

# St. Thomas More's Newsletter

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 2 at St. Thomas More School. I hope everyone experienced a restful break from school routines and enjoyed the Easter season. It all seemed to go so quickly!

A special welcome to Gracie and her family; Gracie joins us in 1/2E.



On Friday, we will gather to celebrate the Alleluia Liturgy. This is our first opportunity as a school community to rejoice in the Lord's resurrection and be witness to Jesus alive in our community today. Parents are invited to join us for this celebration at 12.15pm, led by 5/6N.

### Confirmation Dates

Year 6 students and parents will attend the Commitment Masses this weekend at 6pm, 8am or 10am.

The dates for Confirmation this year are:

Saturday, 18th May at 6pm

Sunday, 19th May at 10am

Saturday, 25th May at 6pm.

### ANZAC Day



April 25th, tomorrow, is the day when we remember men and women who have given their lives for our country. We especially remember the ANZACs who landed in Gallipoli.

As Thursday is a public holiday, we commemorate the ANZACs with a prayer service this morning.

### Free Hearing Test

The Australian Government has made available an app called Sound Scouts. The media release calls it 'a tablet-based game that detects hearing issues in children'.

Once identified through the Sound Scouts system, young children can be referred for further testing and appropriate support through professional agencies.

The program is now available and will run for up to five years, for children age 4-17 years.

For more information on Sound Scouts, see <https://www.soundscouts.com/>

### Term 2 Dates

A list of dates for Term 2 is attached with today's newsletter. At time of printing, they are correct!

### Ceres Incursion

Our Year 5/6 students have started straight into their topic, with an incursion with CERES yesterday. CERES is a not-for-profit organisation that focuses on protecting and enhancing the natural environment, including through environmental education programs. More information to come!

### Uniforms

It is expected that children wear their full summer or full winter uniform at the moment; by Monday 6th, May, all students will be wearing winter uniform.

A reminder on a few points:

- Winter shirts and skivvies must be worn tucked in; the tailored summer shirt may be worn out.
- Shoulder length hair must be tied back. Students are encouraged to have their hair out of their eyes.
- As a Sunsmart school, hats are worn outside until the end of April.

If your child is not wearing the correct uniform, please let the teacher know. Thank you for your ongoing support of the Uniform policy.

### Cross Country

St Thomas More Cross Country will be run on Wednesday, 8th May for Years 3-6. Training will commence next week before school on Tuesday and Friday morning on the oval.

### Project Compassion

Thank you to those who supported Caritas by donating on casual clothes day.

### Assembly—Friday 3rd

Our next assembly will be held on Friday 3rd May at 9am in the gym. All parents are invited to attend.

Have a happy week ahead.

*Mrs. Pat McConvill*

Principal

### Term Dates



#### April

**Thursday 25th—Anzac Day Holiday**

**26th—Alleluia Liturgy, 12.15pm**

**27th & 28th—Confirmation Commitment Masses**

#### May

**3rd—School assembly, 9am**

**8th—STM Cross Country**

## School Fees

The second quarterly instalment is due by Friday 10th May. Fee Statements will be emailed to all families shortly. Thank you to all the families who have already paid their fees or who have made a commitment to pay fees by instalment. Please contact Jo Muller if you have any questions.

## Deputy's Report

### Learning and Teaching

Our school wide Faith Inquiry theme for Term 2 is based upon Sustainability. Each class will explore the topic through various learning experiences and actions. The topic will be studied with a faith lens looking at the role of humans being stewards and caring for God's creation.

During this term it is a good idea to discuss with your children what they are learning about in this topic and discuss as a family what you could do at home to better help the environment. This could include looking at waste that is generated at home, saving energy by turning off the lights, or simply what rubbish is brought to school in lunch boxes.

Watch out on Seesaw for updates on what is happening in your child's class and what your child is learning about in Term 2.

### Working Bee

This term the Working Bee will take place on Saturday 25th May and will begin at 9am. It would be great to know who is able to assist on this day to help with the organisation and allocation of jobs.

If you are able to assist on the 25th May would it be possible to send an email to me at: [ctodd@stmmlza.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ctodd@stmmlza.catholic.edu.au)



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

**Saturday 25th May - 9am**

**Saturday 17th August - 9am**

**Saturday 9th November - 9am**

*St. Thomas More Primary School*

*Open Day*

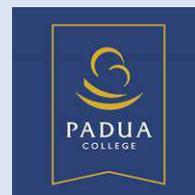
**Tuesday 28th May**

**Tours by appointment**

**9:15am, 10am or 12pm**

**Applications invited during**

**the month of June**



**Padua College  
Enrolments -Year 7 2021**

Enrolments for Year 7 2021 (current Grade 5 children) are now open online.

Enrolments close on Friday 10 May 2019.

For enquiries please contact the Registrar on T: 5978 2701 or

email: [enrolments@padua.vic.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@padua.vic.edu.au)

Visit our website to register your interest in a school tour or to enrol online. [www.padua.vic.edu.au](http://www.padua.vic.edu.au)

# Parent's Association

## ***Welcome back to school for term 2.***

The PA meets every month to discuss ideas to build our parent community over a glass of wine or a cup of tea; everyone is welcome (not just the committee). The next PA meeting will be on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May in the Parents room (in the Office building), we are also trialling attending from home via GoToMeeting:

Web link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/917789637>

You can also dial in using your phone: Australia: +61 2 8355 1050

Access Code: 917-789-637

If you're new to GoToMeeting, get the app: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/917789637>.

