From the Principal

Confirmation

This weekend some of our students will complete the process of initiation into the family of Christ as they participate in their Confirmation. This Sacrament has been preceded by Baptism and then on the same night will be followed by their first Holy Eucharist. Confirmation is one of the 7 Sacraments of Catholicism. Confirmation involves being responsible for one’s faith and actions and is a coming-of-age ceremony. This ceremony will be performed by Archbishop Julian Porteous.

The Archbishop and the priests who will administer the sacrament lay hands upon all the candidates (by extending their hands over them) saying this beautiful prayer:

All-powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their Helper and Guide.  
Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of right judgment and courage,  
the spirit of knowledge and reverence.  
Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
All: Amen.

We wish all of the candidates a joyous and faith filled weekend.  
Please join our community at this Mass for our Candidates this weekend in the Parish – Sacred Heart Newstead 6pm Sat & Church of Apostles 10.30am Sunday.

Congratulations to all of the basketball players who played in the competition last weekend. A very successful tournament with STM winning 3 divisions: 5/6 Boys, 5/6 Girls and 3/4 Girls. Check this fact. All students played with determination, skill and superb sportsmanship. Congratulations to all players and many thanks to all parents for their support over the weekend.

It is my pleasure to announce the secondment of Miss Jamie Underlin from Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School to St Thomas More’s for 2016. Jaimee comes to us as an experienced and passionate teacher with seven years of teaching experience in a range of ECE and Primary Classes in the North West and North of the State. Jaimee is currently teaching at Sacred Heart and has elected to pursue the opportunity that the TCEO system offers for secondments to other schools for limited time periods. We look forward to welcoming Jaimee to our school next year.

Carol Seagar  
Principal
Basketball Tournament

Just a short note with the beautiful photos of the Basketball Tournament conducted Wednesday 14th to Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 October. It was a very busy, exciting and rewarding weekend with eight teams competing and three teams winning their Grand final. The results of the tournament were the best St Thomas More’s School has achieved. Bad luck to the Boys C Grade 3/4 team who were one point off playing in a Grand final and the 3/4 Boys Crisp team that made the semi-finals. However, the best part of the tournament for me was seeing the enthusiasm of the children who, no matter the result, kept playing with a wonderful team spirit that was commented on by a number of parents, teachers and other schools playing in the competition.

Another highlight was the support from parents we received for the tournament. I am so grateful to the dads: Rhys Morris, Jason Fleming, Jamie Rae and Paul Crisp who modelled to their teams the best in sportsmanship by their gentle approach to coaching, ensuring everyone had a go and praising where praise was due. Our 3/4 Girls teams were coached by Katrina Richards, Natalie Hargreaves and Chloe Balym (Grade 9) who also modelled kindness and enthusiasm to ensure that every child participated to the best of their ability.

Thank you also to the parents who managed teams and scored on the bench. Most importantly I would like to acknowledge Caroline Morris for organising the timetables and the tops. This was a huge task given the draw was published late and volunteered her time to ensure that every person had the correct time and place for their match.

In closing I have enjoyed my role of organising the tournament for the last four years as it gives every child the opportunity to play and represent the school. Next year Jessica Scharapow and Shelley Thompson have offered to organise the tournament as Caroline and I hand the reigns over to the next generation.

Denise Morgan

Grade 5/6 Boys B Grade
Lachlan Cashion, Jacob Fleming (assistant coach), Tom Wood, Ryan Fleming, Jason Fleming (coach), Lachlan Williams, Daniel Luck, Bailey Tyson. Conor Rae, Tom Herd and Trey Banks

Grade 5/6 Boys B Grade Grand Final Winners
Coach: John Tyson
Connor Wright, Oscar Scharapow, Cody Jones, Zac Tyson, Aidan Williams, Max Lewis, Declan Chugg, Oscar Birtwistle, Joe Chapman

Grade 3/4 B Grade Boys
Declan Rae, Joe Scharapow, Sam Hall, Carlo Ferraro, Bryce Lawson, Conor Thompson, Hugh Matthews, Brodie Matthews

Grade 3/4 B Girls
Chloe Balyrm coach, Jess Leyden, Holly Balyrm, Maddisyn Lawson, Maya Daly, Subi Daly, Abbi Balyrm, Chloe Wells

Grade 3/4 B Girls Grand Final Winners
Imogen Richards, Ali Smith, Demi Petterwood, Clea Embury, Abbey Smith, Lucy Hargreaves, Ava Walker

Grade 5/6 Girls B Grand Final Winners
Olive Morris, Rhys Morris (coach) Lauren Wise, Sophie Shepherd, Grace LeFevre, Eva Lawrence, Lily Ellis, Ellie Badcock, Hayley Smith
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.

