



Melbourne Archdiocese  
Catholic Schools



St Robert's  
Newtown

29th May 2026

# NEWSLETTER

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At St Robert's, taking Jesus as our model, we **INCLUDE**, we **CONNECT**, we act with **PURPOSE**.

## SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

**Wednesday 3rd June - 5:30pm**  
At the Telegraph Hotel

## ST ROBERT'S FEAST DAY

**Friday 5th June**  
See page 3 for details

## KING'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

**Monday 8th June**  
No school today

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As always, there has been so much happening across our school community and it has been wonderful seeing students involved in learning, sport and special events.

Congratulations to all of the students who represented St Robert's at the North Geelong Division Cross Country and the MacKillop District AFL & Netball Lightning Premiership. We are incredibly proud of the way our students competed with determination and teamwork. Thank you to Mr Williams for coordinating these events and to our staff and parent volunteers who generously gave their time to support students and make these opportunities possible.

In this fortnight's newsletter you will find information regarding our Winter Uniform expectations (See page 4). While we extended the time students could continue wearing summer uniform due to the warmer weather, with temperatures now becoming much cooler it is expected that students transition to full Winter uniform. Please remember that our Winter Uniform includes the introduction of the blue shorts, with grey shorts not worn during Winter.

We were fortunate to have some cooler weather today as we recognised and celebrated Hoodie Up for Autism Day. Earlier in the term, we shared information about this initiative and the importance of promoting understanding, inclusion and celebrating the unique strengths and experiences of individuals with Autism. It was wonderful seeing students enthusiastically participating and I particularly enjoyed wearing my hoodie alongside the students as we came together to support such an important cause.

Next week we have some exciting events taking place before we head into the long weekend. Our next school assembly will be held on Monday at 2:55pm, presented by 1LB, and families are warmly welcome to attend. On Friday, we look forward to celebrating our St Robert's Feast Day. Families are invited to join us for Mass with Father Jim at 9:00am in the Multi-Purpose Space. Students will also participate in a dance session with the STOMP Dance Company team throughout the day. There will be an opportunity for families to enjoy a showcase of student performances at 2:40pm.

The portal is now open for Parent Teacher Interview bookings, which will take place on Tuesday 9th June. Please note that this will be a student free day. Interviews will run from 2:00pm to 6:30pm with access via the front office only. The Mervyn Street gate will be closed and there will be no access through the school yard. Staff will provide supervision for students in the courtyard if required.

As we head into another busy week and the colder weather settles in, I hope you all stay warm and enjoy some special time with your families this weekend.

Warm regards,

Rebecca O'Leary - PRINCIPAL

## UPCOMING DATES

### School Closure Day & Parent Teacher Interviews

Tues 9th June 2pm-6:30pm  
No Students at school

### North Geelong Division Year 6 Soccer (Select Students)

Tuesday 9th June - See  
note sent Wed 27th May

### North Geelong Division Year 6 Girls Netball Competition (Select Students)

Thursday 11th June - See  
note sent Wed 27th May

### North Geelong Division Year 6 Boys AFL Competition (Select Students)

Monday 15th June - See note  
sent Wed 27th May

### Western Metropolitan Cross Country (Select Students)

Monday 15th June

### P & F Meeting

Tuesday 16th June at 7pm

Heavenly Father,

Help me practice being still,  
remind me to slow down and  
not to hurry all the time.

May you bring a sense of  
calm over me and my heart.

I ask this in Jesus'  
name.

Amen.



## REPORT STUDENT ABSENCES BY 9:15AM ON THE DAY OF THE ABSENCE

Please call 5221 1075, press 1 & leave details of absence OR email: [attendance@srnewtown.catholic.edu.au](mailto:attendance@srnewtown.catholic.edu.au)  
OR submit via Skool Loop App Absences Tab

# SPORT NEWS

Kelly Williams

## **NORTH GEELONG DIVISION YEAR 6 BOYS SOCCER**

Good luck to the boys soccer team who will be competing in the North Geelong Division Comp on Tuesday 9th June!

## **MACKILLOP WINTER YEAR 6 BOYS AFL & GIRLS NETBALL LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIP COMPETITION**

On Friday 22nd May our Year 6's competed at South Barwon and Kardinia Park for the MacKillop Winter Lightning Premiership for AFL and Netball.

