



ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER
Term 1 Number 8 - Friday, 19th March, 2021

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END OF TERM 1 - THURSDAY, 1ST APRIL, 3:30PM

BEGINNING OF TERM 2 - MONDAY, 19TH APRIL, 8:50AM

All students attending St Michael's Primary School have the right to feel safe. The care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people is a fundamental responsibility of all within our school.

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From the Principal.....

How wonderful has the weather been this week! I just love the cool mornings that turn into beautiful, warm, sunny days, perfect Melbourne weather. I hope both you and your family have taken any opportunity you have had to get out and soak up the good weather while it lasts. It also looks like we are going to get some great weather this weekend so get out and enjoy the parks and gardens to do something special outside with your family while we still have the chance before the cool weather sets in.



MUSIC IN THE AIR!

Our wonderful Visual Arts Specialist, Luisa has sourced a second hand piano to be placed into our playground so that children have the opportunity to play it during their lunch break. The piano was donated by Piano Recyclers, which has been expertly tuned and is ready to be played. Over the next few weeks Luisa will work with the children who attend our Art Club to paint the piano to make it truly ours. This is another way in which we provide children with varying options for play at break times.



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ENROLMENTS - PREP 2022



Yesterday we had a very successful Open Day with many new families very keen to enrol their child into a St Michael's Prep class for 2022. In 2022 we will have 50 places available for Prep, so I encourage families with children who will be ready for school in 2022 to fill in an enrolment form as soon as possible, as we do not want any of you to miss out on a place for your child.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

We had our 2021 School Advisory Council General Meeting on Tuesday night and it was wonderful to have Fr Nicholas and interested parents join both Steven and I for this meeting. I commend the parents who take the time out of their very busy schedule to give back to their child's school community. This support from parents is very much appreciated by myself and all the school staff. Nominations for the School Advisory Council were received and now will be reviewed by Fr Nicholas and myself and appointments will be made before the end of this term. The Council members will be announced to the community and will meet again in Term 2.

SUMMER SPORTS DAY

Today our Year 5/6 children participated in the District Sports Carnival playing either Tennis or Soccer. This is the first time our school has had this opportunity and therefore is a very exciting time for our children. Our PE teacher Sarah has worked extremely hard to lobby the other schools in the District group to allow our school to participate and due to this we are now involved. My heartfelt thanks go to Sarah for advocating for our children and giving them the opportunity to participate in competitive sport within a supportive environment.

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NEW BUILDING UPDATE



Last week I was excited, nervous and apprehensive when I attended the Tender Selection Meeting along with our Architect and Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) representatives. The purpose of this meeting was to review the tender applications and select the contractor who would build our new building. Unfortunately a builder was not selected as the building cost estimates presented by each tender exceeded the amount we have been granted. The next step in the process is for the Architect alongside the MACS personnel to liaise with the tender applicants to reassess their costing and resubmit their application. Our Architect is confident that this process should be completed in the next 2-3 weeks and a builder will be appointed shortly. Although I am unable to give you accurate timelines for the building program until this appointment is made the good news is that this building will happen this year and hopefully be completed or close to completion ready for the 2022 school year. As soon as I have more information regarding this process I will share it with you all.

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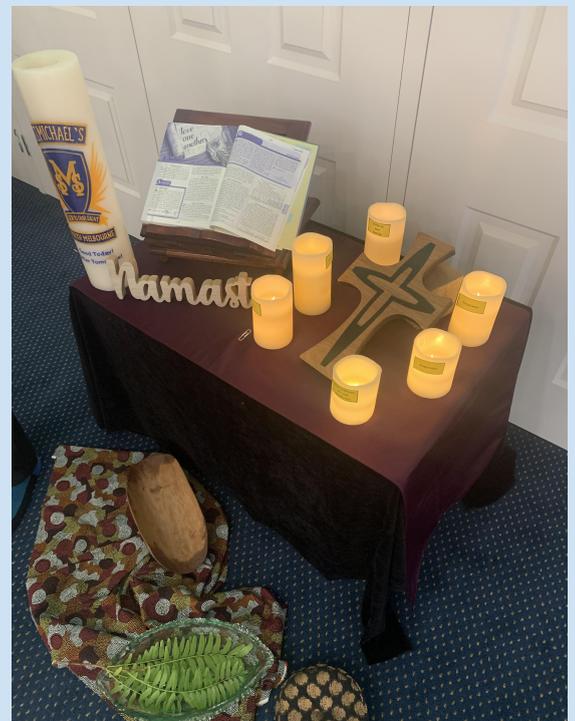
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STAFF CONFERENCE NEWS

ST MICHAEL'S STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING AND SPIRITUALITY DAY

Last Tuesday, 9th March all staff engaged in a professional learning and spirituality day on the topic of, 'Deepening our understanding of the faiths within our school community'. The day was facilitated by Religious Education and Spirituality Consultant, Ange Virgona.

