



St. Thomas More's Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

The past two weeks have been very busy at STM. We have had Grandparents day, the first working bee for the year, Year 5/6 camp, Year 5/6 interschool sport, planning week for teachers and as always a lot of learning happening in preparation for end of term expos and assessments.

Grandparents Day

A big thank you to all our grandparents and parents that attended Grandparents day. The school was a buzz of activity after the mass. The Mass in the gym is a very special time to gather in faith and acknowledge and thank the older people in our lives who love and support us. Thank you to Father Laurie for his ongoing support for celebrating Mass with the school community.

Thank you to Leonie Royall and our parent group that assisted in preparing and serving the morning tea. The parents, with the help of our Year 6 leaders, did a wonderful job setting up, hosting and packing up afterwards. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Year 5/6 Camp

The senior students spent three days at Camp Marysville last week. They had a wonderful time completing outdoor activities and learning about the local area and how the community rebuilt after the bushfires.

The theme of the camp was teamwork and I can say that this was very evident in how the different groups supported each other through their outdoor challenges.

You can read a detailed recount of the camp in the attachments section of the newsletter but highlights included; Bruno's garden, cycling on bush tracks, the 20m rock climbing wall, canoeing in the dam and Mrs McCormick's Trivia Night. A big thank you to the staff who also went along to the camp who ensured all students had a safe and memorable experience.

Reconciliation

Congratulations to our Year 3 students as they prepare for the sacrament of Reconciliation. The students and their families will participate in a Reconciliation liturgy in the church during the next two weeks. Please remember them in your prayers.



The final week of Term 1

Term 1 wraps up next week and there are a few reminders and events to be aware of. On Friday 5th April the Stations of the Cross will take place at 10:30am and the Assembly and Easter Egg Raffle at 12pm. The term concludes at 1pm.

Term 2

Term 2 begins with a short week with students returning to school on Tuesday 23rd April and two days later the students have another day off due to the ANZAC holiday. On Friday 26th April the STM Easter Mass will be held in the Church.

Term Dates

March

27th & 29th—Reconciliation 7pm

30th—Reconciliation 5pm



April

3rd—Reconciliation 7pm

4th—Confirmation Information & Workshop, 7pm

5th—Stations of The Cross, 10:30am

5th—Assembly, 12pm

5th—End of Term 1, 1pm

Term 2

April

Tuesday 23rd—Term 1 Begins

Thursday 25th—Anzac Day Holiday

Deputy's Report

Working Bee Thank you

Thank you to those that were able to attend the Working Bee on Friday 15th March. We were able to achieve a lot on the night that included cleaning out the shed, tidying up gutters and moving rubbish for removal around the school and under buildings amongst a few other jobs.

A big thank you to our chefs on the night for the excellent BBQ. Also a thank you to the parents who have completed follow up jobs as a result of the working bee like installing our new bike racks!



The next working bee will take place on Saturday May 25th and as we have some bigger jobs planned for that day we will be seeking some specific skill sets and resources for this. (more to come in future newsletters).

Finally a big thank you to Edward Svalbe who has volunteered as the new Working Bee Parent Association Representative. We are looking forward to getting into some exciting new projects and the working bees for the rest of the year.

Outreach

A big thank you to our Outreach volunteers and in particular Belinda Patane who is assisting as the parent coordinator. Belinda has set up a Facebook group to coordinate the preparation of meals and food. If you haven't already and would like to assist with this please make contact with either myself or Belinda.

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

Chris Todd

CLASSROOM HELPERS

*This week we welcome seven new classroom helpers,
ready to support our classrooms.*

*A big congratulations to Claire, Sonia, Carolina, Tiffany, Lisa, Jessica, and Rachel. I know you will bring
great expertise, enthusiasm and kindness to our classrooms.*

Thank you for continuing to build a strong parent partnership at St Thomas More.

We say a big thank you to all our parents as they support our student's learning in so many ways.

Parents make the world of difference.

Camp Australia

Due to the early finish on Friday 5th April, Camp Australia will be offering the after school care program from 1pm. If you are interested please enrol your child at www.campastralia.com.au. Or enquire at the school office.

Can the children please bring their lunch. We will be enjoying a movie in the afternoon.



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

Visit our website to register your interest in a school tour or to enrol online. www.padua.vic.edu.au



Parent's Association

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. The next PA meeting will be on Wednesday 3rd April in the Parents room (in the Office building), please contact Julia via juliamccarthy@hotmail.com or 0451514554 for more information.

EASTER RAFFLE

Thanks to the families who have brought back their tickets and money so far, please return any outstanding tickets by the end of this week. Prizes will be drawn on final assembly Term 1 on the 5th April.

Please help with the raffle prizes; we would appreciate donations of Easter eggs, Easter related toys, books, decorations and baskets to hold prizes in. Please drop off your donations to the office by Tuesday 2nd of April.



GRANDPARENT'S AND SPECIAL FRIEND'S DAY – FRIDAY 15TH MARCH

What a wonderful day we had on Friday 15 March. Thank-you to Leonie Royall who kindly organised the morning tea, it was really enjoyed by our children's special guests.

BAREFOOT BOWLS FAMILY NIGHT

Thanks to everyone who came along to the social last Friday 22 March at Yamala Park Bowls Club, it was a lovely warm evening with almost 100 attendees. It was great to get the school community together in such a relaxed atmosphere.

TERM 2 ACTIVITIES

Sunday 5th May - Dad's golf day at Mornington Golf Club

Thursday 9th May – Mothers Day Stall at school

Friday 10th May – Mother's Day Brunch* (beginning with mass)

Tuesday 28th May - School Open Day

Thursday 30th May – Father Laurie's farewell 3-4pm in the Staff Room

Friday 21st June – St Thomas More Day

Tuesday 9th July – Holiday movie day at school

June/July – Popcorn drive

*Mothers day event may be switched to evening

STM COMMUNITY PATHWAY

Another quick advert to remind you that you can own a bit of STM's future by investing in a brick or 2 for the new pathway. Your kids will probably bring their kids to see them in years to come, so it's like buying into a really cool time capsule! Visit our trybooking page to make your purchase www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=474883&

AND IN OTHER NEWS...

There are two advertisements attached to the newsletter today from Costco and the Lunar Drive-in Dandenong. Lunar Drive-in Dandenong are offering the school some fundraising vouchers in return for sharing their upcoming movies.

Costco are offering to shop in their store without a membership on 6th and 7th of April 2019 and 13th and 14th of April 2019 for a \$5 donation which goes to the Royal Children's Hospital God Friday Appeal. Why not save some money on groceries and help a good cause? For more info on how to participate, please see the flyer.

Sincerely,

Julia McCarthy

President

Parents Association (juliamccarthy@hotmail.com)

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_mcglain@hotmail.com

SUNDAY 14th April

Cooke (Team Leader)
Angelico
Cevizovic
Black R & F
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

SUNDAY 9th June

Natoli (Team Leader)
Austin
Belsdon
Fay
Harper-Treloar
Higgins
King, D
Mauro
Michie
Sharpe
Smith, N & C
Trimble

SUNDAY 14th July

Galvin (Team Leader)
Power-Reeves
Grima
Boatwright
Jenkins
McKenzie
Reid
Orisajinmi
Manning
Steel
Cooper
Cenacchi