



St Robert's
Newtown



24th April 2024

NEWSLETTER

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

PUBLIC HOLIDAY - ANZAC DAY

Thursday 25th April

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

Friday 26th April

No students

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST & LITURGY

Thursday 9th May

'Muffins & Muesli with Mum'

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term Two!

Our term has had a productive start with two assemblies and two excursions already. Last week I had the privilege of taking our School Captains and our Class Captains to the Shrine of Remembrance. Our students represented our school proudly as part of the Melbourne Legacy 92nd ANZAC Commemoration Ceremony for Students. Some of their insights are shared in our newsletter today.

4CL led a wonderful assembly on Monday afternoon. They confidently and proudly shared their learning about the classification of animals. Our Senior Six Technology Leaders continue to assist with assemblies. They had an extra task on Monday, setting up our Student ANZAC service. I thank Mrs Lewis for organising our ANZAC service and preparing our captains.

This week, the Technology Leaders have also spent some time with me working on suggestions for our outdoor speaker set-up. The school is moving forward with a speaker upgrade as our current system rusted out last year and the alternative speaker systems have not met our communication needs.

It has been heartwarming to receive so much love and support from our school community in recent weeks. I would like to thank Rebecca, who stepped into Acting Principal, and Margot for stepping into Acting Deputy Principal last term. Rebecca made sure to pass on the well wishes of many families. Thank you, I appreciate the kind words you shared with her and that my family was in your thoughts.

This Friday we are closed and will join hundreds of Educators from across the Western Region. It will be the largest gathering of Catholic school staff from the West in a decade and we look forward to a day of professional development and collaboration.

Lastly, as we head into a day of reflection on ANZAC day tomorrow, and a long weekend hopefully shared with loved ones, I think it would also be remiss not to mention that mine and my family's prayers remain with those affected by the tragic events that occurred at Bondi Junction and Christ The Good Shepherd Church. If that event has been triggering for you or a family member please reach out to your trusted Allied Health Professionals or we encourage you to access

Lifeline: 13 11 14 or **SMS:** 0477 13 11 14

In partnership as your Principal,
Sarah

Upcoming Events

Friday 10th May

P&F Mother's Day Stall

Friday 7th June

St Robert's Feast Day & P&F special lunch day

Monday 10th June

Public Holiday - King's Birthday Holiday

Tuesday 25th & Wednesday 26th June

Parent teacher interviews 3:30pm to 4:30pm

God of love and liberty,

We bring our thanks this day for the peace and security we enjoy, which was won for us through the courage and devotion of those who gave their lives in time of war.

We pray that their labour and sacrifice may not be in vain, but that their spirit may live on in us and in generations to come.

That the liberty, truth and justice which they sought to preserve may be seen and known in all the nations upon earth.

This we pray in the name of The One who gave his life for the sake of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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

Please call 5221 1075, press 1 leave details OR email: attendance@snewtown.catholic.edu.au

SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE

Sarah Kelly & Year 6 Leaders

Eddy R

On April the 19th the Class and School Captains travelled to Melbourne to visit the Shrine of Remembrance. We were all lucky enough to be spoken to by the General of Victoria Vice President of Legacy, who set the day up. It was a really good day and I loved everything that happened.

Eleanor C

On April the 19th, all the School and Class Captains went to Melbourne Legacy and ANZAC Commemoration Ceremony for students. It was a special day and we learnt a lot. The Governor of Australia came to talk. We learnt about the war and the different places Australians fought for.

Zoe B

On April the 19th, all of the School and Class Captains visited the Melbourne Legacy 92nd ANZAC Commemoration Ceremony for students. We learnt some very interesting facts on our visit. We also saw a boat from when the Australians headed to Gallipoli. We saw the Eternal Flame and some of their uniform. It was very fun.



Noah B

On April 19th, I was one of the Captains to go to the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne. We took part in the Melbourne Legacy 92nd ANZAC Commemoration Ceremony for students. I learnt that in World War I the ANZAC's trained in Egypt.

Zois K

On the 19th of April, some Captains and I went up to Melbourne to go to the ANZAC Shrine for a Remembrance Service. It was an amazing day that we will never forget. You should go up one weekend and see it for yourself. Have a great ANZAC Day!

Aston R

I learnt that at Gallipoli in Turkey, there were only 2 bodies that came back to Australia.

Billy D

On Tuesday the 19th of April the class and School Captains went to the Shrine of Remembrance for the Melbourne Legacy 92nd ANZAC Commemoration.

