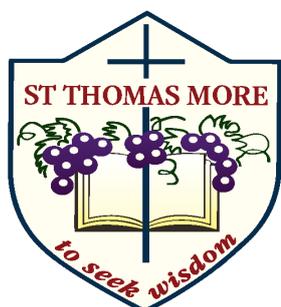


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# The Vine



## Principal's Report

*My Lord Jesus,  
You have risen to new life!  
Give me new eyes with which to recognise  
your presence in the world around me.  
Sharpen my vision so that I see beyond the ordinary events  
of each day and into the extraordinary reality of your grace.  
Brighten my view of the world with renewed hope  
in the coming of your Kingdom.  
Soften my gaze so that I view others with  
the kind of tenderness and compassion you showed to so many.  
May each day of this Easter season provide glimpses of your glory. Amen.*



Dear Parents,

I hope that everybody had a wonderful Easter, enjoying the company of family and friends at this most important time in our Catholic Church. Thank you to the Year 6 class for their portrayal of the Stations of the Cross on Holy Thursday. It was a moving and reverent display of the final days of our Lord Jesus Christ. The students did a sensational job in showing the movements and feelings of Jesus and his followers.

As we have a very short week this week, this is just a brief newsletter outlining the most important information we need you all to have. The term is rapidly drawing to a close with just over one week to go until school breaks up for two weeks. The staff and the students have been working very hard in the classrooms completing many interesting, varied and worthwhile learning tasks.

Next week, the Leeuwin Interschool Athletics Carnival will take place on Tuesday 10 April, with the Jumps and Throws in Augusta, and then on Thursday 12 April, with the Running and Team Events here on our school oval. Margaret River Independent School are hosting the carnival this year. Mr McRae has picked the Interschool Team which has been put up outside the library today. If you have any queries with regard to the Interschool Team, please come and see me. Mr O'Brien and myself will be accompanying the Throws, Jumpers and 400m runners to Augusta next week on the bus. A note will be sent home asking for permission for those students who have been selected. If we could have a couple of helpers in Augusta for raking and measuring that would be fantastic, and we do need only a couple of people for next Thursday as well. I will send home a request for helpers along with the permission slip to those families who have children participating in the Interschool Carnival. Thank you all in anticipation for your wonderful help and support at the Interschool Carnival.

We will be having an Early Childhood Open Morning for prospective families on Monday 9 April. Whereas this is an "Open Day", it is still a work day which gives interested new families an opportunity to see our school in operation, along with some fun activities with our older students. You may begin to notice an advertising campaign attracting new families to our school over the coming weeks. I think one of the best advertisements for our school is the people in our school community. I am very confident that the members of our school community will do a wonderful job of encouraging new families to come and have a look as part of the Open Day. If you have friends with young children, please pass on our flyer advertising our Open Morning and let them know how great our school is. I thank you all in anticipation of your help with advertising our school.

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..... Principal's Report continued

Over the course of next term, we will be inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. This survey is anonymous and will allow us to gather valid and reliable data, which will be an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process. Your email address will be provided to MMG Edu, a specialist education consultancy that works with schools in the areas of school strategic reviews and stakeholder satisfaction. MMG Edu is conducting the anonymous survey on the school's behalf and your feedback data will be destroyed by MMG Edu once they have finalised the report. Please contact the school office by **Friday, 4 May 2018** if you DO NOT wish to participate in the survey.

School will finish for students NEXT FRIDAY 13 April and begin again for students on TUESDAY 1 May. There is a Pupil Free day, to begin Term 2, on Monday 30 April where the staff will be participating in school based professional learning. Once again this year, ANZAC Day falls during the school holidays. Some of our Year 6 students will be representing our school at the community ANZAC DAY Service. Whereas I would encourage all parents to take their children to the Community ANZAC DAY commemorations, we will hold a brief ANZAC DAY Ceremony here at school on Tuesday 1 May at 11:30am. Parents are welcome to join us.

Have a great week everyone.

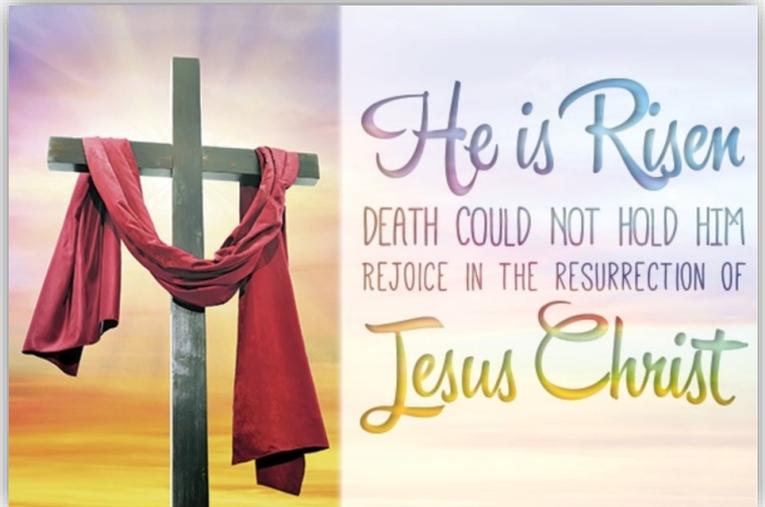


MARTIN MAJOR  
PRINCIPAL

### Thought of the Day



The Uniform Shop is open on  
**Tuesday** afternoons only  
between **1.30pm and 3.30pm.**



#### Friday 6th April

8.45am Pre-Primary Assembly

#### Tuesday 10th April

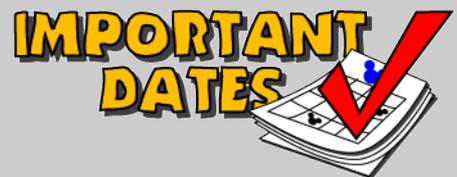
Leeuwin Interschool Athletics Carnival - Jumps and Throws

#### Thursday 12th April

Leeuwin Interschool Athletics Carnival - Running and Team Games

#### Friday 13th April

Last Day of Term 1



The school has a dedicated line for absence notification.

This number is 9758 8042.

The line will not be answered, please leave a message of the child's name and class.