

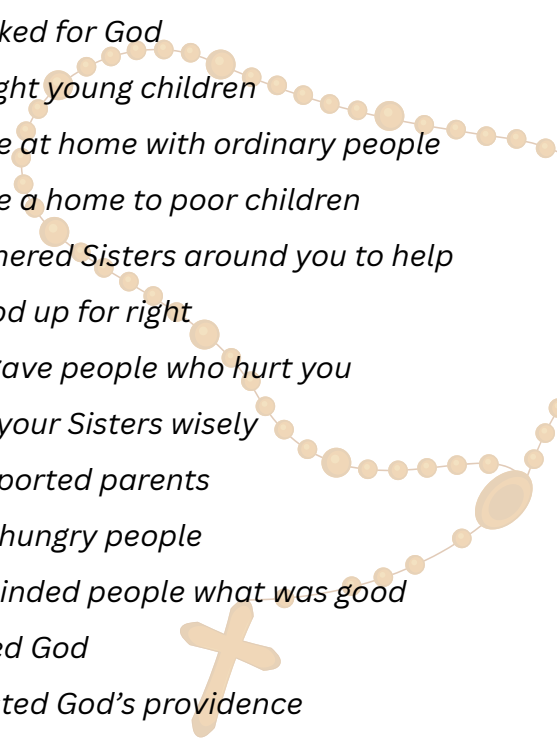
# ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**TERM 3 WEEK 2**  
**FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2025**



## **Litany of St Mary MacKillop**

<i>St Mary MacKillop</i>	<i>Pray for us</i>
<i>You worked for God</i>	<i>Pray for us</i>
<i>You taught young children</i>	<i>Pray for us</i>
<i>You were at home with ordinary people</i>	<i>Pray for us</i>
<i>You gave a home to poor children</i>	<i>Pray for us</i>
<i>You gathered Sisters around you to help</i>	<i>Pray for us</i>
<i>You stood up for right</i>	<i>Pray for us</i>
<i>You forgave people who hurt you</i>	<i>Pray for us</i>
<i>You led your Sisters wisely</i>	<i>Pray for us</i>
<i>You supported parents</i>	<i>Pray for us</i>
<i>You fed hungry people</i>	<i>Pray for us</i>
<i>You reminded people what was good</i>	<i>Pray for us</i>
<i>You loved God</i>	<i>Pray for us</i>
<i>You trusted God's providence</i>	<i>Pray for us</i>
<i>St Mary MacKillop</i>	<i>Pray for us</i>



# ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Principal's Message

From our Principal Mr Michael Gavaghan

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 3! I hope you had a restful two-week break and a smooth start to the new term. Although this is a shorter term (9 weeks), it is still a busy one – just like any other!

Below are some key dates and events happening throughout the term:

Welcome to Julia Aloï, ISN Provisional Psychologist, who will be working with us in Terms 3 & 4 (Tuesdays & Wednesdays).

Welcome to Ms Toyah Boyle, who has replaced David Marshall in 2B.

