

Newsletter

Term 1
8th March 2024

Date		Program	Time
11 th March	Monday	Labour Day Public Holiday	
21 st March	Thursday	Learning Showcase	3.30-4.30pm
21 st March	Thursday	Harvest Fest	4.30-6pm
24 th March	Sunday	Palm Sunday	
28 th March	Thursday	Holy Thursday	
28 th March	Thursday	Term 1 Ends	1pm
29 th March	Friday	Good Friday	
30 th March	Saturday	Holy Saturday	
31 st March	Sunday	Easter Sunday	
15 th April	Monday	Term 2 Begins	8.45pm
25 th April	Thursday	Anzac Day	
26 th April	Friday	Closure Day	
4 th May	Saturday	St Pius X Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	

Prayer of the Week

Our Father ...
Merciful God,
As your loving children,
We are eager to do what is right.
Send your Holy Spirit to live with us
And to fill us with your light.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



From the Acting Principal:

This week we received the following information from Marwin Austerberry, General Manager, Eastern Region Office of Melbourne Archdiocese Schools.

Dear Parents,

As most of you would be aware our Principal Mrs Barbara Gomez has taken Long Service Leave this year and was due to return to the school in October 2024. Since commencing leave Mrs Gomez has made the decision to resign from her position as Principal and will not be returning to the school.

Mr Jim O'Sullivan will continue in the role of Acting Principal supported by the Leadership Team and Staff.

I am sure you will join with me in acknowledging Mrs Gomez for her contribution as an educator and leader in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, and for her hard work and dedication as Principal of St Pius X School.

There will be opportunities for you to thank Mrs Gomez for her contribution to Catholic education and our school community later in the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr O'Sullivan, staff, students and the school community for their ongoing support of St Pius X School.

*Marwin Austerberry
Regional General Manager
Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools*

On behalf of the St. Pius X Parish and School community we thank Barbara for her years of devotion to and passion for St. Pius X students, staff and families. Barbara was dedicated to providing the families of Heidelberg West with an accessible, inclusive and quality faith based educational setting.

Barbara's drive, energy and 'never take no for an answer' attitude is evidenced by the major refurbishment of the school through the multi-staged Building Program.

Loyola Community Service Students:

This week we had 5 Year 11 students from Loyola College supporting our staff and students with their learning. These students were a credit to Loyola and a great benefit to the staff and students.

Thank you to the Loyola students: Jack, Adam, Dion, Katerina and Hugo.

La Trobe University Occupational Therapy Students:

Today we welcomed 3 Occupational Therapy students from La Trobe University who will be with us each Friday for the next 8 weeks. Welcome to Karl, Portia and Freddy.

Gardening Club:

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend Miss Bella's first Gardening Club. These will occur on the first Thursday of each month, during School terms, from 2.30pm until 3.30pm.

Thank you to Robbie (Alfie's mum), Tannaz (Lola's mum), Janine (Orson's mum) and Fr. Wayne

NAPLAN:

Next week our Year 3 & 5 students along with students from schools across Australia will begin their participation in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN).

During these sessions, staff will provide support and guidance to students. This assistance may include clarifying instructions, offering emotional support, and ensuring a conducive testing environment.

The aim is to help students feel confident and focused during the assessment period, maximising their potential to demonstrate their skills accurately.

Now that we have passed the halfway mark of the term and are looking forward to the Long Weekend as a time to rest with our families, I would like to express the heartfelt gratitude of the school staff for your ongoing support, understanding and genuine appreciation of our efforts to provide the best learning and teaching environment that we can for our students. It speaks to the School's core values of educating your child academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually.

Your commitment to your child's education along with the dedication and expertise of our staff has been the driving force behind our collective success.

Our School is not just a building; it is a vibrant and thriving community because of parents like you who actively engage in your child's learning journey.

Your dedication to fostering a culture of learning at home echoes in the achievements and growth we witness in each child.

Regards

Jim O'Sullivan
Acting Principal

School Tour

Monday 18th March 9.15am



ST PIUS X
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Bookings Preferred

Email:
principal@spxhw.catholic.edu.au

Phone: 9457 3776

431 Waterdale Rd,
Heidelberg West 3081

St Patrick's Clothes Day!