As a staff we delved into Indigenous spirituality and built our awareness and understanding of a number of faith denominations specific to our school context including Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam and Sikhism and the celebrations and events that are held within these faith backgrounds. We were able to make strong links and connections to the Catholic faith and build these new understandings into our school and personal lives. The importance of prayer and our school motto of, 'I am known' formed the throughline throughout the whole day. The staff now have the opportunity to build these new understandings into our teaching and learning at St Michael's and more specifically into our Religious Education units of work as a way of valuing, being more inclusive and celebrating the rich and diverse community we are lucky to have. In our RE units and through prayer, teachers will be able to integrate new understandings of various faith backgrounds by looking at similarities and differences between other faith backgrounds and the Catholic faith as well as involving the children talking about what they celebrate or acknowledge in their faith tradition or cultural background. The day concluded with a personal, prayerful and reflective 'labyrinth' experience, as seen in a photo below. A labyrinth is a spiritual path often used as a tool for prayer, reflection and meditation.



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From the Principal.....

Some of the comments and feedback from the staff on this day include:

'Great links between other faiths to the Catholic faith'

'The importance of the I AM KNOWN motto was strongly emphasised'

'A day that really deepened my understandings'

'Great links to the classroom'

'Strong links were made to our school vision statement and school prayer'

'So inclusive of all members of our school community - students, staff and families'

'Really made me reflect on other faiths - made me feel so connected - can't wait to share with my students'

'Focusing on different religions was most beneficial; to build the knowledge and further our understanding about our students and our community'

'Walking the labyrinth was a great way to reflect on my personal faith'

ST MICHAEL'S STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING WELLBEING DAY BERRY STREET EDUCATION MODEL

Last Wednesday the staff at St Michael's continued to deepen our understanding and commitment to the Berry Street Education Model (BSEM).

We acknowledge that children are always learning and just as we teach literacy and numeracy skills, we must also ensure we are supporting students to develop socially and emotionally.

The focus of Day 2 was 'Relationships'. Relationships at St Michael's are a huge priority and everyone came to the day eager to engage in the learning.

At St Michael's we pride ourselves at knowing each and every student, not just by name but as a whole person. The day took a deep dive into exploring theories and strategies on how we can build even stronger relationships as a community to ensure the wellbeing of all.

We are so excited to bring our new learnings to life!



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The most simple thing I can do is to be good today but better tomorrow

Denise Hussey (Principal)

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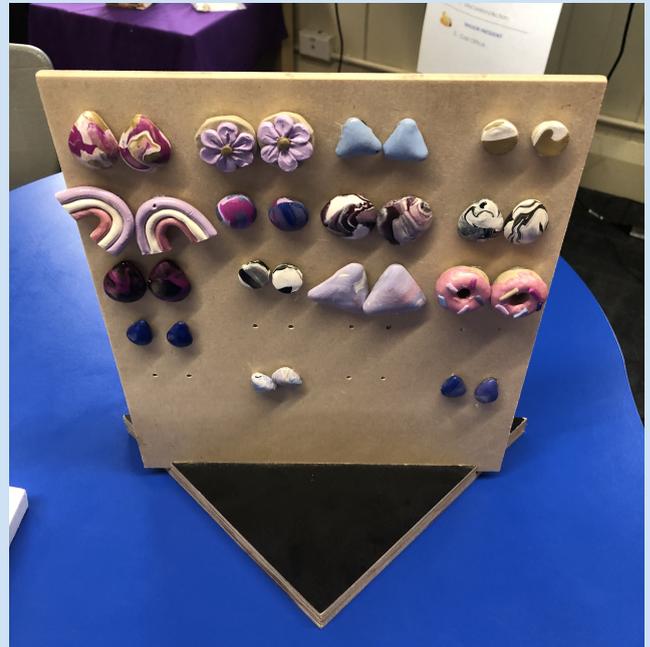
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Denise's "I Spy"



Great Learners

Good Today, Better Tomorrow



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This school has a membership with Parenting Ideas, one of Australia's most trusted sources of parenting education and support. As part of St Michael's membership, all parents in this school community can access some fantastic webinars and articles in 2021 at no cost. Enjoy this exclusive benefit by redeeming online today.

