



St Thomas More School NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 7 Thursday 13 June Website: www.sttmore.catholic.edu.au Email: info@sttmore.catholic.edu.au

Upcoming Events

Friday 14 June
SAPSASA District Winter carnival

Saturday 15 June
Sacramental Program -
Celebration of Reconciliation

Monday 17 June
School Board Meeting 6pm

Wednesday 19 June
New Reception Transition Visit
9 - 10am

Friday 21 June
St Thomas More Feast Day Celebration

St Thomas More Feast Day Mass hosted by 4J Mass 10.15am
Jubilee Hall

Wednesday 25 June
New Reception Transition Visit
9 - 11.30am

St Thomas More School

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Mr Chris Platten
Acting Deputy Principal
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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 R/1S

On Wednesday, 29th May the R-2 classes went on a Nature Play excursion to Ridge Park in Myrtle Bank. We chose this excursion as our students are currently in the process of designing a nature play area for our own school. Activities on the day included loose parts play, bush cubby building, water play, potion making, mud play, nature craft and tree climbing. We had so much fun!



I liked the mud and building things. It was fun on the playground after lunch - Zavia.

I liked the mud and making the potions. I made a mud cake - Rhyler



I liked going in the mud and making my potion - Molly.



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I played with the clay and I made mud. I played tug of war and played on the type swing and had fun. Bros I put the mud and when I came back too scary and I was very tired.

Great work Mrs O.
 Fantastic work Dominic & Allison
 AWESOME!
 What a fun day! ☆
 Great effort with your writing! ☆



31-5-19 Nature Play Excursion

I played with the rope. Played with the rope.

It was cold. + was cold.

My nanna went with me.
 My nanna went with me.

That sounds like a fun day!

Allison, Aaliyah and Dominic worked hard to write about their day at Ridge Park.

31-5-19

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I played with the clay.

I went in the mud.

I wet in the big tent when it was raining. it was raining.

Made something. MAB Spire

Principal's Report

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

Mid Year Reports

During week 10 of this term you will receive your child/ren's Mid-Year Report. These will be given to your child in a sealed envelope. We do this to protect your child's privacy and so that you (the parent/s) will be the first to read the report and discuss it with your child. These reports are a descriptive summary of your child's progress for this year and should also point out to you and your child, the specific areas needed for ongoing learning improvement. If there is anything in the report that comes as a surprise to you or your child, or you do not understand some of the comments made, then please make an appointment to see your child's teacher. It is essential to your child's ongoing learning that both you and your child know of the achievements that they have made and what they need to do to continue this progress. Appointments can be made directly with the class teacher or by phoning the school office, either this term or at the beginning of next term.

What teachers want you to know

Don't be a stranger

Talk to your child's teacher when you feel the need. Parent-Teacher conferences shouldn't be the only time you connect. Take a moment to introduce yourself to your child's teacher and find out the best way to make contact.

Learning doesn't stop at 3.00 pm

You can help the teacher do a better job by encouraging your children to show you something they are working on at school. Every time your children get a chance to show off what they know, it builds confidence.

Let your child make mistakes

Teachers don't want perfect students; they want students who work hard to be the best they can be. Sometimes parents think every piece of work has to be done exactly right, and they can put too much pressure on their children. But it's OK for children to get some problems wrong – as long as they are working and trying as hard as they possibly can. It's important for teachers to see what students don't know, so they can go over material again if necessary. Is your child struggling with a particular piece of work? Encourage them to take charge by asking you or the teacher for help. Some projects/ assignments are often clearly not the work of a child. What matters isn't the final result; it's letting a child have ownership of the project/assignment and learn along the way.

Stay involved

Give support and be your child's cheerleader no matter how well (or poorly) they did in a certain subject. Just knowing their parent is paying attention can be very motivating for a student.

Teachers are on your side-give them the benefit of the doubt

Some parents go into attack mode when their child complains about a teacher or they take a problem to the principal, so the teacher feels blindsided. This is where a good relationship helps, as a phone call, a quick message or conversation can usually sort things out before it all escalates.

Keep your child organised

Most teachers have to spend far too much time tracking down forms sent home for a parent's signature. It's a good idea to have your children empty their school bag every day as part of a regular after-school routine. Set up a special place, such as a box in the kitchen, where they can put the days papers, or a brightly coloured folder for signed papers.

