



**St Thomas More  
School**

# Newsletter

7 August 2020: Term 3, week 3

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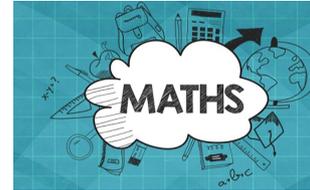
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## 3/4 Crossley

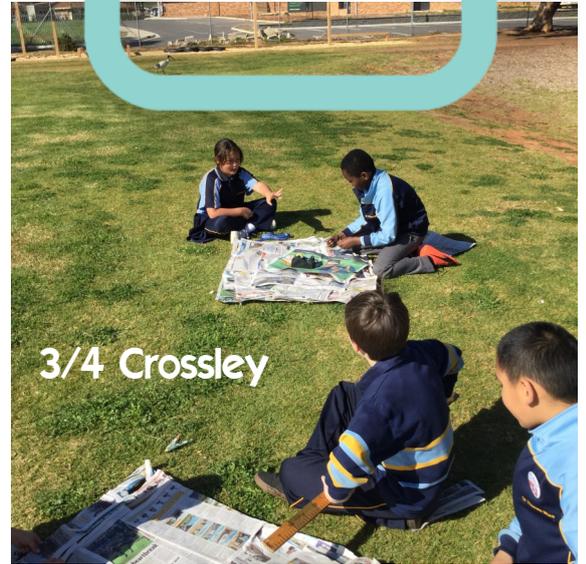
### We have had a very busy start to Term 3.

Our class has been working together in the garden and repotting plants for our back deck. One of our focuses in Maths has been area and perimeter and we have researched Canadian contemporary artist Sandra Silberzweig. Several students in our class have become Peer Mentors.



St Thomas More School recognises and acknowledges that we are living on traditional Aboriginal lands and we offer our respect and appreciation to all Aboriginal people.

We made a m<sup>2</sup> with newspaper and used it to explore measurement around the school.



## Peer Mentors

A group of us in 3/4 C came up with an idea for supporting students in the yard at play times with safe play and building relationships, particularly with the younger students. We presented our plan & the scope of our role to leadership, designed and made our badges and we even have our own yard duty bag.

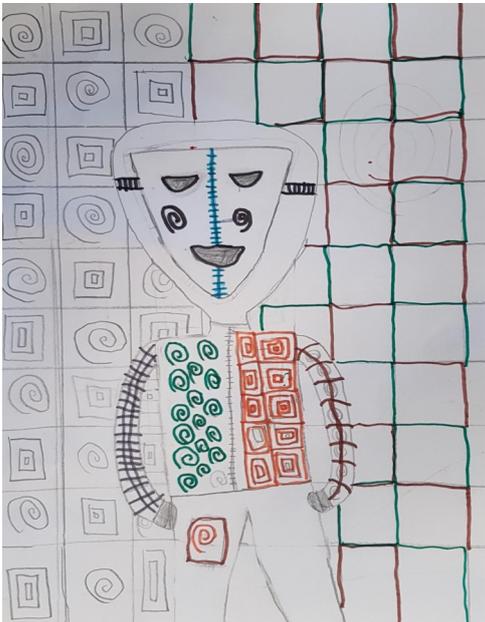


Inspired ArT - 3/4 CROSSLEY



Silberzweig's artistic style reflects her experience with Synaesthesia, a neurological condition in which information meant to stimulate one of your senses stimulates several of your senses. It impacts the way she responds to sensory input. We explored her use of colour, shape and pattern and created our own Silberzweig inspired art.

"Art is processed in my mind's eye, then experienced on all sensory levels; sound, sight, touch, smell, and taste". - **Sandra Silberzweig**



Dear Parents, Caregivers, Students and friends of St Thomas More,

### PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent/Teacher interviews took place last week. Parent/Teacher Interviews are to inform you of your child's progress, their successes and the challenges that lay ahead for the coming academic year. I thank you for taking this opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss personally how your child is going, where they are at and how they can be supported to achieve successful outcomes. If you were unable to attend during the week, I strongly encourage you to organise another appointment time with your child's teacher.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NETBALL CARNIVAL

Well done to the team of students who represented St Thomas More School at the Catholic Schools Netball Carnival last week. We were extremely well represented. It was great to see the fantastic effort that all students gave working together in their team. Part of 'life learning' is that not everyone can always come first, but we can always do our best, and this was certainly evident in the effort given by our children. Special thanks to Mr Chevalier for organising and 'training' our students and to staff members for supporting on the day. Unfortunately, due to COVID 19 restrictions supporters were unable to attend to cheer on our teams!

