St Thomas’ Community News

Phone: 03 5592 1925  Email: principal@stterang.catholic.edu.au  February 13th

**FEBRUARY**

Monday 13
- Swimming Program Begins
- Georgia Vick & April Harris: Work Experience

Tuesday 14

Wednesday 15

Thursday 16
- Opening Mass @ 10am

Friday 17
- No assembly today
- Swimming Carnival @10am
- School Welcome Picnic @ 6pm

Want to know more?
View or download our Calendar and Newsletters from Skoolbag or our school website.

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**OUR SCHOOL PRAYER**

Dear St. Thomas,
You are the patron of our school.

We ask you to guide us all of our school days.

Help us to always be good friends to one another, just as you were a good friend to Jesus.

May we always work and play together and look for your help with any worries or problems we may have.

Help us to believe in God and act as God wants us to act.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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**OUR SCHOOL VISION**

Inspired by Christ, together we learn and grow
Greetings Parents, Students, Guardians and Friends,

This morning I had the pleasure of listening to the grade 6 children present their leadership speeches, it provided me with a great insight to the children, their beliefs and their thoughts on leadership particularly. It also allowed me to see what the children regard as important in their daily school life; it was brilliant to hear that they mostly value friendships, learning, participation, organisation, listening, communication and being a role model.

It certainly gives me great hope that our leaders for 2017 will be outstanding.

Enjoy your week, Ben.

St Thomas’ Primary School Opening Mass
Thursday February 16th @ 10am

All school families and community members are welcomed to join our school as we ask God’s blessings upon our 2017 school year. This mass will also feature the investiture of our school leaders for 2017.

Welcome Georgia & April

This week we welcome Georgia Vick And April Harris into our community as they participate in MRC’s Work Experience program- we hope that their time with us provides them with a great insight to the life of a teacher.

Late Arrivals

Please note that effective today, any child or children arriving at school after 9:00am must be signed in at the front office by an adult. We have added this procedure as we have had many children arriving at school after 9am and office staff have been unaware of their presence which creates issues in the case of emergency situation or the like. Thanks for your support of this procedural matter.

Traffic & Student Management

It has been good to watch children coming to, and leaving school last week in order for new staff to gain an insight as to how student and traffic management occurs, particularly at the end of the day. A few points to consider;

- if your child is a bus traveller and is being picked up by a parent or guardian then the school requires you to sign a white slip at the front office, or simply call and notify us.
- all children walking home or being picked up by parents must exit using the Bolivar Street exit as this is the manned crossing, children are not to be collected in Lyons Street as it is busy, has limited parking and is unsupervised.

Updating of Family Details

If any of your family details have changed over the holidays please let the office know ASAP. This is especially so with phone numbers for emergency contacts. It is vital that these are correct so we can contact these people in an emergency.
### Specialist Subjects
A reminder to all families that our specialist subjects for each class occur on the following days:
- **Tuesday:** Music & Indonesian
- **Wednesday:** 5/6 & 1/2 ART, Library & PE *(children will need their library books and PE Uniform on this day)*
- **Thursday:** 3/4 & P/1 Art
- **Friday:** All children wear PE uniform

### Working With Children Checks
We are always appreciative of parent helpers in all areas of our school. In line with Child Safety Standards, we are asking that any parents who would like to work within the classrooms or possibly attend a camp or an excursion as a parent helper in 2017, you will need to have a current Working With Children Check. If you are interested, you can do this online. There is no cost for this card for a volunteer basis and it is really important you consider getting one of these as a safeguard for us all. Please nominate St. Thomas’ Primary School as your volunteer organisation when filling out the form online from the following website: [http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/)

### Some Quick Notes & Reminders:
1. **Newsletter Clarification:** If at anytime you are unsure about anything listed on the newsletter, no matter how minor it may seem, please contact any staff member for clarification. **NO QUESTION IS TOO SILLY!**
2. **Sunsmart:** All students must have a school hat each day. Our policy is ‘no hat – no play’. Your assistance and support of our Sunsmart policy is greatly appreciated. **Any children not wearing hats will be asked to play in the undercover area.**
3. **Absences:** An explanation is required each time a child is absent from school. It is a legal requirement of teachers to keep an accurate roll of student attendance. Absences can be verbal, via note or by email.
4. **Prep Rest Days:** These will be every Wednesday and will run throughout February; Prep children will commence full-time school in March, **this means that their first Wednesday at school will be Wednesday March 1st.**
5. **School Calendar:** On our website there is now a calendar tab which will show you all school events for the year- have a look, we hope it helps!