Alex W

Our School and Class Captains have had the opportunity to go to the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne. The students have learnt more about the World Wars. Only 2 bodies came back from the First World War! Many soldiers died from drowning to avoid being shot in Gallipoli.



FAITH IN EDUCATION

Theresa Lewis

On Monday, we began our week with an ANZAC service led by our Student Leaders, honouring the bravery and sacrifice of the ANZAC Soldiers.

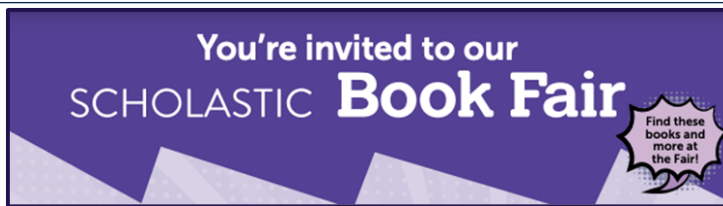
The students respectfully listened to prayers and heard about the significance of this day in our nation's history, ensuring that the legacy of the ANZACs lives on in our hearts and minds.

Lest We Forget.



ENGLISH NEWS

Jenny Coverdale



We are excited to announce that the Scholastic Book Fair is returning to St Robert's this Term. This year, students can view the books and record a wish list to take home from Monday 20th May, until Friday 24th May. During this week, teachers will view the books with their class. Families are also welcome to view the books before and after school.

From **Monday 3rd June, until Friday 7th June**, families will have the opportunity to purchase books. The **multipurpose space** will be open during both weeks from **8.30am to 8.50am and 3.20pm to 3.40pm**.



We are looking for parent volunteers to assist students when buying their books. If you are interested in helping out, please email me. It is a requirement that all school volunteers have a working with children check & signed Code of Conduct.

This is a simple process that I would be happy to assist you with. Stay tuned for further information, wish lists and order forms.

jcoverdale@srnewtown.catholic.edu.au

STEM NEWS

Emma Rayson

**CYBER SAFETY
INFORMATION
SESSIONS**

**LEADING SENIOR
CONSTABLE ROBBIE
NOGGLER**

THURSDAY 2ND MAY

**10-11AM YEARS 5 & 6
12-1PM YEARS 3 & 4**

MULTIPURPOSE SPACE

PARENTS WELCOME

**JOIN US FOR
Grade 2 parents
catch up!**

FRIDAY | APRIL 26TH | 7PM

GOLD DIGGERS 87 Skene St, Newtown VIC
we will be located in the Beer Garden,
it's an undercover area & heaters.

vsip

To Kate 0447448046
Kim 0409561817
24th April
via our group chat or sms

SPORT NEWS

Kelly Williams



Henry O'Brien proudly represented St Robert's at the School Sport Victoria State Swimming Championships in Melbourne on April 19th. Henry qualified in both 12.13yo MC Butterfly and Breaststroke. Henry raced incredibly well, winning a silver medal in the 50m butterfly

followed by a huge personal best in the 50m breaststroke to claim a bronze medal.



Valentino Maccora represented St Robert's at the Tennis Tournament last week. He displayed amazing sportsmanship and resilience.



Last week Sid Smith from Year 5 completed in the Sport Climbing Australia Bouldering Championships in Queensland.

Sid is now ranked 18th in Australia

Sid's highlight was in the final climb he had 10 secs to finish and he was able to complete the climb with one second to spare!

Amazing effort Sid!

LEARNING AND TEACHING

Rebecca O'Leary & Jenny Coverdale



**SPOTLIGHT ON
LEARNING & TEACHING**

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY- 26.4

FLOURISHING LEARNERS

This Friday, our entire teaching group and leadership team will join over 650 staff from the Western Region at a MACS Flourishing Learners professional development opportunity.

The day will consist of a deep dive into the Classroom Mastery program, which has been developed for Knowledge Society by leading classroom management expert, Dr Tim McDonald. Classroom Mastery is grounded in the Science of Learning and is based on insights from cognitive load theory. Safe, ordered and positive learning environments are a foundation for learning.

Our staff will further explore the explicit teaching of routines for learning and our behaviour curriculum, which has been developed over the past few years. This work is a precursor to in-school coaching opportunities for staff, aligned with the recently launched MACS 'Vision for Instruction.' This day is the first of three professional learning days for the year.

Our next school closure days to facilitate the professional development of our team are Friday August 16th Monday October 21st.



