From the Principal:

I am always proud of all of our students at STM and it was last Thursday at the Science Investigation Awards that I was extremely proud of the way in which eight of our students represented the school and also received awards for their scientific investigations. These students spent most of the day presenting and talking about their work to a panel of judges. As a result of their high level of presentation STM received a number of awards: Honourable mentions went to Jess Leyden Grade 5, for her research into how taking away sugar affects the taste of food and Rory Lewis Grade 6, for the reason different age groups like the resurgence of Pokemon. Third places were granted to Grace Wood, Grade 5, for her research into earth friendly cleaning products and their effectiveness, and also to Olive Morris, Grade 6 for her comparative research into the bacteria in water around Launceston. Second Place was awarded to Samuel Rein, Grade 5 for his investigation into spinning prisms. First place in Grade 5 was awarded to Max Williams and Ethan Crisp for finding the optimal angle for BMX jumping and the Grade 6 first place went to Sophie Blanshard for investigating the best material or colour to use in order to construct an effective heat machine. Congratulations to all prize winners and to STM for achieving outstanding results against all Northern Tasmanian Schools.

Please pray for the strengthening of faith in our sacramental candidates who were presented at Masses this weekend, as we support them as they prepare for Confirmation and First Eucharist.

Loving God, we ask you to bless this children.
May they always feel your presence in their hearts and lives.
We take them to our hearts as you take them to your heart.
We pray that by our word and example we will help them along their journey of faith.
May our community always be a place where they feel welcome and cherished.
We make this prayer in Jesus’ name. Amen

Carol Seagar
Principal

ADAMS Grace
CHAMBERS Thomas
DUGAN Eliza
LANGHAM Liliana
LEHNER Samuel
SULLIVAN ARKLESS Augustin
TWYNHAM PERKINS Alycia
JONES Ellie
RICHARDSON Jake
HERD Anna
LIPSKI Claire
KILBY Mackenzie
MORRISON Scarlett
HILL Samuel
ROCKLIFFE William
SANTAMARIA Andre
SMITH Abbey
SULLIVAN ARKLESS Hervee
WALKER Ava
WILKINS David
FAULKNER Nicholas
FRYETT Thomas
DUFF Theo
KIK-CONNORS Brigid
SMART Jasmine
MURRAY Joseph
Animals on School Grounds

Did you know… An extract of relevant Tasmanian legislation (Dog Control Act 2000) states:

(1) A person must not take a dog into –
(a) any grounds of a school, preschool, kinder, creche or other place for the reception of children without the permission of a person in charge of the place.

(2) This section does not apply to –
(a) a guide dog that is accompanying a wholly or partially blind person or is in training for that purpose; There are other exceptions besides just ‘2a’ above.

Your duty… If you wish to bring any animals onsite, prior approval needs to be obtained from the Principal. The Principal may give approval, & may also stipulate reasonable precautions.

The school &/or individuals can be fined up to $650 for any infringement of the Act.

Simon Natoli
WHS Officer

School Photos

School photos are being sent home this week. If there are any problems please call MSP on 6231 5880.

Nut Aware

Please remember that we are a Nut Aware School and children are requested not to bring lunches or snacks containing nuts, Nutella, Peanut Butter, etc.

SACRAMENTAL CALENDAR

AUGUST
Saturday 13th Presentation of the Creed at all Masses  
Sunday 14th Presentation of the Creed at all Masses  
Monday 29th Faith Sharing Session — Church of the Apostles 3:30-7:00pm  
Tuesday 30th Faith Sharing Session — Church of the Apostles 3:30-7:00pm

SEPTEMBER
Saturday 3rd Rite of Strengthening and Healing at all mass centres  
Sunday 4th Rite of Strengthening and Healing at all mass centres  
Thursday 8th Sacrament of Reconciliation and Confirmation practice 7:00pm Church of the Apostles  
Thursday 15th Sacrament of Confirmation 7:00pm Church of Apostles

OCTOBER
21st Friday Candidates Fun Day St Ailbes Hall 10 — 2:30  
Monday 31st Faith Sharing Session — Church of the Apostles 3:30-7:00pm

NOVEMBER
Tuesday 1st Faith Sharing Session — Church of the Apostles 3:30-7:00pm  
Saturday 12th Presentation of the Lord’s Prayer and practice for First Eucharist  
Sunday 13th Presentation of the Lord’s Prayer and practice for First Eucharist  
Saturday 19th Sacrament of First Eucharist at all Mass Centres  
Sunday 20th Sacrament of First Eucharist at all Mass Centres

