

Annual Community Report 2025

**St Thomas Primary School
Claremont**

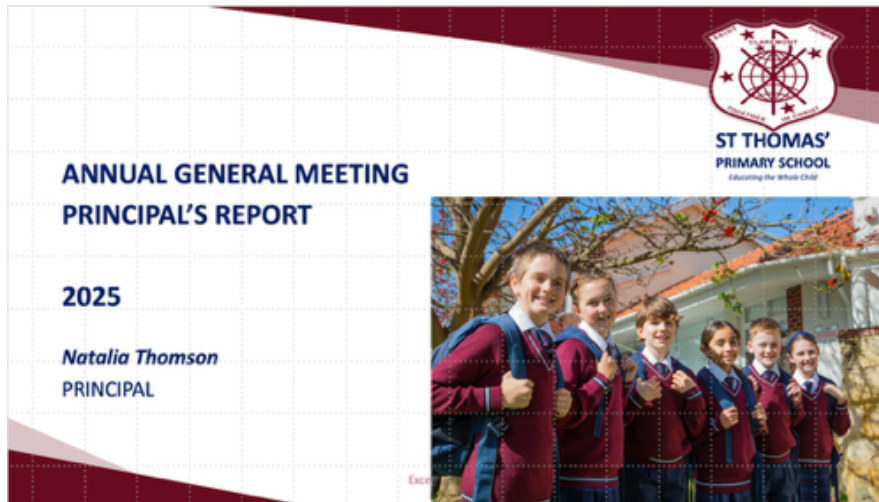


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Principal Report

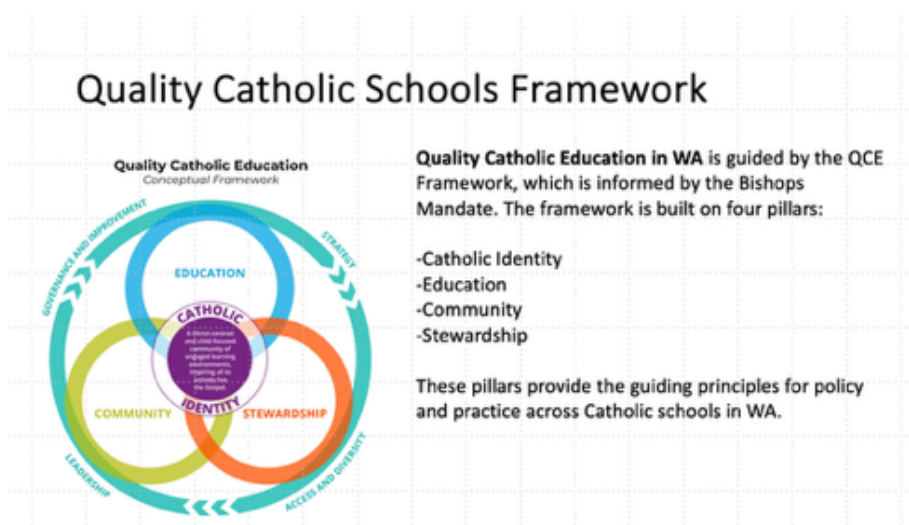
Natalia Thomson -Principal



Good evening, everyone, and thank you for joining us tonight.

As we approach the conclusion of the 2025 school year, I am delighted to reflect on the many achievements, growth, and community connections that have shaped this year at St Thomas'.

QUALITY CATHOLIC EDUCATION (QCE) FRAMEWORK



School improvement in Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA) is guided by the **Quality Catholic Education (QCE) Framework**, which is informed by the **Bishops' Mandate**. The framework is built on **four pillars**:

- **Catholic Identity**
- **Education**
- **Community**
- **Stewardship**

These pillars provide the guiding principles for policy and practice across Catholic schools in WA.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY – The Year of Community

2025 was celebrated as ***The Year of Community***, a theme lived out through collaboration, support, and shared faith. Guided by Romans 12:5 ***“So in Christ we, though many, form one body”*** our school embraced unity and Gospel values in every aspect of life.

Weekly focus on our core values, **Inclusivity, Truth, Excellence, Compassion, and Community**, and the elements of our school vision, reinforced Catholic identity beyond Religious Education, permeating prayer, liturgy, social justice, and partnerships with families, parish, and the Presentation Sisters.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY
United in faith and purpose

The Year of Community – lived through collaboration and Gospel values

Weekly focus on core values: Inclusivity, Truth, Excellence, Compassion, Community & elements of school Vision.

Faith in action: Mini Vinnies projects, Market Stalls (\$2,000 for Wheelchairs for Kids)

Liturgical highlights: Sacraments, Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, Project Compassion, Founder's Day, Feast Days.

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Excellence |

Faith in action was evident through **Mini Vinnies initiatives** (Easter Appeal, Winter Soup Drive, Winter Woollies, Christmas Food Drive) and the **Market Stalls Project**, which raised over \$2,000 for Wheelchairs for Kids. Students also engaged with **Life Link for Schools**, deepening their understanding of charity and the Church's mission.

Our liturgical life was rich and meaningful, with celebrations including Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, Project Compassion, Stations of the Cross, Feast Days, and Sacraments.

Staff formation was supported by Sr Catherine and Mrs Gibbs, while Father Garner provided pastoral leadership. Highlights included **Founders Day**, the **Feast of the Presentation of Mary**, and senior students exploring papal election traditions following the announcement of the new Pope.

