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St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



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The Vine



Principal's Report

The Lord's Prayer for the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

*Our Father who art in Heaven.
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.*



Year 4 Measuring Activity

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It is wonderful to see such great learning continuing to happen in each of the classrooms. As I visit the classes, it is clear that the learning opportunities being presented to the children allow for creativity, problem-solving and higher-order thinking skills to be developed. We really aim to offer all students at St Thomas More an education that will inspire them to become life-long learners who live their faith in an ever-changing world.

Praying the Rosary

The students joined with the Parish last Friday to celebrate our Patroness, Our Lady Help of Christians, by praying a decade of the rosary – the 5th Glorious Mystery, The Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It was fantastic to see the students reflect on Mary and why she is such a special mother to us and the way they behaved so reverently and prayerfully.

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Our Amazing P&F



A special thank you to our amazing P&F for organising a great Wine and Cheese event last Friday night. It was great to see so many parents come together to sample some of the produce from our local region and have a great social night out together. If any families would like to purchase wines from Dawson Wines, please contact the office. All sales provide fundraising for our school.

Speaking of the P&F, don't forget to purchase or download your copy of the Entertainment Book. With so many businesses from the Margaret River region offering discounts, this year is the best for taking advantage of the discounts on offer. The school receives money for ever purchase made.



Woolworths Earn and Learn

Don't forget to continue to collect the Earn and Learn stickers from Woolworths. The more stickers we collect, the more resources for the children we will be able to purchase. There is a box outside Woolworths for St Thomas More that you can place stickers in, or alternatively, you can bring in your stickers or completed sheets into the office.

WA Day Public Holiday



In the general busyness of life, we sometimes forget just how fortunate we are to be living in a place as wonderful as Western Australia. Our upcoming holiday on Monday has been set aside to celebrate all Western Australians, recognising our Aboriginal history, early European settlers and the many from all over the world who have made, and continue to make, Western Australia their home. It's a day for each of us to reflect and celebrate all the great things about our people, our lifestyle, our culture and our potential. I hope all families find time to relax and enjoy this day together.

I wish all families a wonderful long weekend together, hopefully you may get a chance to spend some time with loved ones, watching some of the surfing at the Margaret River Pro, enjoying the region or catching up with friends.

Peace and best wishes,

RUSSELL WYLIE
PRINCIPAL

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



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.

Assistant Principal News

Ascension of the Lord

Gospel: Luke 24:46-53

Make time to go to Mass at St Thomas More Catholic Church at 6.00pm on Saturday or 10.00am on Sunday. In this Sunday's Gospel we learn about Jesus' place in heaven. As a family, talk about how in the Creed we describe Jesus' place in heaven as "seated at the right hand of the Father." Discuss what we might learn about the relationship between God and Jesus from Sunday's Gospel and from the Creed and what we can learn about Jesus' relationship to us.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Our Confirmation Candidates are in their final week of preparation for Confirmation which they will receive on Sunday 9 June at 10.00am at St Thomas More Catholic Church. They will be participating in a Parent and Child Information Evening this evening in the Library at 6.00pm, a Sacramental retreat with 'Faith Retreats' on Friday, and a Commitment Mass on Sunday at 10.00am as the final part of preparation for the Confirmation ceremony with Father Tony Chiera. Please keep the Confirmation Candidates in your prayers for this coming week.

Brunswick Women's Choir

The Brunswick Women's Choir will be performing at our school on **Wednesday 5 June** from 9.00am to 10.30am for our Year 3 to Year 6 students. Our choir, led by Marnie Fulton, will also be performing. I invite all parents and friends to attend.

Kindy and Pre-Primary Liturgy

We invite our Kindy and Pre-Primary parents and families to attend their child's Class Liturgy on **Thursday 6 June** at 9.30am in the Library.

Pyjamas for Catholic Care – Gold Coin Donation

On **Friday 21 June** our school will be supporting the Bishop's Appeal supporting Catholic Care, which is the charitable arm of the Diocese of Bunbury and provides funding for people in need across the general community throughout the Diocese. Its motto is "People Helping People." Students can wear their pyjamas for a gold coin donation on this day.

May God bless each of you and keep you safe.

