



**St Thomas More  
School**

# Newsletter

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## Principal

Mr Chris Platten

## APRIM

Mrs Sonia Kilmister

## Leader of Teaching, Learning & Wellbeing

Ms Leah Williams

## Out of School Hours Care Daily

6:30am to 8:45am

and 3:00pm to 6:00pm

**Wednesday** 2:30 to 6:00pm

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# Year 5/6

Year 5/6 is all about developing leadership skills and becoming more independent. Students have applied to be on various committees and will be serving our school in a variety of ways. Naimah, Mathew, Ellyana, Mia, Sophie and John make up the media committee. They will be producing news reports about our school to help keep everyone up to date with what's happening at STM. Cohan, Arouy, Jayla and Olivia make up the liturgy committee. They will be working closely with our APRIM Mrs. Kilmister to help prepare and run masses, liturgies and special celebrations. Alongside these committees we also have our sports captains who are ready to encourage, build team spirit and lead their team to potential victory!

## COMMITTEES



LITURGY



MEDIA



SPORTS



CAPTAINS

St Thomas More School recognises and acknowledges that we are living on traditional Aboriginal lands and we offer our respect and appreciation to all Aboriginal people.

# Shrove Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday is also frequently called Pancake Tuesday and the name 'Shrove' is the past tense of the English verb 'Shrive' which means to be forgiven for one's sins or mistakes through confession, these days known as reconciliation.

With Shrove Tuesday taking place before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday, it was the day when Christians were encouraged to go to confession in preparation for the penitential season that would end 40 days and 40 nights later with Easter Sunday.

Dating back to 1000 AD, over the years Shrove Tuesday not only became a day for Confession but a time for Catholics to feast on eggs, sugar and dairy which were traditionally restricted during the Lenten fast. Not only was Shrove Tuesday a last chance to gorge on such foods but it was also a way to use them up before the fast began.

In Britain the feast of these foods would become pancakes, hence the name Pancake Tuesday. The idea of Pancake Tuesday to celebrate the eve of the Lenten Fast gathered momentum in the Middle Ages in England with pancake races and pancake tossing, traditions which remain in certain villages and towns to this day.

At St Thomas More School, our tradition is to share pancakes with our students in class and to have a 'Carnevale Mask Parade' in Jubilee Hall to celebrate the Italian culture, which is the language our school learns. This year we did it slightly differently, by cooking pancakes for the whole community first up in the morning and judging by the response we got, we will certainly be doing this again! Thank you to all who helped make and serve pancakes and also to all the parents and families who joined us in a pancake or two; it was a lovely event. Thank you also to Mrs Pollard who organised the Carnevale Parade! The children loved wearing their masks and dancing around the hall to the festive music.

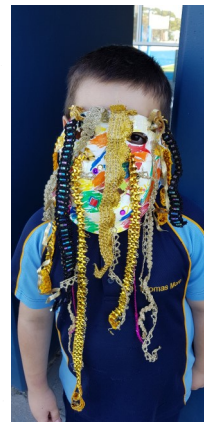
Ash Wednesday, which begins tomorrow, marks the beginning of Lent and our liturgical colours change from green to purple.

Working in partnership with you.

**Leadership Team**







**Buongiorno e benvenuto al carnevale!**

**Siamo stati tutti molto impegnati a realizzare maschere per la sfilata.**

**Today, we celebrated Carnevale!**

In Italy, Carnevale is celebrated on Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. During Carnevale, the streets of cities and towns throughout Italy are like one big party filled with people dressed in elaborate costumes and beautiful masks. The thought is to spend all day and night celebrating and eating as Lent is a time of preparation, penance and fasting.

Every student made a mask and participated in the parade. The level of creativity was amazing and we saw some beautiful designs and creations.

*Thanks to all the parents/caregivers who came along to join us.*

**Megan Pollard**

Italian/Creative Arts Teacher





## SAPSASA SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2020

Last Friday, 21st February, St Thomas More competed in the Playford District SAPSASA swimming carnival at the Elizabeth Aquadome. A small team of 3 highly enthusiastic students represented the school.

The students proved themselves to be very competitive amongst strong opposition, each swimming in a variety of races and achieving great results. Congratulations to all swimmers especially Ashlyn Dunstan who gained a placing in all three of her events.