We had 2 teams represent St Robert's, the boys AFL & the girls Netball teams. All the students participated to the best of their ability and should all be extremely proud of their efforts on the day!

The division 1 boys football team finished 2nd by winning all their games except for 1. It was a hard fought loss that saw them win the 2nd half after a sprinted effort! All the players managed to kick a goal during the day, which has never been achieved before!

The division 2 team also won several games and their ability to never give up was a highlight!

The division 1 girls netball team had an exceptional day and won all their matches and have made it through to North Geelong Division Netball Comp held at Kardinia Park on Thursday 11th June, good luck girls!

Thank you to Jesse M who coached them on the day.

The division 2 team also won several games and were coached by Billi, with Miss Claire supporting both teams.

Well done to all the girls for their strong effort and commitment to the team!

## **NORTH GEELONG DIVISION CROSS COUNTRY**

Well done to Duke B, Hazel C, Sadie D, Owen D, Annie J, Sophie M, Archie S and Gus W on representing St Robert's at the North Geelong Division Cross Country on Tuesday 19th May.

You all did extremely well and should all be very proud of your efforts in the trying conditions!

Congratulations to Sadie D, Gus W and Duke B who will be progressing to the Western Metropolitan Cross Country at Keilor Park on Monday 15th June.

# MacKillop District AFL & Netball



# North Geelong Division Cross Country



# STEM NEWS

Emma Rayson

## **PROTECTING YOUR CHILDREN FROM SEXUAL ABUSE ONLINE**

Online sexual abuse can happen to any child, at any age. It usually happens when a child is persuaded or pressured to do things like talk about private parts of their body, share nude images, or get sexual in an online chat or video call.

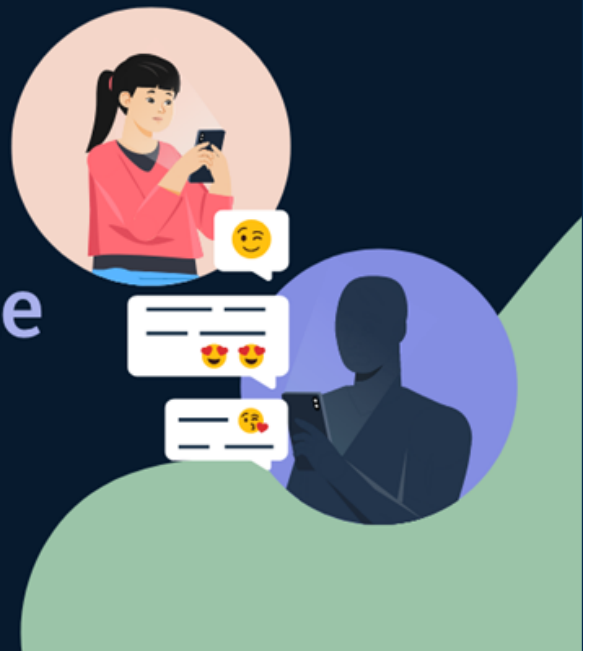
Sending a child sexually explicit material is also abuse.

Helping children to understand the risks of being online is just one practical steps parents and carers can take to help protect them.

### **Our top tips**

- ✓ Have regular, age-appropriate conversations with your child about what they do online, who they're talking to, and how it makes them feel. This can help them spot risks and speak up early if something goes wrong.
- ✓ Use parental controls on apps and games together, learn about the platforms your child uses, and watch for changes in behaviour that may signal something isn't right.
- ✓ Read our book 'Let's talk about being safe online' with your child to explore online safety through simple, open conversations. You can also order your free copy!
- ✓ **Most importantly**, let children know they won't get in trouble for asking for help.

Take steps to protect  
**your child from  
sexual abuse online**



**ST ROBERT'S HAS GOT**

# TALENT

Friday June 26th

**GRADES 3-6** Get ready to unleash your talent!

Registrations are now open

Don't miss the chance to be part of this dazzling showcase of creativity and skill!

Sign up by asking your teacher to add you to the digital sign up form!

