



# St. Thomas More's Newsletter

Wednesday, 13th February 2019

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*St. Thomas More School is a Child Safe School*

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

### Emergency Management Procedures

With possible February heat still to come, parents are reminded that St Thomas More School has been identified as being at high fire risk and will be closed on days declared by fire authorities to be Code Red.

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to three days notice of a planned closure. We will contact you directly by letter, and SMS message, with advice on planned closures and will confirm the decision to close by 12 noon the day before the planned closure.

No staff will remain on site when the school is closed by the threat of fire. We will also cancel any offsite activities and out-of-school care during the fire season if the activities are at risk.

Unfortunately, in today's world, the school must also be prepared for other dangerous situations. Our key priority in any of these situations is the safety of the children. Parents will be notified of a situation after the children are safe and emergency services permit.

In the next few weeks, staff and students will enact our emergency management procedures to maximise the knowledge of staff in their roles and the calm and precise manner in which the children should move to the evacuation site.

### Parent Nights

There is a **Reconciliation Information and Workshop** session on Wednesday 27th February at 7.30pm for all families with children preparing for Reconciliation. Parents and children attend on this evening.

### Parent Association AGM

All families are invited to attend the St Thomas More Parent Association AGM on Tuesday 5th March. At that meeting executive positions for the PA and Parish Education Board will be appointed.

There is one vacancy for the Parish Education Board. Any interested parents should read the attached flyer. Please contact the office if you have any further questions.

### Condolences

Our prayers and thoughts are with the Trubiani and Powell families on the passing of Joshua's grandmother and Jack and Ruby's grandfather, respectively

*May they rest in peace.*

# You are invited

### Beginning of Year and Leadership Mass

On Friday, the school community celebrates the Beginning of Year and Leadership Mass at 12 o'clock. (Please note this is a little earlier than the usual Mass.) Firstly, we announce the roles of our Grade 6 students during their final year.

Another level of leadership is within our classrooms with 2 elected students from each room making up the Student Representative Council.

We invite all parents to join us for Mass on Friday.

Our **Classroom Parent Information Evening** for all families will be held on Tuesday 19th February. The classrooms will be open from 7pm to 8.30pm for parents and children to receive information about how each class operates. Take home information will also be provided.

### Assemblies

To enable more parents to be part of the school assemblies, they will now be held on a Friday morning at 9am in the gym. The first assembly will be Friday 1st March.

### Classroom Helpers

Parents are invited to be part of the classroom and support the teachers and students in the learning programs from Foundation to Year 6. Please let your child's teacher know a time you can assist.

Next newsletter date: 27th February

Enjoy the week ahead.

*Mrs Pat McConvill*

*Principal*

### Term Dates

#### February

15th—Beginning of School Year & Leadership Mass, 12 noon

19th—Parent Information Night, 7-8.30pm

27th—Reconciliation Information & Workshop, 7.30pm

#### March

1st—School Assembly, 9am in the gym

1st—Year 4 Parish morning tea

6th—Ash Wednesday

8th—Professional Learning Day for staff.



## Fee Statements

The 2019 Fee Package information and Financial Statements were emailed last Wednesday (sent as two separate emails). Please contact Jo Muller if you have not received them. A variety of fee payment options, including payment by EFT, direct debit and credit card deduction, are offered. Payment in full is due by Friday 8th March.

Please complete and return the Fee Payment Nomination form along with the credit card/ direct debit authorisations (if you have elected to pay fees this way).

If you would like to discuss other arrangements, please contact the school office by Friday 22nd February to arrange a meeting with the Principal.

## Do you have a Health Care Card?

The Health Care Card is an allowance provided by the State government to assist low-income families to meet the educational needs of their children.

Schools are provided with additional financial assistance for each Health Care Card student which enables them to offer fee remissions.

The proportion of Health Care Card recipient pupils enrolled at a school is therefore a measure of the schools 'need' or disadvantage. The Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd (CECV) policy formula for allocating funding to Catholic schools also accounts for need in that, all other factors being equal, lower SES schools receive more funding than higher SES schools.

Please present your valid Health Care Card at the office which will be photocopied for our records.

