

The Beacon

FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL
Ms Angelico

They Will Shine

Welcome to the Pentecost Term 2022

Welcome back to our students, families, and staff. We trust that everyone had a wonderful break and Easter celebrations. We also welcome new members of staff this term: Catherine Doman, Catherine Bellair, Cheryl-Anne White, Indra Nathan, Charu Vashisht, Pece Bogoevski.

On Tuesday we celebrated the 20th Anniversary of the relationship between the Malay -Borneo Veterans' Association and Thomas Carr College at a whole College assembly. We were extremely proud of the way our student leaders led the assembly and of the way in which all students demonstrated respect and reverence for this important ceremony. As always, the choir and musicians enriched the liturgy. With nine of our student leaders having met the Veterans and marched alongside them in the ANZAC day march last week, a rapport had already been established. We also had two students, represent Thomas Carr College at the ANZAC Day Dawn Service at Werribee as members of the Victorian Samoan Community.

Our special guests included Fr Jude, the Australian and Victorian President of the Association, Mr Owen Marshall and eight fellow Veterans including Peter Smith who is currently the Fundraising President of the RSL; Joanne Ryan, Federal Member for Lalor; John Maynard, Mayor of Wyndham and Cr Susan McIntyre; Filina Virgato from Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS); Michelle Gillett principal of St Francis of Assisi and four student leaders. Mrs Tanya Tesoriero also attended a parent representative. We are honoured to be able to have this relationship and we were grateful that Mr Anthony Diamond, who established this program with veteran John O'Regan, was able to send us a video message. The remembrance service sparked great interest and ensured that many more of our students engaged with the Veterans on Tuesday and will continue to into the future.

Tuesday was also a very successful day for our cross-country team who participated in the SACCSS Cross Country event. Congratulations to the whole team, especially to Brad Ganley (Year 12), Liz Hall (Year 9) and Alexander Tewelde (Year 8) for finishing 2nd in their respective events.

On Wednesday we hosted the 2022 *It Takes a Spark Conference* organised by Dr. Adrian Bertolini from Intuyu Educational Consultants. The program was designed to engage students from Years 4-10 in STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) and inspire them to be creative and innovative thinkers and problem-solvers. The program included professional learning for teachers, key-note speakers and workshops for students and staff participants. We had over 500 attend including

Heavenly Father,
We pray for our Patron Thomas Carr; whose servant leadership is a source of inspiration. We pray for our college community that we are encouraged to excel in our service to others and our academic pursuits.

Lord, help us to recognise the goodness in all members of the Thomas Carr College Community and treat all we encounter with kindness, dignity and respect. Guide us so that we may be courageous disciples who embrace the difference in others.

Lord, thank you for all the talents that you have bestowed upon us and may we use them in service to our Thomas Carr College community, to shine our light into the world.
Amen

UPCOMING KEY DATES

Sunday 8 May	Mothers Day
Tuesday 10 May to Friday 13 May	NAPLAN Online
Wednesday 11 May	Year 9 Jade, Purple and Red - Parent Information Night @ 5.45pm (Online)
Thursday 12 May	Year 11 Victorian Careers Show Excursion
Sunday 15 May	International Day of Families
Monday 16 May to Friday 20 May	Year 9 Jade Country Experience at the Good Samaritan Campus
Tuesday 17 May	Year 7 2024 Parent Information Night – 7pm, Performing Arts Centre. Register here
Friday 20 May	Thomas Carr Day

YEAR 7 2024 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT



College Theme for 2022 - Respect
Respect everyone, show special love for God's people and honour God.

1 Peter 2:17

College Vision

Thomas Carr College is a dynamic Catholic learning community, guided by the Gospel. Excellence and opportunities to develop are pursued. Through our hope and service to others we shine our light into the world.

interstate and international guests. This year, we decided to include all Year 8 students in this unique opportunity to be exposed to 12 mini workshops and 12 design challenges which were presented by a range of teachers and leading organisations in the STEM field.

The opening key-note address was given by Dr Madeline Mitchell, Superstar of STEM at RMIT. She shared her extraordinary journey in STEM research and encouraged us to look back, so as to make sense of our present and create a better future. Dr Madeline reminded students to be curious about themselves and about the world as this can open up unimaginable opportunities as they have for her. An important message for us all.

