Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 4 at St. Thomas More. I hope you enjoyed a restful break from school and outside activity routines. It was lovely to see so many happy, smiling faces on Monday morning.

Well done to all the older children in the family who particularly take time to wish their younger sibling a happy day. It really shows them to be such caring and responsible members of their families.

Mrs. Virgona, Mrs. Hakim, Mrs. Moncrieff and Mrs. Shaw are all on leave this week and will return over the next few weeks.

Camp Quality Puppets
The Camp Quality puppets will be visiting our school next Thursday 13th October. The times for classes is as follows:

9.30am—Preps
10am—Year 1/2s, 3/4M and 3/4S
11.40am—Years 5/6s, 3/4J and 3/4N

Through the puppets, this education program helps to support children with cancer. The puppets explain what cancer is, some of the treatments and their side-effects, and how to support the individual effected by illness.

A really important aspect of their visit is the focus on being positive and recognising our own strengths. The children will also have the opportunity to ask questions of the presenters.

A flyer explaining the program is attached to today’s newsletter. Please read through the flyer and have a look at the website: www.campquality.org.au

Summer Uniform
Children may start wearing summer uniform now. It is expected all children will be in full summer uniform the week commencing 17th October.

Staff and students must wear hats when outside; if they do not have a hat they will be expected to sit in the sails area. Sunscreen is available in each classroom for children to use before going outside. Approved sunglasses can be purchased from the uniform shop.

Italian Day Pizza
We are all looking forward to celebrating Italian Day next week, Wednesday 12th October. Please return your pizza and gelato order forms tomorrow.

Note: Gluten-free pizza is available with ham and pineapple topping. If you wish to order gluten-free for your child, please complete the form with the number of slices, tick the ham and pineapple box and write gluten-free next to the box.

Footy Colours Day
Thank you for your donations on Footy Colours Day; $761.80 was raised to support the Allan family with all the medical expenses. This amount has been forwarded directly to the family.

School Closure Days
The staff professional learning days for Term 4 are Thursday 20th and Friday 21st October. Staff will be away from the school involved in interfaith experiences. Students are not required at school on these days.

Monday before Melbourne Cup Day is also a school closure.

Term 4 dates are attached today.

Have a happy week ahead.

Mrs. Pat McConville
Principal

Fee Reminder:
The final quarterly instalment is due by Friday 21st October.
Fee Statements will be posted to all families shortly.
Thank you to all the families who have already paid their fees or who have made a commitment to pay fees by instalment.
Families who have concerns please contact Jo Muller to discuss payment options

Calendar

October
7th—Parish Morning Tea, some Year 4s involved
11th—PEB Meeting, 7.30pm
12th—Italian Day
13th—Camp Quality Puppets
13th—Maths Evening, 7pm
14th—School Mass
**Walk to School Month**

Walk to School encourages primary school children to walk to and from school every school day in October, to highlight the ways walking improves children’s health and wellbeing.

By getting involved in Walk to School, children learn healthy habits, and achieve the 60 minutes of physical activity recommended for children each day. St Thomas More’s will be holding a ‘Walk to School day later in the month.

**Carparking**

The STM carpark is a busy place and we require your assistance in maintaining the safety of all families.

We have three designated carparks for you to park, the school carpark, the parish house carpark and the oval carpark. We ask that parents use the designated parking bays to allow for the easy movement of traffic.

We have two disabled carparks located outside the gym. We have two students who need to use these parking bay each day.

There are also 2 disabled parking bays outside the church which are designated for those who have a disabled sticker on their car.

We ask that you leave these bays free.

**Procedures**

The most important thing to remember is to drive slowly within the school grounds as there are always children about.

In the morning we have a drop off system in place. The drop off zone is located in front of the Bike Shed. Please ensure your children alight from the vehicle safely on the curb side of the car. The road down the hill is the queue for the drop off zone.

In the afternoon we expect parents to park their car and pick their child up from the designated areas around the school. It is possible to park down the side of the hill where there are about six parking spaces available.

*We ask that you do not park above the zebra crossing as this blocks traffic coming into the driveway.*

We have bollards in place from 9:30 – 3:00. Our Year 5/6 students are responsible for putting them up and taking them down. Sometimes they forget and we ask if it is after 3:00 please contact the office and let us know.

As I said the carpark can be a busy place. We ask for your patience at all times. Remember to always look carefully before driving out of the parking bays, especially if reversing.

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**Italian Day is Wednesday October 12 . . . next week!**

Pizza orders were sent out last Monday and are due back TOMORROW!

