Love

DEAR PARENTS & MEMBERS OF OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

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I'd do more hugging and less tugging.
I'd stop playing serious, and seriously play.
I'd take my eyes off my watch and watch with my eyes.
I would finger paint more and point the finger less.
I would care to know less and know to care more.
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I’d build self esteem first, and the house later.
I would be firm less often, and affirm much more.
I'd teach less about the love of power, and more about the power of love.

Parking Concerns: As you may be aware the Claremont Shire Rangers have been out in force over the first three weeks of the school term. The major concern is in regards to traffic flow and the safety of ‘other’ road users i.e. residents that live in close proximity to the school. Firstly, St Thomas’ Traffic Management Plan states that prior to entering the gates for pick up only two cars should be in line on College Road also the queue of cars on Warden Road should start behind the no standing sign, this would allow for residents to safely negotiate the corner of Warden and College.

Secondly, cars are entering the queue from Warden Street off Gugeri Street also in direct contravention of our Traffic Management Plan. Thirdly, we have noticed a number of parents parking on our neighbour’s verges. Please consider our neighbours. Parking a little further away from the school grounds and taking advantage of the beautiful mornings for a little stroll to school could be beneficial for all.

I have attached the Traffic Management Plan once again for your reference. Students are always requested to be dropped off in the left hand parking bay at the beginning of each school day and to be collected in the right hand parking bay at the end of each school day.

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Christian Service Committee: Kyle Chelvathurai, Charlotte Moody and Emily McAlliffe
Arts, Library & Technology Committee: Finn O’Brien, Sophia Coutts and Amy Searle

Advanced Notice: Friday, 4 March is a Pupil Free Day. The staff of St. Thomas’ will be undertaking 1st Aid training. This PD has been added to the Labor Day weekend and public holiday on Monday 7 March.

Year 6 Camp: We wish our Year Six students and the staff attending camp next week all the very best. I encourage them to attempt every challenge on camp and use this time away as a class to gain the very best out of themselves and their peers. Camp runs from Monday 22 – Friday 26 February.

Lenten Season: Thanks to Fr. Wayne, Mrs Sullivan and the Year Four class for preparing a beautiful Ash Wednesday Mass last week. Father Wayne encouraged the students to not necessarily give up something for Lent but for the students to give something of themselves. He used examples of helping around the house, making their bed before being asked, feeding the pets and helping in the garden. Father Wayne also asked of the students to “Love one another, Forgive one another and to Accept one another”. I have asked all teachers to display this sentiment in their classroom as a reminder for us all during this Lenten Season.

Towards the end of the mass a class representative collected their classes Project Compassion boxes. Caritas Australia’s Project Compassion is an annual fundraising and awareness-raising appeal, bringing thousands of Australians together in solidarity with the world’s poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. All families will receive a small Project Compassion box. We ask that any loose change or donations you can make are placed into this box over the Lenten period and then at the school’s Stations of the Cross Paraliturgy on Thursday 24 March they be returned to school so that we can present them to Father Wayne.

Allergy Aware Policy: Attached to the newsletter is St Thomas’ Allergy Aware Policy. Please spend some time reading through the policy and familiarising yourself with the document.

Staff Meetings: Please be aware that staff meetings will be held every Tuesday at 3.20pm, therefore, teachers will not be available at this time for meetings.

Faction Cup: So far this term Sheridan is leading the way with 83 points, followed closely in second place by Forrest on 80 points, third is Curtis on 77 and just behind on 66 points is Forrest.

With regards and best wishes

Justin Toole
Principal

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Friday 4 March
Pupil Free Day – Staff undertaking First Aid Training

Friday 26 February
Year 6 Camp

Saturday 20 February
School/Parish Mass 5.30pm followed by Sausage Sizzle. Year Two class coordinating

Monday 22 February – Friday 26 February

TUESDAY 23 FEBRUARY
School Board Meeting

TUESDAY 01 MARCH
Water Fun Day Pre primary – Yr 2

WEDNESDAY 02 MARCH
Parish Mass Yr 5

FRIDAY 04 MARCH
Pupil Free Day – Staff undertaking First Aid Training

St Thomas’ Primary School
NEWSLETTER
18 February 2016—Term 1—Week 3

IF I RAISED MY CHILD AGAIN......
St Thomas Pick up & Drop off

Before and after school: all drivers are asked to use College Road from one direction only – i.e. approaching from Warden Street. This facilitates a continuous flow of left-turning vehicles from College Road into the set-down/pick-up area. Children both leave and board vehicles from the left-side doors near the paved or undercover areas, and drivers can then proceed through the exit gates, turn left into College Road, and proceed towards Melville Street. Traffic flow therefore moves safely in an anti-clockwise direction around the school at these peak times.

GYMNASTICS HAS HIT ST THOMAS’ PRIMARY SCHOOL

This term at St Thomas’ all years have been practising their gymnastics skills. They have been exploring the new gymnastics equipment. Have a look at some of the skills the students have demonstrated in the photographs below. We are also looking forward to showing off our skills at the end of term gymnastics performance.

