



**St Thomas More
School**

Newsletter

1 May 2020: Term 2, week 1

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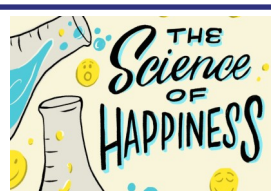
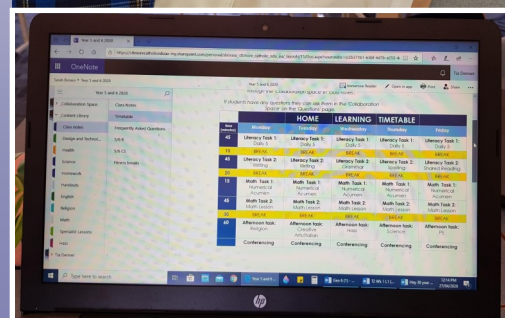
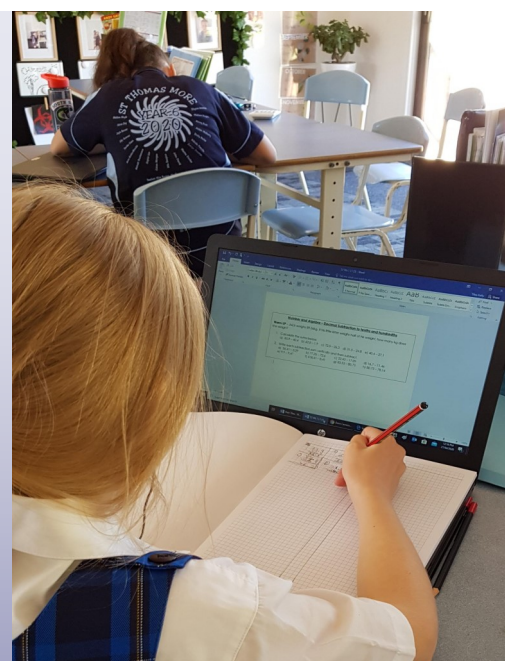
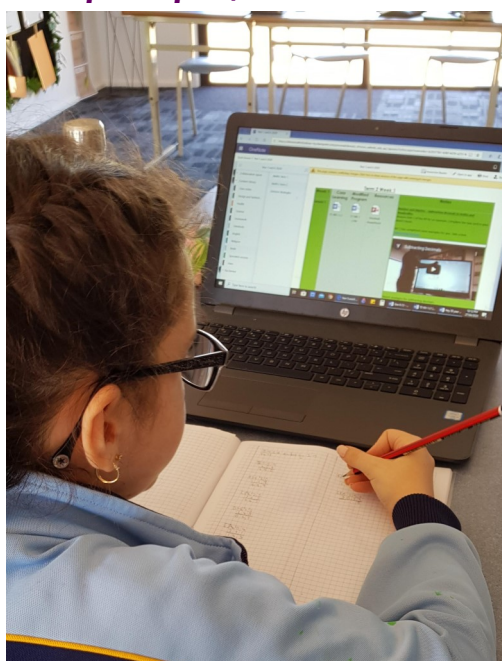
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5/6 Samarzia - Chevalier

5/6 SC are thrilled to continue with online learning this term, whether it be at school or at home. Students have confidently used OneNote to access all curriculum areas and can communicate with teachers using the program. The teachers in 5/6 have recorded and uploaded a number of videos of themselves explaining new concepts or to deliver messages to students.

Students have enjoyed working independently and have managed their learning well.

Keep it up 5/6 SC



It has been wonderful to see the learning taking place at home. Families have come up with some creative learning experiences. Jordan was given some caterpillars which will turn into Monarch butterflies. What a great science project Jordan.



5/6 Samarzia - Chevalier

Ashlyn choreographed and recorded a dance as part of the Creative Arts curriculum. Great to see so many students out and being active in their backyards.