Emergency Lockdown Practise

We will soon hold an unannounced emergency practise with staff & students, to test our response to a potential scenario that staff identify a threat warranting the school go into lockdown (opposite to evacuation).

Like for fire evacuation drills, we recognised the worth to test this process. We have plans in place to make this practice as least disruptive to students as able.

If you have queries you are welcome to call our Safety Officer Simon Natoli on 0400 105 476.

Thank you to St Patrick’s College students for making our new picnic setting.

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)

Grade 3/4 B Boys Reached the Semi Finals and Lost to Norwood
Harry Biggelaar, Hugo Truscott, Lachlan Presnell, Ethan Crisp, Nick Faulkner, Chevy Doolan, Thomas Dwyer

Grade 3 Boys C Grade
Augustin Sullivan-Arkless, William Massey, Maverick McCausland, Kahlen Matthews Rhys Morris, Lochie Wells, Campbell Mackenzie

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Animals on school grounds
After we recently advised the below to school staff, it’s timely to also share this with the rest of our community.

Did you know... An extract of relevant Tasmanian legislation (Dog Control Act 2000) states:

(1) A person must not take a dog into --
(a) any grounds of a school, preschool, kinder, creche or other place for the reception of children without the permission of a person in charge of the place.

(2) This section does not apply to --
(a) a guide dog that is accompanying a wholly or partially blind person or is in training for that purpose; There are other exceptions besides just ‘2a’ above.

Your duty... If you wish to bring any animals onsite, prior approval needs to be obtained from the Principal. The Principal may give approval, & may also stipulate reasonable precautions.

The school &/or individuals can be fined up to $650 for any infringement of the Act.

DISCOVER SAILING DAY
Sunday October 25th 2015
Discover Sailing Day provides you with an opportunity to try sailing for FREE!
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 Dalrymle 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
Park St, Launceston (Beauty Point Saturday)
office@tyc.asn.au Ph: 6331 8013

YMCA Nerf Boot Camp
6 weeks of training and mayhem starting
Monday 26 Oct, 4.00-5.00pm
Ph 6344 3844

Scale Model Expo
Sat 24 October 9.00am-5.00pm
Aurora Stadium - Inveresk
Theme - Military
Hobbies, models, collectables, Lego, Hobby shop
Adults $5, U16 $2, Family $10, U6 Free

Tasmanian Guitar Studio
All ages and levels welcome.
Director - Gareth Koch B.Mus, PhD
0432 720 708
gareth@garethkoch.com
www.tasmanianuitarstudio.com
Supporting Children in the Classroom 
Professional Development Day 
for Parents, Carers and Professionals 
14.11.2016
Larmenier Catholic Primary School, Launceston

Alison Hopwood (OT) and Catherine Silcock (SLP)

Sensory Processing (9.00 Alison Hopwood)
Sensory processing is our ability to take in information from our environment and body and use it for function. This talk will:
Define sensory processing and describe sensory processing disorder.
Cover different strategies to support children with sensory processing issues.
Give an overview to guide you in setting up environments to help children sustain the just right level of regulation. "Understanding this changes everything."

Oral Language development (11.00 Catherine Silcock)
Oral language is the basis of all classroom experience, all language learning, all of our education and almost every interaction of the day. The skills of learning to listen, respond and recall, follow instructions and build vocabulary and concepts are perhaps the most critical skills in the whole world of education. Are you being the best you can be? Join this session for a better understanding and lots of ideas.

Handwriting (13.00 Alison Hopwood)
Handwriting is a foundational skill required by children throughout their educational life. This talk aims to provide participants with research-based information on the basics of handwriting, ideas on how to develop skills within the home and classroom, information on what impacts on handwriting and strategies to develop skills

Building Vocabulary (15.00 Catherine Silcock)
Vocabulary underlies every conversation you have and every word you read. It is one of the most significant factors underpinning school success. Research over the last two decades has shown the profound impact of vocabulary proficiency and the grave costs of deficit. This session will fill you in on the importance of this topic and offer heaps of activities to try in session and take away. Hear the research, recognise the impact and identify what you can do. Leave here to reflect on your practice and make changes that could make a world of difference.

