



Melbourne Archdiocese
Catholic Schools



St Robert's
Newtown

6th February 2026

NEWSLETTER

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

P & F MEETING

Tuesday 10th February
Staffroom from 7:00pm, all
welcome to attend

LOURDES FEAST DAY

Thursday 12th February
Lourdes Students wear **RED**

MACKILLOP DISTRICT CRICKET

Friday 13th February
Select Year 6 Students

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our Family Picnic on Monday night was an amazing way to begin Week 2. We had a wonderful turnout and it was lovely to see families making new connections, meeting new friends and strengthening existing friendships. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped create such a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

Specialist classes began for all year levels this week, and students have been excited to express their creativity and learning through Physical Education, Art, Science, Music or STEM. Across the school students have settled calmly into routines, and the yard is full of smiles. It has been beautiful to see our touchstones of inclusion, connection and purpose being modelled both in the classroom and on the playground each day. Our Foundation and new students already feel like they have been part of our community for much longer than just one week.

There are many exciting events ahead including Cross Country, Whole School Athletics and Lourdes Feast Day. Next week we also hold our first Parents and Friends meeting for 2026. All are welcome to attend, these meetings are a lovely way to connect with other parents and contribute ideas for our community. You will not leave with a job or official role unless you choose to! If you are unable to make it to the staffroom at 7:00pm, a Google Meet link can be shared.

You may have noticed enrolment posters now displayed around the school and on our social media. We look forward to showcasing our amazing school and community during upcoming discovery tours. If you have a younger sibling or know a family with a 2027 Foundation child, please encourage them to visit our website to book a tour.

Term One is shaping up to be busy, but extremely fun and we look forward to sharing it with you all.

Warm regards,

Rebecca O'Leary
PRINCIPAL

UPCOMING DATES

Shrove Tuesday

Tuesday 17th February - See
page 2 for details

Ash Wednesday - LENT

Begins Wednesday 18th
February - Details to come

Year 6 Adventure Park

Friday 20th February - See
email sent 6th Feb

Year 3 - 6 Students St Robert's Cross Country

Monday 23rd February - See
email sent 6th Feb

Year 5 Sovereign Hill Camp

Wednesday 25th to Thursday
26th February

Year 5 Camp Recovery Day

Friday 27th Feb - Year 5
Students stay at home

Protector God,

May we have faith that
you will continue to
protect us and our loved
ones, we trust
that you will
continue to
protect us and
show us the
way.

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
OR submit via Skool Loop App Absences Tab

FAITH IN EDUCATION

Theresa Lewis

ASH WEDNESDAY - LENT BEGINS

Ash Wednesday is the first day in the season of Lent. Lent can be observed by all Christians, and it is a beautiful way to remember Jesus' sacrifice for us and prepare us for the Easter season.

During Lent, we remember the 40 days that Jesus spent in the desert preparing to commence his public ministry. It is a reminder that before undertaking important work we need to centre ourselves and return to our deepest faith, values and beliefs. We do extra prayers, fasting, and almsgiving during this season of Lent.

Ash Wednesday has many traditions for Catholic families and ways to observe this day, and also, anything you are doing for the length of Lent will start on this day.

At St Robert's, students from Grades Three to Six will travel to St Mary's Basilica to celebrate Ash Wednesday Mass with other Parishioners. Our junior students will participate in a prayer service (including the distribution of ashes) here at school. Throughout Lent our school will be participating in Project Compassion - learning about how we can support others in need.



**SHROVE TUESDAY
PANCAKE DAY**

**TUESDAY
17TH
FEB**

Shrove Tuesday marks the launch of our Project Compassion Fundraising. All proceeds donated to Caritas Australia.

ALL STUDENTS NEED TO BRING A PLASTIC PLATE

* For Students with Dietary Requirements, parents can send a pancake from home, which can be cooked/heated separately at school. Please email your child's teacher by Friday 13th Feb so we can make sure everyone gets a pancake *

**GOLD COIN
DONATION**

We are looking for 4-6 Parent Volunteers to assist with cooking our pancakes & delivering to classrooms from 9:30am to 11:00am. If you are able to assist please email the school office*

office@srnewtown.catholic.edu.au

SCHOOL FEES

2026 Annual School Fees & Levies invoices will be emailed to all families today.
Please check your junk/spam folder if missing from your inbox.

Existing Payment Arrangements will be rolled over to 2026 and will continue unless advised.

A reminder School Fee Account transactions can be viewed anytime on the St Robert's Community Portal <https://www.srnewtown.catholic.edu.au/>

For school fee enquiries please email: fees@srnewtown.catholic.edu.au

2026 School	Charged	Amount
School Fees	per Family	\$2,783.00
Building Levy	per Family	\$550.00
Curriculum Fee	per Student	\$550.00
Technology Levy	per Student	\$160.00
Camp Yr 5 & Yr 6	Per Student	\$390.00

TERM 1, 2026 ASSEMBLY DATES

All are welcome to attend!

