



St Thomas More School Newsletter

21 August 2020: Term 3, week 5

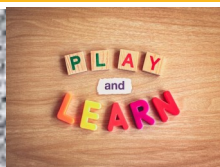
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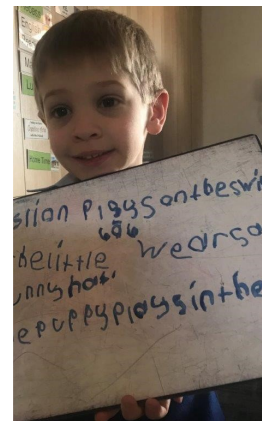
**Out of School Hours Care
Daily**
6:30am to 8:45am
and 3:00pm to 6:00pm
Wednesday 2:30 to 6:00pm
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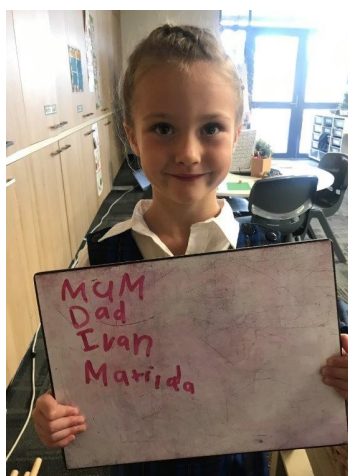
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INVESTIGATIONS

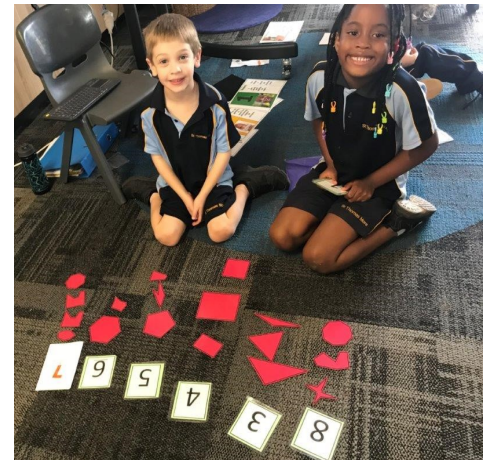
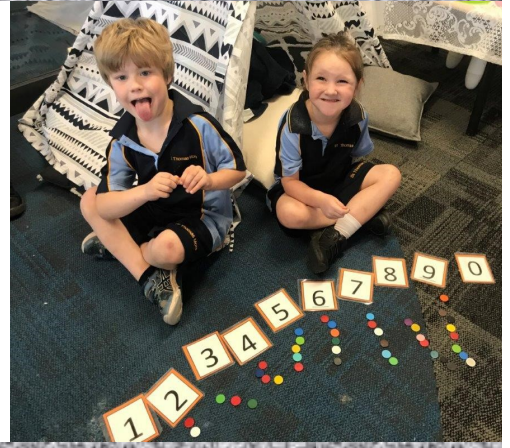
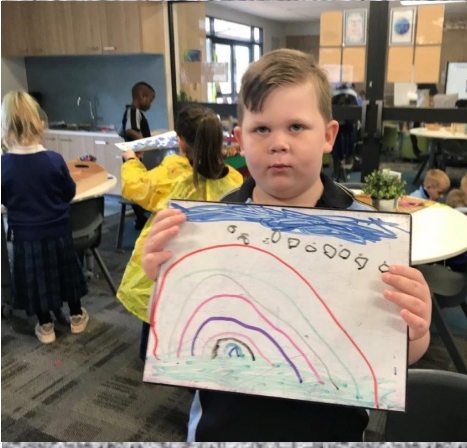
Investigations have continued to be a fun and engaging part of our curriculum in R/1. Investigations happen 4 times a week, with the children being able to choose their area of learning. This time allows children to develop important oral language, social, Literacy and Numeracy skills. Then the Focus children reflect on and share their learning with their classmates. As the photos show, the children are very proud of their learning.



Maths in R/1 C looks like this. We use a variety of materials to sort and make patterns. We have matched groups to numerals, learnt about the Days of the Week and Months of the Year and we practise counting forwards and backwards.