### Student Awards:
- **Mrs Heffernan:** Reegan Walden – Star of the Week!
  - Meredith Gaw – Welcome to St Thomas’.
  - All Preps – for a wonderful start in Preps.
- **Mrs Lee:** Robert Gaw – Welcome to St Thomas’.
  - Lucia Clarke & Alec Darcy – for excellent efforts with their writing.
- **Mrs Bouchier:** Charlie Thomas – Welcome to St Thomas’.
  - Jake Molan – for working hard in all areas and making a great start in Grade 4.
  - Matilda Curran – for showing empathy and kindness to all her classmates.
- **Mrs Moloney:** Lila Faulkner – for making a wonderful start to the year and working hard in all areas.
  - Charlie Kenna – for being kind and helpful to others.
- **Mr McCombe:** Ronan Ludeman – for excellent knowledge of fractions and decimals.
- **Miss O'Dwyer:** Alice Suhan – for always showing initiative in class.
  - Stella Moloney – for always supporting her classmates.
Parents & Friends News

Meeting
The first meeting of the Parents and Friend's Association will take place on Tuesday February 21st, beginning at 7.30, this will take place in Sisters of Mercy Community Centre. It will be great to see you there. The Big Community Breakfast is on Tuesday 28th February, help is required, form attached to this newsletter.

Welcome Picnic- Change of Date
Our welcome picnic for 2017 will take place on Friday February 17th beginning at 6pm. This a full BYO event (drinks and food) and provides our school community with a great opportunity to gather socially, to meet and welcome new families and staff, and to celebrate all that is good with our school.

School Canteen
Our canteen runs in terms 1 and 4, selling small items for the children to purchase. If you’re able to assist with canteen duty please fill in the slip below and return it to school, our thanks in advance.

Name______________________________
Preferred day/s____________________

Term 1 Canteen Roster, 2017

February
Mon 13 Michelle Croft
Tues 14 Blair Riches
Wed 15 Jo Kenna
Thur 16 Kelly Mullen
Fri 17 Swim Carnival
Mon 20 Cindy Moloney
Tues 21 Heather Molan
Wed 22 Closure Day
Thur 23 Vic Beaton
Fri 24 Brooke Dillon
Mon 27 Anna Kenna
Tues 28 Sharee Scanlon

March
Wed 1 Sharon Scanlon
Thur 2 Gail Payne
Fri 3 Kirsten Pekin
Mon 6 Sue Moloney
Tue 7
Wed 8 Kate Justin
Thur 9 Faye Clarke
Fri 10
Mon 13 Labour Day
Tue 14
Wed 15 Michelle Blain
Thur 16 Belinda Byron

Fri 17
Mon 20 Jane Vaughan
Tues 21
Wed 22 Alison Gleeson
Thur 23
Fri 24 Clare Neal
Mon 27
Tues 28
Wed 29
Thur 30
Fri 31
St Thomas’ Big Community Breakfast

Shrove Tuesday – 28th February
7.30 – 9.30am at St Thomas’ School

Menu
- Pancakes
- Bacon & Eggs
- Toast
- Tea, Coffee & OJ
- Fresh Fruit Salad
- Egg & Bacon Rolls

Cost
- Adults - $8.00
- Secondary School children - $6.00
- Primary & Pre School Children - $4.00
  (or $30 per family)

Preparations are underway for our Annual “Big Breakfast”. We still require a few items for use on the day and also lots of helpers to fill the many jobs involved on Monday & Tuesday.

Please fill in the form (below) and return to the School ASAP or email terang@ballarat.catholic.org.au – before Friday 5th February.

This social gathering is very popular and we hope that all School families will attend and will invite their relatives and friends.

Please call me on 0407 932 169 if you have any questions. Joanne Roberts

☐ I/we can supply the following items:
  ☐ 4 - slice toaster

☐ I/we can help - (please tick if able to assist)
  ☐ Cutting up Fruit on Monday 8th February at 1.00pm in Canteen @ school
  ☐ Set up Monday 27th February at 1.00pm (Dads are a great help)
  ☐ Helping on Day (from 6am - 7.30)
  ☐ Helping on Day (from 7.30am - 9.30)
  ☐ Money Collector/raffle (from 7.15 - 8.15)
  ☐ Money Collector/raffle (from 8.15 - 9.15)

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HAVE FUN, GET PAID, AND GET FIT!

The Warrnambool and District Football Umpires Association are seeking new members for the 2017 season (Age 11+).

