



St Thomas More School

NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 7 Thursday 5 September Website: www.sttmore.catholic.edu.au Email: info@sttmore.catholic.edu.au

Upcoming Events

Monday 9 September
Board meeting

Every Tuesday
Parent Coffee/Tea chat
8:30am Jubilee Hall

Friday 13 September
School Disco
R-2 (5:30-6:30pm)
3-6 (6:35-8:00pm)

Tuesday 17 September
Walk a Mile in my
boots Day
Fremont Park

Friday 19 September
Catholic Schools
Year 3-5 T-Ball Carnival
Ridley Reserve

Whole School Assembly
3/4G & 4J to lead
9:00am

St Thomas More School

Principal
Mr Chris Platten
Acting Deputy Principal
Mrs Sonia Kilmister
Acting APRIM
Ms Leah Williams

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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.

3/4 GOSLING

Andrew

by Michael

He is funny like a donkey head.

He plays soccer like David Beckham.

He is cheeky as a doggy.

He is as loud as a parrot.

He can be as cute as a bunny.

He plays Fortnite like Creamy.

He is the world's best friend Andrew.



Maliyah!

She is as crazy as a She is as crazy as
amonkey!

She is as funny as a puppy!

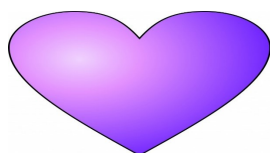
She is friendly like a cat!

She is quick as a cheetah!

She is as pretty as a butterfly

Maliyah is my best friend

By Grace



Mum

She is funny as a joker

She talks all the time like a bird

She say's no all the time like a "no" button

She is nice as a teacher

She is smart like a intelligent animal

She is as creative as an artist

She is my mum

by Cooper

Yr 3/4 Gosling have learnt how
to write Simile poems.

We wrote them for our
Grandparents and Special
Friends. We hope you like
them.

My family

by Ella. G

My Mum is nice like a dog.

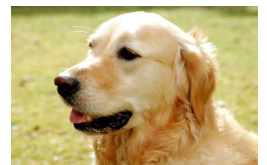
My dad is funny like a monkey.

My brother is annoying like a Gorilla.

My sister is quiet like a cat.

My family is loving like a puppy.

Sincerely Ella. G



Ethan by Aaron

He is cheeky like a monkey

He plays Fortnite like fresh

He is good at footy like Robbie Gray

He is funny like a monkey

He is good at soccer like Messi,

he is the best cousin ever, his name is Ethan



Dad

He's busy as a dog.

He's funny as a cat.

He's chatty like a bird.

He's mad as a lion.

He's tired as a turtle.

He is my dad.

By Barock.



Mason



He is good at Fortnite like Lazar Beam.

He is funny like a monkey.



He is good at soccer like Messi .

He is good at football like Eddie Betts.

He is my friend Mason.

By Andrew.

J Mia!

You are as funny as a monkey.

As nice as a dog you are as lazy as a koala.

You look as pretty as a puppy.

You are as sweet as chocolate.

As friendly as the sea.

You are as bright as a rainbow.

You are my friend Mia. By Ella D

Love from Ella



GRAN BY LEVI

SHE IS AS QUIET AS A OWL.

SHE IS AS KIND AS A DOG.

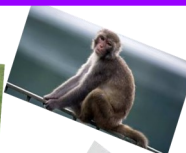
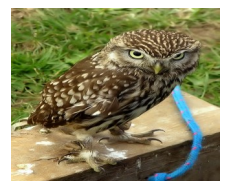
SHE IS AS FUN AS A DOLPHIN.

SHE IS AS GRACEFUL AS A SWAN.

SHE IS AS CHEEKY AS A MONKEY.

SHE IS AS BEAUTIFUL AS A BUTTERFLY.

SHE IS MY GRAN.



BY CHARLI-ANNE

GRANDMA

SHE'S LOVING LIKE A PUPPY.

SHE'S AS HELPFUL AS A GUARD DOG.

SHE'S AS PRETTY AS A FLOWER.

SHE IS BRAVE LIKE A HORSES.

SHE IS SWEET LIKE A LOLLIPOP.

SHE IS FRIENDLY LIKE BUNNIES.

SHE'S AS FUNNY AS A MONKEY



Principal's Report

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

2020 Class Placements

Staff have begun to plan for next year and will soon begin to consider class allocation for students. Often at this time of the year parents become anxious about their child's placement for the ensuing year. This may be due to parents' varied perceptions, some positive, some not so, about particular teachers. We all need to remember that, because God has made every one of us individual, unique and special, during the course of each child's life at school there will be some teachers they gel brilliantly with and other teachers with whom they feel less at ease. Our experience suggests that children do adjust to their new teacher and settle into a productive year in that class. Our views on class placement are relatively simple and are premised on the following principles:

The child's needs come first.