SCHOOL COMMUNITY



Children need to **PLAY** to
BE ADAPTABLE
CONSTRUCT KNOWLEDGE
PROBLEM LEARN CREATE
SOLVE PROCESS EMOTIONS
INTERNALISE EXPERIENCES
DISCOVER CHALLENGE
BE HEALTHY THEMSELVES
LAUGH & HAVE FUN
LEARN TO WORK IMAGINE
TOGETHER LEARN TO LEAD
EXPRESS EXPLORE SPEAK
IDEAS DEVELOP READ
MANAGE AN INQUIRING MIND WRITE
STRESS MIND WRITE
Because PLAY matters.



LEADERSHIP TEAM

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

Our Term 3 Reception class and other new students have had a positive start to their primary school journey at St Thomas More and have made many new friends. I hope they are engaged in their learning and feel a sense of fun and belonging to our school. What I have been most pleased about is how our existing students have welcomed our new students into our community. I have seen a number of older and younger children walk into their classroom, to check on them and see how they are travelling as well as many children check on them in the yard. I believe this community feel and the way our children look out for one another is something we should feel proud of as a school.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY, TENNIS & FOOTBALL CARNIVALS

Well done to the students who represented St Thomas More at the Catholic Schools Cross Country, Tennis and Football carnivals during the last few weeks. We were extremely well represented by our students. It was great to see the fantastic effort that all students gave in their event. Part of 'life learning' is that not everyone can always come first, but we can always do our best, and this was certainly evident in the effort given by our children. Special thanks to Mr Chevalier for organising and 'training' our students and to Ms Swann and Mr (Jay) O'Leary for supporting on the days.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations **Mia Sargent** for her selection to represent Playford SAPSASA District in the SAPSASA Netball Championships at the Priceline Stadium. On behalf of the St Thomas More School community, we wish you all the best!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

St Thomas More School uniform items can be purchased from the Front Office in person on Mondays and Fridays 8:30am to 9:30am. However, we encourage all families to order and pay for uniform items using the St Thomas More School QKR app. Ordered items will be either be left at the school front office for you to pick up or we will have them delivered to your child's classroom.

REMINDER - CLASS PREPARATION FOR 2021 FORM

Please complete the CLASS PREPARATION FORM 2021 slip sent out and return the form ASAP. When we have this information we will begin to organise class structures for next year. Class structures will be finalised next term.

Thank you for your cooperation with this important planning process.

STUDENT PUNCTUALITY AND ATTENDANCE

An unsupervised school yard is not safe for children. Teachers begin duty at 8:30am to 8:50am. Children need to be dropped off at 8:30am when the main gate is open and teachers are on duty, or parents are asked to book their child/ren into OSHC.

Families are reminded that children's learning and teacher's teaching time begins at 8:50am and concludes at 3:00pm (Wednesday at 2:30pm). Our Front Office is being inundated with students arriving late to school and students being picked up after 3:15pm, every single day! This has a huge impact on children's learning time and the teachers' abilities to focus entirely on the children in the class. If your child is dropped off before 8:30am or not collected after 3:15pm (2:45pm Wednesday) they will be sent to OSHC and families will be charged a fee.

Working in Partnership,
Chris Platten

We hope you have noticed the colourful love hearts surrounding the cross on our front fence! As part of Catholic Education Open Week classes participated in this project as a reminder that at our Catholic School we are not only growing young minds but we work with families to help children grow good hearts!

In RE classes children and teachers have been exploring what it means to live a good life and what it means to love. Inspired by Jesus - his life, teaching and stories - we have been wondering together about what it means to be a loving person and how that can make a difference in our world. We have been exploring the idea that being 'moral, compassionate and ecologically aware' can help people to live good lives.



You might like to share your own ideas with your children based on the wondering questions we have been using in our classrooms . . .

I wonder . . . what do you think is a 'good life'?

I wonder . . . who is someone you know who lives a 'good life'?

I wonder . . . what helps people to live a 'good life'?

I wonder . . . what different ideas do people have about what is a good life?

I wonder . . . what things stop me from living a good life (or make it harder for me to live a good life)?