This morning we were blessed to have Fr Jude celebrate the annual Mother's Day Mass with students and staff and their family members. The celebration was very moving, reflective and uplifting as Fr Jude highlighted, among other things, the preciousness of motherhood and of mothering which can come from many men and women in our lives who nurture, support, guide us with love and compassion. As we remember mothers, grandmothers and mother figures in our lives this weekend, we are grateful every day for what they teach us and how they shape us.

As all are aware, schools are still facing challenges due to COVID illnesses. I will be sending out a letter today to all families to explain the steps we are taking to ensure we can continue support student learning onsite as winter approaches. Please read the information when it is released on Operoo.

Finally, I wish all of the Year 7 and 9 students who will be undertaking the NAPLAN Tests all of the very best next week.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL, STAFF AND LEARNING OPERATIONS

Mr Bryson

As we conclude our second week of the Pentecost Term, I would like to thank all staff and students for the positive start to the new term. I also wish all members of our community the very best for the term ahead.

Learning arrangements for students during periods of isolation (remote learning)

With a new term upon us, and as there will be the need for students to continue to quarantine at different stages throughout the term, we ask that you please take note the following arrangements that are in place to support students with their learning during any extended periods of absence:

Students are to access their classes as per their timetable and view lesson details via SIMON Class Notices and complete any set learning activities for each class.

Subject teachers will also email students the details of all set learning activities and any other information to maintain their learning during any extended periods of absence due to being required to quarantine.

Students are encouraged to contact their subject teacher(s) with any questions or additional support as required.

Students are also encouraged to check their Class Pages on MS TEAMS for any other lesson details.

For any student who does not have access to the internet or is unable to access SIMON, parents are to contact the College to notify their child's Pastoral and Learning Mentor (PaLM) before 9am on that day.

We also will continue to keep you updated of any other information related to these arrangements and encourage you to contact the following staff members with any questions. For any general Pastoral or wellbeing related questions, please

Malaya Borneo Veterans 20th Anniversary Remembrance Service



contact your child's Pastoral and Learning Mentor (PaLM), or the relevant Year Level Leader / House Leader.

Any learning or subject related questions can be directed to your child's subject teacher or the relevant Head of Learning and Teaching (Middle / Senior School). General questions about the College's COVID-Safe protocols and related matters can be emailed to covidsafe@thomascarr.vic.edu.au.

NAPLAN Testing

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2022 for Years 7 and 9 students will be held from Tuesday 11 May to Friday 13 May. A reminder that in 2022, all NAPLAN tests will be conducted ONLINE.

All Year 7 and 9 students are expected to participate in the NAPLAN Online tests across the above dates. For students who are absent on any one of these dates, formal 'catch up' tests will be conducted on Friday 13 May. Additional 'catch up' tests may also be conducted on Monday 16 May.

A letter has been sent to the families of all Year 7 and 9 students via Operoo with further details. Please read this letter on Operoo and if you have any questions about your child's involvement in the NAPLAN Online testing, please contact your child's Pastoral and Learning Mentor (PaLM) or Mr. Stephen Manitta (Head of Learning and Teaching – Middle School).

Tutor Learning Program

Throughout last term, we provided students and families with information outlining the College's Tutor Learning Program. The aim of this initiative is to deliver targeted support for students who had experienced major disruptions to their learning as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In Term Two, our tutors will continue to offer targeted literacy and numeracy support to students across all year levels. This extends to students having access to this support in the library during lunchtimes and after-school until 4pm. This is a reminder that commencing Monday 9 May, this program will extend to offering tutoring support after-school on a Monday and Wednesday until 5pm.

If you have any questions about this program or wish to express interest in your son or daughter being involved in this program, please contact your child's English or Mathematics teacher.

You may also contact either Mr. Stephen Manitta (Head of Learning and Teaching – Middle School) or Ms. Daniela Bombardieri-Szabo (Head of Learning and Teaching – Senior School).

Staffing (Term Two)

We would like to welcome the following new staff members who have recently started teaching at Thomas Carr College:

Ms Cheryl-Anne White (Careers Practitioner)
 Ms Cathryn Doman (Religious Education - (Learning Area Leader / Teacher)
 Ms Catherine Bellair (Year 8 Year Level Leader, Mathematics / Religious Education Teacher)
 Ms Charu Vashisht (Learning Support Officer—St Mary's)
 Mr Pece Bogoevski (Student Counsellor on Placement in Terms 2 to 4)

Each of the above new staff members are experienced teachers and bring great knowledge and expertise to the College. Ms. Indra Nathan will also be commencing as a new English / EAL teacher on Monday 9 May.

