroom a happier place. You're a superstar Harry!

**Ayesha:** for the effort and creativity demonstrated when writing her information report on the Ringtail Possum. Great work Ayesha!

## **4EP**

To **Mila**, for working on your time management skills in the classroom to ensure your learning activities are completed. Keep up the great work!

To **Alan**, for showing great focus and care when recording your information on your chosen sport in your own words! Keep up the great work!

#### **4HV**

To **Sophie** for having a positive and open minded attitude during dance class. You set an excellent example for your classmates and show great enthusiasm each session. Keep up the great work!

To **Xavier** for trying his best during dance class and giving each new routine a go. You work well with your partners and show persistence and patience each session. Well done, Xavier!

#### **4JR**

To **Raya** for being a respectful and responsible learner. What a terrific role model you are for our class. Well Done Raya.

To **Zane** for his focused learning. You have been working so hard in class and your effort is noticed. Well done Zane. Keep up the good work.

#### **5JM**

**Rod**: For showing persistence and a growth mindset throughout the term. Keep up the great work Rod!

To **Henry** for always showing responsibility and respect in the classroom. You are a great role model for the rest of your peers. Keep it up!

#### **5ZW**

**Joshua B** for always approaching his school day with enthusiasm and cheerfulness and a willingness to do his best work.

**Emma B** for showing a love for learning and being so engaged in class lessons. You are awesome!

#### **6BM**

All the students in **6BM** for their amazing behaviour on our excursion. Everyone was engaged in the information presented and showed gratitude for the day.

#### **6RV**

**Phoebe** - For the hard work and positive determination you have shown in Maths, giving every task a go. Keep up the great work, Phoebe!

**Joshua** - For the positive energy you have in the classroom and making a determined effort with your learning. You are always willing to help others and include them in our group tasks. Keep up the great work, Josh!



**THE 2024 ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN** is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. These ministries are outlined in the Campaign brochure which you will find in your pew and in the foyer today. Gifts of \$2 or more are tax-deductible. Tax-deductible donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, the Priests Retirement Foundation, John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, University of Divinity Building Fund as well as Catholic community agencies and service organisations through annual grants. Non-tax-deductible donations go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund and support seminarian formation and evangelisation ministries. Please review the campaign material and prayerfully consider pledging a recurring monthly gift to help us continue to strengthen the Christian faith and address the needs of God's people. Tear-off pledge cards are attached to the campaign envelopes in the church. You can also make a gift online at [melbournecatholic.org/archbishops](http://melbournecatholic.org/archbishops) campaign or via the QR codes on the campaign materials. I invite you to give generously to this important campaign.

## **DONATION POINT TAP TERMINAL IN THE MAIN CHURCH FOYER**

The Donation Point Tap Terminal is available for use again, with new features. It is situated in the main foyer of the Church and provides parishioners and visitors who do not carry cash and are not subscribed to our Stewardship Program with a way of donating towards our weekly loose collection. The machine is set to collect a donation of **\$2, \$5, \$10 or \$20** per tap. Simply select the amount you wish to donate and tap your card. Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity.

## **RCIA & RCIC ENQUIRY FOR 2024/2025**

RCIA -Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and RCIC—Rite of Christian Initiation of Children. We warmly welcome anyone interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith for yourself or for your children/grandchildren. This process will be commencing again in our parish next month on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August from 7.30pm – 8.30pm, in the Parish House**. All are warmly welcome to come and explore.

**RCIA Ministry:** We are also in need of volunteers to assist in the RCIA ministry and warmly welcome anyone who would like to join the team and be actively involved in accompanying inquirers on their journey of faith. Please contact Sr Maria or Fr Michael for more information and to register your interest. Please see Fr Michael or Sr Maria for further information.

**PASTORAL HOME VISITS:** Sr Maria is available for home visits on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. For an appointment call 9401 6338 or email [Maria.Bui@cam.org.au](mailto:Maria.Bui@cam.org.au)

## **SMOT YOUTH PROGRAM 2024 - SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER, 11 AM**

The gathering will be held in the OSHCLUB (BENEATH THE Church Building) snacks and drinks will be provided.

## **LEARN MORE ABOUT ONLINE SAFETY**

The eSafety Commissioner has advice to help parents and carers be positive role models and keep young people safer online.

Advice and support for parents and carers about how they can help protect children online can be found at [thinkuknow.org.au](http://thinkuknow.org.au), an AFP-led education program designed to prevent online child exploitation.

