Dear Parents,

School Improvement Surveys

Help Shape the Future of Our School

Last week, Mr Whyte distributed 50 surveys to families. Thank you to the 10 families who received paper copies—these have all been returned and posted onto the collators.

At the moment, we have only registered 11 out of 40 for the online surveys. Thank you to those 11 people; could another 29 help us out by going online to complete their forms.

Thank you—we think your input is important.

Bella

Please continue to pray for Bella and her family as sadly, Bella’s leukaemia has returned.

#fightforbella wrist bands are on sale again for $5 for both adults and children. They can be purchased at the uniform shop this afternoon or from the school office until Friday.

If you wish to make a financial donation to the family, please visit the GoFundMe website below.

http://www.gofundme.fightforbella

Footy Colours Day

Friday 16th September is Footy Colours Day. Children may wear footy jumpers, tops, shorts, scarves, beanies etc. If children do not have footy apparel, they may choose to wear clothes of the team’s colours. A gold coin donation will be collected and go to GoFundMe for Bella.

School Production

Year 6s are so excited to finally be performing their musical production Jurassic Lark. We had a sneak preview yesterday and they are amazing!

The performances are tonight and Thursday at 7.30pm at the Peninsula Community Theatre in Wilson Street, Mornington and tickets can be purchased at the door.

All our best wishes to all the cast and crew for two magical performances!

Victorian Parliament

Last week I had the pleasure of accompanying our school captains, Webster and Olivia on a trip to Parliament House, Melbourne. Our students were part of a learning experience about the workings of parliament.

The main topic for discussion was “All social media should be banned for children under 12”. The vote was eventually lost after much debating and ‘soapboxing’. Through this discussion, the students focused on issues such as privacy, cyberbullying, digital technologies, effects on learning, online gaming, and social networking and unwanted contact.

Our students were a credit to themselves and to our school. I was very proud to be with them, and they should feel proud of their achievements.

School Uniform

For the first three weeks of Term 4, children may wear either winter or summer uniform until the weather is warm enough constantly for summer uniform.

Hats are compulsory wearing in Term 4. If a child does not have their hat, they play in the sails area.

Condolences

Please remember the Glover family on the passing of Alex’s grandfather. May he rest in peace.

End of Term

Term 3 finishes on Friday 16th September at 1pm.
Term 4 will commence at 9am on Monday 3rd October.

Have a restful two weeks break.

Mrs. Pat McConvill
Principal

Calendar

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St. Thomas More’s Newsletter
Wednesday, September 14th 2016

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Year 5/6 Beautification Projects

On Friday, our Year 5/6 students presented their plans for beautification of the school. They were very thorough and clear on what they wished to see happen at school. Their ideas were shared with their classmates, their teachers and members of the Parish Education Board. At last night’s PEB meeting, the projects were discussed with a view to collating the ideas and considering what projects could be developed in the short term and what will need more time and resources to fulfil. A work in progress!

Working Bee

A big thank you to all families involved in the working bee. It was a huge success. We made many areas around the school safer. We cleaned drains, repaired steps, repaired the road and drainage near the oval, mulched garden beds, fixed KIDS MATTER sign to the wall outside Mrs Hakim’s classroom, cleaned the gym kitchen, cleaned the school of rubbish, attended to the veggie gardens and built a cover for the long jump pit on the oval. A great effort. Thanks to the following families

Roger Lancer, O’Halloran, Palancian x2, Ryan, Collins, Michie, Toranto X 2, Curry, Taylor, Reynolds, Gibson, Seeley, Hislop X 2, Cooper x2, House x2, Aldag, Lisa Vandermeer, Lynch, Battin, Martino, Day and Goonan x2.

Literacy News

Thank you to our writers featured in this week’s newsletter.

The 2016 Great Book Swap!

A fun, fabulous and fantastic day awaited the school children at St Thomas More. Last Wednesday was the Great Book Swap where everyone brings a gold coin donation and a book to swap! The reason we need to do this is to help indigenous children, who aren’t getting the basic skills of reading and writing. By taking part in the Great Book Swap we can change the education of kids across Australia. Please do your part and thank you if you did!

By Lucas Mealmaker

This year we raised $457:00
THANK YOU

Please see the literacy attachment in regards to visiting Author ‘Sofie Laguna’ and some tips on developing literacy skills at home.
**Italian Day is approaching! Wednesday October 12 is Italian Day!**

Italian Day is our day of fun filled activities designed to take in many aspects of the Italian culture.