During a writing lesson this week, students were asked to write a letter to themselves as if they would be reading it in 20 years time. They reflected on what life is like now and what life might be like for them in the future.

20 YEARS INTO THE FUTURE

Dear Marisa, (this is 11 year old Marisa typing and writing this letter to you.)

Hi 32 year old Marisa I have heard you have had a great start to the year 2020, you got your very first ever senior top that you will be wearing for most of the year at school, and I have heard you are trying so hard to keep your room clean as well. You have a new class room at your school so you can have the time of your life. Wow, you're already 32! That's crazy and I bet you have a bigger and better life and have your own house and built a family. Now I'm wondering do you still love photography and are you a teacher or a nurse? Have you built a family and grown up in a tiny and cute little house? And if you had or have had a girl did or do you want to call her Rosie-Mae or Amaya? And did you or do you want to call your boy Finn or Cody? This year, there has been a very infected virus called the Coronavirus. It is getting that worse that the queen sent a video to the Commonwealth about the Coronavirus and in the past it has only happened 5 times that she thought was getting worse that she did a speech. Right now I think when you're reading this there will be a different queen or even a king. Right now we have to wash our hands every time we eat or get dirty and at the supermarkets there are limits of things and you have to be social distancing and stay 1.5 metres apart. I'm wondering is there a bad virus going around and spreading while you are reading this letter and your stuck in isolation and you are looking through stuff and your bored and isolating like me right now? I am a bit upset because everything has either been cancelled or postponed.

Love from 11 year old Marisa 2020

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Students and friends of St Thomas More,

Welcome to the beginning of Term 2. I hope all families had a Happy Easter and enjoyed the holiday break and managed to spend some quality family time together. We were blessed with some beautiful autumn weather during the break and this provided the opportunity to do outside activities.

STAFFING NEWS

We welcome our acting Assistant Principal Religious Identity & Mission (APRIM), Mrs Robyn Mercer to the St Thomas More School community. Robyn will be replacing Mrs Sonia Kilmister while she is on leave. Robyn has visited classrooms and introduced herself to the students. I am sure the community will welcome Robyn.

NEW TERM 3 RECEPTION CLASS

St Thomas More will have a new Reception class beginning at the start of Term 3 this year. This will be a new class with a new teacher. There are limited places remaining for this class, therefore if you would like your child to start Reception in Term 3, please make a time to have an enrolment interview with Chris Platten. Alternatively you may know other families interested in enrolling their child/ren at our school.

The criteria for starting Reception on the first day of school in Term 3 is that a child will have turned 5 between 1 May and 31 October in that year.

CHILD SAFETY

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.

NAPLAN 2020 - YEARS 3 AND 5

Due to the current environment (COVID-19) NAPLAN has been cancelled this year.

UNIFORMS

A reminder that the changeover from summer to winter uniform finishes at the end of this week, with all children required to wear their **CORRECT WINTER UNIFORM** including **BLACK SHOES** at the start of Week 2. It is great to see the students taking pride in wearing their school uniform and we thank you for the support that you as parents provide in ensuring this occurs.

CANTEEN

The school canteen will be open from week 2 (starting Tuesday 5 May). Please see the Wednesday Specials on page 8.

ANZAC DAY

Saturday, 25 April was Anzac day.

ANZAC (Australian and New Zealand Army Corps) Day is the anniversary of the landing of troops from Australia and New Zealand on the Gallipoli Peninsula, Turkey, in World War I on April 25, 1915. The bravery of all military personnel who participated in this campaign and the lives of those who died in all military actions are remembered.

Anzac Day is a day of memorial for all Australians, who have died fighting for our country, in a host of wars. On Anzac Day we remembered those who made the supreme sacrifice for us in time of war.

