From the Principal:

As Mother’s Day approaches I too have organised flowers for my mum in New Zealand. In reflecting on the role of my own mother in my life and as a mother myself it is the endless, self-giving love that occurs everyday all of our lives towards our children. This love knows no boundaries of distance, time or space. I have been fortunate enough to have experienced this motherly love for 56 years and it still continues and for this I am extremely grateful. It is indeed a god-given gift to be a mother and to care for our children.

“In everyday motherhood we catch a glimpse of Mary. A mother loves each of her children with a unique personal love; she does not lump them altogether. Her children stand equally before her; she loves each of her children for who they are, not for their gifts or achievements. They do not have to earn her love; it is enough that they are her children. As Catholic people, we instinctively feel this about Mary and feel free to take to her our worries, concerns and even distress. In Mary we have an insight into the maternal side of God’s love which can lead us to a deeper understanding of how infinite God’s love is for each of us.” (John Mula – Director TCEO)

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need;  
May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.  
We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us;  
May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.  
We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict;  
May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.  
We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.  
We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.

Carol Seagar  
Principal
Fr Terry Southerwood

On Monday our school was represented at the funeral of Fr Terry Southerwood, former Parish Priest of Launceston. Fr Terry was a great supporter of the children of our Parish. He served on our School Board and was instrumental in introducing our Sacramental preparation program and Family Masses. Fr Terry spent his life in faithful service to God and this community. His funeral was a fitting tribute to his life.

Please keep Fr Terry and his family in your prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto him O, Lord and may perpetual light shine upon him.
May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace.
Amen.

MYTERN

Unpacking the daily MYTERN Message: Relationships

Relationships affect all aspects of our lives. It is our response to each relationship that dictates whether it is seen as a PET or a TEP. It is important to understand that it is quite normal to experience both responses within every relationship.

Discuss different relationships within the family, at school and at work, explaining how each of them can have moments that may influence you to drive onto a red or a green road. Talk about the lessons learnt from experiencing conflict within a relationship, and how navigating your way to reconciliation can increase your levels of resilience – and that’s a good thing!

Conclude the discussion by identifying ways that each of you can add to at least one of your relationships.

Launceston Competitions

Information regarding Launceston Competitions is coming via classes, please look out for notes with children and TeamApp reminders.

Parking Brochure

A brochure regarding correct procedures for parking around the school has been emailed to all parents. If you didn't receive one please ask for a hardcopy at the office.

Please help to keep the roads around our school safe.

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

Our weather is changing and as we are now approaching our colder, wetter months it would be advisable for the children to have their raincoats in their school bags each day.

Also a little reminder that on wet days parents may collect their children from the classroom. The children may be collected from 2.45 onwards. This earlier time will assist the many parents with young children with parking and having to walk a distance in the rain. It will also help to alleviate traffic congestion outside the school in the wet conditions.

Thank you in anticipation of your cooperation.

**IMPT - Family Life Parent Evening**

Monday 30 May, 6.30pm - keep the date, a brochure will be sent out. We will be having lessons on Family Life Matters from 6 - 10 June.

**Survey Link**

We need your thoughts on how effective the communication is at STM. Please go on this survey link to do a communication survey. [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WQTF692](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WQTF692).

**Mothers Day Celebrations**

Monday 9 May, 9.30 liturgy in the church followed by morning tea. Mothers Day Stall tomorrow, Friday 6th, children need to bring $5 for a present.

**Winter Uniform**

A reminder that children need to wear their winter school uniform now. For boys this includes long sleeve shirts, trousers or winter shorts and long socks. Boys and girls need to wear jumpers. School coats and vests are available from Targetts, children are not to wear multi-coloured coats.

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**What’s On outside school**

**Million Paws Walk**

Sunday 15 May, walk starts at 11.00am

"Rescuing one animal may not change the world, but for that animal, their..."
Futsal Tournament
On 27 April STM contributed to a Northern School Futsal Tournament at the Silverdome. The matches hit off at 9.15am with a thrilling game with the two Grade 5/6 STM teams. The outcome was a close match that both teams enjoyed playing.

The day kept going with great games with teams from STM, Bellerive, St Anthony’s and Larcener.

The semi-finals for Under 10s and 11s were a Grade 5 STM Vs a Grade 4 STM team and the final score was 3-2, Grade 4 team won. The Grand Final for Under 10s and 11s was STM Vs St Anthony’s, STM won 5-0. The Grand Final for Under 12s was Bellerive Vs Larcener, Bellerive won 3-2.

We might find out that some players will represent our school in Brisbane.

It was a lovely day and we thank Silverdome for letting us use the courts and Northern Tasmania as well as Mr Stacey for organising the tournament. We had an AWESOME day and we hope we can do it again next year!

Isabella Johns had her hair cut off and donated her 30 cm pony tail to the Leukemia Foundation to make a wig for cancer patients. Well done Isabella, a selfless, courageous thing to do.