

DMC NEWSLETTER

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St. Thomas of Castile

St. Thomas was from Castile in Spain and received his surname from the town where he was raised. He received a superior education at the University of Alcala and became a popular professor of philosophy there.

After joining the Augustinian friars at Salamanca he was ordained and resumed his teaching—despite a continuing absentmindedness and poor memory. He became prior and then provincial of the friars, sending the first Augustinians to the New World. He was nominated by the emperor to the archbishopric of Granada, but refused. When the see again became vacant he was pressured to accept. The money his cathedral chapter gave him to furnish his house was given to a hospital instead. His explanation to them was that "our Lord will be better served by your money being spent on the poor in the hospital. What does a poor friar like myself want with furniture?"

He wore the same habit that he had received in the novitiate, mending it himself. The canons and domestics were ashamed of him, but they could not convince him to change. Several hundred poor came to Thomas's door each morning and received a meal, wine and money. When criticized because he was at times being taken advantage of, he replied, "If there are people who refuse to work, that is for the governor and the police to deal with. My duty is to assist and relieve those who come to my door." He took in orphans and paid his servants for every deserted child they brought to him. He encouraged the wealthy to imitate his example and be richer in mercy and charity than they were in earthly possessions.

As he lay dying, Thomas commanded that all the money he possessed be distributed to the poor. His material goods were to be given to the rector of his college. Mass was being said in his presence when after Communion he breathed his last, reciting the words: "Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit."

Thomas of Villanova was already called in his lifetime "the almsgiver" and "the father of the poor." He was canonized in 1658.

Prayer

God, You made St. Thomas of Castile an outstanding exemplar of Divine mercy and the Faith that conquers the world, and added him to the role of saintly Pastors. Grant by his intercession that we may become sharers of his glory. Amen.

From "Lives of the Saints for Every Day of the Year."

Week Seven

1) **REMINDER-Summer Uniform:**

Next term summer uniforms will be in effect. Please ensure that all items of summer uniform are purchased before the beginning of Term 4. Parents please double check your child's clothing sizes- children do have this irritating tendency to keep growing, so their Term 1 uniform may no longer fit!

2) Uniform Shop: Uniform shop days are Monday & Thursday, from 8am-10am and 2pm-3pm. Uniforms will not be sold any other days unless it is an emergency.

The uniform shop will be open during school holidays on Monday 4th of October and Thursday 7th of October from 9am to 12pm.

3) **Year 11 and 12 Examinations:**

Examinations for all Year 11 ATAR subjects (those requiring exams) are scheduled in Weeks 4 and 5 of Term 4. Year 12 ATAR mock exams are scheduled in the first two weeks of holidays, with the students returning in Week 1 to review their examination results and receive final feedback.

4) Safety Warning: Parents, please exercise caution when using the DMC driveway for the picking up or setting down of your children by observing the posted speed limits- 5km per hour- and ensuring your children enter the vehicle on the grassed side of the driveway. Please also speak to your children about road safety; we have had a number of children who have been observed running across Yangebup Road and Osprey Drive ahead of vehicles, which is terribly dangerous, not to mention unnecessary, as we have a crossing guard on duty in the morning and afternoon.

Additionally, we have had a number of very young children in Years 1 and 3 dropped off at the school gates from 7:15 am. Teachers are **not present on site** this early and there is significant risk to young children's safety if they are left outside the school gate without supervision at this early hour.

5) **REMINDER- DMC ATHLETICS**

CARNIVAL: This will be held on Tuesday the 14th of September between 9am and 2:45 pm.

9:00 – 10:55 Periods 1-3	Pre-Primary – Year 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 100m Race• Faction House Relay• Carnival Games (Egg & Spoon, Hockey Dribble, Tug of War, Rob the Nest, Over Under Hurdle, Pass Ball, Leader Ball)
10:55 – 11:15 Recess	Pre-Primary – Year 3 Finished (Welcome to come back and watch)
11:15 – 12:00 Period 4	Year 4 – Year 10 - Start <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 100m Race
12:00 – 12:45 Period 5	Year 4 – Year 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Faction Relay Race
12:45 – 1:15 Lunch	
1:15 – 2:20 Period 6-7	Year 4 – Year 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carnival games (Egg & Spoon, Hockey Dribble, Tug of War, Rob the Nest, Over Under Hurdle, Pass Ball, Leader Ball)
2:20– 2:45 Period 7	Presentation in Hall – Whole school

Our Carnival facilitators and sports teachers Mrs McKay and Mr Wood would like to encourage everyone to stay out and support throughout the day. We encourage students to dress up in their faction colours i.e. ZINC, CRAZY HAIR, RIBBONS. REMEMBER: Water and wear sunscreen! Parents welcome to attend.

6) River Cruise: On Friday the 17th of September our Year 11 students will be attending our Annual Year 11 River Cruise. Our students will be dressed up,

and have their best dancing shoes on, with staff on hand to ensure that none of the students fall overboard ☺. Thanks to Ms Marri for organising this event. Photos to be provided as soon as they are available...

+ Jesus, I trust in You

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7) NAPLAN Reports: This Friday 3rd of September, NAPLAN reports were handed out to students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 to be sent home to parents.



8) R U OK? Day: R U OK? Day (Thursday 9 September, 2021) is a national day of action dedicated to reminding everyone that every day is the day to ask, “Are you OK?” and support those struggling with life's ups and downs.

It isn't always easy to know whether someone is OK, particularly if they haven't talked about it.

R U OK? has developed four conversation steps to give you, no matter how young you are, the skills and confidence to navigate a conversation with someone you're worried about:



1. Ask



2. Listen



**3. Encourage
action**



4. Check in

For more information, you can visit
<https://www.ruok.org.au/>