



THOMAS MORE CHRISTIAN MONTESSORI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



5 June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was truly wonderful to see so many of you here today to take part in our Annual Cross Country Event. Kudos to Mrs. Lisa Stobe and Mr. Dave Foster for all of your preparatory work. Kudos most especially to ALL of our students who outperformed every previous record. It was a delight to watch them on the course and to witness their energy, determination and perseverance.

We have witnessed these same qualities at work in their classrooms this fortnight and are witnessing all of our students undergoing a wonderful metamorphosis as they are become more and more “normalized” to use Maria Montessori’s term. Maria observed that the child’s “normal” state is one of concentration, confidence, co-ordination and co-operation. When the environment is properly prepared with a director or directress who is able to facilitate each child to listen to and follow the direction of their own inner teacher then you are able to witness the miracles of childhood. Each child is able to happily pursue their own unique path in their own timing. It is a wonder to behold. On any given day now you can walk through the school and witness “normalized” Montessori Classrooms. You are welcome to come and visit!

We are now ready for our first Open Day with our present Staff. Please mark your calendars for Saturday July 26th from 9 am to noon and plan to bring your friends along as well. More news about this special day to come.

May you each have a blessed three day weekend and may Jesus who is the King of Kings bring His Peace and Joy to your families this weekend as we celebrate the King’s Birthday.

Warm Regards,
Donna McCulloch



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday 5 June**
Cross Country
- Monday 8 June**
Public Holiday
- Wednesday 17 June**
School Photos
- Friday 19 June**
Science Fair
- Saturday 25 July**
Open Day



Parent Child Program News

This fortnight, the children delighted in creating turtles and tree collages as part of our changing art activities. It was wonderful to see their creativity come to life and to see the excitement and pride on their faces as they took their creations home to share with their families.

We were also delighted to welcome the creative Maya back who especially loves our changing art activity and so thrilled to welcome Alex back with her gorgeous sons, Max and Zajax, who really thrive in the Montessori environment. It is such a joy to spend quality time with them.

One of the most beautiful aspects of Montessori is the emphasis on presence. Children flourish when they are given an adult's undivided attention. By slowing down, observing, and truly being with the child, we create a sense of connection and belonging that supports confidence, concentration, and emotional wellbeing.

Children thrive when they are held in a balance of loving presence, gentle guidance, clear boundaries and consistent expectations.

In the beginning, they need a great deal of our attention as they learn to navigate the world around them. As their confidence and capabilities grow, we can gradually step back, offering just enough support while trusting them to take the next step. It is through this dance of connection, trust, consistent boundaries and freedom that children truly flourish.

In these simple moments of connection, children feel seen, valued, and capable - and it is from this foundation that confidence grows.

Thank you to all the families who make our playgroup such a warm and supportive community. Your love for your children inspires me.

With Love

Ms Boulter



Cycle One News

What's been happening...

- Learning to make Sourdough bread
- Learning the story of the Mustard Seed
- A collaborative art project
- Lots of new lessons in the Sensorial Avenue to explore touch, sound and shapes



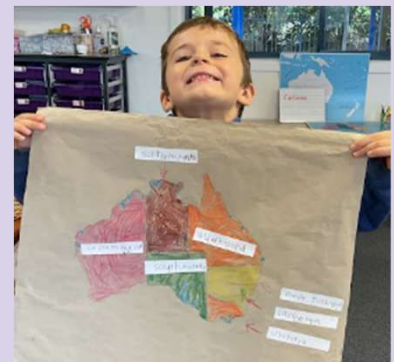
Rosie overcoming her frustration to tie the Bow Tying Frame. She was incredibly proud!



Selena making a seed tree after learning about the Mustard Seed parable.



Hunter has been determined to learn his multiplication facts with the bead board.



Jason making and labelling his own map of Australia.

A huge well done to Nia and Ethan this week who have both completed their Red Reading Drawers. They showed amazing determination to learn their sounds. Well Done!

Message from Miss Guest

So far this year, Cycle One have been on a huge reading journey and all the children have made amazing progress whether learning their letter sounds or reading increasingly challenging books.

It is great to see how proud the children are of their skills and their determination to continue improving.

Cycle One News



Last week was Sam's VIP week. Sam made a great poster to share with his friends all about his favourite things. Later in the week, we had a visit from Sam's dad and his dog. The children loved petting the puppy and asked lots of questions about what it was like to look after a dog.



