



St Thomas More's
Catholic Primary
School



First Eucharist Mass
This weekend



Annual Band
Concert, St Pat's
Thursday 24 Nov



Grade 1/2
swimming lessons
21 Nov - 1 Dec

NEWSLETTER

From the Principal:

What a wonderful event our Grandparents' Day celebration was. From all reports, all who attended thoroughly enjoyed the concert and the delightful atmosphere in the garden. The conversation and laughter as tea and scones were consumed was a delight to hear and see. Our Grandparents' Day celebration shows just how amazing our community at St Thomas More's is. I would sincerely like to thank everyone who contributed in the lead up and on the day, to make this event the wonderful day that it was.

Our final Family Mass for the year was lovely, and it was fantastic to see all of our First Eucharist Candidates standing up with Fr Mark to say the Lord's Prayer. We wish our candidates all the very best, and our thoughts and prayers are with them as they attend their First Eucharist this coming weekend.

Finally I would like to thank our School Board and P&F for all of their commitment and work throughout the school year, as we have our final Board and P&F meetings for the 2016 school year this week. The school Fair was undoubtedly a huge success and we have confirmation that over \$20 000 in profits were taken on the night. Thank you to all those that worked so hard to make the Fair a success, particularly the Fair Committee, as this is extremely affirming of all your efforts.

Kurt Atkins
Acting Principal

Book Club

The final issue of Scholastic Book Club for 2016 will be issued shortly. If you would like any items kept aside for gifts please let me know and they will be left at the office for collection.

Regards,
Rebecca Thomas
Library

The Library

The library will be closed for the last four weeks of term for stocktaking. Next week will be the last week that students will visit the library. Therefore, it would be appreciated if all outstanding library books could be returned.

Thanking you,
Rebecca
Library

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.

Carols by Candlelight

Thursday 1 December, 6.45pm on the oval. BYO rug, snacks, drinks.

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

Kurt Atkins
Acting Principal

Coming Up

Thus 17 Nov
Board Meeting 7.00pm

Weekend of 19 & 20 Nov
First Eucharist Mass

Wed 23 Nov
Band Concert
rehearsal

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

Thurs 1 Dec
Orientation Day
Carols by Candlelight
5.45pm

Thurs 8 Dec
Kinder G Nativity Play

Fri 9 Dec
Kinder W Nativity Play
Gr 6 Pilgrimage

Mon 12 Dec
Gr 6 Leavers' Dinner,
Riverside Golf Club,
5.30pm

Tues 13 Dec
End of Year Mass, 6.30
Gr 6 Last Day

Wed 14 Dec
Last day of term

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: 17 OCT - 21 DEC

Gallery



On Wednesday 2 November I went to Government House in Hobart to receive an award for being a finalist in the Commissioner for Children and Young People Young Creative Writers Awards. I entered a piece of writing called *Being Different Doesn't Make a Difference*. The theme of the competition this year was fairness and respect.

There were 12 finalists from around the state. We all got called up on to the stage and were presented with certificates by The Governor of Tasmania, Kate Warner.

After the presentations we had photos with the media and then joined our families for afternoon tea. It was an exciting day and I was so happy to be a finalist for my piece of writing.

Olive Morris

GRANDPARENTS DAY





Melinda Miller has Bachelor and Masters degrees in Occupational Therapy from The University of Sydney. She is a highly experienced Occupational Therapist with over 21 years of experience working with young children through adolescents with Learning Difficulties / Dyslexia, Developmental Coordination Disorder, Autism Spectrum Disorders, Chromosomal Disorders, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, Sensory Processing Difficulties and Developmental Delays. Having worked both within Australia and the USA, Melinda is committed to providing both Family Centred and Evidence Based Practice. She has 16 years of local experience working at St Giles Society in partnership with families and many schools, childcare centres and other professionals.



Launceston Occupational Therapy

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Launceston Occupational Therapy is offering small therapy groups during the summer break on fine motor/early handwriting skills, handwriting skills and touch typing/ technology assisted writing. Students will need to be assessed before the groups commence. Rates will be reduced for group sessions. Phone 63317202 for appointments.



**For appointments -
Phone: (03) 6331 7202**

Paediatric Occupational Therapists work with children who are experiencing difficulties with the activities that 'occupy' their day-to-day time. Including:

Play



Pre and Play, Early Motor and Cognitive Skills and School Readiness

School



Literacy, Attention, Handwriting, Fine Motor & Organisational Skills

Self Care



Shoelaces, Buttons, Toileting, Dressing and Mealtime Skills

Treatment focusing on:



- Literacy support
- Word processing skills
- Working memory skills
- Fine motor skills
- Handwriting development
- Sensory Processing
- Visual perceptual skills
- Organisational and Planning Skills
- Balance and Coordination
- Attention / Concentration
- Developmental Delays
- School readiness skills
- Social Interaction skills
- Expanding coping and calming skills

ASSESSMENTS:

An assessment takes approximately 1.5 hours and uses a series of standardised and non-standardised tests. This will include a discussion with you about your child's strengths and areas for improvement. Recommendations for how Occupational Therapy can assist your child will be outlined.

INDIVIDUAL THERAPY SESSIONS:

Sessions are generally 60 minutes long and involve: Working directly with your child on activities to promote skill level and confidence. Parent discussion during the session to provide suggestions to incorporate strategies into daily routines.



SCHOOL THERAPY SESSIONS:

Intervention may also occur in the school or childcare setting. This helps promote a direct relationship with the staff working with your child to ensure carryover of therapy strategies into their daily routines.

CONSULTATIONS:

Working collaboratively with parents and teachers in setting goals, establishing programs and providing intervention. Sharing information and practical strategies that will assist in your child's development and performance.

HOME AND SCHOOL PROGRAMS:

Individual programs are designed and monitored to meet specific goals across home, school and child care settings.

EXAM EXEMPTION ASSESSMENTS: In preparation for sitting internal and external exams for students with handwriting / motor difficulties.