From the Principal:

Support Staff at St Thomas More’s Catholic Primary School

This week we recognised and celebrated the Support Staff at our school.

At STM we are very fortunate to have incredibly professional and dedicated support staff:

Teacher Assistants who support teacher directed classroom learning with designated and planned learning tasks and experiences, and who establish invaluable learning bonds with students.

Our Office Staff who manage the finances and administration of the school, which caters for 354 students and 228 families is the equivalent responsibility to running a significant business.

Our Groundsman, Mr Rik, who does all the cleaning up after others jobs as well as preventative maintenance, WHS and is the person who staff go to for tricky fix-it jobs.

Our Support Staff are indeed essential branches that link so well with all our other branches that form our community in the vine of our faith in God and who deepen our school community with their presence.

On behalf of STM families, staff and students I say a big thankyou to our Support Staff. Their contribution to our school ensures that the team work offered to each child is truly attainable and achievable. We are a community who have really embedded the charism of Mary MacKillop & the Sisters of St Joseph.

Carol Seagar
Principal

"Never see a need without trying to do something about it"

Mary Mackillop
In 2017 we will be offering a Birth – 4 year old Program on Tuesday mornings 9-11am. Please tell your friends and family.

All welcome!

For more information please call our school office 63377400 or email stm@catholic.tas.edu.au

Survey Link
Our survey on effective communication will be open for the next month. https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WQTF692.

School Photos
School photos will be taken on Monday 25 July. Envelopes have been sent home this week. If you require another envelope or a Family envelope you can get them at the office.

Unpacking the daily MYTERN Message: Pretending to be happy

Over the past few decades, we have built a culture where everyone is supposed to be happy all the time, and if we aren’t, then we are failing. Do any of your family feel this pressure? If so, when and why?

Being happy all the time is impossible. Discuss the importance of experiencing all forms of emotion. Reinforce that it is only through travelling down the rough roads that you can appreciate and identify the smooth ones.

Positive Behaviour Support
The focus until the end of term in PBS is on self control - taking responsibility for one’s actions at all times both in the classroom and out in the playground. Staff scaffold students into making good choices by showing, modelling, discussion, role play and with lots of visuals in the classroom.

Playground behaviour is a less regulated time where students can learn how to play correctly by learning from their peers - negotiation, communication, role modelling & setting boundaries. Again Staff help students learn these skills over their primary school years.

Parents can help their children develop positive behaviour patterns by discussing any issues and helping develop clarity on both sides and how they can make their own positive choices - heading to a green road.
Do you know a teacher you’d like to thank? A Day Made Better gives you the opportunity to thank a primary or secondary school teacher who is making a difference. If chosen as one of 10 winners, they’ll receive $5,000 worth of supplies and an Apple iPad for their classroom. Help us recognise these inspiring people by nominating them today.

NOMINATE A TEACHER YOU’D LIKE TO THANK BEFORE JUNE 17TH

Great teachers are worth celebrating.
ADAYMADEBETTER.COM.AU

Just a reminder that this program closes next Friday, 17 June – please go to the website to see all our wonderful staff who have been nominated and support them. Any staff member can be nominated - it doesn’t have to be a teacher.
Parents currently cover the majority of building costs in Catholic schools. Government funding must support quality learning environments for all students.

On average, Catholic school parents pay 29% of the cost of their child’s schooling. Governments pay the rest.

DON’T take government funding for granted

Winter Illnesses

Children who are ill with coughs and colds are better to be at home until they have recovered. They are miserable at school and they spread germs to other children and staff.

Newsletter

Thank you to the 70 - 75% of families who are reading the newsletter. It is the one of the main sources of communication with parents and carers.