For online safety information for parents and carers, visit: [www.eSafety.gov.au/parents](http://www.eSafety.gov.au/parents)

For advice on how to set parental controls across home wi-fi, devices, software and more, visit: [www.esafety.gov.au/parents/issues-and-advice/parental-controls](http://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/issues-and-advice/parental-controls)

For online safety information for children under 12, visit: [www.eSafety.gov.au/kids](http://www.eSafety.gov.au/kids)

For online safety information for young people, visit: [www.eSafety.gov.au/young-people](http://www.eSafety.gov.au/young-people)

For resources for parents, carers and for educators, visit: [www.thinkuknow.org.au/resources-tab/parents-and-carers](http://www.thinkuknow.org.au/resources-tab/parents-and-carers).

Excerpt from: *Every online safety conversation matters*

The eSafety Commissioner (eSafety) and the Australian Federal Police-led Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation (ACCCE) have created this resource to help families have important conversations about online safety. Having open and honest conversations can help your child confide in a trusted adult when they are faced with unsafe situations online. These cards cover topics about online interests, handling uncomfortable or unsafe situations, getting help and reporting abuse.

### **TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL**

On Thursday 8 August, the team from St Martin's parish met with those from St Pius X in West Heidelberg. Each Parish presented its Mission and Vision and their terms of reference together with examples of faith and community groups operating in their own parish. As our Parish Pastoral Council representative, Gay Nicholls presented an excellent summary of our parish's progress in these areas.

Some examples of suggestions for combined activities include inviting St Pius to the anointing Mass held regularly at St Martin's. Sr Maria kindly suggested that our RCIA and RCIC programs could include St Pius' candidates. Similarly, St Pius runs various cuppa and chat, and craft gatherings and would happily invite St Martin's parishioners to those.

Fr Michael extended the information to the "Raising Fathers" session on 21 August to St Pius' parishioners. These are all positive examples of the two parishes providing mutual support to each other.

We will be participating in the next Eastern Region meeting mid September, so will have more news for you then. Fulvio suggested a link to information on our Parish website, so that will provide good access to current information.

Please pray for us all as we continue on this journey.

# ST MARTIN OF TOURS - PARISH OF MACLEOD



'A faith community where Christian service thrives and shared ministry is developed'

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St Martin's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and adults at risk.

**Our Parish acknowledges the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation who are Traditional Owners of the land on which the parish resides and we pay our respects to elders past and present.**

## PASTORAL TEAM

Fr Michael O'Connell  
Parish Priest

Sr. Maria Bui  
Pastoral Associate  
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## ADMINISTRATION TEAM

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[Elizabeth.Jernejcic@cam.org.au](mailto:Elizabeth.Jernejcic@cam.org.au)

If you need the ministry of Fr Michael or Sr Maria please ring the Parish Office. This includes viaticum and all the opportunities for healing through the Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation.

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Angela Lacey  
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## PARISH GROUPS

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### St Vincent de Paul

Helpline  
1800 305 330

## 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 25th & 26th August 2024 Year B

**SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT** calls for truth and peace in a violent world. In the lead-up to Social Justice Sunday this weekend, Australia's Catholic bishops have released their Social Justice Statement for 2024–25. Entitled *Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World*, the statement argues that peace is possible if people commit to speaking the truth and redouble efforts to end war. **The full statement can be obtained going to this site: [melbournecatholic.org/news/social-justice-statement-calls-for-truth-and-peace-in-a-violent-world](http://melbournecatholic.org/news/social-justice-statement-calls-for-truth-and-peace-in-a-violent-world).** See copies in foyer.

**SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL [JOHN 6:60-69]** In this chapter Jesus teaches that the meaning of his life, and the meaning of all human life, lies in being prepared to give of oneself. Perhaps you can identify with what Pope Francis says: 'Those who enjoy life most are those who leave security on the shore and become excited by the mission of communicating life to others ...' (Pope Francis: *The Joy of the Gospel*, No.10) 'This teaching is difficult', complained his hearers, including some of his own followers. Perhaps at times you also have wondered if you could go along with it. What helped you to overcome your resistance? 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the message of eternal life.' In the midst of your doubts perhaps you have held on to your faith in Jesus because, like Peter, you found a more hopeful message in Jesus than you could find anywhere else. How has the Gospel message been more attractive to you than any other? 'The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life'. Recall the words and phrases of Jesus that are words of life for you.

*Intercom, A Catholic Pastoral & Liturgical Resource July/August*

## BAPTISM PRESENTATIONS AT THE 10 am MASS

In preparation for their upcoming baptisms for October,

**MATILDA CRESSWELL** and her parents Max and Caroline  
**THOMAS STANSBURY** and his parents Richard and Jessica  
**SEBASTIAN VIDOVIC** and his parents Steven and Kristina  
**CHIARA ZITA** and his parents Gian and Sarah  
**SOPHIE HANRATTY** and her parents Daniel and Hannah

are being presented to the community of St Martin's this weekend.

