



THOMAS MORE CHRISTIAN MONTESSORI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week it has been. We had a new photographer take our school photos on Wednesday. Tara did a magnificent job with the students, and we look forward to having a new and wonderful look with our pictures taken outdoors. Thank you for your participation and for your prompt attention to returning the envelopes.

The Scient Fair today was magnificent, it showcased each individual child's industry, creativity, scientific exploration and public speaking skills. All the parents and staff remarked that it was the best Science Fair to date! Each student was fully engaged in the experience and had working knowledge of their experiment. Kudos to Mr. Foster, Ms. Wagner & Ms. Stobe and all the students in Cycle 2 and Cycle 3.

As you noted the 5 June newsletter highlighted the fact that for the month of June is traditionally devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. St. Margaret Mary was given the vision of Jesus boundless love and mercy, these revelations occurred between 1673 and 1675.

These are the promises the Sacred Heart of Jesus made to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque:

1. I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.
2. I will give peace in their families.
3. I will console them in all their troubles.
4. I will be their refuge in life and especially in death.
5. I will abundantly bless all their undertakings.
6. Sinners shall find in my Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Tepid souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall rise speedily to great perfection.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 26 June
Last Day of Term 2

Monday 20 July
Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 21 July
Term 3 Starts

Saturday 25 July
Open Day

9. I will bless those places wherein the image of My Sacred Heart shall be exposed and venerated.

10. I will give to priests the power to touch the most hardened hearts.

11. Persons who propagate this devotion shall have their names eternally written in my Heart.

12. In the excess of the mercy of my Heart, I promise you that my all powerful love will grant to all those who will receive Communion on the first Fridays, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance: They will not die in my displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; and my Heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour.



On 11 June, we reflected on the inspiring consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus by the U.S. bishops, who entrusted the nation to Christ's merciful love. Moved by this example of faith and trust, we have chosen to consecrate our school to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, seeking His guidance, protection, and blessings as we continue through this significant period of growth and development.

Warm Regards,

Donna McCulloch



Parent Child Program News

This fortnight at playgroup we explored the colours of the rainbow through a variety of hands-on creative experiences.

The children enjoyed creating beautiful rainbow clouds using paddle pop sticks and soft cotton wool. We also experimented with balloon painting, which, while a little messier, provided an easier grip for little hands and a fun new way to explore colour and creativity.

A special milestone was celebrated when Harper created her very first painting using beautiful shades of blue and purple. I'm loving how proud everyone is of their work. How lovely it is to take these creations home and begin that first collection of treasured memories.

Mary surprised us by correctly naming the colours of the paint, showing us just how much she has been absorbing through her everyday experiences and play.

Woody impressed us with his incredibly cute, deep concentration and sense of order as he independently completed his cycle of work. It is wonderful to see children learn the joy of caring for our environment and the people we share it with by returning materials when they are finished. Our younger children may not be quite ready to do this independently yet, but they are absorbing so much by watching the adults and older children around them.

In Montessori, we trust that these skills will emerge naturally when children enter the sensitive period for order, typically between two and four years of age. It's a bit like surfing a wave: we wait for the signs that they're ready and then enthusiastically support them as they develop this new rhythm of taking, using, and returning their work. Consistency is key. Clear expectations and gentle reminders help children make sense of the process and build confidence in their new skill.

As always, it has been so heart warming and absolutely joyous to watch the children learn, grow, and connect through meaningful work.

Just one more week remains before our three-week holiday break.

With Love

Ms Boulter



Cycle One News

What's been happening...

- Making lemon muffins
- Learning about land and water forms
- Celebrating winter with a collaborative mandala made from natural materials
- Visit the Cycle 2 and 3 Science Fair



Reign learning about land and water forms by making them with playdoh.



Aaliyah practiced and rehearsed reading Sleeping Beauty to share with her friends at storytime.



Valerie practicing her numbers matching the number rods to the numeral cards.



Enjoying the sunshine with some painting.

Our star this week has to be the amazing Mrs Burr! She has been a wonderful helper and teacher in our class. The children have loved having a special Mrs Burr story and cooking every week! Mrs Burr is retiring after the holidays. We want to let her know that she is a star in our class and will be missed very much.

Message from Miss Guest

It has been such a fantastic term! The children have grown so much, developing independence and resilience. It is amazing to see them challenge themselves with tricky work and enjoy the struggle to learning. I will be away next week so the wonderful Mrs Burr will be their teacher. I hope everyone has an amazing winter holiday and see you next term!