Here are some costume ideas if you are still looking for them:

- Carnevale clowns or characters: Arlecchino, Pulcinella, Pantalone or Colombina
- Artists: Michelangelo, Leonardo Da Vinci, Donatello, Raffaello (They’re not just Ninja Turtles you know!)
- Saints: San Francesco D’Assisi, Santa Caterina of Siena, San Valentino (St Valentine)
- Romans gods: Giove (Jupiter), Venere (Venus), Marte (Mars)
- Roman emperors or gladiators: Julius Caesar, Augustus Caesar, Nero
- Singers: Luciano Pavarotti, Andrea Bocelli, Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra
- Scientists: Archimedes (mathematician and father of geometry), Galileo Galilei (astronomer and inventor of the telescope), Alessandro Volta (inventor of the battery and early use of electricity), Guglielmo Marconi (inventor of the radio)
- Explorers: Marco Polo, Cristoforo Colombo
- Actors: Monica Bellucci, Sofia Loren, Gina Lollobrigida, Marcello Mastroianni
- Directors: Frederico Fellini, Franco Zeffirelli
- Designers: Giorgio Armani, Domenico Dolce or Stefano Gabbana, Gianni or Donatella Versace...
- Soccer players: Roberto Baggio, Alessandro Del Piero, Christian Vieri, Francesco Totti, Gianluigi Buffon, Mario Balotelli
- Racers: Valentino Rossi, Enzo Ferrari...
- A famous Italian: Nonno or Nonna, Pinocchio, the Blue Fairy, Mona Lisa, Dante Alighieri, Giuseppe Garibaldi
- Something relevant to Italian culture eg. pizza, pasta, gelato, Ferrari, calcio (soccer), ciclismo (cycling).

Signor Peter Brady
WINE ORDERS
If you are still waiting to collect your wine order can you please contact myself or the office asap, thank you.

WORKING BEE COORDINATOR
Thank you to Arthur House for taking on the role of Working Bee Coordinator.

PARENT REP COORDINATOR REQUIRED
Unfortunately Ange Grima is stepping down from the Parent Rep Coordinator position. Thank you Ange for the work you have done. We are looking for someone to take over the role. Please contact me for more information. Responsibilities include:
- Co-ordinate Parent Reps. One Rep per class
- Dispatch Class Lists to Parent Reps
- Organise Social Gatherings with Parent Reps for each term
- Communicate with the Parent Reps in regards to all relevant Parent Association activities
- Report back to the PA at PA meetings
List of events/morning teas to organise with Parent Reps:

STM DAD’S GOLF DAY
Sunday 16th Oct Eagle Ridge Golf Club
Bus leaving St Thomas More 11 AM. 11.55am tee off.
Cost $80 inc golf and carts, Golf and bus $120
Bus will then leave Eagle Ridge for Canadian Bay Hotel, Mount Eliza for dinner
Please text Damien Barr confirming golf and bus only on 0417373884
Or email damienbarr@bigpond.com  ASAP as numbers are limited

GRAVITY ZONE  Thursday 20th OCTOBER Pupil free day.
ALL YEAR LEVELS
Join your STM friends at Gravity Zone. Parents can enjoy a coffee and chat while the kids burn off energy.  $16 per child. (unlimited bouncing from 10am to close)
25 Olliphant Way, Seaford. Siblings Welcome

STM FUN RUN
The Fun Run will be Friday 4th November. Thanks to Josie Palancian and Jo Dixon for coordinating this event. More information to come.

AVER & LINE FAMILY PHOTO DAY.  Sunday 6th November
Aver and Line create beautiful and natural photography of school families in our leafy school grounds. Great packages available, excellent Christmas gift idea.
$15 including a 8” x 12” print
To book go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter 5uu9q and drop $15 into the office. We require a minimum of 20 bookings and it is open to family and friends. For more information please contact Helen MacFarlaine 0428 298 915

END OF YEAR PARENTS FUNCTION
Friday 2nd December
"Barefoot Bowls" at Mt Eliza Bowls Club
$10.00 per head, bowls and BBQ included
The bowls club would like an indication of numbers, can you please let your Class Parent Rep know if you are interested in attending. Thanks.

STM DATES FOR THE DIARY
16th October - Dad’s Golf Day
20th October - All Year Levels - Gravity Zone from 10am
4th November - STM Fun Run
6th November - Aver & Line Family Photos
2nd December - Parents End of Year Function - Barefoot Bowls
6th December - PA Meeting 7.30pm in the staffroom

Parent Mathemacs Evening
What does Mathematics look like in 21st Century classrooms?
A Mathematics evening for parents will be held on Thursday the 13th of October in the School Resource Centre at 7:00 p.m. All parents are encouraged to come along and find out more about the Mathematical learning that takes place in primary school classrooms.

The aims of this evening are:

To reflect on ways that we can enable our children in their mathematical learning.

To develop understanding about learning in Mathematics classrooms today.

Looking forward to a great evening with many parents,
Jill Chaplin (Mathematics Leader) and Mandy Shankie (Learning and Teaching Leader)

JURASSIC LARK DVD ORDERS
Year 6 Jurassic Lark cast members have received DVD order envelopes this week. DVD order envelopes for Jurassic Lark are due in by 13th October 2016. Anyone else wishing to order a DVD can let the office staff know by this date.

Parents Association

The PA meets on the first Tuesday of every month, the next meeting will be on Tuesday 6th December 2016. Everyone is welcome. Meetings begin at 7.30pm in the staffroom. Contact leonieroyall@yahoo.com.au for more information.

Sincerely
Leonie Zammit
President
Parents Association
leonieroyall@yahoo.com.au
Looking for activities for your children? Please feel free to check out our community notice board on the admin deck outside the school office as we advertise for various groups in regards to activities for the kids.

**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. **All families will be rostered on an approximate 16 month cycle.**

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
0410 184 494
daniel_ferlin@hotmail.com
**Please Confirm Attendance ASAP**
^^ Re-rostered due to prior non-attendance

### MORNINGTON RACECOURSE MARKET CAR PARK DUTY ROSTERS

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