



St Thomas More's
Catholic Primary
School



LAST DAY OF TERM
Friday 1 July



START OF TERM 3
Monday 18 July



ROCK AND ROLL NIGHT
Friday 22 July

NEWSLETTER

From the Principal:

Dear Parents and Carers

I have told the students at both recent assemblies about how proud I am with their reports – all students are really trying their best and as they are all at different places on the learning spectrum we need to acknowledge their efforts and the sheer determination and courage it takes sometimes to learn and to retain that learning.

Thank you for your support of STM staff who take every effort to support your child in their learning in all aspects of the curriculum.

“I choose gentleness... Nothing is won by force. I choose to be gentle. If I raise my voice may it be only in praise. If I clench my fist, may it be only in prayer. If I make a demand, may it be only of myself.”

— [Max Lucado](#)

I invite you all to accept our invitation to a Parent-Teacher Meeting second week back next term. It is a great opportunity to acknowledge your child's progress and to set some goals for their future learning. We do really love to meet you and spend some face to face time forming this valuable relationship with you.

I wish you all an enjoyable break and look forward to seeing you all in Term 3.

C. Seagar

Carol Seagar
Principal



ICT Safety in School

Parents are requested not to text students during school hours.

Change to Mass Times

For the months of July and August this year, the Sunday 6.30pm Mass at Church of the Apostles will be changed to 5.30pm.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Please read the letter from Mr Atkins as to how you book interview times.

Unpacking the daily MYTERN Message: You can't always MAKE things happen

We often spend a lot of time and energy trying to force things to happen. With children it may be wanting to make friends quickly; getting a new pet or a new bike; or being asked to sleep over at a friend's house. With adults it could involve wanting a new job; a bigger house; a new car; or that long awaited overseas holiday.

The trouble is that while we concentrate on trying to make something happen, we often miss out on appreciating what we already have.

Family activity: Discuss examples of when you have tried to make something happen at the expense of appreciating now. Emphasise the importance of appreciating what you DO have instead of always wanting more. See if

you can all find examples of what you would like to happen, and then discuss the consequences of not getting it immediately. Are you going to let the fact that it may not happen instantly ruin your life now? Take a deep breath; appreciate now and allow it to unfold naturally. It may surprise you how quickly it could then appear



Volunteers needed

York Place is a social club, run by St Vincent de Paul Society, aimed at people with physical and/or intellectual disabilities. It provides a safe, unstructured environment, where attendees can socialise, play games, etc. on their own terms. We are looking for a few more volunteers to assist with the preparation of a midday meal for the attendees.

What is involved?

- One Saturday per month: 10:00am – 2:00pm
- Preparing and serving a midday meal, all recipes and ingredients are provided.
- Assisting with serving morning tea and clean up.
- We can arrange a National Police Check and Working with Children Check.

If you would like to know more, please contact Peter Freak on 6326 5551 or peter.freak@vinniestas.org.au

Coming Up

Fri 1 July

End of Term 2

Mon 18 July

Term 3 starts

Wed 20 July

P&F Meeting 7.00pm

Thurs 21 July

MJR Day

Fri 22 July

Rock and Roll Night

Thurs 28 July

Board Meeting, 7.00

Tues 2 Aug

ICAS English Exam

Mon 8 Aug

Mary MacKillop Feast Day

What's On outside school

Basketball Tasmania Holiday Camps

Guards camp \$50; 7 & 8 July

Fun & Fundamentals \$80 for two days

Pink ball \$65 (inc T shirt); 15 July

All camps run 9.00am to 3.00pm

More info:

www.basketballtasmania.com.au

Launceston Football Clinic

Grades 3-6; \$50 per child

13 July, 9.00am - 3.00pm

Morning tea & BBQ lunch provided

More info & registration:

www.launcestonfc.com.au

0437 710 362

samrundle@launcestonfc.com.au

Newstead Athletics

Kooee Snacks Cross Country Series

final SCORING round

Sat 2 July; Equestrian Centre, Trevallyn

Gallery



Camp Quality Puppet Show



All Schools Cross Country Symmons Plains



Dancing with Miss King

Choir preparing for Singfest



ICT

KEEPING TRACK OF APPS

There are so many new Apps coming out these days with new features that kids are using, and it is hard to keep track. When we hear of new ones we will try to let you know. One of the Apps that has recently come to our attention is Musical.ly. Musical.ly is an app that allows users to record a lip sync video of themselves singing and dancing. These may sound harmless until you consider the following:

- The App allows you to communicate (message) with other users (80 million worldwide users)
- The App geocaches (shows your location on a map where the video was recorded and shares this with other users)
- Many of the song lyrics are not appropriate for Primary School Students
- The videos that are recorded can be used and shared on other Apps (this is a real worry especially when students are videoing themselves in school uniform making them even more identifiable)

The following link to the Cyber Safety Lady Website discusses these issues in more detail and is a very helpful read - <https://theycybersafetylady.com.au/2016/03/musical-ly-not-for-kids/>



See photos, newsletters, calendar and more on our website: stm.tas.edu.au

Rock and Roll Night
Friday 22 July at St Ailbes,
Margaret St, 6 - 8 pm
Music by the renowned Mr
Barry Nas and band
\$10 per family
Raffles on the night
A great night of dancing and
fun for everyone
BYO nibbles and drink



Parent/Teacher Interview Bookings

Dear Parents/Guardians

This year we will be trialling an online booking system for our Parent/Teacher Interviews as we hope this will make the booking process run much more smoothly. We will be placing details about this process in the newsletter as well as having reminders on Facebook and Team App closer to the date. A link to the booking website will be placed on our school website. This link will become active at 9am on the first day of Term Three (Monday 18 July). At this point spots can be booked for our Parent/Teacher Interviews, which will be in Week Two of Term Three. You will need to provide details when prompted online in order to book a spot. Once a spot is booked online it will no longer be available to others unless that booking is cancelled, at which point it will become available again. It is important that you only book one time slot per child unless your child is on a Funded IEP, in which case you may book a double slot.

Below is a list of instructions that explain how to make a P/T booking:

- To book a slot simply click on the booking link on our school website www.stm.tas.edu.au (this will not be available until Monday 18 July at around 9am), this will take you to the booking page.
- Click on the 'Choose Class' drop down menu and choose a class that you have a child in. Below you will see the days and dates of Week Two.
- Select a day that suits by pressing the green 'Choose' button under that date. This will open up a menu with possible time slots.
- Press the green 'Choose' button next to an available time slot that you want to book (it will say which slots are unavailable). Then press the green 'Confirm Appointments' button.
- Input your details and then select the green 'Submit' button. If you have already registered your details previously select the blue 'Already Registered? Click Here' button and input your login details, then click the green 'Submit' button.
- Now select the Check Box to agree to terms and conditions and then select the green 'Confirm My Appointment' button and your booking will be confirmed.
- You can book other time slots for other children by clicking on the 'Home' button in the top left hand corner of the screen and then repeating the process outlined above (you should not need to log in or put in your details again).
- You can also view your confirmed bookings by selecting the 'Welcome...' drop down menu in the top right hand of the screen and then selecting 'View Appointments'. If you have made a mistake with a booking you can also delete it from this page.
- Please keep these instructions for future reference.

If you do not have Internet access and/or you are unable to use our online booking system you are more than welcome to ring Kathy or Christine in the office to book your slot. However, please call after 10am once morning attendance has been completed.

Kind Regards

Kurt Atkins
Assistant Principal
STM

Important news for parents about the Asthma & Anaphylaxis Schools Program

Students with asthma – no matter how mild

If your child has asthma – even if it is quite mild – please let us know if you haven't already. We require an up to date written Asthma Action Plan completed by the student's Doctor. We just completed training with the Asthma Foundation of Tasmania. They told us that there is no way of predicting if a student may suddenly have a major flare up, even if it has not happened before. So please let us know so we can fulfil our duty of care and keep an eye on them.

Students with anaphylaxis

Please make sure that we have your child's most recent Anaphylaxis Action Plan. The plan that we are referring to is the one that has the patient's photo attached and signed off by a doctor. According to ASCIA, Australia's authority on anaphylaxis, the plans should be renewed by your doctor at least once a year.

Any questions on asthma or anaphylaxis

If you have any queries, talk to the Asthma Foundation of Tasmania, the organisers of the Schools Program, by visiting www.asthmatas.org.au or calling 1800 278 462.