I wonder . . . what did Jesus teach about the best way to live a good life?



SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Last week the 5/6's participated in playing some Indigenous children's games for ATSI children's week. We all separated into our sports day teams. There were 4 different games that we played. Each of the sports captains from different teams led the groups and showed them how to play the games.



COOLOCK'S game was called **Wulijini** and it was like volleyball with a few different rules to make it fun. Wulijini is a hand hitting ball game played by the people of Bathurst Island in Northern Australia. The game was played with a zamia seed. Wulijini is the Tiwi word for play.

MACKILLOP'S game was called **Gorri** and you had to throw little balls at a big ball to push it over the other team's line. Ball games were played by Aboriginal boys and men in all parts of Australia.

MCAULEY'S game was called **Kolap** and you had to throw the bean bags in the hoop. This object throwing game was played on Mer Island in the Torre Strait. 'Kolap' refers to the beans of the Kolap tree - the throwing objects.

BARRY'S game was called **Weme** you had to knock the balls into the hoop. The Walbiri people of central Australia played a stone bowling game called Weme. One player used a stone which was used as a target by the second player. We had so much fun!



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Last Thursday, 6 August, St Thomas More participated in the Catholic Schools Cross Country carnival at PAC oval in the city.

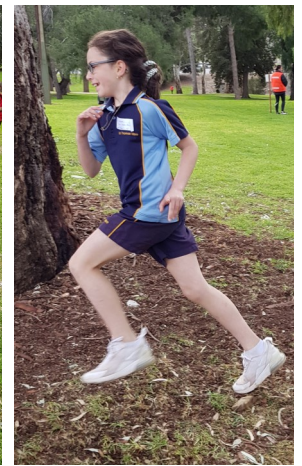
On a windy and freezing cold morning for running, students were able to complete the challenging 2km course successfully. Students were able to achieve some great times with each race containing approximately 120 competitors. The students showed great enthusiasm, competed to the best of their ability and work through pain barriers to complete the gruelling 2km course.

Congratulations to Shaliah Fey, Ellie Daniels and Marisa Doolan on finishing in the top 20 (Shaliah 6th, Marisa 18th, and Ellie 20th). Well done to all competitors on successfully completing the 2km event and representing the school proudly.

Thank you to Lesley Swann and Jay O'Leary for their assistance and support on the day!

Outstanding effort!
Fabian Chevalier





TENNIS carnival @

PLAYFORD

On Monday 17 August, St Thomas More participated in the year 3/4 Catholic Schools ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Cup at the Playford City Tennis Centre. We entered 2 mixed teams involving 16 students. The students played in a round robin competition involving 6 games. This carnival gave students a great opportunity to develop their tennis skills and knowledge against other Catholic schools in the Northern Area. Overall, St Thomas More finished second which is an amazing effort.

Teams started nervously, but throughout the day it was great to see students improve their serving and forehand skills and hitting many winners.

Congratulations to **Grace Sandery** on winning a sportsperson award for her effort and commitment throughout the day.

Top Effort Everyone!

PE Co-ordinator
Fabian Chevalier





CLOUD

It floats among us in the sky. It give us shade when it floats by. It gives plants the water they need. Ever since they were a little seed. They sprinkle fresh water in the air. They pour cold water here and there. Sometimes it gets angry and screams out thunder. And sometimes it makes you think and wonder. Sometimes it makes you want to touch it. But you know it's too high for you to ever reach it. It's higher than the highest tree. And more than triple the size of of you and me. It will put out any fire it meets. And never has time to rest and take a seat. It covers the sun to keep us cool. And it's better than an air conditioning tool. And sometimes it makes you feel blue. And sometimes it gives you an idea of what to do. Through the window it will stare at you. And bring the rest of its crew. Each of them are unique and so are you!

Written by Nazaneen Rahimi

Jack's Roses
"STANDARD'S GALORE"

Jack Touch
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*I HAVE 40,000 STANDARD'S AND 30,000 PATIO'S IN STOCK EVERY YEAR
 DOUBLE BUDDED ON DR. HUEY (ROOTSTOCK)*

PRICE LIST

	STANDARD 3 Foot(42 inch)	PATIO 2 Foot(32inch)
4 Foot(52inch)		
BARE ROOT	\$13.95each	\$9.95each





Structured Playgroup offering explorative play, shared fruit time and group experiences.
Come along and have some fun, learn through play and make new friendships.