If the teacher deserves a good grade, give one

Teaching isn't easy so its incredibly uplifting when someone takes the time to say thank you. Why not email/write a note when your child enjoys an event? And if you feel the teacher is doing a good job, let them know. Volunteering is another way to demonstrate your support.

(Acknowledgement: "what teachers wish you knew. Parents pull up a chair: here's how to help kids do their very best at school" by Lisa Collier Cool)

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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Places are available. If you have or if you know of anyone who has a child **turning 5 before October 31, 2020**, please complete and lodge an enrolment form at the Front Office.

End of Term arrangements

End of Term arrangements are:

- **Term 2 finishes on Friday 5 July at 3.00 pm**
- **Term 3 commences on Monday 22 July at 8.50 am**

Working in Partnership,

Chris Platten

Dear Parents an Caregivers

Engaging Children at school

Teachers have a complex and specialised role, which calls for the development of positive relationships with all children in their classes along with many hours of educational planning and programming each week to ensure all children are catered for within their classrooms. This week, while visiting classrooms, I could see the results of all this hard work, as I watched students thoroughly engaging in their learning tasks. In the Year 5/6 classes, I observed the students busily constructing 3D shapes from different materials and using computer technology to check the names of the various shapes they were making. The Year 1 and 2 students were busy learning how to spell and sound out more complex words in a fun way, using many different strategies to apply their knowledge of letters and sounds. The Year 3/4s were busy researching famous Aboriginal people and recording the reasons why these people are so significant. The second part of their task was to design, create and publish booklets all about their chosen indigenous person. It was interesting chatting to the R/1 students as they demonstrated their curiosity and enthusiasm, whilst constructing different items during their Walker Learning Investigation times and it is very clear that they absolutely love participating in this part of the day.

Farewell Assembly for Shaun O'Leary

Last Thursday we said an official goodbye to Mr Shaun O'Leary in the Jubilee Hall. Thank you to all the parents who attended and thank you to the teachers who organised class items at the assembly for Mr O'Leary. We wish Mr O'Leary well as he leads St Joseph's School at Ottoway as their new Principal.



Pupil Free Day

Last Friday, our whole staff participated in a day of professional learning. Throughout this day we learned about how our school's literacy focus is shaping the learning of our students in R-2, with the Phonological Awareness activities designed to give students mastery over their spelling and writing, which also positively impacts their reading skills. Thank you to Ashlee Stanley, Lisa Crossley (Participants in Literacy Network Project) and Jess Jenkins (EAL Support Teacher) who presented information on Phonological Awareness and Functional Grammar. I look forward to the excellent direction our school is taking with this focus on literacy.

Working in Partnership

Sonia Kilmister
Acting Deputy Principal

St Thomas More Feast Day – We Remember Him.



St Thomas More is the patron of our school and Parish and the Spirit of Mercy lives within us. On Friday 21st June we remember St Thomas More for his loyalty to God and his fondness of laughter.

We celebrate the memory of Saint Thomas More who died for his faith witnessing to Christ. We pray for strength to follow his example, being loyal and faithful to the end. As a Mercy School, we follow our lead and focus on acting in accordance with our Mercy Values.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me.

And anyone who welcomes me also welcomes the one who sent me.

“Anyone who welcomes a prophet, just because that person is a prophet, will be given the same reward as a prophet.

Anyone who welcomes a good person, just because the person is good will be given the same reward as a good person.

“And anyone who gives one of my most humble followers a cup of cool water, just because that person is my follower, will surely be rewarded.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Please join us in celebrating our Feast Day Mass at 10:15am on Friday 21st June 2019 in the Jubilee Hall.

We wish to thank all the community for their support in our soup making for St Vincent DePaul, Fred’s Van at Elizabeth. The children had a wonderful time making it and it was delivered last week in time for their opening. Thank you again, for all your donations!!

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

Leah Williams

APRIM



Catholic Schools Athletics Carnival

Riley Kirkbright - Individual Age Champion Award

On Tuesday 11th June St Thomas More participated in the Catholic Schools Athletics Carnival at Santos Stadium. Thirty-Three year 3-6 students represented our school extremely well and gave their best against challenging opposition. We are currently competing in section two against much larger schools. Congratulations to the boys and girls teams who finished seventh and eighth respectively.