**Assembly:** Fridays 9:00am - 9:30am - Weeks 1,3,5,7,9

**Newsletter:** Fridays - Weeks 2,4,6,8

### August 2025 – Events

**Tue 5th and 12th Aug** – Year 5 & 6 Footy Clinic

**Fri 8 Aug** – Feast of St Mary MacKillop Mass (9:00–10:00am)

**Thu 14 Aug** – 100 Days of Prep (Dress-up Day – Foundation only)

**Fri 15 Aug** – Feast of the Assumption Mass (Y5 & Y6, 9:00–10:00am)

**Fri 15 Aug** – Ms Bianca Corvo's Final Day

**Mon 18–Fri 22 Aug** – Book Week: "Book an Adventure"

**Mon 18–Wed 20 Aug** – Year 5 Camp to Sovereign Hill

**Mon 18 Aug** – Werribee District Athletics Carnival

**Wed 20 Aug** – Teeth on Wheels Visit

**Fri 22 Aug** – Book Week Dress-Up & Parade

**Tue 26 Aug** – Parent Association Hot Dog Lunch

**Thu 28 Aug** – Year 4 Excursion to ACMI

**Thu 28 Aug** – Teeth on Wheels Visit (2nd Day)

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### September 2025 – Events

**Wed 3 Sep** – Father's Day Stall

**Wed 3 Sep** - Year 4 Art Expo

**Thu 4 Sep** – Father's Day Stall

**Fri 5 Sep** – Father's Day Breakfast

**Fri 5 Sep** – SEDA Footy Day

**Tue 9 Sep** – School Advisory Council Meeting (6:30–8:00pm)

**Thu 11 Sep** – R U OK? Day

**Tue 16 Sep** – Y5 & Y6 Online Puberty Info Session (6:30–7:30pm)

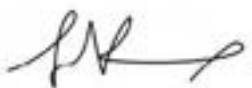
**Fri 19 Sep** – End of Term 3 + Casual Clothes Day (Early finish at 1:00pm)

Please take a moment to look over these dates and bookmark those relevant to your child and family. More detailed information about specific events will be provided closer to the date.

In other news, Mr. Gavaghan is having a wonderful time in Dubai, exploring the beautiful sights. While we're experiencing cold weather here, he's enjoying very hot days – but that hasn't stopped him from exploring, especially the deserts of Dubai and Abu Dhabi!

Lastly, I want to express my immense gratitude for the support I've received from our students, staff, and families as I step into the Acting Principal role. For those who know me, you'll know I am very passionate about St Andrew's and everything that makes up this rich and diverse community. I look forward to leading the school over the next six months and working in partnership with you all to continue supporting the growth and success of our students.

Warm regards,



Lisa Black  
Acting Principal



Book Week will be held from **August 16th to 23rd**, and this year's theme is "Book an Adventure".

To celebrate, students are invited to dress up as a favourite book character and showcase their costume at our assembly on **Friday, August 22nd**.

We look forward to seeing you there.

*Josephine Briffa*  
(Teacher/Librarian)



Subway lunches for Term 3 have been arranged for every Friday as below:

25 July  
1 August  
8 August  
15 August  
22 August  
29 August  
5 September  
12 September

## Teeth on Wheels are coming back

We're pleased to welcome Teeth on Wheels back to our school! Starting on **August 20th 2025**, students will have access to regular six-monthly dental check-ups and fun, educational oral health sessions – all right here on school grounds.

To take part, simply complete the consent form by the **August 14th 2025**:

Click [here](#) to sign up – it could be FREE!



**TeethOnWheels**  
a positive dental experience

## Office Hours

Please note that office hours are  
8:30am – 4:00pm Monday to Friday.

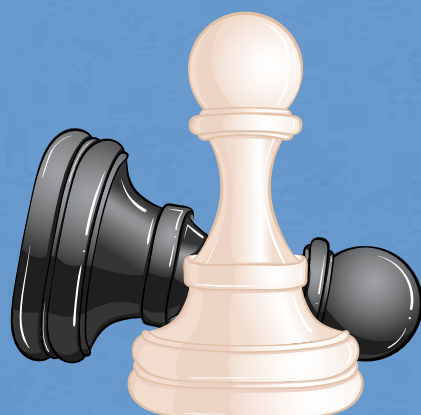


## Chess State Champion

We are very proud of our Year 2 student Neev who competed in the Under 8 Open Category Victorian State Junior Chess Championship 2025.

Over 350 junior players from across Victoria registered to compete and Neev was one of 45 participants. He demonstrated outstanding tactical acumen, focus and composure and clinched the Under 8 State Championship title in spectacular fashion!

Congratulations Neev





## Second Hand Uniform Price List

Full Uniform	\$	Sports Uniform	\$
Shorts	\$10	Shorts	\$10
Jumper	\$20	Polos	\$10
Winter Tunic	\$20	Jumper	\$10
Long Sleeve Shirt	\$10	Track pants	\$10
Short Sleeve Shirt	\$10		
Summer Dress	\$20		
Trousers	\$10		

Accessories	\$
Beanie	\$5
Sun Hats	\$5
Bag	\$20



## Second Hand Uniform Shop - Opening Hours

The second hand uniform shop is open **8:30am to 9:30am on Mondays** and **3:00 to 3:45pm on Wednsedays**.



