

A Prayer for Remembrance



Ever-living God,
We remember those whom you have
gathered from the storm of war
into the peace of your presence;
may that same peace calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples
and establish harmony among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Important Dates 2018:

Friday 13 April—ANZAC Day Ceremony & last day of Term One

Tuesday 01 May—First day of Term Two

From the Principals Desk

*Dear Parents and Members of our
School Community*

With this newsletter comes the end of Term 1, 2018. At eleven weeks, it has been a long term for the students, but they have done a commendable job of staying focused and working hard right throughout the term. It has been wonderful to see so many parents speaking with their children's classroom teachers this week during parent-teacher meetings. These meetings are an important part of our school-home communication, and a time to gather information about how your child is travelling so far this year. If you were unable to meet with your classroom teacher(s), I encourage you to make contact via email and set up a time early next term to meet.

On Monday the Interschool Swimming Carnival was held at HBF Stadium. It was a fantastic day, full of great competition and very tightly contested races. St Thomas' took a team of forty students to the event and they did a sensational job of representing our school.

I was very impressed with the teamwork, enthusiasm, and most importantly sportsmanship, that our team demonstrated throughout the day. This teamwork saw the St Thomas' boys jointly winning the overall Boys Trophy for 2018, and our school finishing in 3rd place overall (only 17 points behind 2nd place), which is a fantastic result! This year we also saw St Thomas' students smashing several records. Sam Hicks (Year 5) broke two interschool records in the backstroke and freestyle, and Xavier Harris, Pathawi Edwards, Paddy McAuliffe, Adrian Garbowski (Year 6) and Sam Hicks broke records for both the Year 6 Boys Freestyle Relay, as well as the Open Boys Medley Relay. Outstanding effort by these boys. Congratulations and well done to all of our swimmers, who tried their absolute best. Particular thanks to our Physical Education Teacher, Mrs. Sharon Seaman, who coached our swim team throughout this term on two mornings a week. All of the training certainly paid off! For a full list of results please see further in the Newsletter. With all of our recent achievements, sport is certainly looking very healthy at St Thomas'.

From the Principals Desk cont ...

A reminder that tomorrow morning our Student Leaders will lead the school in an ANZAC Day Ceremony. Please join us if you are able. The Ceremony will commence at 8:50am on the basketball court. On the 25th April, two of our student leaders, Paddy McAuliffe and Maya Ness, will also be representing our school at the Claremont ANZAC Day Ceremony, at the Claremont War Memorial, which I know many St Thomas' families attend.

I wanted to take this opportunity to flag an important event coming up in Term 3 so that you can 'save the date' and book in a babysitter early. On Wednesday evening 12th September (Term 3, Week 9), Paul Litherland from 'Surf Online Safe' (<http://www.surfonlinesafe.com.au>) will again be running a parent presentation for St Thomas' parents about internet awareness and safety. Last year this parent information session was very well attended, eye-opening and received great reviews. Given our students are finding themselves in an increasingly online world, Paul offers insights into what your children are doing online and how they are networking with each other. I strongly recommend parents attend this session, no matter your child's current age. More information regarding this event will come out next term.

I wish each and every St Thomas' family a happy, safe and relaxing holiday break! It's been a busy term, and as a community we have a lot to look back on and be proud of so far this year. I hope your kids enjoy a well-earned break from school and we look forward to seeing everyone back for the first day of Term 2 – Tuesday 1st May (Monday 30th April is a pupil free day as staff will be participating in professional development).

It has been a pleasure to be in the Acting Principal role while Justin has been overseas on professional renewal leave. I have been constantly reminded that we are all part of a very special community at St Thomas', with wonderful students, parents, families and teachers. Thank you for your support.

With best wishes for a restful holiday break,

Ryan von Bergheim

Acting Principal



Dove OT will be holding a special presentation on Tuesday 15 May from 2:15 until 3pm in the school library. Please save the date. More details will be announced next term.

Free Meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY)

For all children aged 12 months to less than 5 years.

The MenACWY vaccination program was initiated because of the rising number of meningococcal infections in WA and last year children in the above age group had more than twice the number of meningococcal infections compared to any other age group.

