Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term Two. I hope you all had a peaceful Easter break with your families and friends. We have another busy term at St Thomas’ with a variety of activities during the eleven weeks.

The School Crossing outside St Thomas’ on Guthridge Parade is now completed and in operation. While this will have an affect on parking it must be explained the main reason for its implementation is for improving safety for all families and minimising traffic congestion along Guthridge Parade. Please observe the traffic signs along Guthridge Parade and Raglan Street. Families may have noticed the No Standing Signs which run for approximately 50 meters along Raglan Street. This area will be a Kiss/Drop Off/Pick up Bay for families. You may stop, say goodbye to the children, where they will get out of the car. You are not allowed to park your car in this area if you are planning to leave your car and walk your children into school.

The Shire will allow approximately three weeks for everyone to become used to the new changes and to start following the new traffic laws. Parents will be issued with warnings if they are not following procedure, then infringement notices will follow for repeat offenders. They are serious when enforcing local council laws with one parent at Sale Primary recently receiving two infringement notices in one day. I hope we can all work together to help create a safer environment for our families.

A reminder that Parent and Teacher Interviews are next Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon. All families are required to make an appointment with their classroom teachers. A note was sent home to all families at the end of last term. If you did not receive one, please contact the school office. These interviews give the opportunity for teachers and parents to discuss academic progress and other areas that require conversation.

All parents and families are invited to join children and staff at the 2013 Peace Mass at Bishop Phelan Stadium next Wednesday, 24th April at 11am. The Peace Mass has all our catholic schools in the Wellington Shire come together to promote peace in our world. This is obviously very timely following the shocking attack on civilians during this week’s Boston Marathon.

St Thomas’ will be celebrating Catholic Education Week with Open Days for all kinder children between Monday, 29th April and Friday, 3rd May. Families together with children can have a school tour between 9am-10.30am on each of these days. Information will be distributed to all kinders and child care facilities next week. We have nearly 40 siblings of existing families starting next year so it will be another large Prep intake. We definitely will be running with 3 classes if families know of friends who would like to start their association with St Thomas’ next year it will be helpful for them to attend and make an enrolment interview later in the term. All existing families receive first priority for enrolment, followed by new families who are catholic, then any remaining vacancies are for non catholic families.

IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday 20th April
- Confirmation Commitment Mass

Sunday 21st April
- Confirmation Commitment Mass

Monday 22nd April
- Catechist Workshop at 6.30pm

Tuesday 23rd April
- Parent/Teacher Interviews 3.30pm-5.30pm.
- School Board Meeting at 6.30pm followed by the AGM at 7.30pm

Wednesday 24th April
- Parent/Teacher Interviews 3.30pm-5.30pm.
- Peace Mass at Bishop Phelan Stadium

Thursday 25th April
- Anzac Day Public Holiday

Friday 26th April
- Darren Chester presenting Leadership Certificates at School Assembly
- P & F monthly cuppa before assembly

Monday 29th April
- Prep Open Day 9.00am – 10.30am
- Catechist Workshop at 6.30pm

Tuesday 30th April
- Prep Open Day 9.00am – 10.30am
- Catholic Education Week Mass

Wednesday 1st May
- Prep Open Day 9.00am – 10.30am

Thursday 2nd May
- Prep Open Day 9.00am – 10.30am
- Cross Country
- Confirmation Parent/Child Workshop at 4pm or 6pm
Our School Board will hold the Annual General Meeting next Tuesday, 23\textsuperscript{rd} April at 7.30pm. The monthly Board Meeting will be at 6.30pm before the AGM. All families are more than welcome to attend. We will be welcoming four new members onto our School Board for the 2013 school year.

Finally, please keep Saturday, 17\textsuperscript{th} August free on your calendars. This date will mark the school’s first Dinner Dance and major fundraiser for the year. More details will follow in the coming weeks.

\textit{Jason Slattery}

### MEETINGS:

**Tuesday 23\textsuperscript{rd} April** – School Board Meeting at 6.30 followed by the AGM at 7.30pm

**Friday 17\textsuperscript{th} May** – P&F Meeting at 8.45am

**\textsuperscript{**All agenda items are to be emailed to Jo Roads at cjroads@hotmail.com by the Thursday before the P&F meeting.

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The Year 4 students are doing a fundraiser for ‘Assist a Student Program’ which is an education sponsorship program in Burma aimed at breaking the cycle of poverty. This program is coordinated by St Vincent de Paul Society, Australia. Available for sale will be:

- Friendship bracelets, bookmarks and bag tags for the cost of 10, 20 or 50 cents each.

The stall will be open on Friday 3 May and Wednesday 8 May in the school hall during recess and lunch only.

Help us to make a real difference.

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### TUCKSHOP ROSTER:

Thank you to all the volunteers that are ready to help out in our fantastic renovated tuckshop. With such a wonderful response, everyone is only required once per term. 2 helpers are rostered on each day and are required at the tuckshop from 11.45am – 1.00pm.

If you are unavailable PLEASE try to swap with another person on the roster. Contact names and phone numbers were sent home to helpers with the roster. A reminder for next weeks helpers will be in each newsletter and the roster for the full term will be available on our website.

For further information you can call Poss on 0409 035 144.

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### MONTHLY CUPPA’S!

The Parents and Friends Association will be holding our first “Monthly Cuppa’s” before Friday’s School Assembly on April 26\textsuperscript{th} in front of the new Canteen. Please come along and enjoy a light afternoon tea and catch up with other parents prior to Assembly. We look forward to seeing you!

