



St Thomas More School Newsletter

27 March 2020: Term 1, week 9

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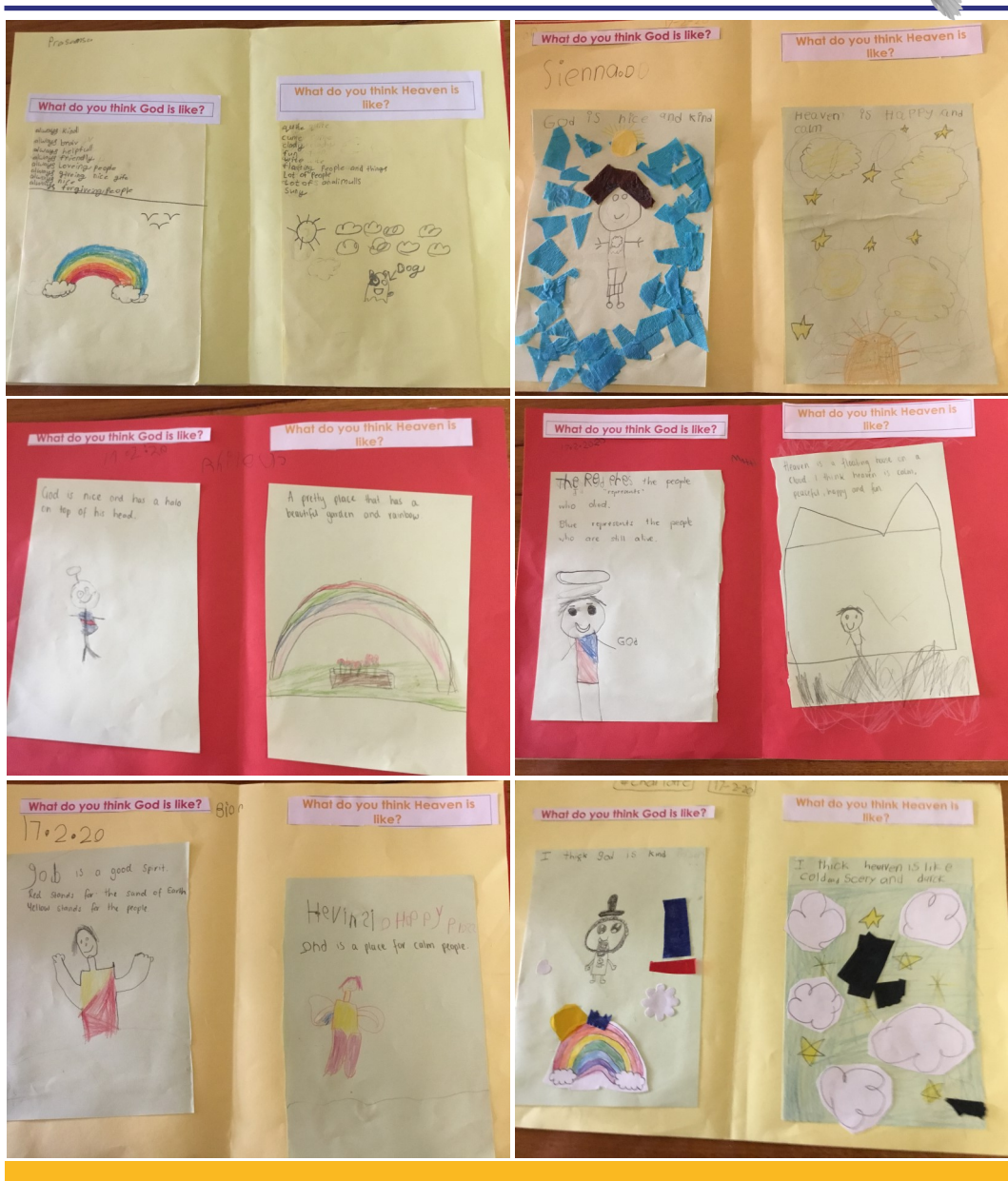


2/3 MD

Earlier this term 2/3MD have been experiencing many different forms of prayer. We reflected on 'What do you think God is asking 2/3MD to do in Australia at this time?' This was around the time of the bushfires which is reflected in the students' work. We also discussed 'What we thought God and Heaven would be like?' We practised meditation during the Peaceful Kids program and Mindfulness opportunities. To complete this unit of work, your child was asked to 'Listen to relaxation music and when you are mindful, be creative while thinking about God and Heaven.' The class were very involved in painting while being reflective during this time.

