

St Thomas More School

Newsletter

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On Monday June 22nd we celebrated the Feast of St Thomas More - the patron saint of our school! Even though the current circumstances meant we had to celebrate the day on a smaller scale to previous years, children enthusiastically participated in Class Liturgies, a whole school art project and a celebratory ice block at lunch time! We are hoping that the children's art - their visible interpretations of the qualities of Thomas More - will become a permanent feature in our school somewhere in the near future.



















LEADERSHIP TEAM



Why does the Church remember St Thomas More?

Saints are people who God's light shines through. Thomas More lived in England in the 15th century. His life story reveals him as a loving husband and father, a follower of Jesus, a reader of the Bible, a peace-maker, a learner and scholar, a fair lawyer and politician, a gifted writer and an inclusive friend. Thomas did not believe things just because someone told him. He listened to others ideas, listened to Jesus' message of love and listened to his own conscience.



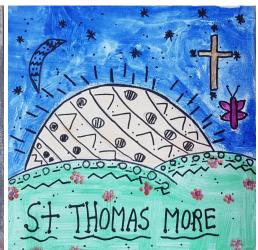




We remember Thomas because he made time for God, he came close to God, he was truthful and loving and he never gave up doing what he believed was the right thing to do. God's light was shining through him. And now here at St Thomas More School we can make time for God, we can come close to God, we can be truthful and loving and God's light can shine through us.









Exploring Religious Ideas through Godly Play

This term a number of classes have been exploring stories from the Bible, lives of saints and the liturgical actions of our Church family through the process of 'Godly Play'. Godly Play uses simple props and oral story-telling to explore religious language and ideas. The story-telling is followed by some wondering questions which gives children space to make sense of the story for themselves and to connect it with their own lives. Godly Play doesn't tell children who God is, it invites them to discover God for themselves. On the feast of St Thomas More a number of classes heard the story of Thomas More in Godly Play style.

Working for Justice

Jesus says to his followers "Whatever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters - you do for me." As a Catholic school our commitment to social justice causes comes out of a firm conviction that the love of God is most fully expressed when we reach out and care for those who are most in need. In the spirit of Jesus, and the spirit of Thomas More, we have been collecting warm items for Vinnies Winter Appeal. Thank you to all those families who have contributed by sending in gloves, beanies, socks and scarves. In order to try and fill our baskets we will keep collecting items until early next week.



Thank
you
for your
generous
support







SCHOOL COMMUNITY











During Technology & Committees, students have the opportunity to use the **GREEN SCREEN** as part of digital technologies learning. Green screen lets you drop whatever background images you want behind the "actors" or the foreground in still shots or movie mode. We use it for news articles at assemblies, making videos, creative still, part of our concert and school prayer.





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Week 7 Newsletter answers: Mixed nuts, Forecast, Be on time, Double vision, Left out, Open door, Close calls, Growing up too fast.





Wednesday Lunch Specials - Term 2, 2020

WEEK 2 /6 May



WEEK 3 / 13 May



WEEK 4 / 20 May

WEEK 5 / 27 May





WEEK 8 / 17 June

WEEK 7 / 10 June

WEEK 6 /3 June



with pasta

WEEK 9 / 24 June



with lettuce,

cheese,

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



Advance Notice

Every Tuesday

Parent Coffee/Tea chat 8:30am Jubilee Hall -

Postponed

ECC Playgroup 9:15am -11:15am

Returning term 3, week 1

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

By appointment only

Every Wednesday

School Banking - Returning term 3, week 1 Early Learning Years (ELY) 9:30am-11:30am -Returning term 3, week 1

3 July Term 2 ends

11 July

World Population Day

Website: www.un.org/en/events/populationday/



12 - 18 July

National Diabetes Week



18 July

Nelson Mandela International Day



24 July

Stress Down Day



20 July **Term 3 begins**

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. Shillabeer road access for OSHC. Gate locked at 8;50am.

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.



Liturgical Events

Unfortunately, as the COVID restrictions are still in place for large worship gatherings, there will be no Masses celebrated at school until further notice. Classes will continue to have liturgies in class groups but parents are unable to attend. Teachers will include families by sending photos, iMovie's or copies of the class prayer service via seesaw.

Be the reason someone smiles today!

