

St Thomas More School

Newsletter

30 October 2020: Term 4, week 3

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6:30am to 8:45am and 3:00pm to 6:00pm **Wednesday** 2:30 to 6:00pm (08) 8255 1626 0409 551 699





5/6 Boraso

The 5/6 classes went on camp to The Woodhouse Activity Centre @ Piccadilly for 3 days and 2 nights. They participated in multiple obstacle courses on Challenge Hill, tube sliding, laser skirmish, boomerang decorating, wall climbing and much more. Students challenged themselves and had an amazing time.











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Reflections

We did other activities such as Laser Skirmish, Ice Blocking and the Tube Slide! The Tube Slide was definitely my favourite thing about Camp Woodhouse. The Tube Slide is a big slide that starts from a really big hill and goes all the way down. We rode on round blow up tubes with a partner or by ourselves! I went on the tube slide 4 times, I went on with Adinda, Miss Boraso and Lidah! The most tiring part of the tube slide was bringing the round tubes up the hill, but it was great to get some exercise. Camp was the most fun experience I've had this year and I wish I could go back there and do everything again! I really loved spending time and bonding with my friends at my last camp of primary school! I'll never forget how much fun we had at Woodhouse Activity Centre! • Emily Kerler

The first activity that group two did was the labyrinth. The labyrinth was a two storey maze, outside, with two staircases to go up and down to the second floor. It also had a firefighter pole and a slide to go down to the second floor.

- Aleisha Le

On Monday the 19/10/2020 it was camp and I was nervous but really excited to go to Woodhouse Activity Centre. We went on the bus with our stuff. It took a long time on the bus but it was worth it. We all helped to get bags out of the bus and then we had to listen to the person who was going to take us to the activities. My favourite part about going to camp Woodhouse Activity Centre was the labyrinth/maze, challenge hill and tube slide. - Madison Moyle

After both groups, 1 and 2 had finished their activities we came back to our cabin and ate lunch. We did so many activities and had so much fun on the 3 days we were at camp! My favourite part of camp was going tubing, I loved going down the Tube Slide with my friends and getting sprayed in the face with the sprinklers! - Olivia Day

I've been waiting for school camp since the start of year four! Then as usual the year flew past in one blink of an eye. It felt as big moths were flapping around stomach, because, I was nervous. I soon saw my friends and we all couldn't wait. We then settled into the bus, and off we went. Our first game was that you had to go around the maze and at every dead end there was a riddle that you and your team had to figure out. Then in the end we had to find out who could solve the most riddles.

- Hadyah Noori

Our first activity was at the labyrinth. We played team hide and seek where there are 2 teams and one person from both teams has to find their whole team and exit the maze before the other team. After team hide and seek we did 2 games of sardines.

- Hamish Bell





One of my favourite things was Challenge Hill. We got through it pretty quick but it was fun. My favourite part was the rope swing because there was a big gap from the first jump to the next. The next activity that we did was ice blocking. It was so fun, everyone fell off at least once. When Miss Boraso went she fell off and flipped over. That was the funniest part of that day.

- Aedan McGarry

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CAMP!

When we stayed up late talking When we made our last night count When we did the maze When we did sliding

When we watched the movie

When we did wall climbing

When we went to the maze at night

When we did that laser shooting activity.

- Kuol Kuol



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

Friday, 30 October we celebrate World Teachers' Day. This is an opportunity to acknowledge the great work that all of our teachers and co-educators (admin and curriculum) do with our children. Our staff do a tremendous job at St. Thomas More School and it is important that we express our gratitude for the role they play in educating the students and also for providing such a happy, safe and supportive environment for learning.



Cyber Safe & Mobile Safe

Increasingly schools are dealing more and more with cyber bullying issues occurring away from school. Although cyber bullying may be occurring away from school inevitably it impacts on the lives of children and staff here at school in which case we are obliged to respond to best support the wellbeing of all concerned. Many of the incidents we are dealing with are avoidable. Parents must know what their children are doing on their phones and machines. This does not mean spying. This



means continually reminding your child/children that they should not post anything online which could cause offence to someone reading the material. This is about being a 'good' person online and offline. It means reminding children that all online posts can be traced. It means knowing exactly what they are doing online. It means encouraging them to inform you if they are aware of anything untoward online, whether they are involved in it or not.

I am also writing to remind you to keep your children cyber-safe and mobile safe. Some students participate in on line activities that they would not do in the real world. They think they are invisible and at times even anonymous. All on-line activity and phone activity can be traced.

Some parents think that if their children are home using a computer or phone they are safe and not in danger. Nothing could be further from the truth. Your child could be placing him/herself in unsafe situations from your family home. I would like to remind you, that to legally belong to social networking sites like Facebook one must be aged 13 or over. For some sites, the age is even higher.