We wish them the very best and every success as they join our dynamic learning community.

SACSSS Cross Country



Congratulations to Year 8 student Cameron Gatt who recently competed at the Brisbane Cycling Festival, winning two U14 BMX events





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FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL, STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND WELLBENG Ms Spiteri

One of the great joys of being back onsite has been the opportunity to celebrate who we are as a community. Whole school events, like the Malaya and Borneo Memorial Service, remind us who we belong to, who we as a community are, and who we aspire to be.

On **Friday, 20 May** the College celebrates our patron with Thomas Carr Day. On this day we come together to celebrate Mass and give thanks for the gift our College is for us as individuals and as a community. We will hear from our students about what this day means for them and will reconnect with our purpose, to "Shine our Light".

All students will be given a snack, a drink, and lunch which they can enjoy whilst participating in our College Carnival. There will be a sausage sizzle available all through the carnival and a gelati van for students who wish to purchase some ice-cream. We will have carnival rides, art activities, sporting activities, Minecraft, board games ... a whole plethora of fun and action to reconnect us and to bring joy to our day. We end the day with the famous "Thomas Carr's Got Talent" where staff and students will compete in a talent quest to win the prize and the honour of being the most "talented" Thomas Carr citizen.

Students are permitted to wear their PE uniform on the day. If they do not possess a PE uniform, they are to wear their full winter uniform instead. Students are also permitted to bring their own lunch if they wish. Please note that the canteen will not be open and we will not be permitting families to drop lunch off for students on the day.

We are all looking forward to being together as a community, celebrating our strengths, celebrating our connection, celebrating the awesome school we are. I look forward to celebrating with you all.

FROM THE LEARNING AREA LEADER, HUMANITIES Miss Saliba

ANZAC Day March

On Monday 25 April our student leaders attended the annual ANZAC Day March. In 2011, the College formed a relationship with the Malaya Borneo Veterans' Association, which has resulted in an ongoing connection between our students and the veterans. Student leaders marched proudly with the Malaya and Borneo Veterans' banner, the Malaysian flag, and the Australian flag. Students were privileged to represent Thomas Carr College and walk in honour of those who have served for our country and can not be present today. Many students had their own personal connection to the day, proudly wearing medals of their parents and grandparents who have served for our country.

The ANZAC Day March takes place every year on ANZAC Day. Students march with the veterans from Collins St to The Shrine of Remembrance, while reflecting and paying respects to all the past and present serving Veterans. Students have developed a deeper understanding of the involvement of the Malaya Borneo Veterans' during the conflict in South-East Asia in 1950-1960 and we continue to honour and explore this as a College community.

Following the march, students attended lunch with the Veterans. This was an opportunity for the Veterans to share their stories and show appreciation to the students who gave up their time to honour the association. A special thanks to the students who conducted themselves in a respectful manner and represented the College: Georgia Spratling, Rhiana Gibson, Khushi Patel, Mitchell Nelson, Erinne Bautista, Anina Latu, Ruhani Mamgain, Abin Mathew and Thea Villegas.

The Malaya & Borneo Veterans' Association with Thomas Carr College students on ANZAC Day.



Christian Sagote from Year 8 at the Werribee ANZAC Day Ceremony



NOTICES

Geelong Railway Line Notice

Some students may rely on V/Line trains to get to and from school, therefore we need to advise of an upcoming rail disruption on the Geelong line (V-Line).

Due to Regional Rail Revival works, coaches will replace trains for all or part of the journey from **Saturday 30 April to Saturday 28 May**. Students can plan their journey using the V/Line or PTV journey planner. There are also PDF temporary timetables available to download from the V/Line website. Please visit the following link for further information:

[V/Line - Regional public transport for Victoria - Coaches replace trains on the Geelong Line \(vline.com.au\)](https://vline.com.au)

BOOK NOW - YEAR 7 2024 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Click [here](#) to register

YEAR 7 2024 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Date: Tuesday 17 May 2022
Time: 6.30pm arrival for a 7pm start
Venue: Fr Moran Performing Arts Centre, Thomas Carr College
RSVP: Thursday 12 May 2022
To register, please visit www.thomascarr.vic.edu.au/#quicks

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