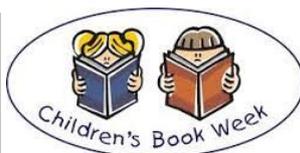




St Thomas More's
Catholic Primary
School



BOOK WEEK
22-26 August
Parade 25th 9 - 10am
Kinders' Parade 22nd



FATHERS DAY
CELEBRATIONS
Friday 2 Sept



SINGFEST
Wed 21 September

NEWSLETTER

From the Principal:

We at STM teach that Jesus is our role model in the way in which we treat others: in our actions, words and thoughts. Prep OZ had a liturgy last week whose focus was to 'be the best we can be' using Jesus as our role model. BUT it is not easy!

Jesus stated in John 13:34- 35

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. This commandment is very challenging and we can so often fall into using our 'judgment hat' towards others. Following Jesus was not meant to be easy and inherent in this challenge is seeing the dignity of all as God sees them and so opening of our hearts to others.

In celebrating Catholic Education Week this week the focus has been on Mercy – corporal and spiritual works of mercy: of opening the door of mercy to others. It is the teaching of St Thomas Aquinas that mercy is a special virtue and one we can all attain. Jesus urged us to be open to those around us: to see their needs, feel close to them, be neighbourly. The Archbishop in addressing the students yesterday challenged them to show the compassion that God gives to us, to others daily. Compassion will overcome many human obstacles and experiences.

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

*Loving God, we ask you to bless this children.
May they always feel your presence in their hearts and lives.
We take them to our hearts as you take them to your heart.
We pray that by our word and example we will help them along their journey of faith.
May our community always be a place where they feel welcome and cherished.
We make this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen*

Carol Seagar
Principal

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

HILL Samuel
ROCKLIFFE William
SANTAMARIA Andre
SMITH Abbey
SULLIVAN ARKLESS Hervee
WALKER Ava
WILKINS David
FAULKNER Nicholas
FRYETT Thomas
DUFF Theo
KIK-CONNORS Brigid
SMART Jasmine

The Corporal Works of Mercy

The Spiritual Works of Mercy



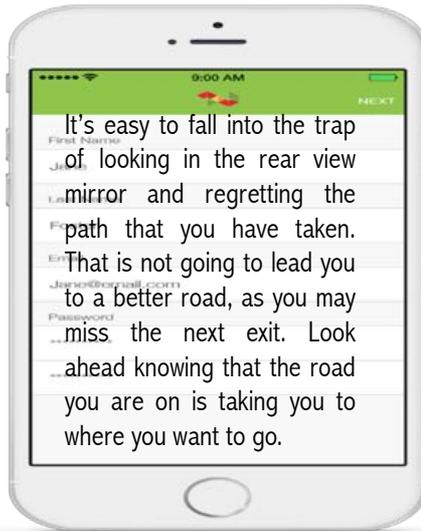
Matthew 25:31-46

Family
Mass
6pm Saturday
Newstead Church

Unpacking the daily MYTERN Message: Don't hang on to regret

We all do things that we wished we hadn't done or said. That's life. What makes that regret powerful is being able to learn from it. If you keep going over and over it, you will end up becoming trapped in a never ending loop of regret – and that never feels good. You can't change the past, but you can learn from it and bring that experience into your present.

Family activity: Have each family member discuss a moment where they have regretted what they have done or said. Then discuss whether they have learnt from it or are still hanging on to it -wishing it hadn't happened. If they are still stuck, focus on what can be learnt from such an experience, emphasising the gift that these experiences can bring to their life and how they can inform their future.



Changes to Metro Routes

Effective from Monday 22 August the following routes have been removed:

Route 135AM Birch Ave to Punchbowl Primary via Waverley, Ravenswood, East Launceston and Punchbowl.

Route 136PM Punchbowl Primary School to Waverley via East Launceston Primary School and Ravenswood.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Hani Gibe-Zeleke, who won (with another student from KM High) the Ray Willis Memorial Award. Last night at the YMCA Hani was presented with a cheque for \$250 (for netball sneakers). It was so lovely to see her receive her certificate. She wore her school uniform and she represented STM very well.

Five boys from 4M went to a state futsal trial but unfortunately only four of them made it to the team. Congratulations to Thomas Chambers, Samuel Hill, Rhys Lawson and Brodie Mathews, who will represent the state in January 2017 in Sydney.

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, 9 - 10am 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



Coming Up

20 - 26 Aug
Book Week
Parade 25th 9-10am

Wed 31 Aug
P & F Meeting, 7.00

Thurs 1 Sept
Board Meeting, 7.00

Fri 2 Sept
Fathers Day Breakfast
8.00 - 9.00

Wed 21 Sept
SingFest

Fri 23 Sept
Colours Day
End of Term 3

Mon 10 Oct
Term 4 commences

Wed 12 Oct
STM Athletics Carnival
P&F Meeting, 7.00

Thurs 13 Oct
Board Meeting, 7.00

Tues 18 Oct
Andrew Chinn visit

Thurs 20 Oct
MJR Day

Wed 26 Oct
Foundation Band &
String Workshop

Fri 28 Oct
STM Fair

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

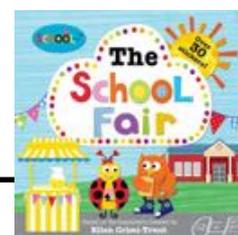
SOFOS Report by Conor Rae and Ryan Fleming

