From the Principal:

I was fortunate to be able to attend the Grade 5/6 camp last week where the students had experiences they need to bolster their range of coping strategies. There are the challenges, both simple and complex, of learning how to work as an effective group, conquering the giant swing, helping to clean up, accepting new routines and coping with tiredness. Calculated risk with responsibility are often new concepts for young people that engender their own sense of boundaries, self-worth and self-efficacy.

Play time during our school day is also a time for genuine collaboration, developing better communication skills, imagination and creativity, to experience and encounter boundaries, learning to assess risk in their own lives both physically and socially. Play helps children to find out about themselves, their interests, their abilities and the contribution they can make and of building and maintaining relationships.

Parents and Friends are developing the oval bank to provide more play space for our students so that more opportunities for creative play are available.

The Feast of St Joseph this Saturday is very significant, as he is the Patron of the Sisters of St Joseph, who founded our school in 1938. John Mula, our TCEO Director said recently of St Joseph: “He was in his day the lawful and natural guardian, head and defender of the Holy Family and St Joseph’s role as foster-father of Christ was unique. St Joseph reminds us that the caring role of all fathers is unique and should never be underestimated. The Bible pays Joseph the highest compliment: he was a “just” man. By saying this, the Bible means he was completely open to all that God wanted him to do for God. What a wonderful example he sets for us all”.

We wish the Sisters of St Joseph, Newstead a Happy Feast Day for Saturday – please join us in celebration at Mass at 6.00pm at Sacred Heart Newstead.

Carol Seagar
Principal
Coming Up

Thurs 17 Mar
St Patrick’s Day
Board Meeting, 7.00pm

Sat 19 Mar
Feast of St Joseph

Mon 21 Mar
Nacho Day, $4.00

Wed 23 Mar
P & F Meeting, 7.00

Thurs 24 Mar
Holy Thursday

Fri 25 Mar
Good Friday

Mon 28 - Tues 29 Mar
Easter Holiday

Fri 1 April
SOFOS Meeting

Thus 7 April
Board Meeting, 7.00

Fri 8 April
End of Term 1

Tues 26 April
Start of Term 2

Tues 10 - Fri 13 May
NAPLAN Testing

Tues 17 May
ICAS Digital Tech

Thurs 19 May
Board Meeting, 7.00

Fri 20 May
STUDENT FREE DAY

Craft Club

Parent/Child Workshops
Saturday 19th March
Easter Cards
10:30am-12:00pm
St Thomas More’s School

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Unpacking the daily MYTERN Message: Redefining perfection

Begin by discussing the yin/yang symbol and how it represents a balance of black and white, good and bad, red roads and green roads.

Does our present society still define perfection as a balance, or are we expecting people to be pure white? If so, is this attainable?

Discuss areas of each family member’s life where they may have unrealistic expectations of themselves and others. Stress the value of travelling the red roads, for without rough roads, how can you appreciate the smooth ones?

That’s why there will always be moments when you are sad, because if you were never sad, how could you possibly know what being happy is?

Don’t be too quick to judge a rough road, as it can often present you with a totally new perspective. Learn to see imperfection as part of being perfect.

REMINDER

Dear Parents

You may be aware that Pippa Harmey (little sister of Georgia in Gr 1/2 LP and Alexis Gr KW) has been diagnosed with leukaemia. We are sure you will join with us in keeping Pippa and her family in your thoughts and prayers as she undergoes her treatment.

Pippa’s parents, Yvette and Dave have asked for our help in a very important matter. If Pippa were to contract chickenpox or measles this would be very serious. 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 Gr 1/2 LP and Kinder Wood. This is a simple but very important way we can help Pippa on her journey to wellness. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Kind regards

Carol Seagar
Principal

Hi!

I’m taking part in the World’s Greatest Shave and I’m shaving my hair!

It’s an extraordinary way to help people with blood cancer, but I can’t do it alone.

I’d really like you to support my sacrifice and sponsor me!

Visit my shave page email.leukaemia.org.au/wf/click

Go on, help me make the most of my hairy sacrifice and sponsor me today!

Thank you,
Ruby Wood

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Mrs Kathy Ranson, Admin Officer, loves the diversity of working in a school, every day is different. She also loves getting to know the children as they grow from Kinder to Grade 6 and their parents.

Mrs Christine Booth, Admin Assistant, says STM is a friendly place to work with students, parents and staff.

Junior Joeys Day
On Tuesday 15th March St Thomas More’s hosted a Junior Joeys Day for the Junior Joeys from Sacred Heart School, Ulverstone and Our Lady of Lourdes, Devonport. Almost 60 children met in our Hall to learn more about Mary MacKillop and our Josephite heritage, and plan activities for this year. Sr Lynette Young joined us and spoke about being a Sister of St Joseph.

NISSA Swimming Carnival
St Thomas More’s came 4th in the Interschool Carnival, after SOC, Grammar and Sacred Heart. Pictures next week.
Grade 5/6 Camp