Please contact Julia via [juliamccarthy@hotmail.com](mailto:juliamccarthy@hotmail.com) or 0451514554 for more information

## **FIRSTLY - THANKS!**

Thank-you to all the school families who helped us raise \$1600 from the Easter Raffle! What a great start to our fundraising for the year. It was equally awesome to see the kids so happy when they had their ticket drawn out at Assembly.

## **TERM 2 ACTIVITIES**

Thursday 9 May – Mother's Day Stall at school

Friday 10 May – Mother's Day Mass 9.15am. Mother's Day dinner 7.30pm Doppio Zero Pizzeria

Weds 15, Thurs 16, Fri 17 May – STM's Super Salomon Shoe Sale!

Tuesday 28 May – St Thomas More Open Day (PA to provide a morning tea for prospective parents)

Thursday 30 May – Father Laurie's farewell 3-4pm in the Staff Room (for parents to attend)

Sunday 2 June - Dad's golf day Mornington Golf Club (contact Marcus [marcuslbenbow@gmail.com](mailto:marcuslbenbow@gmail.com))

Friday 21 June – St Thomas More Day (PA to supply kids a gift/treat)

Tuesday 9 July – Holiday movie day at school (organised by the PA)

June/July – Popcorn drive (fundraiser)

## **MOTHERS DAY STALL**

Thanks to Fiona Parkyn who has again stocked up on all sorts of fun items for the kids to buy for their mums. Fiona will need some volunteers to staff the stall on Thursday 9 May 9am-12pm and then again 3-4pm, please contact her if you can help ([fparkyn@bigpond.com](mailto:fparkyn@bigpond.com)).



## **MOTHERS DAY CELEBRATION**

The Prep classes will lead a beautiful Mass which celebrates Mothers Day on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 9.15am. This year we have decided to try out an evening celebration for the STM Mums to relax and socialise together. We have booked space at Doppio Zero Pizzeria at 7.30pm. Pizzas range from \$18-25, with gluten free bases available.

## **STM'S SUPER SALOMON SHOE SALE!**

On Wednesday 15, Thursday 16 and Friday 17 May we will be holding a super shoe sale sponsored by the very generous Snowball family (Oran Grade 3). These shoes retail for \$120-220 and we will have them for sale for \$20 a pair, with all proceeds going to the school! We will have a shoe shop set up from 3pm-4pm each day, so please pop in and have a look.

## **STM COMMUNITY PATHWAY – CLOSING DATE ANNOUNCED**

We will be closing sales of the bricks at the end of term 2 so that we can get the bricks made and we can then make a plan to lay the bricks this year.

See the trybooking page to make your purchase [www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=474883&](http://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=474883&)

# MORNINGTON RACECOURSE MARKET CAR PARK DUTY

As you all know, STM is very lucky to have the monopoly on the car parking job for Mornington Market, as it raises approx. \$16,000 each year for the school!

But did you know that your volunteer hours are good for you? According to the OECD Better Life Index, volunteers tend to be more satisfied with their lives because they're interacting with other people, setting and achieving goals, and learning new things.

I've done car park duty twice during my 2 years at STM and really enjoyed both times – sure, it's tiring and our weekend activities are impacted, but I made some new connections with parents I didn't know and bumped into loads of friends visiting the market. And along with a fab free barista coffee, and as much cold water as I needed, my step count each time was enormous! All families are only rostered once every 14 months (approx.).

This year we have a NEW parent to the school generously giving up his time to be our carpark coordinator, Simon McGloin. Simon and Sally have Angus in grade 5 and two children in high school. Please let's make them feel welcome by letting Simon know that you are available for your roster when you see your name in the newsletter.

Thanks,  
Julia McCarthy

## Market volunteer guidelines

- When you see your name on the roster please text Simon your availability, please include your name and the date of the market you're assigned to
- 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 Simon of the change asap.
- Arrive at 7.45 am (all weather event) / Twilight market 1.45pm
- 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 Green folder from the school office the Friday prior to attending the market, and return it the following Monday.***
- Receive your safety vest & place your coffee order!
- Market Staff will take you to your location in the car park where you will direct cars
- The Market Leader will advise when you are finished, typically around 12.30pm (6.30pm Twilight) but can alter depending on how busy the market is. On slower days Market Staff will advise if you can leave earlier.

**Car Parking Co-Ordinator - Simon McGloin 0417 339 114 / [Simon\\_mcgloin@hotmail.com](mailto:Simon_mcgloin@hotmail.com)**

<u>SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> May</u>	<u>SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> June</u>	<u>SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> July</u>	<u>SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> August</u>
Benbow (Team Leader)	Natoli (Team Leader)	Galvin (Team Leader)	Doyle
Cater	Austin	Power-Reeves	Edens
Davies	Belsdon	Grima	Floro
Delord	Fay	Boatwright	Geer
Nero	Harper-Treloar	Jenkins	Leamon
House A & C	Higgins	McKenzie	Marinelli
McLoughlin	King, D	Reid	O'Brien
Millerd	Mauro	Orisajinmi	Reid
Muser	Michie	Manning	Richards
Ryan A & F	Sharpe	Steel	St Clair
Torcaso M & J	Smith, N & C	Cooper	Wills
Zammit	Trimble	Cenacchi	