### TERM 3 SPORTING OPPORTUNITIES

St. Thomas More School has a rich and proud history of sporting involvement and achievement. Below is an outline of the events occurring throughout the term.

- Catholic Schools X-Country Carnival – Thursday 6 August
- Catholic Schools Year 3\4 Tennis Carnival – Monday 17 August
- Catholic Schools Northern Areas Year 4 to 6 Football Carnival – Tuesday 18 August
- Catholic Schools Years 4 to 6 Touch Carnival – Thursday 3 September
- Catholic Schools Northern Areas Year 3 to 5 T-Ball Carnival – Thursday 10 September
- SAPSASA Athletics Carnival – Thursday 17 September

### ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL SPORTS DAY – FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER (information to follow)

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank our staff, in particular Mr Chevalier for their organisation and support of such events. Without our dedicated staff, we simply would not be able to offer these opportunities to our students.

**DUE TO COVID 19 – CHANGES & RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY TO THESE EVENTS**

### 2021 ENROLMENTS

It's hard to believe but we are already planning towards 2021. Before we begin the process of looking at next year's class lists it is important to know who will not be returning to St. Thomas More School next year. There is a strong demand for places in all year levels next year from families transferring from other schools.

Every year we ask existing families to confirm their child's enrolment for the following year so we have some certainty about the number of places available to families outside the school. If your child is not returning to St. Thomas More in 2021, please write or speak to me as these places can be allocated to new enrolments and allow classes to be finalised.

Please use the **CLASS PREPARATION FOR 2021** form sent home on Wednesday 5th August. Please return ASAP: but no later than **FRIDAY 14 August 2020**. When we have this information we will begin to finalise the class structure for next year. Class structures will be finalised next term.

Thank you for your cooperation with this important planning process.

**STAFFING NEWS**

Ms Janie Gosling will be on Long Service Leave for two weeks in Term 3, beginning Monday 9 August to Friday 21 August. Janie will be returning on Monday 24 August (Week 6 of Term 3). Carly Morrison will replace Janie while she is on leave. We wish Janie a relaxing and enjoyable break and look forward to her safe return to St Thomas More School.

**2020 TERM 3 RECEPTION ENROLMENTS**

**Places are available.** If you have or if you know of anyone who has a child **turning 5 before October 31, 2020**, please complete and lodge an enrolment form at the Front Office.

**2021 RECEPTION ENROLMENTS**

**Places are available.** If you have or if you know of anyone who has a child **turning 5 before May 1, 2021**, please complete and lodge an enrolment form at the Front Office.

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Working in Partnership,  
Chris Platten

RELIGION

RAISING HEARTS AND MINDS

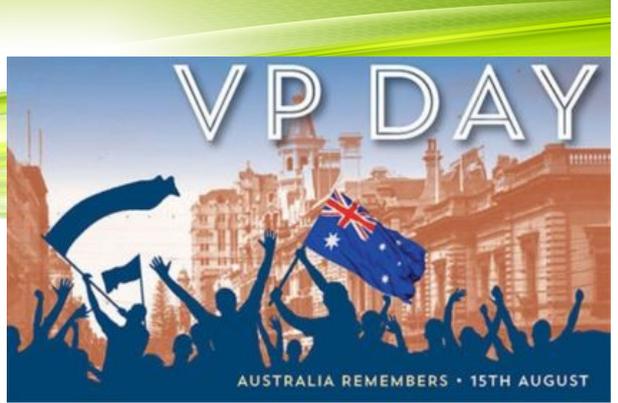
Did you know St Thomas More School is part of a Catholic Education community that has more than 46,000 students and 6000 staff at its 101 schools!!! Next week our Catholic Education System will be promoting what we offer and what it means to belong to Catholic Education.

**Like all Catholic schools here at St Thomas More we:**

- value the intrinsic worth of every individual.
- don't just know students by name, we know who they are by heart.
- are underpinned by a spirit of openness, sensitivity, respect, inclusion and belonging.
- make everyday connections between faith and action that let every child know they matter.
- work in partnership with families to educate and nurture the whole person, helping them to be thriving, capable learners as well as extraordinary human beings.
- are inspired by Jesus, our Catholic faith and spirituality,
- instil values that are ingrained for life.
- believe each child has an inherent goodness that can change the world.
- feel privileged to be a part of your family's journey.

