

Lord God,  
You loved this world so much,  
That you gave your one and only Son,  
That we might be called your children too.  
Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace  
Of Easter Sunday, everyday.  
Let us have hearts of thankfulness  
For your sacrifice.  
Let us have eyes that look upon  
Your grace and rejoice in our salvation.  
Help us to walk in that mighty grace  
And tell your good news to the world.  
All for your glory do we pray, Lord, Amen.

- Rachel Marie Stone



### Important Dates 2018:

**Friday 30 March to Tuesday 3 April**—Easter Holidays

**Wednesday 04 April**—Buddy Lunch

**Monday 9 April**—Interschool Swimming Carnival

**Wednesday 11 & Thursday 12 April**—Parent/Teacher Interviews

**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*

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members of the St. Thomas' School Community a safe and Holy Easter. Let us never forget the real meaning of this significant time in our year.

Easter Mass times for St. Thomas' the Apostle Church are published on Page 2 of this newsletter.

**Canadian Study Tour & Conference:** As mentioned in a previous newsletter I have been fortunate to have been chosen to attend a study tour to Canada from Wednesday 4 April to Friday 27 April. The purpose of the study tour is to visit system districts and schools in some of Canada's highest performing provinces, including Ontario and British Columbia. This opportunity will connect with Catholic Education Western Australia's work with educational leaders Michael Fullan, Lyn Sharratt, Judy Halbert and Linda Kaser. The study tour also

includes the uLead Conference (Banff, Alberta: 15 - 18 April 2018) which focuses on the theme *Leading Schools - By Design*.

The Catholic Education Office has appointed Mr Ryan von Bergheim to take on the role of Acting Principal in my absence.

**Night on the Green:** A huge thanks to John Prichard and his team of helpers for their organisation and coordination of the 'Dad's Sleep Out'. The evening/night was a tremendous success. "Over 160 Dads and Kids enjoying a night camping out on the school's oval. The campers enjoyed the traditional sausage sizzle, ice cream, an outdoor movie and camping out in tents on the school oval. The coffee van was certainly well received by the dads bright and early on Sunday morning! Over 50% of the schools families participated in the event, with many more joining in for dinner and the movie.

The School Camp Out is part of a series of events for the school community which intends to create for St Thomas Dads to become Great Dads. As part of this initiative, Paul Valentino from the 'Fathering Project' came along to the School on Sunday morning to give the dads some 'tips and tricks' on being better Dads. Paul talked about the importance of being there, providing unconditional love and making each child feel special. The Fathering Project was founded by Professor Brice Robinson (2013 Western Australian of the Year), with the aim of inspiring fathers and father figures to become better, and in turn, benefitting the kids of today and tomorrow. Further information about the project can be found at <http://thefatheringproject.org/> John Prichard.

**St. Thomas' Swimming Carnival:** Thanks to Mrs Seaman for her organisation of today's swimming carnival. Well done to the children for their competitive spirit throughout the day and for always giving their best. Congratulations to **FORREST**, our 2018 champions. A full list of Champions and Runners-up will be announced in our next newsletter. Best of luck to our Interschool Team who will no doubt give their all at the Interschool Carnival on Monday, 9 April.

**Thank you, thank you, thank you:** On behalf of the staff, Fr Wayne and Caritas Australia, I would like to

thank all those families that donated to the Project Compassion Appeal. The total funds raised will be announced in our next newsletter. Also thanks to Mr von Bergheim and the Y6 class for leading the school in a very moving Stations of the Cross Service on Tuesday.

**Harmony Day:** Congratulations must also be given to Mrs Valentine & Mrs Jones for their coordination and organization of a fantastic Harmony Day. The activities were fantastic and the shared lunch was a wonderful experience. Thanks to all the parents who donated food and helped with the shared lunch.

**Easter Holidays:** As you would 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).

**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 Term 1 end. Please see Julie or Leanne in the office if you have any further queries.

*With regards and best wishes*

*Justin Tuohy*

Principal

## EASTER TIMETABLE 2018

### 29 MARCH 2018:

Holy Thursday Mass: 7.00 pm

### 30 MARCH 2018:

Good Friday—Stations: 10.00 am  
Passion: 3.00 pm

### 31 MARCH 2018:

Easter Vigil Mass—Saturday: 6.30 pm

### 1 APRIL 2018:

Easter Sunday Masses: 7.30 am & 9.30 am

**No 6.30pm Sunday Evening Mass**





## RELIGION NEWS

In this Holy Week the children of the school have been learning about the Easter Story in their Religion lessons. The Year Six students presented a reverent and moving presentation of the Stations of the Cross on Tuesday.

