

ST THOMAS MORE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

15 OCTOBER 2015



From the Principal

The Hail Mary: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen

October is the month of the Rosary. The rosary is a devotion in honor of the Virgin Mary. It consists of a set number of specific prayers. First are the introductory prayers: one Apostles' Creed (Credo), one Our Father (the Pater Noster or the Lord's Prayer), three Hail Mary's (Ave's), one Glory Be (Gloria Patri) and then meditation on the mysteries of the bible – the joyous, the luminous, the sorrowful and the glorious. Some of our students have had a focus on the rosary this month in classes.

Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term 4. It is so great to see our students well and happy as they embrace the great weather and exciting learning opportunities this term.

We have a busy term ahead of us beginning with our Basketball Competition this weekend. Best of luck to all of our young players. Our Choral Soiree next Friday 30th at 5:30 – 6:15 followed by a sausage sizzle is a unique event to which you are all most welcome to attend. On Saturday 24 October we have 9 young students being Confirmed in a Mass at our school Church at 6.00pm. We would love to see you there supporting our young believers on their faith journey. Among the other events this term – Grandparents Day, Band presentations, Athletics Carnivals and End-of-Year activities we have our prestigious FAIR. Preparations are well in hand and you may get requests for assistance in one form or another. Please avail yourselves to us for this great event. The proceeds of the fair are used for resources for your children in the following school year.

Finally I will be focussing at assemblies on one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit – that of courage/fortitude. I will be asking students to apply some of this gift to their learning and playground behaviour and to write me notes of how they did this (having a go at a task they think is challenging for them; being more patient with their friends; being more deliberately inclusive; standing up for correct play; taking on a learning challenge that puts them out of their comfort zone). I will have a box for these notes in the office.

C. R. Seagar

Carol Seagar
Principal



COMING UP

Thurs 15 October

MJR Day

Board Meeting, 7.00pm

Thurs 22 October

Foundation Band &
Strings Workshop at St
Ailbes

Fri 23 October

Playgroup 9-11

Chorale Soiree, 5.30

Whole School Photo, 2.00

Mon 2 November

Long Weekend Holiday

Fri 6 November

NIJSSA Athletics Carnival
at St Leonards

Playgroup 9-11

Wed 11 November

Remembrance Day

Thurs 12 November

Development Band
Workshop at St Ailbes

12 Voice Choir to Mole
Creek

**Tomorrow (16th) is
last chance to order
aprons and tea
towels.**

LOST

A SCHOOL JUMPER, SZ 10,
NAMED MCCAUSLAND.
PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD'S
CLOTHES AND RETURN TO
SCHOOL ANY ITEMS YOU
FIND THAT ARE NOT YOURS.

Catholic Magazine
Archbishop Julian Porteous has recommended a Catholic magazine called "Frankly". Only \$3 a copy. Call TCEO State Office, 6210 8888 to purchase.



Please visit our website to view photos of your children and their work for the year.
web.stm.tas.edu.au

WORKING WITH VULNERABLE PEOPLE/CHILDREN CERTIFICATE

A REMINDER THAT THE DATE HAS PASSED WHEN VOLUNTEERS MUST HAVE A WWVP CARD TO BE ABLE TO WORK WITH CHILDREN. IF YOU WISH TO VOLUNTEER IN YOUR CHILD'S CLASS, ON CAMP, AT ATHLETIC CARNIVALS, ETC YOU WILL NEED TO GET A WWVP CARD AND BRING IT TO THE OFFICE TO BE COPIED.

How to apply for a WWVP Check & Number

- 1 Complete the online application form: www.justice.tas.gov.au/working_with_children
- 2 Print the "Application Receipt" which is generated when the application has been completed in full.
- 3 Take the "Application Receipt" (and your 100 point check to confirm identity) to a Service Tas Shop, and pay the fee.
- 4 Take your "WWVP certificate" to the school office where your number will be recorded.

Fee and Levy Accounts

Just a reminder that there are only 10 weeks until the end of term and that all fee accounts must be finalised by the end of term at the latest.

If you are experiencing difficulties with finalising your payments by this date please make a call to the office, 6337 7200, and make an appointment to see carol Seagar to discuss a possible solution.

TRAFFIC & STUDENT SAFETY

The school urges all parents to support road safety by obeying signage displayed and also ask you remind your child/ren to be very aware of potential traffic related dangers around the school. Sometimes for example, motorists do not abide by road laws, and if students are crossing inappropriately (with or without you), or just not aware of their surrounds by always looking either way, we could have an accident.