Congratulations to **Riley Kirkbright** on winning an individual age champion award. Riley gained two 1st placings and a 2nd placing. Riley was announced the best athlete in his section. Super effort Riley!!

Throughout the day there were many outstanding individual performances and the students should feel proud of their efforts. Congratulations to Bailey Thompson (Shot Put), Charlie-Anne Daniele (100m & 200m) along with Riley on their 1st placings. Many other students should be impressed with their efforts in gaining place ribbons.

Thank you to all of the students for their efforts throughout the day and for the way they represented the school displaying great sportspersonship. I would also like to thank Jess Jenkins, Lesley Swann, Lisa Timmermans, Jessica Cooper and Tamika Campbell for their help and support during the day.

Fantastic effort team!

Mr Chevalier

P.E. Co-ordinator.




OLSH
OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART COLLEGE

COLLEGE TOURS

Tuesday 25 June & 30 July
9:30am & 5:30pm

To register, visit: olsh.catholic.edu.au
or phone 8269 8800 to request a tour

**NOW FINALISING
2020 ENROLMENTS**

A Girls Secondary Catholic College from Year 7 - 12
496 Regency Road, Enfield SA 5085
Phone: 8269 8800 Web: olsh.catholic.edu.au

For All Girls



9am - 12pm

Monday 8th July & 15th July
Wednesday 10th July & 17th July

Get MOVING Learn New SKILLS Have FUN Make FRIENDS

School Holiday Clinics

Register online

SPORTS VOUCHERS

tennis gear **PlayfordTennis**
playfordtennis.com.au

STM OSHC VACATION CARE

Week 1: Monday 8th – Friday 12th July

Week 2: Monday 15th – Friday 19th July

Phone: 8255 1626

Mobile: 0409 551 699

PYJAMA PARTY

Monday 8th

Wear your warmest pyjamas and bring your cosiest pillow and your softest little buddy to PJ day at OSHC!

- Movies on the big screen
- Hot chocolates and popcorn
- Pizza for lunch!



CAMPING FUN

Tuesday 9th

Work in teams to put together your own tents and participate in tasks, activities, challenges and crafts.

- Cooking
- Group games
- Camping crafts



X-MAS IN JULY

Wednesday 10th

Let's turn OSHC into a winter wonderland and celebrate everything Christmas!

- Christmas cooking
- Christmas concert
- Snowflake crystals



ALL ABOUT SPACE

Thursday 11th

Skywatch are visiting us today and bringing their enclosed 360 degrees mobile planetarium for us to learn about the wonders of the universe!

- Make your own telescope
- Galaxy slime and jars



COOKING DAY

Friday 12th

Back by popular demand! Work in teams to cook up a storm with a variety of ingredients and be crowned the OSHC winners! Do you have a family recipe you would like to cook? Bring it in to share with us.



DRAMA PLAY

Monday 15th

Let's celebrate the arts with roleplaying activities, dance routines, song writing and crafts! Come dressed up as your favourite character or musician or just wear your fanciest outfit for a day of creative fun.



CHALLENGE GALORE

Tuesday 16th

Today is all about skills, strength and knowledge as we participate in a variety of activities and games designed to challenge and test you!

- Food competitions
- Giant OSHC quiz
- Obstacle course relay



ELECTRONICS

Wednesday 17th

Games 2 U are visiting OSHC today!

- Mobile games theatre
- Hamster balls
- Laser tag

*You are welcome to bring personal electronic devices to be used during **programmed** times. Please label all belongings and G rated games only.



WINTER LOCKDOWN

Thursday 18th

What's the best thing to do when its cold and wet outside?

- Getting creative and crafty inside! Take home some amazing masterpieces today.
- Knitting and sewing activities
- Jewellery making
- Pottery
- Board game battles



WHEELS DAY

Friday 19th

Bring your bike, scooter or skateboard to OSHC today and show us how it's done! Challenge your friends to a race or create the coolest bike track around the school.

*Remember to **bring and wear** your helmet today, wheels may not be shared and only to be used during **programmed** times throughout the day.