**AUDITIONS**

Begin Week 8  
June 8th

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 5

FCH	Eddie	Primrose
FMC	Lou	Odelia
Gr 1 LB	Lucas	Charlotte
Gr 2 RM	Max	Sam
Gr 2 SC	Lucy	Jack
Gr 3 MP	Emily	John
Gr 3 SB	Hugo	Tony
Gr 4 EG	Eve	Alannah
Gr 4 KR	Charlotte	Sadie P
Gr 5 JB	Rachel	Devy
Gr 5 RR	Isabelle	Jack P
Gr 6 CL	Audrey	Lenny
Gr 6 PB	Clementine	Lincoln

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 6

FCH	Vivienne	August
FMC	Maximus	Charlie
Gr 1 LB	Maddie, Sadie P & Jimmy	
Gr 2 RM	Mateja	Archie
Gr 2 SC	Oakley	Banjo
Gr 3 MP	Maya L	Collins
Gr 3 SB	Ruby O	Albie
Gr 4 EG	Kai	Isabel
Gr 4 KR	Jude	Vivienne
Gr 5 JB	Max D	Lucas
Gr 5 RR	Molly	Daisy
Gr 6 CL	Fionn	Lucy
Gr 6 PB	Caitlin	Xavier

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## St Robert's Feast Day

Friday June 5th

Students are invited to wear their sport uniform.

Our community are invited to join us for our Liturgy with Father Jim at 9:00am.

Families are welcome to join us at 2:40pm for a Stomp Dance performance.

**Stomp Dance Co.**

A Day of Prayer, Dance, Creativity, Fun and Cooperation

St Robert's acknowledges the traditional custodians of this land, the Wadawurrung people of the Kulin Nation. We pay our respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures; and to Elders both past, present and emerging.

# ST ROBERT'S WINTER UNIFORM

Winter uniform should now be worn by all students.

## Girls Winter Uniform



Long sleeve white skivvy or white shirt worn with Tunic or navy pants. Navy tights or navy socks.



White socks without logos must be worn with the Winter sport uniform.



## Boys Winter Uniform



Long sleeve boys shirt worn with navy pants/shorts and navy socks.

## Sport Uniform

# THE ST ROBERT'S RAINBOW



## REGULATION TOOLS VS TOYS

### The Basics

- Some students use fidget tools, cushions, or headphones to support focus
- These are not rewards or toys
- Tools are taught, monitored, and used with clear expectations
- A fidget is only a tool if it can be used "blindly" without looking at it. If a child is actively watching it, throwing it, or making noise with it, it becomes a toy and switches from a tool for focus to a source of distraction.

### Why they work

The brain needs a certain level of alertness to focus. If a child's nervous system is under-stimulated (bored/lethargic) or over-stimulated (anxious/overwhelmed), a fidget provides the specific sensory input needed to bring them back to a calm, alert "baseline."

### In the classroom

For kids who need constant movement to think, sitting completely still is exhausting. Small fidgets act as a minor physical outlet, reducing the need for bigger, more disruptive movements like pacing, rocking, or leaving their seat.

They improve passive listening: Occupying the hands with a mindless, tactile task actually frees up cognitive space, making it easier for some kids to focus on a teacher's voice or a conversation.

We ask students who need a fidget to keep it under the table to prevent it distracting their classmates.

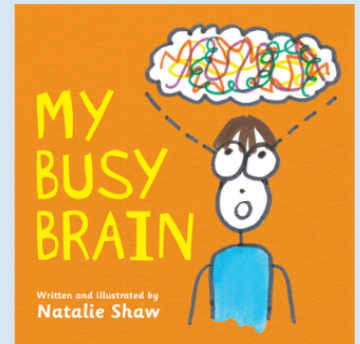
### What else can they help with

They can help channel anxiety: Rhythmic, repetitive motions (like squeezing or rolling) stimulate the nervous system in a predictable way, which lowers cortisol levels and calms a racing mind.

WHERE EVERY MIND MATTERS.



## BOOK SPOTLIGHT



Meet Max, a child with a busy brain, big feelings, and amazing ideas. Together, you'll learn how to understand and manage ADHD with love and care. Perfect for kids aged 4-9 and their families to read and explore together!

