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The Vine



Principal's Report

Mother's Day Prayer

*Heavenly Father,
On this Mother's Day, we thank You for our mothers
through which the gift of life begins
and through who we are nurtured into great people.*

*We lift our mothers to Your love and care.
We pray for them, for their needs of strength and support
to continue to nurture their family with love.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord,
Amen.*



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Website

We are live!! After many months of work, our new school website is finally up and running! Jump online and check it out. Either Google search St Thomas More Catholic Primary School or go to www.stmcps.wa.edu.au and have a look. Very exciting!

Councillor for a Day

I was privileged to attend with four of our Year 6 students the 'Councillor for a Day' summit event held at the Shire of Augusta Margaret River on Tuesday. This initiative brought together students from Margaret River District Highschool as facilitators and primary students from nearby schools to discuss climate change and its impacts on our community. Matao MacKenzie, Charlie Enright, Roi Walsh and Ruby Berry represented our school well and shared some valuable insights and thoughts. From this session, a youth statement will be created and presented at the Climate Summit on the 28th of May.



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Mother's Day

This Friday, the Year 6 class will be presenting a Mother's Day assembly to celebrate all mothers in our community. We invite all mothers to come along, and then stay for our Mother's Day Morning Tea, hosted by the P&F. Some treats will be provided by Claudio Biscotti. We look forward to seeing lots of mums come along.

We wish all Mother's and significant females a wonderful Mother's Day on Sunday. We hope your children spoil you.



NAPLAN

Our Year 3 and 5 students will be participating in the 2019 National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy on Tuesday with the Language Conventions and Writing assessments to be completed first. On Wednesday the students will sit the Reading assessment and on Thursday the Numeracy assessment will be completed. Once again, I would like to reiterate with parents that this is not a test that students need to become anxious or worried about and is only assessing one thing on one day. It does not give us information about how well some of our students can surf, sing or dance. How kind, generous or thoughtful our students are or their knowledge about the Arts, Sport or Science. We will of course still look at the data we get from this assessment and particularly the progress our students have made since Year 3 and use it to inform our future planning.

Wine and Cheese Night

The P&F will be hosting a Wine and Cheese Tasting Night on Friday 24 May from 5:00pm - 7:00pm. There will be tastings from Dawson Wines and Yallingup Cheeses at this stage. We invite parents to come along and have an enjoyable night mixing with old friends and making some new ones.

2019 St Thomas More Spring Fair

Speaking of the P&F, they are working hard to organise our Spring Fair for this year. We are calling for some volunteers to help out in getting donations, running stalls or assisting with the organisation on the day. If you are able to help out in any way, please contact the office so we can pass your details onto our Chief-Organiser Extraordinaire Catherine Chilton. We are also desperately seeking some donations from families, so if you can donate a prize, please bring it in or contact the office.

Kindy Enrolments For 2020

I am currently taking enrolments for Kindy for 2020. Places are beginning to fill and as we are limited to 20 places, I would hate to have families miss out. If you, or someone you know, has a child who will turn 4 by 30 June 2020, please either contact the office for an enrolment form or visit our website to download the forms and return them to the school.

P&F Entertainment Books

Please don't forget to purchase your Entertainment Book for 2019/2020 through our awesome P&F. It's a real win-win situation – it helps raise money for our P&F to spend on your children and you can get thousands of dollars of value in discounted prices and special offers. I myself have received over \$500 in discounts and saving from my Entertainment Book, so imagine how much someone with a social life could save!

Strategic Planning

In order to continue to provide the best school and education for your children, we need to plan for the future. The staff will be working on developing a Strategic Plan for St Thomas More for the next 5 years and we would love the parents' input. A survey has been created for parents to share their thoughts about the strategic direction of the school and how you see us moving into the future. We will look at all feedback and use it to assist our planning. You can access the survey by going to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LBQC278> or alternatively complete the form that was sent home with your child today and return it to the office by Friday 24 May.

I hope you all have a wonderful week ahead and all mothers get spoiled and don't have to suffer burnt toast and cold coffees in bed!

Peace and best wishes,

RUSSELL WYLIE
PRINCIPAL



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Family Reflection – The Rosary

The month of May is a time to focus on Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary. I invite you as a family to pray one Decade of the Rosary together, maybe as you begin your day or before you go to bed at night. A Decade is to pray one Our Father and Ten Hail Mary’s and one Glory Be to the Father; while meditating on one of the Twenty Mysteries:

JOYFUL	SORROWFUL	GLORIOUS	LUMINOUS
The Annunciation	The Agony in the Garden	The Resurrection	The Baptism of Jesus
The Visitation	Scourging at the Pillar	The Ascension	The Wedding Feast of Cana
The Nativity	The Crowning with Thorns	The Descent of the Holy Spirit	The Proclamation of the Kingdom
The Presentation	The Carrying of the Cross	The Assumption	The Transfiguration
Finding of Jesus	The Crucifixion	The Crowning of the Blessed Virgin	The Institution of the Holy Eucharist

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Pope Francis says, “open the doors!” Let nothing prevent you from taking the journey of faith. We will walk with you.

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? St Thomas More Catholic Church invites you to look deeper into our Catholic faith. We invite you to learn what Catholics believe in an open and welcoming environment. For more information, please contact Fr Mathew on 9757 9500.

Project Compassion

If you have a Project Compassion box at home, please return to the office by Friday 24 May. Thank you for your generosity.

NICOLLE ACHMAD
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Thought of the Week



The Uniform Shop
is open on
Tuesday afternoons only
between 1.30pm and 3.00pm.

Friday 10th May

8.45am Mother's Day Assembly followed by Morning Tea

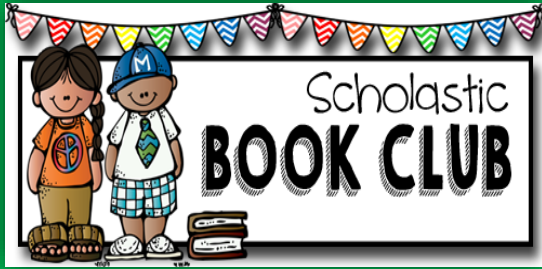
Sunday 12th May

Mother's Day

Week 3

NAPLAN Online all week

Important Dates



Issue 3 of Book Club was sent home last week! Your orders and payments need to be returned to the school no later than tomorrow **Friday 10th May**.

Orders received after this date will **NOT** be processed. If you are paying by cheque please make all cheques payable to Scholastic Australia.

Thanking you for your co-operation.
Rita Willmott - Book Club Organiser

ST THOMAS MORE
to seek wisdom

The St Thomas More Catholic Primary School P&F invites all of the ladies in our community to a.....

Mother's Day Morning Tea

~Sweet Treats by Claudio Biscotti~

Friday 10th May,
immediately following
Assembly.

*"The loveliest masterpiece of the heart
of God is the love of a mother"*
- St Therese of Lisieux

**The School Canteen is open on Fridays
at Lunchtimes selling Icy Poles.**

All items are \$1.00

PARISH NEWS

The diocese is in the process of organising a weekend rally for young people in the Bunbury Diocese on Saturday the 25th May 2019. If you know of any young people (high school aged) who would like to attend please contact Lucy Russell on 0447 572 543. The day will be led by USA Catholic songwriter, singer and storyteller Steve Angrisano.

**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.**