Cycle 2 News

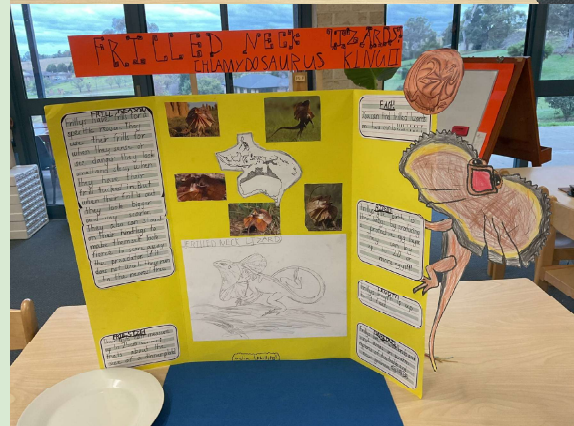
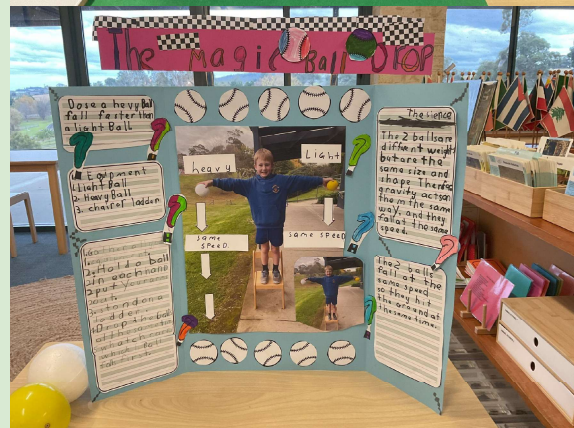
What a morning we have just had! A very busy fortnight culminated this morning with a superb "Science Fair". Our classroom was alive with science demonstrations, experiments and research projects, showing scientific principles such as gravity, inertia, centrifugal force, capillary action, chemical reactions...as well as two fantastic zoology research projects. Every student rose to the occasion and produced fantastic explanations and presentations.

A huge thank you to all the family and friends who spent the morning with us. It means so much to the children to see your interest and enjoyment in their work, and helps build our all-important 'community of learning'.

It took a lot of effort and perseverance by the children to put together such a great fair. Over the two weeks they have performed lots of research, learnt and practiced their experiments and presentations, as well as produce a high-quality poster each. The standard of poster was outstanding...they were bright and colourful, well organised and laid out, full of neatly written information, and some even had moving parts.

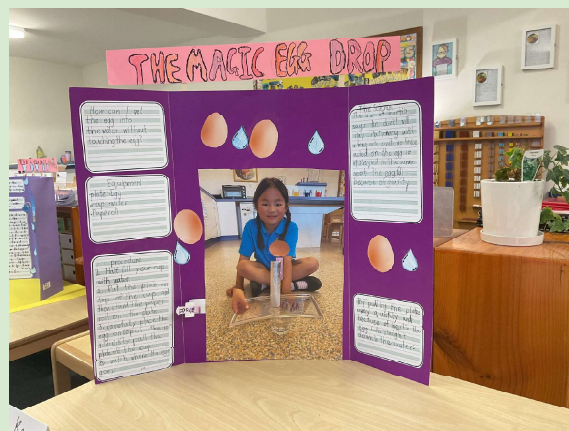
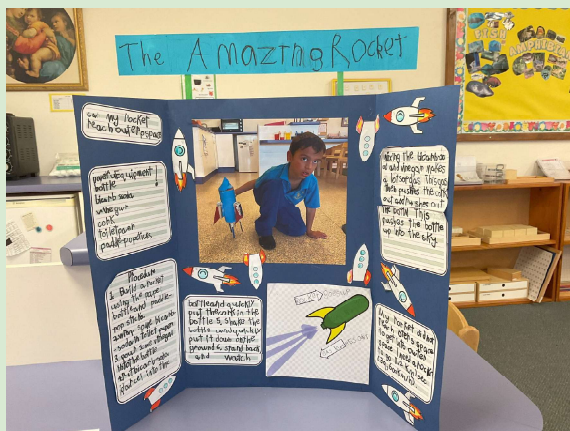
I believe the children will remember today's event fondly, as a great result due to their great effort.

