

27 OCTOBER 2009 - TERM 4 - WEEK 3

# ST THOMAS' PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Pray Together

*Loving and forgiving God,  
We come together now to learn more about you, to try to understand the great depth of your love and your limitless forgiveness.  
Help us, by learning more about you, to find a more prominent place for you in our lives.  
Teach us to love and trust, as children do, so that we may bring our children, the precious gifts you have given us, to love and trust you too.  
Amen*



### DATES TO REMEMBER

1	WED 28 OCT 9.00AM PP PARALITURGY
2	FRI 30 OCT PP-Y6 FACTION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL (SEE DETAILS PAGE 2)  YEAR 3 PARISH RECONCILIATION PERIOD BEGINS
3	SAT 31 OCT 8.00-11.00AM SCHOOL BUSY BEE
3	TUE 01 NOV 8.45AM MELBOURNE CUP CRAZY HAT DAY PARADE GOLD COOIN DONATION

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Guardians

In September, each of our classes participated in the 'Wildflower in Focus' poster exhibition displayed at the Kings Park Festival. Students produced some magnificent art pieces that were showcased in the Botanic Garden. The school has just received a lovely certificate and I would like to thank Mrs Byrne and all students for their great work.

*Walk to School Wednesday (4 November)* is fast approaching and we would like to see as many students and their families walk part or all the way to school on this day. Families can either walk from home or meet at Rowe Park at 8.00am for an 8.15am start to school. There will be a 'Walking to School Bus' from the corner of Bedford and Loftus Streets at 8.15am. At this point in time we have confirmation that Mr Jock Barker the Mayor and Mr Peter Collier MLC will be walking with us. 'Hearty' from the Heart Foundation, together with representatives from the Department of Transport and possibly local media, will also be involved. On arrival at school, a simple breakfast of yoghurt and fruit, supplied with donations from The Department of Transport and local supermarkets will be provided for those children who participated. We would love everyone to come along, support the school and most importantly, get fit and have fun! Please complete the return slip further in this newsletter indicating your involvement. In the event your child may be photographed on the day we will also require a signed copy of the "Standard Model Release Form" that accompanies this Newsletter.

#### A good reason to participate!

*If we changed just one or two car trips a week to active transport, such as walking, cycling or public transport, we could reduce traffic congestion and air pollution while saving money, improving our health and the safety of our children.*

May we pray for our Year 3 children as they strengthen their relationship with God and prepare to make their **Reconciliation**. As a class they can celebrate that God loves everyone, wants everyone to be happy and calls every person to love and to do good!

*God bless!*  
*Tamara McGougan*  
Principal

*Congratulations to Chelsea Tucker, Education Assistant at St Thomas' who became engaged on the weekend to Fiance Jamie. We wish them much joy ahead in the preparations for their wedding.*



# SCHOOL NEWS

## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

This Friday the 30th October is our Faction Athletics Carnival. The carnival will be held at McGillivray Oval (Sports Park) just behind Challenge Stadium.

All students from PP to Year 6 need to be dropped off at the oval no later than 9.00am. The first race begins at 9.15am. The PP to Year 2's will be bussed back to school at approximately 12.20pm and they need to be picked up from school at the normal time. The Year 3 to Year 6's will finish at approximately 2.15pm at which time the presentations will be held. They can then be picked up from McGillivray Oval. If your child is going with someone else can you please let the classroom teacher know.

Thank you also to all those parents who volunteered to help out on carnival day. Once again there were many more volunteers than jobs. I have sent out notes to those lucky parents who are doing jobs. If you didn't get one of these notes you may still be asked to help on the day.

See you on Friday.

Mark Ryan, Assistant Principal Admin

## MATHLETICS

Each class from Year 1 to Year 6 now has access to Mathletics. Mathletics is a computer based program which the students will use at school and at home to assist in the learning of mathematical concepts. Each student has their own unique log in and teachers can monitor the progress of each student. Mathletics was trialled in the Year 2 and Year 6 classes in term 3 and the results were fantastic. Mathletics will continue at St Thomas' in 2010. If you want to know any more information about mathletics see your classroom teacher.

Thank you

Mark Ryan, Assistant Principal Admin

**MELBOURNE CUP CRAZY HAT DAY  
TUESDAY 03 NOVEMBER  
PARADE AT 8.45AM  
GOLD COIN DONTATION**

## NEWS FROM THE PARISH

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Dear Folks

The School Mosaic on the sandpit wall near the Kindy and Pre-Primary is wonderful! Well done to Kate and all who participated in it! (Congrats to me, too, as I placed one tile in the mosaic!)

Sunday, November 1, our 6pm Mass moves to 6.30pm so that people can enjoy more sunshine and so that we serve the catchment area better. Our Saturday 5.30pm KIDS MASS remains the same.