*May God surround them all in his love.*



**THE 2024 ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN** is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. These ministries are outlined in the Campaign brochure which you will find in your pew and in the foyer today. Gifts of \$2 or more are tax-deductible. Tax-deductible donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, the Priests Retirement Foundation, John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, University of Divinity Building Fund as well as Catholic community agencies and service organisations through annual grants. Non-tax-deductible donations go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund and support seminarian formation and evangelisation ministries. Please review the campaign material and prayerfully consider pledging a recurring monthly gift to help us continue to strengthen the Christian faith and address the needs of God's people. Tear-off pledge cards are attached to the campaign envelopes in the church. You can also make a gift online at [melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign](http://melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign) or via the QR codes on the campaign materials. I invite you to give generously to this important campaign.



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## FORTNIGHTLY SCOOP

PFA FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

Preparations are well underway for our annual Father's Day events. This year we are grateful to once again have Cary, B and Luis, R co-ordinating our Father's Social Night to be held on Friday 30th August at the E.Bar, Old England Hotel. Please show your support and join them for a great night out! Tickets can be purchased at <https://smotpfa.weebly.com/> by Tuesday 27th August.

Our Father's Day Stall will be held on Thursday 29th August. We will need lots of helpers to help the children purchase gifts for their loved ones on the day and set-up the day before the stall. If you can spare just one hour of your time, please sign up to volunteer at <https://signup.zone/smotpfa-volunteer>. The stall will be held in the Community Centre across the road. All volunteers for the stall will need a current working with children check.

We are also excited to officially launch our SMOT Family Fun Day event, which will be held on Sunday 20th October, between 3:30pm - 6:30pm. Our sub-committee is busily brainstorming and working in the background to make this a great event for all our SMOT families. We look forward to revealing further details in the coming weeks.

### 2024 Term 3 Events

28 Aug	Father's Day Stall Set-Up
29 Aug	Father's Day Stall
30 Aug	Father's Social Night
3 Sep	Zooper Doopers
10 Sep	Zooper Doopers
17 Sep	Zooper Doopers
18 Sep	School Disco

**ST MARTIN OF TOURS PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION**  
HELP US ACHIEVE OUR FUNDRAISING GOAL FOR 2024!

OUR GOAL \$25,000

Our Last Event Was: Cookie Dough Fundraiser

We Raised: \$1,768

Total Raised To Date: **\$13,561.37**

Raised Funds Will Go Toward:  
Junior Sandpit Upgrade and Shade Sails  
House Colour Marquees

Thank you for your support!

ST MARTIN OF TOURS  
PARENTS AND FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION

# SMOT FAMILY FUN DAY

SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2024  
3:30PM - 6:30PM

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# SMOT Business Directory

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To advertise your business in our SMOT Business Directory, complete the online registration form at [smotpfa.weebly.com](http://smotpfa.weebly.com)

If you would like to sponsor, or provide a donation for, one of our events to have your business featured in our newsletter, please contact [smotpfa@smosanna.catholic.edu.au](mailto:smotpfa@smosanna.catholic.edu.au).



St Martin of Tours  
Stmartinoftours@oshclub.com.au

## Newsletter

August 2024

OSHClub

### What's been happening...

Hi all!

Over the past fortnight we have been enjoying our cooking club where we have made pastry scrolls with our own choice of fillings with vegemite, cheese, pizza and jam available. They were delicious! On our pupil free day, we also made cupcakes and had an opportunity to decorate them with icing every colour of the rainbow and plenty of sprinkles.

We also make spoon people and had plenty of time for games such as Uno and a group game of Spoons. Plenty of Hama bead creations were made as well as fun play outside. We also enjoyed the sunshine and had a picnic on the oval. It was a lovely day.

The past few weeks our competitions have been design our own winter clothes including superhero cape with this week being, designing and decorating a crown!

Rise and shine program has been full of delicious breakfasts and plenty of group games, our recent favorites being musical status and silent ball.

Stay and play program has consisted of everyone mostly outside as the weather starts to get warmer. One of our favorite activities this week was our magic reveal drawings in which we created our own fun design and inserted it into our magic reveal picture frame and watched the magic happen as the design disappeared.

- SMOT OSHC

### Coming Up Fun days

23<sup>rd</sup>  
Aug

Inside out

- Mood monster stick puppets
- Inside out colouring

30th  
Aug

Father's Day

- I love you photo frames
- I love my special person card

### Special Announcements

- Please check enrolments to ensure that details are current and up to date especially emergency contacts, medical conditions, and general contact details.

