Dear Parents,

Reminder:
Parent night on building success and resilience with Georgina Manning—tonight at 6.30pm in the MPR.

Open Day
It was a glorious day both outside and inside the classrooms today. Many families attended the guided tours led by the ‘sensational’ Grade 6 leaders; all the families commented how capable and friendly our students are.

Thank you to the leaders, to Danielle for all her preparation, to our fantastic parents who provided refreshments and answers to lots of questions, and to all the teachers and children in the classrooms for being so accommodating. The day was a great success!

A reminder for current families with pre-school children—please collect an enrolment form and return to the office by Friday 24th June.

Family Week
Thank you to all the children who wore crazy hair styles and donated to Catholic Care last Friday. We have forwarded on $494.40 to Catholic Care.

Three-way Interviews
At St. Thomas More, we believe teachers and parents work together for the best in children’s learning. We also believe that it is the child’s learning and it is very important for them to present their learning. So, we hold interviews for teachers, children and parents.

Three-way interviews will be held in the last week of this term and bookings will be available online. Each family will receive information on how to book their times with next week’s newsletter. Dates and times will be Tuesday 21st, 4-6pm and Thursday 23rd, 4-8pm.

Please Note: Mrs. Shankie will be away at that time, and will hold her interviews on Wednesday 20th July, 4-6pm and Thursday 21st July, 4-8pm.

Condolences
To the Cannon family on the passing of Lachlan’s and Laura’s Pop.

May he rest in peace.

Annual Report
As part of the compliance reporting for the Australian government, the school is obliged to present an Annual Report to the community in two formats.

Much of the report is presented at the Parent Association AGM in March. The final report has now been forwarded to the government agencies and is posted for parents on the school website. It is also available in hard copy from the school office.

An Important Invitation!
You are invited to attend a Parenting Session on Positive Behaviours on Wednesday 15th June at 2.15pm. This parent session will be presented by Patrice Wiseman from Catholic Education Melbourne. Patrice worked with the staff in first term on the implementation of a positive approach to supporting and managing student behaviour.

This session encourages parents to reflect on their own parenting style, learn some great simple strategies and understand the behavioural support processes that are being implemented within the school environment, along with the importance of home and school working together for the benefit of your child.

Have a happy week ahead.

Mrs. Pat McConvill
Principal

Calendar

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Communication at St. Thomas More

The school constantly communicates as much information as possible to the parent community. Our main avenue for this communication is through the School Newsletter. The newsletter is emailed to families each Wednesday. The newsletter is also available through Tiquebiz and on the School website and as a hard copy, which can be accessed at the school office.

Each Year Level Unit also communicates as much information as possible in order to keep parents informed of what is pertaining to their unit.

This year the Year 1 / 2 and 3 / 4 Units have created an online webpage which provides information for parents. The Year 5 / 6 Unit communicates through email with the help of the students. The Year Prep Unit send home a hard copy each week.

The following information has been sent out to families in Year 3 / 4.

Welcome to the STM, 3/4 Unit Resource Page!
This site has been developed to provide parents and students with access to learning resources and information pertaining to the 3/4 Unit at St. Thomas More. https://sites.google.com/a/stmmtlza.catholic.edu.au/stm-own-your-own-learning-3-4/

The following has been sent out to families in Year 1 / 2.
Our ‘Together We Learn’ website has been launched and is fully operational. There has been some confusion as to how to get onto the site, what it will be used for and when you should be checking the site for information.

The site has been developed to provide parents and students with access to learning resources and information pertaining to the 1/2 Unit at St Thomas More. As the year progresses, more content will be uploaded for use at home. It is a website, therefore access is very easy, all you need is the internet and the URL code. There is no need for any usernames or passwords to access the site either.

To access the site, please visit the address below.
https://goo.gl/kJ03fW

Music News
On Wednesday 25th May, the Senior Choir participated in the Harmonies Unite choral festival which was held at Toorak College. Six primary school and adult choirs performed on the night and it was a fabulous musical experience for everyone present. Our STM choir looked and sounded wonderful. They sang with pleasure and enthusiasm and they were great representatives of our school. Well done to them all.

Winter Concert
The Year 6 music leaders are currently helping to organize a Winter Concert, which will be held on Thursday 16th June, during lunch time. The performers will be Year 5/6’s who learn or take part in a musical/rhythmic skill outside of school. Year 5/6’s, Year 3/4’s and parents and families are invited to be in the audience for the Winter Concert, which will begin at 1:10pm in the MPR (venue TBC).

Our 4th Production Practice ...
By Olivia Poda
Our 4th production practice was amazing! We learnt the choreography for one of the songs and we learnt a new song. We did lots of fun group activities, like miming. The best bit was that we got our scripts! Sometimes we are asked to bring something to production and last week we were asked to bring something in the theme colour, orange. For most people it was quite difficult to find things at home. I love Production and I can’t wait for it to all come together.