EDUCATION

School Vision



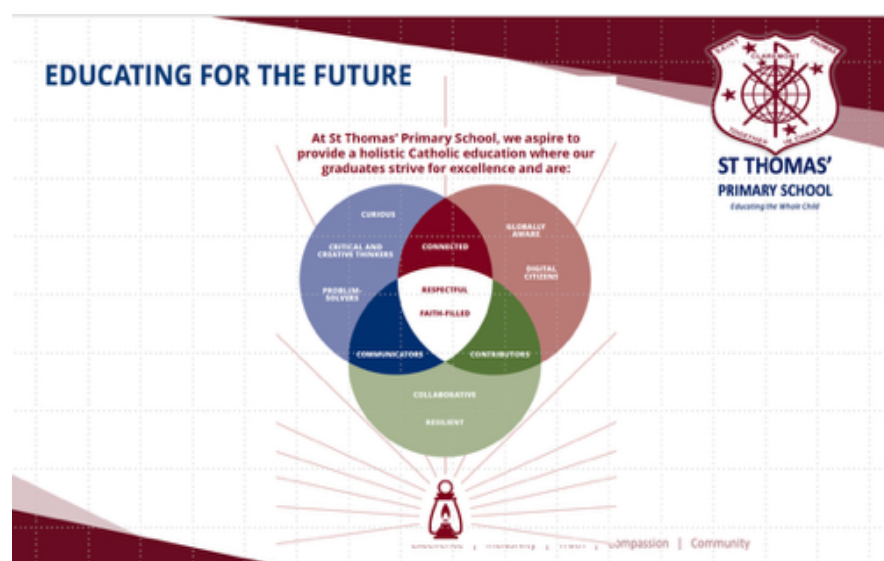
In 2025, St Thomas' focused on improving student outcomes through **high-quality teaching and data-informed practice**. Literacy remained a major priority, with continued implementation of the **PLD program** and alignment to the WA Curriculum. Staff engaged in professional learning through the **Beaches Network** and **EAL/D interschool Networks**, strengthening capacity to meet diverse needs.

Innovation was fostered through a **new STEM enrichment program** for Years 3–6, giving students opportunities to innovate and problem-solve for the future. In the upper years, **Character Building initiatives** promoted resilience, leadership, and empathy.

NAPLAN results were outstanding, with Years 3 and 5 achieving scores over 10 units above the comparator in literacy and numeracy, supported by Structured Synthetic Phonics and differentiated learning approaches. This success reflects our whole-school approach to learning and wellbeing.

Building confidence in communication was another key focus. In the early years, **speaking and listening programs** nurtured oral language development, clarity, and self-expression. In the upper years, **Oracy and Debating programs** strengthened critical thinking, persuasive skills, and teamwork. These initiatives empower students to articulate ideas confidently, engage respectfully in dialogue, and develop leadership qualities that will serve them well beyond the classroom.

Educating for the Future



Empowering learners for Life

EDUCATION

Empowering learners for life

Literacy priority: Embedding Promoting Literacy Development (PLD) program, WA Curriculum alignment

STEM enrichment for Years 3–6;

Character Building initiatives

NAPLAN success: Years 3 & 5 >10 units above comparator in English, Numeracy, & Writing

Speaking & Listening, Oracy, Debating – building confidence & leadership

Performing Arts, Sporting Achievements, Co-curricular Opportunities

QCE Award -Waaliny Walkern Project.

Year 6 Canberra Tour



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Excellence | Inclusivity



Students thrived in diverse learning experiences, specialist programs (Visual Art, Music, Science, PE, Languages, STEM), and cultural events such as Harmony Day and NAIDOC Week.

Co-curricular offerings expanded with exciting new clubs which included: **Rock Band, Drawing Club, Board Games**, while Surfing, Dance and Drama Club continued to shine with outstanding performances.

Academic enrichment included **AGAT testing, Solar Car Challenge, Tournament of Minds, Academic Allstars, Speak Up Competition** (with a finalist win), and the **STAWA Science Challenge**. Pastoral care remained central through **Highway Heroes**, wellbeing surveys, and the Buddy Program.

We were proud to be nominated for **two Quality Catholic Education Awards**:

- *The Coming of the Colours* in the **Education category**, and
- *The ARTS Show – Around the World* in the **Community category**, celebrating culture and diversity.

Our **Project ‘Waaliny Walkern – The Coming of the Colours’**, was a powerful step toward Reconciliation, engaging all students from Kindergarten to Year 6 in an original theatrical performance that combined drama, dance, and music to retell the First Nations story of Jindalee and the creation of the Rainbow. Students explored Noongar language, cultural traditions, and spiritual connections, building trustful relationships with the First Nations community.

The **St Thomas’ Primary School ARTS Show – Around the World** was a vibrant celebration of creativity, community, and inclusivity. Aligned with Open Day, it welcomed families and the wider community to experience our values in action. Every student proudly showcased talent across Visual Arts, Music, and performance. The use of recycled materials highlighted our commitment to sustainability and stewardship, while collaboration fostered pride, connection, and belonging.

Some of the year’s highlights also included **Edu-Dance** and the **Year 6 Canberra Tour**, offering civics and cultural learning. Additional enrichment featured the **Premier’s Reading Challenge, Angelico Art Exhibition**, incursions, and leadership camps. At the heart of all initiatives was a commitment to strong relationships, explicit teaching, and nurturing creativity and achievement.

Students excelled in the performing arts with entries in the Catholic Performing Arts categories of Bible Reading, Sacred and Choral Choir, Dance, Drama, piano, drums, violin, and vocal. There were many outstanding results, and we congratulate our students for striving for excellence.

