



Upcoming Events

Term 3 2025 Calendar

Date: Monday 21 July -
Friday 26 September

Venue: St Thomas School -
Goodwood

Term 3 Commences

Date: Monday 21 July

Venue: St Thomas School -
Goodwood

Year 4 Zoo Snooze

Date: Friday 1 August -
Saturday 2 August

Time: 4:50pm

Venue: Adelaide Zoo - Entry
(Gate 3 Plane Tree Drive)

Year 6 Vinnies Sleepover

Date: Thursday 7 August

Venue: St Thomas School -
Goodwood

Student Free Day

Date: Friday 5 September

Venue: St Thomas School -
Goodwood

Student Free Day

Date: Friday 12 December

Venue: St Thomas School -
Goodwood

From the Acting Principal



As Term 2 draws to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect with deep gratitude on the many moments of joy, learning and community spirit that have shaped our journey this term. From the many Assemblies, Community Prayers and Masses, which have held wonderful celebrations of our diverse and inclusive community; to the wonderful excursions and classroom experiences, for which we are grateful to have such a dedicated staff.

Last week, we celebrated with a special group of our students who had prepared for and celebrated their Confirmation as part of the Emmaus Catholic Parish Sacramental Program. Archbishop Patrick O'Regan lead the liturgy and showcased an incredibly comprehensive knowledge of saints and feast days. We look forward to being part of the final part on their journey through the Sacraments of Initiation, when they celebrate their First Communion.

We have also been blessed with the amazing sounds of our instrumental students at our Semester One Instrumental Music Concerts. We hit a new record, with the highest number of students performing in the concert series!

This week, student reports were released, offering a snapshot of the learning and growth that has taken place across our school over the last six months. These reports are a celebration—not just of achievement, but of effort, curiosity and progress. While the grades held in the reports can offer insight, what matters most is how we use this information to discern the next steps in each child's learning journey—together in partnership. I encourage families to engage in rich conversations with their children about what they've learned, what they're proud of, and where they hope to grow next. These conversations will prepare students well for our upcoming Learning Conferences, especially our Year 3-6 students who will lead this conversation with their teacher and parents/caregivers. I encourage families to book-in using the links found on Audiri.

This week, we were also privileged to host an incredibly successful Preschool Professional Learning event, which served as a pre-gathering for the National Reggio Emilia Conference beginning in Adelaide this week. Early years educators from across the region, and across different sectors, gathered to hear from our very own Adam Christie (St Thomas Preschool Coordinator), alongside esteemed speakers Professor Alma Fleet and Anthony Semann; both with whom Adam has recently published the book 'Re-defining Planning and Assessment: Seeing Children Through Pedagogical Documentation.' Their insights into rich assessment and child-centred

documentation reaffirmed our commitment to seeing and celebrating every child as a capable, competent learner. (You may be interested in finding out more about the book on the Pademelon Press site: <https://www.pademelonpress.com.au/product/redefining-planning-and-assessment-seeing-children-through-pedagogical-documentation/>)

Another highlight of this week was our celebration of St Thomas Feast Day. The day began with a beautiful liturgy, followed by joyful activities in House Teams that brought students together in fun and aimed to inspire in them an even deeper sense of community. The day was also focused on our support of the Vinnies Winter Appeal. We were deeply moved by the generosity shown through gold coin donations, food items, and clothing—all of which will support our local Vinnies conference and the broader Vinnies Winter Appeal. Your kindness will make a real difference in the lives of those in need in our community.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Mr Toby Priest the best of luck on his next chapter in the world of politics. Toby will be taking leave for the remainder of the year and the beginning of the next. It has been officially announced, that during this time, Toby will be running a campaign as a new Labour candidate for the seat of Morphet. While Toby is on leave, Mr Sebestyen Maglai will be teaching PE. We wish Toby all the best for this important work and will watch closely over the next nine months. (To find out more, please see the South Australian Government press release: <https://www.premier.sa.gov.au/media-releases/news-items/labor-unveils-candidates-for-five-key-seats>)

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the all-amazing Mrs Melissa Canil for her compassionate leadership as Acting Deputy Principal over the last five weeks. Melissa's dedication and commitment to students, staff and families has truly been a strength for our community during this time. We wish Melissa all the best on her next adventure as Acting Deputy for Semester Two at St Mark's College, Port Pirie.

We look forward to hearing all the stories of Belinda's adventures upon her return at the beginning of next term. And as we head into a well-deserved break for our students and staff, I want to thank each member of our school community—students, staff and families—for the energy, care and commitment you bring to our shared mission. May the holidays offer rest, renewal and time with loved ones.