See photos, newsletters, calendar and more on our website: stm.tas.edu.au

Coming Up

Thurs 1 Sept  
Board Meeting, 7.00

Fri 2 Sept  
Fathers Day Breakfast 8.00-9.00am

Thurs 8 Sept  
String Soiree, 5.30pm

Wed 21 Sept  
SingFest

Fri 23 Sept  
Colours Day  
Gold coin donation

End of Term 3

Mon 10 Oct  
Term 4 commences

Wed 12 Oct  
STM Athletics Carnival  
P&F Meeting, 7.00pm

Thurs 13 Oct  
Board Meeting, 7.00pm

Tues 18 Oct  
Andrew Chinn visit

Thurs 20 Oct  
MJR Day

Wed 26 Oct  
Foundation Band & String Workshop

Term Dates for 2017

Term 1: 9 Feb - 13 April
Easter: 14-18 April

Term 2: 1 May - 7 July

Term 3: 24 July - 29 Sept

Term 4: 16 Oct - 21 Dec
Sister Margaret celebrated her 80th Birthday with the staff on August 29th this year.
Sister Margaret was a student at STM, a teacher and then a Principal of this wonderful school. She began training as an initiate in the Order of St Joseph when she was 16, 1953, and has continued throughout the years to be an active member of the St Thomas More’s Catholic Primary School Community in her role as a religious woman. It is our privilege to be fortunate to still have Sister Margaret as an active presence at STM.

Godly Play is a method of telling Bible stories, developed by Jerome Berryman. It uses parables, sacred stories and liturgical lessons about religious traditions using simple materials.
At STM Mrs Jacquie Wood is working with all classes to teach RE through this medium. As children have an innate sense of the presence of God, the Godly Play approach helps them to explore their faith through story, to gain religious language and to enhance their spiritual experience though wonder and play.
Grade 3/4 Mini Olympics 2016
On Wednesday, 24 August 2016 all Grade 3 and 4 classes participated in their very own Mini Olympics afternoon. Students were divided into teams, which had names of countries and each team had their own flag and captains. The day was organised and hosted by Jordan Devine, Jasmine Smart and Claire Hepburn and they were helped by some Grade 5 and 6 students. There were nine sports – gymnastics, football, soccer, tug of war, volleyball, hurdling, running, obstacle course and basketball. Thanks to the teachers, team captains and Grade 5/6 students for their help in making this a fun and memorable day for all the 3/4 students.
What's On outside school

FAIR COUNTDOWN - ONLY 35 SCHOOL DAYS TO GO

› We need donations for our Chocolate Wheel - hair appointments, travel vouchers, massage vouchers, food vouchers, accommodation, Airtime, sport, car, landscaping, iPad, dinner, cruise, cinema tickets - everything will be much appreciated.

› Stall helpers are also needed, contact the office if you can help.

› Start the Countdown - 8 weeks to go. How can you help?

Book Week Parade
Our Book Week Parade was held on Thursday and was a marvellous success with almost every student dressing up. Book Week is held every year from Sunday 21st - 27th of August. We celebrate all of the books shortlisted for Book of the Year. Thank you to all the parents who helped with costumes.

By Ella Manshanden (Gr 3)

Last week was Book Week and the theme this year was Australia! Story Country and our school held a Book Week Parade. We did it so we could have fun and connect with with our favourite book characters. There were excellent costumes and almost the whole school participated, even the teachers. All the students really enjoyed the parents coming and were grateful to Mrs. Thomas (Anne of Green Gable) for making our Book Week extra special.

By Ella Webber (Gr 4)

TRIVIA NIGHT
Sat 17 September, 7.00pm
Josephite Hall, St Thomas More’s School, Newstead
$10/head, up to 8 on table
BYO snacks & drinks
A light supper provided
Raffle & games
RSVP Kathy 0409 593 616
or jazzytaz10@hotmail.com
All money raised will go to the Australian Orangutan Project.
Dear Parents and Carers

It is my pleasure to inform you of the appointment of Miss Stephanie Quinn to Grade 5/6 Edwards for Term 4. Mrs Edwards will be taking maternity leave during this time.

Miss Quinn has been teaching for the last eight years and has previously worked in theatre, graphic design and the clothing industry. Stephanie has had wide ranging experience in teaching a number of grade levels in Launceston and in Western Australia.

Stephanie will be working in 5/6 Edwards with Angela for the last two weeks of this term in order to facilitate a smooth transition into Term 4.

I take this opportunity to welcome Miss Stephanie Quinn to St Thomas More’s and trust in your full support as she provides the learning and teaching for 5/6 E for Term 4, 2016.

Yours sincerely

Carol Seagar
Principal

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am fortunate in being able to take Long Service Leave from 8 November to 15 December, the final six weeks of Term 4. I wish to spend this time with my elderly mother in New Zealand, attending to my first newborn grandchild as well as attending my daughter’s graduation ceremony in Geelong.

Before my leave, staffing and classes will be finalised as best they can be given that processes and time are all accommodated for.

The Catholic Education Office have appointed Mr Kurt Atkins to Acting Principal in my absence. Mr Atkins has been working very closely with me this year in his role as Assistant Principal and is looking forward to leading the school in my absence.

I trust in your full support of Mr Atkins and all staff as they complete the final weeks of Term 4 2016.

Yours sincerely

C R Seagar
Principal