This week Harvey was our VIP. It was great to see how much more confident Harvey was when presenting his poster to the class this year! The children were lucky enough to have a lesson from Harvey's mum in making sourdough bread. I think all the children agreed it was delicious when they enjoyed it with butter and honey that afternoon.





Cycle 2 News

Winter has arrived this week, so I'm seeing lots of children eager to come into the nice warm classroom in the morning.

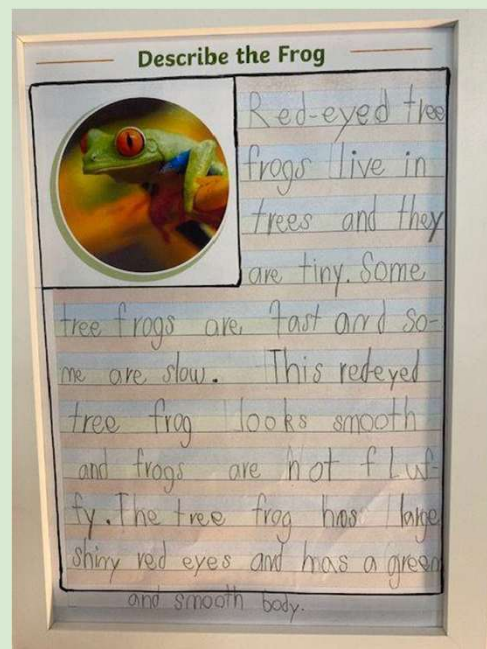
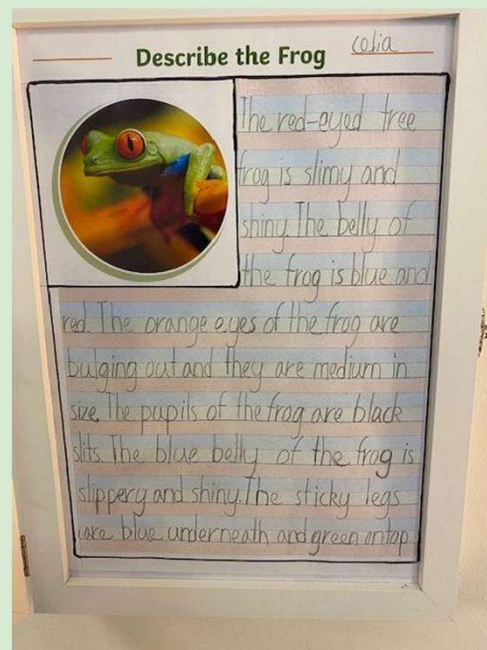
There is still lots going on in Cycle 2...we have been finishing our work on 'descriptive writing', with everyone completing a piece of published writing after creating a draft, and editing their work. The quality of effort can be seen in their brilliant finalised pieces of writing (you can see a couple of examples below)

We have begun our study of 'biomes' this fortnight, using our wonderful Waesca Maps (photo below). Using these high quality, beautiful materials ignites students' interest, and they are all eager to learn more.

The next two weeks will be all about science as we prepare for our Science Fair. The students have chosen a mix of Zoology research projects and dynamic experiments showing forces (such as gravity and inertia), so we will all be excited to return after the long weekend.

Enjoy your long weekend, get outside and clear the lungs in this cold weather, as we look forward to the last 3 weeks of the term!

- Mr Foster





Cycle 3 - Classroom News

A quick update on Cycle 3 happenings.....

Science Fair, 19 June:

The students are working hard on their science fair presentations. This year we are focussing on the biomes of Africa - grasslands, tropical rainforests, deserts, wetlands and mountains. We welcome everyone to come along and have a look!

Fractions

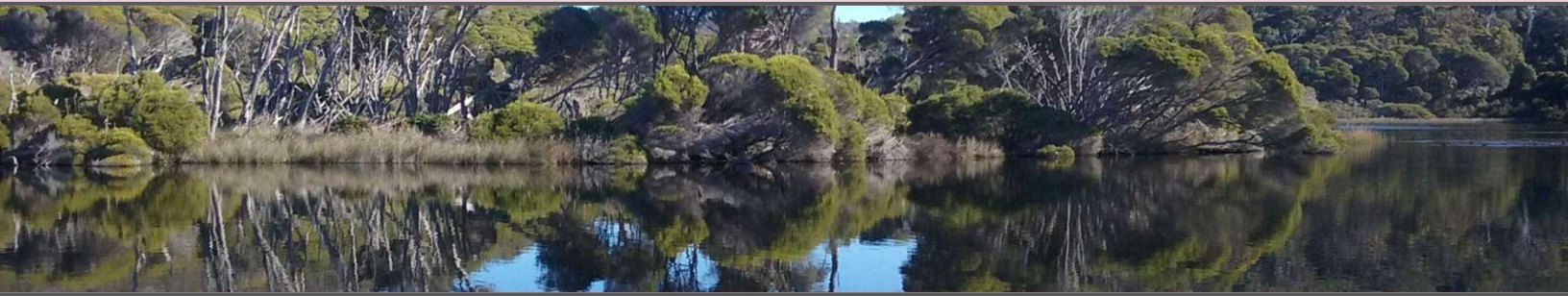
The students are reviewing fractions and learning the four processes, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, using fractions. It would be good to have them practice at home in practical ways, such as when cooking or dividing up dinner, at the grocery store (food prices are presented as the total cost, but also in units), etc.

