From the Principal:

Mary MacKillop Feast Day

On Monday the staff and students of St Thomas More’s celebrated the Feast Day of Mary MacKillop with fun rotational activities where the students actively practised the values we live by at STM: Respect, Integrity, Dignity, Justice and Empathy. See and being observant to the needs of others informed the actions, prayers and thoughts of Mary MacKillop. It takes patience to development insightfulness into the needs of others and the students at STM are working hard on this skill.

Some quotes to inspire us from Mary:

Have patience with yourselves when you see that you have failed and patience with others when they seem to have done so. (Mary MacKillop 16.2.1874)
Reject no one. You never know what grace can do. (2.6.1867)
There must be charity and gentleness towards the erring of others. (7.8.1888)
Have patience with your own defects: God has patience with them. (18.8.1870)

We at STM are very privileged to have the Sisters of St Joseph working at the Emmanuel Centre next to our school and Mary’s legacy has gone well and truly beyond the small beginnings in a stable in Penola. Sisters of St Joseph today are a robust group of women working in Australia, New Zealand, East Timor, Ireland, Peru and Brazil and follow in Mary’s footsteps doing a wide variety of works, revealing to all the hospitable heart of God. marymackillop.org.au

I warmly welcome you to visit the classrooms on Thursday 19th Aug 9 – 11:00 as part of our Catholic Education Week Celebrations: to witness the teaching and learning at St Thomas More’s – proudly a Josephite School.

All contributions to our St Vincent de Paul winter fundraiser as part of Catholic Education Week next week would be warmly accepted. See poster on Team App and Face Book.

Please pray for the strengthening of faith in our sacramental candidates as we support them as they prepare for Confirmation and First Eucharist.

Carol Seagar
Principal

ADAMS Grace
CHAMBERS Thomas
DUGAN Eliza
LANGHAM Liliana
LEHNER Samuel
SULLIVAN ARKLESS Augustin
TWYNNAM PERKINS Alycia
JONES Ellie
RICHARDSON Jake
HERD Anna
LIPSKI Claire
KILBY Mackenzie

HILL Samuel
ROCKLIFFE William
SANTAMARIA Andre
SMITH Abbey
SULLIVAN ARKLESS Hervee
WALKER Ava
WILKINS David
FAULKNER Nicholas
FRIJETT Thomas
DUFF Theo
KIX-CONNORS Brigid
Unpacking the daily MYTERN Message: You don’t always have to be the expert

It can be tempting to always be the person who knows everything. Allowing others to share their knowledge or expertise (even if you believe that you have more experience) can be a powerful moment for you both.

Giving others a chance to shine can not only increase the other person’s self-esteem, but it can also improve your ability to listen.

Family activity: Encourage each family member to share their knowledge about something, while the rest of you sit back and listen. It is amazing what you can all learn from each other.

WATCHING YOUTUBE AND OTHER ONLINE VIDEO

Youtube continues to grow in popularity, especially with children. Don’t get us wrong, we like Youtube, it has some great educational resources and is super handy when learning how to try a DIY project at home. However, Youtube also has some extremely nasty stuff on it, often posted by adults, but also posted by children. One of the things we find children wanting to watch on Youtube are videos that they consider to be “funny”, but are often wildly inappropriate. These videos are usually about something that is based on an interest of the child’s. For example, Minecraft (that extremely popular mining/building game) videos are one of the big ones that children watch. People do some pretty cool stuff on Minecraft, but some of these videos include adults doing some pretty silly stuff and using terrible language while they are at it.

We strongly recommend that all Youtube and other streaming website use is strictly monitored, as much of what is being watched is coming into the school playground. Also, we are aware that some of our students have been creating and posting their own videos on Youtube, some of these possibly inappropriate.

Below is a link to a Cyber Safety Lady Blog discussing Youtube. The Youtube App was recently moved from a 12+ App to a 17+ App because of the increase in adult based content on the site.