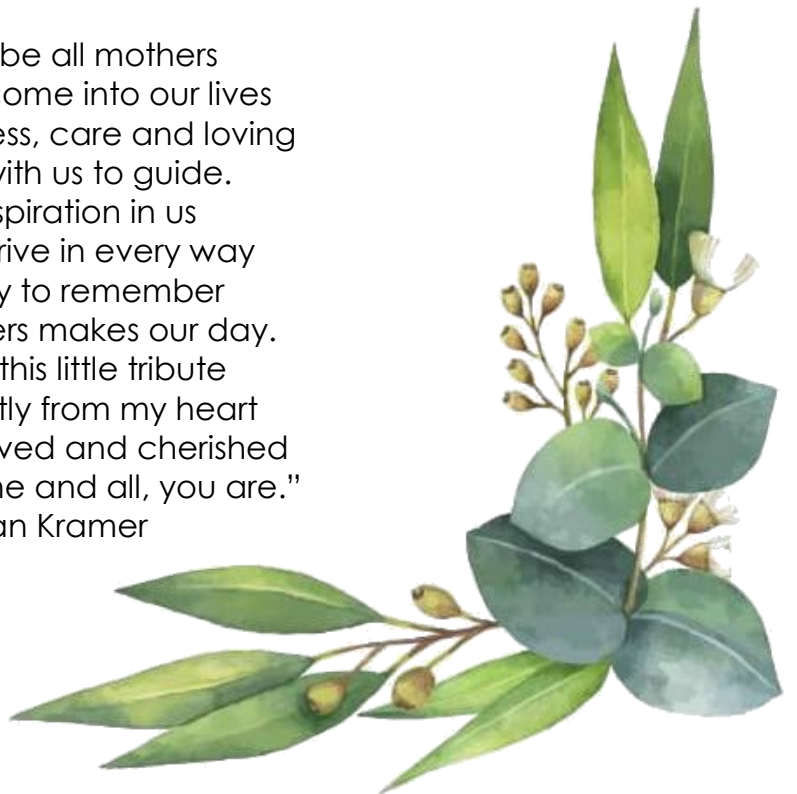
Lest we forget



MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday, 10 May is Mother's Day - A Happy Mother's Day to all of our Mums, Grandmothers and to the other significant women in our students' lives. We acknowledge that this is a day to truly celebrate the wonderful role the mums in our community play in loving and ensuring the success of our students.

"Blessed be all mothers
Who have come into our lives
Whose kindness, care and loving
Remain with us to guide.
Your inspiration in us
Made us strive in every way
Especially to remember
Helping others makes our day.
Mothers, this little tribute
Flows directly from my heart
You are so loved and cherished
Invaluable, one and all, you are."
Susan Kramer



Working in Partnership,
Leadership Team

Procedures

This term 3/4 Crossley are working on procedural texts. We have looked at the structures including, an Introduction, goal, materials/ingredients and the method or steps. We have identified language features such as verbs and adverbs.

After following a series of instructions to make a paper plane called a dart, we watched a clip which explained how to launch the plane more efficiently. We realised how important it is to make all instructions clear and precise and follow them accurately.



In R/1J we were excited to come back to school to see our new investigations for Term 2. Our dramatic play station is a florist, we love working behind the counter and being customers. We also have new tinkering, sensory and science resources to play with and explore!

Investigations



As part of our 60th anniversary celebrations, we want to reconnect with as many old scholars and past staff members as possible. The school has created a special survey of alumni in a bid to build a database and community around our shared past.

A post will go on our social media and to our current families over the next few days.

We hope this is just the first step on building our wider community connection.

Working in Partnership,

Hayley Odgers

Marketing and Communications Coordinator



Go to www.sttmore.catholic.edu.au/old-scholars-and-former-staff.html to complete the survey and join our alumni community!

CALLING OLD SCHOLARS & FORMER STAFF

We are celebrating our 60th year in 2020 and calling on all Old Scholars and former staff members to re-connect with us. We have created a survey to help us build our Old Scholar network and would love to hear from as many past community members as possible!