The education and care of our students is a partnership between the staff and parents and we all need to do our bit by acting appropriately and not showing a disregard for road laws, even if only to demonstrate your support to children watching of appropriate behaviour.

STUDENT MEDICAL CHANGES?

Please check if, since your last advice to the school, any medical information has changed which you have not advised the school of.

Also make sure any medication, epi-pen, etc has not expired, and if so organise a replacement for the school asap.

ECE Athletics Carnival



FACEBOOK

Could parents please turn their FaceBook notifications on so you get notices when they go out.

FAIR

- TOYS AND BOOKS ARE NEEDED (NOT BRIC-A-BRAC). THERE WILL BE A BOX IN THE BASEMENT TO TAKE THEM TO.
- DONATIONS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR THE CHOCOLATE WHEEL.
- ROSTERS WILL BE OUT SOON.
- ENQUIRIES TO MERI-ANN FRANKS, 0416 151 522, CRAMERF@BIGPOND.NET.AU
- NEXT FAIR AND COORDINATORS' MEETING: 22 OCTOBER, 9.00AM
- NEXT PARENTS & FRIENDS MEETING: 24 NOVEMBER, 7.00PM

DISCOVER SAILING DAY

Sunday October 25th 2015

Discover Sailing Day provides you with an opportunity to try sailing for FREE!

Clubs on the Tamar River will devote their club boats and instructors to give people of all ages with little or no expertise a chance to experience the joys of sailing. You will be given the opportunity to try your hand at various boats under the instruction of sailing club members. You can simply turn up on the day at the participating club of your choice but bookings would be appreciated. A parent or guardian must accompany children under the age of 18. For more information and registration visit discoversailing.org.au.

What should I bring?

Participants should wear suitable clothing (prepare to get wet), sunscreen and hat. Life jackets will be provided.

Weather:

Sailing will only go ahead if the weather is suitable for beginner sailors. If in doubt about the weather, please contact the club selected.

More information:

Deviot Sailing Club: 10am to 1:30pm

558 Main Rd, Deviot

Tony Fist: fists@netspace.net.au Ph: 0417 384 156

Port Dalrymple Yacht Club: 10am to 1:30pm

Kemps Parade, Beauty Point

Jason Harriss: rolypoly@netspace.net.au Ph: 0438 173 269

Tamar Yacht Club: 10am to 1:30pm

Beauty Point Marina, Beauty Point

office@tyc.asn.au Ph: 6331 8013



Attention Parents of Grade 4 Students

In 2016 we will be continuing our one-to-one iPad program in Grade 5/6. For next year's program the school will not be offering the outright purchase of iPads through the school. The main reason for this is that iPads can now often be bought cheaper when stores have sales on Apple products. Our educational pricing discounts can't match 10% or more off. Therefore we ask that you keep an eye out for good deals on iPads and purchase one for your child for Grade 5 next year (any newly purchased iPad will be suitable for use at STM next year). We will still offer a lease-to-buy option for those parents that do not want to buy the iPad outright and will also still offer an iPad for use at school only, if you are unable to buy an iPad at all.



ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL FUN FESTIVAL & CAR BOOT SALE

SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER

9-2PM

**Grab a Car Boot Site for just
\$20**

PH: 63-273618

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
- . pots



If you have any donations please leave them outside Miss Noble's 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 at shaye.noble@catholic.tas.edu.au if you have any questions.

The Wind in the Willows

A fun play for all ages based on Kenneth Grahame's classic story about the antics of Toad, Badger, Rat and Mole.

When: Fri 23rd October 7pm; Sat 24 Oct 2pm and 6pm; Sun 25 Oct 12 noon and 4pm

Where: Earl Arts Centre, Launceston

Tickets on sale now 6323 3666 or www.theatrenorth.com.au

Presented by Stephen Beckett Productions



Tasmania Fire Service

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION

A Fire Fighter from the Tasmania Fire Service is visiting our school this week to present a Fire Safety Program to our students.

The program is an initiative of the Tasmania Fire Service which aims to deliver appropriate fire safety education to every primary school child in Tasmania. The program is part of the Tasmania Fire Services ongoing commitment to educate the public for a fire safe Tasmania

Activity Books will be handed out to children from grades 1 to 4. After the conclusion of the program the activity book can be taken home and we encourage other members of your family to participate in the activities to ensure your home is fire safe.

