Tree Day - Growing Awareness
Friday 19th August

This Friday is our Tree Day at S.T.M. The activities organised are nature based planting events and sessions which promote the importance of protecting our natural environment and the benefits of trees/plants to our health and wellbeing.

5/6 Sessions
Kylie Robertson from SEEDS, will take the Propagating Activities and the Sustainability Leaders are to film, take notes and photos where and when appropriate.

3/4 Sessions
There are certain garden spaces in our school that are lacking plants. These spaces are showing signs of erosion and are lacking ‘life’. The students will be making newspaper pots, filling them with soil and planting seedlings to be nurtured until the root system is strong. When ready these plants will be transferred to our chosen garden space. Children are encouraged to care for the plants and once planted can take responsibility for that area. The students will use their Nature Journals for recording.

1/2 Sessions
The students have been learning about Raw to Ready through their Unit Topic in class. The students will be planting and caring for broad beans. Children will begin to understand the process of growing a seed and nurture the growth of the seedling until it produces beans. Once this is produced the beans can be collected and a yummy dip will be made.

Preps
The students will focus on nurturing the Prayer garden by planting new plants in the beds surrounding this area. They will be provided with a variety of plants from the Mornington Peninsula Shire Nursery to plant in this area.

Special thanks to Mrs Ferguson (Sustainability Leader) and the Year 6 Green Team Leaders (Sustainability Leaders) for organising this information.

National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)
This week the school received results of the NAPLAN for students in Year 3 and Year 5. These reports will be sent out to families this week.

First Eucharist
This weekend another 2 classes are involved in celebrating their 1st Eucharist. On Saturday night at 6pm it will be the children in Mrs Shankie’s classes and on Sunday at 10:00 it will be the children in Miss Jenkins class. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers for this special occasion.

Before School Care
As you are aware the school currently operates an After School Care run by Camp Australia. At the recent Parent’s Association meeting, an enquiry was made as to the possibility of the school looking into Before Care. Last night at the Parish Education Board meeting, it was agreed that we would ask families for an expression of interest. If you have a need for using Before School care, could you contact the office.

Have a great week everyone.

Peter Whyte
Acting Principal

Calendar

August

17th - Preps Prayers in Pyjamas
19th—School Mass, 5/6N, 12.15pm
20th—First Eucharist Mass 3M, 6pm
21st—First Eucharist Mass 3J, 10am
Vinnies Sleep Out

As you are aware the school held a fundraising event for VINNIES last Friday night. 15 students braved the cold in the school gymnasium and slept on the floor. I believe they should be congratulated with their efforts in giving up their time and comfort to raise money for others who are less fortunate than themselves. I must say they were extremely well behaved, well mannered and very helpful. The Year 6 Leaders assisted with serving others with soup, cleaning up dishes as well as cleaning up the gym and vacuuming. We were appreciative of all who assisted in making soup, donating bread rolls and giving up their time to assist on the night. Thanks to the following families and people. Grima family (soup donation) Nottingham family (soup donation and serving) Jo Muller (soup donation) Malignaggi family (soup donation) Collins family (bread donation)

A special thanks to Ms Coassin and Mrs Karyn Leslie for assisting on the night with setting up, playing games with the students and making sure the children were happy and tucked into bed.

An extra special thanks to Milica Milisic, our Social Worker student who volunteered to sleep over the night, make soup and make the children feel comfortable during the evening.

We were very lucky to have 2 representatives from VINNIES, Marilyn Hoban and Ron Conkers speak to the children about the wonderful work they do in our local community.

At this stage we have raised over $700. Our target was $1000 so it is not too late to make a donation. You can do this online or by sending money into the office. Here is the link to donate online gofundraise.com.au/page/PatMcConvill

Parent Maths Evening

The Maths evening for parents, which had been scheduled for next Thursday evening, the 25th of August, has been postponed until early next term.

There are many commitments for families at the moment. The new date will be advised closer to the time. Hopefully many parents will be able to attend.

Thank You,

Jill Chaplin and Mandy Shankie

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

It’s that time of the year again when we advertise to see if there is anyone who would like to be part of our next RCIA journey – a process for preparing and welcoming new members into the Catholic community.

It’s a journey of faith and life - a communal and personal journey: sharing, praying and worshiping with the Parish community and at the same time discovering a personal relationship with God especially through the Gospels and teachings of the Church. There are regular meeting times over the months leading up to Easter, with others on the journey, facilitated by the Parish RCIA Team.

Attached to today’s Newsletter is an Invitation. You may know someone you could give this invitation to, or come with, or you may even like to accept it yourself! It is an Invitation to an Inquiry Night, to ‘Come and See’ – a chance for anyone who is interested, over wine and nibbles, and without commitment, to come along and hear a little more of what the RCIA journey – the process of becoming a Catholic - looks like. It will be in the Parish Community Centre on Wednesday 24th August at 7:30pm.

