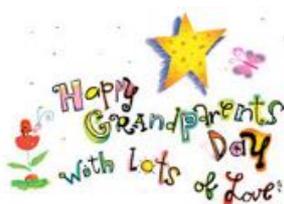




St Thomas More's
Catholic Primary
School



Grandparents Day
Monday 14 Nov



Annual Band
Concert, St Pat's
Thursday 24 Nov



Grade 1/2
swimming lessons
21 Nov - 1 Dec

NEWSLETTER

From the Principal:

We are extremely lucky to live in Australia; sometimes perhaps we take this for granted. This year 11 November marks the 98th anniversary of the Armistice, which ended the First World War (1914–18). On Friday our students will take part in a Remembrance Day Liturgy to honour those who have fought and died for our country. This provides an excellent opportunity for our students to reflect on how fortunate we are to live in a peaceful and prosperous country, and to realise that others in our world are not so fortunate.

Psalm 23, The Divine Shepherd, is a central reading of our liturgy. Interestingly, it is believed that David wrote the Psalm in later life, possibly through times of war. Its beautifully crafted message provides a reminder to our community that we are loved by God, no matter our circumstance. And, it provides us with a sense of relief for those who have fallen in war, knowing that they are now in the loving embrace of the Lord.

I would like to thank everyone for being so affirming and supportive during my first few days as Acting Principal. I will endeavour to do my best to ensure that all members of the STM community, especially the students, have a fantastic end to the school year in 2016. I look forward to working with you all in some capacity during the remainder of the year.

Kurt Atkins
Acting Principal



REMINDER re Fee Accounts

All fee accounts should be finalised by 30 November.
If you are unable to finalise your account by this date please make a time to speak with Kurt Atkins – Acting Principal.

SACRAMENTAL CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- Saturday 12th Presentation of the Lord's Prayer and practice for First Eucharist
- Sunday 13th Presentation of the Lord's Prayer and practice for First Eucharist
- Saturday 19th Sacrament of First Eucharist at all Mass Centres
- Sunday 20th Sacrament of First Eucharist at all Mass Centres

Coming Up

Fri 11 Nov
Remembrance Day

Mon 14 Nov
Grandparents Day
Concert 1 9.30am
Concert 2 12.30pm

Wed 16 Nov
2017 Kinder W
Orientation
P & F Meeting 7.00pm

Thus 17 Nov
2017 Kinder G
Orientation
Board Meeting 7.00pm

21-24 & 28 Nov - 1 Dec
Gr 1/2 swimming

Wed 23 Nov
Band Concert
rehearsal

Thurs 24 Nov
Band Concert, St Pat's
7.00pm

Weekend of 19 & 20 Nov
First Eucharist Mass

Thurs 1 Dec
Orientation Day

**Please note last days
for our students:
Tues 13 Dec - Gr 6
Wed 14 Dec - all
other students**

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

CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES

SESQUI-CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All enquiries: Parish Office 6321 4377

PRESENTATIONS BY GUEST SPEAKERS — Pastoral Centre, 44 Margaret Street
The people of God at the Church of Apostles: a community committed to the status quo or evangelisation? All presentations will be at 1.30pm or 7.30pm

Tuesday 8th November: Sr. Carmel Hinkley will present "Mercy in the Year of Jubilee".
Tuesday 15th November: Fr. Max Waskala will present "The Parish as an instrument of evangelisation in the light of Vatican II"
Tuesday 22nd November: Fr. Elio Capra will present "The Sacraments of Initiation as opportunities for evangelisation in the twenty first century."

Friday, 25 November: Sesquicentenary Dinner 7.00pm for 7.30pm at the Terrace Centre, Riverside.
Tickets now available after Mass or from the Parish Office. Cost \$40 per person (3 course meal, tea & coffee). Children 12 and under \$15. Drinks available at bar prices. You are welcome to sit with friends (tables of 10 max) or we will allocate seating. Please let us know of any dietary requirements.

Saturday 26 November: Open Day and Historical Display 11.00am — 4pm in the Pastoral Centre including Archbishop Guilford Young Centenary Commemoration
Promenade of Music in the Church from 2.00pm — 4.30pm. Please see program details below.

Sunday 27 November: Archbishop Porteous will celebrate a Mass of Solemn Dedication of the Church at 10.30am, followed by a shared lunch in Sacred Heart School Hall. Please bring a plate of food to share. Please also note that this will be the only Mass in the Parish on this day (normal 7.30am Mass at Carmelite Monastery)

Photographs of Baptisms, Wedding, Ordinations, the Church interior and exterior for the display being mounted for the Open day are still welcome. You can submit copies or bring originals to the Parish Office for copying. Look through your albums and make your contribution to our 150th Celebrations.

PROMENADE CONCERT - Church of the Apostles 2pm - 4.30pm
Featuring

- Patrick Childers Classical Guitar
- Nerly Zotto Soprano, Accompanied by Wayne Madden
- Tobias Trio Piano - Janet Houre, Violin Alexandra Harris, Cello Gillian Marsden
- Eastwoodton Parish Choir/ Evangelist Singers
Director - Jane Ellis, Accompanied by Janet Houre
- Lynnda Kemp Pipe Organ recital.

Interpersed by short talks by Fr Mark Freeman on various aspects of the Church



Our School Band

GRANDPARENTS
fill the world
with LOVE

GRANDPARENTS DAY

MONDAY 14 NOVEMBER

CONCERT 1 IS 9.30 - 10.30AM

CONCERT 2 IS 12.30 - 1.30PM

IN THE JOSEPHITE HALL

MORNING AND AFTERNOON TEA
WILL BE PROVIDED



First Eucharist Information

Presentation of the Lord's Prayer and First Eucharist practice 12/13 November at all Mass Centres.

Please contact Rosie (acaelli@bigpond.net.au) if your family were unable to attend recent Faith Sharing for First Eucharist.

If you have not advised Mass Centre and your seating numbers please do so ASAP. Please bring a plate to share. If you are able, also provide a plate for the children's table and one for the Parish to enable everyone to share the celebrations.

First Eucharist 19/20 November, look forward to seeing you there!

St Vinnies' Christmas Food Drive

Over the next three weeks we will be helping Vinnies with their Christmas Food Drive. STM's support makes a real difference to the families who require assistance at this time of year and, once again, Vinnies are calling for our help to assist in providing some support to those in need. Vinnies are very appreciative of any support that STM might be able to provide. Here are some suggested Christmas items to donate for the drive this year. We ask that students bring these into their own classroom where we will have boxes ready to accept all goods.

Tinned Salmon	Tinned Corn	Tinned Beans	Christmas Bon Bons
Tinned Tuna	Tinned Tomatoes	Tinned Peas	Fruit Mince Pies
Tinned Ham	Tinned Fruit	Tinned Beetroot	Christmas Cakes
Milo	Jelly crystals	Pasta Sauce	Christmas Puddings
Fruit Juice	Cranberry Sauce	Spaghetti	Long-life Custard
Sparkling Apple Juice	Gravy Mix	Deb Dried Potato	Tinned shortbread
Soft Drink	Breakfast Cereal	Rice Crackers	Boxes of Chocolates
Water Cordial	Jams & Honey	Sweet biscuits	Christmas Stockings
Coffee	Wrapping Paper	Savoury Biscuits	Bags of Lollies
Serviettes	Grocery Cards	Potato chips	Popcorn

It is vital that all grocery and other food items are non-perishable and are "in-date". All donated gifts must be new and in the original packaging to be considered suitable to be given to children for Christmas - all donated gifts, which are second-hand, will be sold in our Vinnies shops.

