



St Thomas More School NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 3 Thursday 16 May Website: www.sttmore.catholic.edu.au Email: info@sttmore.catholic.edu.au

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.

Upcoming Events

Friday 17 May
Assembly hosted by
3/4G

Monday 20 May
Soccer Program
3pm to 4pm

Parent Teacher
interviews

School Board Meeting
6pm

Tuesday 21 May
Parent teacher
interviews

Wednesday 22 May
R to 2 Liturgy 9:15am

Parent Teacher
interviews

Friday 24 May
Sports Day

**REMINDER PUPIL
FREE DAY FRIDAY 7
JUNE**

St Thomas More School
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Year 3/4G reflect on Term One

In Term 1 everyone was welcomed back to school and we had our new teachers. We have already had a carnival! We have a new principal and laptops. We had a lesson on drawing mandalas on our own and we enjoyed it.

Cooper W



In Term 1 my class made mandalas. We had to start from the small circle and make our way up to the big circle. You make a mistake, it doesn't matter. We did it with Cathy Gray and we had fun.

Jaiden B

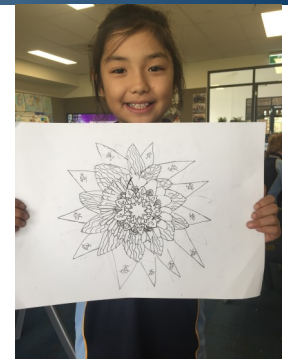
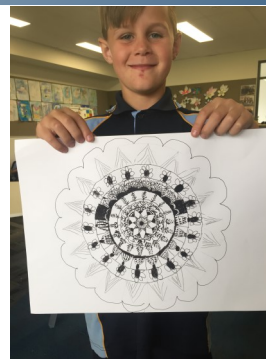
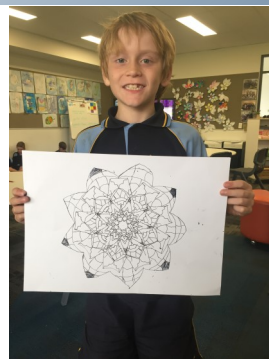
This is some of the things that happened in term 1. We drew mandalas with Cathy Gray. We learnt about cm, mm, m, and kilometres and we made maps of our island.

Simon T

Last term we did mandalas, mine was a soccer one. I went on a tennis carnival and we learnt how to do Prodigy on the laptops.

Mason C





In Term 1 we made our own login for Prodigy. The Year 4/5's went to a tennis carnival. A mandala artist came to our school then our class drew our own mandalas.

Andrew M

In Term 1 everyone came back to school, everyone was having fun. We had a tennis carnival, I wasn't in it. We got to draw our own mandalas, it was very fun.

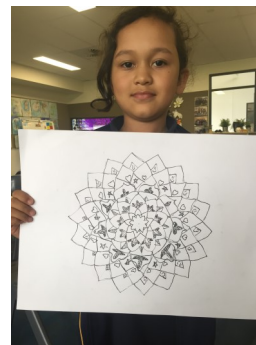
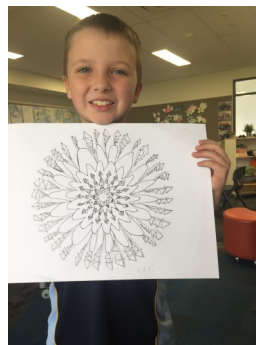
Aaron S

We made mandalas and Easter baskets and we had assembly.

Jacinta C

In Term 1 we practiced tennis for the carnival in PE. We have a new principal, his name is Mr Platten. In Term 1 we had an artist come to school and teach us how to draw mandalas, when we got the hang of it, it was really fun. Once they were all finished they all looked really good.

Liam C

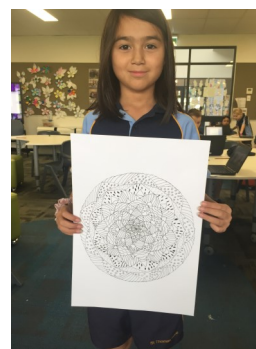


We learned about measurement like cm and mm and metres with the help of Mrs Gosling. We made mandalas with Cathy Gray and we also made maps that have things about us.

Karina T

In Term 1 3/4 G drew our own mandalas and we got our own laptops.

Shaliah F



In Term 1 we did mandalas with Cathy Gray. First we started with pencil then we traced over it with pen. Lots of us finished our mandalas but some didn't.