Production Wrap Up ...
By Lucas Mealmaker
Wow. The 4th week of production ... and I am feeling overwhelmed by the happy responses I hear after a production practice. Last week we learned some awesome moves to one of our songs, The Age of Rock. We worked on mixing as a team and choosing new people to have a go at working with. One activity that we did was working as a group to construct something ... in mime. One group made a smiley, suspicious snowman and my group made a delicious, delightful, decorative cake. I could keep going on about the creative masterpieces that the other groups made ... but I want to get to the most exciting part of the week for probably most of the students. WE GOT OUR SCRIPTS. Yippee. The whole MPR burst with joy and the scripts were the topic for the rest of the day.
The PA meets on the first Tuesday of every month, the next meeting will be on Tuesday 7th June 2016. Everyone is welcome. Meetings begin at 7.30pm in the staffroom. Contact leonieroyall@yahoo.com.au for more information.

**HIP HOP DISCO**
Friday 17th June  
*5-7pm in the school gym*

Entry $5  
Dinner pack option served on entry at 5pm.  
Children will not be allowed to leave the gym without a parent present.  
Parents are welcome to stay but unfortunately NO siblings or toddlers can attend.  
‘Bop till you drop’ DJ will be hosting the event with dance tips, games and prizes to be won!  
Entry and dinner packs to be paid in advance, please return form & monies to the office by Friday 10th June

**Prep to Grade 6 - Gravity Zone - Friday 10th June**  
10am - 3pm  
25 Oliphant Way, Seaford  
Upcoming curriculum day on Friday 10th June, mention St Thomas More when booking, to take the up the offer of $11 for one hour jumping, $16 for 2 hours jumping and $5 one laser tag mission!! (special deal - can stay the whole school day 10am - 3pm)  
Parents can enjoy a relaxing cup of coffee while the kids go crazy!

**Coming soon**  
Our annual Cadbury chocolate fundraising drive will kick off on Wednesday 15th June. A Cadbury box will be sent home with the oldest child. The chocolate drive is a successful and quick way to raise approx. $4,500 for the school. We look forward to your support on this fundraising drive.

**2016 MAJOR FUNDRAISER - 80'S MAYHEM AND MADNESS featuring Sports and Music Trivia**
SATURDAY 27TH AUGUST 2016

It is with great excitement that we announce ‘Palamara Village Fruits’ as our GOLD sponsor for this event. The Palamara family try to source much of their product from local growers. They pride themselves on delivering consistent high quality and service coupled with competitive prices on fresh fruit and vegetables, gourmet groceries including cheeses, dips, specialised pastas, sourdough breads and fresh yoghurt as well as fresh flowers. Please visit them at 106-108 Mt Eliza Way, MT ELIZA.  
We thank Palamara Village Fruits for their contribution.

Donations can be left at the office or please contact myself leonieroyall@yahoo.com.au or Amanda Cooke amanda-cooke3@bigpond.com  
If you are interested in sponsorship please contact Christina for more information. paulchristina1@bigpond.com  
All money raised goes back into the school for our children's education

**3/4/5/6 DINNER**
Reminder - This Thursday 2nd June at Assaggini in Mornington.
MORNINGTON RACECOURSE MARKET
CAR PARK DUTY

Please advise Daniel Ferlin on 0410 184 494 with your confirmed attendance via text (incl your name) ASAP.

Please find the car parking rosters for the coming markets here. Together, this small contribution of our time is raising approximately $14,000 annually for the continual improvement of our school and the programs provided to our children.
If you are unavailable for your rostered month, please organise another family to take your place at least a week in advance of the market, and advise Daniel of the change ASAP.

All Markets:
• Arrive at 7:45am (all weather event); exception for Twilight market 1:45pm
• You will be told by the Market Leader when you can leave. This is typically around 12:30pm (6:30pm Twilight) but can alter depending on how busy the market is.
• Enter via the main gates of Racecourse on Racecourse Road, Mornington.
• Park in the designated area (Market Staff will be at the gate to assist you).
• Sign in with the Team Leader (for record keeping and Work Cover).

Team Leaders must collect a black folder from the school office the Friday prior to attending the market, and return it the following Monday.
• Receive your safety vest.
• Market staff will take you to your location in the car park where you will direct cars accordingly and finish at approximately noon. (On slower days Market Staff will advise if you can leave earlier).

Daniel Ferlin/Car Parking Coordinator
0410 184 494 / daniel_ferlin@hotmail.com

** Please Confirm Attendance ASAP
^^ Re-rostered due to prior non-attendance

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