



# St Thomas More School NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 3 Thursday 13 October 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 1 November**  
Whole School Assembly  
led by 1/2C & 2MD  
@ 9:00am

### All Saints Day

**Monday 4 November**  
School Board meeting  
@ 6:00pm

**Friday 8 November**  
Catholic Schools  
Carnival @ Arana Park  
Year 4-6 Students

**Monday 11 November**  
Dental for schools  
program starts

Remembrance Day  
Reflection @ 10:45am

**Tuesday 12 November**  
Dental program cont....

School Concert  
'Whatever float's your  
boat'  
St Brigid's School  
Evanston 6:30pm

St Thomas More School

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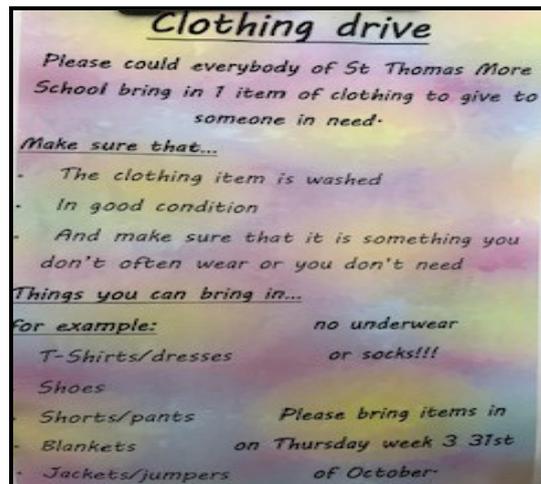


This year the **Year 5/6** students have been the main drivers of an Outreach Program. The students have been involved in something they each felt passionate about. This has included:

- Fortnightly visits to Claytons aged care home
- Bake sales to raise money for drink bottles for the homeless
- Fundraisers to shop for essential items for the Hutt St Centre
- Clothing drive
- Environmental club
- Cooking for Fred's vans
- No wrapper days
- Collecting food for the Animal Welfare League



Our school community should be proud of the positive difference these children are making to the lives of those around them.



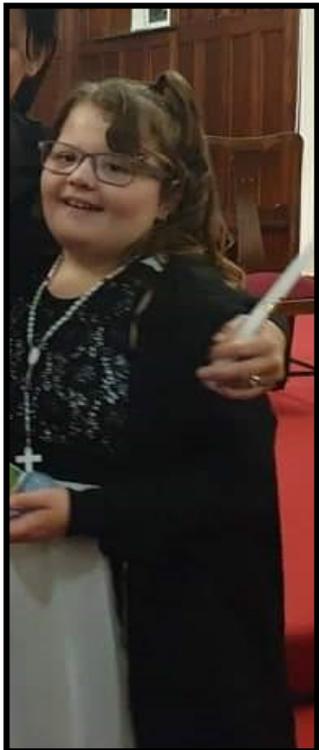
# Congratulations



The community at St Thomas More would like to congratulate Vann, Chayce & Cruz Ramsell and Jordyn Harvey for their Baptism that was held on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> of October.

It is a very special memory worth treasuring and we are pleased to share it with the wider community.

**Congratulations  
We wish you all the best.**



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

### **School Concert**

**Our School Concert, entitled 'Whatever Floats Your Boat' will be on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm at St Brigid's School at Evanston.** This date is fast approaching and promises to be a wonderful celebration. Mrs Megan Pollard has been working very hard to create the scripts, organise the props, teach the students their parts and coordinate the rehearsals for the big night. It will be a great opportunity for everyone to perform on a larger stage than at Jubilee Hall and to enjoy watching the show from the audience.

Please remember to give your consent for the students to travel by bus, to and from St Brigid's at Evanston on the day of the concert for the final rehearsals.

### **Value of Excursions and Learning out of the Classroom**

Generally, children love going on excursions and are inspired by their new learning environment for that day. It was lovely reading some of the recounts that were written by the Year 1/2 students recently relating to their excursion to the Museum and Botanic Gardens. Every experience of this kind certainly has a positive educational impact and provides the elements for further social and emotional development. Thank you to our dedicated teachers who carefully plan and organise these educational experiences and to the co-educators who help out with supervision. Thank you also to the parents and caregivers who volunteer to go on excursions, as your assistance is certainly valued and appreciated.

### **ReLAT 2019**

During Term 2, our Year 4 students engaged in the Religious Education Literacy and Assessment. This assessment was completed online and it provides the school with information on the strengths of our students and helps us reflect on the Key Ideas that require further development. The results will be analysed by teachers and all families of Year 4's will receive their summary Friday. We congratulate the students and teachers on their efforts.

### **Positive Attention**

Please see the extract below from the website: [www.raisingchildren.net.au](http://www.raisingchildren.net.au) which is an Australian (government supported) parenting support network.

