



Christ Jesus

When we open our eyes, may You be there;
When we open our ears, may You be there;
When we open our mouths, may You be there;
When we open our diaries, may You be there.
Help us to see with Your eyes; Help us to hear with Your ears;
Help us to speak Your truth in love; Help us to make time for You
for others for ourselves.

Amen

Important Dates 2018:

Saturday 17 March – Night on the Green – Dads' Sleep Out & School/Parish Mass (Year 6 preparing)
Saturday 17 & Sunday 18 March—Commitment Masses for Sacramental Classes
Tuesday 20 March—P&F Meeting—7pm School Library
Wednesday 21 March—Harmony Day
Friday 23 March—Y5 Assembly
Tuesday 27 March—Stations of the Cross—9am
Wednesday 28 March—Parent/Teacher Interviews (Year One only)
Thursday 29 March—St Thomas' Swimming Carnival
Friday 30 March to Tuesday 3 April—Easter Holidays

From the Principals Desk

*Dear Parents and Members of our
School Community*

Yesterday, representatives from the Catholic Education Office conducted an Educational Audit of the school. The Audit was divided into two main sections: National Quality Standards and the Early Years and Policies and Procedures. I am very pleased to say that the Audit went extremely well. This results comes down to the hard work of the dedicated and driven staff we have at St. Thomas'. As Principal, of this school I wish to thank the staff and say how very proud I am of their efforts. As we were receiving our feedback one of the Auditor's comments was that 'when you boil it all down the NQS is about putting the child at the centre, and your school certainly does that'. I would add that I believe this is the case right across our school.

Before School duty:

It has become apparent that some children are being dropped off or coming to school very early. Parents please be aware that a member of staff is on morning duty from 8.15am. **Children should not be arriving at school before this time.** We do understand that sometimes this is unavoidable due to work and other commitments but it should not be a regular occurrence. Parents/guardians of children who repeatedly arrive prior to 8:15 am will be contacted by the school and required to make alternative before school care arrangements for their children. Extend Before & After School Care is available on site.

Easter Holidays:

As you may be aware Easter holidays fall within Term One therefore St. Thomas' will be closed for Easter - Friday 30 March (Good Friday) to Tuesday 3 April (inclusive).

Parent- Teacher Interviews:

Parent-Teacher Interviews will take place in Week 11 of this term. Except for the Year One parents whose interviews will be held on Wednesday 28 March. Wednesday 11th April - Kindy, Years 3 & 5
Thursday 12th April - Pre-Primary, Years 2, 4 & 6

All parents are required to schedule an interview time. If you are unable to make this date, please let your child's class teacher know to reschedule another time.

Appointments will again be booked online using the Parent-Teacher Online Booking Management System. Classroom teachers will have emailed a link to their respective parent group. Please follow the instructions and link to book your appointment time. If you have any issues whilst booking online, please contact your classroom teacher directly.

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Parish/School Mass:

Our second Parish/School Mass of the year will take place on Saturday evening 17 March at 5.30pm. The Year Six class and Mr. von Bergheim are organising the Mass. At the conclusion we will have our regular sausage sizzle but this time it will be on the top oval of the school as Saturday evening will also be our Dad's Sleep out 'A Night on the Green'.

Harmony Day: Harmony Day will be celebrated next Wednesday 21 March. Many thanks to Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Valentine for their organisation, enthusiasm and commitment to celebrating the diversity of people within this beautiful land. Thanks also to our fantastic P&F for organising the luncheon on this day.

Year 2 Assembly: Our first major assembly of the year will take place on Friday 23 March. The Year Five class will be showcasing their talents and learning.

Project Compassion:

Please continue to encourage your children to raise funds for Caritas Australia's Annual Project Compassion Appeal. Each family received a Project Compassion Box following the Ash Wednesday Mass. These will need to be returned to school on Friday 23 March so that this money can be presented to the parish community at the Stations of the Cross Service on Tuesday 27 March.