The MenACWY vaccines are available through your child's regular immunisation provider and can be administered at the same time. This free vaccine will be available until 31 Dec 2018.



Thank you to everyone for your support of the Sports for Schools program. There were 34000 vouchers submitted. We will be able to get lots of new equipment for the sports shed.

Thank you very much!

RELIGION NEWS

Thank you for all your donations to Project Compassion. We have a very caring and generous school community. It is so lovely that we show such compassion and kindness to those in need. Wishing all families a safe and relaxing holidays.

Sacramental Dates

Holy Communion:

Retreat : Fri 1st June (Allen Park Swanbourne – Parent drop off and pick up)

Parent/ Child Workshop: Weds 13th June 6pm

First Eucharist: Sunday 24th June 9 30am

Confirmation

Parent/ Child Workshop: Weds 29th Aug 6pm

Retreat : Friday 31st August

Confirmation: 7th Sept Friday 6pm

Reconciliation

Retreat : Fri 19th Oct

Parent/ Child Workshop: Weds 17th Oct 6pm

Reconciliation : 30/31st October Tues & Wed after school



Mrs Sullivan

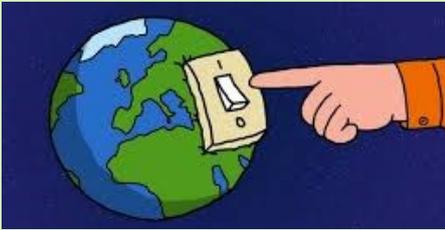
SCHOENSTATT MAY PILGRIMAGE

**Sunday May 6 2018, 2.30pm-4.30pm, 9 Talus Drive Mt Richon; www.schoenstattwa.org.au
Phone 9399 2349**

Come to honour Mary our Mother in the Marian month of May. Rosary procession; reflection with hymns to Mary; Benediction.

You are welcome to bring your Pilgrim Mother Shrine and flowers for Mary.





EARTH HOUR



On Saturday 24 March, 25 students from our school choir came along to sing at the Earth Hour event held at Allen Park, Swanbourne. They represented our school with pride and entertained the audience with several of our favourite songs. It was wonderful to see the families come along with their children to be a part of this special performance. They received glowing compliments and thanks.

Well done to everyone.



*Cathy Cotton
Music Teacher*

Catholic Primary School Interschool Swimming Carnival – Monday 9 April

Congratulations to all of the year 3-6 swimmers who represented St Thomas' in the Catholic Schools Interschool Swimming Carnival on Monday. They all swam well and the hard work students put in at swimming training over the past few weeks definitely paid off. Overall the school came 3rd and the boys won the Boys Trophy tied with St Johns, which is the first time ever that 2 schools have tied for points. It is the second year in a row St Thomas' has won the Boys trophy. Thank you to the staff and parents who assisted with the carnival as St Thomas' was the host school.

Special mention to these students who broke records in the following events;

Boys Year 5 50m Backstroke – Sam Hicks – 5 years since the record was broken.

Boys Open Medley Relay – Pathawi Edwards, Xavier Harris, Sam Hicks and Paddy McAuliffe (6 years since the record was broken).

Boys Year 6 Freestyle Relay - Pathawi Edwards, Xavier Harris, Adrian Garbowski and Paddy McAuliffe (4 years since the record was broken).

Below are the results from the day:

Girls Trophy – 4th

Boys Trophy – equal 1st with St Johns

Most Improved – 6th

Overall – 3rd

An awesome effort by everyone, well done.

Sporting Communities

Rugby

On Friday 6th April, students in Year 5 and 6 had a rugby clinic where Alisdair Henderson from the Western Force came to the school to show the students how to play rugby.

If you are interested in registering your child, there is a flyer attached to Try Rugby at Soaks Rugby Club.

Swanbourne Tigers JFC - Girls

Information below from Swanbourne Tigers Junior Football Club;

The program is well resourced with accredited coaches and equipment, and a committee that is very much committed to providing opportunities in the sport for young women.