These needs include:

- Social - maximising each child's potential to be happy and have positive self-esteem is essential. Consequently there may be reasons for ensuring that certain children are, or are not, placed in the same class.
- Educational - different children and teachers have different learning and teaching styles.
- Other considerations might include whether children have previously had certain teachers, the mix of learning needs in a class, etc. The ultimate responsibility for assigning class placement rests with the school.

The staff spends much time considering the social, peer group and learning needs of the children and, within the practical constraints of numbers of children, numbers of teachers, etc, allocate children to classes.

Parents are welcome to write to me regarding particular learning needs or particular social and peer group needs they may have. I am not prepared to consider requests for or against individual teachers. All correspondence regarding information for 2020 class placements should be addressed to me and be received by **Friday 27 September, 2019**.

Staffing News

I write to inform you Mrs Jess Jenkins will be taking Long Service Leave in Term Three, from 16 September to 27 September. A replacement for Jess's class has been organised. We wish Jess a safe and enjoyable break with family and friends and look forward to her return.

School Uniform

At times, school uniform items are not worn correctly, especially in regards to items such as sports shoes. If students are not wearing the correct uniform, a uniform note is sent home from the class teacher identifying the uniform area to be addressed. **All** St Thomas More School students are required and expected to wear the correct uniform.

With only 4 week's remaining until the end of Term 3 and the winter uniform, please make arrangements to ensure your child/children is/are prepared to wear correct summer uniform in Term 4, 2019.

A list of St Thomas More School, Elizabeth Park uniform requirements are available from the Front Office if you have any concerns.

Working in Partnership,

Chris Platten
Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Special Friends' Day at St Thomas More

Last Friday 30 August, St Thomas More School celebrated our "Special Friends' Day". Judging by the smiles on all the faces, this day was a huge success and our children were excited to have some of the special people in their lives share some time with them at school.

The morning began with an Assembly in Jubilee Hall, followed by a visit to the classes, where games were played, activities were undertaken and children got to spend time with their special people for the morning. This was then followed by a shared morning tea for all the special friends back in Jubilee Hall to conclude. I would like to thank everyone who came along on the day, the teachers and staff for providing morning tea and the teachers and children for opening up their classrooms on the day. We look forward to the next one next year.



Pupil Free Day: ACER Proficiency Achievement Tests

On Monday 2 September, we had a pupil free day to focus on Professional Learning for the teachers of all three Mercy Schools in our region. We attended the Stretton Centre at Munno Para, where we were led by an expert from ACER to learn how to navigate the ACER PAT tests website and to fully utilise the features and functions of it. We also learned how to access useful teaching resources to help our students with their learning in areas as identified by our teachers.

We learned how to read the data from the tests, how to monitor students' academic growth in the area of maths and reading and how to track learning over time. This then gives us rich information with which to plan for future learning to ensure we are continually improving the academic outcomes for all our students.

Working in Partnership,

Sonia Kilmister
Acting Deputy Principal



Walk a Mile in my Boots

On Tuesday 17 September, our whole school will participate in 'Walk a Mile in my Boots' to raise much needed funds for the Hutt Street Centre. We do this for the Homeless in South Australia. We want them to know that although they are doing it rough, they are not alone.

Funds raised from our walk, as in past years, will be given directly to Hutt St Centre. To give an idea of how our money is used, see below.

- \$30 - Lunch for two weeks for a person doing it tough.
- \$50 - A hot shower, laundry service and a locker for 3 months for a person sleeping rough.
- \$100 - A "home starter pack" for a couple moving from street to home.
- \$250 - Safe, emergency accommodation for a family in crisis for two nights.
- \$350 - Be an Angel - provide meals for a day for 200 people experiencing homelessness.

Our walk around Fremont Park will commence at approximately 12pm and take around 45 minutes. A permission letter will be sent home in the near future.

To follow up on our Walk a Mile in my Boots fundraiser we have a Whole School Liturgy with a focus on our Service as a school and how we care for those less fortunate than us.

We invite you to attend on:
Wednesday 18 September 2019
10:15am
Jubilee Hall

We hope to see you there.

Working in Partnership,

Leah Williams
Acting APRIM



Catholic Schools Football Carnival

On Tuesday 20 August the year 3-5 students participated in the Regional Catholic Schools Football Carnival at Ridley Reserve. The round robin competition was divided into four sections, year 4/5 & 6/7 boys and girls. Unfortunately we didn't have the numbers to field any 6/7 teams.