www.parentingideas.com.au/parent-resources/parent-webinars

*Please note the webinar for Parenting in the Age of Disruption has expired. We do have a number of other webinars available. If you have difficulty accessing the vouchers, please contact Erin on erin.jenkins@smnthmelbourne.catholic.edu.au

This weeks' Michael Grose article is titled

Building Deep Emotional Connections With Kids:

[insights-building-deep-emotional-connections-with-kids.pdf](#)

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GENERAL NEWS

SCHOOL BANKING

School banking will begin again in Term 2. Our banking day will be every Wednesday. A flyer went home yesterday explaining how school banking works. Please hand banking wallets into the Office every Wednesday morning.



Commonwealth Bank



90 years of teaching children about money.

School Banking Parent Guide.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

For 90 years we have been supporting schools and teaching children about money. Thanks to your participation and support, we've reached this incredible milestone.

Here's how our School Banking program works:

Weekly saving

- Children can save any amount of money each week and bring it to school on their designated School Banking day.
- The money is deposited into their Youthsaver account and they can track their progress in their School Banking Dollarmites deposit wallet.

Fun and rewarding

- Each time your child makes a deposit at school, they'll receive a silver Dollarmites token.
- Once they collect 10 Dollarmites tokens they can redeem them for a small reward.

Depositing outside of School Banking?

There are a number of ways your child can make deposits into their Youthsaver account:

- Deposit in branch, make sure you bring their deposit book with their account information filled out so they can track their savings.
- Use our intelligent deposit machines and ATMs
- You can also make deposits into your child's account using internet banking, NetBank or the CommBank app for CommBank customers.

Remember, if you use these services to make deposits into your child's account they will not receive tokens towards redeeming a School Banking reward.

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

Our school uniform shop is available onsite every Tuesday from 3:15-3:45pm.

MOBILE PHONES



Children who bring a mobile phone to school are required to hand it into the office each morning for safety and security reasons. Please remind your child to follow this request.

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BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays.... We are wishing Ming, Alex, Samuel C, Nythiou, Anderson, Holly and Vihaan a very special day as they celebrate their birthday with family and friends. Enjoy all the fun! Happy Birthday!



LUNCHTIME CLUBS

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Mindfulness with Rita</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Japanese with Pippa</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Art with Luisa and Anne</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Years 3-6 Flemington Road Oval Visit</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Running Club with Sarah</i>

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ST MICHAEL'S AWARDS

Congratulations to the following children on receiving an award this week!

PREP C	-	Elke McConville - "I Am A Learner" Marcus Akoc - "I Am Respectful"
PREP O	-	Bila Mateariki - "I Am Responsible" Ilaria Suryaningrat - "I Am A Learner"
YEAR 1D	-	Lydia Solomon - "I Am Respectful" Rory Costello - "I Am Respectful"
YEAR 1S	-	Adidev Sheth - "I Am Responsible" Jordan Pettigrew - "I Am Responsible"
YEAR 2AS	-	Ajdin Cosic - "I Am A Learner" Lana Dizon - "I Am Respectful"
YEAR 2T	-	Estelle Rocca-McMahon - "I Am A Learner" Makuei Matot - "I Am Responsible"
YEAR 3/4F	-	Claude Barrett Sarpi - "I Am A Learner" Ezra Gebrehawerya - "I Am Responsible"
YEAR 3/4K	-	Ishaan Karigiri - "I Am A Learner" Nina Battistella - "I Am A Learner"
YEAR 3/4M	-	Gloria Fiorenzo - "I Am Respectful" Kasanita Tohi - "I Am A Learner"
YEAR 5/6H	-	Holly Trang - "I Am A Learner" Huxley Hill - "I Am A Learner"
YEAR 5/6M	-	Bettle Benyam - "I Am Responsible" Mubeen Hassen - "I Am Responsible"

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PARENTS & FRIENDS

The Parents & Friends remind you to return your raffle tickets ASAP. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday, 31st March.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUSHI @ SCHOOL

Sushi lunch orders are back!!!

Sushi lunch order day is **EVERY** Thursday in Term 1.
You can order online at www.sushi.net.au



This year there is a new item on the menu, Inari. There is plain or Seafood available.

Please note that you will need to create an account on your first order. Also note, there is a 0.8% handling fee (\$0.46) for a twin pack. Once you log on, you will need to find our school and add your child and choose their class. You will then pick from the list of sushi or rice paper rolls and add to cart. You can pay either by PayPal or Credit / Debit card. Please note the cut off for sushi orders is Wednesday morning at 10am for delivery on Thursday.

