

# Newsletter

**Term 1**  
**9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024**

Date		Program	Time
13 Feb	Tuesday	Shrove Tuesday	
14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	
21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Wednesday	Marcellin Activities Club	3.30-4.45pm
28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Wednesday	Marcellin Activities Club	3.30-4.45pm
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Wednesday	Marcellin Activities Club	3.30-4.45pm
7 <sup>th</sup> March	Thursday	Athletics Family Fun Day	2.30-4pm
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Monday	Labour Day Public Holiday	
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Thursday	Learning Showcase	3.30-4.30pm
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Thursday	Harvest Fest	4.30-6pm
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Sunday	Palm Sunday	
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Thursday	Holy Thursday	
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Thursday	Term 1 Ends	1pm
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Friday	Good Friday	
30 <sup>th</sup> March	Saturday	Holy Saturday	
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Sunday	Easter Sunday	
15 <sup>th</sup> April	Monday	Term 2 Begins	8.45pm

## Prayer of the Week

*Loving God, you give us this new school year and new friends with whom to share it.*

*Bless all who pray*

*And work and learn together.*

*May this year bring peace and harmony*

*Throughout the world.*

*We ask this through Christ Our Lord.*

*Amen.*



### **From The Acting Principal:**

Welcome to a bright new school year. It is with a great sense of excitement that we welcome the return of our school families and extend a warm greeting to our new families.

I am the Acting Principal while Barbara Gomez is on Long Service Leave. I have been a Principal of three other Catholic Primary Schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne (Sacred Heart Diamond Creek; St. Michael's, Ashburton & St. Joseph's, Boronia) for over thirty years.

I am married with three adult children and five grandchildren between the ages of 1 and 8 years old. I am looking forward to working with the staff and families of St. Pius to continue the great work of Barbara Gomez and help make St. Pius X the best learning and teaching environment that it can possibly be.

The new year brings with it plenty of new opportunities and it is with great enthusiasm that we use these opportunities to start afresh. It is the aim of all the St. Pius staff to give your child the best learning experience possible throughout the year and we love to share that journey with you through the fortnightly newsletter and our other communication methods (Seesaw, Google Classrooms and Social Media).

We started the 2024 school year with the celebration of a whole school Mass last Thursday with Fr. Wayne and also provided families with the opportunity to visit their child's classrooms with the Meet and Greet Afternoon just this past Wednesday. Thank you to those families who were able to attend either of these occasions, we thoroughly appreciate your support and involvement.

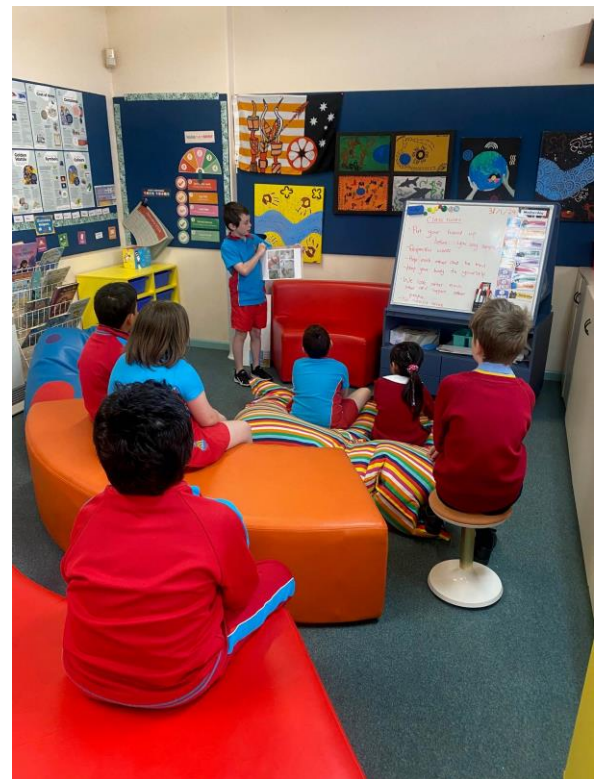
This week all of our Specialist classes have started so please make sure that you read the Term Overviews from each class that have been sent home.

Our Stage 2 Building Project is well underway and is looking at a completion date of the end of April/early May, which is very exciting. I am very impressed with the degree of understanding, patience and flexibility displayed by the staff, students and families during this sometimes chaotic time – the end result will definitely be worth all of these hassles.

