



# St Thomas More School NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 1 Thursday 2 May Website: [www.sttmore.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sttmore.catholic.edu.au) Email: [info@sttmore.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@sttmore.catholic.edu.au)

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.

## Upcoming Events

**Friday 3 May**

Welcome Assembly  
Easter Raffle drawn

**Wednesday 8 May**

Whole School Mass  
10.15am Jubilee Hall

**Thursday 9 May**

Catholic School  
Year 4 to 6  
Soccer Carnival

**Friday 10 May**

Australia's Biggest  
Morning tea  
Mother's Day edition!

**Monday 13 May**

Soccer Program  
Reception to Year 3  
3pm to 4pm

**Tuesday 14 May to**

**Thursday 16 May**  
NAPLAN

**SAVE THE DATE**

**SPORTS DAY**

Friday 24 May

St Thomas More School

**Principal**

Mr Chris Platten

**Acting Deputy Principal**

Mrs Sonia Kilmister

**Acting APRIM**

Ms Leah Williams

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**Seth:**

My favourite activity was horse riding. The food was great and it was a fun and funny camp.

## Year 5 and 6 Camp Narnu Farm



**Tyler Ann:**

My favourite part of camp was horse riding because it was different from anything I've ever done before. Another one of my favourite parts was the history trail that was very fun because I like to do that sort of thing.



**Jok:**

Camp was fun and the thing I liked the most was the snakes and the playground. My dorm was fun!



**Shyla:**

When we went to camp it was a 2 and a half hour drive to Narnu Farm. We did lots of activities like horse riding, hand ploughing, separating milk and butter, a blacksmith demonstration, chicken hatchery, feeding farm animals, a trail and we went on a truck ride to feed the horses. My favourite thing was the truck ride and horse riding.

**Tyler:**

I liked camp because the activities were fun and the animals were cool and nice.

**Mason**

At camp I liked horse riding and the animals.



**Adida**

Camp was amazing, I loved horse riding the best but all the other activities were great too. I had so much fun and the food was great. I wanted to stay at camp because I enjoyed it that much.

**John:**

My first favourite activity was horse riding. My second favourite was feeding the animals. My favourite dinner was sausage and chicken schnitzel with potato.

**Emily**

Camp was really fun because it was nice to hang out with all my friends. My favourite part about camp was when we did horse riding. My horse's name was Maestro. I did not fall off my horse at all and that was good.

Another thing about camp that I loved was when we went orienteering. We had a map and we went to different numbered stations. At each station there was a riddle about what was around you. I had so much fun at camp!

## Camp Recount—Marisa D

On Monday of Week 11, Term 1, the 5/6s went on camp and we did lots of activities. Each activity went for an hour and my favourite activity was horse riding. Each horse had a name and my horse's name was Abbie and that was a name to remember because I have a friend called Abigail.

We also did blacksmithing which is how they make horse shoes. Then we did hand ploughing and we walked on the trail and took turns holding the reins on a horse. Then we got to feed baby goats which were really funny and we got to hold guinea pigs and baby chicks. They were very cute. My guinea pig's name was Cherry. She was so cuddly she fell asleep in my arms.



## Principal's Report

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

I hope all families had a Happy Easter and enjoyed the holiday break and managed to spend some quality family time together. We were blessed with some beautiful autumn weather during the break and this provided the opportunity to do outside activities.

### **Catholic Education Week - Monday 3 June to Sunday 9 June 2019**

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#### **What is Catholic Education Week?**

Catholic Education Week is a great opportunity to highlight the wonderful things that are happening in every one of our schools. This year will be the fourth time Catholic Education Week has run across all South Australian Catholic schools and we know that many of you already have celebrations planned. Catholic Education Week in 2019 will have a core focus on school-based celebrations and events within Catholic school communities and networks.

#### **When is Catholic Education Week?**

The date for Catholic Education Week is set annually. Catholic Education Week will be held from June 3 to June 9 2019.

