



# ST JOHN XXIII PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter No. 13



31st July, 2024

## *St Mary of the Cross MacKillop*

*Thursday 8th August is the feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia's first Saint. Mary was a person of great faith, who trusted God to care for her and provide for her. She was a person of action who, when she saw a need, did something about it. We are called to be like Mary, to be people of hospitality and welcome, to be people of action.*

### *Blessing*

*Through the example of Saint Mary of the Cross may we learn to recognise God's will for us and trust in his providence. May her life of service awaken in us a deep respect for the poor and a strong will for justice. May we share in her courage, see with the eyes of Christian love, and learn from her holy deeds. And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on us and remain with us forever. Amen.*

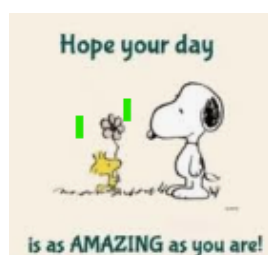


Dear Parents,

It was wonderful to see so many Grandparents at our Mass and activities morning last Monday. Both the children and our special visitors had a lovely and memorable experience. Next week we will be having a whole school Mass on Thursday 8th August at 9 am celebrating St Mary MacKillop feast day . All welcome.

Reminder to Year 5 parents . applications for Yr 7 2026 in Catholic Secondary Schools close on Friday August 16th 2024. If you do not apply on time, you may not get offered a place as there are far more applications than places. This applies even if you have a sibling already attending the Secondary School.

Applications for state secondary school need to be made with the state secondary school directly, including the closing date for applications.



*Frank Vetrone*  
Principal

# IMPORTANT DATES

## Term 3

- Fri 2nd August - Trivia Night - This is an adults only function.
- Tues 6th Aug - Year 3/4 Mass
- Tues 6th Aug - School assembly - 3/4 B presenting
- Thurs 8th -Whole School Mary Mackillop Mass 9 am
- Wed 14th - Fri 16th Aug Year 5/6 Camp
- Thurs 15th Aug - Year 1/2 Extended Day
- Tues 20th Aug - Year 1/2 Mass
- Fri 23rd Aug - School assembly - 5/6 B presenting
- **Mon 26th Aug -Book Week Parade & Literacy Open Classroom 9-10:30 am**
- Tues 27th Aug - Prep Mass
- Fri 6th Sept - School assembly - 1/2 C presenting
- Fri 13th Sept - School assembly - 3/4 C presenting

## Term 4

- Wed 9th October - School Production (**Students with A-L surnames** unless otherwise communicated)
- Thurs 10th October - School Production (**Students with M-Z surnames** unless otherwise communicated)

### CELEBRATING CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS AT SCHOOL

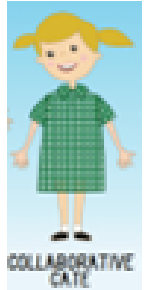
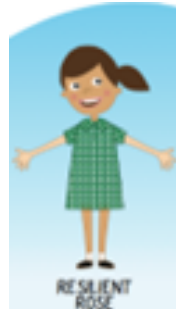
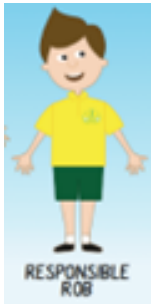
If your child celebrates a birthday at school and you want to provide a treat for the children, the following guidelines apply due to the number of children with known and unknown allergies.



Baked goods (both homemade and bought) such as cakes, biscuits cupcakes, loose lollies in lolly bags and chocolates etc. are **NOT** to be provided to celebrate birthdays. Wrapped lollies and water based icy poles, are acceptable. Unacceptable goodies will not be distributed and will be sent home.



# Be the Best Me AWARDS



## BRONZE AWARDS

5/6 C - Alana E, Ava I.

## SILVER AWARDS

Prep B - Jasmine K.B

1/2 A - Efah M, Christian N, Luca P, Aniera S, Abigail S.

3/4 A - Avleen K.

3/4 C - Jaydan D.

## GOLD AWARDS

3/4A - Prabhjot C.

**Presented on TUESDAY 6th August at 2.45pm.**

Beginning Friday 23rd August we will be presenting our whole school assemblies on Friday afternoon beginning at 2.45pm.

Support St John XXIII Primary School  
and win some brilliant prizes in our  
online silent auction.

Bidding closes 8.30 pm, Friday 2nd  
August.



# St John XXIII Silent Auction



Visit the link below and place your bid to avoid  
disappointment of missing out on fantastic auction items.

<https://www.32auctions.com/stJXXIIITriviaNight>



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<https://www.sjthomastowneast.catholic.edu.au/>

## SILENT AUCTION

The Parents' Association is running an online silent auction. Click the link below and place a bid for your chance to win some fantastic prizes and help support fundraising at St John XXIII. Please also share the link with others beyond St John XXIII. <https://www.32auctions.com/stJXXIIITriviaNight>



## **TRIVIA NIGHT**

**THE ST JOHN XXIII TRIVIA NIGHT IS THIS FRIDAY. BOOK JUST FOR YOURSELF, AND WE WILL CONNECT YOU WITH OTHERS FROM THE ST JOHN XXIII COMMUNITY FOR A GREAT NIGHT OR BOOK FOR A WHOLE GROUP. WHICHEVER WAY YOU CHOOSE, IT IS A NIGHT YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS!**

**Book Week 2024**  
**Book Week Parade & Literacy Open Classroom**  
**9:00am-10:30am**

Reading is Magic!