ALL WELCOME - Parents, Grandparents, Carers

When:

Tuesdays 9:30 - 11:30am

Where:

St Thomas More School - Community Room 19

Cost:

Gold coin donation

Please bring a piece of prepared fruit to share, a named drink bottle and a named hat.





ELY

Early Learning Years Program

**St Thomas More
Primary School
Elizabeth Park**

**Wednesdays
9.30 - 11.30am**

FREE Pre-School program for 3-5 year olds.

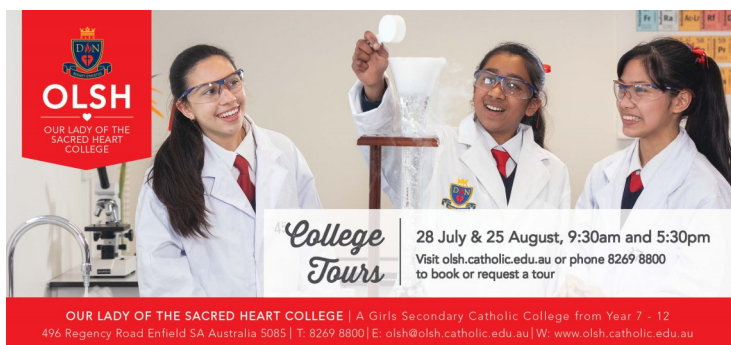
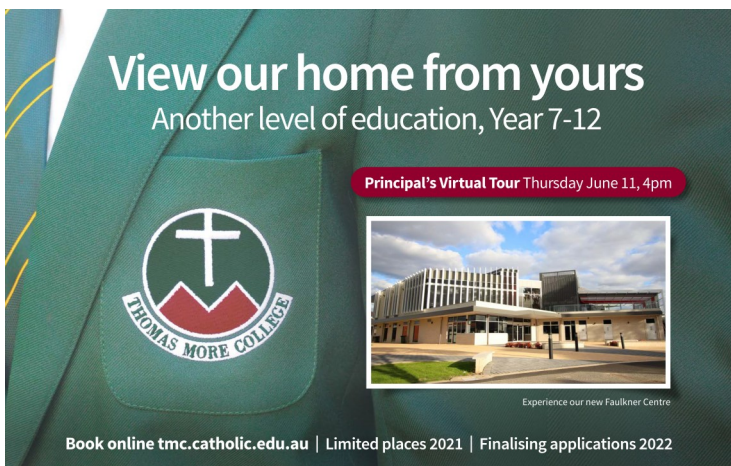
Through a combination of discovery learning and structured activities, our ELY program provides opportunities for children to develop some of the key developmental skills, prior to starting Kindy and school



To book your place or make an enquiry, please contact:
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CAN YOU SOLVE THESE REBUS PUZZLES?



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Week 3 Newsletter answers: Pickup truck, Upside-down cake, Camping overnight, Four seasons, Lefty, Cat in the hat, Major undertaking, Jump in a lake.

Have you thought about high school options? Is your child enrolled?

Some schools have waiting lists, to avoid disappointment it is recommended to have your child enrolled at least 18mths prior to starting.

Advance Notice

Every Tuesday

Parent Coffee/Tea chat 8:30am Jubilee Hall - **Postponed**
ECC Playgroup 9:30am -11:30am

Principal's Tour

(first Tuesday of the month) 10am - **By appointment only**

Every Wednesday

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

23 August

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

25 August

Year 5/6 B Class Mass

28 August

Feast of St Augustine

30 August

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Social Justice Sunday



Month of September

Month of Care for Creation



1 September

World Day of Prayer for Care for Creation
R/1 C Class Liturgy



5 September

Feast of St Teresa of Calcutta
Mother Teresa

6 September

Father's day

School Access Term 3

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.

A book is a magical thing
that lets you travel
to faraway places
without ever leaving
your chair.