#### **What are the themes of Catholic Education Week 2019?**

The key message for schools in the Archdiocese of Adelaide and the Diocese of Port Pirie is taken from the core of the Living Learning Leading Framework: ***Thriving people, capable learners, leaders for the world God desires.*** In 2019, across the Diocese of Port Pirie, the theme that connects this cluster of schools is Peace and, therefore, the theme is: ***Peace be with you.***

'Peace be with you' is the greeting of the risen Jesus. It is making peace with the past, experiencing peace in the present as the world God desires, and the gift of God giving this peace as the reality of the future. The world God desires is a reality in Jesus Christ. The Jewish word 'Shalom' is often translated as 'peace' or 'may things go well for you'. However, in Jewish tradition, shalom means much more than this, it conveys a time of peace and harmony, where all creation experiences wholeness, completeness, prosperity and tranquillity. While we can never fully know what the world is that God desires, our own experiences of shalom and being at peace with each other and all creation, supported by our reflection on scripture and Catholic Tradition, can give us some insights into what it means for everyone to be thriving people, capable learners and leaders for the world God desires.

Catholic Education Week aims to showcase the wonderful things that are happening in all Catholic schools across Australia. Schools will hold a variety of events throughout the week.

### **NAPLAN 2019— Year 3 and 5**

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In week 3 the national testing will be conducted in all schools. ACARA (Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority) provides the following information for parents about this program: "The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008. On Tuesday 14 May, Wednesday 15 May and Thursday 16 May, students will sit the 2019 NAPLAN tests. NAPLAN assesses skills in Literacy and Numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target effort and support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives." All students are expected to participate in the tests.

NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such is not a test for which students can study or drill. A good discussion to have with your child regarding NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to reinforce to them that they did their best on the day.

## Principal's Report

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child's results to discuss progress with teachers.

### Anzac Day

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Thursday, 25 April was Anzac day.

ANZAC (Australian and New Zealand Army Corps) Day is the anniversary of the landing of troops from Australia and New Zealand on the Gallipoli Peninsula, Turkey, in World War I on April 25, 1915. The bravery of all military personnel who participated in this campaign and the lives of those who died in all military actions are remembered. Anzac Day is a day of memorial for all Australians, who have died fighting for our country, in a host of wars. On Anzac Day we remembered those who made the supreme sacrifice for us in time of war.



### Mother's Day

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Sunday 12 May is Mother's Day - A Happy Mother's Day to all of our Mums, Grandmothers and to the other significant women in our students' lives. We acknowledge that this is a day to truly celebrate the wonderful role the mums in our community play in loving and ensuring the success of our students.

"Blessed be all mothers  
Who have come into our lives  
Whose kindness, care and loving  
Remain with us to guide.  
Your inspiration in us  
Made us strive in every way  
Especially to remember  
Helping others makes our day.  
Mothers, this little tribute  
Flows directly from my heart  
You are so loved and cherished  
Invaluable, one and all, you are."  
Susan Kramer



Happy Mother's Day !

### Uniforms

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A reminder that the changeover from summer to winter uniform finishes at the end of this week, with all children required to wear their CORRECT WINTER UNIFORM including BLACK SCHOOL SHOES at the start of Week 3. It is great to see the students taking pride in wearing their school uniform and we thank you for the support that you as parents provide in ensuring this occurs.

## Deputy Report

Dear Parents and Caregivers

### Year 5/6 Camp

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During the last week of Term 1, I had the pleasure of attending the first day of the Year 5/6 Camp to Narnu Farm at Hindmarsh Island, near Goolwa. It was such a great experience for all the students as they took part in many different activities, such as horse riding, feeding animals, using a horse drawn plough and going on a history trail. The whole time I was there, the students were either engaged and interested in the activities, eating as a community in the dining hall or playing together in a positive manner in the unique play areas. I am sure they would have had many stories to tell you about their exciting adventures! I still remember my experiences from when I was on my primary school camp to this day and I am sure this camp will form a significant memory for our students for years to come.

Thank you to our dedicated Year 5/6 teachers, Mr Chevalier, Mrs Jenkins and Ms Boraso for organising this important excursion.

