



St Thomas More's
Catholic Primary
School



Basketball
Weekend
Grade 5/6
22nd & 23rd Oct



Junior ECE
Athletic Carnival
Mon. 24th October



iPad Info Evening
7pm Josephite Hall
Wed 26th Oct

NEWSLETTER

From the Principal:

We all know the song *from little things big things grow* sung by Paul Kelly whose context was the indigenous struggle for land rights led by Vincent Lingiari. Using that wonderful phrase and not wishing to trivialise the context I wish to make some links to our school fair.

We have been privileged to have five women organise this year's fair: Peta-Marie Rae, Jacqui Cross, Kylie Smart, Natasha Belsak and Belinda Anderson. This fair committee have worked for the last half of the year on all of the nitty gritty matters that are essential to ensuring a successful fair: many letters to companies for raffle and chocolate wheel donations, liaising with the Council for permits, contacting and meeting stall holders, seeking alcohol supplies, creating a directory of businesses, gathering items for the treasure chest, creating the site map, booking security, liaising with staff and checking every stall for rosters and produce and much more...

In order for the fair to grow from this small group (with massive input) to now be bigger and therefore successful for the community and successful financially – we need the help of you all from now until fair night. All of the proceeds from the fair go directly back to the school and the students in the following year.

It was great to see the commitment of parents to the Basketball Weekend – a lovely example of building community with the interests of all of our students in mind.

I look forward to working with you all in the week leading up to the fair and on fair day.

Carol Seagar
Principal

Parents are reminder to send hats to school with their children as the weather is warming up.



iPad Information Evening

We will be holding an iPad information session on Wednesday 26th October at 7pm in the Josephite Hall. This information session is mainly for parents/guardians of current Grade Four students as these students will be in Grade Five in 2017 and starting with our One-To-One iPad Program. However, anyone interested is more than welcome to attend, as we will be offering information on how the iPads are used in the 5/6 Grades.

The primary purpose of this session is to provide information and examples on how the iPads are used in an educational setting in the 5/6 Grades and how the use of iPads between home and school will look. We will also be able to answer any questions that you may have regarding the iPads.

Child minding will be provided on the night and the session is not expected to go for any longer than one hour.

This and future iPad events will be posted in the events section of Team App and we ask that you RSVP via Team App so that we can gauge numbers.

TREASURE CHEST KEYS

Keys are for sale for the fair.

\$5 per key

1 Key per child



Coming Up

SAT/SUN 22ND & 23RD
Gr5/6 Basketball weekend

FRI 21ST OCT
Junior ECE Carnival

TUES 25th OCT
Grade Mass 1/2 @ 12PM

THUR 20 Oct
Foundation Band & String Workshop

WED 26TH
1:1 IPAD info Night

FRI 28 Oct
STM Fair

Kinder 2017 Orientation
KW Wed. 2nd Nov
9:30-10:45
KG Thur. 3rd Nov
9:30-10:45

NJSSA Athletic Carnival
Fri 4th November

Grandparent Day
Monday 14 November

Basketball Players Wanted

Japara Jack Jumpers Team 2017

Only for boys not turning 10 in 2017

Coach, Rick Wyllie,

Try outs Wed. 2 Nov., 5-6pm Crt. 2, Elphin Sports Stadium.

Bring water bottle

Ring Rick on 0438 342 213R

SACRAMENTAL CALENDAR

OCTOBER

Friday 21st Candidates Fun Day St Ailbe's Hall 10:30 – 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

What's On

Church of the Apostles

Launceston

Sesquicenary

25-27 November

see last weeks newsletter for details

Family Mass

22nd October

6pm

Newstead Church

Invitation

Mass of Remembrance

Anyone who has lost a loved one, especially during the last year, are warmly invited to come along to the annual Mass of Remembrance.

St Finn Barr's Church 247 Invermay Rd, Thursday 3rd November 2016 @ 7:30pm. You may bring a memento or photo to place at the altar during the service. Refreshments after Mass.

Further information ring Parish Office 6331 4377.

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



Transition support for students

Life is full of transitions!

Students make many formal transitions in and between schools: from home or preschool to school, from grade to grade, from primary school to secondary school, from compulsory education to post-compulsory education and to further education, training or work. Some students also make transitions as they transfer from school to school or back into school after illness or other forms of extended absence. Transitions can also involve a change in family circumstances: parent separation, moving house or the death of a family member.

Each of these transitions involves students' expectations and concerns, and the processes of leaving one location, settling into another, leaving old friends, making new friends, and continuing learning and development. These points of transition are critical moments in determining students' wellbeing and learning. Many of the important transitions between educational settings occur at times of rapid student growth and development, when they are concerned about issues of identity (who am I?), relationships (how do I relate to others?) and future (what will I be?). How they approach these transitions, and how they fare through them, may be determined by many factors at home and at school.

The challenges that are involved in school transitions shape students' development in positive or negative ways. Students report that such transitions raise their expectations and provide excitement about new subjects, new contexts, possibilities for greater responsibility, and learning new things.



In some cases, these transitions provide students with a chance to break from previous negative experiences and make a fresh start.

Parenting educator Michael Grose suggests the following ways parents can help students through times of transition.

1. Promote friendships: The quicker kids form new friendships the sooner they'll feel comfortable in new surroundings. Encourage your young person to be open to forming friendships with all sorts of kids; to be accepting of others who may be different to them; to take social risks by joining in activities even though they may feel uncomfortable; and to be friendly, approachable and positive!

2. Practice patience: Patience and understanding in the early weeks is essential. Brush up on your listening skills as you help your young person adjust. Talk to your young person about change and reassure them that it is normal to feel unsure or nervous in new circumstances. Let them know that many

difficulties they face will be temporary.

3. Pursue a positive attitude: Confidence is catching so make sure you see this transition time as an exciting challenge that your child can handle rather than an event to be feared. Ask them about the new subjects or interesting activities they are doing, and try to shift their focus to the positive aspects of school. Discuss settling in issues with the appropriate person such as their teacher/year level coordinator, but give your young person time to handle them on their own before seeking help.

4. Process their day: Some young people may come home with fairly exaggerated accounts of school and may not always paint a fair picture. They may become sensitive to things that they might have once shrugged off. Listen without judgment and show a real interest in their day, while providing them with the space they need to get away for a while. Expect some behaviour blowouts as many kids let off steam in the relatively safe and stable environment of a loving family.

Most importantly, talk up your young person's new class/school, rather than talk it down, as kids of all ages take their cues from the most significant adults in their lives – their parents!



ANDREW CHINN MUSIC DAY





YOU are invited to celebrate Grandparents Day at STM...

Date: 14th November 2016

Times: 9.30-10.30am OR 12.30pm-1.30pm

Morning and Afternoon Tea will be provided.

RSVP BY 1ST NOVEMBER

(Please return the slip below).

STM - Grandparents Day Invitation 2016



RSVP

I/We

would like to attend the Grandparent's Day celebration at St Thomas More's on the 14/11/16.

I/We would like to attend:

9.30-10.30AM

12.30-1.30PM

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE TIME AND RETURN TO CLASS TEACHER