



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

**YEAR 4 EUCHARIST
PREPARATION DAY**

Wednesday 19th August

See note sent home 30th Aug

**ROLLING PIN PIE DRIVE
ORDERS DELIVERED**

Thursday 20th August

Office will notify parents

**YEAR 4 EUCHARIST
Sunday 23rd August**

St Mary's Basilica from 2:30pm
See note sent 30th Aug

Dear Parents and Guardians,

There were plenty of pops of yellow around St Robert's today as we celebrated the Feast Day of Saint Mary MacKillop, Australia's first and only saint and woman whose legacy is woven into the story of Catholic Education in Australia. Our students gathered together, shared fruit thanks to the generosity of the Corica Family from The Fresh Food Merchant, and enjoyed some extra play as part of our celebrations.

One of Mary MacKillop's most enduring messages, "Never see a need without doing something about it," feels particularly fitting at St Robert's at the moment. Our wonderful P & F Committee are very much to thank for providing a silver lining to the arctic mornings and chilly winds of recent weeks, with some joyful new additions beginning to arrive in our yard. Our junior students are already cooking up a storm in the new mud kitchen, some mega outdoor lawn games will make their way onto the yard next week, and our much anticipated bike shelter has officially passed its final council building inspection with flying colours! These additions are about much more than equipment. They create new opportunities for children to play, connect, imagine and find their place in our school yard. We are incredibly grateful to our P & F and to every family whose support makes projects like these possible.

Our Foundation students celebrated their 100th day of school in absolute style last week. We say the same thing every year about how much they have grown, how much they have achieved and just how transformative those first 100 days of school can be. Yet somehow, we are still surprised when they appear to age dramatically overnight and hobble through the gates looking several decades older! Thank you to Miss Chelsea, Miss Carolyn and the Foundation team for going the extra mile to make the day one our students will remember. More importantly, thank you for the work you do every day to give our children the foundations to feel successful, to see themselves as capable learners and to know that they truly belong at St Robert's. Those are gifts that money simply cannot buy.

A big thank you also goes to Mr Williams, Miss Claire, Mr B, Miss Romeo, Jesse and Paddy, who coached six teams at the MacKillop Basketball Competition at AWA Stadium on Monday. A special shout out to our Senior Sixes who, yet again, represented St Robert's with effort, perseverance and wonderful sporting integrity. We are always proud of what our students achieve, but even more so of the way they carry themselves while doing it.

You may have noticed an extra PE uniform day appearing on the weekly overview for the next two weeks. Sian from STOMP has been working with us behind the scenes on our next creative project following the highly regarded and very successful dance workshops she led as part of our Feast Day celebrations. I can't give all of our secrets away just yet, but I wish you good luck getting the details out of your child or children over the coming week!

Have a lovely and restful weekend.

Kind regards,

Chloe Painter
ACTING PRINCIPAL

UPCOMING DATES

**KidsROAR Parent
Information Session**

Thursday 20th August at
8:00pm via ZOOM

**Book Week Parade
'Symphony of Stories'**

Monday 24th August from
9:00am to 10:00am - All
welcome to attend

Italian Leaders Excursion
Friday 28th August - Details
to come

**School Closure Day /
Parent Teacher Interviews**
Monday 31st August from
2:00pm to 7:00pm

Dear Lord,

Please grant me patience
and a joyful heart.

Help me to show patience
to others even when I am
challenged.

Let me be an example
of your love and
forgiveness.

I will honour
your
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
OR submit via Skool Loop App Absences Tab

STAFFING NEWS



Chloe Painter

It is with mixed emotions that I share some staffing news for 2027.

Congratulations to Miss Grinter and Mrs Barry, who have both been successful in obtaining teaching positions at Mary Glowrey Catholic Primary School, Mount Duneed from 2027. The opportunity to help shape and build a school community from its very beginning is a rare one, and we wish them every success as they take their skills, experience and care into an exciting new chapter.

At the end of 2026, Mrs Lewis will also be retiring and stepping into quite possibly her favourite role yet, Grandma to her beautiful Granddaughter. After many years of service to our community, including her work as our Religious Education Leader and music specialist teacher, there will be much to celebrate and acknowledge before we farewell her at the end of the year.