Enjoy the change of seasons!

In the Breath of our lives,  
Fr Charles

## CANTEEN ROSTER

Fri 30 Oct Simona Capretta & Anna Buckland  
Mon 02 Nov Lu Anderson & Julie Bevan

## SCHOOL BUS UPDATE

As you are aware, an Extraordinary P&F bus meeting was held at the end of Term Three, where John Bouffler and Stuart Gicquel presented their bus research to the community. A high level of interest was shown with twenty-eight parents in attendance. At this meeting, the community was informed that the School Board had passed a resolution to purchase a bus. The P&F then resolved to donate half the cost or up to \$37,500 to assist with this purchase.

I wish to advise that at this point in time, we are negotiating with a company in Sydney and are hopefully very close to purchasing a bus! Many thanks to Stuart and John for their extraordinary effort in this area and to the school community, through the P&F for their support.

## KINDERGARTEN 2010

I am very pleased to advise the community that for 2010 St Thomas will be offering a third optional day of Kindergarten for those children ready for three days of schooling. We are very excited about providing this opportunity to extend Early Learning and provide an enriching environment for our students. As this extra day is currently not covered by Government Funding, there will be a set fee of \$65 per day, payable at the beginning of each term. This fee will help cover materials together with teacher and educational assistant wages.

Please note that in 2010, to bring the Kindergarten in line with the rest of the school, **all sessions** will commence at 8.45am and finish at 3.00pm.

## THANK YOU

To the Rossi family who co-ordinated and supplied all the materials for the up-grade of our toilets and to Stephane Page who has built cupboards and shelving in our classrooms and revamped the front office.

***We thank them most sincerely for their support and co-operation with the school.***

We would also like to thank Maureen Elphick for her expertise in project managing the completion of our Centenary Mosaic. If you are interested in mosaics, please take a look at the attachment with this newsletter.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

**Buy Your Tickets Now!**  
**Day on the Green**

A Café, Canteen, Ice-Creams, Sausage Sizzle,  
 Pizza (evening only)  
 Plenty of Stalls, Bouncy Castles  
 And of course Saturday evening Mass  
 Come and Enjoy  
 Tickets available: \$20 per family  
**Contact: Donella Caspersz, 9381 6168**  
**0448 772 018**

**If you have not yet volunteered to help for the**  
**DAY ON THE GREEN—WE NEED YOU!!**


We are having a [St Thomas Currency stand](#), where paper currency will be sold to all who come to the Day on the Green. Instead of using cash at all the different stands, we will use our own school currency, thus avoiding the need for each station to handle change. You may use your currency for all purchases throughout the fair, from food, books, toys, rides, jumpy castle etc. Look for the currency stand in the drive-through area when you enter the school gates. If you would like to help, please contact Coreena Kelly on 0411 878 222 or email her at [bostonasset2@bigpond.com](mailto:bostonasset2@bigpond.com)

**YEAR 6 Parents—Reminder!!**

By now you should have now received an invitation to our end of year Cocktail Party!

Please return the slip provided to myself or Mark Ryan by Friday of this week at the latest ,for catering purposes.  
 Thanks, and once again it would be great to see as many parents there to celebrate our time at St Thomas!

*Thanks, Louise Roe—0410 334 491*



*Walk to School Wednesday*  
*4 November 2009*  
*Parent Consent*


*My child/children will be participating in the Walk on 4th November and will require breakfast.*

Name: .....

Year: .....

Parent Signature: .....

**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

**Kindy 2010 Playdate**  
 Monday 16th November  
 After drop-off  
 Mrs Herbert's Park by Claremont  
 Museum...Sharon

**WHERE ARE THEY NOW?**

Past teacher, Harry Mithen returned after five years!!! (not as a teacher) to speak to the year five and six students about Mental Health as part of Mental Health Week. He shared his experiences as a volunteer, sharing his smile, humour, time and love of song with those who needed a friend and love. Harry started the Sunshine Group, a place where people suffering depression and the homeless gather for a meal, chat and friendship. Harry's friend Adrian came along and shared his experiences as an alcoholic and one who suffered depression, to how he was helped out of darkness through 'AA' and volunteers such as Harry. It was a special time for Harry to share with us, how God is working through him to touch the lives of people who are lonely, depressed or homeless. We have invited Harry back with his Street Choir to entertain us for our Presentation Centenary Mass Celebration. We hope he can make it.

*Val Dragon*

**STUDENTS LEAVING AT THE END OF THE YEAR**  
**(2009)**

Don't forget, if your child will not be returning to St Thomas' next year we ask you to complete the tear-off slip below and return to the Admin office as soon as possible. One term's notice of withdrawal is required, and must be in writing. Failure to do so incurs a penalty of one term's fees. A Student Departure Form is also required and is available from the front office.

