Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone for an exciting term ahead, filled with lots of learning opportunities and many extra-curricular specials.

Our Year 3 children commence this week their preparation for the Sacrament of Eucharist. The first workshop for parents and children will be this Wednesday, 13th July at 7.30pm.

Commitment Masses for the sacrament will be on this weekend at one of the Parish Masses—Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8am or Sunday 10am Masses.

ST THOMAS MORE  
PARISH EDUCATION BOARD

NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARDS WEEK happens during the first week of Term 3 each year. This is an opportunity to acknowledge and explain the significant contribution made by approximately 75,000 school board and school council members across Australia’s Catholic, Independent and Government schools.

School Boards are an integral part of the parish and school community, undertake a leadership role within their respective schools, seek to enhance their stewardship of the school, contribute skills and knowledge to decision making processes, work in partnership with the Principal and Parish Priest and are gatekeepers of the school’s values.

A Board has the responsibility of ensuring that the College is faithful to its charter as a Catholic school. It approves policies to enable the school to function, oversees the school’s financial arrangements and offers significant support to the principal and other key leaders of the school.

Ours is a Parish Education Board and should be aware of and contribute to all aspects of Parish education including Adult Faith Education.

In 2016 members of the Parish Education Board are Chris Young (Chair), Fr. Laurie (Parish Priest), Pat McConvill (Principal) Peter Whyte (Vice Principal), Leonie Zammit (Parents Assoc.), Emma Michie, Josie Palancian, Teresa Taranto (3 x School Parent Reps.) and Anne-Marie Hyde (Parish Pastoral Leadership Team). Jo Muller is our faithful and competent Minute Secretary.

Thank you

Thanks to all the parents who attended the 3-way interviews at the end of last term and congratulations to the children and teachers for the high standard of presentation and discussion. Reminder to families in 3/4M – 3-way interview for these children will be held next Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st July. Please contact the office if you have not yet made an appointment.

Child Safe Standards

In line with Ministerial Order 870, the school has prepared two documents that meet the requirements for two of the standards.

Standard 2—a child safe policy or statement of commitment to child safety

Standard 3—a code of conduct that establishes clear expectations for appropriate behaviour with children

Staff and the PEB will review the documents this week, following which the documents will be posted on the school website for further parent input.

These documents become effective from 1st August, so please read and respond sooner rather than later. It is important to stress that while these documents are important, it is ensuring that the processes are implemented that makes them effective.

I will be on leave for the next few weeks, with Peter Whyte as Acting Principal and Lorraine Coassin as Acting Deputy Principal

Have a happy week.

Mrs. Pat McConvill  
Principal

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Wishing both families lots of joy and happiness.

**Deputy Principal**

**Special Launch Assembly**

Yesterday the whole school gathered to Launch our new School Values and Expectations Banner. The banner can be seen in the Office foyer. Each room in the school will have a smaller version of the banner displayed for everyone to see.

Our 4 school values are Respect, Integrity, Collaboration and Innovation

Our expectations are that:

- at our school, we make good choices to:
  - Follow directions
  - Learn together
  - Speak appropriately
  - Listen to the speaker
  - Care for belongings and the environment
  - Move and act safely

**Parent Seminar on Mindfulness**

**Tuesday July 26th 7.30pm—8.30pm**

St.Macartan’s Parish Primary School , 97Bungower Rd Mornington

Attached to newsletter is a flyer regarding a seminar focusing on Mindfullness. St. Macartan’s school in Mornington, have opened up the session for other schools and their communities to attend.

**Outdoor Learning**

This term has seen our classes involved in Outdoor Learning.

The Outdoor Classroom is well resourced for teachers to take their classes outside for the day. The Year 3/4 students were involved in 2 sessions where they propagated seeds from our local environment right here at STM. At the end of last term, Kylie Robertson from SEEDS showed the students how to collect and clean seeds ready for planting. Many students took the seeds home over the holidays, watering them and caring for them. They were very successful and grew well. During the term the plants were looked after by the 3/4 classes. Last week, Kylie returned to transplant the seeds into individual pots with the 3/4 students. They are now stored in our propagating shed. We look for to planting them during Tree Planting Day next term.

**AUSTRALIA – STORY COUNTRY**

That is this year’s Book Week theme.

I am very excited that this year’s Book Week theme has such an Australian flavour. There are so many fabulous Australian books, authors and illustrators that can be showcased during this time.

