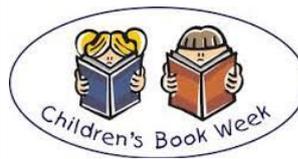




St Thomas More's  
Catholic Primary  
School



MARY MACKILLOP  
FEAST DAY  
Monday 8 August



BOOK WEEK  
22-26 August  
Parade 25th 9 - 10am  
Kinders' Parade 22nd



SINGFEST  
Wed 21 September

# NEWSLETTER

## From the Principal:

Last Friday the students at St Thomas More's Catholic Primary School were privileged to participate in some activities with Murray Everett and Dawn Blazely – Tasmanian Aboriginal Elders. These activities ranged from planting an Aboriginal garden, dancing to the Moonbird story, weaving, using ochre and sand to paint with, Aboriginal games, creating rain sticks and rainbow serpents and eating kangaroo skewers. In 2 hours students learnt and responded creatively to new knowledge about Tasmanian Aboriginal Culture and History.

*The theme for NAIDOC Week 2016 was **Songlines: The living narrative of our nation.** For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, dreaming tracks criss-cross Australia and trace the journeys of our ancestral spirits as they created the land, animals and lores. These dreaming tracks are sometimes called 'Songlines' as they record the travels of these ancestral spirits who 'sung' the land into life.*

*These Songlines are recorded in traditional songs, stories, dance and art. They carry significant spiritual and cultural connection to knowledge, customs, ceremony and Lore of many Aboriginal nations and Torres Strait Islander language groups.*

Next Monday we will be celebrating the Feast Day of Mary MacKillop with some rotational activities during the day and an Assembly at 2:30 with winners announced. The focus for Mary MacKillop day is that of showing the great values that Mary modelled and are incorporated in our mission statement: *Respect, Integrity, Dignity, Justice and Empathy.*

*Students will need to bring a gold coin donation on Monday for the Samaritan Fundraiser:*

In November 2002 Archbishop Adrian Doyle set up a charitable foundation, Samaritan Projects, to enable him to respond with speed and certainty to help Tasmanians in times of special need. Since its establishment, Samaritan Projects has helped a wide range of organisations, such as Bethlehem House, Loui's Van and the St Vincent de Paul Society, as well as individuals in times of crisis. A specific example was the financial support provided to people who suffered loss and hardship as a result of the devastating bushfires on Tasmania's East Coast in late 2006.

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

## Unpacking the daily MYTERN Message: The power of taking responsibility

We are all used to blaming others and circumstance for how we feel, so following that pattern of thought feels natural. Taking responsibility for how you respond to a nasty comment, an angry driver or a failed task requires discipline and commitment. Changing patterns of thought requires constant practise until the new pattern eventually becomes the default response.

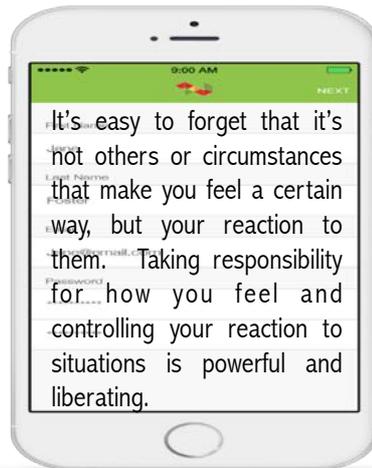
Once you realise that you can take control over how you respond, it can be extremely powerful and liberating.

Family activity: Discuss how each of you would respond to the following situations. The instant response may take you straight onto a red road (which is natural), but where would you go from there— now knowing that you take responsibility for that response?

1. Someone makes fun of you in front of others
2. Your result to a test/assignment/task isn't as good as you would like it to be
3. Your friend or family member is angry
4. You can't get your own way



**STM Techspot**



## Filtering Content at Home

A lot of parents have asked how they go about ensuring that their home networks are safe for their child/ren to use. The ease with which inappropriate content can be accessed these days is scary, but at the same time we don't want to stop our child/ren from using this valuable learning tool. The website below is a link to a blog post by the Cyber Safety Lady regarding what you can do to keep your home network safe, so that you can still access the internet, but without most of the nasties.

<https://thecybersafetylady.com.au/2015/09/protect-your-child-from-adult-content/>

One of the key ideas she gives in this blog post is to set up a home filtering system. Luckily this can be done for free, and we have popped a link to the website that will allow you to do this below. We can't urge you strongly enough to ensure that your home network has this, or some other filtering system in place.

<https://www.opendns.com/home-internet-security/>

## Update your Details

Please make sure you advise the office if any of your details change like phone numbers, address, place of work, emergency contacts, family situation, children's medical details - including replacing expired medicine, pipes, etc

## Faith Sharing

Those families who did not attend the recent Faith sharing sessions need to contact Rosie Caelli ASAP on [acaelli@bigpond.net.au](mailto:acaelli@bigpond.net.au).