I would like to offer you this advice:

Make it your business to know what your child is doing online. Teenagers (and preteens)
are likely to take the position that their online activities are their business. But parents
have a moral, as well as legal, obligation to ensure that their children are engaged in
safe and responsible behaviour - including online behaviour.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

- Keep the computer/phone in a public place in the house. Periodically check on what your child is doing. Find out who his/her online friends are.
- Help your child distinguish between three kinds of personal information:
 - Personal contact information. Name, address, phone number, and any other information that could allow someone to make contact in the real world. This information should be shared only in secure environments, when absolutely necessary, and with your permission.
 - Intimate personal information. Private and personal information should only be discussed with a relative, close friend, or professional. This information should never be shared in online social networks or through public communications such as chat or discussion groups.
 - Personal interest information. Non-intimate information about interests and activities. This kind of information can generally be safely shared on social networking sites or communication environments, including blogs, personal Web pages, chat, and discussion groups.
- Be sure you know the online communities your child participates in and know his/her usernames in these communities. Review his/her public postings, including his/her profiles, Web pages, and blogs. Discourage active involvement in the kinds of environments that promote excessive self-disclosure of intimate information and rude behaviour. Your child may object and claim that these postings should be considered private. A child who makes this argument simply does not understand. The material posted on these sites is not private anyone can read it. If your child is uncomfortable about your review of the material, then this is a good clue that the material should not be posted.
- Be up front with your child that you will periodically investigate the files on the computer, the browser history files and buddy lists, and his/her public online activities as well as his/her mobile phone log.
- Be alert to secretive behaviour. It's a danger sign if your child rapidly switches screens as
 you approach the computer or attempts to hide online or phone behaviour by emptying
 the history file.
- If your child has engaged in unsafe or inappropriate behaviour, the most appropriate consequence is the use of monitoring software and consistent review of all public and private online activity.

Working in Partnership, Leadership Team



RELIGION

RAISING **HEARTS** AND **MINDS**

Last Tuesday, Reception Zolotovs gathered in prayer to give thanks to God for the new term. The Liturgy provided an opportunity for students to reflect upon and name some personal goals for this term. Students listened respectfully and shared many ideas about how they can care for others in their class. Their angelic voices and enthusiastic participation through singing was heart-warming.











All Saints Day is a Holy day celebrated annually on November 1, dedicated to Saints of the Catholic Church. Students will celebrate this day next week with a class liturgy reflecting on what it means to be a saint and how we are called to be followers of Jesus, shining our light to others.

Loving God,

we remember all those men and women whose lives were such a shining example to others because of their love for you.

Inspired by their lives, we pray that we too have the courage and strength to change the lives of others for the better and to work to make a difference in our world.

We ask this prayer through Jesus your Son.

Amen.



BOOK WEEK



BOOK OF THE YEAR: YOUNGER READERS

WINNER







BOOK OF THE YEAR: EARLY CHILDHOOD

WINNER







PICTURE BOOK OF THE YEAR

WINNER











3/4 Crossley worked with their buddy class R/1 Carter on a fabulous activity last week.

curious creatures, wild minds































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:

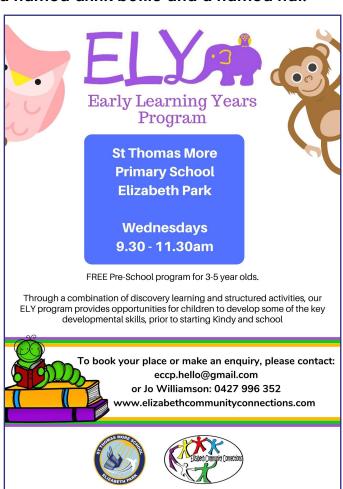
St Thomas More School - Community Room 19

Cost:

Gold coin donation

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





Wednesday Lunch Specials - Term 4

WEEK 3 / 28 October



WEEK 4 /4 November



Fries

WEEK 5/ 11 November

WEEK 6 / 18 November



WEEK 8 / 2 December

WEEK 7 /25 November

Bacon & Egg

roll with

wedges



WEEK 9 / 9 December



Lasagine with

garlic bread

All Specials \$5



All other menu items are still available on Wednesday special day.

Canteen is closed on Mondays



CAN YOU SLOVE THESE REBUS PUZZLES?





dayyesterday

PEACE EARTH diddle diddle

school stay

SNPLAYOW





Week 1 Newsletter answers: Big family get together, halo, winding down, swept under the rug, getting down to it, wave bye bye, white Christmas, two steps back.

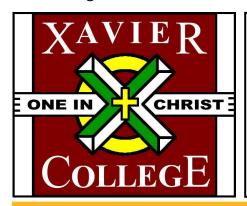


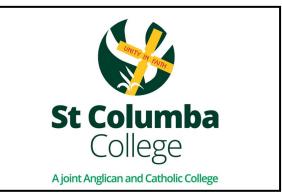
The School of Languages is a government school that offers 23 languages after hours in more than 25 different locations around the broader metropolitan area. An information pack for R-7 students is available from the front office after hours. Timetable and enrolment forms are available at: www.schooloflanguages.sa.edu.au

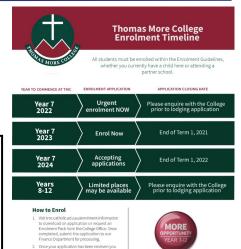
Have you thought about high school options?

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

30 October

South Australian commemoration of World Teachers' Day



1 November

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time 2nd Feast of All Saints

3 November

2/3MD Class Liturgy

9 November

National Recycling Week

10 November

2/3G Class Liturgy

11 November

Catherine McAuley Feast Day Remembrance Day

15 November

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

17 November

5/6CM & 5/6B Class mass















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.

Camp is where you try new things, face some fears, challenge yourself and have amazing fun!

School Access Term 4

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.

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