

St Thomas More School

Newsletter

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5/6 Chevalier - Morrison

In 5/6MC we celebrated NAIDOC week by looking at history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We explored the theme of "Always Was, Always Will be" and how the First Nations people have occupied and cared for this country for over 65,000 years. We looked at the winning artwork for 2020 and discussed why it was significant for this event.

Together we created our own National NAIDOC week posters to celebrate this year's theme. We chose Australian Aboriginal symbols to represent important aspects of their lives such as family, the land and animals. We really enjoyed celebrating the history and lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and have produced posters that we are proud of!





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

Remembrance Day in Australia is dedicated to Australians who died as a result of war, particularly from World War I onwards. A minute of silence is dedicated to the deceased, especially for soldiers who died fighting to protect the nation. Remembrance Day is annually observed on November 11 although it is not a public holiday.

WHAT DO PEOPLE DO?

Many Australians stop what they are doing at exactly 11am in their local times on November 11 each year to dedicate a minute of silence for those who died in war, especially soldiers from as far back as World War I. Those who join in this act of remembrance include teachers, students, politicians, and workers of public and private sector enterprises.

Many people wear artificial poppies on the day and key political figures make speeches in remembrance of the nation's fallen heroes. Services are held at 11am at war memorials in suburbs and towns across the country, at which the "Last Post" is played by a bugler and a one -minute silence is observed. Remembrance Day has been partly eclipsed by ANZAC Day as the national day of war commemoration.

BACKGROUND

According to the Australian government's Cultural and Recreation portal, Remembrance Day, which was originally called Armistice Day, commemorated the end of the hostilities for the Great War (World War I), the signing of the armistice, which occurred on November 11, 1918 - the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

On the first anniversary of the armistice, in 1919, one minute's silence was instituted as part of the main commemorative ceremony. After the end of World War II in 1945, the Australian and British governments changed the name to Remembrance Day as an appropriate title for a day which would commemorate all war dead.

The year 2008 marked the 90th anniversary of the Australian attack at Villers-Bretonneux. On April 24, 1918, Australian Imperial Force (AIF) soldiers attacked German forces that captured the French town of Villers-Bretonneux earlier that day. The action was successful, but the fighting was fierce, and many lives were lost on both sides.

SYMBOLS

Red poppies are worn on blazers, shirts, jumpers and other items of clothing on Remembrance Day to remember those who died during a war. Poppies were among the first plants that came from the battlefields of northern France and Belgium during World War I. Some people believed

the popular myth that poppies were rich in their redness because they blossomed from grounds that were saturated with soldiers' blood.

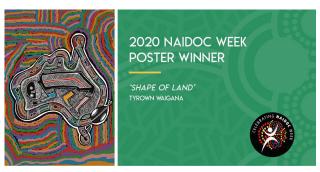




NAIDOC Week November 8 - 15, 2020.

• NAIDOC Week Theme for 2020 is - Always Was, Always Will Be.

Celebrations are held across Australia to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.



Always Was, Always Will Be. recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years.

We are spiritually and culturally connected to this country.

This country was criss-crossed by generations of brilliant Nations.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were Australia's first explorers, first navigators, first engineers, first farmers, first botanists, first scientists, first diplomats, first astronomers and first artists.

Australia has the world's oldest oral stories. The First Peoples engraved the world's first maps, made the earliest paintings of ceremony and invented unique technologies. We built and engineered structures - structures on Earth - predating well-known sites such as the Egyptian Pyramids and Stonehenge.

Our adaptation and intimate knowledge of Country enabled us to endure climate change, catastrophic droughts and rising sea levels.

Always Was, Always Will Be. acknowledges that hundreds of Nations and our cultures covered this continent. All were managing the land - the biggest estate on earth - to sustainably provide for their future.

Through ingenious land management systems like fire stick farming we transformed the harshest habitable continent into a land of bounty.

NAIDOC Week 2020 acknowledges and celebrates that our nation's story didn't begin with documented European contact whether in 1770 or 1606 - with the arrival of the Dutch on the western coast of the Cape York Peninsula.

The very first footprints on this continent were those belonging to First Nations peoples.

Our coastal Nations watched and interacted with at least 36 contacts made by Europeans prior to 1770. Many of them resulting in the charting of the northern, western and southern coastlines - of our lands and our waters.

For us, this nation's story began at the dawn of time.

NAIDOC 2020 invites all Australians to embrace the true history of this country - a history which dates back thousands of generations.

It's about seeing, hearing and learning the First Nations' 65,000+ year history of this country - which is Australian history. We want all Australians to celebrate that we have the oldest continuing cultures on the planet and to recognise that our sovereignty was never ceded.

Always Was, Always Will Be.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Teachers are preparing to write Semester Two reports for students' in their care. Our Semester Two reports are individual and extremely detailed and provide an excellent summary of each child's progress. They will be distributed to students during week 9, this term. They will include information regarding each child's class for 2021.