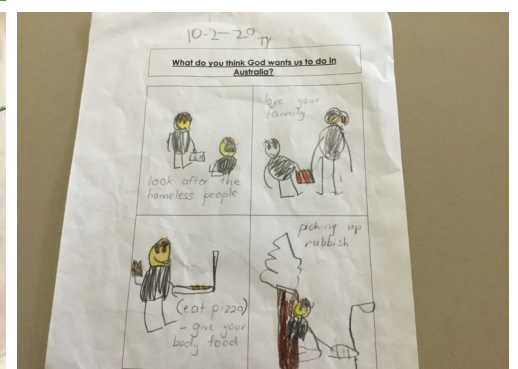
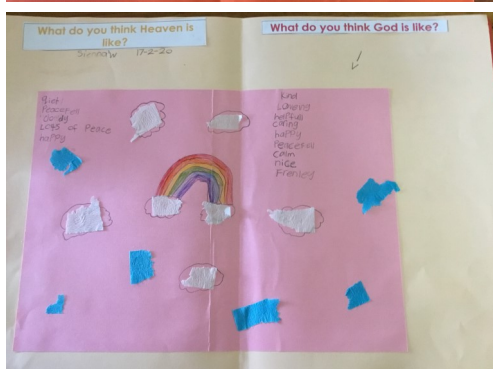
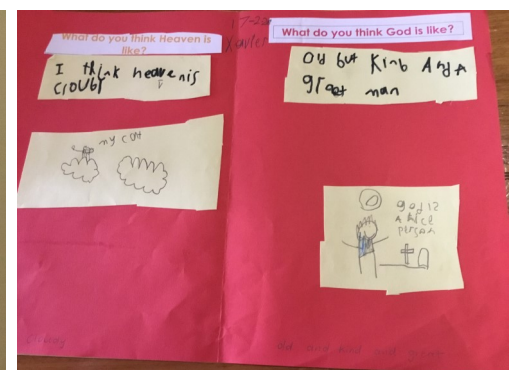
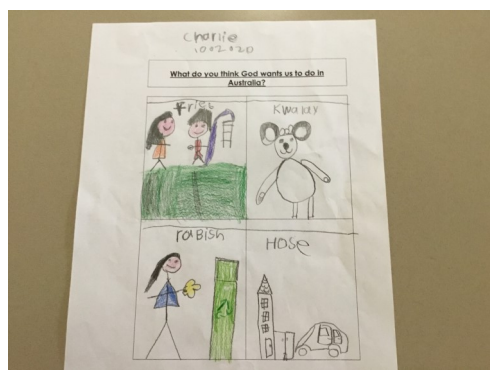
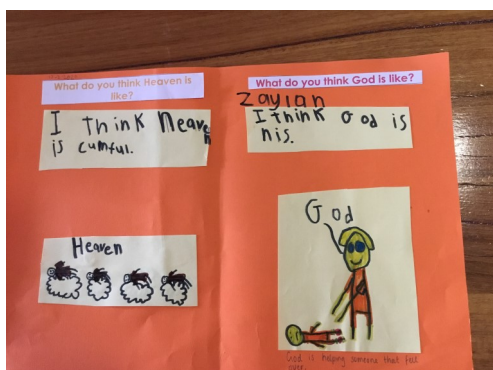
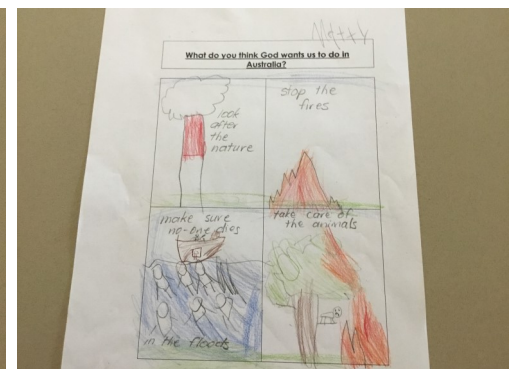
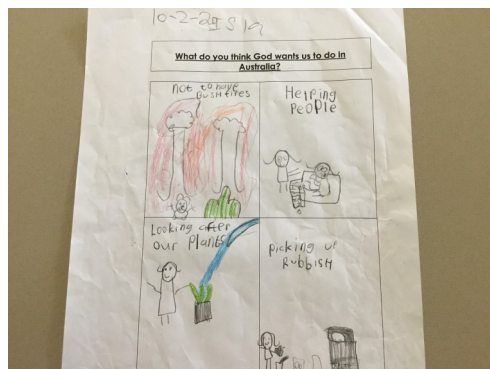
