



St. Thomas More's Newsletter

Wednesday, 27th February 2019

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St. Thomas More School is a Child Safe School

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

Welcome Picnic

Our Foundation children and their families are especially invited to 10am Mass this Sunday 3rd March. This will be a special Mass to acknowledge these young members of our school and parish as they begin their schooling.

Our annual family Welcome Picnic is on Sunday, following the Mass. Come along and join in the fun and games, as well as taking the opportunity to relax while meeting and chatting to other families. BYO food, drinks, chairs, picnic rugs and smiles! We look forward to seeing many families there.

Parent Nights

The **Reconciliation Information and Workshop** session is on tonight at 7.30pm for all families with children preparing for Reconciliation. Parents and children attend.

Parent Association AGM

All families are invited to attend the St Thomas More Parent Association AGM on Tuesday 5th March in the MPR. 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 contact the office if you have any further questions.

The school is very grateful to all the parents who give their support by helping in a variety of ways. It is this willingness to get involved that has built such a strong community.

Assemblies

The school's first assembly for 2019 will be held this Friday, 1st March in the gym. Our Year 6 Leaders will lead the assembly and will introduce themselves and explain to the students what their roles entail and what plans they have for the year. Parents are invited to attend.

Catholic Education Week

On Friday 15th March, we celebrate Catholic Education Week at STM with an invite to all grandparents and special friends. For some families, the grandparents live nearby and they are able to visit the school; for other families, for all sorts of reasons, the grandparents are not able to attend. Therefore, we also invite a child's special friend to come along and see the wonderful learning that is occurring.

Mass will be held in the gym at 9.15am. Visitors will then be able to visit the classrooms until morning tea in the gym at 11.30am. We look forward to meeting many of our family friends.

Government Data Collection

The Australian Government Department of Education and Training has requested all schools provide a statement of addresses, which includes student residential address (not Names), and names and residential addresses of students' parents and/or guardians. Please read the attached flyer for further information or contact the office.

Parking Awareness Program

The Mornington Peninsula Shire is conducting a Parking Awareness Program for parents. Council Officers are attending schools on a random basis across the year. Drivers may be verbally cautioned or issued with an infringement notice. Please read the attached flyer for further information.

Class Contact Lists

Class contact lists will be developed over the next few weeks. If any families do not wish to be included, please contact the school office.

Staff Professional Learning Day

School will be closed for students on Friday 8th March.

Next newsletter date: 13th March

Enjoy the week ahead.

Mrs Pat McConvill

Principal

School Photo Day

Wednesday 13th March

Student Photo Envelopes will be coming home next week.



Family photo forms are now available from the school office.

Term Dates

March

1st—School Assembly, 9am in the gym

1st—Year 4 Parish morning tea

6th—Ash Wednesday

8th—Professional Learning Day for staff.

11th—Labour Day Holiday

12th—PEB Meeting, 7.30pm

13th—School Photos



Deputy's Report

Outreach

We have a family going through a challenging time at the moment and to lend a helping hand we are restarting the STM Outreach program.

At St. Thomas More we pride ourselves on being a community and helping others in need. Operation Outreach has been operating for a few years now and provides a family or families within our school community with meals either during a time of crisis, during illness of a family member or in some cases on a regular basis.

As families during this time often need privacy this operates anonymously and behind the scenes however as time goes on and members of our school community leave and new ones arrive we need to restock our volunteers.

SO, we need your help Basically all we ask of you is that if needed:

- we can call on you to provide a cooked meal for a family or,
- that you could provide enough non perishable items for our family to cook for themselves or,
- that you could provide some items to be able to fill the children's lunch boxes with snacks for the week eg: Muffins, cup cakes, small packets of chips or muesli bars.

What we are looking to do is set up a list of volunteers that we can e-mail or call at short notice to help keep the meals coming on a regular basis or as needed depending on the situation of the family. At school in the Undercroft we have a freezer in which we are able to store the meals which enables us to keep a supply of frozen meals that we can access in a hurry. Our only request is that the meals are placed in disposable containers labelled as to what they contain and that the non-perishable items in a shopping bag that you no longer need. This again helps with privacy and the sometimes difficult task of returning casserole dishes etc...

At various times families in our community need our support so if you are able to assist with this worthwhile cause please email the office or myself: ctodd@stmmtlza.catholic.edu.au

Thank you yet again for your generosity and commitment to building a school community that we are all proud of.



Working Bee

Friday 15th March - 4pm

Plans for the Working Bee on Friday 15th March at 4pm are well underway. The theme of this Working Bee is a site tidy up. Cleaning up garden beds, clearing gutters and cleaning out under buildings etc. Many hands will make light work for the afternoon which will conclude with a BBQ and refreshments at 6pm.

We are hoping to have as many people attend as possible, not only to assist on the night but help plan the following working bee projects. There are some great ideas that are being put forward and it would be excellent to hear others at the BBQ once all the work is done.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Friday 15th March.

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

Chris



Sports Information

On Thursday 14th of February was Swimming Sports District. Around 30 kids competed from our school and they represented this school very well. Mt Eliza North, Peninsula, Toorak, Kunyung, Mt Eliza and our school took part in the 2019 district swimming sports.

The events that we competed in were 50 m Breaststroke, 50 m Butterfly, 50 m Backstroke, 50 m Freestyle, Medley relay and Freestyle relay. All students that went showed great sportsmanship and loved the experience of representing their own school.

