



St Thomas More's
Catholic Primary
School



Annual Band
Concert, St Pat's
Tonight 24 Nov, 7.00



Grade 1/2
swimming lessons
21 Nov - 1 Dec



Carols by Candlelight
Thurs 1 Dec, 6.45pm
School Oval

NEWSLETTER

From the Principal:

Saturday Night was a wonderful celebration for our First Eucharist Candidates at Sacred Heart Church, which was followed by a gathering of the students and their families to share food and friendship in our Josephite Hall. We also had some of our STM First Eucharist Candidates attend the Sunday Morning celebration at Church of the Apostles. This event was the final event in their sacramental initiation journey, and it was most pleasing to see the joy in their faces as they were fully inducted into the community of the church.

The Gospel reading from Luke at the Mass told of the crucifixion of Jesus and of the conversation that he had with the two criminals hanging beside him. This reading was an important reminder to the candidates of the significance of the gift that they were about to receive in their first Eucharist. And, as Fr Anthony reminded the candidates, this is a gift, freely given, that they may receive many times to help strengthen them and live their lives with Jesus in their heart.

I would sincerely like to thank all who were involved in helping these students through this very important part of their spiritual lives. The spirit shown is a testament to our school and community.

Kurt Atkins
Acting Principal



STM Carols Night will be on Thursday
1 December. The Carols will start at
6:45pm. There will be cans of soft drink,
popcorn & candles for sale by the P&F
between 6:15pm and 6:45pm. Limited
stock, will sell fast.
We look forward to seeing you there.

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.

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

Hadspen/Carrick & Beyond Bus Service

A small group of STM parents have come together in an effort to establish a school bus servicing Carrick and Headsmen. We have initiated a conversation with Redline Buses and to further strengthen our case are interested to hear from any other families in the area, including those further out than Carrick. If you think this bus service might be of benefit, please don't hesitate to contact:

Aaron Turner - 0418 362 662 or alecia_aaron@me.com

Karissa Hernyk - 0407 140 989 or karissa@mphbuilders.com.au

Parents/Guardians On-Site During Lockdown or Fire Alarm

Could we please ask that if any parents/guardians are on school grounds during a Lockdown or a Fire Alarm that they please follow any instructions given to them by STM staff members.

Dogs in School Grounds

A reminder that dogs are not allowed on school grounds at any time, including weekends and school holidays.

Coming Up

Thurs 24 Nov

Band Concert, St Pat's
7.00pm

Thurs 1 Dec

Orientation Day
Carols by Candlelight
6.45pm

Thurs 8 Dec

Kinder G Nativity Play

Fri 9 Dec

Kinder W Nativity Play
Gr 6 Pilgrimage

Mon 12 Dec

Gr 6 Leavers' Dinner,
5.30pm

Tues 13 Dec

End of Year Mass,
6.30pm
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



Mrs Morgan's Grade 4 boys dressed up for Grandparents Day



Girls Cricket Team which played in Hobart last weekend

Next year St Thomas More's will be moving to a new all-in-one parent and community communication platform called Schoolzine. Schoolzine will replace a number of the communication services we currently provide including our newsletter, Team App, and event booking systems. Schoolzine provide access to content through a website and free app that is downloadable on the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. The website and app will allow you to access our new school eNewsletter. Furthermore,

the app will replace Team App, as it provides the ability to send out push notifications, as Team App does, but with increased functionality. In 2017 we will still continue to send out notifications using Team App, up until we feel comfortable that everyone has had a chance to switch over to the new Schoolzine platform. This new platform will also replace our booking system for Parent/Teacher Interviews and any other event bookings that we may need throughout the year. We hope that this new all-in-one platform will allow for increased and more user-friendly communication between the school and families. Whilst we do not have any content on the app yet, you can download the Schoolzine app and find St Thomas More's now. This way as we role into using the Schoolzine app in the new year you will be ready to go and start receiving notifications straight away. As with Team App, it is important to leave push notifications turned on when you install the new Schoolzine app. We will send out more information as it comes to hand.