If interested come to our OPEN NIGHT and if you feel like it you may join in the training session February 27th.

5-7PM

At our club rooms - Reid oval off Cramer St, at 6pm or contact Dedy Friebe 0428197715 or Jonathan Ryan on 0438559780. www.wdfua.com.au

MYGOLF

MyGolf will resume this Saturday 18th at 9am at the Terang Golf Course and will run for 4 weeks until 11th March. We would love to see all 2016 participants (no additional cost) and new golfers are also welcome to attend. The program is designed for 5-12 year olds and there will also be a 6 hole competition for kids 12+. Please contact Phil Beasley on 0438 921 213 with any enquiries.

Terang Quilter’s Fellowship QUILT SHOW

Saturday March 4th 10 am – 6 pm Presbyterian Church Hall High Street, TERANG

Admission: $5.00 Refreshments Available

Enquiries: Margaret McIntosh 55921354  Proceeds to local community groups.

CORANGAMITE LIONS FOOTBALL CLUB Inc.

http://corangamitellions.com.au

Come & Try Day ~ and BBQ lunch! Sunday, 19th February 2017 @11am

Scotts Creek Recreation Reserve on Cobden-Port Campbell Road

* Suitable for young people from Grade 3 to Year 10, fitting with our competition age groups of Under 13s & Under 16s. Mixed teams of boys and girls currently play.

* Representatives from the club will have a variety of soccer activities to enjoy, giving you an overview of the ‘world game’.

* Please contact coach Tony on 0429 006 478 if you have any inquiries but we can best answer your questions if you just come along and enjoy the morning with us!
Register now for the 2017 Corangamite Relay for Life

Cobden Recreation Reserve

Saturday 25 February from 5pm to 11am Sunday 26 February

- You have less than 4 weeks left to get your friends and family together to register today for the 8th Corangamite Relay for Life, and start fundraising for a great cause!

- Register a team or as an individual here: http://fundraising.cancer.org.au/site/TR?fr_id=4258&pg=entry or Google Corangamite Relay For Life 2017 and follow the links to the Cancer Council website.

OR attend our last Team Information & Registration Night, Mon 13 Feb, 5:30pm at the Cobden Recreation Reserve.

- Like the new Corangamite Relay for Life Facebook page (2017 written in the photo) to keep up to date with the latest news for the event: https://www.facebook.com/CorangamiteRFL

- Post your fundraising efforts and team preparation photos on Facebook and tag us in: #CorangamiteRFL2017

- This year we have lots of activities planned for kids, families and adults, including:
  - An outdoor cinema
  - Kids’ craft
  - Activities passport, including trivia, social media posts, a scavenger hunt and more
  - Lions Merry-Go-Round
  - Dancing with Dance Struck, Cobden
  - Live music from more than 8 local acts, including internationally acclaimed act Howlin’ Wind.

- What is Relay for Life? An overnight team fundraising event, which brings the community together to provide support and hope for those touched by cancer. Every dollar raised goes towards funding Cancer Council’s vital research, prevention and support programs.

- Corangamite Relay For Life events have raised $722,436.60, which is helping the 112 people diagnosed with cancer in the Shire of Corangamite every year.

- The Corangamite Relay is organised by locals in your community and supported by Cancer Council Victoria.

- Support the Corangamite Relay for Life committee raffle and go in the draw to win a $500 Woolworths voucher, $100 Moloney’s Produce voucher or $50 Nick Hose Fitness voucher ($2/ticket, 3 for $5) selling in towns around the Shire.

- Have an idea for an activity to be held at this year’s event? Want to volunteer? Let us know!

- Share your passion, promote what you do and help a great cause all at once! We’re currently seeking recreational activities to hold a session (30 min – 1 hr long or more, whatever works best for you) at the 2017 event, such as (but not limited to) tai chi, yoga, pilates, boot camp/circuit training, boxing, dancing, meditation, Zumba, martial arts, Scout activities, face painting and mauseurs.

For getting involved, we’ll say thanks by promoting you prior to and throughout the event.

- Want more information? Go to the new 2017 Corangamite Relay for Life Facebook page or contact:
  - Trish Wynd, Corangamite Relay For Life Chair 0434 926 732, trishandage@gmail.com
  - Becky McCann, Corangamite Relay For Life, 0409 842 471, becky.mccann@hotmail.com
  - Catherine De Vries, Cancer Council Victoria 0427 731 858, corangamite@relayforlife.org.au
ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE TERANG
and ST. COLMAN’S MORTLAKE
PARISH BULLETIN

To access this bulletin online go to www.ballarat.catholic.org.au
and select either Terang or Mortlake Parish.

