



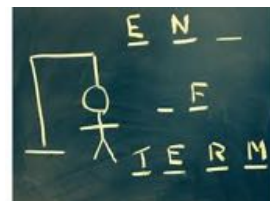
St Thomas More's  
Catholic Primary  
School



SINGFEST  
Wed 21 September



COLOURS DAY  
Fri 23 Sept



END OF TERM  
Fri 23 Sept

# NEWSLETTER

## From the Principal:

Dear Fathers

What a privilege it was to be able to serve you breakfast last Friday. Having such an abundance of male figures in the school was a special day for the students and staff.

As Catholics we take our role model of fathers from St Joseph –Jesus' earthly father.

Everything we know about St Joseph comes from the Bible, however mentions of him are underwhelming. The 13 New Testament books written by Paul (the Epistles) make no reference to him at all, nor does the Gospel of Mark, the first of the Gospels. Joseph first appears in the Bible in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, one of which (Matthew) traces Joseph's lineage back to King David. However we can garner that Joseph was a spiritual sensitive man as he obeyed the angels in taking Mary for his wife; he was unselfish as he protected Jesus by fleeing to Egypt when the family was threatened; he was a good decision maker in his parenting of Jesus – tutoring him in carpentry; he was obedient to God in being a risk taker for the sake of Jesus and as a poor family he saw this as no barrier to Christian service.

Your impact on your children is immeasurable and offers a balance for families as well as also giving the child an experience from the male perspective and this positive influence will be with him for life.

*God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things.*

*Bless all our fathers. May they be strengthened as Christian Fathers.*

*Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.*

*Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect.*

*Grant this through Christ our Lord.*

Carol Seagar  
Principal

*Loving God, we ask you to bless these 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*

RECONCILIATION/REHEARSAL 7pm Apostles 8th September AND  
CONFIRMATION 7pm Apostles 15th September



## iPARENT WEBSITE

The website of the eSafety Commissioner (the new name for the old ACMA Cyber Safety website) has recently released a new section of the website for parents called iParent. This government website is up to date and an extremely useful resource for parents when it comes to making sure your children are accessing technology in an appropriate manner. The website is linked below and is well worth a look in its entirety. Over the coming weeks STM Techspot will look at some parts of the iParent website in more detail.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent>

There has been a new website launched called iParent with some fabulous info for parents and ways they can help their children - onus being on parenting!!!

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/iparent> from the office of the Children's e-safety Commissioner.

## School Pick Up/Drop Off Parking

There is no parking allowed in the church carpark. Please remember to watch your speed in Abbott and Campbell Streets and don't stay more than 5 minutes in the Drop Off/Pick Up Zone.

## Congratulations

Some STM students competed over the weekend at the St Cecelia School of Music Performance Challenge, held at the Hotel Grand Chancellor.

Mackenzie Kilby competed in the Class 2 Junior Piano Recital and received 2nd place. Lachlan McInnes also performed in this section and did extremely well.

Ava Pankiw received 1st place for her performance in the Orchestral String Instruments Junior and also participated in the String Duet section.

Maeve and Brigid Kok-Connors both performed well:

Maeve came 2nd in Piano Beginner and 3rd in Contemporary Popular Piano 7 yrs & under;

Brigid came 2nd in Piano Preliminary and 3rd in contemporary Popular Piano 9 yrs & under.

## Contagious Diseases

A reminder that we have children in the school who have very low immune defence systems.

If you, your child or other friends or family have chickenpox or measles please inform the School Office as soon as possible.

This is especially important for families with children in 3/4 LC, 1/2 LP and Kinder

## *What's On outside school*

### Norwood Little Athletics Club

Did watching the Olympics make you think "I could do that?" Well why not come along and give it a try ?

Registration day is on Wednesday 14 September from 3.30pm to 7.00pm where representatives will be on hand to answer your questions, register you and where you can even buy your club uniforms.

Have fun, race your friends and give it a go. Season begins on Saturday 24 September at the St Leonards track.

For more information please call Lorinda on 0417 246 496

[www.sllac.org.au](http://www.sllac.org.au)

## *Coming Up*

**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, 7.00

**Thurs 13 Oct**  
Board Meeting, 7.00

**Tues 18 Oct**  
Andrew Chinn visit

**Thurs 20 Oct**  
MJR Day

**Wed 26 Oct**  
Foundation Band &  
String Workshop

**Fri 28 Oct**  
STM Fair

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

## 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**

**Gallery**

**FATHERS DAY  
BREAKFAST**



**SACRAMENTAL CALENDAR**

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Sacrament of Reconciliation and Confirmation practice 7:00pm Church of the Apostles
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Sacrament of Confirmation 7:00pm Church of Apostles
<b>OCTOBER</b>	
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Candidates Fun Day St Ailbes Hall 10 – 2:30
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Faith Sharing Session – Church of the Apostles 3:30-7:00pm
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Faith Sharing Session – Church of the Apostles 3:30-7:00pm
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Presentation of the Lord's Prayer and practice for First Eucharist
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Presentation of the Lord's Prayer and practice for First Eucharist
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Sacrament of First Eucharist at all Mass Centres



## Fair 2016

### Lucky cups

Lucky cups will be coming home late this week or early next. Please fill the cups with small quality items and return them to your class teacher. It would be appreciated if your cups could be gender neutral or gender specific as this saves disappointment on fair night. Items can be: cars, lollies (please keep to a minimum), hair items, craft items and so forth.

### Craft

We are looking for donations for the craft stall at the fair. Please start creating or approaching friends with stalls/hobbies to source some donations. Again, these items can be left in the donations box in the sunroom. The more items we can produce the greater the benefit for the school, and it makes for some fun over the school holidays.

### Donations

Donations of books, consoles games and small new toys for prizes can be left in the donations box in the sunroom. Thanks to those who have donated so far.

### Raffle

The raffle has been finalised and we would like to once again thank those families who have kindly donated. The books will be sent home in the last week of term and should be returned by Friday 21 October. Prizes are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> – TSO family voucher and 1 night accommodation including breakfast **donated by the TSO and Argyle Family Motor Lodge**

2<sup>nd</sup> – Discovery Holiday Voucher **donated by Discovery Parks Tasmania**

3<sup>rd</sup> – Trilogy wine pack **donated by Kreglinger Estate (Pipers Brook Vineyard)**

4<sup>th</sup> – Family entertainment pack, **donated by Launceston Aquatic, Hollybank Adventures, Airtime 360**

5<sup>th</sup> – Ring valuation and clean **donated by Precision Jewellers**

6<sup>th</sup> – Car care pack **donated by Bob-Jane and Bridgestone**

7<sup>th</sup> – Gift voucher **donated by Cadjootje**

8<sup>th</sup> – Adore You gift and flowers **donated by Jasmine Shepherd and International Flowers and Balloonland**

9<sup>th</sup> – Beams Brothers voucher

10<sup>th</sup> – Reflexology voucher **donated by Sharon Woolridge**

11<sup>th</sup> – Car Service **donated by Claire Walker/Alberts Diesel Service**

12<sup>th</sup> – Gift Hamper **donated by Joan Cross**



### FAIR COUNTDOWN - ONLY 25 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.