



St Thomas More School NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 5 Thursday 30 May Website: www.sttmore.catholic.edu.au Email: info@sttmore.catholic.edu.au

Upcoming Events

**Monday 3 to
Sunday 9 June**
Catholic Education
Week

Tuesday 4 June
Principal Tour 10am

Wednesday 5 June
World Environment day
5/6CB Mass Jubilee Hall

Thursday 6 June
Assembly—Jubilee Hall
1/2C to lead 10.15am
(Mr O'Leary Farewell)

Friday 7 June
PUPIL FREE DAY
Monday 10 June
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

**Tuesday 11 to Friday 14
June**
R—4 Swimming Week

Tuesday 11 June
Catholic Schools Athletic
Carnival

Wednesday 12 June
3/4G Mass Jubilee Hall
10.15am

**St Thomas More School
Principal**
Mr Chris Platten
Acting Deputy Principal
Mrs Sonia Kilmister
Acting APRIM
Ms Leah Williams

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St Thomas More School recognises and acknowledges that we are living on traditional Aboriginal lands and we offer our respect and appreciation to all Aboriginal people.

YEAR 2 MANNELLA/ D'OCCHIO

MARY

During the month of May, Year 2 MD have been learning about Mary, the Mother of Jesus, who is also our Mother in Heaven.

In R.E lessons we read stories about Mary's life and looked at images of Mary from different countries. Our class also learned to say Mary's special prayer the "Hail Mary".

In Art lessons we have been learning to draw portraits and all the students drew these amazing portraits of Mary. We have many budding artists in our class as you can see from these photos.

Finally, on Wednesday 22 May, we celebrated our very special "Mary and Mothers" Liturgy with the students from 1/2 Crossley, R/1 Stanley and R/1 Carter.



I was like Mary when I let Achok play with me and Heidi and Indi-Lee. (Nakida)



I say "yes" to God and am like Mary when I am being nice and good. (Cing)



I cleaned my room and my mum's bedroom. She was so happy. I wanted to make my mum happy and I love my mum. I was acting like Mary. (Prasamsa)

I was like Mary when I made my own bed and got dressed without my mum telling me. (Kye)

Principal's Report

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

REMINDER: PUPIL FREE DAY FRIDAY 7 JUNE (OSHC AVAILABLE)

Parent Teacher Interview

Parent \ Teacher interviews took place last week. Parent \ Teacher Interviews are to inform you of your child's progress, their successes and the challenges that lay ahead for the coming academic year. I thank you for taking this opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss personally how your child is going, where they are at and how they can be supported to achieve successful outcomes. If you were unable to attend during the week, I strongly encourage you to organise another appointment time with your child's teacher.

The following pointers from www.education.com provide some useful tips for parents to assist in their child's educational potential:

How Should I Help My Child with Homework?

- Show that you think education and homework are important. If your child knows that you care about what is happening at school, he or she will have a good reason to complete work on time.
- Set a regular time for homework. The best schedule for homework is what works best for your child and your family. Your child's outside activities, such as sports or music lessons may mean that you need a flexible homework schedule.
- Provide an area for your child to do homework. Make sure the area is well-lit and has minimal distractions.
- Ensure that there are no distractions. Discourage your child from making and receiving social telephone calls during homework time. Turn off the television if it is keeping your child from doing his or her homework.
- Provide supplies and identify resources. Have pencils, pens, erasers, writing paper, a dictionary, or other supplies that may be helpful available.
- Help your child use everyday routines to support the skills he or she is learning. Teach your child to play word and math games. As a family you may work upon the maths challenge in the school newsletter. Help your child look up information about something in which he or she is interested.
- Look over completed work before they are handed in. Discuss with your child the learning that they experienced in completing the work.
- Talk about school and learning activities in family conversations. Ask your child what was discussed in class that day.
- Show your child that the skills he or she is learning are an important part of the things adults do. Let your child see you reading, writing, or using math. Talk to your child about what you do at work.
- Attend school activities. If you can, volunteer to help in your child's classroom or at special events.

Mercy Cup

Congratulations to McAuley Team on winning the Mercy Cup for the most 'Mercy Values' obtained during the first 3 weeks of Term 2. Lots of our Mercy Values of Respect, Hospitality, Compassion, Service, Justice and Courage have been shown over the first three weeks of term - well done everyone keep it up.



