

03 NOVEMBER 2009 - TERM 4 - WEEK 4

# ST THOMAS' PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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100 years of Celebration

*Happy moments, praise God  
Difficult moments, seek God  
Quiet moments, worship God  
Painful moments, trust God  
Every moment, thank God*

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Guardians

### *An Invitation to all families!*

As an integral part of our ongoing Centenary celebrations, please remember that we have two very important up-coming events happening on 14 & 18 November.

In appreciation of the commitment of our school community in planning, purchasing and establishing 'the Block', all families are invited to attend our 'Day on the Green' celebrations on Saturday 14 November. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community for festivities, prayer and some dancing!

You are also invited to our Presentation Day celebrations on Wednesday 16 November, beginning with Mass, morning tea and an Open morning in classrooms. This is an important way for us to thank God for the rich heritage of the founding Presentation Sisters as well as showcasing some of the great things that are happening in our school today.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

1	<b>WED 04 NOV</b> WALK TO SCHOOL WEDNESDAY MEET ROWE PARK 8.00AM FOR 8.15AM START  12.35PM YEAR 1 PARISH MASS
2	<b>MON 09 NOV</b> 12.00NOON YEAR 4 TO RECONCILIATION THIS WEEK

At our weekend masses we celebrated the Feast of All Saints. This is a timely reminder that God calls us all to live lives of holiness marked by faith, hope and love.

*God our Father, help us to be aware of the promptings of the Spirit that call us to goodness and saintliness. Amen*

*God bless!*  
Tamara McGougan  
Principal

# SCHOOL NEWS

## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL RESULTS

	Faction	Points
1st	Green / Gittens	596
2nd	Red / Curtis	560
3rd	Gold / Sheridan	529
4th	Blue / Forrest	438

Congratulations to the following students

	Champions	Runners Up
Year 3 Girls	Lauren Bailey	Lucy Gicquel
Year 3 Boys	Oliver Harrington	Beau Bevan
Year 4 Girls	Eliza Marsh Charlotte Martin	
Year 4 Boys	Zach Hooper David Wishaw	
Year 5 Girls	Jara Summerton Darcy Stokes	
Year 5 Boys	Chris Capretta	Conor Wallwork
Year 6 Girls	Blaine Hodgins	Amy Gicquel
Year 6 Boys	Jacob Roe	Ben Davidson

The trophies and certificates for the above students will be handed out on Monday 9th November during morning gathering at 8.45am. If you can make it we would love to see you there.

**Mark Ryan, Assistant Principal**

## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Many thanks to the parents, friends and extended family who attended last Friday's athletics carnival. Overall, it was a most enjoyable day in which we were blessed with great weather. Thank you to the students for being terrific sports, to the many parent helpers, to the staff who prepared our children so well and finally to Mr Ryan and Mrs Ramsay whose hard work and high level of organisation ensured the success of the day.



## NEWS FROM THE PARISH

Fr Charles: Ph: 9384 0598 Fax: 9385 5176  
Email: claremont@perthcatholic.org.au Web: www.claremontcatholic.org.au

Dear Folks

The Jack-O-Lantern proved to be a grand success last Saturday night at the KIDS MASS! And it was great to have so many kids trick-n-treat later that evening. You all looked grand!

First Reconciliation starts this weeks. Must say, the children so far are very well prepared. Proud of you all.

Don't forget, our Sunday 6pm Mass has moved to 6.30pm - to give us a bit more time to have fun in the sun.

Have a great week. Next week will be very busy with our School celebrations!

In the Breath of our lives,  
Fr Charles

## CANTEEN ROSTER

Fri 06 Nov Sarah Flanagan & Judy Buckley  
Mon 09 Nov Mary Harrington & Sharon Bailey

### CHANGES TO CANTEEN ROSTER

Canteen Ladies—please note there have been some changes to the Canteen Roster (attached with this Newsletter). Please check your times.

## DUTY OF CARE

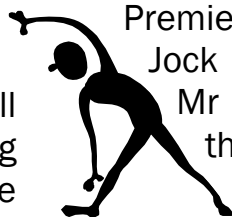
Please note that the Principal and school staff have a duty of care to all students during school hours, whether it be on school grounds or at events organised by the school. *Where any parent has issues regarding student behaviour, these issues need to be discussed with the Principal or Principal's delegate (teacher)—not with the child.* Under no circumstances can a parent approach a child other than their own, to reprimand or discipline. Thank you for your support in this matter.

*Tamara McGougan*

## WALK TO SCHOOL WEDNESDAY.....hope to see you there!

This is a great opportunity to not only promote our school, but also highlight the environmental and important health benefits of leading a more active lifestyle. Please check any information being emailed via class reps.

Don't forget we have special guests coming—the Premier Mr Colin Barnett, the Mayor of Claremont Mr Jock Barker and The CEO of the Heart Foundation Mr Maurice Swanson. We wish to acknowledge the Department of Transport for the free breakfast, life-size display and their help in assisting in the event.



