

St Thomas More School

Newsletter

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Miss Boraso Mr Chevalier Mrs Samarzia Miss Morrison









SCHOOL COMMUNITY







Your life is your story,
and the adventure
ahead of you
is the journey to
fulfil your own
purpose
and potential.

























Dear Parents and Friends of the St Thomas More School, Elizabeth Park community,

COVID-19

Thank you to all community members who are working hard not to become complacent during COVID-19. I have observed social distancing amongst most adults present at our school. This continues to be of paramount importance. We can easily forget and return to our previous way of greeting each other but, as we have seen, things can quickly change. It is important to remember that if you or your children are not feeling well, it is best to not come to school, see a doctor and get tested if required to. If you are being tested and awaiting results, we ask your family to self-isolate until you have the outcome of those results.

FAREWELL

It is with sadness I thank all staff leaving St Thomas More School for their dedication and commitment to our children and community and wish them well in their future endeavours. We thank and farewell **Miss Molly Jefferys**. Molly has been a member of the St Thomas More School community over the 2 years as our Year 4 teacher and Reception/Year 1 teacher. **Miss Sarah Boraso** has also been at St Thomas More for the past 2 years as Year 5/6 teacher. Both Molly and Sarah have won a **permanent** teaching position - Molly at Xavier College (Two Wells campus) and Sarah at St Columba College. On behalf of the St Thomas More School community, I would like to extend our congratulations and gratitude to Molly and Sarah. The passion, dedication and talents of these wonderful teachers have enriched the staff, students and families at St Thomas More. We wish them and their family ever blessing as they begin their 'new' journey.

In other staffing news, Mr Fabian Chevalier and Mrs Megan Pollard will share their gifts and talents with St Thomas More School 2 days a week and with Catherine McAuley School, Craigmore 3 days a week, in their positions of Physical Education and Creative Arts Coordinators. Congratulations, Mrs Rosanna Samarzia who has been appointed Acting APRIM for Term 1, 2021 at St Francis Xavier School, Wynn Vale. Rosanna will return to St Thomas More School at the beginning of Term 2 in the role of Italian teacher.

We farewell and give thanks for our Year 6 students. We ask that you remember the graduating students in your prayers and we ask God to bless them as they take the light of Christ to others on their life journey. I would like to thank them for their enthusiastic and commitment to Servant Leadership. Their leadership to make a difference within the school and with students is inspiring. May they always remember this school community and keep St Thomas More School, their experiences here and the friendships that they have made, in their minds and hearts.

To all children and parents leaving St Thomas More School to go to new schools, thank you for your contribution to our school and community. Without family support, so much of what we are able to offer students, would be diminished or not happen at all.

Every teacher, staff member, child and family who comes into contact with our school, leaves a 'footprint' - albeit some bigger than others - on the lives of members of our community and the school itself. Similarly your contact with this community will have touched your lives in some way. I hope that you have enjoyed the time that you have spent at St Thomas More, that you have made lasting friendships and found this to be a welcoming and vibrant Christian Community.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

RAISING **HEARTS** AND MINDS

Congratulations to all students who participated in the 2020 Premier's Reading Challenge. It was very pleasing to see so many students involved and



reading so many books. Certificates and medallions were handed out by the class teacher. Thank you to all teachers for encouraging students to participate and a big thank you to Ms. Swann for her coordination of this challenge.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Teachers have been working very hard 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 on Monday 7 December (Week 9).

CLASSES 2021

Much consideration has been given to class structures for next year. After consultation with staff, we have decided on the following structure. St Thomas More School will begin the year with 10 classes.

Rec	Rec/Yr. 1	Yr. 1/2	Yr. 2/3	Yr. 3/4	Yr. 5/6
Rec		Yr. 1/2		Yr. 3/4	Yr. 5/6

We believe this structure best meets the educational and social needs of our students. The flexibility and learning opportunities provided will be positive for our school.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF TEACHERS TO EACH YEAR LEVEL WILL BE MADE IN THE LAST WEEK OF THIS TERM. Students in Reception (Term 3) to Yr. 5 will spend between 10.15am to 11.00am on Monday 7 December in their 2021 class.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Monday 7 December at 6.00 pm in Jubilee Hall Year 6 students, their families and staff will be attending the Year 6 Graduation Liturgy.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please make arrangements to ensure your child is wearing correct (summer) uniform in Term 1, 2021.