And as we approach Easter—the central foundation of our Christian faith... the day that Christ rose from the dead... the day that we celebrate the living Christ— it should be a day that we reflect on Christ living in us? It is important to ask ourselves, "Are we keeping Christ alive in our lives?"

### Holy Thursday

Lord God,  
You sent your Son into the world,  
And before his hour had come,  
He washed his disciples' feet.  
You had given all things into his hands.

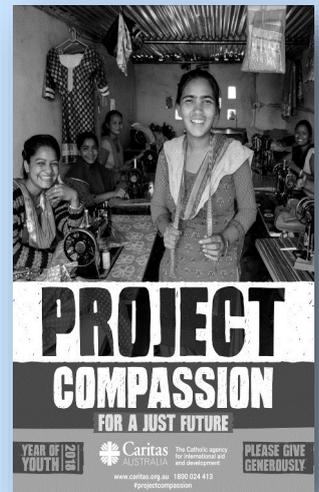
He had come from you, and was going to you,  
And what did he do?  
He knelt down on the floor,  
And washed his friends' feet.  
He was their teacher and their Lord,  
Yet he washed their feet.

Lord God, help us learn from his example;  
Help us to do as he has done for us.  
The world will know we are his disciples  
If we love one another.  
Strengthen our hands and our wills for love  
And for service.  
Keep before our eyes the image of your Son,  
Who, being God, became a Servant for our sake.  
All glory be to him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
One God, now and forever.

Amen.

*Wishing all families a happy and blessed Easter.*

*Nicky Sullivan*



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Thank you!



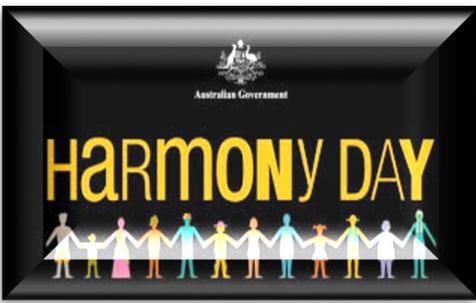
#### Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Your support for Project Compassion demonstrates that by working together A Just Future is possible for all generations, backgrounds, cultures and communities, who are part of one human family. You are empowering young people to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities. A Just Future has started with your support!

Please return your Project Compassion boxes as soon as possible.

**Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2018 Lenten appeal.**

[www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) #projectcompassion 1800 024 413



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## St Thomas' Swimming Carnival – Thursday 29 March

Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr5	Yr6
<b>Champion Girl</b> Sophie Cleary Erin Moore	<b>Champion Girl</b> Lily Lucas Ruby Bogoiias	<b>Champion Girl</b> Annabel Hurst	<b>Champion Girl</b> Sienna Howard
<b>Runner Up Champion</b> Jewel Grosse	<b>Runner Up Champion</b> Ashlee Bennett	<b>Runner Up Champion</b> Ruby Preston	<b>Runner Up Champion</b> Maya Ness
<b>Champion Boy</b> Frederick Chaney	<b>Champion Boy</b> Nick Prichard	<b>Champion Boy</b> Sam Hicks	<b>Champion Boy</b> Xavier Harris
<b>Runner Up Champion</b> Christian Lorbeer	<b>Runner Up Champion</b> Jovi Gibson	<b>Runner Up Champion</b> Alex Garbowski	<b>Runner Up Champion</b> Pat Edwards

### Interschool Swimming Carnival – Monday 9 April

Next week, students who have made the St Thomas Interschool Swimming team will be given a note and a copy of the events they are participating in. Students will need St Thomas school bathers and the school will provide the swimming caps and an Interschool Top to wear on the day. Further details will be in the permission note.

*As St Thomas is coordinating the event this year, we 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](mailto:Sharon.seaman@cewa.edu.au)*

***Training for the Interschool Swimming Team will be on Thursday 5 and Friday 6 April. Only Interschool squad members will train on these two days.***

### Sporting Communities

#### Girls AFL Football

Junior Clubs are seeking players for their Friday Night Junior Girls Competition.