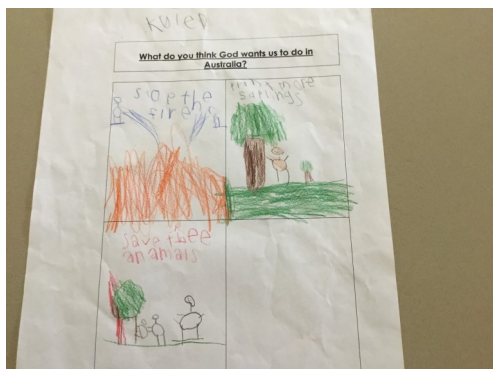
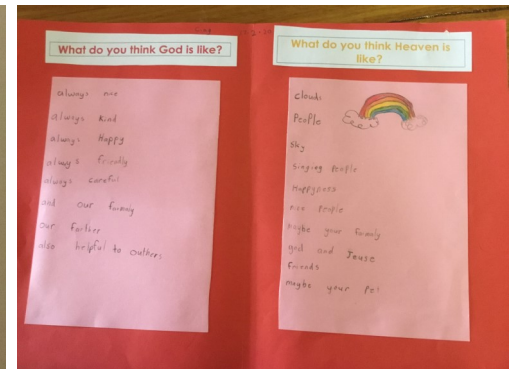
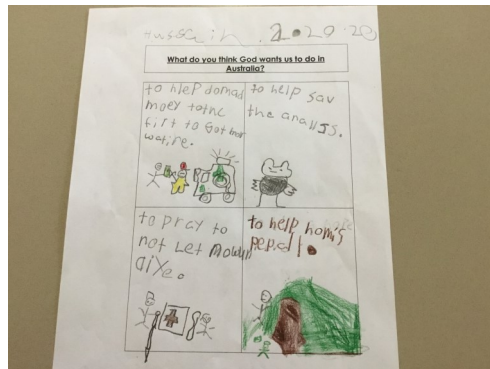
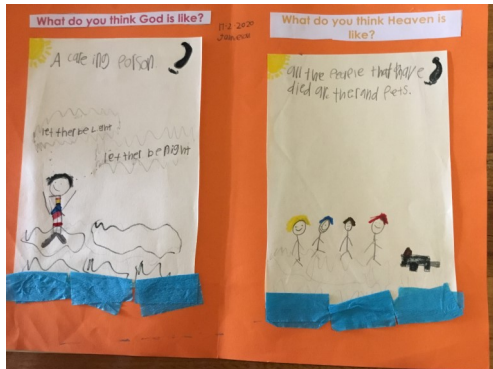
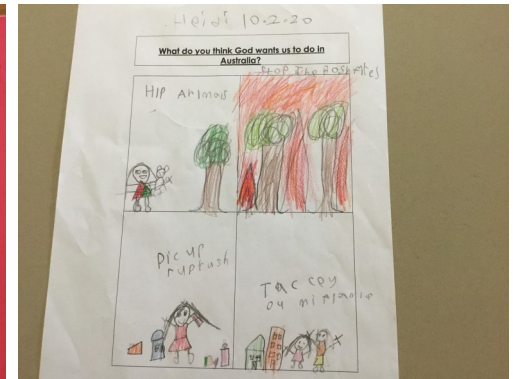
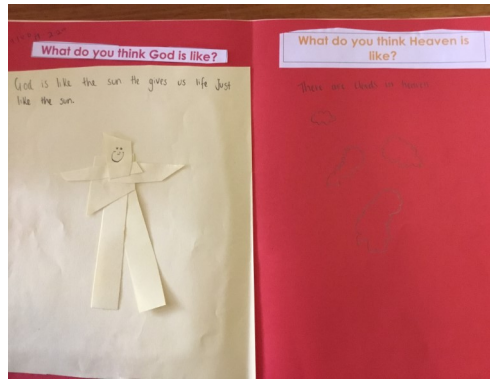
Well done 2/3MD!