On the sporting field, our strong Physical Education program, ensured students achieved excellence in showing sportsmanship and community spirit in their interhouse and interschool programs. These achievements were celebrated by being awarded first place in all three Interschool Carnivals: Swimming, Athletics, and Cross Country as well as first place in the Interschool Winter Carnival sports of Soccer and Netball. Sporting School Grants, ensured that our students were able to access additional programs facilitated by experts in Gymnastics, Basketball, Taekwondo and Ultimate Frisbee.

Video: Year 6 Canberra Tour

COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY
Together in faith, united in purpose

Built on trust, respect, and partnership with families
22 languages spoken – diversity enriches our journey
Quality Catholic Education (QCE) Awards – Two nominations
Key events: Harmony Day, NAIDOC Week, Parent Works
Christian Service Partnerships
Celebrations: Mother's Day, Father's Day,
Grandparents Day, Founder's Day
Looking ahead: Strengthening community as
we embrace *Excellence* in 2026

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Excellence | Inclusivity

Community remains central to St Thomas', built on trust, respect, and partnership with families as the first educators. Open communication and active listening underpin this collaboration.

Our students, staff, families, Advisory Council, Parents & Friends, Parent Representatives, MOST, Parish, and wider school community are united in their commitment to creating a welcoming, inclusive environment, where every child feels valued, supported, and inspired to thrive.

This year, we celebrated growing diversity, with **22 languages spoken** among families and many students learning English as an additional language. This richness brings new perspectives and strengthens our shared journey.

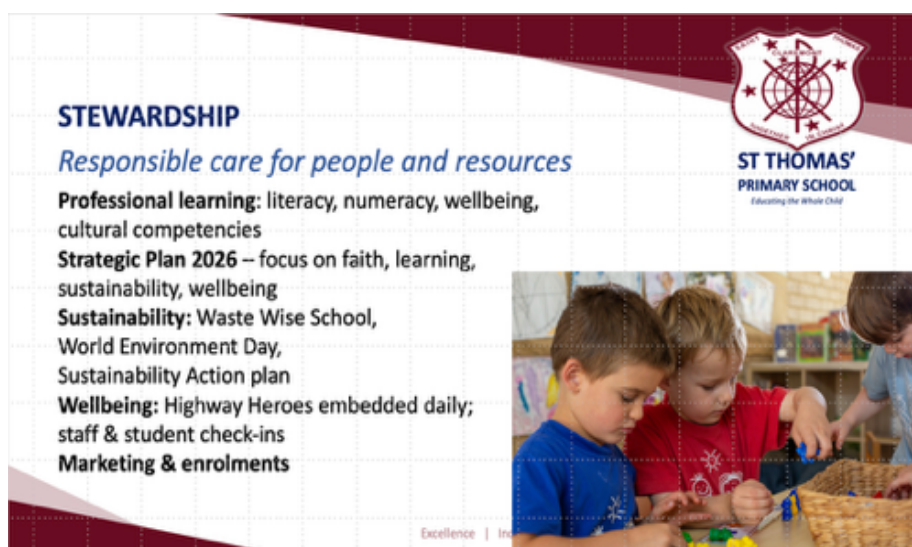
Community spirit was evident through events and initiatives, including:

- **Harmony Day Performance – The Coming of the Colours**, celebrating First Nations culture.
- **NAIDOC Week, Anzac Day, Remembrance Day, Reconciliation Week** are all celebrated
- **Parent Workshop: Raising Digitally Resilient Children**, supporting safe online practices.
- **Christian Service Partnerships**, welcoming students from local colleges and TAFE.
- **Mother's Day, Father's Day, and Grandparents Day**, also honoured our family contributions.

Together, these experiences reflect our commitment to inclusivity, cultural appreciation, and strong connections across the school community.

Many more community events will be outlined in the P & F report this evening.

STEWARDSHIP

A poster titled 'STEWARDSHIP' with the subtitle 'Responsible care for people and resources'. It lists four key areas: Professional learning (literacy, numeracy, wellbeing, cultural competencies), Strategic Plan 2026 (focus on faith, learning, sustainability, wellbeing), Sustainability (Waste Wise School, World Environment Day, Sustainability Action plan), and Wellbeing (Highway Heroes embedded daily; staff & student check-ins). It also mentions 'Marketing & enrolments'. The St Thomas' Primary School logo is in the top right, and a photo of children working is in the bottom right.

STEWARDSHIP
Responsible care for people and resources

Professional learning: literacy, numeracy, wellbeing, cultural competencies
Strategic Plan 2026 – focus on faith, learning, sustainability, wellbeing
Sustainability: Waste Wise School, World Environment Day, Sustainability Action plan
Wellbeing: Highway Heroes embedded daily; staff & student check-ins
Marketing & enrolments

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Excellence | Integrity

At St Thomas', stewardship is about valuing people and resources. Staff professional learning remained a priority, with further training in literacy, numeracy, wellbeing, trauma-informed practices,

First Nations cultural competencies, faith formation, and sustainability. Financial decisions were guided by a commitment to being student-centred and sustainable.

As mentioned by our AC Chair, we commenced the strategic planning process, which will be shaped by community input, and focused on faith, learning, sustainability, and wellbeing. Marketing efforts expanded through social media, a new website, and a wrap-around strategy supported by CEWA, increasing engagement locally and internationally.

Sustainability initiatives included **World Environment Day activities**, a **School Waste Education Day**, and the development of a Sustainability Action Plan. St Thomas' is proud to be an **Accredited Waste Wise School**.

