We want our children to be strong – to do what they believe is right and to recover when they make mistakes. We want our children to have empathy – to know what it is like to be lonely, scared and vulnerable; to seek help and to give help. We want our children to love warmly – their families, their lives, other children, peoples of different cultures and abilities. We want them to love the environment and the plant and the animal life of this country; the beaches, the waterways, the mountains and forests. We want them to inhabit the earth carefully. We want our children to judge critically – to recognise the good and hopeful and to reach for a full life; to recognise untruth, cruelty, violence, disrespect and danger and to deal with them resourcefully.

We want our children to be free from harm – bullying, disparagement, lack of care and protection, the preying of adults, war and displacement. We want our children to love God – to know the love of God through the adults surrounding them; to know God as a friend and faithful companion. We want our children to go to bed each night and to wake in the morning with hope – to have education, family life, homes and security, healthcare, enough food and a hopeful future. We ask this through Christ Our Lord and the Holy Spirit. Amen

Dear Parents & Members of Our School Community

Confirmation: Please keep in your prayers our Year Six students who next Friday evening, 12 August, will undertake the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Year Six students have been very well prepared and must be congratulated on the manner in which they conducted themselves and participated fully in their preparation. I thank Mr von Bergheim, parents and teachers for modeling their faith so readily with these young children.

St Thomas’ Athletics Carnival: The Athletics Carnival will take place on Thursday 25 August. Please be aware that the Kindy students will not be involved and will have a normal day at school.

NAPLAN ONLINE - TRIAL OF THE NEW ONLINE ASSESSMENT PLATFORM. You may have heard that NAPLAN online is being introduced from 2017, with an aim for all schools to be administering NAPLAN online by 2019.

NAPLAN online will provide better assessment, more precise results and faster turnaround of information. Your child’s results will be returned to you faster, within a couple of weeks rather than a couple of months.

Our school has been selected to trial the new assessment platform (the computer system the test will be taken on). This trial shouldn’t be seen as a ‘test’ of content, it is a chance for the new platform to be tested in a real-life classroom environment. This trial is called the Platform Trial and Readiness Test (PTRT).

During August 2016, students in Years 3 & 5 will participate in a trial of the assessment platform, by undertaking two online readiness tests that include examples of the new NAPLAN online questions. Each test will take approximately 45 minutes to complete. Participating in this trial is important as it will help us ensure we have adequate internet connectivity. During the trial, schools will have the opportunity to practice managing the classroom logistics for an online assessment and the new test administration processes. Feedback from schools participating in the trial will inform transition to the online assessment as well as provide valuable feedback to shape the final development of the NAPLAN online platform.

The readiness test has not been constructed to assess curriculum knowledge, but rather to provide students an opportunity to experience the types of questions that will be included in the new online assessment. Participation in this trial is a key step to ensuring a successful NAPLAN online experience.

School/Parish Mass: The next Parish/School Mass will take place on Saturday, 20 August, at 5.30pm. The Year Six class and Mr von Bergheim are organising the Mass and sausage sizzle. Even though it is the Year Six class organising this event, it would be wonderful to see the Church full with St Thomas’ families.

ICAS: Congratulations to all children who participated in the University of New South Wales ICAS Testing. Certificates and results for Science and Digital Technologies have been distributed. We are still awaiting Writing, Spelling, Mathematics & English results. Many thanks to Lisa Keatch for coordinating this testing.

Faction Cup: So far this term Forrest is leading the way with 152 points, followed closely in second place by Sheridan on 138 points, third is Gittens on 134 and just behind on 127 points is Curtis.

With regards and best wishes
Justin Tuohy
Principal

It is your attitude at the beginning of a task that determines success or failure.”
Corrine Clewlow

04 August 2016 — Term 3 — Week 3
St Mary MacKillop’s Feast Day is this coming Monday 8 August

St Mary MacKillop was born on January 15, 1842 to Scottish parents in Fitzroy, Victoria. She was the eldest of eight children and was well educated by her father. When Mary was sixteen, she earned her living and supported her family, as a governess and as a teacher at the Portland school. When she was a governess to her uncle’s children at Penola, Mary met Father Julian Tenison Woods who needed help to teach religious education to children in the outback. In 1866, inspired and encouraged by Father Woods, Mary opened the first Saint Joseph’s school in a disused stable in Penola. A number of young women came to join Mary, and so the Congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph was begun. She also opened orphanages for destitute both young and old.