## Dance Event

On 16 Sept there will be a Northern Dance Event for which the students have been learning a great number of dances. Please note that the noise and large number of students at this event may not be supportive for students who have sensory needs. Please chat to your class teacher if you have any concerns.

# Coming Up

## Mon 8 Aug

Mary MacKillop Feast Day

## Tues 16 Aug

ICAS Math Exam

## 20 - 26 Aug

Book Week  
Parade 25th 9 - 10am  
Kinders' Parade 22nd

## Wed 31 Aug

P & F Meeting, 7.00

## Thurs 1 Sept

Board Meeting, 7.00

## Fri 16 Sept

Dance Event

## Wed 21 Sept

SingFest

## Fri 23 Sept

Colours Day

End of Term 3

## Mon 10 Oct

Term 4 commences

## Wed 12 Oct

STM Athletics Carnival

P&F Meeting, 7.00

## Thurs 13 Oct

Board Meeting, 7.00

## Tues 18 Oct

Andrew Chinn Visit

## Thurs 20 Oct

MJR Day

## Changes to Calendar

As the calendar is printed in January, it is inevitable that some dates will change during the year. Please use the dates in the Newsletter as being current as at publication.

**See photos, newsletters, calendar and more on our website: [stm.tas.edu.au](http://stm.tas.edu.au)**

Gallery

Songline Day



## Board of Management

The members of the School Board are Carol Seagar, Fr Mark Freeman, Amanda Duigan, Greg Dwyer, Mel Limerick, Meegan Murray, Michael Leyden, Kim McInnes, Zane Duff, Sarah Herd, Greg Harper, Paul Mannion, Jane Adams and Simon Natoli.

Their role is described below taken from the Constitution for the Governance of the System of Catholic Schools:

The Board will work collaboratively in an advisory and supportive role with the Principal within the broad parameters established by the Governing Council and TCEO. Particular responsibilities of the Board are:

3.5.1 to advise on and assist with the formulation of policy for the conduct of the School in line with TCEC/TCEO policies and Governing Council directives;

3.5.2 to co-operate with and support the Principal in maintaining the School as an institute of Catholic Education;

3.5.3 to contribute, where possible, in matters regarded as major initiatives and/or changes;

3.5.4 to liaise with the local Parish Priest/s and/or Parish Pastoral Council/s, in matters of mutual concern to the School and Parishes;

3.5.5 to participate in and co-operate with the School on the planning, research, development, implementation and evaluation of the School's

Strategic Plan;

3.5.6 to contribute to the planning and management of maintenance and building programs necessary for the recurrent and long-term welfare and effective development of the School; and

3.5.7 to oversee the finances of the School, and the prudent use of funds, according to the provisions of this Constitution and the directions of the TCEO.



## 2016 PRIMARY SCHOOL REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

### Saturday 15 October & Sunday 16 October

North – Venues: Elphin & Deloraine  
Year 3/4 Boys and Girls

### Saturday 22 October & Sunday 23 October

North – Venues: Elphin, Newstead & Deloraine  
Year 5/6 Boys and Girls

*Senior Boys and Girls (Year 5 and 6)*

*Junior Boys and Girls (Year 3 and 4)*

*Division 1, Division 2 and Division 3*

**Application forms at the office**

### Children's Book Week - 20-26 August 2016

Each year the Children's Book Council of Australia celebrates Children's Book Week to highlight the importance of reading and promote Australian children's literature. This year, the theme for Book Week is "Australia! Story Country". As part of our celebration we will be holding a Book Week Parade during that week where students can dress up as a character from a book they know and love. Please encourage your child to be creative, using clothes they may already have or recycled items. It is not compulsory but if your child would like to take part they may come to school dressed as their character. We will meet in the Josephite Hall at 9am as a school to share our costumes. We recommend that students bring the book they have chosen.

Rebecca Thomas  
Library



## *What's On outside school*

### 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](mailto:jazzytaz10@hotmail.com)

All money raised will go to  
the Australian Orangutan  
Project.

21 SEPTEMBER, 6:30 p.m.

East Launceston Primary School  
Invermay Primary School  
Mowbray Heights Primary School  
Norwood Primary School  
Punchbowl Primary School  
Ravenswood Heights Primary  
St. Thomas Mores Catholic School  
Trevallyn Primary School

22 SEPTEMBER, 6:30 p.m.

Bridport Primary School  
Cressy District High School  
Glen Dhu Primary School  
Hagley Farm School  
Launceston Christian School  
Scotch Oakburn College Junior  
Scottsdale Primary School  
Summerdale Primary School

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THEATRE NORTH: 6323 3866

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