Dear Parents,

**St Thomas More Day**

Next Wednesday 22nd June, we will celebrate St Thomas More Day starting with 9.15am Mass. The children will have morning tea after Mass before moving into a program of activities with visiting artists.

Thomas More was a man of great faith and strong principles. When put to the test he never wavered in his belief that God must come first in his life, then all else will follow in rightful succession.

“Here I am Lord, let me be like St. Thomas More. Work through me and help me to be a light leading others to you.”

**Three-way Interviews**

Three-way learning interviews will be held next Tuesday 21st June, 4-6pm and Thursday 23rd, 4-8pm.


On the home page, place the following code in the Event Code Box

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Please be aware that Interviews for Mandy Shankie (3/4M) will be held on Wednesday 20th July and Thursday 21st July and have the following event code

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**Year 6 Confirmation**

Last week, the school community celebrated the initiation of our Year 6s to adulthood in the Catholic faith. We can be so proud of these young people as they make this journey in faith.

Thank you to Father Laurie and Lys Crowe for their work in the parish and the support they provide.

Thank you to the 5/6 teachers and Ms Coassin in their preparation and support of students and families.

Thank you to Mrs. Shaw and our wonderful choir who provided the music for the liturgy.

Thank you to the wonderful altar servers - Chloe, Matilda and Mikaela—a difficult job completed very well.

**Collaborative Impact Program**

**Visible Learning 2016-2019**

St Thomas More School staff have been successful in being part of this innovative program. As a school improvement initiative, the program is designed to support leaders and teachers to bring about ongoing and sustainable improvement in student achievement.

The program commences with a Foundation Day for all staff to attend. This will be held on **Monday 11th July**, the first day of Term 3. This will be the staff development day for the term, hence school will start for students on Tuesday 12th July. Other parts of the program for 2016 will be facilitated internally.

The program is centred around improving student learning and we are very excited to be part of such an important and rigorous process.

**Term 2 finishes next Friday 24th June at 1pm.**

**Term 3 commences for students on Tuesday 12th July at 9am.**

Have a happy week ahead.

**Mrs. Pat McConvill**

**Principal**

**Calendar**

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**2017 Enrolments**

We are now accepting enrolments for Prep 2017.

If you have a child ready for school next year, please pick up an application form from the office and return by Friday 24th June, last day of Term 2.
Avoidance can be role-modelled.

Car parking

From Georgina Manning from Wellbeingforkids website.

It is suggested that children need support in learning about coping strategies. A parent’s response is very important when dealing with a situation. Some behaviours you may notice with your child are as follows:

- Avoidance of situation
- Withdrawal
- Compliance
- Seeking control
- Having another person deal with the situation (usually an adult)

This makes it more likely that the child will be more anxious in the next time and fear the situation more – vicious cycle

**Avoidance**

- Anxiety is made worse when children avoid things they have some concern about.
- Avoidance will quickly make something that is initially a slight concern for a person, become a source of anxiety.
- Important we don’t support children’s avoidance. (usually we don’t want the child to feel distress)
- Small amount of distress is important.
- Learning to problem solve is important.
- Support needs to be appropriate – a stepped approach is most effective.
- Avoidance can be role-modelled.
- Avoidance limits a person’s opportunity to have experiences that disconfirm their worries and their beliefs about worrying.
- Don’t support children’s avoidance but be patient and empathic.
- Sometimes a loving but firm push is necessary – with lots of emotional support.

**Carparking**

We have noted that the carparking has been better this term, so to all parents **Thank You**. Donald the School Crossing supervisor has advised that the parents have been excellent and driving much slower around the school. He also mentioned that he loves his job and it makes his day looking after all of our families who use the school crossing.

*Just a few reminders;*

The disabled parking bays located outside the gym are for the two families who need access for their children. We ask parents and grandparents who have a disabled sticker on their car to utilise the 3 disabled parking bays located outside the church.

The carpark at the top of the hill is designed for the staff to use.

Please do not park behind cars. We have had a few instances of people being blocked in.

Thank you for keeping our carpark and community safe this term.

**REFLECTIONS OF US**

**EXCITEMENT … AND MORE EXCITEMENT …**

by Ben Gerring

What a blast. This year the Year 6’s are starting the production Jurassic Lark. At the moment we are learning the songs and getting used to the backing tracks and we have started script reading. When we got our roles there was much excitement and even more excitement when we got our scripts. Everybody seems to be having fun and Mrs Shaw always finds a way to make our sessions more exciting, like bringing something that represents our own self.