The program is as follows-

- PP - Yr2 - Auskick Training Group - Sunday Mornings
- Yr3/4 - Junior Competition - Friday Afternoons/early evenings
- Yr 5/6 - Junior Competition - Friday Afternoons/early evenings

Registration is via the STJFC site ([STJFCW Registration](#))

Sporting Achievements

Congratulations to Annabel Hurst and Sam Hicks in year 5 as they have qualified for the State Long Course Swimming Championships which are being held this weekend at HBF Stadium.

Annabel has qualified for the following events

50m Freestyle 50 M Medley Relay Swimming Butterfly

Sam has qualified for the following events;

50 m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke, 100m Backstroke, 100m Freestyle, 200m Backstroke and 2 relays.

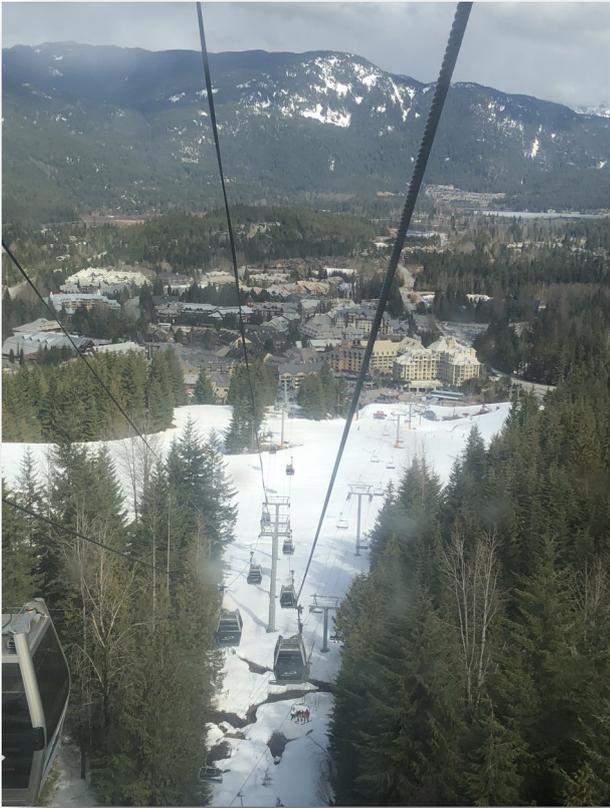
On Behalf of the school we wish you both all the very best.

For any student sporting achievements please contact Sharon Seaman via email

Sharon.seaman@cewa.edu.au

Sharon Seaman
Physical Education Teacher





**Photographs sent by
Mr Tuohy from Canada**





St Thomas' Year 6 Solar Car team competed against 15 other schools in the Synergy Solar Car Challenge. The team had one hour to build their car before starting on the knock out challenge. The tension was high when with three minutes to go, the team did not have a working car.



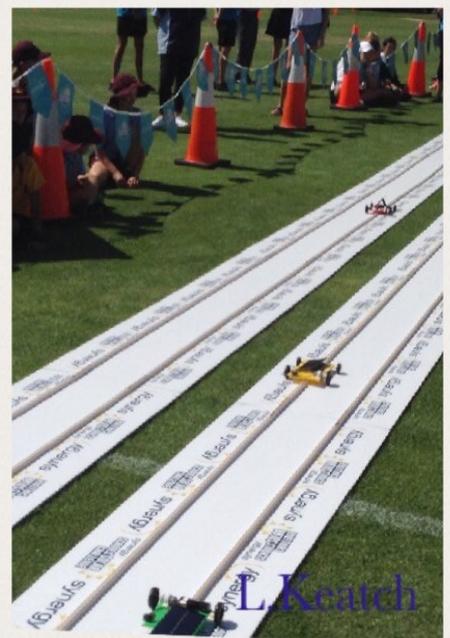
With a bit of tweaking, the team advanced through to the second round.



Great teamwork and problem solving skills were shown by all.



Congratulations on creating a solar car that worked!



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PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL 2018

The Performing Arts Festival for Catholic Schools and Colleges provides an opportunity for students to perform in a public forum, developing the confidence, self-esteem and social skills of those who wish to participate. Participants are provided with positive and helpful guidance in the form of a written adjudication and an opportunity to share their gifts and talents with a wider audience.