(And, don't forget to read every day to enter our Holiday Reading Challenge!)

Go gently,

Paul Mensforth

Acting Principal

From the Acting Deputy Principal



As we wrap up another busy and joy-filled term, I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to the St Thomas School community. It has been a true privilege to serve as Acting Deputy Principal these past 5 weeks. From day one, I have felt so warmly welcomed by students, staff, and families alike. St Thomas is a truly beautiful community full of faith, kindness, and a deep

commitment to learning and growing together.

Reflecting on the past weeks, I've had the pleasure of witnessing many wonderful moments that have made my time here incredibly special. Celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation with our students was certainly a highlight as it was a meaningful and reverent experience where our young people took a significant step in their faith journey. I was also inspired by the creativity and passion shown during our Genius Hour projects, and the talent on display at the Instrumental Concert left us all amazed. Watching our students shine with confidence at assemblies has been a true testament to the rich learning here at St Thomas.

This week, we also celebrated the Feast Day of St Thomas the Apostle, our school's patron saint. St Thomas is known for his deep faith and his courageous pursuit of truth, even in the face of doubt. His story reminds us of the importance of asking questions, growing in understanding, and holding firm in our beliefs. It was lovely to gather together as a school community to honour his legacy and reflect on the values he inspires in us all.

As we move into the holiday break, I encourage families to take the time to rest and recharge. A few simple tips: try to keep screen time in balance with active, creative and outdoor play; take time to share meals, play games, or simply talk together as a family. These small moments help create lasting memories and support our children's wellbeing.

Thank you again for making this such a rewarding and memorable experience for me. I wish all our families a safe and refreshing holiday.

Many blessings,

Melissa Canil

Acting Deputy Principal

UNIFORM- MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOU THINK



We thank families for their dedication in following our uniform guidelines. Our uniform is an important part of defining membership to our St Thomas community. Our St Thomas community strives to be its best and for this reason, it is important for students to take pride in

the way they wear their uniform.

Wearing a shared uniform to school, places all students on the same level as part of our community. It removes the distraction of materialism and provides the platform for students to authentically express their personality; as well as engage in the deeper knowing of others.

Wearing the correct uniform is a form a respectful commitment to being a member in our community; and families play a key role in ensuring the uniform guidelines are followed. Can we ask all families to make this a priority, without waiting for reminders from staff.

Can we remind families of these important aspects of our uniform guidelines:

- We ask that hair which sits at shoulder length is tied back
- Earrings should only be plain studs, not sleepers or earrings with different designs
- Only necklaces with holy medals are to be worn, with other necklaces left for weekend wear.

We also encourage families to NAME ALL UNIFORM ITEMS to ensure they make their way back to you!

Please follow this link to access the Uniform Policy for specific details: [UNIFORM POLICY -LATEST VERSION.pdf](#)

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Term 2 Extra Curricular Sport Wrap Up



It's been a busy term with winter sport, carnivals and SAPSASA success!

Aussie Rules

Congratulations to Jesse (Yr 6) & Xavier (Yr 5) who were selected to represent the Adelaide South East District in the Australian Football SAPSASA State Carnival, held over 3 days in May. They competed in Division 2 and came a commendable 4th with a mix of wins & losses, but most importantly they had a great experience, shared with 18 other boys from neighbouring schools. Well done Jesse & Xave!

Cross Country

A number of students competed in the SAPSASA Cross Country trials at Kensington Reserve in May. Congratulations to all the competitors and special mention to John (3rd, Div 2, 11 & Under) and Jesse (2nd, Div 1, 11 & Under). Jesse was selected in the Adelaide South East SAPSASA Cross Country Team and competed at the State Cross Country Day at Oakbank Racecourse in June where he came a commendable 47th out of 170+ racers.

Soccer

Once again we have over 80 students playing soccer for St Thomas in the Southern District Junior Soccer Association on Saturday mornings. This wouldn't be possible without our wonderful parents who volunteer to coach, manage teams, or be a referee/linesman so a shout out and thankyou to Jonathon, Vijay, Lucas, Nick, Kelly, Warren, Michael, Carmel, Claudia, Danielle, Louise, Nathan & Marcus and many others who give up their time on Saturday mornings to support our soccer stars. All teams are also involved in a Night Carnival which is always a fun event!