### Walk safely to school day

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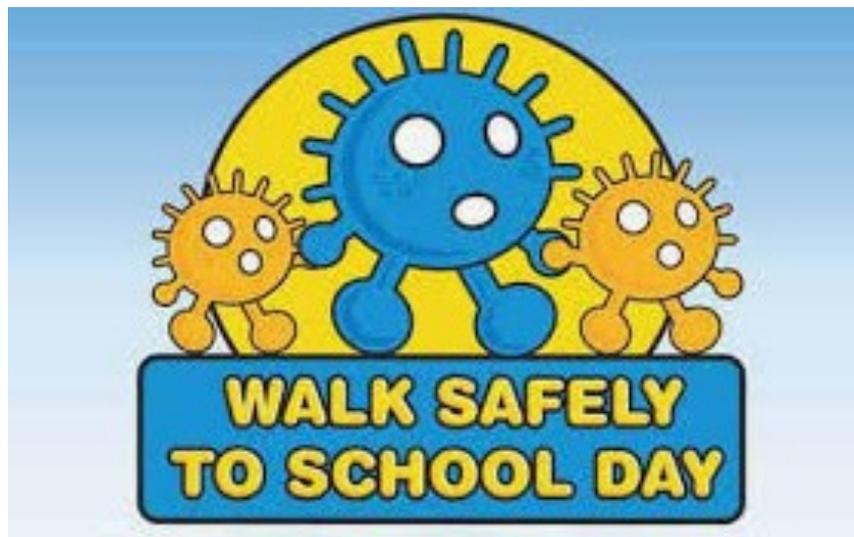
Save the date! Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 is **Walk Safely to School Day**. This is a nationwide annual event and an initiative supported by the Australian, State and Local Governments, which is now in its 20<sup>th</sup> year. The main objectives of this day are to:

- Encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school age children
- Promote the health benefits of walking and create regular walking habits
- Help children develop vital road crossing skills and ensure children up to the age of 10 years hold an adult's hand when crossing the road
- Reduce car dependency and traffic congestion
- Reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles
- Promote the use of public transport

Every teacher will be issued with stickers for children who plan to walk to school on the day. All the best for your trek if you are planning to walk on the day!

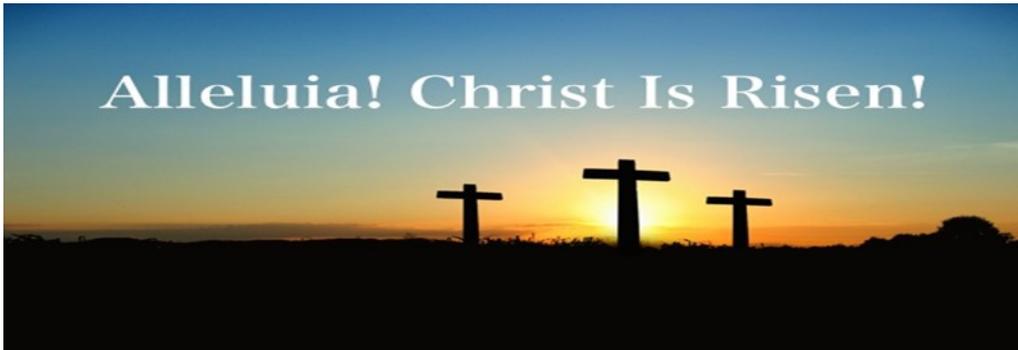
Working in Partnership

Sonia Kilmister  
Acting Deputy Principal



## APRIM Report

Dear Families



What a wonderful surprise for his friends when they see that he is alive. His body is like a new kind of body – full of flight!

And he is no longer tired, sad, or suffering.

He has no more pain.

Yes, he is alive in a new and special way. Jesus will live forever, now, in this new and special way.

*The sun rises and brings us day-light and life.*

*Jesus rises and is the Light of the World.*

*Jesus gives us New Life.*

*We sing for Joy.*



Welcome to Term 2 2019 and what a busy term it will be. We have our first Whole School Mass on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 10.15pm in the Jubilee Hall. All are welcome.