*resources on display and for sale throughout day*

Larmenier Catholic Primary School
38 Station Road, St. Leonards, 7250
$45 per session ($150 for full day)

Enquiries and payment to:
kknott@ikot.com.au
6234 5333

08.30 registration
09.00 Sensory Processing, (A.H)
10.30 refreshments
11.00 Oral Language (C.S)
12.30 lunch break
13.00 Handwriting (A.H)
14.30 break
15.00 Vocabulary (C.S)
16.30 close

Refreshments and hot drinks will be served.
Please byo lunch

Catherine Silcock is a speech language pathologist in private practice in Hobart. With more than 20 years of clinical experience in paediatric assessment and therapy intervention, she also trains groups of carers and professionals to better support children with speech and language needs.
She continues her clinical work with children with developmental needs particularly children with language delay, ASD, and learning disabilities.

Alison Hopwood is the owner of Independent Kids, Occupational Therapy in Hobart. She originally trained at the University of Sydney and returned there to do her Graduate Certificate in Paediatric Occupational Therapy in 2006.
She specialises in helping children meet their potential working in the areas of sensory processing disorder, autism, cerebral palsy, handwriting and global development.
Seeking new Board Members for 2016 – 2018

**Roles and Responsibilities**

**of Board Members**

Being a member of a Board involves many kinds of responsibilities and relationships. The information that is shared demands protocols that need to be understood and observed by all. The principal focus of Board members is to work to improve the capacity of the school as a Catholic school in order to deliver quality educational outcomes for its students.

In accepting a position on the Board, members indicate they believe in the ethos of the school, have a genuine interest in the school and wish to give something in return for the benefits they might have received as a student, parent or caregiver.

In practice, Board members must be able to:

- acknowledge that schools are a significant expression of the mission of the Catholic Church;
- recognise the need for, and participate in, induction and formation programs;
- give the necessary time, thought and study to the work of the Board in order to provide an effective service to the community;
- refrain from intruding in management details;
- base personal decisions upon all available facts in each situation and act with honest conviction;
- abide by and uphold the final decision of the Board regardless of the personal stand taken on any issue;
- keep all confidences shared during Board meetings;
- understand that statements and documents pertaining to Board matters are subject to laws relating to defamation, privacy and confidentiality; and
- work with other Board members in a spirit of harmony and cooperation in spite of differences of opinion that may arise during discussion.

**Criteria**

Board members should:

- possess an enthusiasm for and willingness to promote the mission of Catholic schools,
- bring to the Board their gifts and skills,
- desire to give service to their school community,
- be prepared to undertake formation, and
- have sufficient time to devote to Board duties.

Potential members of a Board must:

- have an ability to work cooperatively and constructively with all members of the Board,
- have an ability and desire to uphold confidentiality in Board matters, and
- have been screened as a volunteer under the Child Protection Protocols.
Recommendation for School or College Board Appointment

* Please complete all sections of form before submitting recommendation for approval*

SCHOOL/COLLEGE NAME: ___________________________________________________

FULL NAME OF NOMINEE: ___________________________________________________
Mr / Mrs / Ms / Dr / Other

ADDRESS:  
Home: _________________________________________________________

Business: _______________________________________________________

Postal: _________________________________________________________

Email: _________________________________________________________

PHONE:  
Home: ___________ Bus: _______________ Mobile:_______________

OCCUPATION: ___________________________________________________

ASSOCIATION WITH SCHOOL/COLLEGE:
Parent / Care Giver - children attending School/College _____________________________

Parent / Care Giver – children attending other School/College _________________________

School Association: ___________________________________________________________
(Parent / P & F /Committees / etc)

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: __________________________________________
(Religion / Church Involvement)

☐ Please attach a brief CV / Business background.
☐ Please attach a list of current Board Membership
  Identifying:
  Religious Affiliation / Gender / Number of years as a Member / Occupation
☐ Current, or willingness to acquire and maintain, satisfactory National Police and/or
  Working with Vulnerable People Checks (where applicable)

Signed (Principal) __________________________________________________________

Signed (Board Chair/Parish Priest) ______________________________________________

CEO OFFICE USE ONLY:
☐ Approved By Director or Governing Council ______/____/____
☐ Letter produced & mailed ______/____/____