Monday 16th February at 2:55pm - Presented by students in 6CL

Monday 16th March at 2:55pm - Presented by students in 5JB

Monday 2nd April at 2:55pm - Presented by students in 4KR



Term 1, 2026

eSafety parents and carers webinars

Join eSafety's free live webinars for parents and carers.

Term 1 topics:

- Social media age restrictions explained – a guide for parents and carers (30 minutes).** Suitable for parents and carers of young people in primary and secondary school.
- Supporting healthy tech use as your child transitions into secondary school (45 minutes).** Suitable for parents and carers of children in upper primary school (ages 11 to 12) and Year 7.
- Understanding and using parental controls to help protect your child online (45 minutes).** Suitable for parents and carers of children in primary and secondary school.



For more information and to register now: [eSafety.gov.au/parents/webinars](https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars)



 eSafetyCommissioner

[eSafety.gov.au](https://www.esafety.gov.au)

STEM NEWS

Emma Rayson

St Robert's is proudly supporting Safer Internet Day this 10th February 2026.

Visit the link below to view the free eSafety webinars for parents.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars>

We're proudly supporting

Safer Internet Day

10 February 2026



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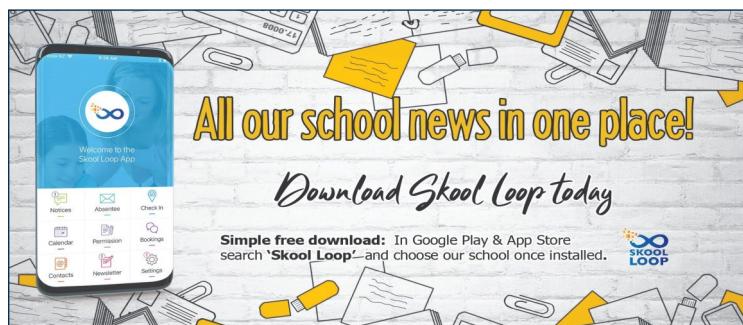
[eSafety.gov.au/SID](https://www.esafety.gov.au/SID)

STEM NEWS

Emma Rayson

STEM will be accepting donations of the new Woolworths LEGO Bricks!

If you have any spare or would like to donate, we'd love to have them!



TRAVELLING SAFELY

Neighbourhood Watch 4 Kids

IS YOUR CHILD READY?

If your child thinks they're big enough to get to school by themselves, without you, but you're not entirely sure, then the Travelling Safely interactive learning journey might just be the answer you need.

Neighbourhood Watch 4 Kids will take you on an interactive learning journey to improve safety knowledge, increase confidence and empower your child to trust their instincts and react appropriately to unsafe situations.

For information and resources to help parents visit: www.nhw4kidsvic.com.au



ROAD SAFETY REMINDERS



SURROUNDING ROADS AND TRAFFIC SAFETY

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

To ensure the safety of all students and respect for our neighbours, please refer to the 'St Robert's: Safety Reminders - Surrounding Roads and Traffic' on the next page.

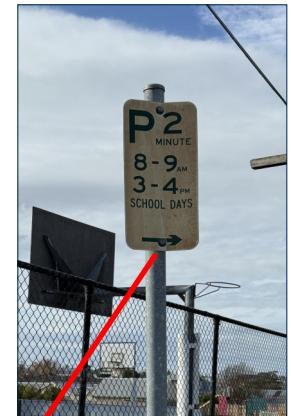
Thank you for your cooperation.

TRAFFIC & ROAD SAFETY REMINDERS

MORNING DROP OFF & AFTERNOON PICK UP

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

- When arriving at the black gate please drive all the way to the furthest available carpark.
- Please do not stop in the park closest to the gate.
- Cars are **NOT** to be left unattended in the 2-minute drop-off zone, as marked on the signs.
- Please do not block the driveways of our neighbours.
- Please 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.





ST ROBERT'S SAFETY REMINDERS

SURROUNDING ROADS & TRAFFIC

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Mervyn Street

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- Please do not stop in the park closest to the gate.
- Cars are not to be left unattended in the 2-minute drop-off zone, as marked on the signs.
- Please do not block the driveways of our neighbours.
- Please 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 onto Mervyn Street under supervision..

