



Upcoming Events

PSC Preschool Photo Day

Date: Tuesday 4 March
Venue: St Thomas School -
Goodwood

Ash Wednesday Mass

Date: Wednesday 5 March
Venue: St Thomas School -
Goodwood

PSD Preschool Photo Day

Date: Thursday 6 March
Venue: St Thomas School -
Goodwood

Student Free Day

Date: Monday 28 April -
Sunday 28 April
Venue: St Thomas School -
Goodwood

Save the date - Gala 2025

Date: Saturday 22 March
Time: 10:00am - 3:00pm
Venue: St Thomas School -
Goodwood

Naplan

Date: Wednesday 12 March
- Monday 17 March
Venue: St Thomas School -
Goodwood

Term1 2025 Calendar

Date: Tuesday 28 January -
Monday 30 November
Venue: St Thomas School -
Goodwood

Gala 2025



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From the Principal



With the beginning of this new term we have already enjoyed a number of wonderful community events. It was fabulous for us all to come together during the first week for an Easter Mass celebration and then last week we enjoyed a whole school assembly led by Year 1 classes with a special focus on Mother's day. It was lovely to see so many Mums join us on Friday for morning tea and I hope that you all were treated to a special day on Mother's Day. Our children certainly enjoyed shopping at the Mother's Day stall and we extend our gratitude to the P&F who coordinated and supported this valuable experience for our community. Last week also saw our Year 5 students attend an excursion to Mercedes college following an invitation to join their whole school community for a Mass celebrating their Mercy tradition. Following Mass, our students joined together with their Year 5 classes for a small craft activity before returning back to school. What a wonderful experience for our Year 5's to visit one of our neighbouring Catholic Schools and share some strength of spirit in Mercy tradition with them.

Last week we also celebrated with the joyous news of the election of Pope Leo XIV.

We remember his Holiness Pope Leo XIV in our prayers as he begins this new ministry of communion, with a special intention to bring peace and unity to our world as leader of the Universal Church. Catholic Education Week begins this week with a theme of 'Shine With Open Hearts' where all Catholic schools this week will be highlighting in a variety of ways how we 'shine brilliantly'. At St Thomas we are inviting all our family members to join us for morning prayer in classrooms this Friday. So please come along if you can, begin your day with coffee in the Workshop, followed by prayer in your child's classroom at 9am.

Following on from our very successful Gala in March, we gathered our Gala Committee and Stall Holders late last term for a 'Thank You' event. We were delighted to share with them the wonderful news that our Gala brought in just over \$31,000! Of course, we have expenses to take into account, but with these funds we will be able to purchase new replacement Ipads for our Junior Primary classrooms. These will be very well received by both students and teachers.

Last week we welcomed two new staff members to our team: Ms Loretta Gagliardi, our new Marketing and Communications Coordinator, replacing Mrs Liz Wright who finished at the end of last term. We also welcomed Mrs Marie Smith, our new Canteen Coordinator. Marie has been working tirelessly to get our new canteen up and running, with many of our students already sampling the delicious pasta lunch last week. We will be very excited to launch the new canteen this week, with a start-up menu while we are in the midst of our community consultation process. It has had a sparkling new renovation and is looking very fresh!

We wish our Year 5 Classes a very successful Camp at Mylor over the next two days. I am sure they will have a fantastic time, experience some new activities and hopefully learn more about themselves and each other in doing so.

For the last part of this term I will be on Leave, with Paul Mensforth filling the Acting Principal role, and Mrs Melissa Canil as Acting Deputy Principal. I congratulate them both and wish them well for this time. During my time away I feel very fortunate to be travelling to Europe to visit family, then participating in an educational tour and spiritual pilgrimage coordinated by Catholic Education South Australia. I look forward to attending a Leadership Conference in London on Catholic Identity and Mission, visiting some London schools and visiting some Religious Congregations in Ireland. A visit to Catherine House and the Mercy Congregation in Dublin is sure to be a highlight! I look forward to sharing more with you upon my return.

Wishing you all a great term ahead!

Belinda Burford

Principal

From the Acting Principal



SO MANY THINGS TO CELEBRATE!

It has been a great term, with many great learning opportunities and experiences. It has been wonderful to welcome back Melissa Canil to our St Thomas Team, in her role as Acting Deputy. With her great compassion, care and dedication, Melissa has already rebuilt many connections with our learners and families!

There are truly so many things to celebrate at St Thomas!

We can celebrate the wonderful excursion and learning experiences which have taken place this term. Including our Year 2 classes visiting the Unley Museum; our Year 6 students participating in the Unley Council Anzac Day and Reconciliation Week Ceremonies and visiting Cabra to see their 2025 musical; and of course our Eco-Warriors attending the recycling plant in order to develop ways of enhancing our waste management practices. There are a few more excursions planned in the coming weeks. Our great Assemblies, Community Prayers and whole school Masses have been wonderful moments of community celebration.

We can celebrate our great staff, their work and our shared professional learning journey. Our teachers are in the midst of compiling our Semester One Reports. This is certainly a labour of love and a process which takes many hours of dedication and care. The creation of the semester's report is an opportunity for teachers to delve deeply into the journey of each learner, celebrate their successes and consider the next steps for growth. Our ESO and Admin staff have also continued in their dedicated work in supporting students and families. Every day we witness these skilled and generous members of our community make such a difference.

Our staff have continued in a number of learning journeys as part of our shared professional learning this term. We have continued developing our understanding of the SEARCH Framework, as part of our Visible Wellbeing Project. In fact, as part of our upcoming Student-Free Day, next Tuesday 10th June, we will be attending a Visible Wellbeing Expo at Stella Maris Catholic School. All schools who are part of this project will be sharing their learning and the unique expression of the SEARCH Framework alive in their school. Our staff have also been continuing their professional learning in the Writing Revolution, High Impact Teaching Strategies, PBIS and Numeracy Progressions.