NICOLLE ACHMAD
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Parish News

Masses

St Thomas More Catholic Church, Margaret River

- Saturday 6.00pm
- Sunday 10.00am

Lumen Christi Catholic Church, Augusta

- Sunday 8.00am

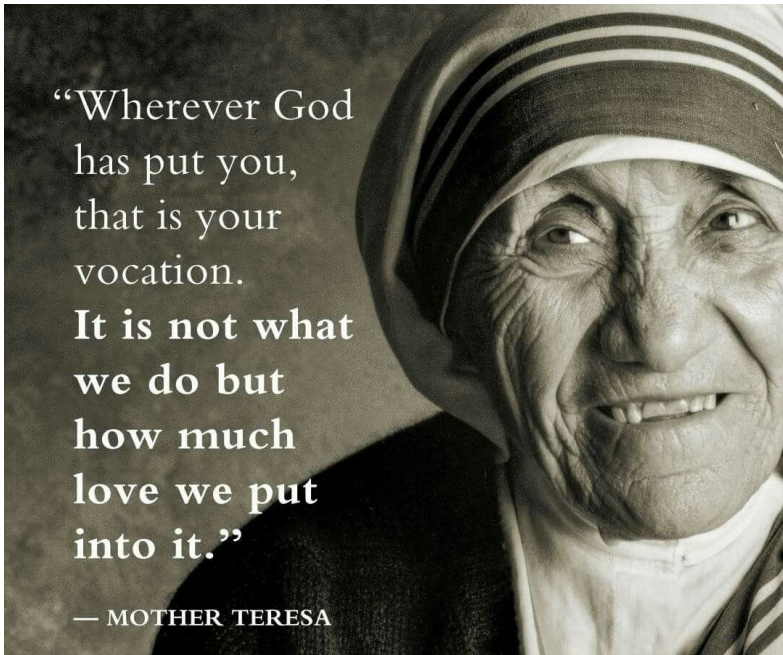
RCIA Program

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a faith journey for people wishing to become Catholic. Their journey is supported by the Parish RCIA Team whose faith too is deepened by sharing in how Gospel lessons pertain to today. There are set Catechumenal questions to ponder, discussions to have and reflections for ongoing consideration. The program also includes the history of the Catholic church as well as the history and laity service in our own parish.

If you know someone who wishes to become Catholic,
or someone who is interested in the Catholic Church, please chat to Father Mat or contact the
RCIA Co-ordinator, Pam Tuffin by email: pamtuffin@yahoo.com



Thought of the Week



**Hot Chocolates
and
Choc Chip Cookies**

Hot Chocolates are available each Tuesday Recess
\$3.00 which includes a Choc Chip Cookie.

Children are reminded to provide their own Keep Cup with their name and year written on it.

Congratulations!

**School Merit Award Winners
Term 2
Week 4**



Pre-Primary:	Jimmy Campbell
Year 1:	Jimmy Tannock
Year 2:	Dominic Brawls
Year 3:	Connie Chilton
Year 4:	Harry Scott
Year 5:	Angelina Tognela
Year 6:	Matao Mackenzie

Important Dates

Thursday 30th May 6.00pm	Parent/Child Confirmation Information Night
Thursday 31st May 8.45am	Merit Assembly
Sunday 2nd June 10.00am	Commitment Mass for the Sacrament of Confirmation
Monday 3rd June <i>Western Australia Day Public Holiday</i>	
Wednesday 5th June 9.00 - 10.30am	Visit from the Brunswick Women’s Choir

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



FREE UNDERWATER HOCKEY BEGINNERS COURSE

Are you a swimmer, surfer or just looking to get fit
and meet new friends?

JOIN US FOR A
6 WEEK
COURSE @
REC CENTRE

All gear provided, All Ages & All
Abilities!

Starts 4th
June, Every
Tuesday
Night. @6pm

CONTACT Nat on
0474492120 for info

NOTICE



**No
parking**

It has been raised with the school that parents are parking on the privately owned block of land next to the school. As this is private property, may I ask parents not to park on this block of land.

There is parking available at the Church carpark, or across the road at the Recreation Centre. Alternatively, parents are encouraged to make use of the Drive-Through.

We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

NATURE CONSERVATION COMMUNITY PLANTING DAYS



Darch Brook - Kingfisher Loop
Saturday 8th June 2-4pm

Margaret River - Doyle Place
Sunday 16th June 9-12pm

Wadandi Track Cowaramup - Sunset Dve
Saturday 13th July 2-4pm

Gracetown - Melaleuca dunes (creek end)
Saturday 3rd August 2-4pm

Gracetown - Cowaramup Brook (Nth side)
Saturday 10th August 2-4pm

Wadandi Track Cowaramup - closed rd Curtis St
Sunday 11th August 10-12pm

Wear long pants and closed in shoes

*Bring a friend and have fun helping your local environment
Contact Nature Conservation on 9757 2202*

These events are supported by the Shire of Augusta Margaret River's
Environmental Management Fund