## MYTH VS REALITY

**Myth:** "Fidgets are distracting"

**Reality:** When used correctly, they increase attention and reduce overload  
Science evidence for ADHD pre-front cortex lights up



# THE ST ROBERT'S RAINBOW

THE RIGHT TOOL FOR ME



WHERE  
EVERY MIND  
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Restless behaviour	What the brain is seeking	Best fidget to help	How it helps the brain
Chewing on sleeves, pencils, or fingers	<b>Oral Proprioceptive Input:</b> Deep pressure in the jaw to calm the nervous system.	Chewable jewelry (chewelry), textured pencil toppers.	Provides a safe, durable, and hygienic alternative to destroying clothes or swallowing dangerous materials.
Skin picking, scab scratching, or nail-biting	<b>Tactile / Fine Motor Input:</b> High-intensity touch sensation at the fingertips.	"Calm Strips" (textured stickers), spikey sensory rings, peeling glue/putty.	Redirects the destructive urge to pick at skin onto a safe, highly tactile surface.
Constantly shifting, rocking, or kicking the chair	<b>Vestibular / Gross Motor Input:</b> Movement and body-position awareness.	Wobble cushions, resistance bands tied across desk legs.	Allows the child to channel their need for physical movement directly from their seat without disrupting others.
Flipping pages, clicking pens loudly, or zoning out	<b>Fine Motor / Mental Alertness:</b> Repetitive, low-effort hand action to stay awake.	Tangle toys, infinity cubes, marble-and-mesh slides.	Keeps "busy hands" moving quietly under the desk so the brain stays awake and receptive to listening.
Emotional meltdowns, anger, or sensory overload	<b>Deep Tactile Pressure:</b> Deep muscle grounding to reset a panicked nervous system.	Heavy therapy putty, dense stress balls, weighted lap pads, weighted blanket	Squeezing heavy resistance items triggers a grounding mechanism in the body, helping lower an elevated heart rate.



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## Trivia Night: **BRIGHT MINDS** & BEAUTIFUL SPACES

Join us for the St Robert's Bright Minds & Beautiful Spaces Trivia Night, a night of fun, laughter and community spirit, all while supporting an exciting vision for our school grounds!

This year's major fundraiser is helping bring our garden and planting plans to life, creating beautiful outdoor spaces for our children to learn, play and connect.

From rejuvenated gardens and welcoming community areas, to new yard games and exciting additions, every ticket, donation and contribution helps grow something special for our school community.

Together, we can help create vibrant outdoor spaces where imagination, creativity and friendships can flourish for years to come.

### Event Info

**When:** 7:00pm - Friday 19th June

**Where:** All Saints Hall - 113 Noble St, Newtown

**Ticket price:** \$35.00 per head

Includes Trivia, entertainment, grazing table (BYO nibbles/finger food & drinks) and x1 entry into the Major Draw.

### How to Purchase

Visit CDF Pay Mobile App or scan the QR Code below and follow the on-screen instructions to buy an individual ticket or table of 10.

Not able to attend? Family, friends and guests can still purchase Raffle Tickets for their chance to win a prize in our Major Draw!





## TERM 2 SAFETY REMINDERS SURROUNDING ROADS, PARKING & TRAFFIC



We kindly ask for your cooperation in following road rules and street markings when picking up and dropping off students.

### Mervyn Street

For the safety of all in our community and in support of our neighbours, please

- drive all the way to the furthest available car park when arriving at the black gate, and do not stop in the park closest to the gate,
- remain in your car while parked in the drop off zone and ensure your car is not left unattended in the 2-minute drop-off zone, as marked on the signs,
- look closely to ensure the driveways of our neighbours are not blocked when parking,
- remember Mervyn Street is a two-way street and must remain clear for traffic flow
- watch for teachers in yellow vests assisting students to cross the road,
- students with bikes exit via the back gate only onto Mervyn Street under supervision.



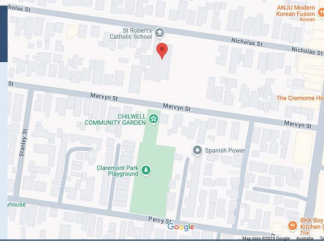
### Nicholas Street

For the safety of all in our community and in support of our neighbours, please

- follow the school crossing signage and do not park within the No Park Zone when school crossing flags are displayed. Parking in these areas (even for a short time) makes it difficult and dangerous for our students and the Crossing Supervisor.
- be mindful of, and do not park in the yellow-marked parking spots
- look closely to ensure the driveways of our neighbours are not blocked when parking
- council penalties apply if traffic rules are not followed. The council were called and visited last week when it was reported that a driveway was blocked.