St Thomas also competed for the first time in a SAPSASA Soccer Carnival held at West Beach. We had 2 teams compete and it was a fun day out for the Year 5 & 6's who attended. Thanks to Nathan Munro, Hoda, Harry, Tamika & Romina who volunteered and supported the students on the day.

Congratulations to Anna (Yr 6) who has been selected in the Adelaide South East Girls Soccer Team and to Keanu (Yr 5) who has been selected in the Adelaide South East Boys Soccer Team to compete in the Soccer SAPSASA State Carnival in August. Well done Anna & Keanu!

Netball

We have 5 netball teams across Year 2, 3 & 4, 5 & 6 competing in the Life Be In It competition on Monday afternoons. We are very appreciative of our fabulous parent volunteers who coach our teams – thankyou to Sarah, Sophie, Holly, Louise, Deborah, John & Kristy for their weekly efforts to ensure our students can participate in the competition. We have a number of boys competing with the girls in these teams which is fabulous to see with netball growing in popularity amongst boys!

SAPSASA Netball Carnival

St Thomas also competed in the SAPSASA Netball Carnival. Two teams were involved in the carnival and it was a great day out for the Year 5 & 6's who attended. Thankyou to Kristy & Kara for coaching and all the parents who volunteered and supported the students on the day.

Basketball

Basketball continues to be a popular sport – this winter season we have 3 teams competing. Our Year 2 girls are playing in the Year 2 competition at Life Be In It whilst the Year 3/ 4 and Year 5/6 teams play at the State Basketball Centre.

We were also lucky enough to have some Sports College SA students attend St Thomas in Term 1 and run basketball clinics. We hopefully will run more clinics later this year.

Term 4 Extra Curricular Sport

Nominations for Term 4 sport will be open mid-Term 3 so please keep a look out to register your child – Cricket, T-Ball, Netball & Basketball will all be offered in Term 4.

Volunteers



Volunteers play an important role in the education of our children and we are very grateful for the significant part that all St Thomas volunteers play in this. We often find that parents are keen to attend excursions and events, but as they are not registered St Thomas volunteers, are unable to attend. It can often take 2-4+ weeks for Working with Children Checks to be processed so if you are not a registered volunteer but would like to be involved, please contact Megan Phillips - mphillips@stg.catholic.edu.au for further information.

Ecology and Community News: Small Steps, Big Impact!



Our Ecology team has been buzzing with activity lately as the *war on waste* charges ahead here at St Thomas! Earlier this term, most of our Ecology leaders had the fantastic opportunity to visit the KESAB Education Centre, where they dug deeper into clever ways to reduce our waste and lighten our environmental footprint. Adding to this, Lee from KESAB paid us a visit to check out our current bin systems. Thanks to his insights, we now have a solid launch pad to fine-tune our waste systems even further — a win for both the environment *and* the school budget!

Next on our agenda is a focus on household education, clearer bin signage, and ongoing learning here at school to help make bin contamination a thing of the past. We can't wait to share our progress with you next term and inspire eco-friendly habits at home too.

Meanwhile, our *Market Shed* and *Goody Two Shoes Café* have been shining stars this semester! Through your incredible support, we've raised money to continue to give back to our school community and local charities. Exciting new additions include a washing machine for the Market Shed for freshening up soft furnishings and lost property items - and brand-new aluminium soccer goals for our Seniors next term. Our Seniors have been wonderful helpers in the café each Friday, serving our community with gusto.

A special highlight this term was welcoming 30 APRIMs from across Adelaide, which sparked a feature in *The Southern Cross* about our generous families whose pre-loved uniform donations help fund our ongoing ecology and community projects. We will send the article out once it is published next month.

Thank you for being part of this journey. We can't wait to welcome you back to the café next term and keep making a difference together!

Nick Mezzino

Ecology and Community Engagement

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DUCK & TURTLE FITNESS

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enrolment applications
for Year 7, 2028**

Applications close Friday 19 September 2025

cabra.catholic.edu.au



Enrolment applications will close at the end of **Term 3, Friday 19 September 2025**.

Principal's tours are held at the college each term, we encourage families who may be considering Cabra Dominican College, to join us on a college tour. More information including tour dates and the registration link can be found [HERE](#)

If I can be of assistance with any questions, please feel most welcome to contact me at

e: registrar@cabra.catholic.edu.au or phone: 8179 2429.

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Register Here

Auskick is coming to St Thomas in Term 3 and is open to all Reception - Year 2 students. Auskick will be held at the Orphanage after school on Wednesdays commencing Week 2, Term 3 (July 30th) and will run for 6 weeks. Auskick is run and managed by the SANFL.

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