LIKE AND SHARE



St Thomas More School

Wednesday Lunch Specials - Term 2, 2020

WEEK 2 / 6 May



Mild Butter
Chicken with
Rice

WEEK 3 / 13 May



Macaroni &
Cheese with
Bread roll

WEEK 4 / 20 May



Chilli Con
Carne with
rice

WEEK 5 / 27 May



Chicken
Schnitzel &
Chips

WEEK 6 / 3 June



Lasagne with
garlic bread

WEEK 7 / 10 June



Chicken Yiros
with lettuce,
cheese,
tomato & sauce

WEEK 8 / 17 June



Sausage and
Mash Potato
with gravy

WEEK 9 / 24 June



Tuna Mornay
with pasta

WEEK 10 / 1 July



Bacon & Egg
roll with
wedges

All Specials \$5

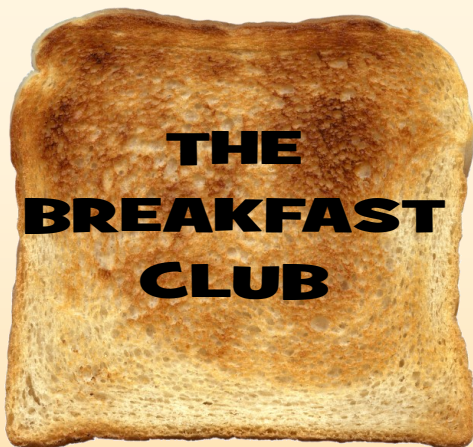
Please place order through the QKR app or the classroom lunch order box by 9am.
All other menu items are still available on Wednesday special day.

Canteen is closed on Mondays

CAN YOU SOLVE THESE REBUS PUZZLES?

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|------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <p>d up n away a</p> | <p>HEAD LOHEELSVE</p> | <p>PUSH</p> | <p>bit MORE</p> |
| <p>SHAVE</p> | <p>WALK H2O</p> | <p>8:16</p> | <p>K C E H C</p> |

Week 11 Newsletter answers: Decide. Mountain Range. Centipede. Split End. Hyena. Tuba. Keep in Touch. Ballpoint.



The Breakfast Club will be starting again in week 3 and we are looking for **donations** and **volunteers**.

Initially breakfast will be offered on Thursday mornings but we are hoping to offer it on a second day with your help.

If you would like to volunteer at anytime please contact the front office. Donations of Milo, Vegemite and cheese slices are greatly appreciated.





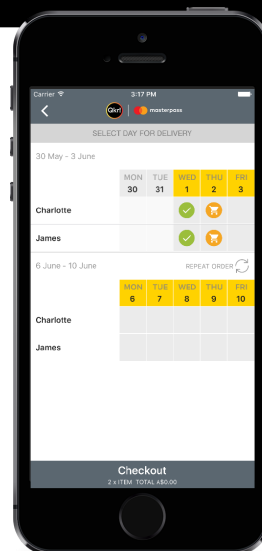
TIP OF THE WEEK

Q. How do I use the calendar display when placing food orders?

A. For ease of use, you are presented with a two week calendar view when placing food orders. The calendar makes it easy for you to place orders for a particular child on a particular day.

To place a food order:

1. Open Qkr! and tap on your canteen menu.
2. On the calendar view tap the date next to your child for which you want to place the order. If you have registered more than one child, the calendar view enables you to place individual orders for each child for different dates. If a date is greyed out you cannot place orders for that date, either because the canteen is not open, or because it is past the cut-off time for that day's orders. Check with your school to confirm the cut-off time.
3. Browse the menu, select items, and add them to your cart.
4. If you are ordering for more than one child you can switch between children by tapping your child's name at the top of the screen.
5. When you are ready to pay, tap 'Checkout' at the bottom of the screen and complete the payment steps.



