

04 AUGUST 2009 - TERM 3 - WEEK 3

ST THOMAS' PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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The Journey of Life

*Crossing a stream is very much like life.
It's about finding the right way to go...
sometimes it's easy...
sometimes we might take a wrong step
but we can always begin again.
Once we find the way, we have the knowledge and wisdom
and can use what we have learned
to help and lead others.
Working together makes getting through easier.
The Holy Spirit helps and guides us through life,
giving us the courage to begin again
and help us discover new knowledge and understandings
as we go through life,
our family and the Church,
are there to help us through and guide us.*

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Guardians

May we pray for the Yr 6 students who are to be confirmed this Thursday evening. As they grow stronger, may the qualities of *wisdom, understanding, knowledge, right judgement, courage, reverence and wonder* grow within. Hopefully as their parents, teachers and parish community, we can model and support them on their amazing faith journey.

Congratulations to Jack Arbuckle for making his First Holy Communion on Saturday. This is a great step towards Confirmation.

I would also like to congratulate Charlotte Martin, who has been selected as a finalist in the City of Subiaco's 2009 Tim Winton Award for Young Writers. A presentation ceremony will be held on 17 August and on behalf of the school, I wish Charlotte loads of luck!

Please remember that we have pupil free days next Monday 10 & Tuesday 11 August whilst our staff attend the RAISE Conference at the Convention Centre. It is great that we are fortunate to have access to such a wide variety of effective professional development for our staff, and staff who are all enthusiastic about attending in order to further develop their own teaching repertoire.

Please note that I will be visiting another school next week, returning on Thursday 13 August.

God bless!
Tamara McGougan
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

1	THU 06 AUG 6.00PM CONFIRMATION
2	MON 10 AUG PUPIL FREE DAY STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
3	TUE 11 AUG PUPIL FREE DAY STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

SCHOOL NEWS

ETIQUETTE

Parents we ask your support by discussing with your children, etiquette and consideration for others when attending the school toilets. It has been a concern that children are flushing whole toilet rolls down the toilets (boys in particular) or using the toilet rolls as play, thus wetting them and rendering them unusable. This is a very costly exercise which must not continue. I am sure that those involved would not like a call to their parents if caught. At the same time we ask you to remind your child of the importance of washing their hands after visiting the toilet and once again to use the soap provided in an appropriate manner.

Thank you

SCHOOL UNIFORM

It is an expectation that children wear their full school uniform. During winter school jumpers are to be worn with the school uniform, not the sports jacket. Please remember that if your child is not wearing the correct uniform they must have a note from their parent.

ST THOMAS' YEAR 1 LIONS

Minkey Match Report

A valiant effort from key strikers—Max, Kristian, Ella, Niamh, Connor, Louisa and Tom, against JTC on Saturday. We missed our Alex and Jess but loved how you all worked together to do your very best. Brilliant team effort and your fans love cheering you along each week—Bravo!

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform shop open this Friday at 8.30am.



NEWS FROM THE PARISH

Fr Charles: Ph: 9384 0598 Fax: 9385 5176
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Dear Folks

Confirmation is this Thursday - 6pm! Keep the Year 6s and their families in prayer. Of course, you all are welcome - it is a very dramatic Rite of the Church... the Year 5s may want to come to see what happens to them next year!

Thanks for the grand sausage sizzle last week after the 5.30pm Saturday KIDS MASS.

In the Breath of our lives,
Fr Charles

**CANTEEN ROSTER
NO CANTEEN MONDAY 10 AUGUST
PUPIL FREE DAY**

SPECIAL GROUP PHOTOS

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER

Please visit the school office to view and order the Whole School Centenary Photo taken last term. Photos of our School Leaders and Sport Leaders are also available for viewing.



The cost per photo is \$20 for a 10"x 8" (22.5cm x 16cm) colour photo.

Cheques are to be made out to St Thomas' Primary School.

PLEASE NOTE: The closing date to order photos is:

Monday 17th August—No late orders will be taken.

PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL

Tristen Kelly in Year 5 performed on Thursday at the Performing Arts Festival. He played the piano and received an honourable mention, which is an excellent achievement. We know his parents are very proud of his performance and so are we! It was great to see the very encouraging comments from the adjudicator.

Thank You

On behalf of myself, Chris, Pat & Peter Verity and our families, I would like to extend a big thank you to the St Thomas' parish, school and community for their love, prayers and support during this difficult time.

P & F NEWS

Presidents Report July 28 2009

Welcome back to term 3 ,its amazing how quickly the year is flying by.

To all those who attended Tuesday nights meeting –Thank you.

This term is another busy one with a number of highlights.

A reminder that the Scholastic Book Fair will commence Monday August 17. Fiona O’Shea has requested some assistance so please keep that in mind when chatting around the school.