All performances will be during the Physical Education time of Week 10. Emails and invitations will sent out as a reminder closer to the time.

Miss K
Project Compassion
During the season of Lent each class will have a Project Compassion money box. We ask that if students and parents have any spare change they put it in the money box. All funds raised will go to Caritas, the major social justice agency St Thomas’ supports, who will use the money for those less fortunate.

Lent
We are now in the second week of Lent One way of explaining Lent is that it's a time to bring us closer to God. In our busy lives we fill ourselves with many monetary item which makes us happy, but that happiness is temporary.

During Lent we stop filling our lives with temporary happiness and make more room for God. The church encourages prayer, fasting and almsgiving during Lent as ways we can turn our hearts and minds to God. At this time we attempt to incorporate activities which will strengthen us. Many people "give up" something or spend time doing things to assist others during Lent. To learn how to sacrifice or give up things is a way of learning to be less selfish. Below is a Lent calendar you can share with your children. Have a blessed week.

God Bless and have a great week.

Nicky Sullivan
Year 4 Teacher/Assistant Principal RE
Reasone Why We Play Outside

- Children have a natural desire to play outside
- The outdoors nourishes the senses
- It is the ultimate laboratory for testing theories and conducting experiments
- The raw materials of nature ignite the creativity of children
- Nature play involves higher order thinking
- Outdoor play encourages active movement
- The outdoors facilitates the development of social skills

- Stress levels are reduced when engaging with the environment
- We are fostering an appreciation and respect for the natural world

Karen Jones

Canteen Roster
Monday 22 February
Bronnie Joel

Healthy lunch boxes:
Here are just a few sites which may be of interest:
www.kidspot.com.au
www.taste.com.au
www.parents.com
This afternoon, St Thomas’ hosted a Professional Learning event for schools across the metropolitan area. The focus of the event was on creating engaging and effective contemporary learning spaces in schools.

St Thomas’ has established itself as a leader in this area and as such was approached to host this event. Upwards of 50 teachers from a range of schools attended this professional learning session, where they were taken on a tour of the wonderful St Thomas’ classrooms. They then listened to presentations from teachers who had established their classrooms as contemporary spaces. The afternoon was a huge success, with many of the visiting teachers commenting on the amazing contemporary environments we have at St Thomas’ and how polite and courteous our students were. It’s great to see St Thomas’ leading the pack yet again with this initiative.

What a great place to be!
COTTESLOE SCOUT GROUP
ERIC STREET HALL

For girls and boys who are turning 8 years – we have places in our Cub Scout Pack, meetings: Tuesday at 6:30pm.

And

For girls and boys who are turning 11 years – we have places in our Scout Troop, meetings: Thursday at 6:30pm.

If your child would like to visit us one evening, please phone 9384 5691 – day or evenings – or e-mail: cottcubs@iinet.net.au

Click Hallsite: http://www.cscc.org.au/

Calling all St Thomas’ Hockey Players

Westside Wolves Hookin2Hockey 2016
Registrations Now Open Online
(formerly known as minkey)

For more information go to www.wolves.org.au/about/minkey

Looking for New and Old; Boys and Girls to play in the following teams for St Thomas’ 2016 Hookin2Hockey season

- Years 1 - Junior 9am
- Years 2 & 3 - Intermediate 10.15am
- Years 4 - Nines 9am (3/4 quarter field up to 12 players with 9 players on field, 2 x 20 mins half's with 5 mins interval)

Season starts Saturday 7th May - 13th August with Breaks for Foundation day long weekend and July school holidays. One training session per week, each team requires an on-field coach and off-field manager. Early bird registrations $125 closing 24th March. Kids have a great time; mum & dad love the coffee and social Saturday morning at College Park.

Come and register your child interest with your school co-ordinator – Jan O’Brien on Wednesday 9th March 2016 at 3 – 3.30pm at school pickup.

Let's get our teams together for another successful and fun filled hockey season.

Other Fun Hockey Clinic

Westside Wolves Holiday Clinic
Westside Wolves runs a wonderful holiday clinic that is a great way to get your child started. Open for any child who has completed the registration for the 2016 Westside Wolves Season from Year 1 - 6, 11th - 13th April 2016. It always fills up so please register early so you don’t miss out.

Coaches include international, national & state players.

St Thomas’ Hockey Clinic
Sunday 1st May 2016
Keep the date free, a fun and excellent session to brush up on your hockey skills prior to the hockey season, run by Western Australian & Australian hockey players for all St Thomas students. More details to follow.

NEW THIS YEAR Kindy/PP Skills-based sessions
For the first time, this year Westside Wolves will hold Kindy/PP skills-based sessions during the season at the same time as games are being played. There will be no teams and no uniform required, but the sessions will run at 9am each Saturday of the season for the same duration as the Junior and Nines games. If you have a younger child itching to pick up a hockey stick while their older siblings are playing, why not register them in this fun skills-based session where they will start to learn hockey skills and techniques. For more information come along on Wednesday 9th March 2016 or contact Jan O’Brien

For more information please call or email Jan O’Brien 0415 133 817 jan@theloungeroom.com