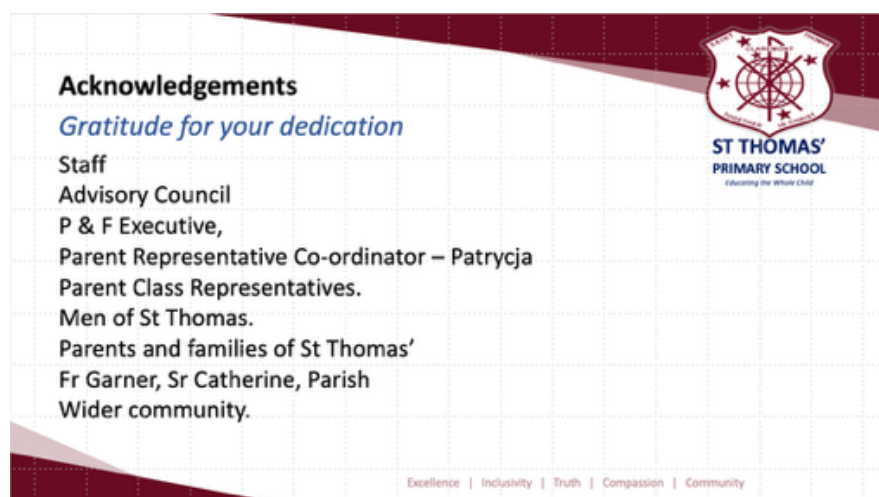
Student and Staff Wellbeing

Wellbeing remained a cornerstone of our approach. Through the **Highway Heroes program**, we embed social-emotional learning and resilience-building practices into the school day. Daily wellbeing check-ins for students and staff provides valuable insights and support, ensuring that every member of our community feels safe, connected, and cared for. These initiatives foster confidence, emotional regulation, and positive relationships, strengthening the culture of wellbeing across the school.

EXTEND services continued to support families with before- and after-school care, and plans are underway to introduce holiday care for greater flexibility.

School facilities are currently being restored following Term 3 storm damage, ensuring readiness for the new school year. These efforts reflect our commitment to growth, care for creation, and responsible management of resources.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



As we approach the conclusion of 2025, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to:

- **Our Advisory Council** members, for your unwavering support, wisdom, and guidance.

A special farewell and sincere thanks to **Daniel Della Vedova**, who has been on our School Board and Advisory Council for over 6 years, contributing as Treasurer and on the Finance Team.

To **Stashu Powlika**, thank you both for your contributions and service to our school community, and, to **Rebecca Faugno**, Thank you for your wise counsel, contribution and support over the last two years, and in your role as Advisory Council Chair for 2026.

- To **Frank Di Latte, Paul Whitehouse and Alex Deng**, thank you for contribution and for continuing in your advisory roles for 2026 .
- **The Parents and Friends Association**, especially Patrycja Spears, Sarah Van Bockxmeer, Angela Jarrott, and Shelley Partridge, for building connection and supporting school initiatives.
- **Patrycja Spears** as Parent Rep Co-ordinator and all class representatives for fostering community. We are so appreciative of the work that you have done in this role to connect parents in each class.
- **The Men of St Thomas**, especially Joep, for many years of organising events, especially the Dad's Campout and for strengthening our community. **Joep** will be passing on the baton to another dad to head up the MOST group.
- **To Parents, families, and friends**, for your partnership in educating your children.
- **To Sr Catherine Warner, Fr Garner, and our parish community**, for walking alongside us in faith formation.

Your contributions, through time, talent, and resources, are the foundation of our success. Thank you.

To our year 6 students and departing families, we wish you well in your future endeavours.

STAFF

As Principal, I am proud to lead an extraordinary team of educators at St Thomas'. I wish to acknowledge and sincerely thank our Assistant Principal, Mr. Heath Nankivell, and our Middle Leaders:

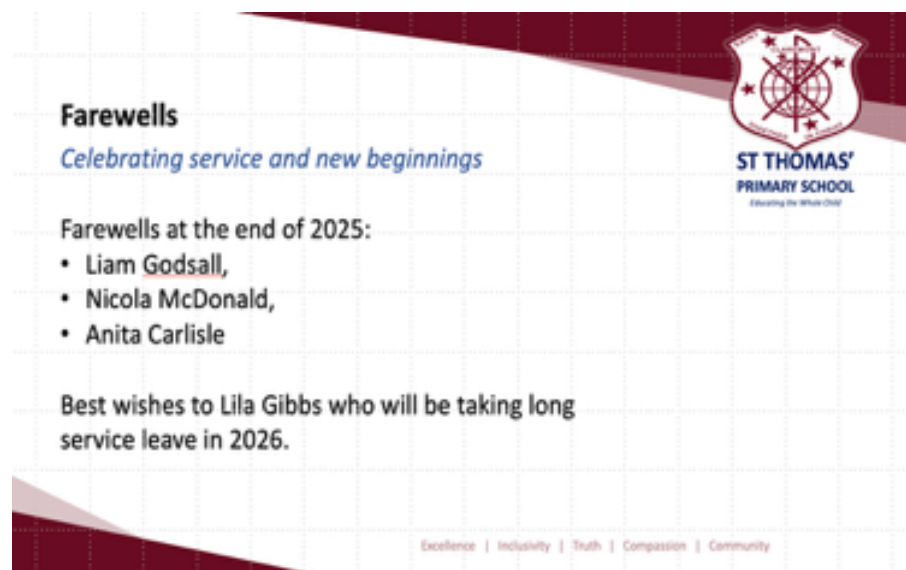
- Mrs. Lila Gibbs, Liturgical Coordinator.
- Mr. Liam Godsall, Curriculum
- Mrs Penny Pitcher, Marketing;

for their outstanding leadership in their respective roles as a leadership team.