Fables

We are reading and analysing fables for the rest of this term, both Aesop's Fables and African Folk Tales. If you have any of these stories at home please read them to your children or get them to read them to themselves or to younger siblings. You could also talk about the morals of the stories and how we can enact them in our lives. If you are a Christian family there is cross-over with Proverbs, too.

PS. Just a reminder....please let me know if you have any spare craft supplies you would like to re-home



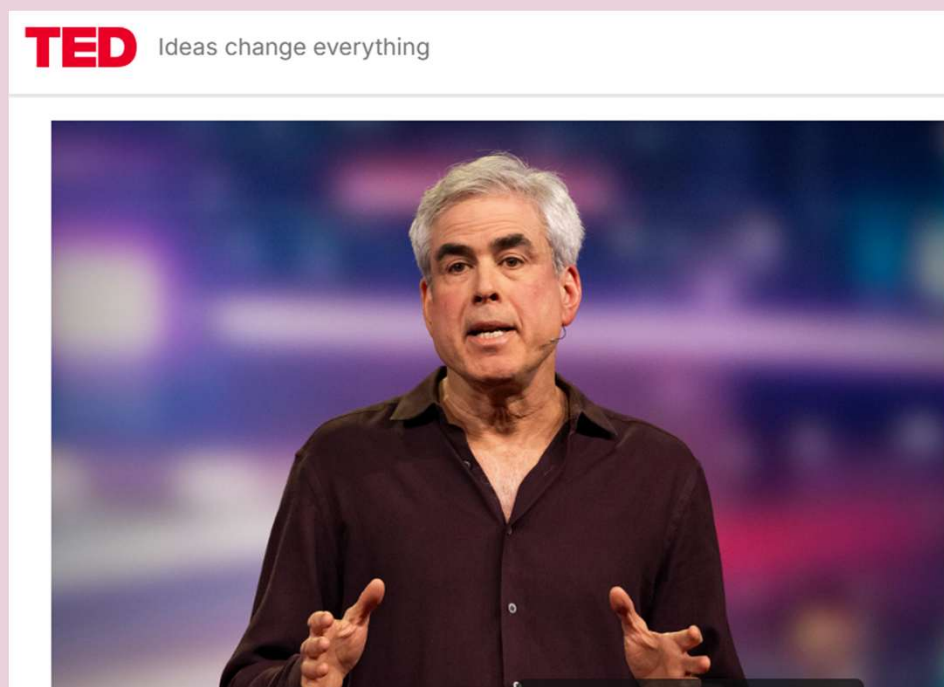
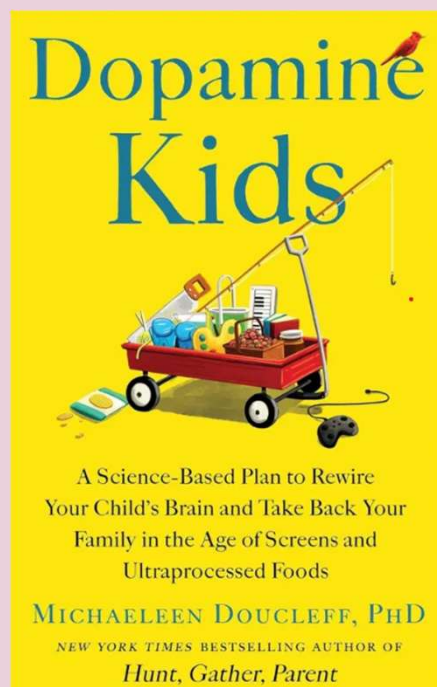


Health & Wellbeing

This week I thought I would bring to your attention 2 articles (they include a new book and a Ted Talk).