The weather was kind to us although we had a few showers and some breezy moments. The ovals were in perfect condition for the players to showcase their skills. All students showed enthusiasm, discipline, team work and a high level of skill.

The girl's teams went through the day successfully, winning the majority of their games. They displayed excellent team work and shared the ball around well. Whilst all players tried their best Shyla Kelly, Jayla Barrett and Ashlyn Dunstan displayed great leadership skills. Congratulations to Ms Swann and girls on their achievement.

The year 3/4/5 boys' teams relished the challenge of playing against some tough opposition. They enjoyed the competitive element of the game and fought hard all day. Congratulations to Max Daniels, Aaron Steer and Jake Jones on their efforts to show great skill and leadership throughout the day.

Thank you to Bailey Thompson (year 6 student) who assisted with umpiring a difficult job which he completed admirably.

All the boys and girls enjoyed the day and are to be congratulated on their fine sportspersonship during all matches.



Year 3/4 Catholic Schools Tennis Carnival

On Monday 19 August St Thomas More participated in the year 3/4 Catholic Schools ANZ Tennis Hot Shots cup at the Playford City Tennis Centre. We entered 3 mixed teams involving 24 students. The students played in a round robin competition involving 4 games before finals. This carnival gave students a great opportunity to implement their skills and knowledge taught in Physical Education lessons.

All teams started nervously, developing their understanding of the game. Throughout the day it was great to see students improve their serving and forehand skills and hitting many winners. As the day went on all teams grew in confidence and students worked well with their partners to gain many successful results.

As a result of our success at the carnival a team from St Thomas More School will attend the State ANZ Hotshots championships at Memorial Drive next term. This will be a great experience for the students involved.

Congratulations to Ellie Daniels and Hamish Bell on winning a sportsperson award for their effort and commitment throughout the day.

Well done everyone!

Thank you to Ms Swann, Miss Cooper, Ms Kannelopoulos, Mrs Bell and Mr Porter for their help and support throughout the day. It was also great to see a number of parents cheering students on at the carnival.

Top Effort Everyone!

PE Co-ordinator

Fabian Chevalier



Friday 13 September 2019

Our disco will be run by the Dance Company "Footsteps" so be ready to dance all night long.

Receive a raffle ticket to be in the draw for a door prize.

Chips and drinks available:

Water, Juice, Milk \$2

Chips \$1

Fully supervised by staff members.

Rec-Year 2

Time: 5:30pm-6:30pm

Year 3-6

Time: 6:35pm-8:00pm

Place: Jubilee Hall
St Thomas More School

Cost of entry - \$2

Please be prompt in picking your
children up.

Enter via Shillabeer Rd

ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL OSHC – VACATION CARE

Week 1: Monday 30th September — Friday 4th October 2019

Week 2: Monday 7th October — Friday 11th October 2019

Phone: (08) 8255 1626 Mobile: 0409 551 699



MONDAY 30 th	TUESDAY 1 st	WEDNESDAY 2 nd	THURSDAY 3 rd	FRIDAY 4 th
Annual Colour Fun Run  Join us for our Annual Colour Fun Run at Fremont Park! Families are welcome and encouraged to participate (during the scheduled excursion time). 	Creative Crafts Excursion to PLASTER FUN HOUSE! Please be at OSHC by 9:00am  Show us your painting skills! -Hama beads -Paper Mache Plus more!	Sports Day Come dressed in your favourite team colours, best guernsey or wear your own sports uniform today! Participate in team sports and games to win the OSHC cup! 	Healthy Habits Spoil yourself today with lots of pampering, relaxing and meditating. We are going to have a sugar free day and treat our minds and bodies! 	Gawler Cinema We are travelling to the movies today to watch Ugly Dolls!  * Popcorn and drink included Create your own puppet or pet rocks! Plus cooking activities
MONDAY 7 th	TUESDAY 8 th	WEDNESDAY 9 th	THURSDAY 10 th	FRIDAY 11 th
Labour Day SERVICE CLOSED Week 2 Around the world!	Japan Konnichiwa! Today whilst we listen to educators and parents share their cultural knowledge, let's make delicious sushi rolls and practice the Japanese language. 	SA Museum Lets' explore the wonderful exhibits at the SA Museum together and learn about ancient Egypt, Aboriginal culture, dinosaurs and much more! 	India We are travelling to India today! A special guest will be visiting to teach us how to belly dance. Plus parent volunteers will show us how to cook some traditional foods. 	Indigenous Day Today we have a parent volunteer and a special guest who will share with us some of their indigenous culture. 