Stations of the Cross:

On Tuesday 27 March we will be preparing ourselves in readiness for Easter with a Stations of the Cross Service at 9.00am on the school oval. The Year Six class and Mr. von Bergheim will be leading this service.

Senior Swimming Carnival:

St. Thomas' Senior Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday 29 March. I would like to thank Mrs. Seaman for organising the training sessions that have taken place on Thursday and Friday mornings since the start of the new school year. Also thanks to all of the teachers who have rostered themselves on a morning shift to assist. I have been most impressed with the sheer number of students taking up the invitation to prepare themselves for not only our carnival, but also the Interschool Carnival that will take place on Monday 9 April. Thanks to the parents who have supported this program.

School Fees:

A VERY BIG "Thank you" to those families who have paid their fees. A gentle 'reminder' for those yet to pay, that an instalment is due before the end of Term 1. Please see Julie or Leanne in the Office for any further queries.

With regards and best wishes

Justin Tuohy

Principal

RELIGION NEWS



The Year 6 Christian Service Committee had a Bake Sale this week to raise money for Project Compassion. It was heart warming to see their enthusiasm and dedication to raise funds for those less fortunate. The beautifully decorated cupcakes and biscuits were eagerly snapped up by the students. One boy even donated \$50 of his pocket money. Thank you parents for supporting this worthwhile cause!



The Mini Vinnies group will be having a stall on Wednesday 28 March at recess and lunch. They have been busy making items such as jewellery and craft. Cupcakes will also be on sale. This is their fundraiser for Project Compassion. I thank these children for their commitment each week and their empathy to those in need.

A reminder to please return Project Compassion Boxes to school by Friday 23 March. They can be given to the class teacher or dropped off at the front office.

The Commitment Masses are this weekend:

Saturday 17 March: 5.30pm

Sunday 18 March: 7.30am, 9.30am & 6.30pm

Please remember to bring along the completed Commitment Form. Father will ask children to bring them to the Altar during the mass.

Wishing you a blessed week.

Nicky Sullivan

Uniform Shop News

Tuesday 27 March 8.15am – 9.00am
Uniform Shop Opening

A reminder that winter uniform is worn in terms 2 and 3. The jumper is a compulsory uniform item. Outdoor jackets are optional and are only to be worn outdoors.

We encourage all families to use the online ordering system when possible - quickcliq.com.au. Order forms are available from the front office if required.



CURRICULUM

ORNER

Sense of Agency

When a child has a sense of agency, they are able to make choices and decisions to influence events, and to have an impact on their world (EYLF, p.45). Having a sense of agency is closely linked to the key concepts of being, belonging, and becoming, and to developing a strong sense of identity.



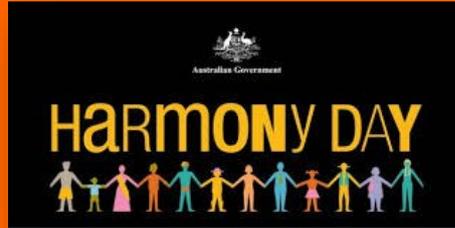
As children make meaningful decisions and choices about things which affect them, they begin to see themselves as rich, competent, capable learners, as valuable and valued citizens within their services and within the community, in essence, developing a sense of agency in children means providing opportunities for children to make choices in their day to day environment, recognising and cultivating learning dispositions (such as curiosity and imagination) that support children to make autonomous choices, and supporting opportunities in the curriculum for inquiry, experimentation and investigation.

Reference: Gowrie SA research Summary- Sense of Agency (2015)

Reference: Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) (2009). *Belonging, being and becoming: The early years learning framework for Australia* (1st ed).

Gemma Cannalini

Harmony Day 2018 is Wednesday 21 March.



All Children are to dress in or wear something orange.



Children are asked to bring a plate of food to share for lunch, preferably from a country significant to them. Please remember our Nut Free Policy when considering what to make. Cold food can be delivered to the Canteen at drop off on Wednesday. Hot food can be delivered to school from 11:30am.

Any parents who can volunteer in the setting up, serving or packing away of the shared lunch would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Mel Trend: melissatrend@hotmail.com <melissatrend@hotmail.com> who will be coordinating the lunch.