# Catholic Identity News

From our Deputy Principal, Mr Glenn Mugavin

## Teaching and learning about 'God's Creation'

Our Foundation students are learning about God's Creation. They have read the creation stories in the Old Testament Book of Genesis and described creation through the symbolism and imagery of light and dark; day and night.

*God made the earth because the world was empty. God made the world for everybody - Victoria*

*God made the people, sky, ocean, the moon and stars because God loves us! - Kai*



## Mini-Vinnies: Social justice action in the community

Last term our Mini-Vinnies Team organised a school-wide donation to support the St Vincent de Paul Society's Winter Appeal. Thankyou to everyone who donated food or toiletries. Your commitment to helping others live with dignity is very much needed & appreciated.

For more information or to make a personal tax deductible donation click <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/winter-appeal-vic>



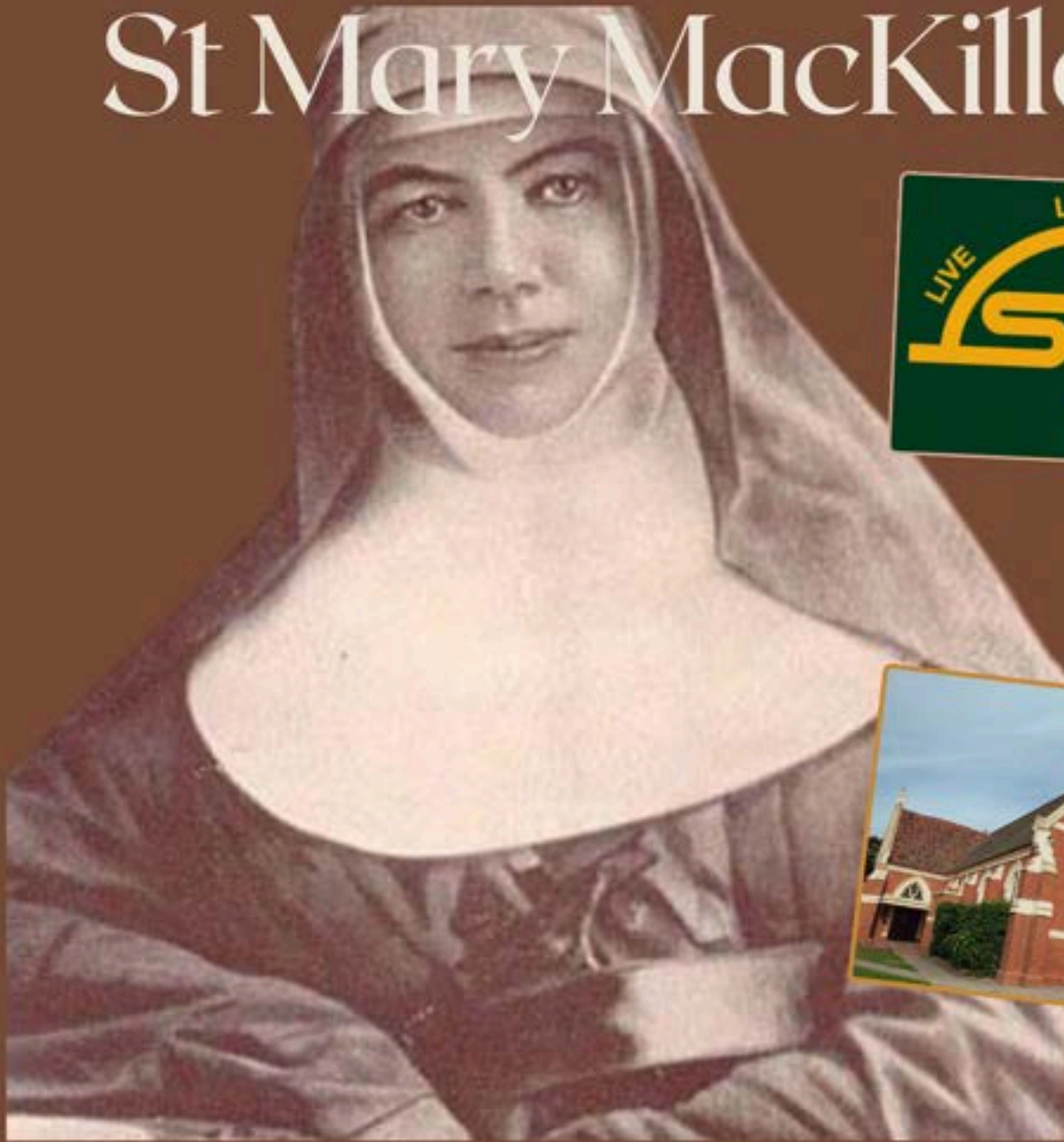
## Connection to the Catholic Church - Feast of St Mary of the Cross

