



St Thomas More's
Catholic Primary
School



Cybersmart
Evening
Thursday 11 Feb



Swimming Carnival
Thursday 18 Feb



Canteen lunches
start next Wed,
price list out soon

NEWSLETTER

From the Principal:

Welcome back everyone to St Thomas More's for 2016. It was a great delight today to greet all of the students and to witness their joy at seeing old friends; their apprehension at meeting new staff and even their anxiety about getting back into school. Rest assured even we adults feel these emotions at the start of the year and it is OK to acknowledge this and then move back into the familiar rhythm of school life.

Thank you to the many parents who came to the MYTERN information evening Tuesday night. This set of skills and language will be taught and used with the students across all aspects of school in order to develop their sense of control over their emotions and to increase their emotional intelligence. There will be regular updates and information in the newsletters all year as we progress with this teaching. Your support at home for these skills is essential.

On behalf of all of the staff at STM I look forward to a rewarding year of learning with you and your children.

Please read the information below on our procedures in case of bush fires.

1. Students will be kept inside where possible if the smoke haze is evident.
2. Doors, windows and vents will be kept closed
3. Air conditioners will be used to recirculate air
4. No physical activity outside will be permitted.
5. Students taking asthma puffers will need to be closely monitored and teachers advised of changes of doses.
6. You can check smoke levels near your school with the Environment Protection Authority's real-time air quality data <http://epa.tas.gov.au/epa/real-time-air-quality-data-for-tasmania>
7. Find more info about how smoke can affect your health http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/publichealth/alerts/air/bushfire_smoke
8. WE WILL EMAIL, FACEBOOK AND TEAM APP IF THE SCHOOL IS IN ANY DANGER AND ASK PARENTS TO KEEP WATCH ON THE TAS FIRE SITE AND ABC LOCAL RADIO

Library

A stocktake has recently been done in the library and it has come to our attention that 600 books are missing! Could you please check your bookcases, under beds, wardrobes, garages, etc for any books labelled St Thomas More's and return them to school during our Amnesty period. Thank you

Working With Children Card

A reminder for all parents/volunteers who wish to help out with school activities that you need to apply for a WWVP card - go to www.justice.tas.gov.au/working_with_children; pay at Service Tas.

Signing Children In/Out

Children signing in/out and parents signing their child/ren in/out need to do so at the office counter. You also now need to take a relevant card ("Sign In" or "Sign Out") to the child's teacher.

Opening Mass

Tuesday 16 February at 12.00 in the church. All welcome.

Lunches

Could parents please make sure their child is given suitable lunches and a fork or spoon if necessary. Do not give them food that is required to have boiling water or be heated in the staffroom.

Canteen lunches start next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

A reminder we are a NUT AWARE school so no peanut butter or Nutella sandwiches, muesli bars and snacks with nuts.

Epi-pens and Medication

Could parents please ensure their child's Epi-pens are up-to-date and that we have one in the school first aid kit. The same with asthma and any other medication

Shrove Tuesday - 9 February

Children are asked to bring a gold coin donation for pancakes to class on Tuesday. Funds raised will go to Caritas.



Cybersmart Presentation

Thursday 11 February at 7.00pm in the Josephite Hall. Childcare available.

Coming Up

Mon 8 - Tues 9 Feb

MYTERN in classes

Tues 9 Feb

Shrove Tuesday

Wed 10 Feb

Ash Wednesday
Class liturgies

Thurs 11 Feb

Cybersmart
Evening, 7.00pm
Childcare available

Tues 16 Feb

Opening Mass 12.00
P&F Meeting 7.00pm

Wed 17 Feb

Home Readers
Night, 6.00 - 1/2s

Thurs 18 Feb

Swimming Carnival -
Riverside Pool 9.15
Board Meeting &
AGM 7.00pm

Fri 19 Feb

Friday sport starts
Welcome BBQ, 5.00
garden area

Mon 22 Feb

Band Meeting with
children

Mon 7 - Wed 9 Mar

Grade 5/6 Camp

Mon 14 Mar

LONG WEEKEND

Tues 15 Mar

NIJSSA Swimming
Carnival

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

Traffic Safety

The school urges all parents to support road safety by obeying signage displayed and also ask you remind your child/ren to be very aware of potential traffic related dangers around the school.

Sometimes for example, motorists do not abide by road laws, and if students are crossing inappropriately (with or without you), or just not aware of their surrounds by always looking either way, we could have an accident.

The education and care of our students is a partnership between the staff and parents and we all need to do our bit by acting appropriately and not showing a disregard for road laws, even if only to demonstrate your support to children watching of appropriate behaviour.



MYTERN

Fridge magnets are available from the office for \$10.

Lost

At the end of last year - a green jumper named Sophia Artini, sz 6-8. Please check your child didn't accidentally pick it up, return to office if found.

Newsletters

Newsletters are emailed out on Thursdays. Please let us know if you are not receiving it or if you would like another email address added.

Calendars

Calendars are being sent home today. If you require another one for separate households please see the office.

Parent - Teacher Nights

Week 4 - 23, 24 and 25 February. Info to go home soon.



TASDANCE

Tasdance offers a range of after-school dance classes in a non-competitive environment, our classes are run by tertiary qualified dance teachers. Our classes are competitively priced with concessions available.

What's On outside school

THE MUSIC TREE

Piano, Keyboard, Guitar, & Ukulele Lessons & Pre-School Music & Movements Classes

Beginners up to 8 yrs. Classes include the use of percussion instruments, music games, movement and lots of fun activities. Award winning parent/child music classes for babies and pre-school children including our Family Fun Class.

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LAUNCESTON YOUTH THEATRE ENSEMBLE

Enrolments are still open for our Junior ensemble, from grades 1-5. Being a member of LYTE will develop your creativity, confidence and communication skills and help you realise your full potential. LYTE is a company for everyone, those who may wish to become actors and those who may not. You will receive excellent acting training, great insight into theatre craft and professional practise, and be part of an inspiring, nurturing and fun arts ensemble. No previous experience required.

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Theatre Ensemble

Gallery



Miss Underlin's Prep class



New sandpit



New tree fort

