

# ST THOMAS MORE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

20 AUGUST 2015



## From the Principal

This Tuesday 5/6 0 were fortunate enough to engage in a virtual tour of the Aboriginal section of the Hobart Museum - TMAG ningina tunapri exhibition. This was facilitated via skype, where an engaging Aboriginal host 'walked' (virtually) the students through the various items on display and talked to the students about their significance, history and importance to Aboriginal Culture and to the Aboriginal Peoples of Tasmania. The students were able to interact live with him. There was significant learning over this block of time and being able to embrace technology in such an engaging manner is reflective of the learning opportunities that are currently available to our students.

The second part of the session was a guided unpacking of The Black Box items, with the expertise of Teangi Brown, a dynamic young Tasmanian Aboriginal man who sourced the items himself. The purpose of The Black Box was to encourage students to think about the ways in which Tasmanian Aboriginal people have been depicted in the past and how they are represented today. It is a unique loan resource that is much more than just a box of objects. It's a window into Aboriginal culture. It is called the Black Box as the term 'black' is being reclaimed to be a powerful and political self-descriptive term, and also because, like an aircraft's black box, it contains vital information and processes that help people to understand something they don't know about.

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Carol Seagar  
Principal



## COMING UP

**Thurs 20 August**  
P&F Meeting, 7.00pm  
**CANCELLED**

**Mon 24 August**  
School Photos - green uniform

**Thurs 3 September**  
Board Meeting, 7.00pm

**Fri 4 September**  
Fathers Day Celebrations  
Breakfast 8-9am

**Mon 7 September**  
Band Soiree

**Tues 15 September**  
P&F Meeting, 7.00pm

**Thurs 24 September**  
STM Athletics Carnival

## 2015 TERM DATES

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

**School Photos Monday**  
**Children to wear full green school uniform and must return photo envelopes.**

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)

Photos of Science Fair will be on our website shortly.

Below is a quiz from the 5/6 O class – cover the answers and see if you know.

QUESTION	ANSWER
How do you kill a mutton bird?	By snapping it's neck
What's the strangest thing people have seen in a mutton bird hole?	A snake wrapped around the mutton bird to keep warm, not to eat it
How long have Tasmanian Aboriginals been living in Tasmania?	Over 40,000 years
Why did the Tasmanian Aboriginal people lay down animal furs in their huts?	To keep them warm in the night
How long does it take to weave a small basket?	1 week to a month
What is bigger: a baby mutton bird or it's mother?	The baby – because they eat so much to keep warm and later, as an adult, lose the fat to make them light enough to fly.
How do you make ochre?	You burn the stone and grind it against another stone. You then mix it with saliva, water, or blood.
What do the Tasmanian Aboriginal people use mutton birds for?	For eating and for taking the oil out of the body to use for many purposes
What happens if you eat too many mutton birds	The oil can seep from your skin
Who wore the shortest hair in the family, in early Tasmanian Aboriginal history?	The females. They were the ones who caught the fish so needed to move through the water smoothly.
To paint the outline of a handprint, how did the old people spray the ochre?	They mixed the ochre with kangaroo blood or saliva and sprayed it over a hand with their mouth.
How old was the oldest shell necklace Grade 5/6 got to have in their classroom?	150-170 years old
What parts of the kangaroo did the Tasmanian Aboriginal people use and why?	The jaw: there is a sharp tooth that the women used for drilling holes in to shells with. The tendons/sinew: to pull and stretch and dry for stringing shells on. The meat: for eating. The fur: for warmth.
Can you take kelp from the ocean?	No, kelp is a living thing, so you can only retrieve kelp that has already washed up on shore.
How many Tasmanian Aboriginal Nations were there before Eurpoean invasion?	Nine

Can men make shell necklaces?

No, the making of shell necklaces is 'secret women's business'

What shells are used for shell necklaces?

Black crows, rice shells, toothies, marina, and penguins.

What was a vital food resource for the Old people?



St Edmunds Band from Canberra

BASKETBALL FORMS MUST BE BACK TOMORROW (FRIDAY 21ST).

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session!

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Booked class even less by direct deposit payment

St Patrick's College and Friends of Music 2015  
**MAJOR FUNDRAISING EVENT**

**TRIVIA**  
- NIGHT -

**St Ailbes Hall - Margaret Street**  
**Saturday 12th of September**  
**6:30PM for a 7:00PM start**

LIVE MUSIC BY THE St Pat's  
**BIG BAND**    **SILENT AUCTION**    **BUY A BALLOON, EVERYONE WINS A PRIZE**

**\$10 ENTRY PER HEAD**

**BRING YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NIBBLES!**  
Lollies, desserts and drinks are available for purchase on the night.

CONTACT Giselle on 0419 560 204 or Sharon on 0408 402 681 for tickets!