Should you have queries regarding Harmony Day please contact Karen Jones or Sam Valentine on: karen.jones1@cewa.edu.au & sam.valentine@cewa.edu.au.

Waste No More!

Free Earth Carers Course

Recycle bin overflowing? Got too much stuff? The Earth Carers Course will show you how to live with less waste. Hosted by the Western Metropolitan Regional Council's waste education team, the course runs over five sessions and includes topics such as recycling food scraps, decluttering, green cleaning and a tour of a waste recovery facility plus handy tips on how you can refuse, reduce, reuse and recycle.

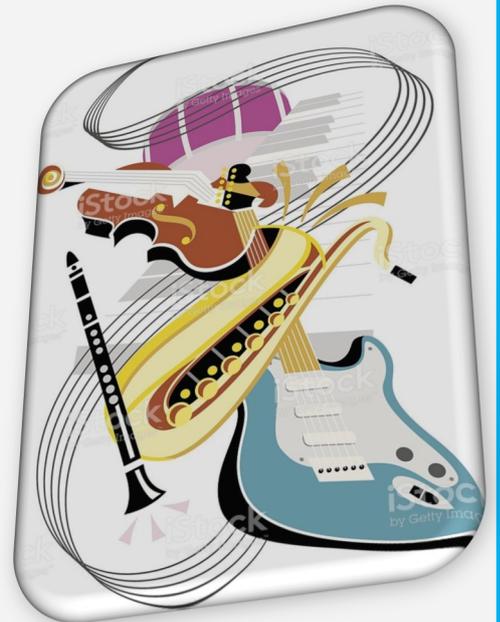
The course is free to western suburbs residents located in the council areas of Mosman Park, Peppermint Grove, Cottesloe, Subiaco and Claremont.

When: Starting from the 3rd of May. Course runs over three consecutive weeks with three Thursday evenings and two Saturday mornings.

Where: Shenton Park Community Centre, Onslow Road, Shenton Park. Registrations are essential, please book online at www.earthcarers.org.au or phone 9384 4003.



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 speak to Mrs Cotton.



The Year 5 girls are learning how to design & sew an outfit to wear. If you have any of the following to donate we would be very grateful:

- Any fabrics/materials
- Craft materials (needles, thread)
- Any buttons/press studs/ribbons/flowers or other decorative materials.

Please leave with Julie in the front office.



Thanks
Chelsea Hubbard

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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TO THE ENTRY FORM.**

St Thomas' School entry form

Student _____ yr _____

Instrument _____

Music tutor _____

Title of piece _____

Composer of piece _____



Large numbers have been at this year's swimming training and students have 2 more weeks to train prior to the school's swimming carnival. Training is on Thursday and Friday mornings at Claremont Pools for years 3-6 children who have achieved Stage 6 and higher through the department of Education Program.

Thursday morning 7.45am – 8.15am

Friday mornings 7.30am – 8.15am

Can parents please ensure students are picked up no later than **8.30am** as staff have classes to teach.

Upcoming events:

Year 5 & 6 Tennis and Cricket Carnival – Wednesday 28th March – Notes have gone home today. We require an extra 5 parents who are able to supervise a team on the day. If you are able to assist please indicate on the form that has gone home.

St Thomas' Swimming Carnival – Thursday 29th March

Students are encouraged to wear the school bathers, please contact the uniform shop for sizes. We also require a number of parent helpers on the day. If you are able to assist with the running of the carnival can you please contact Sharon.seaman@cewa.edu.au.

Interschool Swimming Carnival – Monday 9th April – I need another parent to assist with entering results on the day, if you are able to assist please contact Sharon Seaman via email on Sharon.seaman@cewa.edu.au.

Training for the Interschool swimming team will be on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th April.

Sporting Communities

AFL Football – If you would like to child to participate in AFL football for Claremont Junior Football Club contact www.claremontjuniorfc.com.au

Claremont Football Club - Please find the attached the flyer for Claremont Football Club holiday clinic.

