



13 OCTOBER 2009—TERM 4—WEEK 1

# ST THOMAS' PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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100 years of Celebration

*Lord, in this world of changing values, we ask for others, for each other, for ourselves, the wisdom to distinguish between the important and the unimportant, the true and the false, the trivial and the significant. Help us to prioritise what is right.*

*Guide us in knowing what to do.*

*Amen*

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome back.....it's great to see so many smiling and refreshed little faces all ready for school today. Over the holidays, the school grounds were a hive of activity with a number of refurbishments taking place. These included - *new carpets & vinyls in main building (as yet to be completed), new reception desk, new Yr 1 sink and benches, new bench seating outside junior & parish hall area, re-pointing of some brickwork, repairs to limestone steps and playground edging, refurbishment of staff and student toilets.*

On Monday, staff spent quite some time moving furniture back into their classrooms and rearranging things for a smooth start to the term. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking them all for their assistance and for the positive way in which they have approached these refurbishments.

In the afternoon, teachers were involved in a Mathletics presentation. This is an online mathematics program that the school will take up from 2010. This term, classes from Yr 1- 6 will be trialling the program so keep an eye out at home to see how your children are going.

Our Term planner highlights that we can look forward to a very busy, yet exciting term ahead. You will see that our Centenary celebrations continue with Presentation Day activities and the Day on the Green festivities, including commissioning of the school block, a whole school parish mass, mini fair and a family bush-dance!

Thank you for your continued support as we work together maintaining a safe and healthy teaching and learning environment for all students and staff.

*God bless*  
*Tamara McGougan*  
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER	
1	TUE 13 OCT 7.30PM P & F MEETING IN LIBRARY
2	TUE 20 OCT 7.30PM BOARD MEETING

**STOP PRESS**  
Please read the attachment with this Newsletter regarding the P & F Wine Raffle!

# SCHOOL NEWS

## YEAR 3 PARENTS

Just a reminder about the Parent evening for Reconciliation on Wednesday 21st October at 6.30pm.

Jenny Kell

## CLASS REWARDS

In line with promoting healthy eating habits, lollies and confectionary will not be given to children as classroom rewards. We ask that parents support the school by continuing to provide healthy lunches and when organising cakes for birthdays or class celebrations, try to think of healthy baking options. Good luck!

## TIPS TO ENCOURAGE CHILDREN TO HAVE HEALTHY SNACKS & DRINKS:

- Make sure healthy snacks are convenient; have chopped fruit ready in the fridge
- Have some raisin toast in the freezer ready to be toasted
- Try to reduce buying processed packaged snacks, if its not there, it won't get eaten!
- Water is the best drink for your child, keep a jug of chilled water in the fridge in summer.
- Plain milk is a good drink for your child, the calcium will help their bones grow strong.
- Set a good example, ensure your kids see you drinking water – that's how they learn best.
- Ensure cordial, juice and soft drinks are limited and diluted well.
- Weak cups of tea (for older children).
- Sports drinks are not suitable for children; they are very high in electrolytes, salt and sugar.

## CLASS REP'S AND DAY ON THE GREEN COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a meeting in the hall after drop off this Thursday 15th October to finalise details for the Day on the Green which is now only a month away. Please ensure there is at least one rep from each class if possible. If this is not possible please advise Donella beforehand of your update. Day on the Green committee members are most welcome to attend too. Thank you for your support and organisation so far.

Angela and Donella



## NEWS FROM THE PARISH

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Dear Folks

Welcome back! Trust you all had a refreshing holiday and are ready to throw yourself with great gusto into the last term of school for the year.

Things on: This weekend is Mission Sunday. To be mindful of the plight of millions of children throughout the world, dinner this Saturday after the 5.30pm KIDS MASS, is a cup of rice. Please come and enter into solidarity with the poorest of the world - at least for a short time.

This Sunday at the 6pm Mass, we have the African Choir. If you haven't experienced the African Choir Mass, you're in for a cultural and spiritual treat.

NEWS! NEWS! NEWS! In order to better serve the Claremont catchment area over the summer, our 6pm Sunday Mass time changes to **6.30pm beginning November 1st**. Enjoy the extra half-hour of sunshine!

And now, let's all get to work.

In the Breath of our lives,  
Fr Charles

**Prayer Group STOP PRESS.....**International guest speaker, Eddie Russell, on "Forgiveness and Acceptance" Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October. Meeting Room 9am coffee for 9.30am start. More details next week newsletter.



## CANTEEN ROSTER TO BE ADVISED

# A 'Day on the Green'

## 14 November 2009

*"Come one, come all! Come to the St Thomas' 'Day on the Green'."*

Come and join us for a fun family 'Day on the Green' to celebrate the St Thomas' School centenary. Tickets are available at a cost of \$20 per family, to cover costs for the fair and the bush dance – the band is the Mucky Duck Bush Band! Food stalls will be available, but please feel welcome to bring a picnic dinner to enjoy during the dance.

Tickets will be available through your class reps in the classroom each morning, from this week.

Fair: 3.00pm – 5.15pm

Commissioning and Mass: 5.30pm – 6.10pm

Bush Dance: 6.10pm – 8.00pm

**ST THOMAS' SCHOOL**

**GARDENING BUSY BEE**

**Saturday 31st October 2009**

*Start 8:00 am .....Finish 11:00 am (ish)*

**What to bring:**

- Hats
- Water
- Gardening gloves
- Garden tools
- Wheelbarrows
- Willing hands..... (big and little)

Please let your class reps know if you can help us on the day, as we need to know numbers of volunteers in advance. Thanking you in advance for your support.

James Martin P&F Grounds & Garden Co-ordinator