Tickets for the Dinner Dance have commenced selling so please don’t forget to get the crew together, tables can be booked for 8 people with money for each table to be dropped of with Jan at reception. As always Jan is a wonderful help in all things financial-thanks Jan.

Day on the Green is also progressing well. There is a meeting this Thursday of the Class Reps and any others interested commencing at 9am in the Hall. Thanks to those involved it is wonderful to have your support.

Finally our condolences to the family of Nathan Verity, Vanessa, Chris and their family and friends are in our thoughts and prayers.

We will once again have a morning P&F meeting this has been scheduled for August 20, so please join us after drop off. The meetings only go for an hour and your contribution is always valued.

Stay safe and Happy
Caroline Wishaw

Countdown to City to Surf 4 weeks to go !! Sunday 30th August

Easiest way to register is on- line at
www.perthcitytosurf.com

Click on register. Then click on 'team entry' and search for the 'St Thomas Primary School' team.

Team captain Kate Ingram

BABYSITTER AVAILABLE

2nd year University student and qualified swimming teacher, available week day mornings for babysitting/ nanny (has own car).

Telephone Abbey Valentine—0422 402 043



For those of you who shop on-line with Coles and spend more than \$50 you will receive a Click and Score voucher. If you would like to donate your voucher to the school, we could pool the vouchers and obtain sports gear for the children.

Cards can be placed in the box provided in the school office by **Monday 17th August** so they can be collated before 31st August when the offer expires.

Dr Peter Dingle

Will be presenting a talk to our school community on

25th August at 7:30pm

Peter is an Associate Professor of Environmental and Nutritional Toxicology School of Environmental Science Murdoch University.

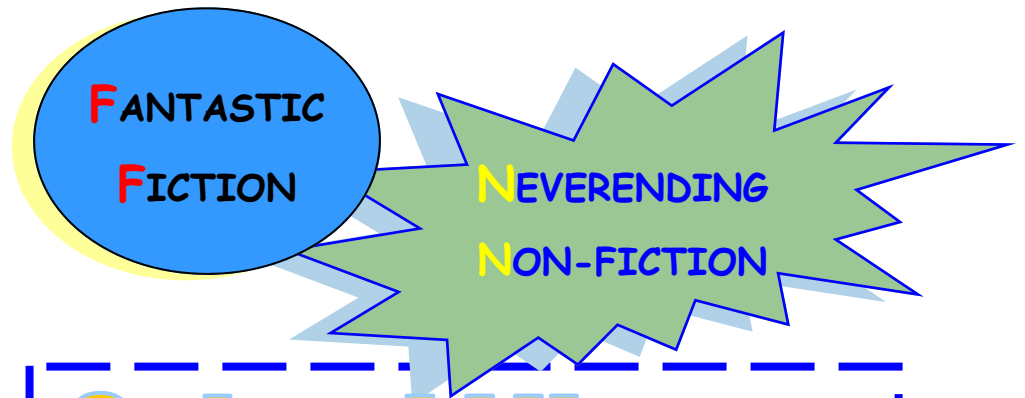
Tickets are \$10.00 per family. To purchase a ticket put \$10 in an envelope marked with your family name and "Peter Dingle Talk" and give to Jan in the office.

Tickets will be available on the night, as this is our main fundraiser for term three it would be great to have a firm commitment before the night. Early birds will be in the draw to win a prize on the night!

Books by Dr Dingle available for sale on the night:

- * The DEAL for Happier Healthier Smarter Kids a parents guide to survival in the twenty first century.
- * Goal Getting Improve Your Memory Your thinking and Your Life (2007).

For more info call Ann Johnston 6389 0058
Or email ann_jamie@westnet.com.au



School Library BOOK FAIR

ALL NEW BOOKS—FANTASTIC FICTION, NON-FICTION, ACTIVITY BOOKS, PENS, PENCILS, NOVELTIES, POSTERS AND OTHER GREAT STUFF FOR PURCHASE—COME IN TO HAVE A LOOK AND MAKE A SELECTION.

Our School Library will receive new books to the value of 30% of all sales. In 2007 our book fair generated \$1,400 worth of new books for our library.

When: Mon 17th—Wed 19th August

Times: 8.30am—9.00am (Tue & Wed only)
3.00pm—3.30pm (Mon, Tue, Wed)

Where: School Library

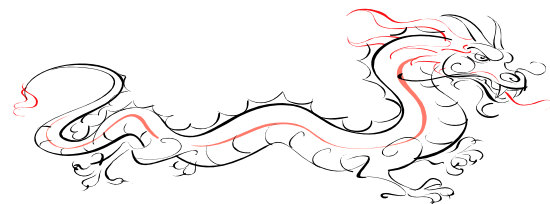
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