The festival runs during term 3. I have a calendar of events if you would like to check specific dates.

Students from years 4/5/6 who play a musical instrument and are interested in performing this year, please complete the entry form below and return it to school as soon as possible.

**A COPY OF THE SHEET MUSIC MUST BE ATTACHED
TO THE ENTRY FORM.**

An application fee of \$17.00 for each solo entry or \$27.00 for duets, will be added to school fees.

Applications close May 6 Term 2, Week 1.

Musical Regards

Cathy Cotton



Performing Arts Festival 2018

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St Thomas' School entry form

Student _____ YR _____

Instrument _____

Music tutor _____

Title of piece _____

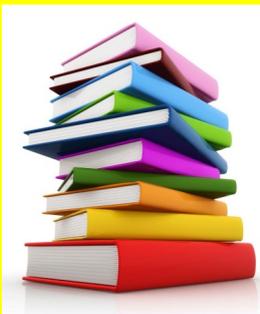
Composer of piece _____



Keyed Up Music will be running instrumental lessons from the beginning of term 2 at St Thomas' School. Lessons on offer include piano, guitar, woodwind, strings and drums (subject to interest). There is an option of a shared lesson at \$22.50 or an individual lesson at \$33.00. To enroll go to <https://www.keyedupmusic.com.au> and fill out the online form. For more information please speak to Mrs. Cotton.



SEEKING: PARENTS TO COVER LIBRARY BOOKS AT HOME



We have a pile of exciting new books at the school library! They are now ready to be covered.

If you are happy to cover some books over the April school holidays, please collect a grey plastic bag of books from the Book Returns shelf in the library. The Book Returns shelf is at the library counter.

Contact (adhesive plastic covering, already cut to size) is supplied in each bag.

With thanks

Rebecca Newman

KINDERGARTEN

2019 & 2020

We will be commencing interviewing for 2020 Kindergarten next term! If you have a child who was born between 01 July 2015 and 30 June 2016 please submit your application as soon as possible to be included in this process.

We still have spaces available in our 2019 Kindergarten. If you have a friend or family member who may be interested in their child attending St Thomas' please let them know. Tours can be arranged through the school office and application forms are available on our website at:

<https://stthomas.wa.edu.au/enrolments/enrolments>



Extend After School Care at St Thomas' Primary School

Fortnightly Recap

We have had heaps of fun activities over the past two weeks. We showed our creativity in making Easter Basket, Tissue roll cardboard Bunny, Animal Cup Easter craft, Cardboard Bunny Mask, and Paper Bunny Hiding in the grass craft. To add more fun in our Easter theme week, we had Easter Egg Hunting and we decorated our Easter egg cookie with the writing icing. Everyone had a fantastic week indeed. We also made Peg Crocodile, Paper Plate Snake, and Life Cycle of a Chicken activity. We had Safari Day, Pin the Nose on Olaf and animal Tag game. We also enjoyed our chocolate cupcake cooking activity. Looking forward to have more fun and to create more beautiful experiences in Term 2.

Liesel

Service Coordinator and the Extend Team

Our Extend Superstars are:



Ivy O'Connor for always being cheerful and for showing her love of art which inspires others

Leo Barker for always being active in group activities and for sharing his brilliant ideas to others

What's on Week 1, Term 2?

Tuesday 01 May—Flower Day

Flower craft, painting, drawing and colouring in

Wednesday 02 May—Pizza Day

Pizza cooking activity and pizza art craft

Thursday 03 May—Sports Day

Wooden Quoits, Bowling and Football

Friday 04 May—Nature's Day

Make Nature Faces and Paint with Nature



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The Heart of Rugby in WA



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Registration Day: Saturday 24th February 2-4PM,
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Ages Under 6 through U18
Training commences Thursday 8th March
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Family Meals after every Thurs training
A games for all shapes and sizes

Associates has a great club culture where the focus is on inclusion, learning and development of skills.



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www.associatesrugby.com.au



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MONAY AFTERNOONS

3:45pm to 4:30pm - ages 4 to 6

4:30pm to 5:15pm - ages 7 to 10

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