During **Catholic Schools Open Week** all students will participate in weaving some love hearts on our front fence. In RE classes they will be exploring what it means to live a 'good life' and how Jesus can show us the best way to live a 'good life'. The hearts will remind us that at St Thomas More School we are not only growing their minds but we work with families to grow good hearts!





Saturday, 15 August 2020 marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Victory in the Pacific and the end of the Second World War. Some one million Australians served in the Second World War, overseas and on the home front, to protect our nation.

Victory in the Pacific or '**VP Day**' is commemorated annually in Australia and around the world.

### BACKGROUND

On the morning of 15 August 1945, Australian Prime Minister Ben Chifley made a nation-wide address. Japan had accepted the Allies' surrender conditions. The Second World War was over. Victory in the Pacific (VP) Day was declared a national holiday on this day and is commemorated every year. Around the country, people poured into the streets in celebration. For years they had lived with rationing and austerity, they had worked hard and for long hours, been anxious for loved ones on active service and feared a Japanese invasion. They had seen the country change as thousands of women enlisted in the armed forces or joined the civilian workforce to labour on farms and in factories. Tens of thousands of United States servicemen had been based in or passed through Australia, clear evidence that traditional ties to Britain were weakening. The war had left people exhausted. Its end was met with relief and unbridled joy.

The Melbourne press reported revellers waging 'a battle against any show of dignity, or austerity and gloom'. A young boy saw a neighbour in a line of singing revellers, a lady who never missed Mass and always seemed serious but who on VP Day celebrated as she had likely never celebrated before, knowing that her son would soon be coming home. In the New South Wales country town of Dubbo, said a Sydney paper, people behaved in a manner 'that would be deemed incredible in normal life.' On the far side of the country in Perth, some 100,000 people crowded into the city.

There were conga lines, civilians and men and women in uniform dancing together, strangers embracing, streets littered with confetti, flags flying. Police ignored games of two-up and the kind of revelry that would normally invite arrest. An elated population was swept up in celebration. Chifley announced a two-day holiday. He thanked the service men and women of the Allied nations, and he thanked the millions who had worked so hard for the war effort on the home front. The Australian people, said Chifley, 'may be justly proud of everything they have done'. On a day that could never be entirely without sorrow, he also asked Australians to remember the dead and the bereaved. Some 40,000 Australians had lost their lives in the winning of this victory. On 16 August, crowds gathered around the country for thanksgiving services, and to more sombrely remember those who would not be coming home.

VP Day brought an end to years of fighting and the return home of hundreds of thousands of Australians from theatres of war around the world. It meant the passing of a half-century darkened by global conflict and financial depression, and the dawn of an age both prosperous and fraught with peril – as the Cold War began in the Second World War's shadow dominated the half-century that followed.

# Catholic Schools



On Thursday 30 July, St Thomas More participated in the Catholic Schools Netball Carnival at Priceline Stadium. We entered 4 teams involving 35 students from Years 4-6. The students played 6 games.

This carnival gave students a great opportunity to implement their skills and knowledge taught in Physical Education lessons. All students showed enthusiasm, discipline, teamwork and demonstrated a high level of skill.

Teams started confidently, passing the ball around with accuracy and scoring some great goals. Students showed fantastic teamwork in defence and were able to transfer the

ball down the court with accuracy. As the day progressed all teams grew in confidence and worked well to achieve many successful results. Congratulations to the Year 6 girls on winning all their games superbly managed by Ms Swann. Well done everyone!!

The boys and girls enjoyed the day and are to be congratulated on their fine sportspersonship during all matches. Thank you to Miss Boraso, Ms Swann, Mr O'Leary and Mrs Greenshields for their help and support with supervision/coaching throughout the day. **TOP EFFORT EVERYONE!**

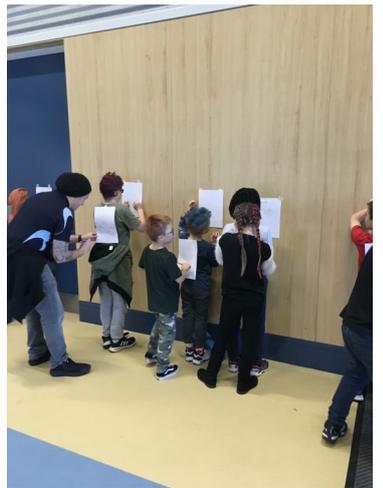
PE Co-ordinator  
Fabian Chevalier



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VACATION CARE T2

Children participated in many different activities during the school holidays! Some of the activities included woodwork, tie dyeing, group challenges & dares, cooking, a donut eating competition, crazy hair styles, pj day, teddy bears picnic, movies on the big screen and much more. **We all had a blast!**



## SCHOOL COMMUNITY

The Reception/Yr1's attend a fine motor skill program called Geckos twice a week to assist with the development of fine motor skills. This in turn helps develop colouring and cutting skills as well as pencil grip.