Donate a \$2 coin on Tuesday 12th of March to spend a day at school wearing green outfits to celebrate St Patrick's Day



PROJECT COMPASSION

We have a goal to fundraise \$100 to Project Compassion as a school on this day together, which can support local health

During the season of Lent we are raising money for Project Compassion



*Organized by
Sammy.*



MARCELLIN COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Grow, learn, lead



SUNDAY, 17 MARCH | 11am - 2pm

Principal's Address 11am, 12pm and 1pm

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE

Now accepting Year 7 2026 enrolments | Applications close 16 August 2024

Secure your place today marcellin.vic.edu.au

Active To School

Hello! We are the 2024 Sports Captains Sarah , Sofia and Nakisha.

Starting next week, students of St Pius X will be participating in the Active to School challenge. This is where students are encouraged to ride, scoot or walk to and from school. Our aim is to get everyone active in the journey to and from school. Students who participate will receive a house point for each time they are active to school.





**FITZROY
HIGH SCHOOL**

OPEN DAY | April 17



**Experience
our innovative
and dynamic
learning
environment**

Experience our innovative and dynamic learning environment in action at our year 7-10 **Fitzroy High School** campus and then walk with us through Edinburgh Gardens to the **Wurun Senior campus** for a tour and Q & A.

9.15 - 10.45am

TOUR 1

**Fitzroy High School
7-10 and the Wurun
Senior Campus**

12 - 1.30pm

TOUR 2

**Fitzroy High School
7-10 and the Wurun
Senior Campus**

6.30 - 7.30pm

Information evening at
Fitzroy High School
7-10 Campus
+ short twilight tour

trybooking.com/events/landing/1190154





St. Pius X Primary School
1st Sep 2023 – 31st 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 for home delivery or choose the free weekly school delivery. Please allow 48 hours for processing.

HOLIDAY CLOSURE: 5pm Dec 21st to 9am Jan 2nd

In Store at Academy Uniforms, Thomastown:

Monday - Friday: 9am - 5pm Saturday: 9am – 12pm
238 Waiseley 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.

PROCEDURE FOR COLLECTING SCHOOL FEE PAYMENTS

- 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 1st 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

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

[^]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

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

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

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

308 I Angels

9450 2000 or email 308Iangels@bhs.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@biggroupuhug.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 • 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.

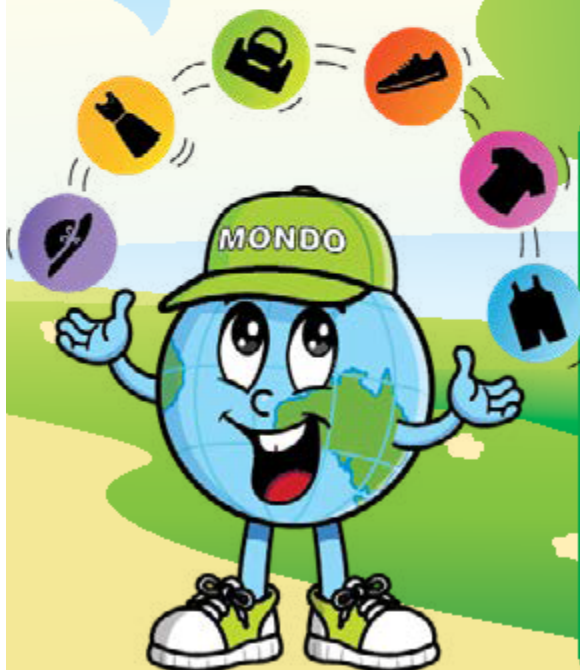
OR

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.



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.

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.

Register
Online
Today!



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/tsav/wastemodule



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ACCEPTABLE ITEMS



SHOES



HANDBAGS/
ACCESSORIES



CLOTHING

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED



FURNITURE



PRAMS



MATTRESSES



BIKES



TV'S



SUITCASES



TOYS



BOOKS



BABY SEATS



PICTURE FRAMES

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)