LITERACY NEWS

Dear Families,

Happy Book Week!

Please encourage our St Thomas More writers to enter the Farrell’s Story Writing Competition. This is a great opportunity to write for our children. Entries close Friday 19th August.

One more week until SOFIE LAGUNA visits our school as our guest speaker for our parents, staff and school community. Sofie is our current MILES FRANKLIN LITERARY AWARD winning author. This award is our country’s most prestigious literary prize. Her book The Eye of the Sheep taps into something profound about both humanity and this country. This prize recognises the noble art of making a beautiful world out of language, a world that shows us things about life which are wonderful or terrible or humorous. A world that shows us who we are.

Let us celebrate the creativity, the innovation and brilliance of Australian authors.

Please do not miss this wonderful opportunity to enjoy the wisdom of Sofie Laguna, on Wednesday 24th August, at 2:30pm in our library.

Some of her books will be for sale.

Hope to see you there.

With thanks

Cathy McKenzie

Projector Screens

When we changed over our data projectors in the church in late 2014, you may have noticed that we changed both screens to manual pull-down versions in the new widescreen format to match the aspect ratio of the projectors. We’d love to hear from anyone who would be interested in the superseded motorised 4:3 screens, which have been lying around the Parish Community Centre since then. The screens can also be used for a new widescreen display, but the image will be smaller, with a black section above and below it. In a home theatre setting, or a room smaller than the church, it shouldn’t be a problem… We’d be happy to give the screens to any individual or organisation who can make use of them. We have the manuals, but lack the expertise and equipment required to install them, so you would have to find an electrician or home theatre technician to do that for you. It is possible to leave the screens down permanently once you install them. Please contact Irene in the office for more information.
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

If you haven’t already booked (and thank you to those that have) this is a friendly reminder to PLEASE purchase your tickets for the 80’s night ASAP. Book that babysitter or come as a single with your friends, it’s sure to be a great night. Don’t miss out on this opportunity to participate in our unique school community culture.

Pay either at the office or at https://www.trybooking.com/206440

On offer will be Margaritas, wine tasting and sales, fun trivia, great music, and of course some fantastic auction items including the Prep paintings, your own personal car park space at STM, the mens working bee, an accommodation package at the amazing Lindenderry Estate plus much more.

-Please arrange donations to be dropped at the office by this Friday 19th August

-Please purchase your tickets by Sunday 21st August

-Please return raffle tickets by Wednesday 24th August (if you do not have raffle tickets please check with the teacher of your oldest child)

Table charts located in the office. If you would like to discuss table options please contact myself or your class rep.

Dress with a touch of 80’s - BYO Drinks and Food.

We are asking families for help by donating an item for the 80’s night. This is our biggest fundraiser for the year and every item helps. We are after bottles of spirits, wine etc. If you have can help out please drop off at the office ASAP. Thanks.

80’s Wine Drive Fundraiser (order form attached)
We are fortunate that Massoni Wines have generously offered to share their wines with us at a heavily discounted price. If you would like to try before you buy, tasting will be available at 80’s Mayhem & Madness. You can also purchase the Mt Eliza range on the night $15 bottle or $5 glass. The wine is excellent. A big thanks to Massoni Wines for giving us the wine at wonderful prices. This year we have introduced a discount with ordering by the dozen. Please see price for 6 bottles and 12 bottles. Order forms to be returned to the office by Friday 2nd September.

Bad Moms Movie Night Out
Thank you Kelly Parrish for arranging this very successful and fun night out for us STM Mum’s.

WORKING BEE CATERING CO-ORDINATOR REQUIRED
Unfortunately Alison Reynolds is stepping down from the Working Bee Catering Co-ordinator position, thank you Alison for the wonderful work you have done. We are looking for someone to take over the role. Please contact myself for more information.
Description: Organizes catering for four working bees in the year with the designated year levels to supply morning tea, order food for sausage sizzle, attends each working bee to setup food and drinks, serves and cooks morning tea and lunch and cleans up with a team of helpers.

WORKING BEE COORDINATOR REQUIRED
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

STM DATES FOR THE DIARY

24th August - Last day for Raffle tickets to be returned to the office.

27th August - 2016 MAJOR FUNDRAISER - 80’S MAYHEM AND MADNESS featuring Sports and Music Trivia

2nd September - Wine Order Forms to be returned to the office

6th September - PA meeting 7.30pm in staffroom

10th September - Working Bee - 1/2 to supply morning tea

Sincerely
Leonie Zammit
President
Parents Association
leonieroyall@yahoo.com.au
Looking for activities for your children during the school holidays or term periods. 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

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