Mrs Mannella and Mrs D'occhio.



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.

2/3 MD



Dear Parents, Caregivers, Students and friends of St Thomas More's community,

What a tough year we have had so far with catastrophic bushfires and now the Coronavirus. As we enter this new and unprecedented difficult time, I encourage you all to continue showing the spirit of generosity, bravery and kindness.

GOOD HYGIENE

We are doing everything possible to maintain good, regular hygiene. We have hand sanitisers and hand wash in all classrooms. Children are asked to wash their hands and/or use hand sanitisers before they eat. We are also happy for parents to send children to school with hand sanitisers to support your child with good hygiene.

HOW TO TALK TO CHILDREN ABOUT COVID-19

- When adults are able to manage their own feelings, it makes it a lot easier for the children around them to manage theirs.
- Help the children feel a sense of control by including them in discussions around how the family will manage different situations.
- Ask children what they have heard about the coronavirus to allow you to identify what needs to be clarified in a calm and factual manner.
- Encourage children to talk about their thoughts and feelings, including their concerns and fears. Listen calmly and reassure where possible.
- Model good health behaviours such as proper self-hygiene, healthy eating and exercise.
- Don't blame anyone for the situation and encourage them to be kind to others.

HOLY WEEK

Our planned celebrations for Holy Week (Week 11 of this term), which were to have a series of community prayers each day have also been cancelled. Classes will celebrate Holy Week in class through their Religious Education planning, and through prayer services in class. We apologise for the inconvenience during this time, and the limits we have regarding these gatherings, however we need to follow the advice of the government and the Catholic Education Office in order to maintain the safety of our students and the wider school community.

Taken from CATHOLIC EDUCATION SOUTH AUSTRALIAN WEBSITE:

Catholic schools are responding to Coronavirus advice

There is significant concern and debate regarding whether schools should be closed in Australia to minimise the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). **At this stage, the current advice for all Australian schools is to stay open and operational, however Mon-Thurs of week 11 for all SA schools will be PUPIL FREE DAYS.**

This advice has been determined by the government and health authorities to help protect those in the community who are more likely to experience serious impacts of the virus, including the elderly and those with underlying health conditions.

I appreciate that, despite this advice, some families have chosen to keep their children at home, and some independent schools have voluntarily closed early for the term, or have moved to online learning for students.

The first priority for all Catholic schools is the health and safety of our students and staff, and as such, the Catholic sector is monitoring and responding quickly to the advice of federal, state and territory governments and medical authorities as the situation develops.

Should it become necessary for schools to close in some states or territories, or across Australia, our school communities will follow this advice and seek to minimise the impact on student learning as much as possible.

While this is an uncertain period for our communities, it is important that we remain calm and alert as we monitor this health risk, and for our families and staff to be well informed about the health advice and protocols to reduce this risk.

Current advice

- Individuals who have returned from overseas should **self-isolate for 14 days and show no symptoms** before returning to school or work.
- Individuals who have been in direct, close contact with a confirmed case should self-isolate for 14 days and show no symptoms before returning to school or work - **health authorities will advise parents and staff if they, or their children, are considered a direct, close contact of a confirmed case.**
- Students and staff should be made aware of social distancing and hygiene procedures.
- There should be no non-essential indoor gatherings of 100 or more people, including school assemblies or excursions outside of the community.

No groups of students should visit aged care facilities or attend other facilities in the local community (e.g. hospitals) where there are elderly people or people with underlying health conditions. Additionally, any schools that are exposed to a case of COVID-19 will temporarily close for cleaning, and to ensure direct or close contacts of the confirmed case can be identified by health authorities and the necessary precautions put in place.

Federal Education Minister Dan Tehan has reminded schools of the availability of health information and resources regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19).

For the latest advice, information and resources, visit www.health.gov.au

For information specific to South Australia, visit www.sahealth.sa.gov.au

For information specific to Catholic Education South Australia, visit www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/alerts

Further information is also available via the **National Coronavirus Health Information Line on 1800 020 080**. It operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If you require translating or interpreting services, call 131 450.

