

NEWSLETTER

DATE: 15/06/2022
TERM: 2

Dear Families,

As a school we celebrate the Feast Day of our school's patron saint, St Thomas More, on **Wednesday 22nd June**. Our patron saint's actions remind us that we must stand up to others when faced with injustice, discrimination and inequity, even if it may cause us to be challenged or questioned. Each day, as a school community, each of us is called to live out our school motto; *"With God First, We Will Live, Learn and Thrive"*. On **Wednesday 22nd June** we will be celebrating the Feast Day with a whole school Mass in our school hall & Multipurpose Room, led by Father Ed at 9.15am. There will also be a student "St Thomas More's Got Talent Show" commencing at 11.50am. Parents are most welcome to attend either or both of these events.



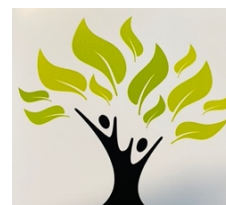
FULLNESS OF LIFE FOR ALL

The area of Relationships and Sexuality Education will be covered at school early next term. The Diocese of Ballarat, Catholic Education Limited (DOBCEL), has developed a curriculum scope and sequence that sets out what is to be taught in primary schools from Foundation to Year 6. The document, titled *"Fullness of Life for All"* will be used by our staff, to develop learning for our students in covering the *My Body* and *Life Cycles* themes.

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To honour the partnership of families and our school working together in this important area, there are two parent information sessions organised (same meeting repeated). These are taking place on Tuesday 21st June at 2.30 – 3.20pm onsite in the Multipurpose Room and then again at 6pm – 6.45pm online. To register your intention to attend either of these sessions please use the following link: <https://forms.gle/u8872QhKcbF7uopi9> The meetings will go for approximately 1 hour and are designed for parents/carers. This session is the same as last year and again will be facilitated by Mr. Jim Waight from Catholic Education Ballarat, who was one of the founding authors of the document.



YEAR 6 STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM



The Year 6 Student Leadership Team have organised the selection and purchase of new sandpit equipment, using funds raised from the recent casual clothes day that was run for students and staff. The sandpit is a very popular play and socialisation area within our school grounds and is always in high use so the new equipment will definitely be put to regular use. The students also used some of the funds to purchase items for our social worker, Suzanne, to use with students. Well done to our student leaders for being active contributors to our school community.



SEMESTER 1 STUDENT REPORTS

Teachers are currently in the process of writing student reports for this Semester. Your child's school report will be available on the Parent Access Module (PAM) on Tuesday 21st June. If you need any assistance accessing this, please contact the front office. I encourage you to take the time to discuss your child's report and Seesaw posts with them, as it is most beneficial for students to reflect on their work and identify areas for future focus. If you have any questions about the report please contact your child's classroom teacher.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the 58 students from St Thomas More Catholic Primary School who have received the sacrament of First Eucharist at the Cathedral over recent weekends. We keep them all in our thoughts and prayers as they continue their faith journey.



PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISING

A big thank you to the St Thomas More Parents and Friends association for organising the very successful fundraising event of selling Billy G's Cookie and Biscuit Dough. In total 1,050 cookie dough tubs were sold making a profit of \$3675 for the school. A reminder that all deliveries need be collected from school between **1pm – 4 pm on Thursday (16th June)** of this week.



END OF TERM 2 – START OF TERM 3

Our last day of school for this term is this **Friday 24th June** and classes cease at 2.30pm at which time students will be dismissed. School will reopen for students for Term 3 on **Monday 11th July** at 8.30 am. See you then!

May God bless each of you and keep you safe over the holiday break.



Mr. Simon Duffy,
Principal

Some interesting facts about our patron saint- St Thomas More

Patronage of St Thomas More

St. Thomas More is the patron saint of adopted children, civil servants, court clerks, lawyers, politicians, stepparents, and widowers. These patronages reflect his dedication to both family and the service of the government.

St Thomas More in Art

Artwork of St. Thomas More shows him dressed in the clothing typical of the Renaissance, the time period in which he lived. He wears a hat, robes, and a type of chain around his neck called a "livery collar," which marks his position in King Henry VIII's courts. He also holds paper (sometimes in a scroll) in his hands, symbolic of his education and writings.

St Thomas More – famous quotes

"It is part of the business of life to be affable and pleasing to those whom either nature, chance or circumstance has made our companions."

"Nobody owns anything, but everyone is rich - for what greater wealth can there be than cheerfulness, peace of mind, and freedom from anxiety?"

"Give us, good Lord, the grace to work for the things we pray for."

"One of the greatest problems of our time is that many are schooled but few are educated."

"You wouldn't abandon ship in a storm just because you couldn't control the winds."



Portrait of Sir Thomas More
By Hans Holbein.

Term 2 Calendar, 2022

| Week | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 8 June | 13 Queen's Birthday -Public Holiday | 14 | 15 Yr 3/4 Science Incursion Yr 1/2 Excursion to the Art Gallery | 16 Whole School Prayer Led by Foundation Keighrey Cookie Dough Collection 1pm-4pm | 17 |
| 9 June | 20 | 21 Parent Information Sessions "Fullness of Life for All" program @ 2:30-3:20pm in MPR and repeated online at 6:00-6:45pm | 22 St Thomas More Feast Day 9:15am Mass and activities. 5/6 Richardson presenting Assembly at 3:05 pm | 23 | 24 Last Day of Term 2 2.30pm Dismissal |

Term 3 Calendar, 2022

| Week | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 1 July | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 Whole School Prayer led by 1/2 Hoffmann at 3:05pm | 15 |
| 2 July | 18 | 19 | 20 Assembly presented by 3/4 Hoyle at 3:05pm | 21 | 22 |
| 3 July | 25 | 26 | 27 Assembly presented by 5/6 Larkin at 3:05pm | 28 Whole School Prayer led by 3/4 Brady at 3:05pm | 29 |
| 4 Aug | 1 School Closure Day- Staff Retreat Day | 2 | 3 Assembly presented by 1/2 Brightly/Blachon at 3:05pm Celebration of 100 days of school for Foundation students. | 4 | 5 |