To our administration team, Julie Wray, Marta Gumina and Victoria McDonald, thank you. Your warm and friendly greetings make a positive impact on our students and brighten everyone's day.

To our wonderful staff, classroom teachers, specialist teachers, education assistants, grounds and support staff; each one of you goes above and beyond to ensure each child is cared for, supported, and shown love. I am so blessed to lead such a dedicated and passionate team of educators.

FAREWELLS



This year, we say a heartfelt goodbye to some wonderful members of our team: **(please stand)**

- **Liam Godsall** – after six years of dedicated service as Curriculum Leader, Upper Cluster Leader, and educator in Years 4–6.
- **Nicola McDonald** – after six years as Early Years Cluster Leader and Year 1/2 educator.
- **Anita Carlisle** – who is relocating to Bunbury after making a significant impact in special needs education.

We thank each of you for your passion, professionalism, and the care you have shown to our students and community. Your contributions have left a lasting legacy, and you will always be part of the St Thomas' story.

We also wish **Lila Gibbs** a joyful and well-deserved year of long service leave. Enjoy this time, you have truly earned it! So now, It is with great pleasure that I announce staffing for the 2026 school year.

STAFFING 2026

Staff 2026	 ST THOMAS' PRIMARY SCHOOL Educating the Whole Child
Principal - Mrs Natalia Thomson	
Assistant Principal - Mr Heath Nankivell	
Administration - Julie Wray & Marta Gumina	
Finance Officer - Victoria McDonald	

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Pre-Kindy	Mrs Kate Byrne	 ST THOMAS' PRIMARY SCHOOL Educating the Whole Child
Kindy	Miss Kelsey Lazarakis	
Pre-primary	Mrs Katie Arthur	
Year 1	Mrs Nadia Watts-Bosco & Mrs Megan Clarke	
Year 2	Miss Phebe Harvey	
Education Support	Mrs Sam Valentine	

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Year 3	Miss Hannah Antulov	 ST THOMAS' PRIMARY SCHOOL Educating the Whole Child
Year 4	Mrs Annie Lord	
Year 5	Mrs Penny Pitcher	
Year 6	Mr Josh Antulov	
e-Challenge	Mrs Natalie Cloud	

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Drama & Music	Mrs Nicole Wills	 ST THOMAS' PRIMARY SCHOOL <i>Educating the Whole Child</i>
Phys Ed.	Miss Jasmine Wallace	
Science/STEM	Mrs Natalie Cloud	
Visual Arts	Mrs Kate Byrne	
Library	Mrs Sue Vincent	

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EDUCATION ASSISTANTS		 ST THOMAS' PRIMARY SCHOOL <i>Educating the Whole Child</i>
Pre-Kindy & Kindy	Miss Emily Della Bona	
Pre-primary	Miss Jessica <u>Berettieri</u>	
Year 1 & 2	Mrs Jeanette Koong Miss Rebecca McCarthy	
Class EA's	Mrs Sue Vincent, Miss Jordana Scavarchi Miss Emilee Patterson, Mrs Gemma Roberts	
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2026 VALUE FOCUS

2026 Value Focus: EXCELLENCE <i>Inspiring every child to achieve their best</i> • Excellence in academics, character, creativity, and community spirit • Embedding excellence into all aspects of school life	 ST THOMAS' PRIMARY SCHOOL <i>Educating the Whole Child</i>
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2026 VALUE FOCUS: The Year of EXCELLENCE

In 2026, St Thomas' will embrace **Excellence** as our guiding value. This focus aims to inspire every child to achieve their personal best, not only academically, but in character, creativity, and community spirit. By embedding excellence into all aspects of school life, we strive to create an environment where students feel empowered to contribute meaningfully to the world around them.

Thank you for your partnership with us on your child's educational journey. Together, we make a real difference in the life of your child and make St Thomas' a place where faith and learning continue to thrive. We look forward to celebrating with you at our **Christmas Concert, "Once Upon a Starry Night," on Tuesday 9 December,**

Please enjoy this video sharing some highlights of the 2025 school year. After which, I invite PK and Sarah to present their Chair & Treasurer Report for the P & F. Wishing you an enjoyable and safe Christmas holiday break.

May God bless you all.

Natalia Thomson

Principal

Video: 2025: Year of Community

Catholic School Advisory Council

Chair Report

-Rebecca Faugno (Chair)



ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Chair
Rebecca Faugno

Secretary
Paul Whitehouse

Finance Subcommittee
Daniel Della Vedova (Treasurer) & Alex Deng

Grounds and Maintenance Subcommittee
Frank Di Latte (chair)

Member
Stashu Poliwka

P&F Representative
Patrycja Spears

School Leadership Team
Natalia Thomson and Heath Nankivell

Parish Administrator
Fr Garner Vergara



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ADVISORY COUNCIL PURPOSE

Role of the AC is to support the Principal under the Terms of Reference (Constitution)

- Strategy setting in collaboration with the Principal
- Financial Management- monitoring of the school's budget, capital expenditure, sustainability and budget endorsement
- Planning and development in accordance with current and future needs of the school
- Culture setting and standards
- Support to School leadership team



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2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

Meetings centred around four pillars:

- Catholic Identity
- Education
- Community
- Stewardship



Catholic Education Commission of WA,
Strategic Initiatives 2030
(updated Feb 2025)