### Quality Area Reflection

Out come Area: 2.3 - I am becoming aware of fairness

Our focus recently has been on fairness. We have been playing group games and have also had competitions. For some students they are developing an understanding of sharing and fairness such as not everyone can win.



BSC 7:00AM – 9:00AM  
ASC 3:00PM – 6:15PM  
Phone Number: 0421751216

oshclub.com.au  
1300 395 735

# Calendar of Events

## TERM 3 2024

Please check Compass alerts and classroom newsletters regularly as events may be subject to change

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 6</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug <b>24<sup>th</sup> Aug</b> <b>Year 5</b> <b>Family Mass</b>	<i>Book Week Begins</i> <b>Book Week Parade</b> <b>9am Top yard</b>	<i>Maths and Literacy</i> <i>Picture Story Book</i>	<i>Story Time Swap</i> <i>Raising Father's Evening 7pm</i>	<i>Coins in your pocket</i> <i>PJL Class Mass</i>	<i>Book Week Ends</i> <i>Board Games</i> <i>Afternoon 2:40pm</i>  <i>Year 6 Interschool Sport</i> <i>Round 5</i>
<b>Week 7</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> Aug <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sep</b> <b>Father's Day</b>	<i>Dance Around the World –</i> <i>Incursion/ Display 2.30pm</i>	<i>PBL Class Mass</i>  <i>Reconciliation Parent</i> <i>Information Evening 7pm</i>	<i>Father's Day Stall- Set Up</i> <i>(Community Centre)</i>	<i>Father's Day Stall</i> <i>(Community Centre)</i>	<i>PFA Father's Social Night</i>  <i>Year 6 Interschool Sport</i> <i>Round 6</i>
<b>Week 8</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> Sep <b>7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Sep</b> <b>Reconciliation</b> <b>Commitment Mass</b>		<i>Zooper Dooper Day</i>		<i>PGO Class Mass</i>	<i>Year 6 Interschool Sport</i> <i>Round 7</i>
<b>Week 9</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> Sep		<i>Zooper Dooper Day</i>	<i>Divisional Athletics (TBC)</i>	<i>R U OK? Day</i>	
<b>Week 10</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> Sep	<i>Year 3 and Year 4 Basket</i> <i>Supper Dance</i>	<i>Zooper Dooper Day</i>	<i>PFA School Disco</i> <i>State Netball Boys/Mixed State</i> <i>Finals</i>		<i>Last Day of Term</i> <i>1pm Finish</i>



## Term Dates 2024

**Term 1** 29 January (Staff Return) - 28 March

**Term 2** 15 April - 28 June

**Term 3** 15 July\* - 20 September

**Term 4** 7 October - 17 Dec

## SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS

Monday 4th November - Report Writing

Monday 2nd December - Planning for 2025

## SACRAMENTS

### **Reconciliation - Year 3**

Tuesday 27th August - Reconciliation Information Night for Year 3 parents 7pm

Saturday 7th September - Reconciliation Commitment Mass or

Sunday 8th September - Reconciliation Commitment Mass

Tuesday 15th October - Sacrament of Reconciliation 3KR at 9.15am

Tuesday 22nd October - Sacrament of Reconciliation 3LA at 9.15am

Tuesday 29th October - Sacrament of Reconciliation 3CJ at 9.15am

## Year 4 Camp

Tuesday 8th October - Wednesday 9th October

## **Save the Date**

Sunday 20th October - PFA Family Fun Day

Monday 11th November - St Martin's Feast Day Mass (Lead by 6BM) and Feast Day Activities

Monday 9th December - St Martin's Carols Night **Arrive at 5.30pm for a 5.45pm start**

Friday 13th December – End of Year Mass **at 9.15am**

Monday 16th December – Meet your 2025 Teacher

Tuesday 17th December – **End of Term 4 Students dismissed at 1pm**

## Dates for Year 6 Families

Wednesday 4th December – Year 6 Excursion

Friday 6th December – Year 6 Graduation Mass **at 9.15am**

Wednesday 11th December – Year 6 Graduation Celebration **6.30pm- 9.30pm**

Friday 13th December – Farewell to Year 6 students **after 9.15am Mass**

## Dates for Prep 2025 Families

Thursday 31st October – Prep 2025 Orientation session (1/3)

Tuesday 12th November – Prep 2025 Orientation session (2/3)

Friday 15th November – Prep 2025 Parent Welcome Dinner

Wednesday 20th November – Prep 2025 Orientation session (3/3)

# Safety Around Schools

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## Obeying the law

Road rules, parking and traffic signs are there to protect the safety of all pedestrians and road users.