*'Positive attention is when you respond to your child with warmth and interest. It helps your child feel secure and valued. Find out how to make the most of daily moments to show positive attention to your child.'*

#### **'What is positive attention?'**

*Positive attention is the way you show delight in your child and warmth in your relationship through:*

- *smiling at your child*
- *making eye contact and using caring facial expressions*
- *being physically gentle and caring with your child*
- *using words to celebrate and encourage your child*
- *showing interest in your child's interests, activities and achievements*

#### **'Why positive attention is important'**

*From birth, children need experiences and relationships that show them they're valued, capable human beings who bring pleasure to others. Positive attention, reactions and responses from key grown-ups help children build a picture of how valued they are.*

*Your child's self-image builds up over time with positive, loving messages from you and other important people in his life. A healthy self-image is very important, not only for your child's relationship with others, but also for his confidence as he learns about the world.*

*Your child's feelings of security and safety come from her interactions with you and the other people who care for her. If you reassure and support your child when she's frightened, uncertain or faced with a new or unfamiliar situation, she'll feel safe and secure.*

*All children do best in an environment where they're supported, encouraged and enjoyed. They grow and develop through repeated, positive interactions in their first relationships.*

*How to show positive attention: all ages*

*You have many opportunities to give your child positive attention in your daily interactions together.*

*Daily activities like changing a nappy, supervising a bath or walking to school let you connect with your child in meaningful ways. For example, just giving your toddler cuddles and tickles while you're drying him after a bath is a way of showing positive attention.*

*No matter what your child's age, there are simple things you can do every day to send the message that your child is special and important. For example:*

- *Look at your child and smile at him/her.*
- *Show interest in what your child is doing – ask him/her to tell you about it if he/she can.*
- *Pay attention and listen closely when your child talks to you.*
- *Make up some special rituals you can share together.*
- *There are also ways you can show positive attention to children of different ages.*

### **School-age children: positive attention tips**

*Even though your child's world expands when she/he goes to school, your warmth, love and positive attention are still the biggest influences on her/his development.*

*Try these ideas:*

*Stop what you're doing and listen when your child wants to talk about his/her day at school. This might not always be as soon as she/he gets home, though – it might be when she/he's in the bath or just before she/he goes to sleep.*

*Ask follow-up questions when your child starts talking. This keeps the conversation going.*

*Notice and guide your child's positive interactions with others – for example, 'I think Hunter really liked it when you asked her questions about her holiday. It gave her a chance to talk about something that was important to her'.*

Working in Partnership,

The Leadership Team



## Catholic Schools T- Ball Carnival

On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October the year 3-5 students participated in the Regional Catholic Schools T-Ball Carnival at Ridley Reserve. The round robin competition provided some great entertainment with all teams working well together to achieve success.

All teams started confidently, displaying some big hitting and great catching. Students showed fantastic team work to achieve many runs. As the day went on all teams grew in confidence and developed their knowledge and skills of the game. Well done everyone!!

The girls' teams went through the day successfully winning the majority of their games. They displayed excellent team work and big hits. Whilst all players tried their best, Karina "slugger" Touch, Shaliah Fey, Ellie Daniels, Tahni Porter, Charlotte Irakiza and Tilea Kelly displayed great leadership skills.

The boys' teams were very competitive in all games winning the majority as they did well to throw the ball accurately to achieve many great outs and scored some brilliant home runs. Congratulations to Jordan VanDam, Max Daniels, Hamish Bell, Michael Foerster, Riley Kirkbright and Liam Collie on their outstanding performances.

All the boys and girls enjoyed the day and are to be congratulated on their fine sportspersonship during all matches. I would also like to thank Mrs Gosling, Miss Jeffreys and Ms Swann and the parents that attended for their help and support during the day.

Fabian Chevalier

PE Coordinator



## Dental for Schools 'Oral health Program'

Is visiting St Thomas More School to provide dental check-ups and treatment/s onsite.

The program is run with the help of Medicare and the Child Dental Benefit Schedule (CDBS) so all children who are eligible\* pay no out of pocket expense.

The mobile dental clinic will arrive on the specified dates and will only see children who have filled in a parental consent form.

Once your child has been seen you will receive an oral health report which will have notes written by the dentist as well as any necessary referrals at the end of the visit.

Please fill in the consent form and return this to the front office prior to the scheduled visit.

## Dates

### Dental Visit:

11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> of November

### Collection deadline:

November 1st

For any enquiries please contact

(08) 7225 8142

\*If you are unsure if your child is eligible please fill in the form and one of our staff members will contact you



# Dental for Schools

Mobile dental services

***Dentist forms must be returned by***

***Monday 4 November***



You are invited to

# City of Playford Tennis International

## — Twilight Session —

Friday | November 1, 2019  
from 4pm

**Playford Tennis Centre**  
50 Spruance Road, Elizabeth East



- Watch the Quarter Finals Tennis Action
- Free BBQ
- Music & Entertainment
- Kids Zone & Inflatables
- Face Painting
- Games, Prizes & Giveaways
- Hot Shots Come & Try Tennis

Tournament Dates: 28 October – 3 November

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St. Thomas More Presents

# Whatever Floats Your Boat!

School Concert 2019

Tuesday 12 November

St. Brigid's Catholic School,

Para Road, Evanston

6:30pm

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