Book Week runs from 20th August-26th August. During this week the school will be holding a special event to highlight the importance of sharing stories with your children. More details will follow in the coming weeks.

Book Day this year will be held on Monday 15th August. For all those new to the school, it is a day where the children come dressed up as their favourite book character, or as something that is connected with this year’s theme. We start the day with a parade of characters. The rest of the day is focussed on activities involving some of this year’s shortlisted books, and the children will also watch a production by School Performance Tours.

The 2016 shortlisted books have been chosen by the Children’s Book Council of Australia (CBCA). I will be sharing some of these books with the children in Library sessions over the coming weeks. In future newsletters I will also detail the shortlisted books in each of the categories. Feel free to come into the Library and look over the display of these books.

**BABY NEWS**

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CADBURY CHOCOLATE DRIVE
The chocolate drive is a successful and quick way to raise approx. $4,500 for the school. Thank you for your support on this fundraising drive. Please return envelope with money to the school office by this Friday 15th July, thanks.

KIDS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS MOVIE DAY
Thanks Sally Schultz for arranging the movie day. The kids enjoyed getting out of the rain and spending time watching a movie with their friends. Thanks to all the helpers.
We raised $82 for St Thomas More East Timor. Thank you.

Bad Moms Movie Night Out - Tuesday 16th August
Who loves the movies? We have arranged a private screening of the new movie 'Bad moms' at Hoyts Frankston (leather reclining seats) for the mums (and teachers) at STM. 7.15pm
Tickets are $20 (We need a minimum of 41 people)
Included in this price - Movie ticket, great company, and a few other treats.
More info to come.

2016 MAJOR FUNDRAISER - 80'S MAYHEM AND MADNESS featuring Sports and Music Trivia and Disco
SATURDAY 27TH AUGUST 2016
6.30 to 11.30pm @STM Gym

Tickets Now on Sale: Early Bird special: $25 until 31st July, there after $30
Cash - Payment slip and cash payable at the office (correct money in envelope)
Credit Card - Trybooking https://www.trybooking.com/206440

BYO Drinks and Food. Massoni Wine tasting. Margarita's and wine for sale

Fantastic live and silent auctions

Put a table together of family & friends or add your name to a general table we have allocated for each year level. Table charts located in the office.
Dress with a touch of 80's

If you would like to make a donation towards this wonderful night, can you please contact us ASAP, thanks. Leonie leonieroyall@yahoo.com.au or Amanda Cooke amandacooke3@bigpond.com Can we please ask for donations by the 1st August.

If you are interested in sponsorship please contact Christina for more information. paulchristinal@bigpond.com

All money raised goes back into the school for our children's education

PA COMMITTEE
Counter - Required to join the team
Working with the Assistant Treasurer (Caroline Leaver) collating and counting funds after fundraising events.
You would be required a couple of times a term for approx an hour. If you would like to join Cathy Denvir, Kelly Davies and Antoinette Dungey on this team, please let me know asap.

STM DATES FOR THE DIARY
15th July - Cadbury Chocolate Money Due
2nd August - PA meeting 7.30pm in staffroom
16th August - Bad Moms Movie Night 7.15pm Hoyts Frankston
27th August - 2016 MAJOR FUNDRAISER - 80'S MAYHEM AND MADNESS featuring Sports and Music Trivia

Thank you Nada Cevizovic for filling this role over the last couple of years and congratulations on your new employment role.

WORKING BEE COORDINATOR
We still need to fill this role. This important role involves working with Peter Whyte in arranging the 4 working bees each year. Andrew Taylor is only available for 2 more working bees to help with the role. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Peter or myself, thanks

Sincerely
Leonie Zammit
President
Parents Association
leonieroyall@yahoo.com.au
**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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### SUNDAY 14th August
Collins M & S (Team Leader)
Denvir
Eustace
Farish
Glover
Gwidzek-Faulkner
Higgins J & J
Morris
Ryan A & F
Ryan D & J
Scheen
Woillard
Yates

### SUNDAY 11th September
Zammit (Team Leader)
Boyden
Buchanan
Emond
Goonan
Hodder
Power-Reeves
Rosenfeld
Stack
Story
Sullivan
Unkles

### SUNDAY 9th October
Ciro (Team Leader)
Allan
Collins R&A
Danaher
Davies
Day-Watts
Dixon
Dungey
Geer
Meaney
Palamara
Poda