It is an offence to:

- Double park by stopping next to a legally parked vehicle, even for a short time or to drop off/pick up passengers.
- Stop or park across a driveway, footpath or dividing strip except when picking up or dropping off passengers.
- Stop or park within 10 metres of an intersection or corner that doesn't have traffic lights.
- Stop or park across or in a bus zone.

Council's Local Laws Officers regularly patrol streets and roads around Banyule schools at peak school times.

If you do not obey the road rules, parking and traffic signs, Council's Parking Enforcement Officers' can and will issue fines.

If you have questions about restrictions, traffic control or enforcement, please contact us via email at [enquiries@banyule.vic.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@banyule.vic.gov.au) or dial 9490 4222. [www.banyule.vic.gov.au](http://www.banyule.vic.gov.au)

## Riding on footpaths

Banyule encourages our students to walk and cycle to school when they can. Children under 13 are allowed to ride on the footpath, as is anyone older that is accompanying the child.

The safe use of footpaths involves being mindful, respectful of others, and using your common sense.

When riding on footpaths:

- Ride at a relaxed speed.
- Give way to all pedestrians.
- Ride on the left unless it is impractical to do so.
- Pass on the right when sightlines are clear.
- Ring your bell or provide a friendly warning such as "passing on your right" about 30 metres before passing.
- Slow down and take care when passing to be able to stop quickly if necessary.



## Safety around schools

**CHILDREN CROSSING**

A Banyule Road Safety Initiative



## Keeping everyone safe

Speed zones, pedestrian crossings and parking restrictions around schools are there to improve the movement of traffic during peak times and maximise safety for children and all road users.

You can help by obeying road rules and set good road safety practices when crossing roads.

5 tips around schools

1. Allow enough time to take your child to the school gate safely. Consider parking a few streets away and walking your child the rest of the way to school.
2. Obey all traffic control signs and the directions of the school crossing supervisor.
3. Plan with your child as to when and where they can be picked up or dropped off safely. Find locations where it is safe to get out of the car and cross the road.
4. Where available, always cross at a supervised school crossing even if it is further away.
5. Never call your child from across the road.



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## Observe parking signs



**No stopping**

No stopping zones cannot be used at any time for stopping, parking, dropping off or picking up students/passengers. These zones can also be marked by yellow lines.



**No parking**

You can only park your car in this zone for up to 2 minutes to deliver/pick up goods and/or passengers. The driver must remain near the vehicle at all times.



**Accessible parking**

This parking space can only be used by vehicles displaying a blue disabled parking permit. Vehicles without a permit cannot park here at all, even to drop off/pick up.



**Bus zones**

Bus zones are for public or private bus use only. The driver of a private vehicle is not allowed to stop in a bus zone at any time.



## Other common parking rules

**Pedestrian crossings**

A vehicle must not stop 20 metres before or 10 metres after a school crossing, this is generally marked by signage or yellow line marking. This ensures children can be clearly seen by approaching vehicles.



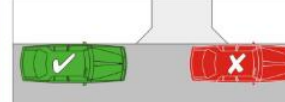
**Double parking**

Vehicles must not stop on a road adjacent to another vehicle even for a short time or to drop off/pick up passengers. Double parking forces other vehicles to divert, causing traffic congestion and line of sight issues, which can cause accidents with pedestrians or vehicles.



**Driveways and yellow lines**

A vehicle is allowed to stop over the entrance to a driveway to pick up/drop off passengers, but drivers must not wait or leave their vehicles across a driveway entrance for more than 2 minutes. Areas marked with a yellow line are no stopping areas.





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## FATHER'S DAY FAMILY EVENT



**Thursday 29th August 5pm to 7pm.**

Join in the fun as we celebrate all dads this Father's Day.

**Details**

Join us in store with the team to celebrate Dads this Father's Day. There will be something for everyone including make a gift for dad, kids' karaoke, face painting, games, sausage sizzle and more.

Bookings preferred. Call the store for details 86136300

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2. Follow the clues to find the 3 treasures
3. Then complete the entry form and tell us in 50 words or less tell us something special about your school's Past, Present or Future

Competition Closes 5.00pm Friday 6 September, 2024.  
Visit our website to enter  
[catholicschoolsguide.com.au/competition](http://catholicschoolsguide.com.au/competition)

**Happy Treasure Hunting!**

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**Date and Time:** Sat 7th Sept

**Time:** 9.30am – 3.30pm (Doors open at 8.45 am for a 9.30am start)

**Location:** Main Auditorium, New Hope Church Building, 3-7 Springfield Road, Blackburn North VIC

**Cost:** \$99.00 AUD

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