INSTALL AND MAINTAIN SMOKE ALARMS (Smoke alarms save lives)

Smoke alarms warn occupants of a fire and ensure safe evacuations. Every home should have photo-electric smoke alarms installed in each bedroom, hallway and at the head of the stairway, connecting levels, if you live in a house with more than one level. They provide an early warning of fire, giving people more time to get out potentially saving lives and thousands of dollars in property damage.

Smoke alarms should be tested weekly with flat batteries being replaced immediately. Batteries should be replaced at least every twelve (12) months; a good time is at the end of daylight savings time. Some alarms have 10 year lithium batteries that do not need replacing every year.

PLAN AND PRACTICE A HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLAN

a) With the family, plan two ways out of every room. In case of fire, one exit may be blocked by flames or smoke. Choose a safe meeting place outside where everyone will meet like the letter box

b) *Enable Doors And Windows To Be Easily Unlocked*

Door deadlocks and windows locks are in many homes and can be deadly in a fire. When you are in the home leave keys in any deadlocked door and ensure windows can be easily opened in the event of a fire.

The best fire escape plan is worthless if your escape route is blocked.

CRAWL LOW UNDER SMOKE (Crawl low and go, go, go)

Everyone should know if you get caught in smoke, the cleanest air will be several centimetres off the floor. Get down on your hands and knees and crawl to the nearest safe exit. Shout Fire! Fire! Fire! To warn others.

2 METRES FROM HEATER / FIRE

Always keep clothes, newspapers, kindling and other flammable material at least 2 metres from the heater or 2 big giant steps away from it.

STOP, DROP AND ROCK AND ROLL

Everyone should know this rule. "If your clothes catch fire, don't run! **Stop** put your hands over your face, gently **drop** to the ground, and **rock and roll** back and forth on the ground until your clothes stop burning. This will smother the flames while protecting your face, mouth and lungs from the flames.

A MATCH/LIGHTER IS A TOOL FOR ADULTS

Matches and lighters are extremely dangerous in the hands of a child. Store them up high where children can't reach them. Teach children that matches and lighters are tools for adults; they are not toys for children.

COOKING (Turn it off before you turn away)

Never leave cooking unattended. Turn it off before you turn away. Be alert when cooking; keep children out of harms way. Pot handles should be turned inward so they won't be knocked over the edge of the stove.

IF A FIRE STARTS IN YOUR HOME REMEMBER TO:

- GET OUT – CRAWL LOW UNDER SMOKE
- SHOUT FIRE! FIRE! FIRE! TO WARN OTHERS
- GO TO YOUR SAFE MEETING PLACE (e.g. Letterbox)
- CALL THE FIRE BRIGADE ON TRIPLE ZERO “000”
- GET OUT STAY OUT - NEVER GO BACK INSIDE.

REMEMBER: Plan ahead – there's a lot you can do to prevent a fire

EARLY CHILDHOOD

TFS receives regular requests from kindergartens, preschools and child care centres asking for firefighters to visit and teach children about home fire safety.

TFS does not deliver structured fire safety programs to children below primary school age. This decision was made based on research carried out by the Mental Health Services of the Royal Children's Hospital and the Metropolitan Fire Brigade in Melbourne. This research indicated that:

- Children under the age of five had low retention of the information they had learned; and
- In some children, the information had actually stimulated their curiosity about fire and they had begun to play with fire.

TFS believes that parents and caregivers are the best people to make sure that very young children are safe from fire. To help with this, TFS has a fire safety website for parents, carers, teachers and students @ www.tfseducation.com.au

TFS has also developed resources for young children that introduce them to the friendly firefighter characters that they will meet when they receive the School Fire Education

Program:

- A colouring book;
- A money box shaped like a fire truck; and
- Stickers with home fire safety messages for the whole family.

To order free giveaways for your kindergarten, preschool or child care centre, go to www.tfseducation.com.au/order

Douglas St/Campbell St Roundabout

In 2014 the City of Launceston applied for Black Spot funding to build a roundabout at the intersection of Campbell and Douglas Streets. The reason for the application was safety of vehicles and pedestrians. The roundabout will improve compliance with the give-way and reduce crashes on the approach to the intersection.

The funding was granted as part of the 2015/16 Black Spot Funding Program and we have scheduled the works to begin in February next year.