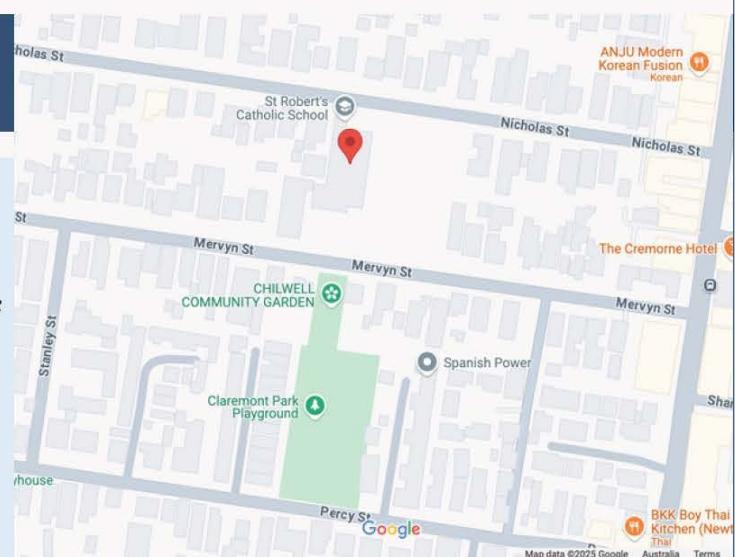


Nicholas Street

- Cars are not to park in yellow-marked parking spots.
- Please do not block the driveways of our neighbours.
- 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.
- Council penalties apply if Traffic Rules are not followed.

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.



BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE - MACSEYE

Haven't enrolled to MACSEYE yet?

Email enrolments@macseye.vic.edu.au OR click the link below:

https://prodadmin.myxplor.com/enrollment_v2/centre/1VbjVOlzQ7SC94231B41O13fng

Be sure to create a separate enrolment form for each child you wish to enrol.

Before & After School Care is available for permanent and casual bookings, provided your child is enrolled.

If you need a booking within 24 hours of the session, please contact the Service Coordinator on the phone number listed below.

MACSEYE also try to accommodate urgent needs and walk ins, provided the session is not at capacity and your child is enrolled.

MACSEYE SERVICE CONTACT DETAILS

Phone: 1300 501 029

Email: contact@macseye.vic.edu.au



LOURDES FEAST DAY

Thursday 12th February

- Lourdes Students wear RED

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 1

FCH	All of FCH!	
FMC	Whole class of FMC	
Gr 1 LB	Class of 1LB	
Gr 2 RM	Sebastian	Frankie
Gr 2 SC	Hugo	Charlie
Gr 3 MP	All of 3MP	
Gr 3 SB	Whole 3SB class	
Gr 4 EG	Whole class 4EG!	
Gr 4 KR	Vivienne	Noah
Gr 5 JB	Edward	James
Gr 5 RR	Emilia	Jack M
Gr 6 CL	All of 6CL!	
Gr 6 PB	Caitlin	Duke

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 2

FCH	Pippa	Sam
FMC	Zara	Freddie
Gr 1 LB	Ted H	Teddy
Gr 2 RM	Birdie	Henry
Gr 2 SC	Ted	Louis
Gr 3 MP	Miller	Maisie
Gr 3 SB	Ted	Maddie
Gr 4 EG	Toby	Edie
Gr 4 KR	Ciara	Bowie
Gr 5 JB	Adelaide	Annie
Gr 5 RR	Indi	Oscar
Gr 6 CL	Cahill	Chiara
Gr 6 PB	Charlotte	Henry



Child Safe Standard 1

"Establish culturally safe environments in which the diverse and unique identities and experiences of Aboriginal children, young people and students are respected and valued"

As Catholic educators, we have a moral, mission-driven and legal responsibility to uphold and actively promote the wellbeing and safety of every student entrusted in our care. Our commitment to the protection of students is enabled in nurturing, respectful and safe communities where the uniqueness and sacred dignity of every young person are celebrated, and they can flourish in their learning and development.

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 school governed by Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) are doing to prioritise and achieve this.

Overview of the Victorian Child Safe Standards

The Victorian Child Safe Standards are a set of 11 minimum requirements that all organisations working with children must meet. These standards are designed to:

- Prevent child abuse and harm
- Make child safety a shared responsibility
- Support the wellbeing of all children, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and children with disabilities
- Promote the participation and empowerment of children and young people

These standards apply to all school staff, volunteers, contractors, and anyone working with children in schools.

Our Commitment

Our commitment to the protection of students is enabled in nurturing, respectful and safe communities where the uniqueness and sacred dignity of every young person are celebrated, and they can flourish in their learning and development.

This vision is driven by the Gospel message of love, justice and abundance, beautifully reflected in the words of John:

"I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full"

(Jn 10:10)

Note: The term 'Aboriginal' includes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It is important to be respectful of how individual children, students, their families and community refer to themselves and use appropriate language when referring to individuals or communities.

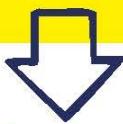
Spotlight on Child Safe Standard 1

Creating a Culturally Safe Environment for Aboriginal Children

Child Safe Standard 1 relates to children and young people feeling culturally safe, respected, and valued.