Alexa H

In Term 1 we made our own mandalas and we also got our own laptops with our name on it.

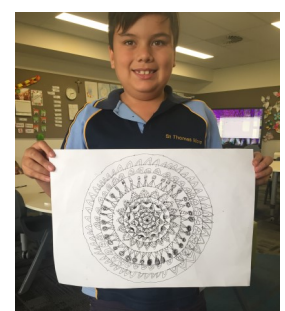
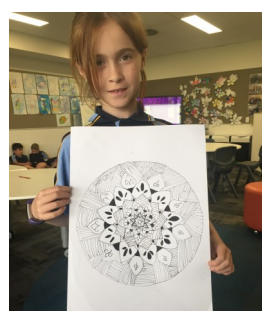
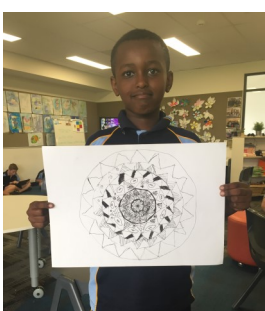
Avah-Jade S

Last Term we made mandalas, it was lots of fun.

Grace S

In Term 1 we watched a movie in the class. We made mandalas in the class.

Ella G



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

As we come to the end of the third week of term, classes are in full swing with our students seeking to build on the success of Term One. From the beginning of the term we have continued to develop our emphasis on a strong learning culture where everyone strives to achieve their personal best.

While our teachers do a remarkable job in staying abreast of latest educational trends and implementing them into their daily practice, your assistance is also vital. You can never underestimate the impact of parents in developing a learning culture.

Reconciliation Week - National Reconciliation Week runs annually from 27 May – 3 June

The 2019 NRW theme is...

Grounded in Truth Walk Together with Courage

#NRW2019 Campaign

At the heart of reconciliation is the relationship between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. To foster positive race relations, our relationship must be grounded in a foundation of truth.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have long called for a comprehensive process of truth-telling about Australia's colonial history. Our nation's past is reflected in the present, and will continue to play out in future unless we heal historical wounds.

Today, 80 per cent of Australians believe it is important to undertake formal truth telling processes, according to the 2018 Australian Reconciliation Barometer. Australians are ready to come to terms with our history as a crucial step towards a unified future, in which we understand, value and respect each other.

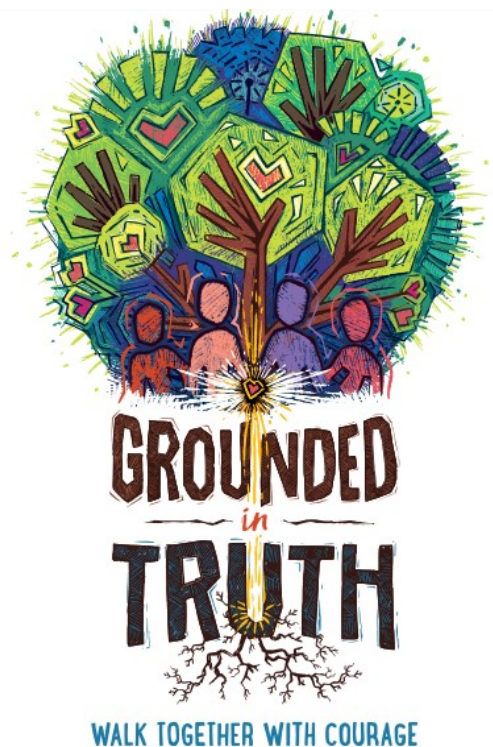
Whether you're engaging in challenging conversations or unlearning and relearning what you know, this journey requires all of us to walk together with courage. This National Reconciliation Week, we invite Australians from all backgrounds to contribute to our national movement towards a unified future.

What is National Reconciliation Week?

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

The dates for NRW remain the same each year; 27 May to 3 June. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey— the successful 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision respectively.

Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



27 May – 1967 Referendum

On 27 May 1967, the Australian Government held a referendum. This was a momentous turning point in Australian history. The 1967 referendum altered the Australian Constitution. More than 90 per cent of Australian voters chose 'Yes' to count Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the census and give the Australian Government the power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

3 June – The Mabo Decision What is the decision?

The Mabo decision was a legal case held in 1992. It is short for Mabo and others v Queensland (No 2) (1992). The legal decision was made by the High Court on 3 June 1992. The High Court is the highest court in Australia's judicial system. The Mabo decision was named after Eddie Mabo, the man who challenged the Australian legal system and fought for recognition of the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the traditional owners of their land.