Jim O'Sullivan

Acting Principal







**St. Pius X Primary School**  
1<sup>st</sup> Sep 2023 – 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2024 GST Inclusive

**Everyday Uniform**

PULLOVER	Size	4 & 6	7, 8, 9	10 – 20
	Price	\$76	\$80	\$86
DRESS	Size	4 - 22		
	Price	\$58		
PINAFORE	Size	4 - 22		
	Price	\$64		
GIRLS SLACKS	Size	4 – 22		
	Price	\$43		
GIRLS SKORT	Size	4 – 22		
	Price	\$32		
GIRLS BLOUSE		Short Sleeve	Long Sleeve	
	Price	\$35	\$28	
TIGHTS	Size	Junior	Senior	
	Price	\$10	\$16	
BOYS TROUSERS	Size	4 – 22		
	Price	\$40		
BOYS SHIRT		Short Sleeve	Long Sleeve	
	Price	\$36	\$29	
BOYS SHORTS	Size	4 - 22		
	Price	\$30		
SOCKS	Size	9 – 12	13 – 3	2 – 8 +
	Price	\$10ea	\$10ea	\$10ea
ART SMOCK	Size	S	M	
	Price	\$22	\$22	
RAIN JACKET	Size	4 - 6	8 – 10	12 – 14 +
	Price	\$63	\$63	\$63
HATS / SCARF		Hat	Beanie	Scarf
	Price	\$15	\$15	\$15
BAGS		School Bag	Library Bag	
	Price	\$58	\$19	



**Sports Uniform**

TRACK TOP	Size	4 – 22
	Price	\$56
TRACK PANT	Size	2 – 22
	Price	\$39
POLO TOP	Size	4 – 22
	Price	\$37
SPORT SKORT	Size	4 – 22
	Price	\$32
SPORT SHORTS	Size	4 - XL
	Price	\$30
SPORT SOCKS	Size	Various
	Price	\$10ea

Uniform can be purchased the following ways:

**On-line:**

Visit [www.academyuniforms.com.au](http://www.academyuniforms.com.au) for home delivery or choose the free weekly school delivery. Please allow 48 hours for processing.

**HOLIDAY CLOSURE: 5pm Dec 21<sup>st</sup> to 9am Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**In Store at Academy Uniforms, Thomastown:**

**Monday - Friday: 9am - 5pm Saturday: 9am – 12pm  
238 Wolsley Place, Thomastown. Phone: 9460 8011**

**Not available at Deer Park Melton or Springvale stores.**

## **2024 School Fees and Levies**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

School Fees are billed per Family and Student Levies are billed per student. Statements are sent out in Term 1 with the full amount payable per annum.

You can elect to pay school fees as an annual payment in Term 1, three equal instalments in Term 1, 2 and 3, by credit card, cash, BPAY or by Direct Debit (monthly or fortnightly).

Every child is charged an annual fee covering items such as Excursions, Incursions, Religious Education, Class sets, Library, Information Technology, PE Costs and other educational resources.

Camp fees (if applicable) will be charged separately prior to commencing activities.

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### *PROCEDURE FOR COLLECTING SCHOOL FEE PAYMENTS*

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- i. Fees are due for payment within 7 days of the beginning of each Term.
- ii. Payments can be made by Direct Debit Authority, BPAY, MasterCard and Visa card, EFTPOS card. Please contact the school office for further information.
- iii. Fees paid in total in Term 1 will have an early payment discount of 5% applied to their family account. This excludes student levies and Montessori family fees.
- iv. All Fees and levies must be finalised by 1<sup>st</sup> September (Term 3).
- v. In the event that the fees have not been paid by the due date the following procedures will be implemented:
  - a) A reminder statement will be sent in Term 2 and a Fees Statement reminder in Term 3, if applicable (excluding Direct Debit authorities).
  - b) A repayment schedule to accommodate current needs may be negotiated in circumstances where financial hardship can be demonstrated after discussion with the Principal. Agreed arrangements for periodical payment of fees will ensure that the outstanding debt is reduced, and that any debt is contained within reasonable limits and the repayment plan is manageable by the parents.
  - c) If no response is received within 14 days of the due date, a request will be forwarded for an interview with the Principal.

If you have any concerns regarding the payment of school fees, please make an appointment with the Principal or contact the School Office.