STUDENTS ILLNESS

We have had a number of students with serious illness over the past weeks. This had reinforced the importance of children not attending school when they have infectious illness because of the risk of infecting others. In particular it is very important that children with vomiting or diarrhea stay at home until they are completely well. Please also reinforce with children the importance of personal hygiene especially washing hands. It seems that resistance is low as the year comes to a close and children become more susceptible to disease.

Thank you to parents for keeping us informed about their children's health.

THANKSGIVING MASS

The End of Year 'Thanksgiving Mass' will be celebrated this year on **TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER at 11.30am**. This is during the normal school day. We will also be recognising the contribution made by the Year 6 students to the life of St Thomas More School.

This will be attended by school staff and students only.



END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

- End of School Year (Year 6 students) Monday 7 December, 2020 at 1:30pm.
- Year 6 GRADUATION LITURGY Monday 7 December, 2020 at 6:00pm.
- End of School Year (Reception to Year 5 students) Wednesday 9 December, 2020 at 2:30pm.

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.

2021 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, 2021**, please complete and lodge an enrolment form at the Front Office.

Working in Partnership, The Leadership Team

Mupstream health@ St Thomas More School

Upstream Health is an allied health practice in Grote St that is passionate about providing proactive healthcare as well as reactive treatment services. As part of our Upstream in Schools program, we are excited to be speaking with staff at St Thomas More School with a view to providing in-school sessions in 2021. A maximum of ten sessions per calendar year are available through the Medicare Mental Health Care plans and are delivered in the school setting at no additional cost. Mental Health Care Plans can be developed in consultation with your GP for students who meet eligibility criteria – your school contact can provide you with further information.

Working in the school setting affords the luxury of working with students, parents, teachers and school staff enabling professionals to work together to provide the best outcome for students. Currently we are offering individual consultations for students and parents and are keen to develop group programs and information sessions in the future.

For further information / to register your interest in the program, please contact Leah Williams, Leader of Teaching, Learning and Wellbeing.



BOOK WEEK Dress Up curious creatures, wild minds









SCHOOL COMMUNITY





























BUDDIES



November 5 2020



































with their buddy class R/1 Carter. They had a fantastic time!

















SCHOOL COMMUNITY

R/1J have worked extremely hard to plan and produce Information Reports on Butterflies. We discovered what they look like, where they live, what they eat and we even found out some special features.

Butterflies are awesome!













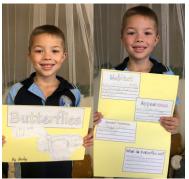


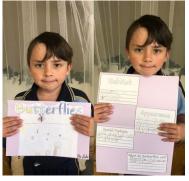










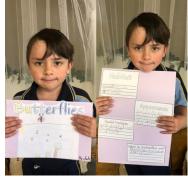






















Structured Playgroup offering explorative play, shared fruit time and group experiences. Come along and have some fun, learn through play and make new friendships.

ALL WELCOME - Parents, Grandparents, Carers When:

Tuesdays 9:30 - 11:30am

Where:

St Thomas More School - Community Room 19

Cost:

Gold coin donation

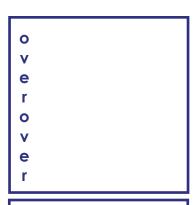
Please bring a piece of prepared fruit to share, a named drink bottle and a named hat.





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Week 3 Newsletter answers: Double agent, day before yesterday, peace on earth, hi (hey) diddle diddle, stay after school, play in the snow, Star Wars, back flip.

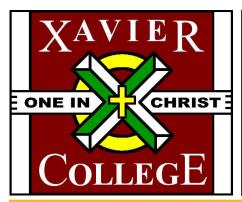


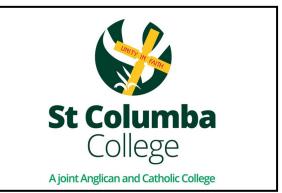
The School of Languages is a government school that offers 23 languages after hours in more than 25 different locations around the broader metropolitan area. An information pack for R-7 students is available from the front office after hours. Timetable and enrolment forms are available at: www.schooloflanguages.sa.edu.au

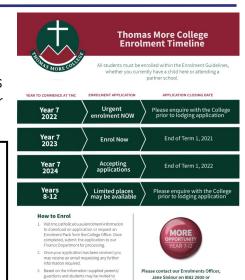
Have you thought about high school options?

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

November

Epilepsy Awareness Month

15 November

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

17 November

5/6CM & 5/6B Class mass



20 November

Universal Children's Day



21 November

Presentation of Mary



22 November

Feast of Christ the King Last Sunday in the Liturgical Calendar



24 November

R/1J & R/1C Class Liturgy



29 November

Advent Begins



No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.

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.



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.

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