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2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

- Inducted new members and training for all members
- CEWA Strategic Initiatives 2030 (revised)
- AC Terms of Reference review – completed (CEWA)
- Strategic Plan update
- Faith formation
- Grounds & Maintenance – priorities, progress
- Capital Development Plan
- Marketing
- School finances and budget



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2026 FOCUS

New AC members and new chair
School Strategic Plan
Capital Development Plan
Marketing
Faith formation



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2025 ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Chair
Paul Whitehouse
Finance Subcommittee
Alex Deng (treasurer)
Grounds and Maintenance Subcommittee
Frank Di Latte (chair)
New Members
Jerry Frewen, Matt Kinder
P&F Representative
Patrycja Spears (or attendee)
School Leadership Team
Natalia Thomson and **Heath Nankivell**
Parish Administrator
Fr Garner Vergara



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & APPRECIATION

Retiring Members – Daniel Della Vedova, Stashu Poliwka
P&F representative – Patrycja Spears
Current AC members
Principal – Natalia Thomson
Assistant Principal – Heath Nankivell
Administration and finance department
Committed and caring team of teachers



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THANK YOU & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Father Garner and St Thomas the Apostle Parish Community
 Best wishes to families, students and staff who are leaving the school
 P&F Group
 Welcome our new families and Staff
 Parents and families



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Treasurer Report

Total Recurrent revenue: 3,001,064

Total Recurrent expense: 3,232,747

Surplus Income: (28,041)

Cash at Bank as at 31/12/2025: \$126,049.41

Fee increases for 2027: 4%

2025/2026 BUDGET COMPARISON

EXPENSES	2025	2026	INCOME	2025	2026
Employee Benefits	\$2,700,304	\$2,746,976	Fees and Charges	\$587,924	\$540,832
Curriculum Departmental Expenses	\$237,347	\$199,104	Discounts & Concessions	-\$80,762	-\$73,940
Administration and General	\$189,413	\$181,568	Other Recurrent Income	\$37,920	\$48,070
Finance	\$500	\$200	Capital Income	\$161,971	\$135,778
Property Maintenance and Utilities	\$195,700	\$193,700	Other Student Charges	\$385,761	\$383,991
Operating Leases and Rent	\$33,516	\$40,000	Trading Account Income	\$63,500	\$63,500
Loss on Disposal/ Sale of Assets	\$0	\$0	State Government Grants	\$505,299	\$512,316
Trading Account Expenses	\$500	\$500	Australian Government Grants	\$1,477,666	\$1,434,979
			Australian Government Grants (Other)	\$32,100	\$42,900
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,357,281	\$3,362,098	TOTAL INCOME	\$3,171,378	\$3,088,426



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2026 BUDGET



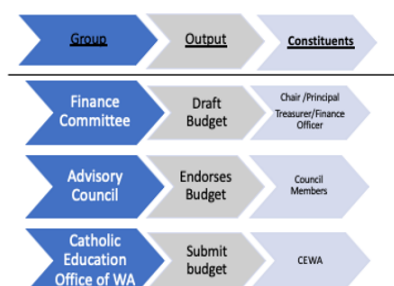
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Recurrent Income/Cash Reserves	3,088,426
Recurrent Expense	3,362,098
NET PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE DEPRECIATION	(273,672)

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THE BUDGET PROCESS

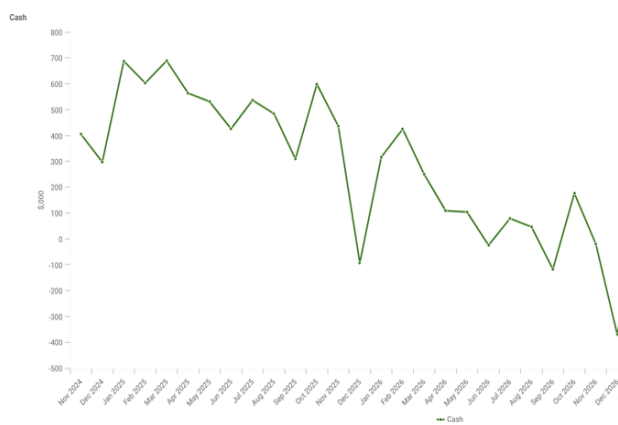


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ESTIMATED CASH MOVEMENT 2026



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FEE INCREASE 2026

Fee increase guidelines are provided by the Catholic Education WA (CEWA)

Fee increase for 2025 are within given guidelines

2025 -> 4% increase

2026 -> 4% increase



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2026 ST THOMAS' PRIMARY SCHOOL FEES

	Kindergarten	Pre-primary	Years 1-2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Tuition Fees	\$1,772	\$2,966	\$2,966	\$2,966	\$2,966	\$2,966	\$2,966
Resources/ Amenities Levy	\$925	\$1,131	\$1,131	\$1,131	\$1,131	\$1,131	\$1,131
Swimming	-	\$175	\$175	\$175	\$175	\$175	\$175
Booklist	-	\$103	\$103	\$103	\$103	\$103	\$103
Excursion	\$47	\$83	\$83	\$83	\$83	\$83	\$83
Sacramental Fees	-	-	-	60	60	60	60
Insurance	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10
Pre-primary Speech Screening	-	\$139	-	-	-	-	-
Year 3 1:1 Device	-	-	-	\$300	\$300	-	-
Year 5 Camp	-	-	-	-	-	\$157	-
Year 6 Camp	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$554
Year 6 Leavers' Shirt	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$60
Total Student Charges for One Child	\$2,754	\$4,607	\$4,468	\$4,828	\$4,828	\$4,625	\$5,142