Melbourne Archdiocese
Catholic Schools

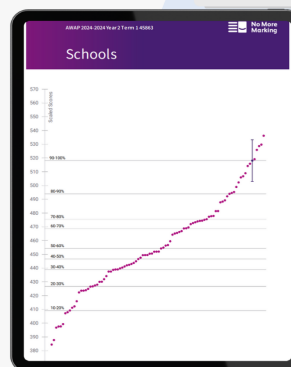
 knowledge society

**SPOTLIGHT ON
LEARNING & TEACHING**



CELEBRATING OUR YEAR 2 WRITING SUPERSTARS

Scores	Pupils	Scaled Score (avg)	Writing Age (avg)
All Schools	4,133	464	7y5m
Your School	40	518	9y0m



In Term 1, Our Year 2 Students took part in a national writing project and we were blown away with their results!

4,133 students took part and scored an average writing age of 7yrs5mo and the average writing age of our Year 2s was 9yrs!

The small dots to the left represent each school that took part and the vertical line represents St Robert's, scoring in the top 10% of participating schools.

This is a result of a dedicated and systematic approach to curriculum planning and delivery by our hard working teachers!

ST ROBERT'S PIE DRIVE



WE ARE EXCITED TO BE RUNNING A ROLLING PIN
AND CAKE SHOP PIE DRIVE FUNDRAISER AGAIN IN 2024!

ORDER DETAILS SENT HOME TUESDAY 23RD APRIL OR CONTACT
THE OFFICE

PAY ONLINE AT CDFPAY 
<https://srnewtown.cdfpay.org.au>

THE SCHOOL WILL MAKE \$4.00 FROM
EVERY PIE OR PIE PACK PURCHASED!



ORDERS FORMS DUE BACK BY: WEDNESDAY 15TH MAY  St Robert's
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STUDENT WELLBEING

Margot Champion

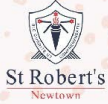
THE RESILIENCE PROJECT™

MODELLING

Modelling is the most powerful way to influence our children's behaviour.



Scan the QR Code to access the parent hub, and watch the video to learn more about modelling



YOU ARE INVITED TO

Muffins & Muesli with Mum

All special family members welcome

08:00-9:00am

Thursday 9th May

Basketball Court

Coffee Van onsite from 8:00am

Please RSVP by Wednesday
May 1st

on the Google form sent via
email and Skool Loop

Join us for a prayer gathering following breakfast.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 1

FMC	Owen	Conor
FJB	Freddie V	Sebastian S
Gr 1 CH	Easton D	Collins H
Gr 2 IW	Noah B	Jude C
Gr 2 LB	Harlow D	Charlotte K-H
Gr 3 LS	Annie J	Archie V
Gr 3 SB	Jack P	Pippy D
Gr 4 CL	Charlotte P	Niamh B
Gr 4 KR	Benji L	Caitlin C
Gr 5 MR	Mila	Xavier
Gr 5 RR	Lucia D	Maks F
Gr 6 EG	Charlie H	Gabby P
Gr 6 PB	Sarina F	Eadie L

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 2

FMC	Mateja	Alastair
FJB	Archie	Macy
Gr 1 CH	Hamish D	Rayan M
Gr 2 IW	Ailish M	Maya S
Gr 2 LB	Bethany W	Leila D
Gr 3 LS	Emilia	Oscar
Gr 3 SB	Rachel	Jack M
Gr 4 CL	Cahill F	Billy S
Gr 4 KR	Chiara M	Anna M
Gr 5 MR	Mia	Sam
Gr 5 RR	Max P	Frankie
Gr 6 EG	Carrie K	Noah R
Gr 6 PB	Lucy B	Zois K

All our school news in one place!

Download Skool Loop today

Simple free download: In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' and choose our school once installed.

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 Term 2 Assembly Schedule

Monday 22/4

Assembly 2:55pm-Presented by 4CL

Monday 6/5

Assembly 2:55pm-Presented by 3LS

Wednesday 27/5

Assembly 2:55pm-Presented by 2IW

Thursday 17/6

Assembly 2:55pm-Presented by 1CH



St Robert's Weekly Overview Term 2 - Week 3

Monday 29/4

Lightning Premiership-Selected Year 6 students

Tuesday 30/4

Year 5 & 6 Specialist Day-Please wear sport uniform

3 x 3 Basketball Tournament-Selected Year 6 students

Wednesday 1/5

Year 4 Specialist Day-Please wear sport uniform

P & F Meeting 7:00-8:30 pm in the Staffroom-All Welcome

Thursday 2/5

Year 1 & 2 Specialist Day-Please wear sport uniform

Robbie Noggler Cyber Visit Years 3-6

Friday 3/5

Foundation & Year 3 Specialist Day-Please wear sport uniform