TIP OF THE WEEK

Q. How can I be sure my child's food order has been received by the school?

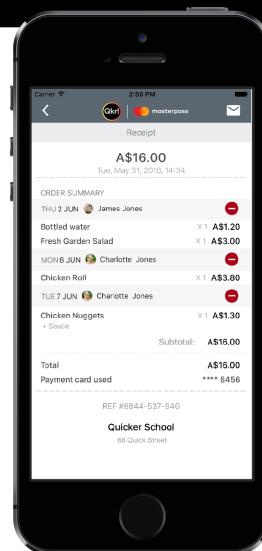
A. Qkr! is the safe, secure, reliable way to pay for school food orders. Your eReceipt is confirmation that the order has been received by the school.

On canteen days the staff print stickers for each Qkr! order containing the child's name, class and order details. Orders are prepared and placed in individual bags labelled with the stickers for ease of identification.

Qkr! orders are much more efficient to prepare than cash orders. Ordering with Qkr!:

1. Speeds up preparation so canteen staff have more time to prepare and serve food;
2. Reduces the time spent on cash handling tasks;
3. Reduces the need for your child to carry cash to school, so no more worrying about lost lunch money.

Check your school's nominated cut-off time for Qkr! Orders. Food orders cannot be placed after the cut-off time, giving the canteen staff sufficient time to prepare the orders.



TIP OF THE WEEK

Q. How do I cancel food orders that have already been paid for?

A. To cancel a food order from your itemized eReceipt:

1. Open Qkr! and tap Activity.
2. Scroll down to 'Order History' and sign in with your password.
3. Tap the red circle with a minus symbol on the order to be cancelled. Select the entire order or individual items to cancel and tap 'OK'.
4. If your eReceipt contains food orders for more than one child, you will need to cancel one by one.

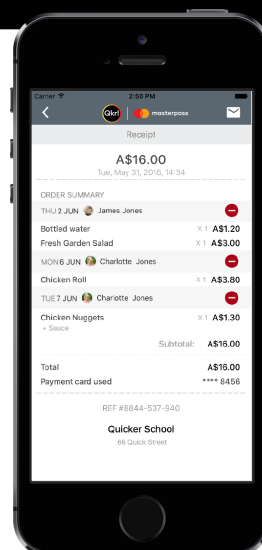
OR

To cancel a food order from the calendar view:

1. Open Qkr! and select the relevant menu.
2. Tap on the tick icon on the date for which you want to cancel the order.
3. Tap the red circle with a minus symbol on the order to be cancelled. Select the entire order or individual items to cancel and tap 'OK'.

Cancelled items are shown in red on your eReceipt confirming they have been cancelled and a credit is available for future food orders. The value of any credits will be automatically deducted from your next Qkr! food order.

Please contact your school office to cancel any other (non-food) school payments according to school policy.



Free parenting webinar

Children and screens: adapting to this new reality



A free webinar not to be missed!

Register now to hear Dr Justin Coulson and Dr Kristy Goodwin answer common concerns for parents in this new situation:

- are my children spending too much time on screens?
- how should I handle 'techno-tantrums' when it's time to turn screens off?
- how can I manage children's screen use when I'm working at home too?



Dr Kristy Goodwin
www.drkristygoodwin.com



Dr Justin Coulson
www.happyfamilies.com.au

Register at
www.happyfamilies.com.au/parentingsa

You will also receive a link to view the webinar recording after the event. This session is designed for parent/carers of children 4-13 years.

Tuesday 12 May

When: 7.00pm – SA, NT
7:30pm – Qld, NSW, Vic, ACT, Tas
6:15pm – Eucla
5:30pm – WA

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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

31 April

Pentecost Sunday

3 May

4th Sunday of Lent



10 May

Mother's day

YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED . . . This building works are nearing completion and the Nature Play/garden space is looking great.

School Access Term 2

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.



When you discover something that nourishes your soul and brings you joy, care enough about yourself to make room for it in your life.