Thank you!! Jan Odgers, *Enrolment Officer*

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 PLEASE RETURN TO THE OFFICE

STUDENT NAME: .....

Year Group: ..... will not be returning to St Thomas' in 2010.

Parent Signature: .....

# FROM THE CHILDREN

## KINDY



Kindy kids are so creative, clever and cute! We have had a wonderful learning journey so far this term. We have had a visit from Jerry's chickens, we have visited our buddies in the 'big school' and we have learned new skills with the pre-primary class during Fundamental Movement Skills. From now on we will be focussing on the Christmas story.

Keep safe and well.

Love the Kindy Team xx

## YEAR 2

We have such a busy and exciting week in Year 2 this week! Today we went on an excursion to AQWA to explore the exhibits of the amazing creatures of the sea. We also got to be *Beach Detectives* to learn about the link between what we find on the beach and the marine life in the ocean. To finish off all our fun activities we had delicious fish and chips on the beach for lunch. Thank you to Miss Richards and all the parent helpers for your support, without you our excursions would not be possible (or as much fun)! We have also been training hard for the big Interfaction Carnival on Friday. We are really looking forward to having a super time trying our best and cheering on our friends.

Love Mrs Jones and the Year 2 Angelfish



## YEAR 5

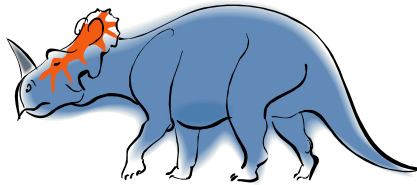
We have had a fantastic start to the Term and welcome student -teacher, Miss Reem Gala, from Edith Cowan University who will be with us, on and off, until the end of the year. We will have a busy term with swimming lessons, which will be at the beach with the Year 6s and preparing for our end of year activities. Please keep the following dates in your diaries: Wed 18<sup>th</sup> November: Presentation Day Mass and open morning; Wed 9<sup>th</sup> December: 12:35 Year 5 to the Parish Mass (Parents welcome), 11<sup>th</sup> December: Big Day Out Excursion (10 Pin bowling and picnic). Also as a class reward last term we agreed to take the train to Fremantle for a treat, so now that the weather is good we will head to Freo on Monday for a couple of hours and pop in to the Kidogo Art Gallery for a visit. A permission slip will be coming home this week.

Mrs Giovannangelo, Miss Galal and the Year 5's

## PRE PRIMARY

This term we have been discovering the world of dinosaurs and have investigated different dinosaurs from our book. Then we designed a dinosaur of our own. We have been getting ready for our Paraliturgy on Wednesday. We learnt two new songs and we can sing them so beautifully. We have been learning days of the week and started writing in our letter books. Our parents have been picking us up from the undercover area and now we do drop off at the door. We really are growing up so fast, we will be in school uniforms in no time!

Have a good week from all of us in PP



## YEAR 3

From this Friday October 30<sup>th</sup>, Year Three will begin their Reconciliation in the Parish. Father Charles is available from 12-12.30m Saturday and 12-12.30pm Tuesday to Friday. We are nervous, excited and confident about our Reconciliation. We will



bring home our cards to take with us on Thursday. We are very excited about the Faction Carnival on Friday and have been practising hard in fitness. In our Literacy blocks we are choosing different things to learn about and are sharing what we learn with the class. We are also choosing many different ways to present what we are learning.

Love Mrs Kell and Year 3's

## YEAR 1

Down in Year One we have been busy clowning around! We have a new teacher in our room, Miss Harries who has been lots and lots of fun. Admist all the fun and games, we have been practising hard and working on our Fundamental Movement Skills for the Athletics Carnival. Next Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November we are going to a Parish Mass. From Mr T, Miss Harries and the 'clowns' in Year one.



## YEAR 4

We thoroughly enjoyed our excursion to Lansdale Farm School yesterday. Many thanks to all the parent helpers who came along and helped out with supervision and organising our sausage sizzle lunch! We learnt lots about farm animals, plants, pony cart rides and much more. The *Billy Tea* and *Damper* cooked by Ted the principal was awesome! We are now planning and building our Model Farms!

Good luck to everyone for the Sports Carnival this Friday!

Year 4's, Mrs Barry & Miss Kinnersley (Student Teacher)



## YEAR 6

The Year 6's have started their final term in Primary School in a very positive way. We have been busy doing projects on subjects of personal choice and have started preparing for our final assembly. In maths we have been learning about chance and data and have also started pre algebra by doing activities relating to mean, median, mode and range. Last Friday we also had the Japanese teacher from JTC down to talk to the students about learning Japanese next year. It was very informative and they even gave us a nice teriyaki chicken meal. Hope to see lots of you at the Aths carnival on Friday. Have a good week

Mr Ryan and the Year 6's