The aim of the day is to continue to develop an awareness and appreciation of the customs and influences introduced to our community by Italians and to continue to immerse the children in Italian language.

The children will be involved in various activities throughout the day, including dance, tombola, calcio, bocce e pasta making and an Italian/English language production.

It is a tradition at St Thomas More’s that we dress in Italian theme for the day. Every year I am amazed at the wonderful array of ideas and if you need some help, here are some ideas:

- Carnavale 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 Zefferelli
- 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…

Something relevant to Italian culture eg. pizza, pasta, gelato, Ferrari, calcio (soccer), ciclismo (cycling).

In the first week of term 4 we will send out order forms for our pizza lunch and gelato.

Non vedo l’ora! I can’t wait!

Signor Peter Brady

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**Parent’s Association**

The PA meets on the first Tuesday of every month, the next meeting will be on Tuesday 4th October 2016. Everyone is welcome. Meetings begin at 7.30pm in the staffroom. Contact leonieroyall@yahoo.com.au for more information.

**FATHER’S DAY LITURGY AND PIE NIGHT**

Thank you to all the Dads who made a donation at the Father’s Liturgy; the PA are donating $154 to Blue September.

Blue September is a nationwide awareness and fundraising initiative for men’s cancer, supporting Australian Prostate Cancer Research and the Australian Cancer Research.

**WORKING BEE**

Thank you to everyone who helped out at the working bee on Saturday, there was a great turn out. Without a Working Bee Coordinator and Working Bee Catering Coordinator it was great to see so many people pitch in to help. Thanks to the 1/2 families for supplying morning tea.

We would like to welcome Teresa Martino into the role of Working Bee Catering Coordinator, thanks Teresa.

**STM DAD’S GOLF DAY**

Sunday 16th Oct Eagle Ridge Golf Club
11.55 am tee off App cost $60 inc golf and carts
Please text Damien Barr on 0417373884
Or email damienbarr@bigpond.com ASAP as numbers are limited
If available and more details to follow when numbers are confirmed

**SAVE THE DATE - END OF YEAR PARENTS FUNCTION**

Friday 2nd December
"Barefoot Bowls" at Mt Eliza Bowls Club
$10.00 per head, bowls and BBQ included

**STM DATES FOR THE DIARY**

4th October - PA Meeting 7.30pm in the staffroom
16th October - Dad’s Golf Day
2nd December - Parents End of Year Function - Barefoot Bowls

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

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**#fightforbella Movie Event**

Please join us for some holiday fun at the #fightforbella Movie Event these holidays.
Wednesday 28th September 10.30am Karingal Cinemas

**SECRET LIFE OF PETS**

Tickets $27 (includes movie ticket, drink and popcorn)
Prizes to be won for best dressed!!!
Please contact Michaela Webster 0413 160 916 if interested.
Many thanks to the families have already purchased tickets for this great cause.
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.

**NOTICE BOARD**

### 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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**Sunday 9th October**
- Ciro (Team Leader)
- Boyden
- Collins R&A
- Danaher
- Day-Watts
- Dungey
- Geer
- Higgins J & J
- Meaney
- Palamara
- Parrish
- Poda

**Sunday 13th November**
- Dixon (Team Leader)
- Cevizovic
- Cooling
- Davies
- Day P&C
- Edens
- Fox
- Hadley
- Harper-Tarloar
- Jones M&A
- Morris
- Reid
- Snow

**Saturday 26th November**
- 1:45pm TWILIGHT
- Aldag (Team Leader)
- Cox
- Farish
- Fay
- Floro
- Hallal
- Herbert
- Lambe
- Mackie
- Roche
- Ryan A & F
- Whyte

**Sunday 11th December**
- Cater (Team Leader)
- Cooper
- DeLord
- Dwyer
- Bracchi-Harvie
- Hollins
- Jacouvu
- McCressional
- Newman
- Patane J&B
- Sparrow
- Steel
- Tranter

**Saturday 17th December**
- 1:45pm TWILIGHT
- Galvin (Team Leader)
- Gibson
- Hosking
- Leonard
- Mauro
- Rosenblum
- Schultz
- Sharpe
- Sharvin
- Spring
- Taylor A & J
- Torcaso
- Wilson