Mary MacKillop is Australia's first official saint and the co-founder of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart congregation. **Our next whole-school mass will be for the Feast of St Mary of the Cross on Friday 8 August at 9am in St Andrew's Church** to acknowledge the significant influence of the Josephites on our school community.

Families are invited to join us in prayer & worship at this parish mass. As a school, students are learning about Mary MacKillop as a model of discipleship; showing us how to believe in God, follow Jesus teachings and act to ensure those in need receive the basic right to education, medical care and housing.



# The Feast of St Mary MacKillop



FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2025  
9:00AM MASS  
ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH  
ALL FAMILIES  
WARMLY INVITED



# Student Wellbeing News

From our Well Being & Digital Pedagogies Leader, Mrs Laura Chamberlain

Hello from Mrs Chamberlain. I will be acting Wellbeing Leader for the rest of the Year, as well as continuing my role as Digital Pedagogies Leader. I am most passionate about wellbeing connected to learning in the classroom and digital wellbeing. This will be my 25th year teaching in Catholic Education!

This newsletter I would like to share with you a directive from MACS regarding cybersafety:

Catholic Network Australia (CNA) and Cyber Safety Project are hosting a free 'AI & the Digital Generation' webinar for parents and carers of primary and secondary school students on Monday 11 August 2025 from 7.30 to 8.00 pm.

The webinar offers essential insights into topics including:

- generative artificial intelligence (AI) and AI companion apps
- deepfakes and online misinformation
- AI safety at home
- legal and ethical considerations of AI use.

• The webinar will help parents and carers

- understand the online tools and technologies their children are using
- build confidence in discussing AI, deepfakes and digital truth with their children
- learn practical strategies to encourage safe and ethical online behaviour.

This is the link: <https://www.cna.catholic.edu.au/events-1/ai-the-digital-generation-parent-webinar>

There is also another webinar from the eSafety Commissioner about **AI-assisted image-based abuse: navigating the deepfake threat**

The link to register is here: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/8173705016387641949>

**At St Andrews Google Gemini, Youtube and Chat-GPT and any other 13+ social media is blocked for student student access**



# Student Wellbeing News

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## National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day

We will also be celebrating Annual National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day on Monday August 4.

It's a day to celebrate the strengths, stories, and cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, and to show support for them, their families, and communities. The day was first established on August 4, 1988, and has become a significant event for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and the wider Australian community

All Children will be learning about the significance of the day, listening to a story and completing a reflection activity.





# PE News

From our PE Teacher Ms Sally Taylor

## Junior Hoop Time

A big thanks to Brad Pridham, Anne Go, Mathew Majur and Kris Montgomery who assisted me to coach our 2 Jnr Rookie and 2 Future Stars Basketball teams on Thursday 3rd of July.

The children had a wonderful day experiencing some wins and losses. Our Year 4 Future Star team played a very hard match against Wembley Primary School. Fortunately for us they were able to hold onto a 2 point win to progress to the Regional Finals later in the year.