School communities should also refer to their diocesan, religious entity, or state and territory authorities for additional advice.

Please join me in keeping those individuals and families directly affected by the Coronavirus in your prayers, as we work together to best protect the wellbeing of our school and wider communities.

Adapted from: [National Catholic Education Commission \(NCEC\)](#) Newsletter Article by Jacinta Collins, National Executive Director, Catholic Education

Also of interest: [Media Release - Catholic schools are adhering to Australian Government's advice to remain open](#)

Latest updates will be provided at: www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/alerts

Generous God,

**Fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old,
that we may look after one another in these challenging days.**

Bring healing to those who are sick with the virus and be with their families.

May those who have died rest in your eternal embrace.

Comfort their family and friends.

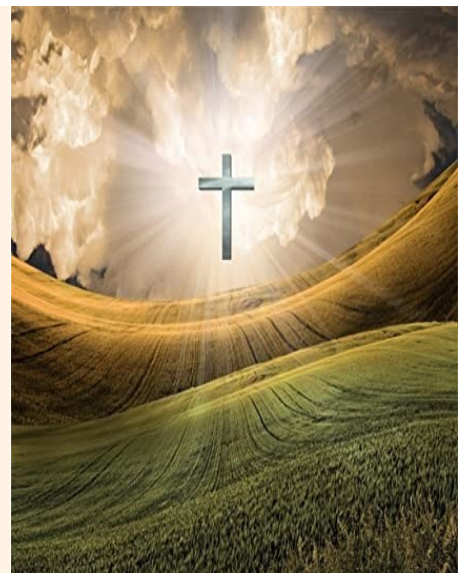
**Strengthen and protect all medical professionals caring for the sick
and all who work in our medical facilities.**

**Give wisdom to leaders in healthcare and governance
that they may make the right decisions for the well-being of people.**

**We pray in gratitude for all those in our country
who will continue to work in the days ahead in so many fields of life for the sake of us all.**

Bless them and keep them safe.

Amen



DUE TO COVID-19 ANDREW CHINN WORKSHOP/CONCERT HAS BEEN POSTPONED – new date TBC

SAFETY MESSAGE

Students and families are reminded to be wary of approaches from strangers, especially when they are unaccompanied or travelling to and from school. If they are approached, students should not respond and should not accept offers of rides or gifts. Students should seek the assistance of other nearby adults if they feel unsafe and should report the event to a trusted adult (parent or school staff member) as soon as possible. SAPOL advises that taking out a mobile phone and calling police can deter the offender and they recommend the student making a formal report to their closest police station.

UNIFORM

The uniform policy of St Thomas More School addresses the total appearance of the student while at school. The uniform is seen as an internal and external statement of the quality education offered at St Thomas More School. In effect, it presents to the public an image which is in line with the school ethos. In addition, the uniform is a means of helping to develop unity and pride within our community.

The uniform policy is developed by the school community and approved by the School Board. It is an expectation that all students will comply with the policy in all its requirements. Indeed, enrolment at the school is dependent upon parents accepting and supporting the school's uniform policy and rules.

As we approach the end of the first term it is time for new uniform reminders. Generally the students are wearing correct uniform and look very smart. Winter uniform is worn in Term 2 and Term 3. Please remember that that black leather school shoes are to be worn at all times other than when sports uniform is worn. Please enquire at the front office if you are unsure about any aspects of the winter uniform.

The uniform is available for purchase at the school uniform shop.

2020 TERM 3 RECEPTION ENROLMENTS

Places are available. If you have or if you know of anyone who has a child **turning 5 before October 31, 2020**, please complete and lodge an enrolment form at the Front Office.

2021 RECEPTION ENROLMENTS

Places are available. If you have or if you know of anyone who has a child **turning 5 before May 1, 2021**, please complete and lodge an enrolment form at the Front Office.

