Dear Parents,

**Archbishop’s Visit**
We enjoyed a very happy visit from Archbishop Hart today. Our Grade 4 students were amazing in their hospitality, their confidence with adults and their sense of service to others. Our Year 6 Education in Faith leaders led the assembly for the Archbishop and did an excellent job.

**Family Life Program**
Every two years, we offer families the opportunity to begin the conversations with their child around sexuality. The program is designed to encourage communication on topics of Health & Human Relations and is conducted by trained, experienced educators. It emphasises the importance of family and is attended by adults and children.

Two sessions will be held on Thursday 17th November. The first session, recommended for Years 3&4, including topics on family relationships, and male and female body similarities and differences. It runs from 6.30-7.30pm.

The second session, from 7.45—8.45pm, is recommended for Years 5&6, and covers such topics as the physical and emotional changes of puberty.

A flyer for the sessions is attached to the newsletter and bookings can be made via the link on Trybooking.

**Child Safe Standards**
We are particularly looking to develop our own guidelines for volunteers, based on the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria’s *Guidelines on the Engagement of Volunteers in Catholic School*.

In order to meet the requirements of the Child Safety Legislation, the PEB is forming a sub-committee to study and adapt the guidelines for our school, while maintaining our priority to child safety.

Emma Michie, Leonie Royall and I are the PEB reps on the sub-committee. We would like to hear from 2 parents who are interested in developing these procedures—please contact the office if you are interested.

**Congratulations**
Well done and thank you to all the children wearing correct summer uniform. It is most important children have their hats at school as every day now has high UV rays and sun protection is required.

**Before School Care**
Camp Australia will close the survey for Before School Care on Friday 21st October. The survey will take approximately 3 minutes of your time. If you have not completed the survey yet, please visit survey monkey [here](#).

**School Closure Days**
Students are not required at school tomorrow, Thursday 20th and Friday 21st October. We look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday—enjoy the long weekend!

**Financial Assistance**
Please see the attached flyer in regards to Conveyance Allowance information for Parents in 2016, Term 4.

Have a happy week ahead.

*Mrs. Pat McConvill*
Principal

**Mass of Healing**
Our annual Parish Mass of Healing will be in the Church on **Tuesday 25th October at 10am**.

This is an opportunity for anyone who may like to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, and/or you may know someone you could bring along, or you may like to just come along and pray for and with those being anointed. All welcome.

**Calendar**

**October**
- 20th, 21st—Professional Learning Day (No School)
- 25th—Year 2 Baptism Renewal, in the Church
- 28th—Whole school Mass, led by 5/6K
- 31st—Report Writing Day

**November**
- 1st—Melbourne Cup Day
**Italian Day**

Our Italian Day on October 12 was a wonderful success. The costumes were the best ever; complimenti e grazie to all the children for your wonderful and colorful outfits! Many thanks to our wonderful parents for your amazing efforts! I was a little concerned at the number of Signor Bradys and even more alarmed at their dress sense!

The children thoroughly enjoyed the range of activities including pasta making, dancing, tombola, soccer, bocce and theatre, not to mention enjoying a gelato. The only thing we lacked for this activity was sunshine!

A very special grazie to Rosa Malignaggi who took the 5-6 students on a mini, culinary Giro d’Italia. The students were able to sample a range of foods and flavours from various parts of Italy so don’t be surprise if your child wants you to try cooking with artichokes, fennel, balsamic vinegar or some unusual Italian cheeses.

Cento Grazie (a hundred thankyous) to the staff of St Thomas More’s for your help and support in the organization and implementation of the day. Thank you to Milica Milisic for coming in to help us with various activities and a special thankyou to Gianna Hakim for her pasta making with all the 1-2 students. All those students will now be able to direct home-made pasta making at home.

Mille Grazie (a thousand thankyous) to Shannon Cater, Trudi Fitzpatrick, Niamh Hislop, Meaghan Leamon, Deanne Patane, Leonie Royall, Danielle Sayers and especially Susie Power-Reeves and Michaela Webster who gave up so much of their time to organize and distribute our delicious pizza lunch. Also to Marg Emond who served gelati all day and I didn’t see her eat one! Thanks also to Vinnie’s Pizza in Mt Eliza who have looked after us very well on Italian Day for 13 years!