Contact details of the clubs that have teams in the Y3-4, Y5-6, Y7-8 divisions:

Claremont JFC – Female Football Coordinator – Kim Stewart -

[girlsclaremontjfc@gmail.com](mailto:girlsclaremontjfc@gmail.com)

Wembley JFC- Female Football Coordinator- Karen Tighe-

[committee2@wembleyjuniorwagpies.com](mailto:committee2@wembleyjuniorwagpies.com)



### Sporting Achievements

**Congratulations** to Annabel Hurst, year 5 on your achievements in Cottesloe Surf Club Championship. Annabel won gold in the swim, board, iron woman, Silver in Sprints and Bronze in Flags.

She was the overall Champion for the under 10 girls age group. This was her first year competing at a surf club level. Congratulations Annabel what an amazing achievement.

For any student sporting achievements please contact Sharon Seaman via email [Sharon.seaman@cewa.edu.au](mailto:Sharon.seaman@cewa.edu.au)

## *Tennis and Cricket Carnival*

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March students in years 5 and 6 participated in the Tennis and Cricket carnival at Abbett park against the following schools, OLG, St Dominic's, St Johns and St Paul's.

Congratulations to our Year 6 Boys and Year 5 and 6 Girls Cricket Teams as they were the overall winners. Also, to our Girls Tennis A team who were runner up in the division.



Well done to all of the Year 5 and 6 students, you did our school proud.



## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

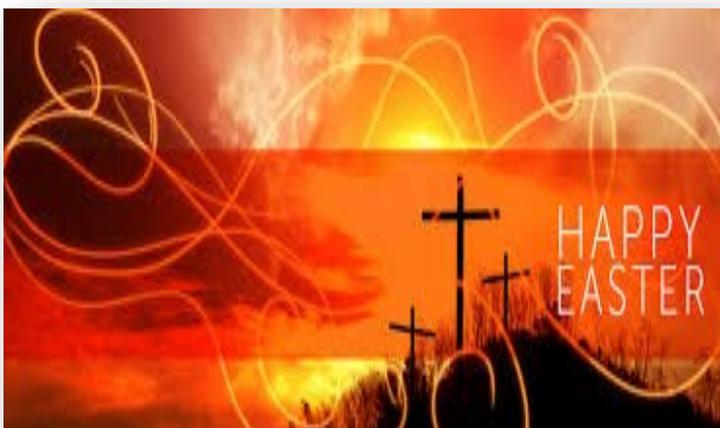
Composer of piece \_\_\_\_\_



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.



Our deepest condolences to the Baldwin, Leighton, Swift and Coniglio families. May the Lord bless and comfort you during this time of grief. Please keep these families in your prayers and thoughts.



Wishing you and your family a happy and safe Easter break



## Extend After School Care at St Thomas' Primary School



### Fortnightly Recap

Over the past two weeks, we have been busy making beautiful crafts, science experiments, pretend plays, cooking activities, games and sports competition. We have had Cute Bunny Nose, Animal Mask Making, Handprint Lilies, Leaf People Craft, Autumn Handprint Tree, Simple Cupcake Liner Flowers, Crown, Bracelet and necklace Making. We had fun playing “Teacher- Teacher”, “Market Day/Shopping Centre Day”, and “Princess Day” pretend play. We also had Charades, Colouring In, Scavenger Hunt, Backyard Cricket, Pass the Ball and Bowling Competition. We enjoyed our “Dancing Rice Science Experiment, Coconut Lemon Bliss Balls Making and Pancake Making.

*Liezel, Service Coordinator and the Extend Team*



### Our Extend Superstars are:

**Joshua Leighton** for always showing initiative to help others and for being respectful and obedient.

**Grace Johnston** for always being active in group activities especially, science experiments and for sharing the knowledge and ideas to others.

### What's on next week?

**Monday 02 April** Easter Monday—CLOSED

**Tuesday 03 April** Easter Tuesday— CLOSED

**Wednesday 04 April** Paper Bunny Hiding in the grass craft & Peg crocodile

**Thursday 05 April** Paper plate Snake & Pin the Nose on Olaf

**Friday 06 April** Life Cycle of a Chicken & Animal Tag Game

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

**Thank you to everyone who has brought in their Sports for Schools Vouchers. You still have until 3 April to obtain them from Coles. Once we have had the number of vouchers confirmed we will share this with the school community and also what we have been able to purchase for our school! Thank you once again for your continued support.**