It is always interesting to see what other people bring. Every week there is much enthusiasm for production and we are all excited and can't wait for the production show nights.

**Too Big For Your Boots?? (School Shoes Actually)**

Do you have any school shoes that are in good condition that you can’t use anymore?

Did you know that some kids in Melbourne go to school with no shoes or broken shoes?

The Social Justice Group has decided that S.T.M might be able to help. If you have any spare school shoes that you can’t use anymore please send them along to school. We have a contact in Collingwood who will see that the shoes go to someone who will really appreciate them. We’ll have a box in the office labelled ‘Too Big For Your Boots?’ next week where you can place the school shoes.

Thanks for your support in doing God’s work.

The Social Justice Group.
The 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.

HIP HOP DISCO - THIS Friday 17th June
5-7pm in the school gym
Entry $5 - Entry Tickets will be available for purchase at the door. (Please note: Dinner packs cannot be purchased on the night)

TICKETS - Pre Paid entry and food tickets will be sent home with your children on Thurs/Fri. If you have not received by Friday please see your class teacher.
Pre ordered dinner pack option served on entry between 5pm - 5.15pm.
Children will not be allowed to leave the gym without a parent present.
Parents are welcome to stay but unfortunately NO siblings or toddlers can attend.
‘Bop till you drop’ DJ will be hosting the event with dance tips, games and prizes to be won!

**Please note**
Sorry for not making the order forms clear, but a few families have just put the money in for entry and ticked the food pack. These packs are not included in the entry price.

$5 Entry plus $5 Fish and chip pack = $10
$5 Entry plus $5 Nugget pack = $10
$5 Entry plus $6 Cheese burger pack = $11
If you think you may have left out the payment for the food packs...can you please send with your child ASAP in an envelope clearly marked. (We need to pay for the food packs in advance)

Disco photos - Please ensure you have prior approval from the children's parent/s before posting any photos on Mores on the Mount.

CADBURY CHOCOLATE DRIVE
Our annual Cadbury chocolate fundraising drive will kick off today Wednesday 15th June. A Cadbury box will be sent home with the oldest child. The chocolate drive is a successful and quick way to raise approx. $4,500 for the school. We look forward to your support on this fundraising drive. Please return envelope with money to the school office, thanks.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS MOVIE DAY
Tuesday 5th July @ 10:30am
Join your friends in the holidays to watch ZOOTOPIA in the Multipurpose Room
COST: GOLD COIN DONATION

All proceeds to St Thomas More, East Timor
BYO Bean Bag or Cushion
Snacks Available from the Canteen: Popcorn Cookies Drinks
Parents can catch-up in the ‘Parents Lounge’
Children must be supervised by a parent/guardian. Siblings welcome

ANNOUNCING THE 2016 AFL FUNDRAISER
The AFL have donated a limited number of general admissions tickets to:

Hawthorn V North Melbourne
at the MCG on Saturday 13th August 2016 at 2.10pm.
We will be offering these tickets at the heavily discounted price.
Tickets will go on sale in July.

2016 MAJOR FUNDRAISER - 80'S MAYHEM AND MADNESS featuring Sports and Music Trivia
SATURDAY 27TH AUGUST 2016
Thank you to more wonderful businesses that have so far donated items towards our silent auctions and raffle.

Donations can be left at the office or please contact myself leonieroyall@yahoo.com.au or Amanda Cooke amandacooke3@bigpond.com

If you are interested in sponsorship please contact Christina for more information. paulchristina1@bigpond.com

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

STM DATES FOR THE DIARY

17th June - Friday - 5pm - Hip Hop Disco (Prep to Year 6 students only)

5th July - Tuesday - School Holiday Movie Day - 10.30am in MPR

2nd August - PA meeting 7.30pm in staffroom

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

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

PARENTS ASSOCIATION
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

SUBWAY DAY—MONDAY 20th JUNE

St Thomas More will be having a Subway Day on Monday 20th June. Please complete your order form and hand in to your classroom teacher by WEDNESDAY 15th June.

(No late orders will be taken after this date)

There will be NO canteen on this day