Complimenti to all the students for their delightful performances of Italian songs and dance at the costume parade, especially the Year 5-6 students whose performance of the Tarantella was spectacular!

See you next year! Ci vediamo l’anno prossimo!

Peter Brady

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**School Carpark**

Over the past few weeks we appear to have an issue with cars not being able to enter the school carparks after school.

When all the parking bays are full and the line of cars into the school is full, cars cannot turn off Canadian Bay Rd. The result is that cars sit waiting along Canadian Bay Rd. This causes major traffic issues and frustration for non school drivers who wish to drive along the road.

There have been many cases of people driving along the wrong side of the road and nearly causing accidents.

**We ask people to not stay on the road with the indicator on waiting for the cars within the school to move forward.**

Please drive on and park along Canadian Bay Rd.

As we have mentioned before, it helps if people stagger the pickup times so that not everyone arrives before 3:30pm.

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**School Website: Cyber Safety**

Just a reminder that our school website has 2 links to different websites related to Child Safety and Cyber Safety. Scroll down to the bottom of the page for these links.


Click on iParent—where parents can learn about the digital environment and keep updated on their children’s technology use. You can find guidance for using safety settings on your family’s web-connected devices, tips for choosing movies and games and strategies for keeping young people safe online.

Kidshelpline [https://kidshelpline.com.au](https://kidshelpline.com.au) has tips for parents and carers on a variety of issues related to families.
MUSIC NEWS

TALENT OF TALENTS
Our annual Talent of Talents show will be held on Friday 2nd December in the school gymnasium. This is an opportunity for children to share a performance talent with the rest of the school community in a relaxed, friendly, non-judgmental, fun environment. It is a show for the children by the children. Parents and friends are very welcome to be in the audience.

Children in Years 1-6 are invited to sing, recite a poem, dance (ballet, hip hop, ballroom, jazz or other styles) show their gymnastics or cheerleading skills, share their karate expertise, play an instrument or any other entertaining skill that they might like to share. Children can perform individually, with a partner or in groups. Preps soak up the atmosphere of their first Talent of Talents show as spectators.

Interested children will need to audition for the show. Dates for the auditions are displayed in each classroom. At the auditions, prospective performers do not have to show their complete act, but they do need to have a good idea of what they are hoping to do. Children who are using music/songs for their act might need help to filter their choices so that chosen songs are suitable for a primary school audience.

LUNCH TIME SPRING CONCERT
Interested Year 5/6’s have been invited to perform at our lunch time concert on Thursday 3rd November. This concert is primarily to promote the spirit of musical fun and enjoyment for those who would like an opportunity to share a musical skill that they are learning.

MUSIC: COUNT US IN
Two weeks to go! STM has been involved in the Australia wide school initiative to promote singing and music in our schools for many years. On Thursday 3rd November at 12:30pm, participating schools all over the country will sing the same song at the same time. Last year over 500 000 children took part. You can access this year’s song, Let it Play, on youtube. Preps and Yr 1/2’s have been learning the song during music lessons. Yr 3/4’s and 5/6’s have access to the song via choir time, classrooms and the internet.

STM DAD’S GOLF DAY
Thank you Damien Barr for arranging the day. Congratulations to the winners of the STM Golf Day trophy, Ben Crawford, Tim Galvin, Scott Marshall and Adrian Aldag.

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 Oliphant Way, Seaford. Siblings Welcome

STM FUN RUN - FRIDAY 4th NOVEMBER
On Friday 4th November, the kids will be walking / running / jogging through an obstacle course with their class to help raise money for our school.
Fun Run Pledge forms and envelope coming home with each child this week. Please consider supporting your children during their schools fitness fun running event!

Forms due back no later than Monday 7th NOVEMBER, prize for the class that raises the most amount of money!

Everyone that donates to your child also goes into a raffle to win a prize!

AVER & LINE FAMILY PHOTO DAY. Sunday 6th November
Please report to the multi purpose room 10 minutes before your allocated time.
Aver and Line create beautiful and natural photography of school families in our leafy school grounds. Great packages available, excellent Christmas gift idea.

For a $15 donation to STM you get a 20 minute photo session, a 20 minute viewing / selection session, an 8” x 12” print, a cute glass bottle frame with a print of your choice, complimentary retouching and a choice of packages on offer.

To book go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter 5uu9q and drop $15 into the office but he 28th October. 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

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

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