Mary died on August 8, 1909 in the convent in Mount Street, North Sydney where her tomb is now enshrined. This great Australian woman inspired many people to dedicate their lives to God’s work. Mary MacKillop was canonised on October 17, 2010 at Saint Peter’s Basilica.

Here are some funny jokes to bring some sunshine into the middle of winter.

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?" "Because white is the colour of happiness and today is the happiest day of her life," her mother tried to explain, keeping it simple. The child thought about this for a moment, then said, "So, why's the groom wearing black?"

On the first day of school, the Kindergarten teacher said, "If anyone has to go to the bathroom, hold up two fingers." A little voice from the back of the room asked, "How will that help?"

A little boy was overheard praying: "Lord, if you can’t make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I’m having a real good time like I am."

Six-year-old Emily and her four-year-old brother Joel were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had had enough. "You're not supposed to talk out loud in church." "Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked. Emily pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers.

Liturgical events where we appreciate your attendance are:

   Feast of the Assumption (prepared by the Year 3) Monday 16 Aug- 9am
   School/Parish Mass (prepared by Year 6) Saturday 20 Aug- 5.30pm
   Parish Mass (Year 5) Wednesday 24 August- 12.30pm
   Fathers Day Liturgy (Prepared by PP) Friday 2 September- 9am
   Parish Mass (Year 4) Wednesday 14 September- 12.30pm
   School/Parish Mass (prepared by Year 1) Saturday 17 Sep- 5.30pm

Have a blessed week
Nicky Sullivan
The 2016 NAPLAN results were released yesterday with WA receiving the highest results in Australia which is a positive sign for the state of education in WA. In the news this week it is good to reflect on the following:

- WA now has the highest percentage of students in the top two achievement bands (Bands 9 and 10) for numeracy; second highest for reading, writing and grammar; and punctuation; and third highest for spelling,” Mr Collier said.
- Schools should not pile too much pressure on students by obsessing over NAPLAN results, WA’s education boss told principals this week. Education Department Director-General Sharyn O’Neill said, “students are more important than NAPLAN test results”. The key focus over the next four years would be for schools to make student wellbeing just as much a focus as academic excellence.

The NAPLAN tests are only a small snapshot of achievement for each child, one test on one day of the academic year. They should be viewed in conjunction with school reports and communication with the teachers. The focus at St Thomas in on ‘Development on the Whole person” encompassing our school values of inclusivity, compassion, truth, community and excellence.

The NAPLAN individual reports will be sent to schools later in the term and will be forwarded onto parents.

Nicky Sullivan

Uniform Shop

**Faction t-shirts** - the school Athletics Carnival is sneaking up on us (Thursday 25 August), and to participate in full team spirit the children require to wear a t-shirt in the colour of their faction - green, red, blue or gold. We have orders open for you to purchase a plain coloured t-shirt, and save you the hassle of chasing around at the chain stores. The cost is $15 per shirt, and is available in sizes 4 - 16 (even numbers, e.g., size 4, size 6...).

See the order form attached to the newsletter, and return to the front office with your correct money or cheque by **Tuesday 9 August**.

The Eftpos machine will be a valuable for your direct payment, with a completed order form on Monday 8 August, at morning drop off.

This shirt can be worn at the three faction carnivals held though-out the year - swimming, cross country and athletics.

**On-line Ordering** - going live through Our Online Canteen in the next few weeks……stay tuned. Pay online, order online and the items will be delivered directly to your child’s classroom every fortnight.

**Next shop opening** - Friday 12 August - 8.15 - 8.45 in the school hall. Price rises will be effective from this date. Payment of items available via cash, cheque or the Eftpos machine.

*Thank you*

Uniform Shop Team
HELP NEEDED

We are looking for a green thumbed, creative parent to help a group of children put together a garden produce wheelbarrow for a Royal Show School Competition.