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.
Mary Mackillop Feast Day
Winners - More House
Dear Parents/Carers

This year from 14-20 August 2016 St Thomas More's will join with Catholic schools across Tasmania to celebrate Catholic Education Week (CEW).

The theme for CEW 2016 is ‘Catholic Education: Opening the doors of Mercy,’ which aligns with the global Catholic Church celebration of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, which focuses on pardon, strength and love. Pope Francis sees the Year of Mercy as an opportunity for forgiveness and reconciliation, and is calling on all Catholic communities to extend mercy to those in need, particularly refugees.

Catholic Education Week is also about forging and strengthening relationships between everyone who has a stake in our schools – students, staff, families, priests, parishioners, and members of the wider community – by showcasing our activities and actions.

During Catholic Education Week, we take the opportunity to highlight not only the best of what we do, but also what happens in our schools every day.

For that reason, we invite you to visit our classes on our open morning from 9:00 – 11:00 on Thursday 18\textsuperscript{th} August, where you can walk through our classes and see learning and teaching in action.

This is an ideal opportunity to support our community of St Thomas More’s and learn more about the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day.

Our school has a supportive and talented community of teachers, parents, carers, P&F, clergy, parishioners and support staff who work together to give students the best education possible.

This special week on the Catholic Schools’ calendar provides an opportunity for the community to recognise our committed and gifted teachers and support staff for their work in encouraging success, promoting discipline, supporting creativity and instilling compassion in our young people.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support of St Thomas More’s and look forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week with you on Thursday 18\textsuperscript{th} August.

Yours sincerely

Carol Seagar
Principal

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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 on Thursday 25 August 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.

A special parade for Kinder will be held on Monday 22 August.

Rebecca Thomas
Library

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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

Basketball Tasmania

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Singfest 2016

31 SEPTEMBER, 6:30 p.m.
East Launceston Primary School
Hobart Primary School
St. Thomas More Catholic School
Tasmania

22 SEPTEMBER, 6:30 p.m.
Bridport Primary School
Cawsey College Junior
Launceston Christian School
Scotch College Junior
Summervale Primary School

VJAM Orange

Tickets available from theatre north 6333 5288
### SACRAMENTAL CALENDAR

**AUGUST**
- **Saturday 13th**: Presentation of the Creed at all Masses
- **Sunday 14th**: Presentation of the Creed at all Masses
- **Monday 29th**: Faith Sharing Session – Church of the Apostles 3:30-7:00pm
- **Tuesday 30th**: Faith Sharing Session – Church of the Apostles 3:30-7:00pm

**SEPTEMBER**
- **Saturday 3rd**: Rite of Strengthening and Healing at all mass centres
- **Sunday 4th**: Rite of Strengthening and Healing at all mass centres
- **Thursday 8th**: Sacrament of Reconciliation and Confirmation practice 7:00pm Church of the Apostles
- **Thursday 15th**: Sacrament of Confirmation 7:00pm Church of Apostles

**OCTOBER**
- **21st Friday**: Candidates Fun Day St Ailbes Hall 10 – 2:30
- **Monday 31st**: Faith Sharing Session – Church of the Apostles 3:30-7:00pm

**NOVEMBER**
- **Tuesday 1st**: Faith Sharing Session – Church of the Apostles 3:30-7:00pm
- **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

### FAIR COUNTDOWN - ONLY 45 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.
- Start the Countdown - 10 weeks to go. How can you help?

### Benefits of playing board games and cards

Playing board games and cards can enhance a number of skills. Board games are rich in learning opportunities such as:

- **Maths skills** - adding, subtraction, sequencing, counting, grouping, number and shape recognition
- **Reading skills** - letter recognition and reading
- **Expanding knowledge and vocabulary**
- **Visual perception and colour recognition**
- **Fine motor skills, eye-hand coordination and manual dexterity**
- **Cognitive skills** - involved in understand rules and the concepts behind the game, logical thinking, problem solving and strategising.
- **Focus and attention**

Board games also enhance children's social skills such as:
- **Taking turns**
- **Communicating verbally**
- **Sharing**
- **Waiting**
- **Following rules**