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 11th & 12th February 2017

RECENT DEATHS:
Patrick John Bourke, Robert Grayland,
Paul Murray, Glenn Davis, Frank Barber

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:
(Names placed on the sick list will remain for 3 weeks unless otherwise notified)

SUPPORTING OUR PARISHES:

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TERANG ROSTERS: LINEN: FEBRUARY: Bernadette Glennen

FLOWERS:
18th/19th & 25th/26th February: Maureen Kenna & Aileen O’Connor

COUNTING ROSTER: Tues 14th February: Brian & Betty Healey
Tues 21st & 28th February at 9.00am: Aileen Pekin & John Conheady

MORTLAKE ROSTERS: FEBRUARY:
LINEN: Rita Pasque
MASS SET UP: Gertie MacDonald
FLOWERS: 19th February: Jenny Finnerty 26th February: Anne Blacker

Liturgy Rosters: Weekend ~ 18th & 19th February 2017

READERS:
Terang Saturday 6.00 pm: 1. Lisa Cavrasan 2. Lisa Cavrasan
Sunday 10.30 am: 1. Justin Staunton 2. Verity Watt
Mortlake Sunday 9.00 am: Maureen O’Loughlan
(Copies of next weeks readings are available on the table in the foyer.)

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:
Terang Saturday 6.00 pm: Lisa Cavrasan
Sunday 10.30 am: Verity Watt
Mortlake Sunday 9.00 am: Mona Timms

PROCESSION OF GIFTS:
Terang Saturday 6.00 pm: David & Helen Lourey
Sunday 10.30 am: Clare, Max & Greta Neal
Mortlake Sunday 9.00 am: Patsy & Rita

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:
Saturday 6.00pm
Lily Lourey, Clare Banks & Mary Boland
Sunday 10.30am:
Nell O’Sullivan (H) Josie Vaughan, Bernadette Heffernan
Mortlake Sunday 9.00 am: Gertie MacDonald & Brian Woolley
Music Mortlake Sun 9.00 am: Volunteer

Lap Top Terang: Sat 6.00 pm: Pekin Family
Sun 10.30 am: Mark Maguire
Weekday Masses

Wed 15th February: 2.00pm Mt View

Thurs 16th February: 10.00am Terang
   (St Thomas’ School Commencement Mass)

Fri 17th February: 10.00am Terang
   (Margaret Glemmen)

Meetings

St Colman’s Pastoral Care meeting will be held on Monday 13th February at 7.00pm in the Church foyer. All welcome

Music Liturgy Meeting: to be held on Friday 17th February at 11.30am in the Parish office.

Call for Nominations – Diocesan Pastoral Council

The Diocese of Ballarat is calling for nominations for the 2017 Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC). The DPC is a consultative and advisory body to the Bishop. For more information check with your parish priest/parish leader, or phone Amanda in the Diocese office, ph. 5337 7125.

World Day of Prayer
Philippines
Am I being fair to you?
Friday 3rd March 2017
at 2.00pm
Presbyterian Church
Everyone Welcome

Ballarat Catholic Secondary Colleges Open
Days and 2018 Year 7 enrolments

Damascus College open mornings on Thursdays, February 9 & 16, 9.00am – 10.30am. Applications for Year 7, 2018 enrolment close on Friday, February 17, 2017.
Loreto College tours Tuesdays, February 7 & 14 commencing half-hourly between 9.00am – 10.30am from just inside the main entrance. Please visit www.loreto.vic.edu.au
St Patrick’s College applications for 2018 close on Friday, February 17 with interviews to take place in early March. Download from http://www.stpats.vic.edu.au/en/prospective-families/prospectus/

St. Thomas’ School & Parish Big Family Breakfast
Shrove Tuesday 28th February    Time: 7.30 am-9.30 am

Venue: St. Thomas’ School (undercover area)

Menu: Pancakes, Bacon & Eggs, Toast, Bacon & Egg Rolls,
       Tea, Coffee, Orange Juice, Fresh Fruit

Cost: Adults $8 Secondary Students $6.00
      Primary Students/Preschoolers $4.00 Family $30

Everyone Welcome, Bring your Family, Friends & Neighbours

The rosary will be recited for the priests of the Diocese, and for world peace on Wednesdays following Mass, or at 10.00 am when there is no Mass. All are welcome to join us.

*******Notices need to be at St. Thomas’ Parish Office by 10.00 am next Friday.*******