

# ST THOMAS MORE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

3 SEPTEMBER 2015



From the Principal

We are a proud Josephite School, established by the Sisters of St Joseph in 1938. St Joseph is therefore both a Saint and a fatherly role model that we greatly admire and have a spiritual, faithful and tender connection with. From what we can ascertain Joseph as Jesus' earthly father was a humble, caring, loyal and honourable man.

Jesus shared a family relationship with Mary and Joseph, but also shared a family relationship with God, his Father. It reminds us that Jesus called all of us to enter into the relationship he shared with his Father.

The human family plays a significant role in the fashioning of the broader family of God, a family we all belong to. There is no way of separating this human family and the broader people of God. The plan of God does not unfold in a vacuum, but in the everyday family situations that include separation and misunderstanding as well as joy and celebration.

Happy Father's Day to all DADs at STM.

## Prayer for Father's Day

Heavenly Father,  
you entrusted your Son Jesus,  
the child of Mary,  
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.  
Bless all fathers  
as they care for their families.  
Give them strength and wisdom,  
tenderness and patience;  
support them in the work they have to do,  
protecting those who look to them,  
as we look to you for love and salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.  
**Amen.**

Carol Seagar  
Principal

## COMING UP

### Thurs 3 September

Board Meeting, 7.00pm

### Fri 4 September

Fathers Day Celebrations  
Breakfast 8-9am

### Mon 7 September

Band Soiree, 5.30pm

### Tues 15 September

P&F Meeting, 7.00pm

### Thurs 24 September

STM Athletics Carnival

### Fri 25 September

Colours Day  
End of Term 3

### Mon 12 October

Term 4 starts  
Fire Education Week

## 2015 TERM DATES

TERM 3	20 July – 25 Sept
TERM 4	12 Oct – 16 Dec





## Absentees

Parents are forgetting to call the Absentee Line when their children are sick. Please leave a quick message to say why they are away - every day that they are away - we can't assume they are still sick. It is with your child's safety in mind that we check where they are.



Please visit our website to view photos of your children and their work for the year.

[web.stm.tas.edu.au](http://web.stm.tas.edu.au)

## ST THOMAS MORE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

Our next Playgroup is on 11 September

Then: 25 Sept; 23 Oct; 6 & 20 Nov

Parents and caregivers with pre-school aged children are invited to join us for our new playgroup sessions.

Activities include songs, imaginative play, craft, story-time, outdoor play and shared morning tea. Please bring your own piece of fruit and a drink.

For more information contact: Peta 0427683232, the school office 63377200, or just come along.

Parents are welcome to join us on 11 September for morning tea, food will be provided.

## Raising Boys

A special evening with Steve Biddulph

at St Finn Barr's School Hall, Invermay  
Wednesday 16 September, 7.30pm

Steve's books will be available for sale on the night

We regret babies and children cannot be accommodated in the theatre.



**Gearing Up for Choice and Control EXPOs** – An event not to be missed for individuals and families living with disability

· Launceston 9th September, 11am- 6pm at the Tailrace Centre

The Gearing Up for Choice and Control Expo is a great way to explore future pathways, services and support. The Expo will showcase education, training, services and supports, employment, travel, recreation and other lifestyle options.

They provide people with disability, their families, and carers the opportunity to:

- Find out about available specialist and mainstream services
- Speak directly to organisations about their services
- Be informed about what is available and what may be possible
- Get some advice on making decisions about future options
- Join in the activities on the day
- Hear from individuals and family about their journeys and life choices
- Celebrate the diversity, talents and achievements of people with people with disability in the community

It will also include fun recreational activities, dance and theatre performance and photographic displays.

Entry to the event is free. Covering all ages. All are welcome.

For more information visit [www.gearingupexpo.com.au](http://www.gearingupexpo.com.au)

## House Captains



## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Are you, or is a friend or relative of yours, interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? If so, then the RCIA process is an opportunity to explore the Catholic faith in a friendly, small group environment. Please feel free to bring a friend along to accompany you on the journey, or to help them as they explore the riches of our faith. If you would like to join this group, please Contact Gordana Crowe on 0417 307 127 for more information

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## FAIR NEWS



HELLO FAMILIES!

BY NOW YOU WILL HAVE ALL SEEN THE LETTERS REQUESTING DONATIONS FOR THE FAIR – PLEASE GET YOUR THINKING CAPS ON! WE ARE NEEDING SOME BIG TICKET ITEMS FOR THE RAFFLES AND ARE HOPEFUL THAT SOME OF OUR AMAZING STM FAMILIES WILL BE ABLE TO ASSIST.

IS ANYONE INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH A CRAFT STALL? ARE YOU A KEEN CRAFTY TYPE OR KNOW OTHER CRAFTY TYPES?! IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT ME ON CRAMERF@BIGPOND.NET.AU OR 0416 151 522 – WOULD BE GREAT TO GET SOME PARENTS AND FRIENDS INVOLVED.

CAKES & SLICES – CLOSER TO THE FAIR DATE WE WILL SEND HOME A PLATE AND BAG FOR YOUR AMAZING CAKES AND SLICES! ALL WE ASK IS THAT YOU LIST THE INGREDIENTS THAT YOU'VE USED AND KEEP IT NUT FREE. SADLY, CHILDREN AREN'T ABLE TO HELP WITH THESE BUT I'M SURE THEY'LL LOVE COOKING OTHER THINGS FOR YOU!

TOYS & BOOKS – CLOSER TO THE DATE WE WILL ISSUE A CALL OUT FOR DONATIONS OF EXCELLENT CONDITION TOYS, BOOKS AND DVD'S THAT YOU NO LONGER NEED. THIS IS A GREAT STALL FOR US AND WE REALLY REQUIRE THE DONATIONS TO BE TOP QUALITY, SO IF YOU ARE HAVING A CLEAN OUT IN THE HOLIDAYS PLEASE KEEP US IN MIND.

ALSO KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN FOR COMMUNICATIONS THROUGH YOUR CLASS CO-ORDINATORS, WE'LL START GETTING ROSTERS ORGANISED SOON – MORE HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

REGARDS,  
MERI-ANN

STM Fair - Plant & Produce Stall

Now that the sun is trying to shine, it is time to get gardening! Planning is well underway for the school fair and we are looking for donations of seedlings, potted plants and flowers and quality homemade preserves. We are also looking for donations of the following:

- potting mix
- soil
- manure
- mulch
- pots



If you have any donations, please leave them outside Miss Noble's Prep classroom. If getting your donations to school is difficult, please leave your name and number at the office and we can arrange a suitable time to collect your donations.

Please contact Miss Noble on [shayne.noble@carthollic.nsw.edu.au](mailto:shayne.noble@carthollic.nsw.edu.au) if you have any questions about how you can contribute to our plant and produce stall.