Additional Family Fees							
Building Levy	\$332	\$556	\$556	\$556	\$556	\$556	\$556
Maintenance Levy	\$273	\$618	\$618	\$618	\$618	\$618	\$618
PI&F Levy	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Total Family Charges for One Child	\$705	\$1,274	\$1,274	\$1,274	\$1,274	\$1,274	\$1,274

Total Fees							
	Kindergarten	Pre-primary	Years 1-2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Charges for Eldest Child	\$3,459	\$5,881	\$5,742	\$6,102	\$6,102	\$5,899	\$6,416



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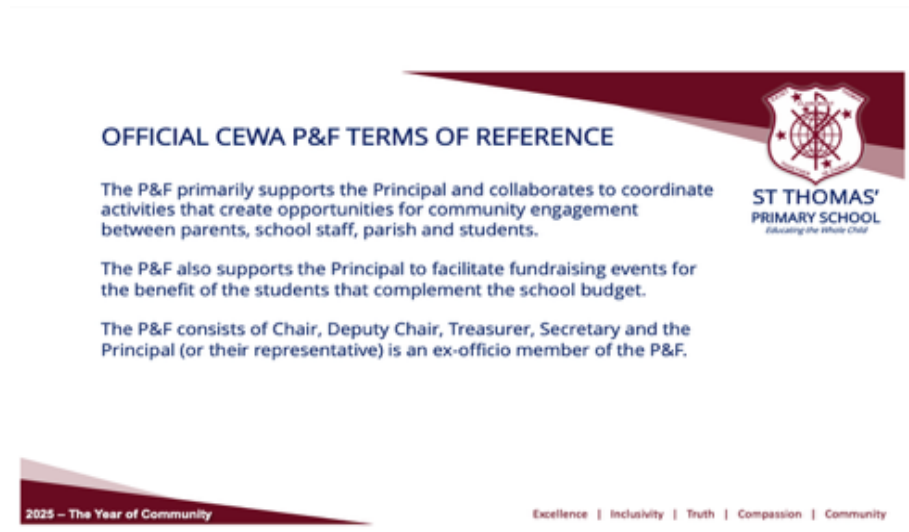
Parents & Friends President Report

Chair: Patrycja Spears



Good evening, everyone,

Thank you all for joining us tonight, as we look back on another wonderful year in our school community.



To start with, I would like to acknowledge the official CEWA P&F terms of reference in highlighting that the P&F primarily supports the Principal in school community engagement and in facilitating fundraising events that benefit the children.

2025 has truly been a year filled with connection, celebration, and incredible support from our families, staff, and volunteers. As P&F Chair, I'm very proud to reflect on the highlights that we achieved together this year.



One area I especially want to highlight this year is the role of our **Parent Representatives**. Each year, group reps play such an important part in strengthening connections—not just within classes, but across the whole school. Whether it was organising class catch-ups, sharing information, welcoming new families, or simply being a friendly point of contact.

Thank you to the Parent Reps of 2025 it was a pleasure supporting you all and to our new parent reps who are making the transition now in preparation for 2026, welcome and thank you for volunteering.

This year St Thomas' had a **Parent Rep Coordinator**. I looked after this role and worked closely with Natalia and the school administration, to assist with communication, support our Parent Reps, and ensuring that new families felt fully informed, welcomed, and included from the very beginning. It has been wonderful to see how positively this was received, and how much closer and more connected it made our school feel.

In 2025 a Functions and Events Committee was organised at the start of the year via Signup to enable P&F and volunteers to work closely together on fundraising events. We found this platform to be very successful, and we will organise a similar structure for 2026 to support the ARTs Show as well as the fundraiser evening.

REVIEWING SCHOOL ACTIVITIES FOR 2025

Founder's Day Morning Tea
Year 5 and 6 Drama Production
World Teacher's Day Morning Tea
Kindergarten Orientation Morning Tea



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REVIEWING PARENT ACTIVITIES FOR 2025

Start of Year - Welcome Morning Tea
Sundowner
Mother's Day Breakfast
Father's Day Breakfast
P&F Movie Trivia Quiz Night Fundraiser



REVIEWING STUDENT ACTIVITIES 2025

Class Rep organised Start of Year Picnics
Pancake Shrove Tuesday
Mother's Day Stalls
Harmony Day
Edu-Dance Concert
Book Week Parade
Founder's Day Celebrations
Father's Day Stalls
First Holy Communion
Confirmation

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In terms of school community events, this year began with our much-loved **Sundowner**, a beautiful way to welcome new and returning families and set the tone for the year ahead.

From there, the momentum continued with **Shrove Tuesday**, where volunteers flipped hundreds of pancakes with plenty of smiles and very appreciative children.

We celebrated our mums in style at the **Mother's Day events**, and later in the year our dads were honoured at the **Father's Day celebrations**, both made possible by the generosity and hands-on help of so many parents.

Grandparents Day was another highlight—seeing the joy on the children's faces as they proudly welcomed their grandparents reminded us all, why these events matter so much.

Our P&F support extended throughout the year with **Founder's Day**, the lively **EduDance concert evening**, and a heartfelt **World Teachers' Day morning tea**, where we had the chance to show our appreciation for the dedicated staff who guide and nurture our children every day.