Sports Day

Friday 24 May, children participated in the annual Sports Day. There was a lot of excitement in the lead up to the day and on the day. We were certainly blessed with the weather. Students participated with a positive spirit and displayed enthusiasm and energy as well as trying their best. It was pleasing to see students in their House teams with names, team coloured clothing, and we have received positive feedback about the day. The day was a positive community event. Thank you to staff, students and families who attended and made it such a great atmosphere. Special thanks to Mr Fabian Chevalier and the Sports Day committee for their organisation and leadership and to staff, Thomas More College students and volunteers for assisting throughout the day. The sausage sizzle was a great success, a big thank you to Hugh Cosgrove, Joe Swiderski and David Kennedy for cooking the sausages and parents that helped with serving.

Congratulations to MacKillop (Blue) House on winning the Vin Davies Shield and McAuley (Yellow) House on winning the Spirit Cup.



See PE report on page 7 for other winners!

Enrolments

2019 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, 2019**, please complete and lodge an enrolment form at the Front Office.

2020 RECEPTION ENROLMENTS

Places are available. If you have or if you know of anyone who has a child **turning 5 before May 1, 2020**, please complete and lodge an enrolment form at the Front Office.

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Working in Partnership,
Chris Platten

Dear Parents an Caregivers

National Sorry Day 26 May

National Sorry Day and National Reconciliation Week commemorate significant historical events in Australia. The history behind National Sorry Day is that on 26th May 1997, the 'Bringing Them Home' report was tabled in Federal Parliament, two years after a national inquiry into the forced removal of Indigenous children was ordered. This day is now commemorated as a time to remember, acknowledge and pay tribute to the members of the Stolen Generations.

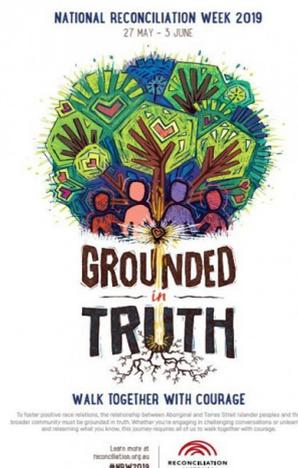
National Reconciliation Week: 27 May to 3 June

National Reconciliation Week begins and ends with two historical events. On 27th May 1967, Australians approved a referendum which enabled the Commonwealth government to legislate in Indigenous affairs and granted Indigenous Australians the right to be included in the Census.

"This was the very first time Indigenous people were counted, not just as Australians, but as humans. This was a huge step forward in the view and treatment of Indigenous people in Australia, and it gave us back, however small, a recognition of our humanity," Emma Gavin, Lecturer in Indigenous Studies, Swinburne University.

National Reconciliation Week ends on 3rd June, which commemorates the historic High Court judgement in the Mabo case, recognising native title in Australia. Ms Gavin explains that National Reconciliation Week is about coming together, acknowledging and remembering the past and making efforts to engage in reconciliation going forward.

Senior Lecturer in Indigenous Studies at Swinburne University, Dr Andrew Peters says it's important to be aware of the mistreatment of Indigenous Australians while we also look at National Reconciliation Week as a time to discuss what can be done to move forward. The theme of this year's National Reconciliation Week is 'Grounded in Truth: Walk Together with Courage' and is one for all Australians to participate in and reflect on.



Farewell Assembly

You are invited to a Farewell Assembly for Shaun O'Leary which will be held next **Thursday 6th June, at 10.15am in Jubilee Hall**. Shaun began his role of Deputy Principal at St Thomas More School in January, 2014 and worked hard to form positive relationships with all children, staff, parents and families in our community. We miss his kind and friendly presence here at St Thomas More School and the assembly will be a great opportunity to thank Shaun for all his contributions whilst here and to wish him all the very best in his new role as Principal at St Joseph's School, Ottoway. Lisa Crossley's Year 1/2 class will be hosting the assembly and there will be some lovely messages to Shaun from staff and students. If you wish to make a contribution, via a message or short note, please see a member of the Leadership Team.