## Deputy's Report

### Working Bee

On Friday March 15th at 4 pm we will be holding our first Working Bee for the year. Something I have gathered over the past few weeks is how important the working bees are to the upkeep and maintenance of the school. It also provides an opportunity for parents and students to work together to make improvements like garden beds. The added benefit is it is a great social event as well.

The afternoon will begin at 4pm and work will conclude at approximately 6pm for a BBQ and refreshments.

As this is my first working bee I look forward to not only looking to those who have participated many times before but also welcoming any new volunteers. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated. The scope of work and more information about our first working bee will be detailed in the coming weeks.



#### The dates for the working bees in 2019 are:

Friday 15th March - 4pm

Saturday 25th May - 9am

Saturday 17th August - 9am

Saturday 9th November - 9am

### Crossing and Car Park

There have been a few reports that cars are going too quickly as they approach the crossing and turn into the carpark. Please drive at a safe speed as you are coming and going from the school. Also please use the designated car parks and drop off zones as signed.

### Uniform Shop - Change of Opening Time

The Uniform shop will be opening on Thursdays (previously Wednesdays) 3:00pm - 3:45pm

**THE UNIFORM SHOP IS A PRE-ORDER AND DELIVERY SERVICE.**

Orders received at the school office by 12:00pm on Thursdays will be processed and delivered to your child's classroom. Please contact the Uniform Shop Coordinator, Meaghan Leamon, if you have any queries on 0418 617 516. Current order forms are available from the school office or the school website: [www.stmmtlza.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stmmtlza.catholic.edu.au) > Parents > Uniform Shop.

## Sports Information

### Swimming Sports

Last week all year 3-6 students participated in our Annual swimming sports. It was a great day at Somerville YMCA Aquatics centre. There were some fantastic competitive races with some very close finishes. Our place judges did an excellent job at determining the correct positions and we had some video evidence to back it all up. Without the help and support from parents these days are very hard to run successfully. So a big Thankyou to all the parents who volunteered to help out and turned up to help out on the day.



### School Sport Victoria (SSV) Team Vic State team selection process 2019.

Each year, talented Victorian School students have the opportunity to trial for a place in the School Sport Victoria (SSV) State team for the following sports, Australian Football, Basketball, Football (Soccer), and Netball. (To be eligible applicants must be turning 10, 11 or 12 years of age in 2019).

Trials are no longer held at District level. All applications need to be approved by the Principal (Mrs Mc Convill). Prior to asking for approval, please consider that unlike all other school sporting activities participation is not the emphasis for nominations. In selecting students to attend the preliminary stages of Team Vic selection our sole priority is to ensure that students who are a genuine chance for State selection are given the opportunity. These students will be the standout player at their club and will have earned a reputation within their League / Association as being a player with extraordinary talent. Participation in a School Sport Victoria state team is self funded. As a guide it may cost between \$2000 - \$3000 to participate. Costs may include uniforms, host state levies, flights, transport, accommodation and meals. Costs will vary depending on the location of the Championship and accommodation requirements.

**\*\*\*Please consider all this information carefully prior to asking for approval, so as to avoid disappointment.\*\*\***

School Sport Victoria State Team Trial Registrations are now open for; Australian Football, Netball, Basketball and Football (Soccer). **The online registration process closes on March 1, 2019.** You can find all the details via School Sport Victoria's website. <http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic>. If you are looking for a document that details the process please download from the following link. [TeamVicBig4ProcessLettertoParents.pdf](#)

## Parent's Association

The PA meets on the first Tuesday of every month. Everyone is welcome. Next PA meeting will be the AGM, held on Tuesday, 5th March at 7:30pm in the multi-purpose room.

Contact [malwinaasuncion@gmail.com](mailto:malwinaasuncion@gmail.com) for more information.

### 2019 PREP – TEARS AND TISSUES MORNING TEA

We all had a lovely morning tea with the Prep parents for the children's first day at St Thomas More. Thank you to Julia McCarthy, Sheila Sharp, Linda Osborne, Emily Kheissy and Sonia Muser for their amazing help at the morning tea.