Thank you for choosing to support St Michael's Sushi Lunch Order Days!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event
Thursday, 25th March	Yrs 3/4/5 First Reconciliation Workshop Evening 7:00pm
Friday, 26th March	Years 5 & 6 Summer Sports, 9:00-3:30pm
Sunday, 28th March	Palm Sunday
Thursday, 1st April	Holy Week Prayer Service, 9:15am at St Michael's Church
Thursday, 1st April	End Term 1, 3:30pm
Thursday, 1st April	Holy Thursday
Friday, 2nd April	Good Friday
Saturday, 3rd April	Easter Saturday
Sunday, 4th April	Easter Sunday
Monday, 19th April	Begin Term 2, 8:50am
Thursday, 22nd April	Yrs 3/4/5 Sacrament of First Reconciliation Ceremony 12:30pm

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

School holiday program available Monday, 5th April to Friday, 16th April. Book online to secure your child a place or please collect a registration form from the Office.



St. Michaels Primary School – Autumn Holiday Program 2021
 8 Brougham Street North Melbourne Vic. 3051
 Service hours: 7:00am – 6:00pm
 Bookings: YLV website at yvl.com.au/vacation-care/ Email: admin@yvl.com.au
 or message/phone St. Michaels OSHC on 0419 480 000. Cost per day: \$55 Permanent and \$60 Casual

Excursions: Please arrive before 8.45am and ensure an indemnity form has been completed and handed in. Due to COVID restrictions water jugs will not be supplied at venues however bottles may be refilled. Buses and venues follow COVID guidelines for sanitising and social distancing.

Food: Please send a packed lunch, a snack for morning and afternoon tea and a refillable water bottle. As St Michaels has students with nut allergies we ask that children bring no nut products. Sharing food is not permitted

Personal belongings: Children may bring a bicycle, scooter or skateboard with appropriate safety attire. All items brought from home should be labelled and staff are not responsible for any items or lost property. We ask that you respect our policy on the banning of all electronic equipment, including mobile phones.

Mon. 5 th April EASTER MONDAY	Tues. 6 th April HAPPY TUESDAY	Wed. 7 th April AUTUMN FUN	Thurs. 8 th April LOCAL PARK	Fri. 9 th April EXPLORING ASIA
<p>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</p>  <p>We wishing you an extraordinary and joyful Easter. May your life be full of blessings</p>	<p>COST: \$8</p>  <p>We will have a Karaoke machine!! Activities Include: Easter art paper craft Easter egg hunt, steal the egg and relay spoon races. Afternoon tea with Hot Cross buns</p>	 <p>Activities include: Make leaf collages and leaf biscuits. Join in sack races, wheelbarrow relay and Farmer Sam game</p>	 <p>EXCURSION DAY: Take a walk in the Royal Park Playground Parkville with us today Please be at the program by 9am BYO: Lunch and Drink Make Fairy bread for afternoon tea</p>	 <p>We will exploring Asia day with Shadow hand puppet, Origami, make mini kites, play Yoyo, chess, marble games, table tennis, hopscotch, skipping, Tug of war and make Spring rolls</p>
<p>Mon. 12th April BALLS OF FUN INCURSION COST: \$20</p>  <p>Get Ready... PROACTIVITY IS COMING TO US FOR THEIR BALLS OF FUN INCURSION</p>  <p>Make football biscuits</p>	<p>Tues. 13th April WHEELS DAY</p>  <p>Bring your favourite bike or scooter along for a day of fun. NO HELMET NO PLAY! Activities Include: Custom Made Number Plates. Game of Capture The Flag. Make Cheese Pizza</p> 	<p>Wed. 14th April CIRCUS DAY INCURSION COST: \$20</p>  <p>Funfit is coming to us for a session of juggling, hula hoops, clowning and more! We will also be playing circus games. Make Pancake in afternoon</p> 	<p>Thurs. 15th April EARTH DAY</p>  <p>Activities include: Make toys out of recycling bin, Plastic bottle planter, Salt dough necklaces, Yoga for Kids. Make Fruit kebabs</p> 	<p>Fri. 16th April PARTY DAY</p>  <p>Can you sing/dance/act/or have a special skill. Then we would love to see it during our TALENT SHOW</p> <p>Please bring food in original packaging ONLY</p>

Save Time - Book online! Visit: YLV.COM.AU

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PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD/REN ARE SENT WITH A BROAD BRIMMED HAT FOR OUTDOOR PLAY AND SUITABLE CLOTHING FOR SUN PROTECTION (NO SINGLET TOWNS).