## CHRISTMAS GIVING 2009

Every year St Thomas' school provides some Christmas cheer to the residents of Romily House and those supported by the St Vincent de Paul Society. If you would like to donate a small gift or something towards the food hamper, [please see the attachment with this Newsletter](#) for details. This is a great way of encouraging your children to think of others.



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## SCHOOL BOARD—ANNUAL SCHOOL COMMUNITY MEETING (AGM)

The St Thomas' School Board will hold its Annual School Community Meeting on Tuesday 24th November 2009 at 7.30pm in the School Hall. All parents are warmly invited to attend the meeting.

An election for a Board member will be held during the meeting. If you are interested in nominating, please complete the Nomination Form available from the front office. For further information please contact Sharon Maxwell on 9381 7901 or see Tamara McGougan. The Board meets monthly during the school year.

Thank You  
Sharon Maxwell, Chair, School Board

## WINE RAFFLE

### HURRY, HURRY

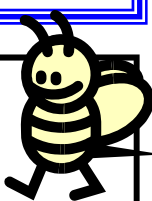
Please return your ticket butts and cash or cheques to Jan as soon as you can.

**Remember you have to be in it to win it!!!**

## THANK YOU

To everyone who attended our **Busy Bee** on Saturday. Your help was very much appreciated and the school now looks beautiful again! Special thanks to James Martin and Lila Gibbs who co-ordinated and bought plants to help make our school attractive for our up-coming centenary events.

*Someone has left behind a stainless steel hand trowel—it is with Jan in the office if you think it is yours.*



**Extra tickets**

## Day on the Green

Don't forget to invite you friends and family to the Day on the Green. Extra tickets are available from either the School office or from Donella on 9281 6168.

## Invitation

Lachlan, Ryan and Nathan Fitzgerald wish to invite their friends in Years 3, 1 and Kindy to their Baptism at Kids Mass this Saturday 7th November. Please join us for our very special day.

Lachlan, Ryan and Nathan



### FANTASTIC EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Parents and Friends' Federation of WA Inc., the independent voice of parents with children in Catholic schools, is seeking three enthusiastic, motivated, parent-focused people to fill the office positions of:

- Executive Officer (full-time)
- Admin and Finance Officer (0.8FTE)
- Affiliates Liaison Officer (0.4FTE)

If you are interested, please visit [www.pff.wa.edu.au](http://www.pff.wa.edu.au) for details. Applications close 12th November 2009.



## Attention Year 6 Parents

### Cocktail Party!!!!

Thank you to all our year 6 parents, we have had a great response to our end of year celebration. Still some money outstanding so please forward by the end of the week so we can secure our booking with the caterer!!

If you haven't yet RSVP'd please call Louise on **0410 334 491**.

**It's going to be a great night!!**

## SHELL NOVICE SWIM MEET

Come down to Challenge Stadium on Sat, 5th December at 12pm and participate in a fun swim meet again other novice swimmers from around the metro area. If you are between 6 & 14 years of age, just fill in the entry form (**attached with this Newsletter**) or download one at [www.wa.swimming.org.au](http://www.wa.swimming.org.au) before 23rd November and come down for a great afternoon of racing fun. You will receive a swim cap, certificate and official race times. If your school enters the most competitors your school will receive \$300 and a visit from a former or current Olympic swimmer at a school assembly. For more information contact the Junior Liaison Coordinator, Paulette on 0438 908 264.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **A GOOD HOME WANTED**

**Both doggies are in great health, have been spayed and have ID chips implanted under the skin.**



Cookie turned 3 December 10th and Coco turned 3 April 1st. Cookie is my mellow-yellow, and just loves her tummy rubbed. Coco is adorably funny and lives for her "ball". She also loves the water..... Cookie loves lots of attention. Both doggies are loyal and love to walk. They have been raised with my 3 kids running around all over the place, and have survived Sammy's constant hugging and love of 'dress-up', so they are fantastic family dogs.. This is by far one of the most difficult decisions I have ever had to make, but under the circumstances I have no choice. Please, please forward these pics to all your friends. I want to find a great home for these fabulous doggies. They are just adorable and it's heartbreaking to let them go. In a perfect world, I hope that we could find someone local so that we can still keep in touch and visit them. **I pray that someone, somewhere can help us keep**

**Cookie and Coco together, and love them just as much as we do.**

Thank you all from the bottom of my heart. [kjmorris74@yahoo.com](mailto:kjmorris74@yahoo.com)

## Jurien Bay

**Holiday Rental, Ideal for Families. Quiet location, 100 metres from the Beach and Park, short walk to the Town Centre. Pet friendly sleeps 6.**

**\$175.00 per night – weekly discount available,  
phone: 0404 871 654**

**20% Discount for St Thomas' Families  
Discount applies to bookings made prior the 1st December 2009**

### Newman College Class of 89 Reunion

Our first reunion since we finished school is currently being organised.

19 December at the Wembley Hotel's function room. (And possibly a school tour on 18 Dec.)

Past staff also welcome.

Please register with Marcela Roberts (nee Fragapane) on [marcela@activ8.net.au](mailto:marcela@activ8.net.au) or, 0428 998 949.



### **PHILLIPS DOJOS**

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