### STM Welcome Picnic – Sunday 3/03

Our annual Welcome Picnic will be held on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March straight after the 10am mass at the school oval so save that date! More information to follow in next fortnight's newsletter.

### STM Community Pathway

We are very excited to announce that starting from Term 1 2019, we will be taking orders for personalised, engraved bricks, which will be used to create a special **STM Community Pathway** going from the new playgrounds to the school oval. Past and present students are invited to add their names to the **Community Pathway** by purchasing a brick paver for each child, or one for the whole family. The bricks will be engraved and placed along that pathway to link students from the past, present and future. It is a fantastic way to mark your family's time at STM Primary School and will create a lasting connection for your child to the school.

Staff and Alumni are also welcome to purchase bricks so if you know of any neighbours, friends or family who would like to buy one, please let them know. Bricks can be dedicated to an inspirational teacher or a treasured classmate who attended STM Primary

School. The aim is to include as many generations of staff and students in the pathway as possible. For more information please contact Marcus: [marcusbenbow@gmail.com](mailto:marcusbenbow@gmail.com)

### Crockery

Do you have a party or event coming up? Did you know for a small donation the crockery at STM is available for any school family or parishioner to hire. Donations assist to replace damaged pieces and purchase items that could be useful. You could comfortably cater for about 90 people with all crockery and cutlery, salad bowls, platters, carafs, salt and pepper shakers, vases etc. all in white. Great for Christmas dinners/ parties.

Please contact Teresa Martino: [teresam24@hotmail.com](mailto:teresam24@hotmail.com)

Sincerely,  
Malwina Asuncion

President Parents Association ([malwinaasuncion@gmail.com](mailto:malwinaasuncion@gmail.com))

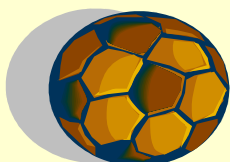
## Indoor soccer for Parents!

For all new parents or those who don't know, we play futsal every Thursday evening, 7:30pm start in the school gym.

Social games only and all abilities welcome. Please text me if interested or for more info.

Regards

Daniel Ferlin



## MORNINGTON RACECOURSE MARKET CAR PARK DUTY

**Please advise Tom Danaher on 0405 145 334 with your confirmed attendance via text (incl. your name) ASAP.**

Please find the car parking rosters for the upcoming markets here. Together, this small contribution of our time is raising approximately \$16,000 annually for the continual improvement of our school and the programs provided to our children.

**All families will be rostered on an approximate 15 month cycle.**

If you are unavailable for your rostered month, please organise another family to take your place, at least 3 weeks in advance of the market, and advise Tom of the change ASAP.

### **All Markets:**

- Arrive at 7:45am (all weather event); exception is the Twilight market, arrive at 1:45pm.
- You will be told by the Market Leader when you can leave. This is typically around 12:30pm (6:30pm Twilight) but can alter depending on how busy the market is.
- Enter via the main gates of Racecourse on **Racecourse Road, Mornington.**
- Park in the designated area (market staff will be at the gate to assist you).
- Sign in with the Team Leader (for record keeping and Work Cover).
- **Team Leaders must collect a black folder from the school office the Friday prior to attending the market and return it the following Monday.**
- Receive your safety vest.
- Market staff will take you to your location in the car park where you will direct cars accordingly and finish at approximately noon (on slower days market staff will advise if you can leave earlier).

**Tom Danaher 0405 145 334**

[tdanaher72@hotmail.com](mailto:tdanaher72@hotmail.com)

**\*\* Please Confirm Attendance ASAP**

**^^ Re-rostered due to prior non-attendance**

### SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> March

Gwizdek-Faulkner  
(Team Leader)

Andaloro

Edens

Grima

Hadley

Leaver

McClausland

Palamara

Power-Reeves

Rosenfeld

Sullivan

Unkles

### SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> April

Black R & F  
(Team Leader)

Angelico

Cevizovic

Cooke

Cummins

Dwyer

Frankcombe

Gibson

Meaney

Nero

Sparrow

Taranto G & P

### SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> May

Benbow (Team Leader)

Cater

Davies

Delord

Hallah

House A & C

McLoughlin

Millerd

Muser

Ryan A & F

Torcaso M & J

Zammit