We can celebrate the contribution of staff who are leaving us and staff who are joining our team. We have farewelled Sophie McLeod, who contributed greatly to our Year 3/4 teaching team since the beginning of the year. We hope to help Sophie welcome the new baby McLeod into the world when the day arrives! Rita Giannakakis and Chloe Harford have created a smooth transition for the Year 3/4 class; and we welcome them both back to our team. Marie Smith, our new Canteen Coordinator, has achieved amazing success in kick starting our new menu and supporting students and families. Marie's warmth and dedication have been an absolute blessing in our school community. Our new Marketing and Communications Coordinator, Loretta Gagliardi, has been working hard on the revision of our strategy and our St Thomas profile. Over the coming weeks, we will farewell Sharon Rigoni, our Enrolments Officer. Sharon has been a dedicated member of staff since 2022, supporting and welcoming new families to St Thomas. We thank Sharon for her great work and wish her all the best. To continue this great work, we welcome Leanne Hickman to the St Thomas Admin Team. Leanne brings a wealth of knowledge of schools, administration and marketing. Please make her feel welcome.

We can also celebrate the anticipation of newly designed play spaces at St Thomas. The amazing minds of Grieve Gillet Architects and Wax Designs have worked in collaboration to revise the outdoor play space design in our Master Plan. The new design includes an undercover court (to be built along the western fence line), new entrances to Angus and Rushton Streets, diverse natural play spaces and an expanded playground featuring a basket swing and monkey bars. We are seeking feedback from families over the next week to support the refinement of this design, with a scheduled start date, we hope, by the end of this year!

As we conclude the Easter Season, with the celebration of Pentecost this coming Sunday, we can truly celebrate the Holy Spirit's work in and through our school community. The Holy Spirit breathes life into all things and is our gentle helper and guide.

There are truly so many things to celebrate at St Thomas!

Go gently,

Paul Mensforth

Deputy Principal

From the REC



Dear Students and Families,

On behalf of Caritas Australia, I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the students who participated in our Project Compassion

initiative—whether by returning their donation boxes, submitting Water Challenge slips, or making contributions through the QR code.

Your generosity and compassion have made a meaningful difference in the lives of those who need it most, and we are truly grateful for your support.

If you still have charity money at home, you are welcome to return it at any time during Term Two. Every contribution—no matter how big or small—helps us continue our vital work in supporting vulnerable communities around the world.

Thank you once again for your kindness and commitment to creating positive change.

As many of you know, I will be taking long service leave in Term Two to visit my, and my wife's remaining family in Hungary.

I deeply appreciate all the support and contributions you've offered throughout the term—through liturgies, Masses, fundraising events, the Sacrament Program, and especially the Holy Week liturgies.

I look forward to reconnecting with you all in Term Three.

Warm regards,

Sebestyen Maglai

REC

Finance



FEE INFORMATION

Finance

Term 2 School Fees were due 31st May.

Prompt payment is appreciated.

To request a copy of your fee statement please email accounts@stg.catholic.edu.au

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Gala Update



GALA Update

Well our Gala Committee have been super busy coordinating a fantastic event this year! We are so grateful to our generous Stall Coordinators, who have been preparing our stalls; and we are also grateful for our generous families for the donations of silent auction items, lollies, lucky jars and mystery bottles! Our Gala truly is an event that brings us together!

Silent Auctions

We are still in need of more donations for our Silent Auctions. If you have a business, or know of a business, who would be happy to donate to support our school community, please reach out! You can use the official 'Gala Appeal for Donations' letter, sent home in hard copy today; and also available on Audiri!

Donations

We have two more requests for donations on our Family Gala Donation Calendar! Donations of Preloved Kids' Books and Toys can be brought in during Gala Week (Week 8) and placed on the tables in the Undercroft. And donations of Baked Goods can be brought in on Friday 21st March and on Gala Day, Saturday 22nd March, to support our Cake Stall. Baked Goods will need to be clearly marked with ingredients.

Sponsorship

This year, the committee is inviting a number of levels of Sponsorship, including an opportunity for Family Sponsorship! Thank you to families and business who have already sponsored the event. Please see Audiri for more information!

Volunteering

Stall Coordinators have already started putting together their volunteer rosters for the day. Thank you to families who have put their hand up to help for a period on the day. Volunteer timetables will be displayed outside the Front Office next week, this includes a request for volunteers to help set-up on Friday 21st March.

The Voice of Gala

We are looking for the voice of our Gala in 2025! To follow-up our great MC from 2024, we are looking for someone who could be on the mic for the day! If you are keen, or know someone who would be great, please let us know via info@stg.catholic.edu.au.

We're all in this together! Let's be Gala-mazing!

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Sports News



Our Yr 4, 5 & 6 cricketers had an interrupted but fun cricket season. Thanks to

Matt Gale, Kyle Kucharski and Claudia Pace for coaching and organising the team each week. Our cricketers displayed great sportsmanship and cricket skills for every game they managed to play!

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Catholic Education Awards 2025



Nominations are open for the 2025 Catholic Education Awards!

This is your opportunity to shine a light on a teacher, support person, leader, volunteer or program making a positive difference! Who will you nominate this year?

Please visit the website for more information... <https://awards.cesa.catholic.edu.au>

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The Workshop



We Are Open This Friday!

8:30AM - 9:30AM

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Wed: 6.30-8.00pm

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