And finally, Geelong's 'best' kept secret is officially out. Miss Claire will be moving to Tasmania in 2027 to join her husband, Nigel, who has been signed to the Tasmania Devils AFL Team. We are still mopping up the tears of our Year 6 students, many of whom had firm plans to pop back into St Robert's for years to come to see Miss Claire's smiling face!

While change inevitably brings mixed emotions, it also gives us the opportunity to recognise the impact people have had on a community. Eliza, Sam, Theresa and Claire have each contributed to St Robert's in their own way, through the relationships they have built, the children they have championed and the care they have shown our community.



AUSTRALIAN PRIMARY PRINCIPAL DAY

A massive shout-out to our incredible Principal Miss O'Leary! Thank you for your endless positive energy, inspiring leadership, and for making our school such a safe, happy and vibrant place to learn!

We appreciate everything you do for our students, staff and community.

We hope you are having a fabulous time in Vietnam and can't wait to hear some stories when you return.

SPORT NEWS

Kelly Williams



The Year 6's represented St Robert's at the MacKillop Basketball Competition on Monday 3rd August at AWA Stadium.

The Boys Division 1 team did extremely well, coming 1st in their division and progressing to the North Geelong District Competition, which will be held on Wednesday 9th September.

The Girls Div 1 team finished in 2nd place narrowly losing to the top team by 4 points.

We also were lucky enough to have 2 teams for both the boys and girls in the Div 2 section.

All displaying great teamwork, skills and commitment on the day. This was highlighted by the two division 2 boys teams playing in a highly competitive draw!

Congratulations to all students and staff who made the day possible!

Mackillop District Basketball Comp



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 3

FCH	Leo	Aria
FMC	Zara	Eliza
Gr 1LB	Zoe, Teddy & Lucas	
Gr 2RM	Winnie	Sonny
Gr 2SC	Lucy	Tom
Gr 3MP	Karlo	Emily
Gr 3SB	Maddie	Easton
Gr 4EG	Bruin	Eve
Gr 4KR	Sadie P	Nastassia
Gr 5JB	Alex	Annie
Gr 5RR	Oscar	Emilia
Gr 6CL	Florence	Jimmy
Gr 6PB	Hudson	Ned

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 4

FCH	Samuel	Primrose
FMC	Ethan	Elwood
Gr 1LB	Arden, Charlotte & Marley	
Gr 2RM	Frankie	Max
Gr 2SC	Aurora	Ted
Gr 3MP	John	Maia B
Gr 3SB	Ruby	Johnny
Gr 4EG	Maggie	Cooper
Gr 4KR	Louis	Ciara
Gr 5JB	Isla, Javi & Amelia	
Gr 5RR	Frankie	Isabelle
Gr 6CL	Kayla	Finn R
Gr 6PB	Lily B	Lennox

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
Newtown

P & F TRIVIA NIGHT: **BRIGHT MINDS** & BEAUTIFUL SPACES

A HUGE THANK YOU...

To all who contributed to our 2026 Major Fundraiser 'Bright Minds & Beautiful Spaces Trivia Night'!

It was a very successful night and lots of fun was had.

We are extremely excited to announce that our beautiful school community came together to raise a total of \$12,605! These funds were used to build our new Bike Shelter and purchase of our Mud Kitchen!



THE ST ROBERT'S RAINBOW



WHERE EVERY MIND MATTERS.

WHY SOME STUDENTS HAVE ADJUSTMENTS

Adjustments are carefully planned by teachers and are based on a student's **individual strengths, needs and ongoing assessment.**

They are reviewed regularly and changed as students grow and develop greater independence.

TYPES OF ADJUSTMENTS

VISUAL SUPPORTS



Pictures, charts, schedules and visual cues to help understanding and organisation.

EXTRA PROCESSING OR WORKING TIME



More time to think, process information and complete tasks.

SCAFFOLDED LEARNING TASKS



Tasks are broken down into smaller steps with support to build success.