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Working in Partnership,

Chris Platten, Sonia Kilmister and Leah Williams



Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow

World's Greatest Shave 2020 officially kicked off across Australia on 11 March to raise vital funds for people living with blood cancer

Australia's only national charity dedicated to help cure and conquer blood cancer is the **Leukaemia Foundation.**

This year, the event aims to raise \$16.5 million to provide vital support for the 41 Australians diagnosed with blood cancer every day - that's one person diagnosed with leukaemia, lymphoma, myeloma and other related blood disorders every 36 minutes. The entire school cheered and watched with excitement as Madison Moyle from 5/6 Boraso, took part in the World's Greatest Shave. Madison with amazing support from her family raised \$2040 for the foundation. **Congratulations Maddy!**





HAPPY
ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Tuesday, March 17



We celebrated St Patrick's Day with the children being seen wearing **GREEN!**
Thank you to all those families who donated food items for the Moore Street Mission.



HARMONY WEEK

15-21
March

EVERYONE BELONGS

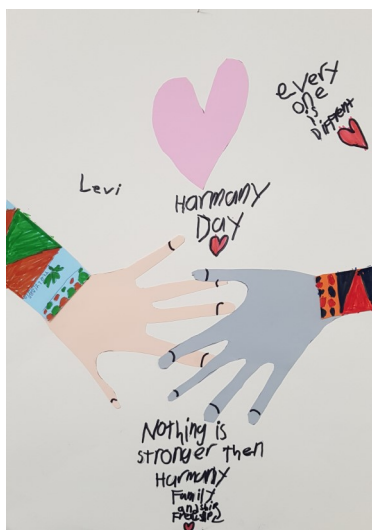
Harmony Week celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. We are one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it.

Why orange?

Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Week. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect.

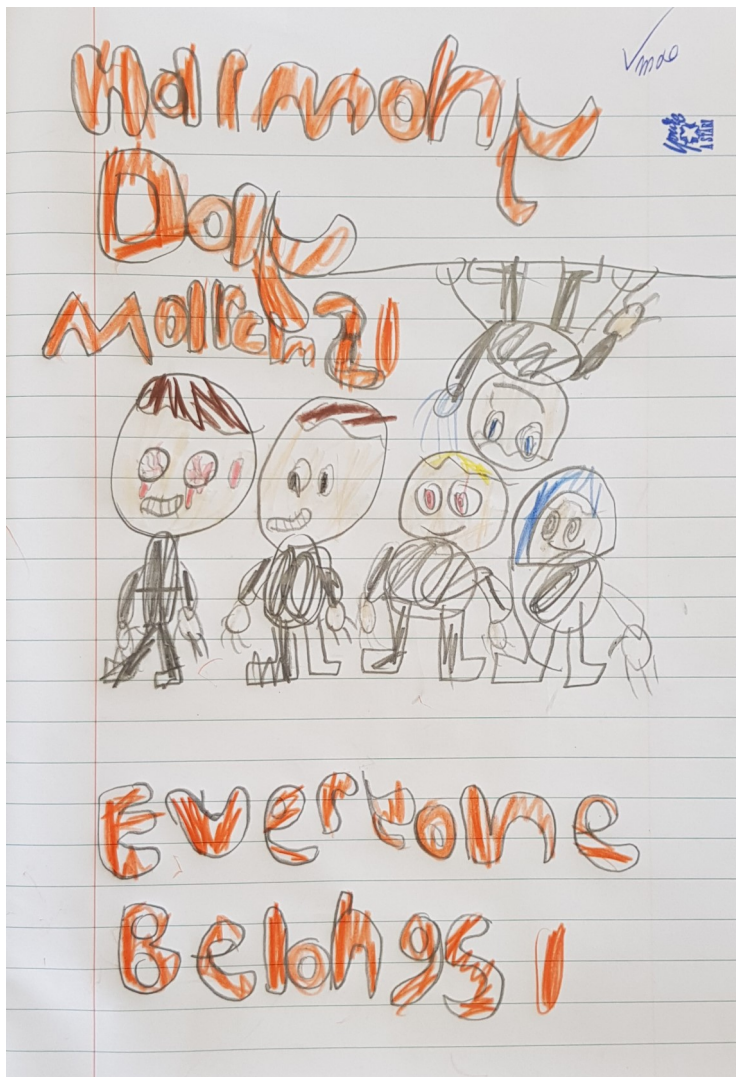
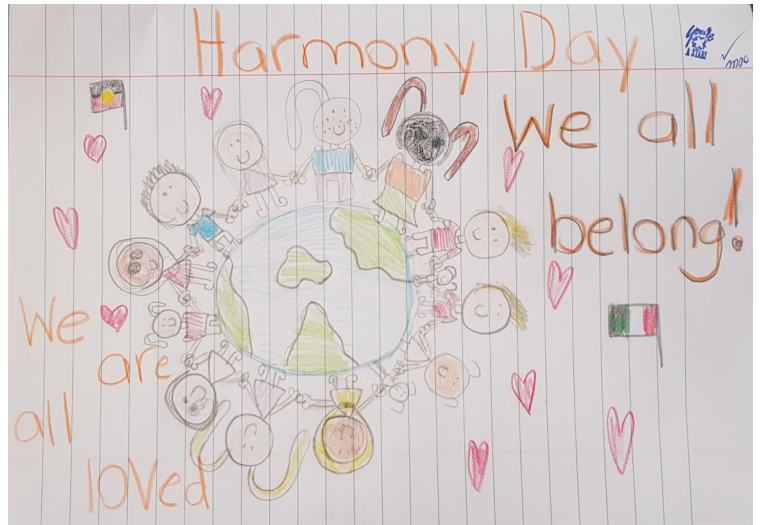
Facts and figures