Congratulations to all those people who got through to Division. Best of luck to them.

Congratulations to all those who put themselves out there and tried their best.

By Lily and Alex. P



Parent's Association

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

Contact malwinaasuncion@gmail.com for more information.

STM Welcome Picnic – This Sunday 3/03 – STM School Oval

Our annual Welcome Picnic will be held on Sunday 3rd March on the Oval straight after the 10am Prep Mass. Come along with your favourite picnic basket and blanket and enjoy the fresh air, sunshine and company of other school parents. The kids will love catching up with their friends as well as enjoying some giant lawn games and fun sports games we will be holding on the day with the help from the Grade 6's. Sausage sizzle, drinks and icy-poles will be available for purchase on the day and a coffee van will be in attendance. The school oval doesn't have much shade so if it's a sunny day please bring your own shade.

CLASS REPS STILL NEEDED

Class REP WANTED - Classes - 3/4M, 3/4S and 3/4K.

We only need 3 more class reps, if you can help with the classes above please let me know. This is a really easy role, with no fun festival involved. Thanks. Contact: leonieroyall@yahoo.com.au

STUDENT FREE DAY – FRIDAY 8TH OF MARCH

OUR POPULAR GRAVITY ZONE DAY IS ON - Friday 8th MARCH - All year levels.

Simply mention the name of the school for the super special price of \$16 for the day jumping or \$25 for unlimited jumping and laser tag!! So, students from St Thomas More can have five hours (10am – 3pm) for the one low price! Should be extra fun with the new Ninja Zone now open!! (No extra cost). Parents can enjoy a relaxing cup of coffee while the kids go crazy.

STM Community Pathway

We are now excited to announce that we can take orders for the STM Community Pathway bricks via Try Booking:. Bricks are \$80

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=474883&>

Bricks can be dedicated to an inspirational teacher or a treasured classmate or maybe your family may wish to purchase a brick paver for each child, or one for the whole family. The bricks will be engraved and placed along our pathway and link students from the past, present and future.

Orders will close late June and the pathway will be installed during a subsequent working bee.

For more information please contact Marcus: marcuslbenbow@gmail.com

STM PA AGM – Tuesday 5th of March at 7:30pm - MPR

The Parents' Association AGM is a very important and informative evening and at least one representative from each family is strongly encouraged to attend. During the evening we will discuss last year's achievements of the PA, farewell outgoing members and elect new committee members. This year we will also host two speakers from Impact Volunteering who will make a presentation on the trends, importance and rewards of volunteering. We hope to see you there.

2019 Committee Roles Available

PRESIDENT:

- Coordinates all activities associated with the PA;
- Determines and implements the goals, events and activities for the school year with input from the PA member and school community;
- Chair all PA meetings;
- Liaise with the Treasurer re PA accounts;
- Liaise with the Secretary re meeting agendas/ minutes;
- Liaise with the principal re PA issues pertaining to school;
- Member of the PEB;
- Submit a report on all activities for the school newsletter;

VICE PRESIDENT:

- Assume President's responsibilities in their absence;
- Involved in projecting, managing and assisting in the execution of various PA activities;
- Update PA on fundraising activities;
- Attend PA meetings;

ASSISTANT TREASURER:

- Organize day/time for counters to count funds and get it ready for banking;
- Assists Treasurer in managing PA funds at fundraising events;

PARENT REP COORDINATOR:

- Coordinate class reps;
- Dispatch class lists to parent reps;
- Organise social events with class reps for each term;
- Keep class reps informed of PA activities;
- Report back to PA at PA meetings;

TREASURER'S COUNTERS:

- Counting funds after fundraising events and preparing running sheets;

MORNINGTON MARKET CAR PARKING COORDINATOR:

- Manage roster for families to attend Mornington Market Car Parking Duty;
- Liaise with relevant Mornington Market Car Park representative;

GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- Assist the PA in different ways in the delivery of PA projects;
- Assist in fundraising concepts as well as help other committee members to ensure operations run smoothly and efficiently.

Sincerely,
Malwina Asuncion
President Parents Association (malwinaasuncion@gmail.com)

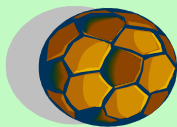
Indoor soccer for Parents AND Children!

For all new parents or those who don't know, we play futsal every Thursday evening, 7:45pm start in the school gym. Children of Parents are NOW also invited to play provided they are accompanied by their parent or guardian. Social games only and all abilities welcome. Children must be 10 years or older. Please text me if interested or for more info.

Regards

Daniel Ferlin

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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 > Parents > Uniform Shop.

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

**** Please Confirm Attendance ASAP**

^^ Re-rostered due to prior non-attendance

SUNDAY 10th March

Gwizdek-Faulkner (Team Leader)

Andaloro

Edens

Grima

Hadley

Leaver

McCausland

Palamara

Power-Reeves

Rosenfeld

Sullivan

Unkles

SUNDAY 14th April

Black R & F (Team Leader)

Angelico

Cevizovic

Cooke

Cummins

Dwyer

Frankcombe

Gibson

Meaney

Nero

Sparrow

Taranto G & P

SUNDAY 12th May

Benbow (Team Leader)

Cater

Davies

Delord

Hallal

House A & C

McLoughlin

Millerd

Muser

Ryan A & F

Torcaso M & J

Zammit