Sports Day

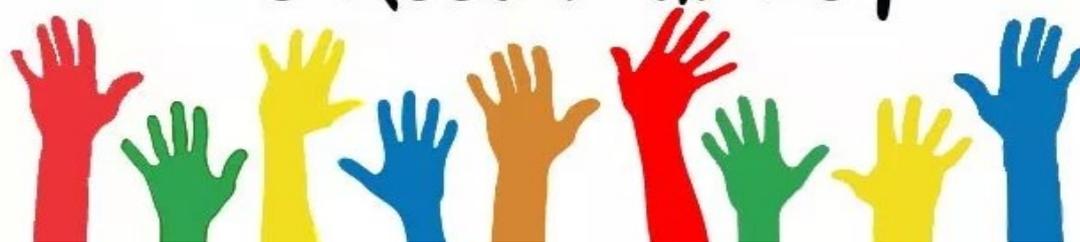
Last Friday, we were very lucky with the weather for Sports Day and it was a great success, due to the organisation of Fabian Chevalier and the support of the all teachers and co-educators. The students were behaved beautifully with lots of great team spirit on display. Well done to all the sports teams, MacKillop, McAuley, Barry and Coolock for all your efforts on this great day.

Working in Partnership
Sonia Kilmister
Acting Deputy Principal

Dear Families

During Week 6, we will celebrate Catholic Education Week. As we did last year, we would like to help St Vincent De Paul's

We Need Your Help



Winter Appeal and Fred's Kitchen in Elizabeth by knitting/crocheting squares to make blankets and also by making soup.

This is to express and learn further about our Mercy Values and in particular, Justice and Service.

There are a few ways we would love for you to help!

Can you **donate your time** by helping with knitting/crocheting? Can you **donate needles or wool** for our squares? Can you **knit or crochet 20cm by 20cm** squares to put together for blankets? Please contact Leah Williams by dropping into the office Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday or by phone 8255 1699 or via email lwilliams@sttmore.catholic.edu.au.

Can you **donate small items** for our soup? Like a carrot, a potato, any other vegetable, tin of tomatoes, pasta, stock? Could these items please be sent with your child to school on Monday Week 6, 3 June 2019.

Thank you for your support!

May you always feel God's love and presence in your life,

Leah Williams

Acting APRIM



Congratulations



Bailey Thompson has been selected to represent our school in the Playford District SAPSASA team, at the Australian Rules Championships. This will be held at West Beach during Week 8 from the 17 to 20 June. Bailey was selected from over 50 children in the Playford area.



Congratulations Bailey and we wish you all the best representing our school!!

Sports Report

Last Friday students, staff and many parents celebrated Sports Day at St Thomas More. It was great to see students demonstrating their agility, coordination, speed and strength to the best of their ability throughout sports day. To see everyone having so much fun and striving to gain points for their team was a highlight.

Thank you to all the teachers, administration staff and parents for their help and support throughout Sports Day. I would also like to thank the many parents for coming along and supporting their children. They really appreciated your encouragement and enthusiasm.

I would like to especially thank Mrs Jenkins for organising each team's song and movement. It was a great effort by all teams. Thank you to all the Sports Captains for their help and support in preparing Sports day.

Congratulations to the **MacKillop** team on winning the Vin Davies and **McAuley** on winning the Spirit Cup.

Well done to Raziq Zazai, Charli Moran, Zack Baxter-Haughey, Adinda Fremlin, Elaha Noori and Cruz Ramsell on winning the championship running events.

Congratulations to the parents on comprehensively defeating the staff in the Staff v Parent Tug-of-war.

Excellent Effort Everyone!

Sports Co-ordinator

Fabian Chevalier





Centacare

Circle of Security Parenting

This course is for families experiencing separation

Do you want to have more understanding about your child's behaviour?

Come along and learn how to:

- Help your child organize their feelings
- Enjoy a more fulfilling relationship with your child
- Help them to feel secure, both now and into the future



Venue:

Centacare
Level 2, 45 Wakefield Street
Adelaide, SA 5000

Time: 10:00am – 11:30am

Please note – Crèche facilities are not available so children and babies cannot be present.

Dates:

Tuesday 15 October 2019
Tuesday 22 October 2019
Tuesday 29 October 2019
Tuesday 12 November 2019
Tuesday 19 November 2019
Tuesday 26 November 2019
Tuesday 03 December 2019
Tuesday 10 December 2019
Attendance in all 8 weeks are required for completion

Participant Feedback

“Thank you for your time, I have learnt quite a bit and am grateful for this course.”

“Surprised how helpful the information was.”

“This course helped me to open my eyes to things I use to do to now.”

Bookings essential. Please contact Centacare on 8215 6700 or email your details to: registrations@centacare.org.au

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