At 9am we boarded our bus and started our exciting adventure to the SOFOS day in Devonport. The bus ride was very uneventful, except for the bus driver stopping in Latrobe instead of Devonport. When we arrived at Devonport we had our recess and we started our activities straight away. The first thing we had to do was get into our groups, then we received our task. We had to order Olympic teams medal tally with twelve facts that were meant to help us but were very confusing. The next activity for our groups was to create our own country and all its land marks, its tourist attractions, it's flag and many more things. Then everyone had their delicious lunch and played outside. Our final task of the day was Fermi maths questions that were SUPER hard. There were usually lots of possible answers, and the focus was on the reasoning behind the answer.

The day overall was Super Awesome and fun, we got to meet a lot of new people and had a great time.

FAIR COUNTDOWN - ONLY 40 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 - 8 weeks to go. How can you help?
- ▶ Fair Meeting this Friday 19th, 1.30pm



Fair play for children

When it comes to children's games, playing the game matters more than winning. But some healthy competition is also good for children – when it's handled well. You can teach your child about fair play and how to cope with the disappointment of losing.

Children and fair play

Playing fair is about learning the rules of the game and putting them into practice – whether they're special family rules for card or board games, or the rules at Saturday football. This way, everyone gets to enjoy the experience. In some games, you can make up new rules. This can be a great way for children to learn about solving problems together and being flexible. Fair play is also about learning social rules, like taking turns and being polite. For children, it might mean helping out another child who is having trouble with the game, or giving others a fair go at winning.

Helping your child with fair play: tips

You can use the following tips to help children of any age learn about fair play and enjoying the game.

- Consider the age of your child: children can learn about fair play more easily when the game is suitable for their age. For example, children younger than about six or seven find it hard to understand formal rules. Simple games that give each child a turn and short waiting times can also work well for younger children.
- Give your child the chance to play lots of different games: the more experience and practice the better. Try pretend play, board and ball games, competitive games of skill like chess, competitive games of chance, and cooperative games like charades.
- Find a range of playmates: it's good for your child to play with children who are older or younger. For example, your child can learn to look out for younger children and maybe show them the rules. Older children can also be good role models for younger children.
- Go over the rules of the game: before the game starts, make sure everyone knows the rules. The younger the child, the simpler the rules need to be. Introduce some social rules: these could be rules about taking turns and congratulating other people when they win.
- Give feedback: **praise** your child for sharing, taking turns and other examples of playing fair. Point out what your child did well. For example, you might say, 'I thought it was great the way you shook hands with the other team at the end of the game'.
- Children learn about fair play by watching what you say and do. Following the rules, accepting referee decisions and being a good sport yourself all set a great example for your children. You can be a good role model on the sidelines too by saying things like, 'Better luck next time', 'Good try', 'Well played'.



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

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

B-4@STM

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
63377200

or email

stm@catholic.tas.edu.au



What's On outside school

TRIVIA NIGHT

Sat 17 September, 7.00pm
Josephite Hall, St Thomas More's School,
Newstead

\$10/head, up to 8 on table

BYO snacks & drinks

A light supper provided

Raffle & games

RSVP Kathy 0409 593 616

or jazzytaz10@hotmail.com

All money raised will go to the Australian
Orangutan Project.

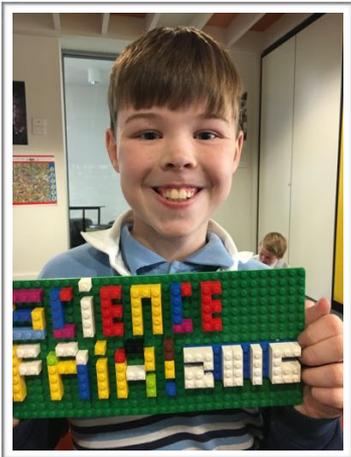
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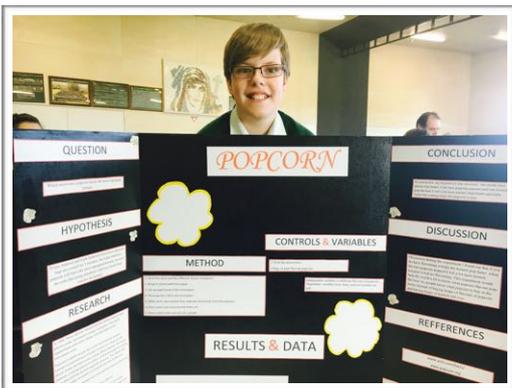
Catholic Education Week Mass

Thank you to parents for the wonderful response to providing groceries for Vinnies Appeal.



Science Fair

Our Grade 5/6 Science Fair, held in the Josephite Hall Thursday last week, was a fantastic success. We were so proud of the efforts of all of our Grade 5/6 students and were amazed at the quality of their work and how well they presented it on the day. Thank you so much to all the family and friends of the students that were able to come along on the day and see the Science Fair, your questions really helped to make it an authentic experience for the students. We would also like to wish those students who were chosen to represent STM at the UTAS Science Investigation Awards on Thursday 25 August all the best.



Hani Gibe-Zeleke with netball award