The school Swimming Team consisted of; Mason Corey, Ashlyn Dunstan and Ellaousie Fulton.

*Well done team!*

**Fabian Chevalier**

Physical Education Co-ordinator



# Wednesday Lunch Specials - Term 1

<p><b>WEEK 5 / 26th February</b></p>  <p><b>Mild Butter Chicken with rice</b></p>	<p><b>WEEK 6 / 4th March</b></p>  <p><b>Tuna Mornay with Pasta</b></p>	<p><b>WEEK 7 / 11th March</b></p>  <p><b>Chicken Yiros with lettuce, cheese, tomato &amp; sauce</b></p>	<p><b>WEEK 8 / 18th March</b></p>  <p><b>Lasagne with garlic bread</b></p>
<p><b>WEEK 9 / 25th March</b></p>  <p><b>Shepherd's Pie</b></p>	<p><b>WEEK 10 / 1st April</b></p>  <p><b>Chicken Schnitzel &amp; Chips</b></p>	<p><b>WEEK 11 / 8th April</b></p>  <p><b>Pasta Carbonara with buttered roll</b></p>	

**All Specials**

**\$5**

Please place order using the QKR app or through classroom lunch order box by 9am. All other menu items are still available on Wednesday special day.

**Canteen is closed on Mondays.**

All classes participated in  
cleaning our school today as  
part of ...



# GAZELLES NETBALL CLUB

CITY OF PLAYFORD -  
SPORTS CLUB OF THE YEAR  
2020



# WINTER 2020



## ENA REGISTRATIONS

OPEN 24 FEB & CLOSE 1 APRIL

Register through your MyNetball account or visit our website at [www.gazellesnetballclub.com](http://www.gazellesnetballclub.com) for the link to register.

You must pay your \$60 deposit prior to the first trial session on 1 April.

All trials are at Argana Park, meeting on court 10.

Deadline:  
1st April 2020 at 12pm noon.

**TRIAL DATES**  
Jnrs (U9 to U17)  
6-7pm  
Wed 1/4/20  
Fri 3/4/20  
Wed 8/4/20

**Snrs**  
7-9pm  
Wed 1/4/20  
Wed 8/4/20  
Wed 15/4/20  
(time for snr trials 2 & 3 are subject to change).



positive partnerships  
Working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum

Free  
to attend

## 2 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers



Join other local families to learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the home-school partnership

Learn about:

- Autism: characteristics, impacts and strategies
- Understanding behaviour
- Sensory processing
- Working together with your school

Location:

Elizabeth RSL  
70 Midway Rd  
Elizabeth East SA 5112

Morning tea and a light lunch are provided

**Elizabeth**

Tue 17 & Wed 18 March 2020  
9.30am - 2.30pm

Registrations open 05 December 2019



Interpreters available

To register, visit  
[positivepartnerships.com.au](http://positivepartnerships.com.au)



For help, call:  
1300 881 971

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## Advance Notice

### Every Tuesday

Parent Coffee/Tea chat 8:30am Jubilee Hall

ECC Playgroup 9:00am-11:00am

Principal's Tour (first Tuesday of the month) 10am

### Every Wednesday

School Banking

Early Learning Years (ELY) 9:30am-11:30am

### 6 March

Pupil Free Day: Staff Reflection Day

### 9 March

Adelaide Cup Day Holiday

### 16 March

School Board Meeting

School Board AGM 6:00pm

### 17 March

St Patrick's Day



### YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED . . .

Thank you to all our families for their patience while our major construction project takes place. Over the school holidays, old disused classrooms were removed to make way for a central nature play space, multi-purpose shelter and contemplation shelter. It will be a beautiful complement to our wonderful school and is due for completion by the start of Term 2.

Principal Mr Platten said he appreciated families and staff adapting to changed access conditions.

#### School Access Term 1

##### 8.30am to 8.50am

Access via main front courtyard gate at the school crossing.

##### 8.50am to 2.45pm

Access via green front pool gate in front of administration building. You will need to lift the pool lock at the top of the gate to open and please ensure the gate is closed securely.

##### 2.45pm to 3.15pm

Access via main front courtyard gate at the school crossing.

**Children dropped off before 8:30am and children not collected by 3.15pm will be sent to OSHC and parents will be invoiced for the service.**



*Together* we learn and grow!