### Park & Walk Locations

- Nicholas Street is a great place for parking and walking.
- Park in Percy St and walk through Claremont Park.
- Park further up Nicholas or Mervyn Street and practise having your child/ren walk up the street to meet you.
- Park and walk options help us reduce traffic around the school.



## TERM 2 SAFETY REMINDERS BIKE RIDING, PICK UP & PLAYGROUNDS



### After School Pick Up

- If you are running late please call the office. We are happy to keep children safe and supervise them in the office until you arrive.
- Staff bring students inside to the front office at 3:35pm
- Students must wait in the courtyard, seated on bench seats (Nicholas Street dismissal) or be seated on the basketball court (Mervyn Street dismissal) until parents arrive.

### Playground Use After School

- Students are only permitted to play on the JUNIOR playground if parents are present
- Parents are to actively supervise and be near their child at all times.
- Students don't ask your child to wait for you on the playground. This makes afternoon dismissal difficult and unsafe as they are not supervised and could injure themselves, or others
- While onsite we encourage the following of school rules including keeping our hands and feet to ourselves.



### Bike Riding to School

It has been brought to our attention that senior students have been seen engaging in 'wheelies' and unsafe behaviour when riding to school. Staff have pulled over to ask students to leave the road and to place helmets back on. This is very unsafe and concerning behaviour. We want all students to arrive at school safely. We would greatly appreciate your support in discussing safe bike riding expectations at home, including:

- wearing helmets correctly at all times,
- riding responsibly near roads and traffic,
- practise being aware of other road users, cars exiting driveways and pedestrians
- making safe choices on the journey to and from school



# WINTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM



29 JUN - 10 JUL

BARWON VALLEY ACTIVITY CENTRE

8:00AM - 5:00PM

PREP - GRADE 6

\$65 FULL DAY

\$300 FULL WEEK

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

### SPECIAL EVENT DAYS

NERF WARS - WED 1<sup>st</sup> July

NINJA WARRIOR - THU 2<sup>nd</sup> July

An additional \$25 incursion fee applies for this day.

FUTSAL COMP - WED 8<sup>th</sup> July

RACQUET SPORT EXCURSION - THU 9<sup>th</sup> July

An additional \$10 excursion fee applies for this day.

### WHAT TO BRING?

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

BOOK ONLINE NOW

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### WEEK ONE

MON 29 <sup>TH</sup> BALL SPORT DAY BASKETBALL FOOTBALL SOCCER	TUE 30 <sup>TH</sup> FOOTY COLOURS DAY ALL SOCCER RUGBY	WED 1 <sup>ST</sup> NERF WARS DAY NERF WARS + BASKETBALL + DODGEBALL	THU 2 <sup>ND</sup> NINJA WARRIOR DAY + ULTIMATE RISSBEE + AFL	FRI 3 <sup>RD</sup> BAT & BALL DAY T-BALL CRICKET FIELD HOCKEY
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### WEEK TWO

MON 6 <sup>TH</sup> DODGEBALL DAY DANCE PARTY + BASKETBALL	TUE 7 <sup>TH</sup> DANCE DAY DANCE PARTY + AFL + NETBALL	WED 8 <sup>TH</sup> FUTSAL COMP FUTSAL COMP BASKETBALL + NETBALL	THU 9 <sup>TH</sup> GEELONG LAWYERS TENNIS CLUB TENNIS RACKETBALL RACKETBALL	FRI 10 <sup>TH</sup> KIDS VS COACHES KIDS CHOICE FUN CHALLENGES DODGEBALL
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THE BARWON VALLEY ACTIVITY CENTRE  
BELMONT

8AM - 5PM

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# WINTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM

MON - FRI

29 JUN - 10 JUL



# Winter Wonderland

## School Holiday Program

Prep to Grade 6

**Play**

**Create**

**Explore**

**Have fun!**

**St Robert's OSHC**  
7am - 6pm  
13 Nicholas St, Newtown

Contact details during service hours:  
0493 136 497  
sr.newtown@macseye.vic.edu.au

macseye.vic.edu.au

## Important Information



### What to bring

- ✓ Morning tea, lunch and snacks
- ✓ Refillable water bottle
- ✓ Suitable clothing for the weather, SunSmart hat, closed toe shoes, jacket in case of rain



### What we provide

- ✓ Breakfast each morning until 8:30am
- ✓ Afternoon tea
- ✓ Sunscreen, but you are welcome to provide your own if your child needs a specific brand



### Please remember

- ✓ Label your child's items clearly
- ✓ No nuts please!
- ✓ No food items that need to be reheated



### Medical Needs

- ✓ A Medical Management Plan with a colour photo must be provided for children with a medical condition including allergies, food/chemical intolerances, anaphylaxis, asthma and epilepsy.
- ✓ A Risk Minimisation and Communication Plan must be completed for children with a diagnosed health-care need, allergy or relevant medical condition. If one has not yet been completed, our educators will assist you to complete it on your child's first day of attendance.
- ✓ Provide the prescribed medication as listed on the plan, in its original packaging and clearly labelled with your child's name.



These documents and processes are legal requirements under the Education & Care National Regulations.

In the interests of children's health and safety, care may be refused or delayed if the required documentation and medication have not been supplied.

### Excursions

Please arrive by 8.30am so we can leave on time, and ensure the children don't miss out.

If your child is attending an excursion, please complete a permission form at the service on the morning of the excursion.

The excursion risk assessment will be available for you to view on the day.

### Drop off and pick up

All children must be picked up each day by an authorised adult. Please ensure you sign your child in and out each day on the service iPad.

### Unexpected changes to activities

Activities and times may change due to unforeseen circumstances, such as poor weather or circumstances beyond our control. If this happens, we will provide an alternative activity to ensure children continue to enjoy their day.



## Program

Arrive by 8.30am for excursions and 9.30am for on-site experiences

IN-HOUSE ON-SITE EXPERIENCE EXCURSION CREATE & KEEP

### WEEK 1

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
29 JUNE	30 JUNE	1 JULY	2 JULY	3 JULY
<b>Winter wonderland</b> Jump into our Winter Wonderland adventure! Children will enjoy freeze dance, Musical Snowflakes, Winter Karaoke, Winter Bingo, and a fun-filled dance party celebration.	<b>Frozen fizz creations</b> A sparkling day of movement and treats! Children will make snow slime, create fizzy bath bombs, and enjoy plenty of time choosing their favourite holiday activities.	<b>Winter warmers</b> A cosy day of movement and treats! Children will tackle a Winter Warm-Up Circuit, then enjoy our Hot Chocolate Shop workshop and take home their own delicious kit.	<b>Flip Out excursion</b> A fun-filled day of creativity and movement! Children will craft cotton ball snowmen, then bounce into action at Flip Out, enjoying trampolines, games, and fast challenges with friends.	<b>Cosy creations</b> A crafty winter day full of creativity! Children will design winter bookmarks and design their own beanies to stay warm, stylish, and ready for adventure.
FEE: \$76.50 AFTER MAX CCS*: \$7.65	FEE: \$96.50 AFTER MAX CCS*: \$9.65	FEE: \$101.50 AFTER MAX CCS*: \$10.15	FEE: \$131.50 AFTER MAX CCS*: \$13.15	FEE: \$96.50 AFTER MAX CCS*: \$9.65

### WEEK 2

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
6 JULY	7 JULY	8 JULY	9 JULY	10 JULY
<b>Movie excursion</b> A cosy movie adventure! Children will design their own popcorn boxes, dress in comfy pyjamas, and head to the cinema to watch Minions & Monsters.	<b>Winter world cup</b> Get ready for frosty competition! Children will play Pin the Nose on the Snowman, Snowball Dodgeball, then join our exciting Soccer World Cup challenge to compete for winter glory.	<b>Arctic art lab</b> A chilly day of creative fun! Children will craft sparkly snowflakes and sew adorable penguin plushies, bringing their frosty little friends to life.	<b>Winter carnival</b> A festive day packed with excitement! Children will make Melted Snowman Cookies and step into the spotlight to shine in our holiday program talent show.	<b>Snow globe magic</b> A magical day of winter creativity! Children will make salt snowflake gainings and decorate their own snow globes to take home a frosty keepsake.
FEE: \$126.50 AFTER MAX CCS*: \$12.65	FEE: \$96.50 AFTER MAX CCS*: \$9.65	FEE: \$96.50 AFTER MAX CCS*: \$9.65	FEE: \$76.50 AFTER MAX CCS*: \$7.65	FEE: \$96.50 AFTER MAX CCS*: \$9.65

\*Check your eligibility for CCS at Services Australia.