- Mr Foster





Cycle 2 News



I love the look of shock and interest



Cycle 3 - Classroom News

TMCM School's Science Fair, 2026!

The Cycle 3 students have created a wonderful replica of the African biomes:

Tropical Rainforest of the Congo

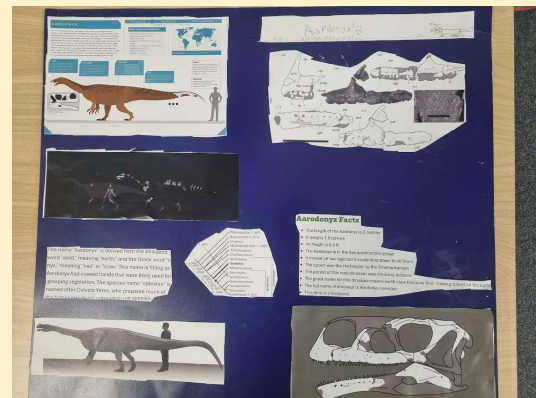
Sahara Desert

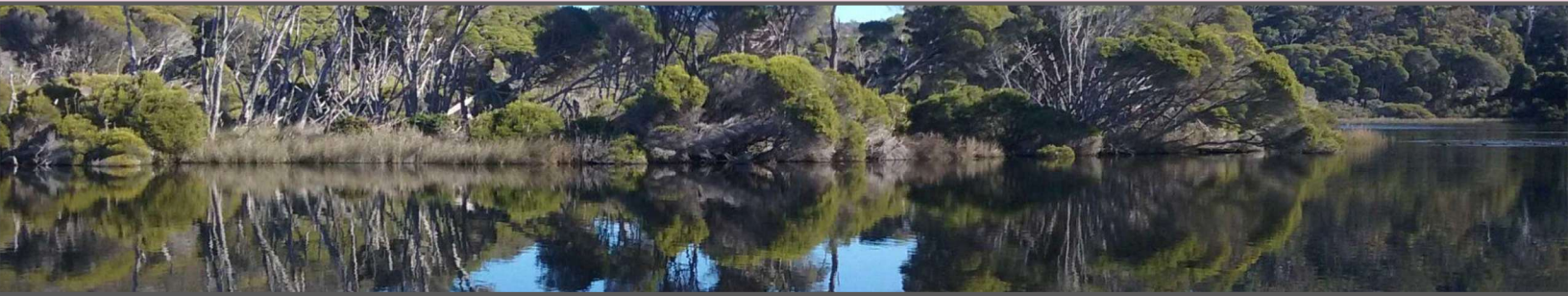
Savannah (grasslands)

Mountains of the Ethiopian Highlands

Wetlands of the Delta Nile

Biome research has included the animals, plants, native peoples, climate, fundamental needs and much more!





Health & Wellbeing

One of the best things you can do for your child is to practice math at home – skip counting, fractions, timestables. By this I don't necessarily mean you should sit them down with worksheets each night after a long day at school; rather, just include them when you are baking a cake..."All I have is this quarter cup measure, but I need a whole cup of flour, so I will have to use four of them." Or see if they can use the $\frac{1}{4}$ cup measurement to fill up the cup measure and does that equal 4?

Skip counting can become a game where you see how far your child can count by 2's or 5's or 10's. Most kids love a challenge. Learning timestables is a bit tricky and may need a few different strategies. Rhythm really helps most children. When my kids were young i used to bounce a ball between us while we 'picked the pattern' – I would say 3 and bounce the ball to him, my son would then say 6, and bounce it back. Then I would say 3×1 , bounce the ball to him, he would give the answer sending the ball back. In this way the bouncing of the ball on the ground gave us the rhythm he needed.

There are many other ways to practice with your kids and I have provided a list here.....

Maths Games

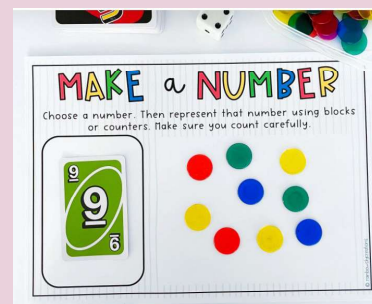
Games are always the most fun way to learn:

- Bingo
- [Playing Card games](#)
- Dice games
- [Games using Uno cards](#)

Songs can also help, something like Schoolhouse Rock from the 1970's (this was my favourite when I was a kid)

Other ideas:

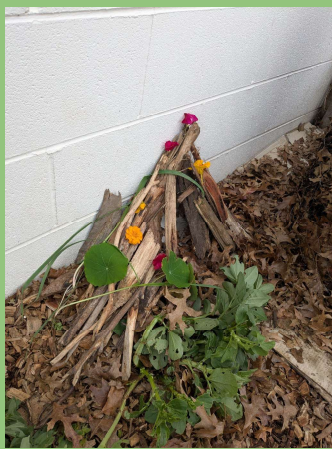
- Flashcards (make your own or have an older child make them)
- Group objects together, called arrays (counting beads or teddies)
- Make charts or print one out and hang it up where the child will see it often



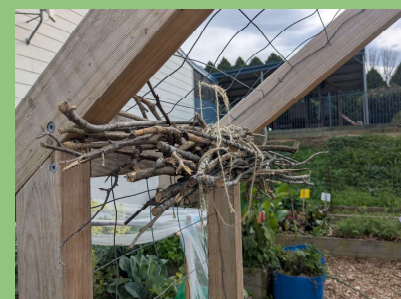
The Kitchen Garden with Mrs Remy

Garden sunshine,
With the Winter Solstice upon us this weekend, we celebrated the occasion in the garden calendar this week with a special Garden Art Project: a Nature Mandala. Using winter foliage, colourful leaves and flowers, sticks and rocks, we worked together on one large, collaborative mandala. A mandala is a circular pattern radiating out from a central point using symmetry in all directions out from the centre. We see mandalas in nature, in the form of a snail shell's spiral, a spider's web, the growth rings of a tree, a flower with its petals.

Each class contributed to patterns, Cycle 3 began with the central part and base structure, Cycle 2 added depth and pattern and Cycle 1 completed it by adding the finishing touches to the orange, yellow and green. It was a very special experience and enjoyed by all.



Last week in our winter garden we focused on encouraging beneficial insects and fauna into our garden space, to help keep pests at bay, increase pollination and make a diversified, healthy microclimate. Cycle 1 built an adorable Blue-Tongue Lizard House (lizards love to eat slugs), beneficial bug hotels made with bundles of sticks (especially good for stingless micro parasitic wasps and green lacewings who eat aphids and caterpillars) and an adorable ladybug house, who of course munch on those aphids.



It's been so fun and interesting exploring other aspects of gardening during these winter months and discovering that there's so much more to gardening than just planting and harvesting.

Garden sunshine
Mrs Remy



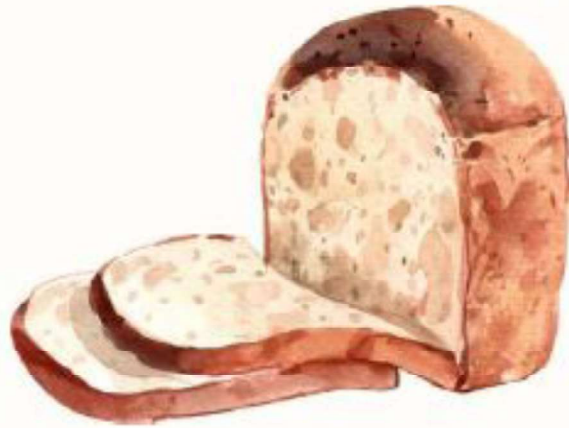


From the Kitchen...with Ms Boulter



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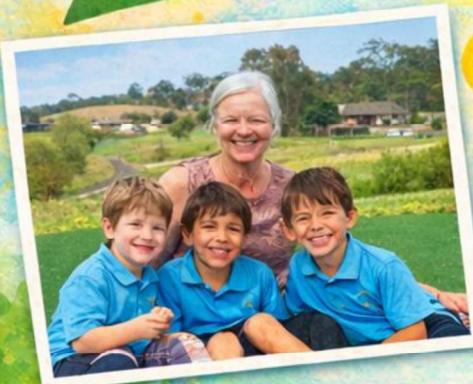
Join me to learn how to make baskets out of New Zealand Flax. In this class you will learn where to collect flax, how to strip the leaves for fibre, how to make twine and how to stitch handmade twine into a basket. We will also discuss ways to add colour to your baskets.

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

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

Join Our P&C

Connect, support, and grow with other parents and the school



Help build our
school community



Help organize school events & activities



Share your skills & ideas



Strengthen our school community
& faith-based values



Help create fun and meaningful
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