2024 FEES SCHEDULE

	<b>St Pius X</b>	<b>St Pius X Montessori</b>
<b>Family Fees</b>	\$1055	\$1055
<b>Curriculum Levy/Student</b>	\$644	\$644
<b>ICT Levy / Student</b>	\$155	\$155
<b>Building Levy</b>	\$100 <b>Total \$1954</b>	\$100 <b>Total \$1954</b>
<b>Camp Levy* (Grades 4 – 6)</b>	\$370 <b>Total \$2324</b>	
<b>Montessori: Annual Fee<sup>^</sup></b>		\$1,500 <b>Total \$3454</b>
<b>Montessori: New Family Fee<sup>^</sup></b>		\$1,500 <b>Total \$4954</b>

<sup>^</sup>Montessori Fees are due by March 1st, 2024

### Early Payment Discount

An early payment discount of 5% applies to St Pius X Family Fees \$1009.00 (\$958.55). This excludes student levies (Curriculum & ICT), Camp Levies and Montessori fees (New family and Annual fees).

### Camps, Sports, Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply for a Victorian Government CSEF payments. The CSEF provides payments, currently \$125 per annum, for eligible students to attend activities like: school camps or trips; swimming and school-organised sport programs; and excursions & incursions.

#### How to Apply

For more information regarding the contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

### MACS Concessional School Fees Policy

To assist school families in accessing a Catholic primary education for their child/children, the Melbourne Archdiocese of Catholic schools has introduced from 2022, a concessional fee policy.

The following families are strongly encouraged to apply:

- Any family of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage.
- Any family holding an HCC and eligible for CSEF.
- Any family holding a DVA Gold Card.
- Any family identified as refugees and holding an ImmiCard.



## Community Support and Information

### GENERAL HEALTH

Emergency - 000 Police, Fire, Ambulance.

Nurse on Call (24 hours) 1300 606 024

National Coronavirus Helpline 1800 020 080

Coronavirus Disability Information Helpline 1800 643 787

Banyule Community Health Service 9450 2000

### ASK IZZY [askizzy.org.au](http://askizzy.org.au)

Ask Izzy can help you to find the services you need. It is free and anonymous, and you can search over 360,000 services

### YOUNG PEOPLE

Banyule Youth Service - [banyuleyouth.com](http://banyuleyouth.com)

Flexible support options and referral pathways for young people

### HOUSING

DHHS Housing

1300 664 977 <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/preston-office>

Haven; Home, Safe

9479 0700 - <https://havenhomesafe.org.au/>

The housing access point for the northern suburbs.

### DOMESTIC ABUSE

*If you are in immediate danger call 000*

1800Respect

1800 737 732 - [1800respect.org.au](http://1800respect.org.au)

A service for you or someone you know who might be experiencing family violence.

Safe Steps Family Violence Crisis Response Centre

1800 015 188 - <https://www.safesteps.org.au/>

Victoria's 24/7 family violence support service

Orange Door

1800 319 355 <https://orangedoor.vic.gov.au/>

Aboriginal Family Domestic Violence

1800 105 303 - <https://djiirra.org.au/what-we-do/legal-services/>

inTouch Multicultural Centre Against Family Violence

1800 755 988 - <https://intouch.org.au/>

Help and assistance in non-English languages.

With Respect

1800 542 847 - <https://www.withrespect.org.au/>

Specialist LGBTIQ family violence service.

Men's Referral Service

1300 766 491 - <https://www.ntv.org.au/>

Confidential help for men wanting to stop abuse.

MensLine

1300 78 99 78 - <https://mensline.org.au/>

Seniors Rights Helpline

1300 368 821 - <https://seniorsrights.org.au/>

### FOOD AND MATERIAL RELIEF

Banyule Support and Information (BANSIC)

9459 5959 - <http://www.bansic.org.au/>

Diamond Valley Community Support (DVCS)

9435 8282 - <https://www.dvsupport.org.au/>

Banyule Community Health Service

9450 2000 - <https://bchs.org.au/>

Includes support for non-residents

Livingstone FoodBank

9497 2014

Greenhills Neighbourhood House Food Pantry

9435 9287

3081 Angels

9450 2000 or email [3081angels@bchs.org.au](mailto:3081angels@bchs.org.au)

Pre-loved goods for children and families

Hayden's Helping Hands

0414 295 830

Non-perishable food, toiletries, clothing and blankets.