The children dedicated their win to Mr Gavaghan. He was very proud, humbled and thrilled that the children honoured him in this way.



## St Andrew's Athletics Team

Congratulations to the following children that will be representing St Andrew's at the upcoming District Athletics carnival on Monday 18th August.

*David M, Mayol B, Amelia P, Abraam S, Abel E, David B, Deng Y,  
Jia J, Emma C, Serah B, Alice D, Clare D, Sophia R, Luca D, Nathaniel O, Evie M, Isis P, Nyakiir A,  
Emrys K, Nico M, Mason E,  
Max K, Happy M, Esther O, Daniella O, Tha Tha C, Talei K, and Giordano D.*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August** – SSVWD Athletics Carnival  
(at the VU Track)



# PE News

From our PE Teacher Ms Sally Taylor

## Werribee Football Club News

The Tigers will be hosting three games on Saturday, 2 August, including a historic moment—the first AFLW game to be played at Avalon Airport Oval. North Melbourne will take on Essendon in a practice match, alongside two other fixtures. Further details can be found in the attached flyer.

The day will feature a variety of activities, including face painting, player meet-and-greets, and much more.  
Admission is free.



## Auskick and Superkick Programs

Auskick & Superkick in Wyndham All Girls Term 3 Auskick & Superkick!

AFL Victoria excited to announce Auskick and Superkick programs starting 11th August at 5PM at Galvin Park, Werribee!

Auskick (for ages 4-6) – A fun, introductory program designed to help younger kids develop basic AFL skills in a supportive, friendly environment.

Register – <https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/a1d0c4>

Superkick (for ages 7-12) – Aimed at kids who are ready to take their AFL skills to the next level, focusing on skill development and team play.

Register – <https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/ce4138>

Starting 11th August

Every Monday at 5 PM – 6PM

Galvin Park, Werribee

5 Week Program (\$55 for 5 weeks)

Fun and engaging sessions

Great way to stay active and meet new friends

All skill levels welcome!

Receive a Certificate and AFL giveaways at the end of the program!

Don't miss out! Register and get your kids kicking goals this season!







### Instrumental Music Lessons - Guitar, Piano/Keyboard & Theory

As part of our **extra-curricular activities program**, students can take part in **instrumental music lessons** for **guitar, piano/keyboard, and music theory**. These engaging and educational sessions cater to a range of skill levels, helping students build confidence, creativity, and musical knowledge.

#### **Lessons Offered:**

- **Guitar:** classical, acoustic, and electric
- **Piano/Keyboard:** beginner to advanced
- **Music Theory:** including AMEB exam support

For more information, please contact **Sonia Overton** on **0418 541 213**

# SAFETY TIPS AROUND SCHOOL CROSSINGS

## Driving To and From school

Always park legally and avoid dangerous maneuvers like U-turns and three point turns at or near the crossing. Always be alert for children and pedestrians. Children should exit the side of the car that is on the left side of the road away from passing traffic at all times.

## Walking To and From School

Plan your trip to school so that you are crossing the road at safe places, such as School Crossings. Always hold your child's hand up until the age of eight. Talk to your children about Stop, Look, Listen and Think, every time they cross the road. Drop off and pick up your child near the school gate, avoid calling them from across the road.



# COMMON PARKING ISSUES AROUND SCHOOL CROSSINGS

To assist in keeping School Crossing areas a safe place for pedestrians and School Crossing Supervisors, Parking Officers monitor and patrol School Zones. Please find a list of common reasons for infringements below:

## Double parking

Do not stop next to another vehicle already parked next to a kerb, even if you are just quickly stopping to let a passenger in or out.

## No Stopping Signs

You must not park or stop in a No Stopping area for any reason.

## School Crossings

Do not park, or stop within or on a school crossing while it is in operation.

## Bus Stop and Bus Zone Signs

These areas are to be kept clear for school buses and public transport buses only.

## Nature Strips, Footpaths and Reservations

Do not stop or park on nature strips, footpaths or reservations as it can create unsafe situations for children, as well as cause damage to council infrastructure.

