Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for 2015. The lovely blue sky and refreshing breeze we woke to today has given us a great start to the year. It was lovely to see all of the children looking fresh for the start of the day.

I would like to thank all of you for bringing your child in for the mathematics assessments conducted this week. I understand how inconvenient it is to interrupt the whole day for a half hour session here at school. The information gathered will be given to you at our Meet & Greet sessions in Week 3 (Week 4 for Year 6).

Last Thursday all of the School Leadership Teams from across the diocese came together to explore the implications of Pope Francis’ Apostolic Exhortation – Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel). Late in the day we were able to do some planning for how will open this conversation first with staff, then parents and finally with students.

OPENING SCHOOL YEAR MAS

As is our tradition the opening of the school Mass will be celebrated Sunday 8 February. We would like the children to attend in full school uniform and sit with their class. The Kindergarten children will be walked into church by their Year 5 or Year 6 buddy, welcomed by the congregation and will then sit on the ground at the front of the church.

This is always a wonderful Mass to celebrate the children embarking on another great year of learning. Morning Tea will be provided on the playground after Mass.

From the Music Room

Welcome back to Music 2015. The Band program will commence next week, week 2 for all students. Senior band will be on Friday Feb 2nd at 7.45. There will be no Junior band until week 6, however the junior band students will begin their lessons next week. Due to the large number of students and smaller tuition groups this year, the groups will be held on Monday as well as Friday. You will receive further information in the coming weeks as to further payment for participation and which day your child’s lesson will be held.

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DIARY DATES

Mon 2 Feb Kindergarten start
Champagne & Tissues - 9.30am

Sun 8 Feb Opening School Mass 9.30am

Tues 10 Feb Chess Club Starts

Wed 11, 12, 13 Feb Year 6 Camp
Year 5 AFTRS

Fri 13 Feb School Banking talk - 2.30pm

Thu 19 & 20 Feb Year 6 AFTRS

Fri 20 Feb ISDA debating
Please join us in celebrating the milestone of your child commencing school at St Thomas.

Join the families of Kindergarten 2015 at our “Tissues & Champagne” Celebratory Morning Tea

Monday 2nd February 2015 9:30am – 11:30am

Hosted by The Taylor Family

Caz Taylor has kindly opened her home to us for the function. As an existing St Thomas Family, it would be greatly appreciated if you could please bring along a share platter and bottle of bubbles to celebrate another child commencing school.

Whilst younger siblings are most welcome, you may wish to leave them with a family member or friend to enable you to mingle.

RSVP not required
For further information or if you have any questions contact
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