Wearing the school uniform reflects our identity not only at school but also within the wider community. When students are out attending excursions, positive comments are often received regarding our students and they identify the school through the school uniform. The wearing of the uniform not only reflects who we are but it eliminates any competition and fashion wear as well as any arguments at the beginning of the day regarding what to wear to school. At times, school uniform items are not worn correctly, especially in regard to items such as shoes, socks and hair styles. If students are not wearing the correct uniform, a uniform note will be sent home from the class teacher identifying the uniform area to be addressed. I have included the School Uniform Code to refer to ensure correct uniform is worn.

All St Thomas More's students are required and expected to wear the correct uniform.

SCHOOL UNIFORM CODE

GIRLS & BOYS: UNIFORM

Navy blue Unisex shorts with school emblem

School blue Unisex polo shirt with emblem

School Sport Socks (with school coloured stripes) or White socks (no brand names, symbols or stripes)

LEADERSHIP TEAM

School short zip or long zip track top with emblem

School navy blue track pants with gold piping

School Unisex rugby top with school emblem

Appropriate footwear (black or mainly white sneakers) with appropriate coloured shoelaces **NOTE: Year 6's may wear the commemorative senior polo shirt.**

HATS

Must be worn for all outdoor activities including play during Terms 1 and 4, may be worn but are not compulsory during Terms 2 and 3 for all outdoor lessons, recess and lunch.

Must be worn ALL year when attending excursions/all day events outside (i.e. Sports Day) refer to Cancer Council Guidelines).

HAIR STYLES

Hair colour and streaking is limited to 2-3 shades lighter or darker than a child's own natural hair colour and must be kept in a clean, neat and tidy manner. All hair longer than top of collar length must be tied back (i.e. pony tail).

HAIR ACCESSORIES

Headbands: Pale Blue or Navy Blue

Scrunchies: Tartan, Pale Blue or Navy Blue

Ribbons: Pale Blue or Navy Blue Clips/Clasps: Blue, Brown or Black only

Hair Ties: Pale Blue, Navy or natural hair colour

OTHER OPTIONS

Earrings: Small studs may be worn (birthstone, gold or silver) - limited to ONE per ear

Scarf, Gloves

and Beanie: Navy and/or Pale Blue

A thin gold or silver chain with a religious symbol may be worn **under clothing**, **at the child's own risk**. Watches and Medic Alert identification may be worn.

NOT PERMITTED

Unusual cuts/styles, i.e. rats tails, shaved heads, patterned cuts, colour patterns

Cuts less than a 'No. 2'

Use of coloured gel or hairspray

Fashion Accessories (including Bangles, bracelets, rings)

Make-up of any kind (including nail polish)

Any body piercing jewellery (including clear studs) other than approved earrings

Acrylic nails

An additional outer garment for extra warmth that is not plain navy blue

PLEASE ENSURE YOU CLEARLY LABEL EACH ARTICLE OF THE SCHOOL UNIFORM WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME

I also ask you to check items of the School uniform for names regularly to ensure your child has their own items - especially hats. If you find your child has accidently 'picked up' another child's item of the uniform please return it to the front office and the item will be returned to the correct owner.

UNIFORM PURCHASE 2021

All uniform orders and payments are to be made through the **QKR app**, ready for collection on Wednesday 20 January 2021 between 10am to 2pm. If you require a fitting we will have appointment's for fittings on Tuesday 19 January 2021 between 10am and 2pm. Please contact the office to make an appointment only if needed.

Place your uniform order via the QKR app no later than 4pm Tuesday 19 January 2021.

All uniforms will be ready for collection from the main Reception Office during the allocated times only. If unable to be collected during these times, they will be delivered to your child's classroom on the first day of term 1.

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.

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

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

Term 1 2021 begins for Reception to Year 6 students on WEDNESDAY 27 January at 8:50am

Working in Partnership, The Leadership team



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wreaths, cookie decorating and Join us for a day of Christmas Christmas decorations, pasta craft activities, including Workshop Santa's Tuesday 15` towels because we are about to better way to celebrate the end get wet n wild! Slide down the wet water slide, play water tag Bring your bathers, rashies & and eat snow cones. What of the school year? SAMMer Monday 14` Party















Tuesday 5th

Wednesday 6th

Bonanza Builder's

Messy Day

Do you like to build and get your hands dirty? Today is the day for

Welcome to a brand-new year

Celebration!