- Nearly half (49%) of Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was.
- We identify with over 300 ancestries.
- Since 1945, more than 7.5 million people have migrated to Australia.
- Apart from English, the most common languages spoken in Australia are Mandarin, Arabic, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Italian, Greek, Tagalog/Filipino, Hindi, Spanish and Punjabi.
- More than 70 Indigenous languages are spoken in Australia.



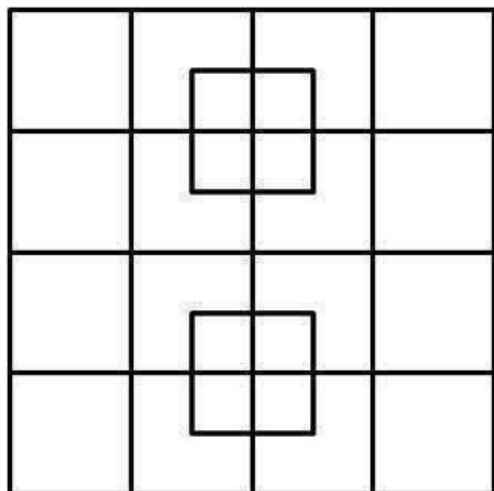
harmony celebrate belonging

DIVERSITY respect



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NOTICES & BRAIN TEASERS



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CAN YOU SOLVE THESE REBUS PUZZLES? 

 HOW MANY SQUARES ARE THERE?



St Columba College

Open Day

Term 3, 2020

President Avenue, Andrews Farm | 8254 0600

Register Online! www.stcolumba.sa.edu.au



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How do I enable notifications on my phone so I can receive Qkr notifications from my child's school?

Ensure your Notifications settings are activated for the Qkr app.

Step 1

Select settings in your iOS or Android device

Step 2

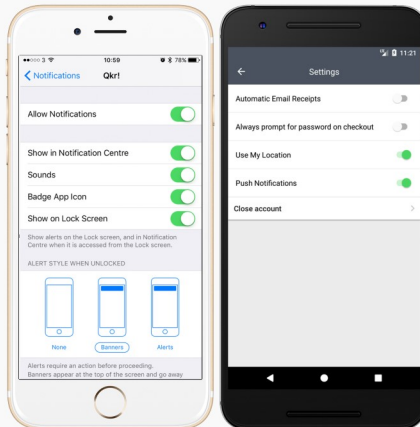
Select Notifications.

Step 3

Look for the Qkr app and ensure the toggle is switched on to allow notifications.

Step 4

Open the Qkr app on your phone, open settings and ensure the 'Push Notifications Enabled' toggle is switched to green.



TIPS OF THE WEEK



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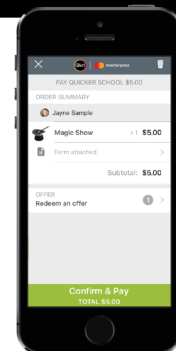
TIP OF THE WEEK

Q. How do I complete my payment after submitting a form?

A. Some activities have electronic forms attached that need to be completed prior to making the payment for the item. It is important to ensure that after you complete the form, you also complete the payment step.