The following events will be this term with further information to follow:

- Catholic Education Week is Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup> 2019. We will be looking for volunteers to assist with cooking and knitting to support Vinnies Van and the Winter Appeal. Please see me if you are interested or have another suggestion for these charities.
- St Thomas More Feast is in on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June and we will be celebrating this day on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June.

Our Sacramental Program in the Elizabeth Parish continues this term with the children celebrating their Reconciliation on the weekend of the 14<sup>th</sup> of June. We extend our thoughts and prayers to our candidates.

We look forward to the term ahead.

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

Leah Williams  
APRIM

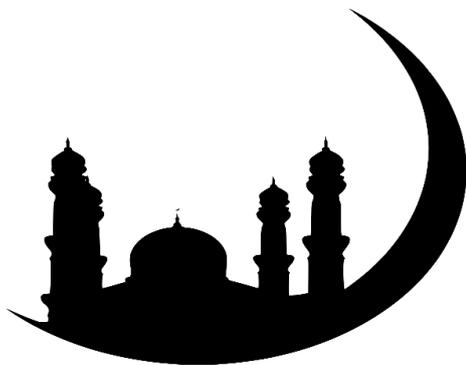
## Why Muslims do Ramadan:

They do it because they want to see how poor people live every day and how they feel. On Ramadan, Muslims give to the poor and help the homeless. Also, for 30 days we don't eat until 6:30 at night. Then after Ramadan we have Eid. On Eid we celebrate the 30 days that we helped the homeless.

A lot of people pray at a Masjid. A Masjid is a place for Muslims where they pray 5 times a day. Muslims have to pray 5 times a day every day because they have a book called the Quran that prophets wrote. That is what Muslims follow, it is the book of Allah. For Muslims, Ramadan is coming up this Monday. Then after it is finished, Muslims will have Eid. During Eid we give each other money and food.

*Raziq Zazai*

*Year 5/6CB Sports Captain*



*For students who partake in Ramadan that would like to pray with us during this time, please meet in room 3 at 1:00pm each day.*

# Election Information

## Federal Election Update - Catholic Education's key election objectives

Catholic schools are a vital part of Australia's education landscape; from humble beginnings almost 200 years ago, Catholic Education is now the nation's largest provider of education outside the government.

The key national issues for Catholic Education at the upcoming federal election are:

- increased capital funding
- more resources for early childhood education
- religious freedom in schools

To find out more go to: <http://www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/news/federal-election-2019>

# Please come along and join us!

YOU ARE  
INVITED  
TO JOIN  
US FOR  
MORNING  
TEA IN  
JUBILEE  
HALL AT  
11.00AM  
TO HELP RAISE  
MONEY FOR  
CANCER AND  
CELEBRATE  
MOTHERS DAY!

FRIDAY  
MAY  
10

RSVP BY  
WEDNESDAY  
8 MAY  
TO THE  
OFFICE FOR  
CATERING  
PURPOSES!  
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this May and  
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by cancer.**



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WELCOME  
- [STUDENT  
FREE  
EVENT]  
COME  
ALONG AND  
TALK TO  
OTHER  
PARENTS!

This event is being organised by OSHC students who will be preparing the food for the event.

# SPORTS DAY

## Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May St Thomas More will celebrate SPORTS DAY starting at 9:00am. McAuley (yellow), MacKillop (blue), Barry (red) and Coolock (green) will gather to contest the Vin Davies Shield and the Spirit Cup. Children are to arrive at school at normal time. Parents, friends and relatives are all welcome to join us on the day.

On Sports Day the students are able to wear a T-Shirt that reflects their team along with their correct SPORTS SHORTS or PANTS and HAT. Students may also wear hair ribbons, socks, or hair spray (put on at home and not to be brought to school) that reflects their team colour. Children are **NOT** to wear coloured zinc cream or paint their body with coloured Zinc – normal zinc cream only!

Please remember to send your student to school with a labelled drink bottle.

It is anticipated that Sports Day will finish at approximately 1:15pm. At that time parents may choose to take their child/children home. Children who remain at school will require a packed lunch from home.

On **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May** children are encouraged to wear clothing that reflects their team colour in preparation for Sports Day. **SNEAKERS** need to be worn as footwear.