One of the stand-out moments of 2025 was, of course, our **main fundraiser - "The Movie Trivia Night"**. It was an outstanding success—far beyond what we imagined. The generosity of our parent community was extraordinary. Whether you attended the event, took part in the auction, or contributed through donations even when you couldn't be there, your support was deeply appreciated. Your kindness directly impacts the opportunities and resources available to our children.

We also had terrific support for our **Crazy Camel fundraiser**, which raised additional funds for student initiatives. A fun project for the kids and another reminder of how small contributions combine to make a big difference.

St Thomas' is very lucky to have a father's support group M.O.S.T "Men of St Thomas" that has been led by Joep Vaessen over the last few years and the President baton in 2026 has been handed to Arian Mianigivi with Alex Deng supporting and organising the campout in 2026.

MOST organises events during the year and supports the P&F but the highlight for the children is the Dads Campout. So much planning and behind the scenes coordination occurs to make an event like that happen, so a huge thank you to Joep and all the parents that assisted, to make the weekend so successful. Thank you, Joep, for all the time, thought, planning, dedication and enthusiasm that you brought to this role over the years and we look forward to supporting both Arian and Alex in 2026.

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Reviewing the achievements of 2025 in a nutshell would include:

- Creation of the Parent Rep Coordinator role
- Function & Events Volunteer Committee
- Changing the Mother's Day morning tea to an early breakfast like the Father's day event to cater and support our working mothers.
- Movie Trivia & Crazy Camel Fundraiser
- St Thomas' Supporter Caps
- Raising funds for 2 new drink fountains
- Contributing \$29,129 to various school investments, events and programs.

REVIEW OF ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2025

Parent Representative Coordinator
Functions & Events Volunteer Committee
Mother's Day Breakfast
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CRAZY Camel
Fundraising Families Love



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EVENTS FOR 2026

- Sundowner 2026
- Save The Date, Friday 20 February
- ARTs Show 2026
- Wednesday, 16 September (term 3)
- Parent Evening Fundraiser & ARTs Show Auction
- Friday, 6 November (term 4)

EVENTS FOR 2026

Sundowner 2026

Friday 20 February (save the date)

Arts Show 2026

Wednesday 16 September

Fundraiser Parent Evening & Arts Show Auction

Friday 6 November



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P&F COMMITTEE 2026

Chair

Deputy Chair

Secretary

Treasurer

Patrycja (PK) Spears

Angela Jarrott

Shelley Partridge

Sarah van Bockxmeer



MOTION FOR APPROVAL

The St Thomas P&F Group Committee be confirmed as the above positions, respectively.

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P&F is a volunteer position and none of this would be possible without our amazing dedicated team. To **Angela, Shelley, and Sarah**—thank you. Your hard work, commitment and willingness to step up time and time again is the backbone of everything we do. I am truly grateful to work alongside you and appreciate you all staying on for another year.

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THANK YOU

Natalia Thomson & Heath Nankivell
Julie Wray & Marta Gumina
Victoria McDonald
All the Teachers, Assistant Teachers & Specialist Teachers
Rebecca Faugno and the Advisory Council Members
Class Parent Representatives
Function & Events committee volunteers
All Parent Volunteers
Libby Crawford
Joep Vaessen & all the M.O.S.T members
The P&F Team of 2025 – Patrycja (PK), Angela, Sarah and Shelley
Last but not least the whole school community



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MEN OF ST THOMAS (M.O.S.T.)

2026 President **Arian Mianigivi**

2026 Campout Leader **Alex Deng**



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

A heartfelt thank you to Natalia & Heath together with Julie, Marta and Victoria for all their support throughout the year.

A thank you to all the Teachers, Assistant Teachers & Specialist Teachers. Rebecca and the Advisory Council Members, Class Parent Representatives, Libby Crawford for managing the second-hand uniform shop, Joep & all the M.O.S.T Members, Function & Events Committee Volunteers.

All Parent Volunteers those who bake, set up, pack away, run stalls, serve food, coordinate, communicate, and simply show up—**thank you**. You are the reason our school community feels warm, welcoming and connected. Your time, energy, and enthusiasm create the special culture we are so proud of.

Finally, to the whole School Community, thank you.

CONCLUSION

As we look ahead to a new year, I'm excited for what we will continue to achieve together. Thank you for your unwavering support, your generosity, and your belief in the importance of our St Thomas' school community.

Thank you.

Patrycja Spears

P & F Chair 2025

Parent & Friends Treasurer Report

-Sarah van Bockxmeer (Treasurer)

P&F FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2025

Opening Balance (Nov, 2024)	\$19,073
Closing Balance (Nov, 2025)	\$11,974

Primary Sources of revenue in 2025

P&F Levy	\$13,267
Movie Trivia Quiz Fundraiser	\$10,794
Uniform Shop	\$ 2,403
Father's Day Stall	\$ 1,618
Mother's Day Stall	\$ 1,275
Crazy Camel	\$ 1,070
Supporter Caps	\$ 643

Total Primary Revenue Sources 2025	\$31,070
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P&F PRIMARY INVESTMENTS 2025

New Refrigerated Drink Fountains (x2)	\$17,332
Additional contributions Term 4 (Incursions, Literacy, Capital Expenses)	\$6,000
School / Community Events and Celebrations	\$2,397
School Disco (Term 2)	\$1,650
Christmas Concert	\$750
Drama Production	\$500
Year 6 Graduation	\$500

Total (2025) \$29,129



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CSAC / P&F Election Results

No elections required as there were enough vacancies for nominees in CSAC. No positions vacant in P & F.

New members for 2026 CSAC:

- Mathew Kinder,
- Jerry Frewen