PBS – Change in Break Times for 2017

Next year we will be restructuring our break times as part of our Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) plan. We are implementing this for the following reasons:

- To reduce the number of incidences occurring in the playground in the last 15 mins of 2nd break playtime, as our data indicates that the majority of playground incidents occur at this time.
- To allow more eating time at 1st break to provide students with time to eat substantial food (namely sandwich or the like) which will increase attention/focus and productivity in the middle session; and in addition reduce the amount of food and rubbish being taken in to the playground.

The following additional changes will also be implemented:

- Students will be encouraged to eat their main meal at the 1st break.
- Lunch orders will come at the 1st break rather than the 2nd break.
- Specialist lessons will start at 8:50am rather than 9am.

The school will review and assess these changes at the end of Term One in 2017.

Times	Current - 2016	Time frame	2017	Time frame
Morning session	8.50 - 11.00	2hrs 10mins	8.50 – 10.50	2 hrs
Recess (1 st break)				
• eating time	11.00 – 11.05	5 mins	10.50 – 11.00	10 mins
• play time	11.05 – 11.25	20 mins	11.00 – 11.25	25 mins
Middle session	11.25 – 1.00	1hr 35mins	No change	No change
Lunch (2 nd break)				
• eating time	1.00– 1.10	10 mins	1.00– 1.10	10 mins
• play time	1.10 – 1.45	35 mins	1.10 – 1.35	25 mins
Afternoon session	1.45 – 2.55	1hr 10 mins	1.35 – 2.55	1hr 20mins

Launceston's White Ribbon Ambassadors' Committee invites Parents or school representatives to march in Launceston's

White Ribbon Day Walk

When: Friday, November 25, commencing at 11.30 am

Where: From the Launceston Fire Station to the Brisbane Street Mall

Why: This is part of a national day of action to raise awareness of the high level of domestic violence in our society and to help lead the way to positive change.

A 'Breaking the Silence' event

**In the Brisbane Street Mall will be:

- ∞ activities
- ∞ guest speakers
- ∞ an information stall
- ∞ White Ribbon merchandise



What's On outside school

Holiday Happenings

Music Classes

- Piano
- Keyboard
- Organ (Classical / Modern)
- Music Theory
- Chords
- Song Writing

Art of Study

- Maths English Reading
- Focus & Motivation
- Positive Thinking

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St Vinnies' Christmas Food Drive

Over the next two weeks we will be helping Vinnies with their Christmas Food Drive. STM's support makes a real difference to the families who require assistance at this time of year and, once again, Vinnies are calling for our help to assist in providing some support to those in need. Vinnies are very appreciative of any support that STM might be able to provide. Here are some suggested Christmas items to donate for the drive this year. We ask that students bring these into their own classroom where we will have boxes ready to accept all goods.

It is vital that all grocery and other food items are non-perishable and are "in-date". All donated gifts must be new and in the original packaging to be considered suitable to be given to children for Christmas - all donated gifts, which are second-hand, will be sold in our Vinnies shops.

Tinned Salmon	Tinned Corn	Tinned Beans	Christmas Bon Bons
Tinned Tuna	Tinned Tomatoes	Tinned Peas	Fruit Mince Pies
Tinned Ham	Tinned Fruit	Tinned Beetroot	Christmas Cakes
Milo	Jelly crystals	Pasta Sauce	Christmas Puddings
Fruit Juice	Cranberry Sauce	Spaghetti	Long-life Custard
Sparkling Apple Juice	Gravy Mix	Deb Dried Potato	Tinned shortbread
Soft Drink	Breakfast Cereal	Rice Crackers	Boxes of Chocolates
Water Cordial	Jams & Honey	Sweet biscuits	Christmas Stockings
Coffee	Wrapping Paper	Savoury Biscuits	Bags of Lollies
Serviettes	Grocery Cards	Potato chips	Popcorn