For more information please go online: www.reconciliation.org.au

Congratulations

Congratulations **Tyler- Ann** for her selection to represent Playford SAPSASA District in the SAPSASA State Track and Field Championships on Tuesday 21 May at the Athletics SA Stadium. Tyler-Ann will be completing in the High Jump. On behalf of the St Thomas More School community, we wish you all the best!



Childrens Safety at St Thomas More

At St Thomas More School safety of our students and community is one of our highest priorities. We provide a secure environment that allows the students to move safely around the school. Staff are clearly identified by the badges that they wear. As our school is fully secure, with fences around all areas, visitors must enter through the Front Office and sign-in upon entering the school. Safety in the yard encourages our students to play actively without fear. Each teacher on Yard Duty wear's a fluorescent vest and carries a bag that contains a first-aid kit for the treatment of minor injuries in the yard, more serious injuries are dealt with promptly in the sick room by staff who are trained in Senior First Aid.

St Thomas More School is situated on a main road and on a suburban street, which can make the movement of traffic difficult during peak school drop off and pick up times. To ensure that the students are safe during this time teachers are on duty at the school's front, ensuring the safe use of the school crossing on Yorktown Road and safely crossing Shillabeer Road.

We ask for your cooperation and patience.

Please observe the 'No Standing' areas and 'Yellow lines' around the school. These areas are to help provide a safe environment for the students. We **ask and expect** that all members of the St Thomas More School community follow the road rules associated with the 'School Crossing' (on Yorktown Rd) and all road signage stringently. They are also regularly monitored by the police and council and fines apply.

**PLEASE DO NOT QUEUE OR PARK ACROSS THE
SCHOOL CROSSING (YORKTOWN RD)**

Parent Teacher Interviews

There is no denying that there are marked benefits when parents and schools work together. With this in mind we offer Parent / Teacher interviews in Week Four (4) of Term 2 (Tuesday 21 May and Wednesday 22 May) to inform you of your child's progress, their successes and the challenges that lay ahead for the coming academic year. I strongly urge you to take 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.

Reminder—Winter Uniform

A reminder that the changeover from summer to winter uniform finishes at the end of this week, with all children required to wear their CORRECT WINTER UNIFORM including BLACK SCHOOL SHOES at the start of Week 3. It is great to see the students taking pride in wearing their school uniform and we thank you for the support that you as parents provide in ensuring this occurs.

NAPLAN

This week students in Years 3 and 5 sat for the NAPLAN tests. Despite some initial nerves, students coped well and completed tests to the best of their ability on the day.

I thank all staff, in particular Sonia Kilmister for her work in assuring that all of the test materials were checked, distributed and then collected in a timely manner and Janie Gosling, Jess Jenkins, Linda Marsh, Sandra Shephard, Trish Olive, Raelene Smith, Michael Musico, Marilyn Kennedy and Leeanne Fisher for their work in administering the test.

All NAPLAN tests were kept secure until the day of the test and then all tests were checked and accounted for after completion. Parents will receive the results of the tests late in Term 3 this year.

Federal Election Update - Make your vote count for your child's education

As we head towards a Federal Election, parents are encouraged to consider how each political party is promising to support our Catholic schools.

The National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) has asked the major political parties to respond to specific questions regarding Catholic education.

Please go to the Catholic Education South Australia website to:

- Explore the [Federal Election Party Promises](#)
- Explore other resources

To find out more go to: www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/news/federal-election-2019

Working in Partnership,

Chris Platten

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Mercy Values

When teaching a Religious Education lesson in a Year 5/6 class the other day, I asked students if they could name any of our Mercy Values. I was thrilled to see hands shoot up all over the place and the students were able to name all the Mercy Values of **Respect, Hospitality, Compassion, Service, Justice and Courage** within the space of a minute. It is great that our students know these values and through careful teaching and by example from the adults in our school community, our students are learning what it means to truly internalise these values so that they become second nature. I love it when I am on duty and I get to 'catch' some of our students demonstrating our Mercy Values, because then I can acknowledge it by telling them how pleased I am with their behaviour and I get to give them a Mercy Value card. Some examples of the incidents I have witnessed lately include:

- A student helping another student up from the ground when they fell over during a footy game at recess time: **Compassion card**
- A student picking up rubbish on the ground without being asked: **Service card**
- A student including a child who was sad, with no one to play with: **Compassion card**
- Students playing fairly with each other and taking it in turns: **Justice card**
- Two students offering to help us pack up the Jubilee Hall after our whole school Mass last week: **Service card**
- A student speaking in a kind and courteous manner to the teacher: **Respect card**

These are just a few instances of how our students are eager to show mercy in our school community. Maybe you can look out for examples of your children showing the Mercy Values at home as well!