The wheelbarrow must be ready for delivery to the Royal Show Grounds by Thursday 22\textsuperscript{nd} September and must last unterred to the 3\textsuperscript{rd} October.

Anyone interested please email me: keatch.lisa@cathednet.wa.edu.au

WHEELBARROW WANTED

If anyone has an old wheelbarrow that could be donated for our competition, it would be greatly appreciated, as it would add more character than a new one to our display.

2016 Tim Winton Award for Young Writers

It is with great pleasure that St Thomas’ announces that Lara Hannaford in Year Two has been selected as a finalist in the 2016 Tim Winton Award for Young Writers. Lara’s parents, Mr Tuohy and Lara have been invited to a formal award ceremony at Subiaco Library on Monday 15\textsuperscript{th} August. The very famous award patron and acclaimed author Tim Winton will be presenting the prizes to the finalist.

The children in Year Two would like to thank Mrs Newman for keeping us well informed about the many amazing writing competitions that we can sign up for! The children would also like to also thank all of their past teachers; Mrs Knox, Mrs Pilling, Mrs Burns and Mrs Brown for giving them courage and good writing skills to create some of the most beautiful stories.

GO LARA, WE ARE SOOOOO PROUD OF YOU

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Every Tuesday there is a draw held in the library and all students who have returned books during the previous week are automatically entered. Two winners are drawn every week and receive a faction token and a bookmark.

This week’s winners are: Benedict (Year 2) and Vincent (Year 4). Thanks for returning your library books and congratulations gold and green factions!

Every year a different theme for Book Week is announced by the Children’s Book Council of Australia and the 2016 theme is ‘Australia! Story Country’.

To celebrate Book Week, this year’s annual fancy-dress parade will be at **9am on Tuesday 30 August.** Students can come to school dressed as a book character. There will also be a Book Week raffle and a writing competition as part of the Book Week activities at school — more details to come.

**Jump Rope for Heart**

Fundraising Page

http://jumprope.everydayhero.do/jumprope2016/?group=St-Thomas-Catholic-Primary-School-CLAREMONT-WA-121640

You will need to type St Thomas’ Primary and not hit enter straight away, but wait for the school name to load below (Making sure you use the apostrophe)
2016 WA Junior Allegro Chess Championship

*Sunday 28th August*

(Presented by Chess Association of Western Australia Inc.)

(Website: www.cawa.org.au)

Venue: Leeming Primary School, Meharry Rd, Leeming

Format: 9 Round Swiss

Time Limit: 15 minutes flagfall

Playing Times: Sunday 28th August from 11.00am – 5.00pm with a break for lunch

Entry Fee: $20, payable on the day.

Closing date: Friday 26th August

Enquiries: yita.choong@isee.org – to enter, please email a completed form to Yita by the closing date.

Prizes: Perpetual Trophies for the 2 Champions and prizemoney for the tournament in general for all ratings groups/age groups depending on entries.

Title: Top scoring participant: 2016 WA Junior Allegro Chess Champion.

Top scoring female: 2016 WA Junior Girls Allegro Chess Champion

Membership: All WA players must be members of the CAWA

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2016 WA Junior Allegro Entry Form

Name: __________________________

Address: __________________________

Telephone: __________________________ Email: __________________________

School: __________________________
St Thomas Uniform Shop Order Form

Special Order: Faction T-shirts

Faction t-shirts are a plain shirt, without a collar or logo, available in the four different St Thomas faction colours, sizes 4 through 16. It is not compulsory for the t-shirts to be purchased from the uniform shop, but it is a requirement that the children wear a coloured shirt on faction sports days. If you would like to place an order, complete the details below and return to the front office by Tuesday 9th August 2016

Child’s Name:__________________________________________

Class:______________________________________________

Parent’s Name:________________________________________

Contact Number:_____________________________________

Shirt Colour: *(please circle)*

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- The St Thomas Uniform shop can accept payment by cash and cheque. EFTPOS machine available on Monday 8 August at drop off.

- Cheques should be made payable to: “St Thomas’ P & F Association”

- Please place your completed order form along with payment in an envelope marked “Uniform Shop” and leave in the front office.

- Unfortunately, items cannot be ordered or sent home with children unless payment has been received.