Dear Parents,

Congratulations to our First Eucharist students who made their commitment to the program at last weekend’s Masses. We will continue to pray for you as you grow in your faith journey.

**Child Safety Policies.**

As mentioned in the previous school newsletter the staff have been working on these policies. The policies will be available for parents to read online. You will find them on the school website under the Parent Lounge Banner. If you wish to make comments please email into the school before the end of the week. Any changes will need to be completed so that the policies can be finalised and posted on the website. Thank you.

**STM Trivia Night**

The Parents’ Association are working very hard in preparation for the Sport, Music Trivia and Disco Night. This is their major fundraiser and social event for this term. Please show your support for them by buying a ticket to attend—you can get a group together. To make it easier, you can book online, follow the prompts from their newsletter. Sounds like a fun night!

**Hot House and Propagating Shed**

Thanks to the Working Bee Team we have these resources in our school. The school is in the process of getting a propagating plan in action. We have employed Kylie Robertson to assist in the process. Kylie has been heavily involved in the development of our Outdoor Learning resources and curriculum plans. Kylie will be onsite every fortnight on a Friday morning starting around 8:20. Kylie will then stay on for the day taking different classes for biodiversity lessons. We have planned for students to be involved before school and this week the Year 5 / 6 students will start the ball rolling. The students will be packed up ready to go back to class well before the first bell. We ask students to bring gloves and rubber boots ( or old shoes ) This will keep them cleaner and keep the mud out of the classrooms. If any parents or grandparents are interested in assisting, please let the school know.

**Social Work Student**

This term we welcome Melica Melisic to the school community. Melicica is a student studying Social Work at RMIT University. RMIT have initiated a partnership with Catholic Education and thus providing the opportunity for their students to learn in the Catholic System.

**Dates for Term 3**

The flyer with dates for Term 3 is enclosed with today’s newsletter. There are some very important events during the term, including the First Eucharist for Grade 3s and the school production; please read through the notes carefully and mark important dates on your calendar.

**Condolences**

Condolences to the Smith family (Ben 5/6J) for the passing of Kerrins father. Our prayers are with you at this time.

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word**

Just a reminder, especially during this time of preparation for First Eucharist, that at 10 am Mass each Sunday during the school term, there is the opportunity for primary school age children (and pre-schoolers accompanied by a parent) to “go out” from the Church and into the Undercroft with adult leaders, to listen to the Readings and talk about them, and often complete an activity too. This allows the children to hear the same Readings as the adults are hearing, but at their level of understanding. The children leave the Church at the beginning of the Mass, and return around the time of the Sign of Peace, before Communion time.

**Fee Reminder**

The third quarterly instalment is due by Friday 5th August. 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 by instalment. Please contact Jo Muller if you wish to discuss your payment options.

**Financial Assistance**

Please find Term 3 financial assistance information for parents regarding Conveyance allowance on the attachment.

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**Calendar**

**July**

- 20th - 3/4M 3-way interviews
- 21st - 3/4M 3-way interviews
- 22nd – School Mass Y1 & Y6, 12:15pm
- 27th – Eucharist Workshop, 7:30pm
- 28th, 29th – Incursion Smart Workshop Y1 – Y6
STATE CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations Shay Power-Reeves on 7th place at the latest School Sport Victoria State Cross Country Championships. Shay has put in an amazing amount of training and his hard work and dedication to this event have paid off. Shay narrowly missed an opportunity to secure a spot on the Vic State team; however is an emergency for the National event. Well Done to Shay on a tremendous result.

STM ATHLETICS

St Thomas More Annual Athletics Carnival for Years 3 – 6 will be held on Friday 5th August, at STM. To run the carnival smoothly we need volunteers in both the morning and afternoon, and hope that you could be generous with your time. A morning or afternoon shift can be accommodated. Refer to the Summary Timetable below. The teacher in charge will run the event but needs willing helpers to time, measure, retrieve, record or supervise the children. Please refer to the Care Monkey request to indicate your availability.

School Sport Victoria Soccer

Last Friday a team of Year 5 / 6 boys represented STM in the Peninsula Division Play offs. They had a successful day and won the Grand Final. Congratulations boys on fantastic sportsmanship and teamwork. The scores and scorers were as follows. Game 1, vs Mount Martha 4-0. Josh 1, Jay 1, Shay 1, Own Goal 1. Grand Final vs Flinders 3-1. Shay 2, Josh 1. They go on to play Tuesday 9th of August at the Southern Metropolitan Region Finals.

Summary Timetable

Events: 9:00am – 11:00am
Recess: 11:00am – 11:30am
Normal classes: 11:35am – 12:30pm
Assembly (1/2s): 12:30pm – 1:00pm
Lunch: 1:00pm – 1:55pm
Events: 2:00pm – 3:15pm

AUSTRALIA – STORY COUNTRY

Every year, the Children’s Book Council of Australia (CBCA), shortlist the very best in Australian children’s literature in various categories. Three of these categories are on display in the Library. The books in each of these categories are as follows

Book of the Year - Early Childhood
Piranhas Don't Eat Bananas by Aaron Blabey
My Dog Bigsy by Alison Lester
Perfect by Danny Parker
Ollie and the Wind by Ghosh Ronojoy
Mr Huff by Anna Walker
The Cow Tripped Over the Moon by Tony Wilson

Picture Book of the Year
Ride, Ricardo, Ride! by Phil Cummings
Flight by Nadia Wheatley
Suri’s Wall by Lucy Estela
One Step at a Time by Jane Jolly
And the Band Played Waltzing Matilda by Eric Bogle
My Dead Bunny by Sigi Cohen (upper primary only)

Book of the Year - Younger Readers
The Cleo Stories:A Friend and a Pet by Libby Gleeson
Run, Pip, Run by J.C. Jones
Molly and Pim and the Millions of Stars by Martine Murray
Soon by Morris Gleitzman
Sister Heart by Sally Morgan
Shadows of the Master by Emily Rodda

Coming soon - Book Day - Monday 15th August
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. The money is now overdue please return envelope with money to the school office by this Friday 22nd July, thanks.

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 Included in this price - Movie ticket, great company, and a few other treats.

Please pay $20 cash at the office ASAP. (in an envelope with correct money please)

2016 MAJOR FUNDRAISER - 80’S MAYHEM AND MADNESS featuring Sports and Music Trivia and Disco

SATURDAY 27TH AUGUST 2016

6.30pm 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 - 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.

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

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Parents Association

The PA meets on the first Tuesday of every month, the next meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd August 2016. Everyone is welcome. Meetings begin at 7.30pm in the staffroom. Contact leonieroyall@yahoo.com.au for more information.

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Cadbury Chocolate Drive

PA Committee 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.

Mores on the Mount Facebook Page

Mores on the Mount Facebook Page is a closed group and posts cannot be shared or seen by non members. However, please do not post photos of teachers or other peoples children without prior approval from the children's parent/s or said teacher(s).

Sincerely
Leonie Zammit
President
Parents Association
leonieroyall@yahoo.com.au

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STM Dates for the Diary

Due Now - 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

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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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