New Year's

Monday 4th

messy. Today is all about exploring with our five senses (sight, hearing,

touch, smell and taste).

today because we plan on getting Make sure you wear old clothes



Come dressed up in your favour-

ite party clothes.

dances from different decades.

guests will teach us popular

at OSHC! Today our special





Wonderland Christmas

Mega Courts

Festive Feast

Christmas is almost here. I can hear the bells! GET dressed up and have watch Christmas movies, bake some Christmas FUN! We will

soccer, and cricket and enjoy bounc-

ing around in the mega inflatable

today. Challenge your friends today We are travelling to Mega Courts

in various sports including netball,

Plus participate in the secret San-

ta gift exchange.

us for our annual Christmas feast. Wear your finest outfit and join



Thursday 7th

Friday 8th

Kids In The Kitchen

Let's get in the kitchen and create farewell lunches for those that are eaving us, along with special treats for all to share.



OSHC Fair

Roll up, Roll up!

friends. Make sure to participate Participate in a variety of craft activities and set up a stall to swap your items with your in carnival games and



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Monday 11 th	Tuesday 12 th	Wednesday 13 th	y 13 th	Thursday 14 th	ay 14 th	Friday 15 th
Mad About	Book	OSHC Water	later	Wheels Day		Beauty Day
Me know you love the arts and crafts so we've planned a whole day full of it! Let's put our art smocks on and get busy.	Characters Come dressed up as your favourite book character today. We will participate in a costume parade and give out prizes for best dressed and more. Be creative!	S Games avour- le will ter crazy as we verse each other in water games and activities. est tive!	nd let's get wa- e each other in d activities.	Race your friends at go-karting today in an inflatable racing track with karts! Also participate in the box car construction challenge.		Treat yourself with face scrubs, hair styling, make overs and more. Just sit back, relax and enjoy yourself at the OSHC beauty spa.
Monday 18 th	Tuesday 19 th	Wednesday 20 th	Thursday 21 st	, 21 st	Friday 22 nd	Monday 25 th
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Slamber Party		Day	Science	00	Australia	

guest at the service to teach Today we are celebrating everything Australian. Plus Australia we have a special parent us about Indigenous dot paintings and stories. and explode! Exploring science Let's make things bubble, fizz

has never been more fun.

in our OSHC group talent chal-Show us what you're made of

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em cars, bumper boats, mini Enjoy the waterslides, dodgyour bathers and your hats! Beachouse today so pack We are travelling to The

*You are welcome to bring

on the big screen.

a pillow/no singlets

allowed

own teddy to watch movies

mas to OSHC and make your Wear your summer pyjagolf course and more.

It's that time of year again. Welcome the 2021 school year by creating your own back to school crafts!

SCHOOL COMMUNITY





COME AND TR

Come and see what Little Athletics is all about!

Playford Little Athletics Centre teaches children fundamental movements of all sports; running, jumping, throwing and walking.

Each week we run one training session and one meet where our athletes are able to work with accredited coaches and develop skills in a wide range of athletics disciplines.

No matter what your skill level or abilities may be, we welcome all children to come and have a go! Little Athletics is all about family, fun & fitness and making sure you can be your best!



CENTRE DETAILS

Location: Duncan Anderson Reserve, Trimmer Road, Elizabeth Vale.

Training: Tuesdays 5pm - 7pm, Tiny tots 5pm - 5:45pm Meets: Fridays 6pm - 9pm, Tiny tots 6pm - 7pm

Ages: 3 - 16 years of age

Fees: 1 Child - \$135, 2 Children \$260, 3 Children \$360, 4 or more Children \$425

Little Athletics SA accepts the \$100 Sports Vouchers as part of the registration process.



- * This registration provides you access to our 10 month program, which includes both Summer and Winter Little Athletics season. For more information visit our website
- playfordathletics.tidvhq.com
- 0423 371 838
- playfordlac@gmail.com
- www.facebook.com/Playford-Athletics-Centre-Club-104904110861905/



WHAT EVENTS CAN I DO?

Depending on your age group Little Athletics offers: Sprints, Middle and Long Distances. Hurdles, Relays, Walks, Shot Put, Discus, Javelin, High Jump, Triple Jump and Cross Country.

HOW DO I JOIN?

Simply visit the Little Athletics SA website: salaa.org.au and select the season registration button and follow the prompts to complete the online registration.

Registrations are open from September - July



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.







Years 8-12 Limited places may be available Please enquire with the Colleg prior to lodging application How to Enrol

Year 7



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Week 5 Newsletter answers: Leftovers, catch up, over night bag, what's up?, high hopes, everything on it, merry-go-round, one for the money two for the show.





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.





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

29 November

Advent Begins



3 December

International Day of Persons with Disabilities

7 December

End of school year - year 6 students @ 1:30pm Year 6 Graduation Liturgy - 6:00pm

9 December

End of school year - reception to year 5 students @ 2:30pm

10 December

Human Rights Day

15 December

Chocolate and Coffee Day for Religious Harmony

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.

It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope.

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