To complete a form and the payment:

1. Open Qkr!
2. Select the activity that you are purchasing and 'Add to cart'.
3. Tap 'OK' when prompted for additional information.
4. Enter your Qkr password to sign in to the form then complete the information as required. Fields with a red asterisk (*) are mandatory to be completed.
5. Sign the form if required and tap Next or Submit when complete to add the activity and form to the cart.
6. Tap Checkout at the bottom of the screen to display your order summary showing that there is a form attached.
7. Tap 'Confirm & Pay' and submit the payment.



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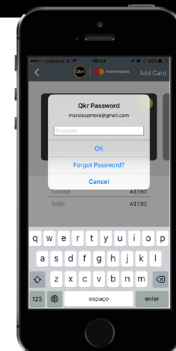
Q. Should I log out from the Qkr! app for security?

A. Qkr! is provided by Mastercard and is the safe, secure, reliable way to pay for school items. Registration details and card information are not stored on your phone but are saved securely on the Mastercard network.

As a security feature Qkr! automatically logs you out after 10 minutes of inactivity. You will still be able to browse the menus and add items to your cart, but you will be prompted to enter your password to submit payments.

If you wish to actively sign out after each session, you may do so, however, you won't be able to browse the menus and add items to your cart. An alternative is to change your settings so that you are prompted to enter your password at the 'Submit Payment' step even if you are within the same 10 minute logged in session. This saves you logging out after each session and logging in the next time.

To turn on the 'Always prompt for password on checkout' option: Open Qkr!, tap 'Settings' and ensure the 'Always prompt for password on checkout' setting is on (green).



ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL OSHC - VACATION CARE

Week 1: Monday 13th April – Friday 17th April 2020

Week 2: Monday 20th April – Friday 24th April 2020

Phone: (08) 8255 1626 Mobile: 0409 551 699



| Monday 13 th | Tuesday 14 th | Wednesday 15 th | Thursday 16 th | Friday 17 th |
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| PUBLIC HOLIDAY EASTER MONDAY SERVICE CLOSED | High Tea Day Wear your fanciest clothes and join us for a high tea celebration! Bake up a storm and participate in a range of creative crafts. -Unicorn popcorn -Rainbow cookies -Flower pretzels -Cupcakes & more | Creative Construction Let's get your hands dirty! Today is all about building, making and sculpting. We also have a special Minecraft themed incursion! | Mad Scientists Put on your lab coats and safety goggles for some crazy fun experiments! Have an experiment you would like to try? Today is the day. -Fizzing sherbet -DIY crystals -Erupting volcanoes & more | Mega Courts Visiting Mega Courts is all about BIG TIME FUN! Have a go at laser tag, soccer, cricket, netball, dodgeball and inflatable activities. |
| Monday 20 th | Tuesday 21 st | Wednesday 22 nd | Thursday 23 rd | Friday 24 th |
| Create, Discover and Play Today is all about exploring and discovering new things through your play. Materials will be supplied for you to create and play however you like! | Cultural Day We wish to celebrate your family culture by visiting their home countries. Please share with us any photos, traditions, recipes or objects you may have that represent you and your family. | Shedley Theatre We are walking to the Shedley Theatre to watch the Amazing Drumming Monkeys perform! Once the show has finished we will have lunch together at Fasta Pasta Elizabeth. | Games 2 U Back again by popular demand! Games 2 U are bringing their games truck, hamster balls and laser tag for you to challenge your friends and have fun! -Bring your own electronic devices -Party games & prizes! | Anzac Day Chefs Edition! Anzac day is an important occasion for Australia and today we pay our respects by participating in a range of cooking and craft activities. |

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

3 April

Last Day of Term 1 - School ends @ 3pm

6 April

Holy Week

9 April

Holy Thursday

10 April

Good Friday

12 April

Easter Sunday

27 April

Term 2 Commences

YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED . . .

Over the term, we have definitely watched the building works evolve and we cannot wait for the end results! It marks an exciting time for St Thomas More School as the school is celebrating an amazing 60 years in 2020. Keep an eye on our face book page and school website, as we are planning our 60th celebrations at the moment!



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.



There is always a step small enough from where we are to get us to where we want to be. If we take that small step, there's always another we can take, and eventually a goal thought to be too far to reach becomes achievable