Details:

- Where Claremont Oval
- When 19/04/18
- Time 9am

Kids TRYAthlon – Sunday 25th March

WAMC Kids Marathon – Sunday 17th June

Please see back page of this newsletter in regards to these events.

Sharon Seaman

Physical Education Teacher





St Thomas' Primary School is once again offering Years 2-6 the opportunity to enter into the nationwide competitions run by the University of New South Wales and the Australian Mathematics Trust. (ICAS-International Competitions and Assessments for Schools)

Competition season runs 8 May through to 14 August. You are invited to choose all or any of the competitions for your child to sit. Please return the permission slip and costs associated with the competition back to the school office no later than **Friday 16 March 2018**.

	SUBJECT	SITTING DATE	COST
	Digital Technologies YR 3-6	Tuesday 8 May	\$9.90
	Science YR 2-6	Tuesday 29 May	\$9.90
	Spelling YR 2-6	Wednesday 13 June	\$13.20
	Writing YR 3-6	Thursday 14 June	\$19.80
	English YR 2-6	Tuesday 31 July	\$9.90
	Mathematics YR 2-6	Tuesday 14 August	\$9.90

Parents are also encouraged to visit the University of New South Wales website www.eaa.unsw.edu.au to gather more background information on these competitions and to access practice items to help your child prepare for the competition. I have past papers you are welcome to borrow.

ICAS

Please select box/boxes that you would like your child to enter, sign and return to the office with payment by **Friday 16 March 2018**.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Digital Technologies (Years 3-6) | Tuesday 8 May | \$9.90 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Science (Years 2-6) | Tuesday 29 May | \$9.90 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | English (Years 2-6) | Tuesday 31 July | \$9.90 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Mathematics (Years 2-6) | Tuesday 14 August | \$9.90 |

TOTAL COST

I give permission for my child _____ Date of Birth _____
(As you would like written on the certificate)

Class _____ to participate in the above competitions selected.

Signature _____

Date _____

I look forward to supporting your child in these endeavours.

Lisa Keatch

lisa.keatch@cewa.edu.au

Extend After School Care at St Thomas' Primary School

Due to Easter Tuesday - Extend is not be operating

Tuesday 3 April.



Fortnightly Recap:

We have had exciting activities over the past two weeks like Giraffe Finger Puppet, LadyBug Paper Plate, Fork Lion Painting, Animal Masks Making, and we had the "Dinosaur Day" which everybody really enjoyed- Pterodactyl mobile making, Dinosaur colouring in activity, and Dinosaur paper plate painting. We also made Frog and other animal Corner Bookmark, Paper Plate Crown, Ancient Egyptian Collar, and Bottle Bottom Flower prints. We played charades and puzzles too. We had fun in our Science Experiments such as, "Wave Bottle"- (ocean in the bottle), DIY -"Water Bottle Wind Spirals" and "Water Balloon Parachute".

Liezel, Service Coordinator and the Extend Team

Our Extend Superstars are:

Ruby Leighton for always using her beautiful manners and for being cheerful and friendly.
Natalia Relota for always showing initiative to help others and for being respectful and obedient.

What's on next week?

Monday 19 March Leaf People craft and Colouring in contest

Tuesday 20 March Autumn Handprint Tree and Coconut Lemon Bliss Ball making

Wednesday 21 March Simple Cupcake Liner Flowers Backyard Cricket

Thursday 22 March Princess Day - Crown, Necklace and Bracelet making

Friday 23 March Sponge Painted Owls Quoits and Bowling Competition



We have a new web address—<https://www.lookedafter.com/>



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Subiaco Clinics: www.lionsdistrict.com.au
Claremont Clinics: www.tigersdistrict.com.au

FOOTY FUNDAMENTALS

Footy Fundamentals aims to prepare our kids for the future. Footy Fundamentals is a carefully planned and structured toddler AFL program (for boys and girls aged 2-5 years), which encourages your active toddlers to develop their fundamental movement skills in an AFL environment, using AFL equipment. Active parent involvement is required in all of our toddler AFL programs.