## How to Book

**Step 1: Check if your child is enrolled at this school**

- If your child attends OSHC at the school hosting the holiday program, go straight to **Step 3** to start booking.
- If your child attends OSHC at a different school or does not attend OSHC, go to **Step 2** and complete the enrolment form. This includes children attending MACSEYE OSHC at other schools.

**Step 2: Complete the enrolment form by 19 June**

- Scan or click the QR Code and complete the enrolment form.
- Once your enrolment is confirmed, we will email you a unique link to download the Xplor Home App.



**Step 3: Book your days**

- Book holiday program days via the Xplor Home App.

### Important

- New enrolments must be submitted by 19 June.
- Walk-ins cannot be accepted.
- The enrolment process must be completed before your child attends the program. This includes ensuring all medical and supporting documents have been provided.

### Child Care Subsidy

MACSEYE's holiday program is approved for the Child Care Subsidy (CCS), allowing eligible families to reduce their out-of-pocket expenses. To check your eligibility for CCS, visit the Services Australia website or login to your MyGov account.

### Cancellation policy

Minimum of 7 days' notice is required for booking cancellations.

Normal fees apply for cancellations outside the minimum notice period and the booking will be recorded as an absence.

CCS will be applied to the absence, and the gap fee will still be payable.



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### Contact Us

For help with enrolments and bookings, get in touch with our team:

1300 501 029

enrolments@macseye.vic.edu.au

## Child Safe Standard 5

**“Equity is upheld and diverse needs respected in policy and practice.”**

As Catholic educators, we have a moral, mission-driven and legal responsibility to uphold and actively promote the human flourishing, wellbeing and safety of every student entrusted in our care. Our commitment to the protection of children and young people is grounded in the Gospel message and related principles of justice, inclusion, and respect. This ensures the diverse needs of every child are recognized and treated with both dignity and care. Our Catholic communities strive to create faith filled, welcoming and inclusive environments where the dignity of every child and young person is promoted, equity is embedded, and the unique needs of every child are respected.

This newsletter series provides an overview of what the Child Safe Standards are, how they are designed to help keep children and young people safe and what schools governed by Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) are doing to prioritise and achieve this.

### Overview of Child Safe Standard 5:

To be aligned, schools must support the following:

- Families participate in decisions affecting their child
- The organisation engages and openly communicates with families and the community about its child safe approach and relevant information is accessible.
- Families and communities have a say in the development and review of the organisation’s policies
- Families, carers and the community are informed about the organisation’s operations and governance.

### The Child Safe Standards

The Child Safe Standards are a set of guidelines that help organisations create safe environments for children and young people.

They make sure that children are protected from harm, listened to, and respected. These standards require organisations to have strong leadership, clear policies, and a culture that puts children first.

As a parent or carer, you can expect organisations to involve families, empower children, train staff properly, and respond to concerns quickly and respectfully.



**“There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”**

(Galatians 3:28)

## How do our schools ensure every child is treated fairly and their unique needs are respected?

- In our schools, we believe that every child has the right to be treated fairly, included, and supported according to their diverse needs and background. These three principles are part of **Child Safe Standard 5**, which focuses on equity and diversity.
- **Equity** is about ensuring justice, recognising that children may need different levels of support to participate fully in learning, activities, and school life.
- **Inclusion** means creating environments where all children, regardless of culture, ability, language, or background, can flourish and are treated justly and are valued, respected, and welcomed.
- **Respect for diversity** is about honouring and celebrating the unique identity of every child, ensuring that **differences are recognised as strengths and that everyone's rights and dignity are upheld.**