What does this look like in a school environment?

- **Celebrating culture:** We include and celebrate Aboriginal culture in our classrooms/events e.g. NAIDOC Week, researching stories to share, inviting guest speakers.
- **Taking a stance:** We lead by example against racism and swiftly respond if it is observed.
- **Working together:** We contact and engage with Aboriginal families and communities to make sure our school is welcoming and inclusive. We ask families what they need to feel supported at our school.
- **Ongoing development:** Our staff receive training and knowledge to better understand and support cultural safety.



How Parents, Carers and Guardians can get involved!

Here's how you can support:

- **Familiarise** yourself with the school's child safety policies and understand how they support student wellbeing.
- **Provide feedback** when you notice something that may impact a child's safety or wellbeing.
- **Support** your child when they express their views and that their opinions are valued and heard.
- **Join in** on school activities, parent committees or forums that promote child safety and wellbeing.



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](#).

Check out these additional resources below to learn more!

- [Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation](#)
- [Koori Heritage Trust](#)
- [Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria](#)
- [AIATSIS: Map of Indigenous Australia](#)
- [Yoorrook Justice Commission](#)

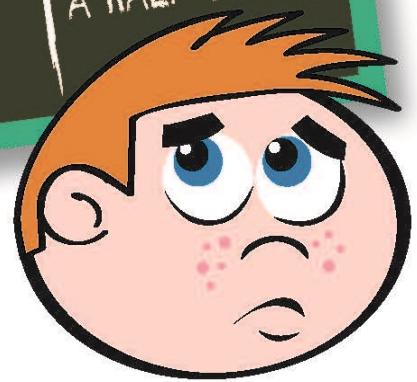
Working together for Child Safety



EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but....

He/She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is.....	over 13 years of schooling, that's....
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly HALF A YEAR
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Nearly 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 YEAR
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 AND A HALF YEARS
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Nearly 2 AND A HALF YEARS



Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?



That's when every minute counts the most!

2027 FOUNDATION

**Enrolments Open
Apply Now!**

**Discover & Explore
St Robert's**

Tour dates:

- Monday 9th February 9:30am
- Tuesday 10th February 12:10pm & 5:15pm
- Monday 16th February 12:10pm
- Thursday 19th February 9:30am
- Tuesday 3rd March 5:15pm



**Scan the QR Code to
book, apply & enquire**

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FRESH FOOD FAIRY LUNCH MENU

PLACE YOUR LUNCH ORDER VIA CDF PAY APP,
AVAILABLE EVERY WEDNESDAY!



HOT FOOD

- Beef Lasagna
- Vegetable Lasagna
- Spaghetti Bolognese
- Napoli Pasta
- Fried Rice
- Nachos
- Beef & Salad Slider
- Chicken & Salad Slider
- Crumbed Chicken & Salad Wrap
- Meat Pie
- Sausage Roll
- Chicken Nuggets (baked)
- Cheese and Spinach Triangles
- Pizza - Hawaiian
- Pizza - Bolognese
- Pizza - BBQ Chicken
- Pizza - Vegetarian
- Mini Hot Dog in Roll



SALAD AND SANDWICH BAR

(Build your own from the following ingredients)



Start with: Bread, Wrap, Roll or Bowl

- Add Protein: Chicken, Cheese, Egg, Tuna, Falafel, Crumbed Chicken, Ham
- Add Veg: Avocado, Carrot, Cucumber, Lettuce, Tomato, Beetroot
- Add Condiments: Hommus, Mayo, Margarine, Nuttelex, Tomato Relish, Vegemite



SUSHI

- Teriyaki Chicken
- Tuna
- Cucumber
- Chicken Schnitzel and Avo
- Avocado



SNACKS AND DRINKS

- Watermelon Cup
- Fruit Salad
- Veggie Sticks and Dip
- Frozen Yoghurt
- Jelly Cup
- Homemade Cookie
(Anzac/Cornflake/Cocoa)
(gluten free and vegan
options available)
- Cheese and Crackers
- Bioled Egg
- Cocoa Bliss Ball
- Banana Bread
- Fruit Muffin
- Cocoa Chocolate Muffin
- Jumpys
- Popcorn
- Chips (snack size)
- Water
- Pauls Bluey Flavoured Milk
- M2GO Flavoured Milk
- Fruit Juice





**KELLY
SPORTS**



TERM 1 DANCE!



**ST ROBERTS
CATHOLIC P.S**

**TUESDAYS
LUNCHTIME
DANCE PROGRAM**

3RD FEB TO 31ST MAR

9 WEEK PROGRAM, PREPS TO GRADE 6

**SIGN UP AT
ANY TIME
DURING THE TERM!**

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DANCE
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