First, [*The Three Big Mistakes: What Parenting Advice Gets Wrong About Phones and Screen Time*](#) ... *Five years ago, I decided to finally fix a long-standing issue: my phone addiction. At age 44, I had a severe problem. I was so obsessed with my phone that I could no longer enjoy quiet, relaxing moments with my daughter, Rosy. One afternoon, I sat on a beautiful beach near San Francisco, watching Rosy try to build a crumbly sandcastle. She hummed along contentedly as she dug a little moat for the castle. But all I could think about was checking my emails, my texts, and social media accounts. I drew my phone from my pocket, swiped at each app, and then a few minutes later, I'd pull out my phone and launch the same circuit over again.*

Second, comes from Jon Haidt - [*Why You Should be a Techno-Skeptic*](#), is accompanied by his Ted Talk (with the same title): [Jonathan Haidt: Why you should be a techno-skeptic | TED Talk](#)



The Kitchen Garden with Mrs Remy

Garden sunshine,
Our first frost marks the beginning of winter, and our winter school garden is looking as healthy as ever. Winter is a slower time in the garden with few new plantings, but it's the best time for garden maintenance, building new structures and repairing old ones.

This week we had our first big harvest, to provide vegetables for our hot lunch program. We harvested carrots, beetroots and broccoli to serve as steamed vegetables. Our harvests have also included 13 beautiful pumpkins along with a large cauliflower, which every student had a taste of, raw and direct.

The children have been learning about slugs and snails as our peas have been damaged by this famous garden pest. We have had to replant the few that have been badly damaged using seedlings we prepared in advance for this purpose (we have also sold some of our pea seedlings on our farm-gate stall!). We have also been finishing our long-term compost piles preparing for spring plantings and fertilizing everything with worm wee from our vermicompost.

Garden sunshine
Mrs Remy





From the Kitchen...with Ms Boulter



MENU

Second Half of Term 2

Mon 8 June: Public Holiday

Wed 10 June: Chicken Korma

Mon 15 June: Taco

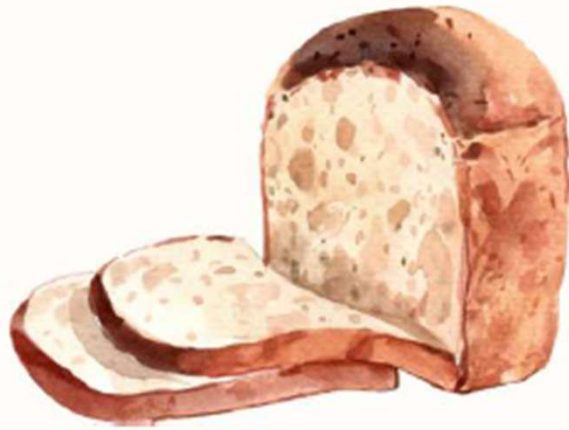
Wed 17 June: Spaghetti bolognese

Mon 22 June: Creamy Chicken Noodles

Wed 24 June: Nachos

NIKKI WAGNER NUTRITION

Gluten-free Sourdough Bread Workshop



**Saturday, 27 June 2026 at 10am - 12pm
Thomas More Christian Montessori School
2 Willow Court, BEGA (off Lynjohn Dr.)**

**Bookings: nikkiwagnernutrition@gmail.com
0448 830 361**

In this workshop you will learn to make delicious, gluten-free sourdough bread and leave with a starter so you can make your own loaf at home straight away. You will be able to taste the sourdough loaf during the workshop!

I will also provide you with a cookbook that includes these breads and other gluten-free and grain-free recipes such as seeded crackers and wholesome sweets.

NOTE: all proceeds will go to TMCM School P&C to be used for school projects

\$70pp

New Zealand Flax Basket Making Class



Sunday, 28 June, 12pm - 3pm

Thomas More Christian Montessori School
2 Willow Ct., BEGA (off Lynjohn Dr.)

Book online: nikkiwagnernutrition@gmail.com
or contact Nikki: 0448 830 361

Join me to learn how to make baskets out of New Zealand Flax. In this class you will learn where to collect flax, how to strip the leaves for fibre, how to make twine and how to stitch handmade twine into a basket. We will also discuss ways to add colour to your baskets.

note: all proceeds raised will be donated to TCMC School P&C to be used for school projects

No prior experience necessary. Child friendly.
\$60 pp/\$20 for children (under 18)

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Help build our school community



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