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY



Tools and technology that help students access and demonstrate their learning.

MOVEMENT OR SENSORY BREAKS



Planned breaks or movement opportunities to help regulation, focus and participation.

EXPLICIT TEACHING AND REGULAR CHECK-INS



Clear teaching, frequent feedback and regular check-ins to support understanding and growth.

BOOK SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTUBE



Fair Is Fair Isn't Always Equal

This engaging online picture book creates a wonderful family conversation starter about fairness, empathy and recognising that everyone learns differently.



How Adjustments Look in the Classroom

Adjustments happen every day in the classroom...
You might see:



One student using a **graphic organiser** while another plans independently.



One student receiving **sentence starters** while another begins writing from a blank page.



One student having **additional time** to organise their thinking before starting a task.

Fair Doesn't Always Mean Equal

Children often think fairness means everyone receives exactly the same thing. At school, we teach a different idea: Fair means everyone gets what they need to be successful.

Imagine three children trying to look over a fence.

One can already see.
One needs a small step.
Another needs a taller platform.
Everyone is aiming for the same view...they simply need different supports to get there.



Learning works the same way.



One student using **noise-reducing headphones or Loops** during independent learning.

Although the supports may look different, every student is working towards meaningful learning and high expectations.



A teacher **checking in** with one student before beginning a new activity.

MYTH VS REALITY

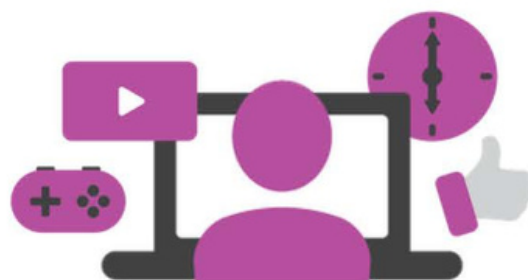
Myth: "If one child receives adjustments, they're getting an unfair advantage."

Reality: Adjustments provide equitable access to learning.

They remove barriers so students can participate on the same basis as their peers, they do not lower expectations or give students an advantage.



Balancing Life & Technology



SCREEN TIME

GAMING BATTLES

VIDEOS & SCROLLING

SLEEP & BEDTIME

TECH CONFLICT

FINDING BALANCE

LIVE PARENT WEBINAR

Move Beyond Minutes. Build Better Habits.

Technology is part of everyday life. This practical webinar helps parents understand what healthy screen use really looks like and provides realistic strategies to support children to develop safe and healthy screentime habits.

- ✓ **A fresh perspective** - Think beyond minutes, limits and guilt.
- ✓ **Recognise healthy habits** - Spot when screen use is positive, passive or unhelpful.
- ✓ **Practical strategies** - Simple ways to create greater balance at home.
- ✓ **Feel more confident** - Set boundaries and start conversations that actually work.

REGISTER

7.30PM AEST
MONDAY 10th AUGUST 2026
SUITABLE FOR
PRIMARY & SECONDARY PARENTS

SCAN TO REGISTER
or visit bit.ly/CSP10AUG



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**ST ROBERT'S
P & F**



ROLLING PIN PIE DRIVE 2027



ORDERS CLOSE
MONDAY 10TH AUGUST
AT 11:59PM

ORDER VIA CDF PAY

Please note that orders
cannot be accepted after
the cut off time



We are excited
to announce
that our Rolling
Pin Pie Drive
Fundraiser is
back for 2027!

**MORE
DETAILS**

- Family and Friends can purchase by scanning the QR Code & nominating a family from St Robert's to collect the order on their behalf
- Pies are delivered fresh on Thursday 20th August
- Families will be notified via SMS



ORDER TODAY!





ST ROBERT'S



SYMPHONY OF STORIES

BOOK PARADE



**JOIN US FOR THE 2026 CHILDREN'S
BOOK WEEK PARADE!**

**STUDENTS DRESS UP AS THEIR
FAVOURITE CHARACTER**

**ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND
ON THE OVAL, WEATHER PERMITTING**



**MONDAY 24TH
AUGUST 2026**

**FROM 9:00AM
TO 10:00AM**