



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done with the way that you and your children have engaged with the remote learning and the "Continuation of Learning program." The staff and myself have really appreciated all of the positive feedback.

Feel Good Friday

Next Friday, 28th August, will be a well-being day- "Feel Good Friday" for students, parents/carers and staff. There will be no Google Meet sessions, workshops or learning feedback provided on this day. Students are able to take the time to complete any unfinished tasks, engage in project work or work on any optional activities in the "Continuation of Learning program". You are also encouraged to use this day as an opportunity to take a break from the demands of remote learning. Tend to your social and emotional health and take a break. Staff will be using this day as a catch-up day as well, ensuring that they are taking the time to look after themselves. On-site supervision will still be provided for those who fit the criteria and are booked in.

Staffing changes

As you may be aware Mrs. Kylie Blachon and Mrs. Ally Jeffrey will be both be taking maternity leave in coming weeks. We wish Kylie and her husband, Eric, all the best for the safe arrival of their first child. We also wish Ally and her husband, Nathan, all the best for the safe arrival of their second child. Both Kylie and Ally will be concluding work on Friday 4th September.

I'm pleased to announce that Mrs. Melinda Turkenburg and Mrs. Jo Wheelahan have been appointed as the classroom teachers for Room 10, Kylie's class, until the end of the year. Melinda has been doing casual relief teaching throughout the year at St Thomas More Catholic Primary School. She is an experienced teacher, who is well known to staff and students. Jo Wheelahan is a current staff member, who is on the school leadership team and currently works with the 3/4 team overseeing curriculum planning. Jo brings many years of experience to the role, including having been a grade 3/4 teacher here at school last year. We also welcome Mrs. Abby Bourke, a former teacher at St Thomas More back from maternity leave who will be replacing Ally Jeffery on Thursdays in the role of providing support for teachers and students.

Father's Day raffle

Our wonderful Parents and Friends group have organised a fantastic Father's Day raffle. Thank you to the support from many local businesses for providing the prizes. To purchase a ticket go to

<https://www.rafflelink.com.au/stmdadsdayraffle>

The raffle is now open and closes next Thursday, 3rd September.

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Parent feedback about remote learning

To assist us with future planning with remote learning we ask that families complete the attached remote learning survey. Please click the link to complete the survey <https://forms.gle/o8bXv4ductet4BR1A>

The survey closes on Tuesday 25th August at 4pm.

God bless you all and keep you safe,

Mr. Simon Duffy,
Principal