## Driveways

Do not park fully or partially across a driveway, be respectful of residents that live in the area.

\*If you would like more information relating to Parking Laws, please visit  
Wyndham City: [www.wyndham.vic.gov.au](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au) or  
VicRoads: [www.vicroads.vic.gov.au](http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au)



# STOP LOOK LISTEN THINK

Regardless of your child's age or experience, to cross a road safely they should be taught to:

1. Stop at the kerb, not on the road.
2. Look in all directions for approaching traffic.
3. Listen for any vehicles coming.
4. Think about if it is safe to cross the road.

STOP

LOOK

LISTEN

THINK

# SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS

Children's crossings are usually part-time crossings that operate before and after school hours. When in use, red flags displaying the words **CHILDREN CROSSING** are used. Outside of these times, the area is not a pedestrian crossing.

During peak school zone times we ask parents and carers to take extra care to make sure they are parked safe and legally to ensure the safety of the children and themselves.

Watch for and obey the instructions of the School Crossing Supervisor who operates the school crossing.

School crossing supervisors need to have a clear field of vision in all directions around their crossing, so that they can spot approaching children and vehicles as soon as possible.



# SCHOOL CROSSINGS

## Pedestrians – Children and Adults

- When flags are displayed all pedestrians should use the crossing.
- Always follow the instructions of the crossing supervisor.
- Make sure all traffic has stopped before stepping on to the crossing.
- Only cross when it is safe to do so and Stay Alert.

## Drivers and Riders

- Should always watch out for children and pedestrians near schools.
- Must not overtake a vehicle stopping or stopped at the crossing.
- Must approach at a speed slow enough to safely stop.
- Must stop if a hand held 'Stop' sign is displayed.
- Must proceed only when all children and adults, including the supervisor are off the road.

Respect our school crossing supervisors. They do an essential job of keeping everyone safe.



# What's on in Term 3



Find out more



Every Friday



On Fridays, we **pARTy**



August 1 - 29



We're creating a storybook... and you could have your story published!



Special thanks to  
**AUSTRALIAN LITERACY & NUMERACY FOUNDATION**

National Science Week

August 11 - 15

Featuring out of this world science & LEGO® activities!

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Book Week


August 18 - 22


Book an adventure!



## After School Care

 Fun Activities

Social Interaction 

 Yummy Snacks

Every school day in Term 3!



September 2

Free webinar for families



How to be a connected parent with Lael Stone



Your OSHC.

Before and After School Care

by  Camp Australia

[campaustralia.com.au/back-to-school-term-3](https://campaustralia.com.au/back-to-school-term-3)

# AUGUST



# 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 SUBWAY DAY	2
3	4	5 YEAR 5 & 6 FOOTY CLINIC	6	7	8 ASSEMBLY  SUBWAY DAY  MASS - ST MARY MACKILLOP	9
10	11	12 YEAR 5 & 6 FOOTY CLINIC	13	14 100 DAYS OF PREP	15 YR 5 & 6 MASS  SUBWAY DAY	16
17	18 BOOK WEEK  YR 5 CAMP  ATHLETICS CARNIVAL	19 BOOK WEEK  YR 5 CAMP	20 BOOK WEEK  YR 5 CAMP  TEETH ON WHEELS	21 BOOK WEEK	22 ASSEMBLY  SUBWAY DAY  BOOK WEEK PARADE	23
24	25	26 HOT DOG LUNCH	27	28 TEETH ON WHEELS  YR 4 EXCURSION	29 SUBWAY DAY	30
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# SEPTEMBER



# 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 FATHER'S DAY STALL  YR 4 ART EXPO	4 FATHER'S DAY STALL	5 SUBWAY DAY  FATHERS DAY BREKKY  FOOTY DAY	6
7	8	9 SCHOOL ADVISORY MEETING	10	11 R U OK? DAY	12	13
14	15	16 YR 5 & 6 ONLINE INFORMATI ON SESSION	17	18	19 ASSEMBLY  END OF TERM 1 PM FINISH	20
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