## How Parents, Carers and Guardians can get involved!

Child Safe Standard 5 is about making sure schools, families, carers and the wider community work together to keep children safe. Here are some simple ways families can help:

- **Talk about inclusion and fairness:** Discuss diversity, equity, and respect with your child, and encourage them to appreciate differences in others.
- **Share insights about your child:** Let staff know if your child has specific needs or cultural practices that should be considered in school activities.
- **Participate in school programs and events:** Support initiatives that celebrate diversity and inclusion, such as cultural festivals, learning programs, or wellbeing initiatives.
- **Provide feedback:** Take part in surveys or discussions about school policies and practices, ensuring the school considers diverse perspectives.
- **Model respect and inclusion:** Demonstrate equitable, respectful, and inclusive behaviour at home and in community activities, children learn these values through example.



## Want to know more?

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about how we're supporting child safety, please get in touch.

More information on the Child Safe Standards can be found via the [Commission for Children and Young People \(CCYP\) website](#).

Translated Child Safe Standards resources can be found at [CCYP | Translated resources about the Child Safe Standards](#)

### Check out these additional resources :

National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) Resource Centre: [Explore NCEC Resource Centre \(inclusive education & wellbeing\)](#)


Catholic School Parents Australia (CSPA): [Visit Catholic School Parents Australia \(family support & engagement\)](#)

Parents & Families - Catholic School Parents: [Family Resources for Supporting Diverse Learning \(Catholic School Parents ACT/NSW\)](#)

Australian Catholics Magazine & Education Hub: [Read Australian Catholics \(family & faith resources\)](#)

Inclusive School Communities Toolkit (Australian education resource): [Access Inclusive School Communities Toolkit \(parent & school collaboration\)](#)

# St Robert's Family Calendar Term 3

WK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	13.7 <b>SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY</b> Student Free Day	14.7 <b>TERM 3 BEGINS</b> All Students Return Gates open 8:30am	15.7	16.7	17.7 <b>CARMEL FEAST DAY</b> Carmel students wear GREEN
2	20.7 <b>ASSEMBLY AT 2:55PM</b> Presented by 6PB Grandparents & Special Person Morning 	21.7	22.7	23.7 Year 4 Polly Woodside Excursion Rolling Pin Pie Drive Opens 	24.7
3	27.7 Robo Cup Kardinia College	28.7 P & F Meeting 7:00pm	29.7	30.7	31.7
4	3.8 MacKillop District Basketball (Selected Year 6 Students) <b>ASSEMBLY AT 2:55PM</b> Presented by 4EG	4.8	5.8	6.8	7.8 <b>MACKILLOP FEAST DAY</b> MacKillop students wear YELLOW
5	10.8	11.8	12.8	13.8	14.8
6	17.8 <b>ASSEMBLY AT 2:55PM</b> Presented by FCH	18.8	19.8	20.8 ROLLING PIN PIE DRIVE DELIVERY KidsROAR Parent Information Session 8:00pm via Zoom	21.8 <b>Sunday 23.8</b> YEAR 4 EUCHARIST AT 2:30PM
7	24.8 <b>BOOK WEEK BEGINS</b> <b>BOOK WEEK PARADE 9:00am</b> 'Symphony of Stories' 	25.8 <b>Foundation to Year 3</b> KidsROAR Sessions	26.8 <b>Foundation to Year 3</b> KidsROAR Sessions	27.8	28.8
8	31.8 <b>SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY</b> Student Free Day	1.9 <b>KINDNESS IN SEPTEMBER</b> Our Month of giving begins  North Geelong Division Athletics (Select Students)	2.9	3.9 Father's Day Breakfast 8:15am 	4.9 P & F Father's Day Stall
9	7.9 <b>ASSEMBLY AT 2:55PM</b> Presented by 5RR	8.9 P & F Meeting 7:00pm	9.9 North Geelong Division Year 6 Boys Basketball (Select Student)	10.9 Year 5 Social Justice Market Day Jellybean Dress Day - Type 1 Diabetes Awareness	11.9
10	14.9	15.9	16.9	17.9 Year 6 Aviation Expo 	18.9 <b>LAST DAY TERM 3</b> 1:15pm Dismissal Sport Colours Day 

\*\*Please note that events and dates are subject to change and were correct at the time of printing - 27/05/2026