

# ST THOMAS MORE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

3 DECEMBER 2015



From the Principal

As we celebrate the first week of Advent we try to live a way of life that exhorts us to 'wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ'. This way of life is both simple and profound. It does not necessarily require unusual behaviour on our part, but it calls us to live the usual unusually well. It affects the everyday events of life; it directs the way we interact with people; it informs the attitudes that colour our judgments and motivations. It is as ordinary as the birth of a child; it is as extraordinary as the revelation of God.

The Lord returns to us every time we love, forgive, share, are compassionate, are generous and sacrificial toward one another: the heroic love of a parent for a child, a spouse for their sick partner and the first world sharing with the third world are spectacular enough to believe that Jesus' kingdom comes every day, in every hour, at every moment.

If Advent is a time of pointless waiting for Christmas then we've somehow missed the message. Rather than just waiting, Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation. But it's not just about anticipating Christmas. That's part of it.. However, Advent is about reminding ourselves that we have a job to do: preparing for the reign of God - in our lives and in our world.

Congratulations to the students who participated in the All Schools' Triathlon last Wed at Devonport.

Congratulations to our school bands for their superb performance last Friday night as part of the Catholic Schools Band Evening. Their musical efforts and abilities were greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to the winners of the Historical Society Awards last week.

We are a school of many and diverse talents.

*C. R. Seagar*

Carol Seagar  
Principal



**COMING UP**

**Mon 30 Nov - Fri 11 Dec**  
Gr 1/2 Swimming

**Thurs 3 December**  
Carols on the Oval 7.00

**Wed 9 December**  
Gr 6 Leavers Dinner

**Thurs 10 December**  
Kinder G Nativity Play  
12.00pm

**Fri 11 December**  
Kinder W Nativity Play  
12.00pm

**Tuesday 15 December**  
Grade 6 last day  
End of Year Mass, 6.30pm

**Wednesday 16 December**  
End of Term 4

## FEES

Fee accounts should have been finalised by 30 November.

If your account has a balance owing it is now overdue.

If you have an outstanding balance could you please arrange payment to bring your account up to date.

If however, you are not able to pay your account in full, please contact Carol Seagar, before school term ends, to discuss a mutually satisfactory repayment arrangement.

If your account is not brought up to date, it may be referred to the School Finance Committee for review.

## Devonport Schools Triathlon Challenge

Grade 4: Lockie Presnell, Ethan Crisp, Joseph Scharapow, Demi Petterwood, Connor McNamara

Grade 5: Ellie Badcock, Olive Morris, Grace LeFevre

Grade 6: Oscar Scharapow, Liam Dean, Declen Chugg, Isabella Karas, Georgia McCord, Erin McNamara, Zoe Richardson



**Carols Night** - limited soft drinks and water \$2, aprons \$20, teatowels \$12, icecreams \$2 and candles \$2, will be sold from 5:45 - 6:45 outside the basement. A reminder to bring your own picnic, rugs, drinks, nibbles.



Grade 3/4 Play - The Shocking Case of Gold E. Lox Vs The Three Bears

## Launceston Historical Competition:

Congratulations to the children who entered the Launceston Historical Prize Competition. Below are the listed winners in the different categories. A Big thank you to the parents who took the time over the third term holidays to enter and do the chosen report either as a poster or PowerPoint.

On Thursday all those who entered had a special afternoon tea at Inside Café, then we walked to the Town Hall for a special ceremony with the guest speaker and presenter of awards being the Launceston Mayor, Albert Van Zetten. Highly Commended students received a \$45 book gift voucher and \$75 for the overall winner.

### Highly Commended

Grade 3: Claire Lipski How is Franklin House connected to the National Trust Tasmania?

Declan Rae: Why is Woolmer's Estate still important today?

Grade 4: Emma Spanos: Why is the Old Umbrella Shop a significant building in Launceston?

Isabella Johns: What was life like in the Launceston female factory?

Grade 5: Olive Morris: A comparison of the first and current Mayor of Launceston?

### Special Mention for good Use of original Source:

Jess Leyden: When the Circus Came to Town:

### Special Mention for presenting historical information in varied ways:

Joe Scharapow: What is the History of St Thomas More's

### First Prize:

**Grace Wood:** *Are there any Badgers on Badger's Beach?*

**Zali Towns:** *Do Aborigines have a History in Launceston*

### 2016 Early Childhood Music, Guitar, Piano, Keyboard, and Ukulele Lessons

The Music Tree is now taking enrolments for 2016. We offer **instrumental tuition** in a fun **group** environment perfect for the young beginner (up to 8 years old). Classes include the use of percussion instruments, music games, movement and lots of fun activities - the perfect balance to keep young kids interested and motivated.

**Award winning parent/child music** classes for babies and pre-school children, including our Family Fun Class.

For more information contact Tonya Norris on 0407344107,

e-mail: [info@themusictree.com.au](mailto:info@themusictree.com.au)

[www.themusictree.com.au](http://www.themusictree.com.au) [www.facebook.com/themusicreetas](https://www.facebook.com/themusicreetas)

### Launceston International Tennis

How can I be a Ballkid?

Be aged between : 10 - 17 years

Commit your time :

from 30 January-7 February 2016 inclusive

Take part in the training :

dates to be advised soon

Wear the uniform :

Official Shirt & Hat are provided

Register Online by 8 December :

[www.tennis.com.au/ballkids](http://www.tennis.com.au/ballkids)

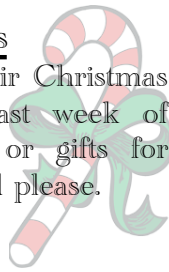
Questions? email [ballkidsprogram@tennis.com.au](mailto:ballkidsprogram@tennis.com.au)

or call the Ballkids Hotline : (03) 9914 4676



## Christmas Cards and Gifts

Children are not to bring their Christmas cards to school until the last week of school. NO candy canes or gifts for friends to be brought to school please.



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)

### ***2016 School Terms***

**Term 1 - 4 Feb - 8 April**  
**Term 2 - 26 April - 1 July**  
**Term 3 - 18 July - 23 Sept**  
**Term 4 - 10 Oct - 15 Dec**

**Easter 25 - 29 March**

### **Lost Property**

There is a large amount of lost property in the box in the sunroom: numerous drink bottles, plastic lunch ware, three pairs of black school shoes and clothes.

Please check for lost items by Friday 11 December.

### **UNIFORM CHANGEOVER 2016**

Orders to be taken now at  
**TARGETTS**

White sports shoes available  
at Targetts

## **Supporting Your Child**

Catholic Schools in Northern Tasmania do not currently have access to system support services such as psychologists. However, Medicare benefits are available for a range of specified psychology services. Some of the services that your child may be provided for include:

- o Helping Children with Autism Program - Under this program a child can be referred by a paediatrician or psychiatrist for diagnosis and treatment services such as psychologists, speech pathologists, occupation therapists, audiologists, optometrists or physiotherapists.
- o Better Start Program: Children up to 15 years of age with any of the following disabilities: Sight impairment, Hearing impairment, Cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, Fragile X syndrome can receive support from allied health services.
- o Better Access Initiative: Allied mental health services are available for children (and adults) with challenges (such as anxiety, ADHD, mood disorders) that significantly interfere with an individual's cognitive, emotional or social abilities.

To access these support services please contact your G.P. Please email Miss Noble on [shaye.noble@catholic.tas.edu](mailto:shaye.noble@catholic.tas.edu) if you have any questions or require more information.



Please remember to inform your child's class teacher if your child is accessing any of these services so that we can all work together to provide the best support for your child.