Good Luck to all teams and supporters!

Fabian Chevalier

P.E. Co-ordinator



# Counselling program at St Thomas More School

We are lucky to have Sandy Ahean as our counsellor three days a week. Sandy has many programs working at our school. These include “What’s the Buzz?” (Social/Emotional Skilling Program) and counselling for students and their families.

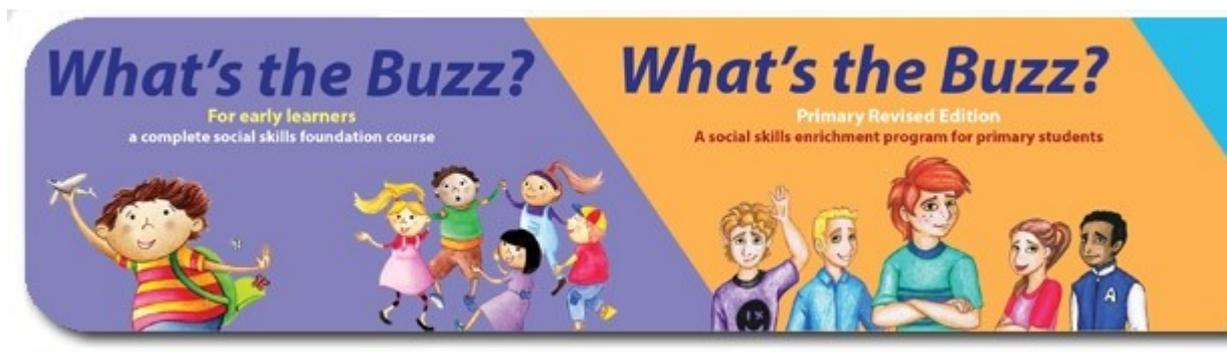
As part of the counselling program, Sandy works with children, individually if required, to support their academic and social needs. This may include working together to establish strategies to support them in their wellbeing.

As part of this program, we ask that we have your support in Sandy working with your child/ren. If you do not wish for your child to see Sandy for any reason, please notify Sandy or your child’s class teacher by the end of week 4, Friday 24 May.

If you have any concerns or questions in regards to this, please contact Sandy on 8255 1699.

She is available Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays.

Thank you.



 1800 55 1800



**Parent  
Coffee  
Chat**

Join us for a cuppa - every Tuesday morning  
8.30am at the canteen - All welcome!



**GAWLER WINTER  
TBALL BASEBALL SOFTBALL  
ACADEMY**

**TERM 2 | 2019 (MAY 3)**  
FRIDAY EVENINGS | 5.00-6.30PM  
AGES 3 to 16 | BOYS & GIRLS

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PER CALENDAR YEAR

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My child is attending or is eligible to attend primary school (Years R-7) in 2019:  Y  N

Child first name: \_\_\_\_\_ Family name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  M  F

Medicare number: \_\_\_\_\_ Ref. no.  OR Australian visa number: \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_ Member of a sports club prior to using voucher:  Y  N

Parent/Guardian first name: \_\_\_\_\_ Family name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_ I confirm my child has not already claimed a voucher in 2019:

Parent/Guardian Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
An email notification will be sent to the above email address (assuming it is correct) advising the authorisation of the voucher used for your child

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# Principal Tour

TUESDAY  
7 MAY 10AM



## Money Morning Teas in May with Michelle

How do we decide how to prioritise our expenses? Want some info on running costs of household appliances? You may also be eligible to participate in the Saver Plus matched savings program and claim up to \$500 for education costs!

Come to the Money Morning Tea with Michelle from  
The Smith Family to find out more.

**Monday 13 May, 9-10am**

Please RSVP to 0409 986 245 for doughnut catering purposes!

Can't attend but interested to know more about Saver Plus?

Call or SMS Michelle on 0409 986 245

[www.saverplus.org.au](http://www.saverplus.org.au)

Saver Plus is an initiative of Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with The Smith Family, The Benevolent Society and Berry Street and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and The Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to [www.dss.gov.au](http://www.dss.gov.au) for more information.