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### SACRAMENTAL NEWS:

#### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

**COMMITMENT MASS**
Saturday 20\textsuperscript{th} April and Sunday 21\textsuperscript{st} April

**CATECHIST WORKSHOP**
Monday 22\textsuperscript{nd} April – 6.30pm
Monday 29\textsuperscript{th} April – 6.30pm
Monday 6\textsuperscript{th} May – 6.30pm

**PARENT/CHILD WORKSHOP**
Thursday 2\textsuperscript{nd} May – 4pm or 6pm

**PARENT/CHILD WORKSHOP (REFLECTION/FINAL PRACTICE)**
Thursday 16\textsuperscript{th} May – 6.30pm

**CONFIRMATION DAY**
Pentecost Sunday 19\textsuperscript{th} May – 9.30am

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On Wednesday 27 March Eliza Jeffs, Jake Hutchins, Sara Morrison, Clare Brown and Hayley Castle represented St Thomas’ at State Level swimming at Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. Eliza Jeffs competed in 2 individual events winning 2 bronze medals in 50 metres freestyle and backstroke. Jake Hutchins competed in 2 individual events winning a bronze medal in 50 metre butterfly and came 5\textsuperscript{th} in the 50 metre backstroke. Eliza Jeffs, Hayley Castle, Clare Brown and Sara Morrison swam in the Medley relay winning bronze in it. Very well done.

By Eliza Jeffs
MASS/LITURGY TIMES:

All Liturgies will be held at 11.00am unless otherwise advised.

**Wed 24th Apr** Peace Mass at Bishop Phelan Stadium. Whole school attending.

**Tue 30th Apr** Catholic Education Week Mass at St Marys Cathedral. School captains will be attending.

**Tue 21st May** Prayer Service – 5/6F

**Thu 30th May** Mass at St Marys Cathedral – all Year 3 & 4s attending. Time to be advised.

**Tue 4th Jun** Prayer Service – all Preps

**Tue 11th Jun** Pilgrimage Mass at St Marys Cathedral – all Year 5s attending.

**Tue 18th Jun** Prayer Service – 2B

**Mon 24th Jun** Prayer Service for Feast of St Thomas

Please feel free to join us after Mass/Liturgy for a cup of tea or coffee.

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SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Located in the School Boardroom
Every Friday – 2.15am – 3.15pm

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HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS PROGRAM:
The following children have received an award this week.

- **Prep BC** Milla Grattan
- **Prep FB** Brandon Manson
- **Prep L** Alanna Bruce-Abel
- **Year 1B** Jack Ireland
- **Year 1G** Katelyn Henderson
- **Year 1KB** Hayley Bennett
- **Year 2B** Emily Thai
- **Year 2E** Tahlia Bye
- **Year 2W** Jake Lawler/Riley Van Gunst
- **Year 3/4A1** Lara Wain
- **Year 3/4AP** Samara Wilton/Bradley Burton
- **Year 3/4M** Lachlan Mooney
- **Year 3/4P** Maddison Findley
- **Year 5/6BF** Ethan Cook
- **Year 5/6F** Daniel Ireland

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TERM DATES 2013:

**TERM 2** - 15 April – 27 June
**TERM 3** - 15 July – 19 September
**TERM 4** - 7 October – 19 December

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PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Term 2 - Thursday 25 April (Anzac Day)
Monday 10 June (Queens Birthday)
Term 3 – Tuesday 5 November (Melbourne Cup)

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

**LEARN TO UMPIRE**

Sale Netball Association is holding an introduction to umpiring course on Saturday 4th May from 3:30pm – 5:30pm. The cost is $15.00 and all participants are asked to bring their own whistle. This course is open to all ages. It is a great opportunity for both senior students and for parents to go along and learn the basic skills of umpiring netball. Forms are available at the office or you can contact Janine Roest on 0417 389 263 if you have any further enquiries.

**NET-SET-GO**

Net-Set-Go is a junior netball program designed to develop skills in our young players between the ages of 6 and 10. It provides these players with the best possible learning and playing experience to develop a positive introduction to netball, ensuring enjoyment and hopefully a continued participation. The program incorporates skill development, minor games and modified matches. Each player will receive a participants kit, which comprises a bag, ball and other goodies. Ideally, I would love to see all our Under 9 and 10 players using this session as a chance for further skill development. This year there is a Barbie t-shirt included in the pack. One of each size is on display at GRSC Netball office. We have done our best to estimate sizes with our orders as we may not be able to exchange these. The cost of the program is $65 and this includes Netball Victorias registration cost. If your child is already registered the cost will be $30.

The program runs for 8 weeks starting on 4 May from 9.30am – 10.30am.

Registration forms are available on Netball Victorias website or at the desk at the Gippsland Regional Sports Complex.

Registration day for Net-Set-Go is 27 April from 11.00am – 3.00pm.

Sale City Junior Football Club are seeking interested players for their two Under 10 teams this season. Due to recent rule changes, children who turn 8 this calendar year are now eligible for registration. For further information contact Greg Robinson on 0419 549 984.

**Sale City Auskick**

**Parent Briefing** - Monday, 22 April. 7.30pm

**Registration** - Friday, 26 April. 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Sale City Football Netball Club Social Rooms.

Registrations details and payment must be completed online at www.aflauskick.com.au
Contact: Greg Robinson. 0419549984