Rated
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P-PG movies will be played at the program please contact us if this causes any concern.

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EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



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COVID SAFE PRECAUTIONS
After School Sports



	HANDS SANITISED BEFORE SESSION	Coaches will provide hand sanitiser for all kids before and after each session.
	SOCIAL DISTANCING	Social distancing practiced when reasonable.
	AIR HIGH FIVES	Still encouraging positive reinforcement, but with minimal to no contact.
	KIDS DISMISSED AT SCHOOL GATE	Coaches to walk kids to main school gate after session to minimise foot traffic on school grounds.
	EQUIPMENT DISINFECTED AFTER SESSIONS	All Equipment to be disinfected after each session.

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DARK HORSE CHESS

St Michael's P.S. Term 1, 2021 Chess Classes



Chess is a wonderful game which enhances skills such as: Problem Solving, Pattern Recognition, Analytical, Visualisation, Concentration and Social Skills.

St Michael's P.S. Term 1 chess classes commence on **Wednesday 10th February** with tuition provided by *Dark Horse Chess*. Students from all grades are invited to participate and no prior experience with chess is necessary. All students will receive a Chess Certificate, and trophies will be awarded to tournament winners.

Classes provide students with an opportunity to learn chess in a fun and social environment!

- Class times:** Wednesday lunchtime (11:10am – 12:00pm)
- Class dates:** 10/02, 17/02, 24/02, 03/03, 10/03, 17/03.
- Location:** Old Aftercare Room
- Price (inc. GST):** \$12.00 per lesson × 6 lessons = total cost of \$72.00.
- Enquiries:** admin@darkhorsechess.com
- Enrolment:** <https://www.darkhorsechess.net/SMPS-T1-21/>
OR use our QR code below:



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Learn music here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to keyboard, guitar, here at St. Michaels Primary School.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-to-one lessons of up to 30 minutes give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from \$17.00 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 2, 2021.

Interested parents should call Brenda during office hours on 9818 2333 or via email: brenda@creativemusic.com.au

 Creative Music
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BOOK A TALK & TOUR - 9321 9200



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Run by our fully qualified coach Nick, these **FREE** fun sessions run for one hour, every Saturday at 1pm for six weeks, starting 13/3/2021 til 24/4/2021 at JJ Holland Park, Kensington.

Just go to our **GO Girls registration page** and register as an individual using this link: www.gofootball.com.au/play/pick-your-location/Kensington-Junior-SC

Call Lisa Whiffen (Vice President) or Andrew Hollow (President) for more information
Lisa Whiffen 0431 954 984
Andrew 0402 273 730
presidentkjsc@gmail.com

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GIRLS & BOYS
SOCCER

Community Based Club – All Welcome!
Girls 5 to under 16 & Boys 5 to under 15

The Club runs the highly successful soccer Miniroos program with our coaching partner **Kano football**, teaching games skills for the long term enjoyment of soccer.

Boys U7 - U12 games played on Saturdays, Boys U13 & above on Sundays and Girls games on Sundays. **Training at Holland Park, Kensington.**
Training information to be updated early 2021.

REGISTRATIONS OPEN LATE FEBRUARY 2021

For more information visit our website
www.kfjsc.com.au/soccer
or email Andrew Hollow presidentkjsc@gmail.com

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5 Easy Steps to Staying Informed

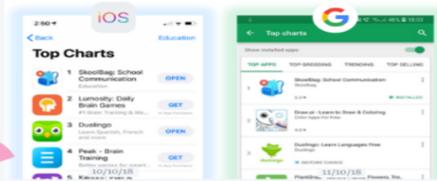


SkoolBag is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minute notices, newsletters and all your school's communications.

1. Download SkoolBag

Search SkoolBag in the Apple App or Google Play Store, download the FREE app:

SkoolBag: School Communication



2. Create an Account

Follow the prompts to create your account in seconds.

3. Add your School

Type your school's name and press enter. Tap the plus icon to add.



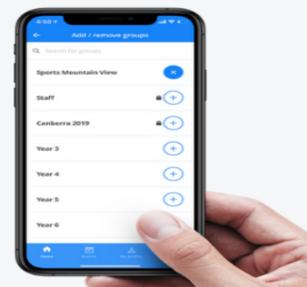
4. Allow Notifications

Ensure you Allow SkoolBag to send you push notifications when prompted.



5. Subscribe to Groups

Select Year Groups / Sports Teams to appear in your feed.



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