



St. Thomas More's Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

This Sunday we have the opportunity to celebrate our mums, grandmothers, step-mums, any of the women in our lives who have in the past, or still do 'mother' us. If nothing else, take the time to say

Happy
Mother's
Day!

'Thank you' and 'I love you'.

The Mother's Day stall is on tomorrow, Thursday 9th, following Mass at 9.15am.

Happy Mother's Day to all our school mums.

NAPLAN testing

The National Assessment program—Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 is being held on Tuesday 14th—Thursday 16th May this year. Our Year 3 and 5 students will complete the tests in paper format, not online.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. If you decide to withdraw your child, the parent will sign a Student Withdrawal form, which is available from the school.

For more information about NAPLAN, please visit www.nap.edu.au

Confirmation Dates

Our Year 6 students are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation on the following dates:

Saturday, 18th May at 6pm

Sunday, 19th May at 10am

Saturday, 25th May at 6pm.

The candidates will participate in retreat day on Thursday 16th May, during which they will meet with Fr Brendan Hayes, Episcopal Vicar, who will confirm them.

Please remember the candidates and their families in your prayers.

Cross Country

Congratulations to all our Year 3-6s who participated so well in the STM Cross Country today. Thank you to Mrs. Carbis and the parents who assisted in running the event.

Sustainability News

As part of the whole school concept on Sustainability, we are collecting plastic bottle lids, e.g. those on the top of milk bottles.

The lids are being recycled to make prosthetic hands. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Thanks to Miss Batey for getting us all involved in this very worthwhile cause.

Year 7 Enrolments Padua 2021

Enrolments for Year 7 2021 (current Grade 5 children) are now open online. **Enrolments close on Friday 10 May 2019.** Visit Padua website to register your interest in a school tour or to enrol online. www.padua.vic.edu.au

*VSN numbers can be found on your child's school report.

Year 7, 2020 Government School Applications

Year 6 students wishing to enrol in Government schools can collect enrolment application packs from the school office.

Their enrolment forms need to be returned **to our school by Friday, 17th May.**



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.

Have a happy week ahead.

Mrs. Pat McConvill

Principal

Term Dates



May

8th—STM Cross Country

9th—Mothers' day Mass, 9.15am, followed by the Mothers' Day Stall

10th—School Closure due to power outage

14th, 15th, 16th—NAPLAN testing for Years 3 & 5

14th—PEB Meeting at 7.30pm

16th—Confirmation Retreat Day

20th—Year 1/2s Swimming program commences

Fee Statements

Fee statements will be sent out via email this week. Please contact the school office if you don't receive your statement or if you have any questions.

Deputy's Report

Learning and Teaching

Students have continued to deepen their learning around the topic of sustainability. There have been some great activities happening in the classrooms over the past few weeks. One example of the great learning occurring is the Year 5/6's rotated through classrooms to create the following weather station tools:

Rain Gauge

Wind Vane - to measure the direction of the wind.

Barometer - to measure air pressure

Anemometer - an instrument to measure the speed of the wind

These instruments really have been tested over the last few days as the weather has been a little wild.

To make our learning more meaningful it would be great to hear about some of the sustainable practices going on at home. If families or students would like to share the good sustainable things they are doing at home please get in contact with your child's classroom teacher or myself to share your story.

Working Bee

This term the Working Bee will take place on Saturday 25th May and will begin at 9am.

The goals to achieve on the day include:

1. Complete maintenance on the gym including:
 - Lighting and electrical work (any electricians in the school would be required for this)
 - Install racks to hang cleaning equipment in Kitchen
 - Cleaning meeting room and kitchen
 - Sweep and mop floors
2. Complete clean out of rubbish and materials from under library/tech building
3. Fill skip and remove rubbish to Mornington Resource Recovery centre
4. Clean out roof gutters for each building
5. Tidy enviro area collecting green waste in pile and tidy up area for use in Term 3
6. Gutters to be cleaned in carpark & grates to be installed on gutters in carpark
7. Purchase sand and fill up the sand pit
8. Repair retaining wall on the driveway near the oval
9. Tanbark to be distributed to gardens
10. General pruning and garden clean up
11. Fix and clean water features

Some more tasks may be added to this list in the coming weeks as we approach the working bee.

If you are able to assist on the 25th May and want to volunteer for one of the above jobs would it be possible to send an email to me at: ctodd@stmmtlza.catholic.edu.au

The dates for the working bees in 2019 are:

Saturday 25th May - 9am

Saturday 17th August - 9am

Saturday 9th November - 9am



Sustainability News

Dear Parents and readers,

This term we are going to try to get the second star for our school's sustainability rating and it is a great term to do it, seeing as our topic is Sustainability!

We are going to need everyone's help from nude food to picking up rubbish and doing more waste audits.

If you could please encourage your children to pick up rubbish around the school and put some nude food in their lunch boxes that would help us a lot to improve our sustainable rating.

Last week on Thursday we went to the 'Big Green Schools Conference' at Carrum Primary School. We thought about ideas going forward to help our school become more sustainable and presented our ideas to 15 schools! We had a guest speaker from Zoos Victoria and she told us about how recycling mobile phones help gorillas, "seal the loop" and using bubbles instead of balloons to help marine animals. We are looking forward to working with everyone in our school to become more sustainable.

From the Sustainability Leaders



Parent's Association

TERM 2 ACTIVITIES

Thursday 9 May – Mother's Day Stall at school

Thursday 9 May – Mother's Day Mass 9.15am.

Friday 10 May—Mother's Day dinner 7.30pm CBs

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)

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, please contact her if you can help (fparkyn@bigpond.com).

MOTHERS DAY CELEBRATION

The Prep classes will lead a beautiful Mass which celebrates Mothers Day on Thursday 9th 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 CBs on Friday 10th at 7.30pm.



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. Sizes are UK 5.5 (EUR38 2/3 USA 7) and UK 8.5 (EUR 42 2/3 USA 9)

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&

SUBWAY DAY - Monday 20th May

Orders due by Thursday 16th May. Strictly no late orders.

Please see order form attached.

There will be no canteen this day





Kool Kidz Rock group singing class now on **before school** on Wednesday: 8.30 – 9.am in the undercroft.

If you're interested contact Belinda info@koolkidzrock.com.au or enrol online at:

www.koolkidzrock.com.au

Group keyboard lessons also available after school. Private keyboard, drums, guitar during school time.

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

<u>SUNDAY 12th May</u>	<u>SUNDAY 9th June</u>	<u>SUNDAY 14th July</u>	<u>SUNDAY 11th 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	