This term, we're thrilled to celebrate the Children's Book Council of Australia's Book Week with the enchanting theme "Reading is Magic."

This year we will celebrate Children's Book Week with a magical Book Week Parade on Monday, August 26th, after flag raising.

We encourage all students to dress up on this day and get creative with the theme. Children might like to dress up as their favourite book character, or a magical item to match this year's theme, eg. a wand, a talking hat, a magnifying glass - the possibilities are endless! Parents and younger siblings are invited to join in the fun too! After the parade, we'll have a special time for parents to see a literacy lesson live in action with their children in the classrooms.

In the lead-up to Book Week, why not embrace the magic at home? Develop positive reading routines and share the joy of stories with your children.





# **SUBSCRIBE TO OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY MAILING LIST**



In our 50th Year at St John XXIII we will celebrate our rich history.

Former students and staff are encouraged to join our mailing list and ensure you directly receive information about our Golden Jubilee events.



St John XXIII Primary School Thomastown East (previously named St John's) is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2024. For 50 years St John's has provided quality education, positive connections and cherished memories to a countless number of community members.

We encourage all past students, staff members and families to complete this form to join our mailing list and ensure you keep up to date with news and events related to our 50th anniversary.

Please share this form with any other St John XXIII alumni, former staff or families you are in contact with.

<https://forms.gle/Soz9ByuJscpno4CG7>

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100 Days of Prep



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St John XXIII Chess Club



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Prayer writing in Prep



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St Monica's College Visit



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# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT ST JOHN XXIII

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# Their Care (Outside of School Hours Care)

First of all Lalor East Theircare would like to welcome all our families and children from Lalor East Primary School and St John XXIII Primary School, we hope that you all have had an amazing break during our two week holiday. Here at LEPS Theircare children were extremely busy this week trying to create our own Theircare welcome flag. Together we explored colours, textures and different ways of painting by using our hands to create prints. Hand-painting is an activity that engages multiple senses, including sight, touch, and proprioception. Proprioception is the sense of body awareness and position, and it is essential for motor coordination and balance. By engaging multiple senses, hand-painting can help individuals improve their sensory integration skills.



This week our children were able to participate in clay competition activity where they were able to use their imagination and their magical hands to mould and manipulate clay to create different sculptures. Manipulating (squishing, squeezing, pulling, pushing, etc.) a piece of clay helps develop the child's large and small muscles – improving dexterity. Fosters eye-hand coordination. Builds a child's ability to focus/builds attention span.





# Tranquility Psychology Services

Tranquility Acceptance. Change



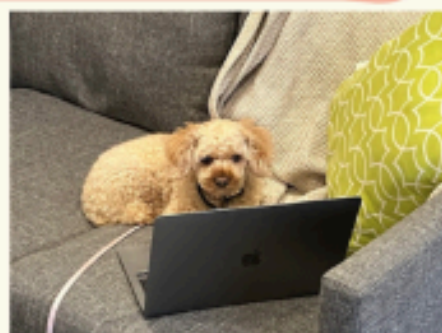
## Immediate Availability

### Psychology Services

Kristin provides therapy from a strengths based approach for a range of needs. Kristin has a special interest working alongside neurodivergent individuals and their families. Additionally, Kristin supports people experiencing, anxiety, intellectual disability, depression, sleep issues and more! Parenting/ carer sessions also available.

### Assessments

- ADHD
- Autism
- Learning Difficulties
- Intellectual Disability
- Functional Capacity Assessments



### Who?

Children, adolescents and adults

### The Team

**Kristin** is a psychologist with experience in community, disability, family violence, education, and health sectors. She works from a neuroaffirming approach. **Sasha** is a miniature cavoodle who loves belly rubs.

**Contact:** [info@psychtranquility.com.au](mailto:info@psychtranquility.com.au).

**Location:** Bundoora, Watsonia and Telehealth

**<https://www.psychtranquility.com.au/>**

**Phone:** 03 8840 6510

**Fax:** 03 9125 8269



# St Monica's College, Epping

## Enrol Now for Year 7, 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians & Carers,

Applications for **Grade 5 students starting Year 7 in 2026** are now open and will close on **Friday, 16 August 2024**.

Application for enrolment is available on the St Monica's College Website: [www.stmonicas-epping.com/apply](http://www.stmonicas-epping.com/apply). Click on the apply button to complete your online form and submit with documentation required.

If you would like to attend a school tour, please visit our website to make a booking.

For enquiries, please contact the College Registrar, Mrs Lina Sirianni on 9409 8800 or email [registrar@stmonicas-epping.com](mailto:registrar@stmonicas-epping.com).



# ENROL NOW FOR YEAR 7 2026



Applications close on Friday 16 August 2024



Apply Online

[www.parade.vic.edu.au](http://www.parade.vic.edu.au)

Email: [enrol@parade.vic.edu.au](mailto:enrol@parade.vic.edu.au)

Phone: 94683300



# PARADE COLLEGE

## Family Tours



Term **3** Tours commence at 9:15am

- Friday 26 July
- Thursday 1 August
- Tuesday 6 August
- Monday 12 August
- Friday 23 August
- Tuesday 3 September
- Wednesday 18 September



**Book a Tour  
or Apply Online**

Email: [enrol@parade.vic.edu.au](mailto:enrol@parade.vic.edu.au)



# Your child's first steps to learning

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🕒 Open weekdays 6:30am to 6:30pm

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