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WAMC Kids Marathon

SUNDAY 17 JUNE 2018

WAMC Kids Marathon

The West Australian Marathon Club joined the national Kids Marathon Series in 2006. It has been a great success and we are looking forward to the Perth Kids Marathon continuing to grow bigger and bigger each year. It has a unique format that allows kids, kindergarten through high school to run a marathon... One Milestone at a time. It will be held in conjunction with the annual Perth Marathon on Sunday 17 June, 2018. All children are encouraged to commence a training program in April/May/June and start logging their kilometres. The aim is to run the first 40km of the marathon distance over a number of weeks in the child's own time, then on marathon day complete the final 2.195km at the 2017 Perth Marathon. This is a great opportunity for children of school age to start an exercise program that will continue over a number of weeks and culminate in the completion of a "marathon".

How to Run Your Marathon

Find a safe place to run. Walk or run 40km in the 8 weeks leading up to 17 June. Use the training schedule to help plan your run. Come to the Perth Marathon on Sunday 17 June 2018 to run the final 2.195km of your marathon. **"FINISHING IS WINNING..... WINNING IS FINISHING"**

Training Schedule

If you can only run a little, keep trying. If you run more than a kilometre a day, great! If you play a lot of sport where you run a bit, this may be easy. Just remember to space your workouts so you are prepared to run the final distance on marathon day. Early completion of the program is not recommended. The schedule below leaves Saturdays and Sundays available for catch up days or to give you a rest day. It is important to keep track of your progress toward your goal. As you complete each kilometre mark it off on your Kilometre Countdown Chart. This is only a recommended schedule and you may choose to start your "marathon" earlier or later than the dates above...but don't try to do too much too close to marathon day!

Every Monday to Friday run 1km a day = 5km a week.
Commencing Monday 23 April.
Final run before the big day Friday 15 June.
TOTAL 40 kilometres

Register now at www.wamc.org.au

Supported by:

On Marathon Day

Where: Start/finish at Burnwood Water Sports Centre located at 1 Carnfield Drive, Burnwood.
When: 4.45am Sunday 17 June, 2018.
Distance: Last 2.195km of your marathon.

Eligibility: All school age children are encouraged to participate. The maximum age is 18.
Entry: One entry per entrant, to be completed by the parent.
Fees: \$30
Entries close: Friday, 18 May, 2018.
No refunds: Entry fees are non-refundable and entries are non-transferable.

Race Pack Collection: Available for collection at Burnwood Water Sports Centre between 6.30am on Saturday 16 June and on race morning from 7am. Your race pack will include a bib number which must be worn on race day and your free participant's t-shirt.

Rewards: All finishers will receive a medal and a finisher's certificate. All participants must complete their race on race day to receive their medal. Make up distances and/or alternate race dates will not be recognised.

Post race: After the completion of the marathon, participants will be served breakfast at the finish line while they await the arrival of the first finishers in the Perth Marathon.

Souvenir photographs: Marathon Photos will attempt to capture every finisher in the Kids Marathon at the finish line. These photographs will be available on the website www.marathon-photos.com shortly after the event.

Additional Information

All school age children are encouraged to participate. The maximum age is 18. All finishers will receive a medal and a finisher's certificate. All participants must complete their race on race day to receive their medal. Make up distances and/or alternate race dates will not be recognised.

Event Manager
WEST AUSTRALIAN MARATHON CLUB
PO Box 104, Burnwood
WA 6100
Telephone: 9472 4833
Email: wamc@wamc.org.au
Web: www.wamc.org.au



ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY 18 MAY 2018

The entry closure is designed to help entrants make the commitment to participate and complete the 40km within a comfortable period of time without having to cram the 40km into an unworkable short time.

GIANT SECONDHAND BOOK SALE

2018

Saturday 7 April – 8:30am to 5pm
Sunday 8 April – 8:30am to 5pm

AUCTION at 10:30 Saturday
Noon Sunday – All books **HALF PRICE**
From 3pm Sunday – Fill a box for \$10

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