Our co-educator Mrs Smith does a great job at organising these sessions.



## School Banking is back!

School Banking at our school has recommenced on **Wednesdays**.

For every deposit made at school, students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their regular savings habits.

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 for every 10 deposits processed per student as well as an Annual Contribution which is based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year.

If your child has lost their book, please contact your School Banking Co-ordinator for a replacement or visit any CommBank Branch.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2020 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit [www.commbank.com.au/sbc](http://www.commbank.com.au/sbc)





**KIDS CONNECT**

# PLAYGROUP



Structured Playgroup offering explorative play, shared fruit time and group experiences. Come along and have some fun, learn through play and make new friendships.

**ALL WELCOME - Parents, Grandparents, Carers**

**When:**

Tuesdays 9:30 - 11:30am

**Where:**

St Thomas More School - Community Room 19

**Cost:**

Gold coin donation

**Please bring a piece of prepared fruit to share, a named drink bottle and a named hat.**




**ELY**  
Early Learning Years Program

**St Thomas More Primary School  
Elizabeth Park**

**Wednesdays  
9.30 - 11.30am**

FREE Pre-School program for 3-5 year olds.

Through a combination of discovery learning and structured activities, our ELY program provides opportunities for children to develop some of the key developmental skills, prior to starting Kindy and school

To book your place or make an enquiry, please contact:  
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**PRINCIPAL'S TOURS + INFO SESSIONS**  
**TERM 3 2020**  
 Tuesday 11 August, 9.15 - 10.15am > Principal's Tour  
 Tuesday 11 August, 7 - 8pm > Principal's Information Session \*No tour  
 Wednesday 19 August, 4 - 5pm > Principal's Tour  
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**Week 1 Newsletter answers:** Down stairs, Highlight, Too much too soon, Forget it, Just between you and me, Frankenstein, Ridiculously overpriced, Uptight,

**Have you thought about high school options?**  
 Is your child enrolled?

Some schools have waiting lists, to avoid disappointment it is recommended to have your child enrolled at least 18mths prior to starting.

# Advance Notice

## Every Tuesday

Parent Coffee/Tea chat 8:30am Jubilee Hall - **Postponed**  
ECC Playgroup 9:30am -11:30am

## Principal's Tour

(first Tuesday of the month) 10am - **By appointment only**

## Every Wednesday

School Banking  
Early Learning Years (ELY) 9:30am-11:30am

## 8 August

Feast of St Mary Of the Cross Mackillop  
Australia's First Saint



## 9 August

International Day of Indigenous  
People

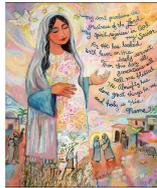


## 10 -14 August

Catholic Schools Open Week

## 11 August

2/3 MD Liturgy



## 15 August

Feast of the Assumption of Mary

## 19 August

World Humanitarian Day



An important message for families from our  
Director of Catholic Education SA can be found at this  
link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hxpVT-7BtbA>



## School Access Term 3

### 8:30am to 8:50am

Access via main front courtyard gate at the school crossing.

### 8:50am to 2:45pm

Access via green front pool gate in front of administration building.  
Shillabeer road access for OSHC. Gate locked at 8:50am.

### 2:45pm to 3:15pm

Access via main front courtyard gate at the school crossing.

**Children dropped off before 8:30am and children not collected by 3:15pm will be sent to OSHC and parents will be invoiced for the service.**



## Liturgical Events

Unfortunately, as the COVID restrictions are still in place for large worship gatherings, there will be no Masses celebrated at school until further notice. Classes will continue to have liturgies in class groups but parents are unable to attend. Teachers will include families by sending photos, iMovie's or copies of the class prayer service via seesaw.

We can't heal  
the world today,  
but we can begin  
with a voice of compassion,  
a heart of love,  
an act of kindness.



## RAISING HEARTS AND MINDS