Big Group Hug

[requests@biggroup hug.org](mailto:requests@biggroup hug.org)

material-aid for children and families

### MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

Beyond Blue

1300 22 4636 - <https://www.beyondblue.org.au/>

Lifeline

13 11 14 - <https://www.lifeline.org.au/>

Kids Helpline

1800 55 1800 - <https://kidshelpline.com.au/>

(5 – 25 year olds)

Headspace

1800 650 890 - <https://headspace.org.au/eheadspace/>

(12 – 25-year olds)

### ADDICTION

Banyule Community Health Service

9450 2000 - <https://bchs.org.au/>

DirectLine

1800 888 236 - <https://www.directline.org.au/>

Counselling Online

<https://www.counsellingonline.org.au/>

Gamblers Help Northern

1300 133 445 - <https://bchs.org.au/>

### FINANCIAL/LEGAL SERVICES

Services Australia (formerly known as Centrelink)

136 240

Banyule Community Health Service

9450 2000

West Heidelberg Community Legal Service

9450 2002

For more service info please visit [www.banyule.vic.gov.au](http://www.banyule.vic.gov.au) • UPDATE MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2020



# RECYCLE WITH MONDO FOR A BETTER WORLD

National School Fundraising and Education Program

Schools can choose:

**Bonus \$250!\***

## Mondo Clothing Drives

Receive \$0.10 cents per kilogram collected on designated collection days.

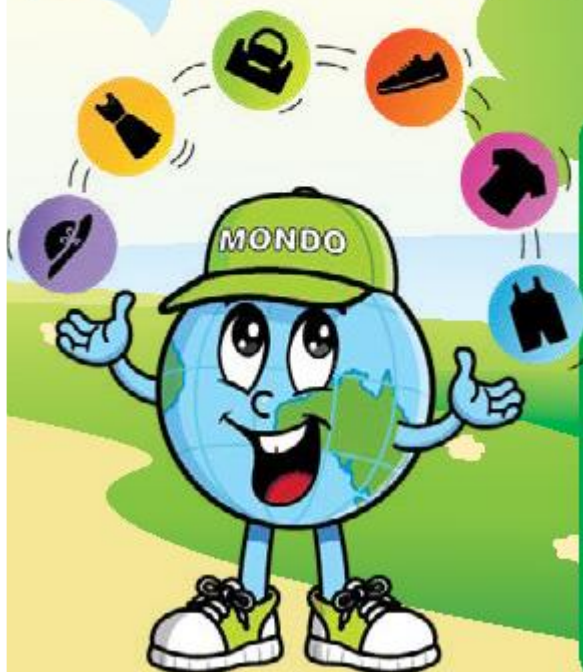
OR

## Mondo Recycling Hubs

Receive \$0.10 cents per kilogram collected for hosting clothing recycling hubs.

In addition, schools have access to **FREE** online activities and a **FREE** Student Strategy Session delivered by an SCRgroup educator.

\* Schools that select hubs will receive a one-off bonus **\$250** to go towards their fundraising. Offer valid until 30 June. Subject to site assessment.



Register  
Online  
Today!

## Ask About...

### Receiving a FREE Mondo visit!

All new Victorian schools receive a FREE Mondo visit valued at \$450.

### Friends of Our World Storybook

**NOW AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ONLINE.** This storybook complements the school program and can be added to your school library collections. Buy now at [www.friendsofourworld.com](http://www.friendsofourworld.com).

### Mondo Classroom Incursions

Schools seeking a deeper educational insight into clothing reuse and recycling can book our half day Mondo Classroom Incursions, which include e-waste education. Activities align with the Victorian School Curriculum. Fee is \$750 per school.



Proudly supporting CERES' delivery of the ResourceSmart Schools Waste Module in 'Activating Your Community'. To find out more, go to: [sustainability.ceres.org.au/program/itsav/wastemodule](http://sustainability.ceres.org.au/program/itsav/wastemodule)



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[scr.com.au/schools](http://scr.com.au/schools)



ACCEPTABLE ITEMS



ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED



Vinnies Welfare Assistance Line is **1800 305 330** (Monday–Friday 10.00am to 3.00pm).  
Over the phone, we will determine your situation and make a personal arrangement to support you.

[Welfare Assistance Line - St Vincent de Paul Society - Good Works \(vinnies.org.au\)](http://vinnies.org.au)