Year 5/6 Students Visit Aged Care Village

On Tuesday, 14 May, I accompanied a group of ten Year 5/6 students as we visited Clayton Churches Aged Care Village on Shillabeer Road. This outreach program is underpinned by the Mercy Charism of our school and focuses on the Mercy Values of Respect, Service and Compassion. Through this program, we are able to connect with the elderly residents, to share our stories with them and to listen to them as they also share their stories with us. It was a beautiful sunny day for our short walk there and we all enjoyed a nice chat on the way. Our students had each prepared a Power point presentation to introduce themselves and kickstart conversations with the residents, which was followed by an afternoon tea of cupcakes, chocolate chipped biscuits, cups of tea and glasses of cordial. Judging by the smiles on everyone's faces, this visit was warmly received by all. I commend all students involved for their mature, respectful and cheerful attitudes.



Reminder Walk Safely to School Day

Save the date! Friday 17 May, 2019 is **Walk Safely to School Day**. This is a nationwide annual event and an initiative supported by the Australian, State and Local Governments, which is now in its 20th year. Please consider walking with your children on this day if at all possible.

Working in Partnership,

Sonia Kilmister
Acting Deputy Principal

Dear Families,



During Week 6, we will celebrate Catholic Education Week. As we did last year, we would like to help **St Vincent De Paul's Winter Appeal and Fred's Kitchen in Elizabeth by knitting/crocheting squares to make blankets and also by making soup.** This is to express and learn further about our Mercy Values and in particular, Justice and Service.

There are a few ways we would love for you to help!

Can you **donate your time** by helping with knitting/crocheting? Can you **donate needles or wool** for our squares? Can you **knit or crochet 20cm by 20cm** squares to put together for blankets? Please contact Leah Williams by dropping into the office Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday or by phone 8255 1699 or via email lwilliams@sttmore.catholic.edu.au.

Can you **donate small items** for our soup? Like a carrot, a potato, any other vegetable, tin of tomatoes, pasta, stock? Could these items please be sent with your child to school on Monday Week 6, 3 June 2019.

Thank you for your support!



May you always feel God's love and presence in your life,

Leah Williams
Acting APRIM

SPORTS DAY Friday 24 May

Sports Day will start at 9:00am on Friday 24 May. Students are to arrive at school at normal time. Parents, friends and relatives are welcome to join us. Sports Day will begin in the Jubilee Hall.

On Sports Day the students are required to wear their correct sports shorts and hat. Students are encouraged to wear a T-shirt that reflects their team colour on Sports Day. Students may also wear hair ribbons, socks and hairspray (to be put on at home and not brought to school).

Normal sunscreen is to be used – **NOT** coloured zinc cream. Class teachers will also have sun cream available for students to use. Students are **NOT** to paint their body with coloured zinc cream. Please remember to send your student to school with a labelled drink bottle.

REMINDER

The canteen will be closed for lunch orders but a sausage sizzle will be available.

We are providing a free sausage sizzle for all students to enjoy during their break time (approx 11am). Please pack recess if your child does not want a sausage.

Available for purchase on the day from the canteen: sausages and onions, cans of soft drink, ice blocks and donuts all \$2.00. There will also be a coffee van to purchase various drinks.

We anticipate that Sports Day will finish at approximately 1:00-1:30pm. At that time students will go back to class. Parents are welcome to collect their child/ren **from their classroom** and take them home. Students remaining behind will be supervised until 3pm.

On **Tuesday 21 May** children are encouraged to wear clothing that reflects their team colour in preparation for Sports Day. **SNEAKERS** need to be worn as footwear.

Good Luck to all teams and supporters!

Fabian Chevalier

P.E. Co-ordinator



Christian Brothers College warmly invites parents with children of all ages to attend a special presentation

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg
presents 'Positive Education'

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg is one of Australia's highest profile psychologists, author, broadcaster and a specialist in parenting, children, adolescents and the use of technology for mental health.

Wednesday 5 June 2019
at 6:30pm

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