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St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



Principal's Report



Confirmation Prayer

God of love and of life, let us take time to look deep within ourselves and discover the gifts you have blessed us with.

May we take the time to direct our lives in a way that best uses our own unique combination of gifts.

May our education help us discover where our strengths and interests lie.

May our faith guide us in realizing our gifts. May we always be open to the direction of the Spirit and never forget the love you have for each of us.

Give us, O Lord, the perception we need to look within ourselves and discover the beauty and gifts we possess.

Give us the courage to show others the talents they have.

Help us serve others in the community and in so doing build up your kingdom.

We ask this through Jesus, our Lord.

Amen.



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Brunswick Women's Choir Visit

We were lucky enough to have the Brunswick Women's Choir visit us yesterday morning. It was an interactive experience for our Year 3, 4 and 5 students, where our choir was able to perform with them and then we were treated to a performance from the ladies. They finished up the session teaching us a sea-shanty, which we then got to perform in a round together. It was a great experience and we were fortunate to have their expertise in teaching us some singing techniques and hearing the wonderful sounds they were able to make with only their voices.



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The Vine



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Sacrament of Confirmation

Eight of our Year 6 students will be blessed with the special Gifts of the Holy Spirit this Sunday as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Thomas More Parish. I would like to thank Mrs Teague for her hard work in preparing the students and we pray that the confirmands open the precious gifts they will be presented and continue to use them throughout their lives. May the blessings of the Holy Spirit continue to shine on these students. We invite all family and community members to come along and witness this important occasion, commencing at 10:00am in the Church.



Kindy 2020

I am currently taking enrolments for students wishing to attend our 4-year-old Kindy program next year. Places are filling fast, so if you or someone you know, has a child turning 4 next year, please enquire about an enrolment form.

Pre-Kindy and Before and After School Care

I am also investigating the possibility of introducing a Pre-Kindy and Before and After School Care program next year and am seeking interest from parents and other community members. A survey will be coming home shortly regarding this, so I encourage parents to respond to this invitation. If you know of community members who are not currently part of our school, but you know would take advantage of this, could you please let us know.

Woolworths Earn and Learn



Unfortunately our collection of stickers and completed sheets isn't particularly high at the moment, especially when I look at the boxes outside Woolworths and compare ours to some of the other schools. The more stickers we are able to collect, the more resources for our students we will be able to purchase. I strongly encourage parents and family members to collect stickers for our school so we can get lots of great things for our students. Stickers can be deposited into our box outside Woolworths or brought into the office at school.

Staffing Change

It is with sadness that we will be farewelling Mrs Nicole Teague at the end of the week. Mrs Teague's son has been ill for quite some time, with unfortunately his condition worsening. Mrs Teague has made the difficult decision to take leave for the remainder of the year to care for her son and support him up in Perth. I am undertaking a process currently to employ a replacement and will inform the community once this has been completed. We will continue to keep Mrs Teague and her family in our thoughts and pray for a speedy recovery for her son Ben.

New Blinds



We are blessed to have a new enclosed undercover area for the children to use on cold and windy days.

A huge thank you to
Joel and Elle Lawrance
for organising and installing these new
blinds and the
amazing P&F for paying for them.

I wish everyone a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

RUSSELL WYLIE
PRINCIPAL

Assistant Principal News

Pentecost – Sunday 9 June

Pentecost is sometimes called the birthday of the Church. The Gospel for this Sunday, John 20:19-23, reminds us that the Church begins with the command to forgive. Within the family, the domestic Church, we learn how to forgive, and we learn to accept forgiveness. It is the gift of the Holy Spirit that enables us to do both.

Make some time to go to Mass at St Thomas More Catholic Church at 6.00pm on Saturday or 10.00am on Sunday and reflect upon the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Sacrament of Confirmation – Sunday 9 June

Eight students from Year 6 will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday at 10.00am at St Thomas More Catholic Church (Sawyer Bailey, Myles Bucat, Remy Hick, Hannah John, Matao MacKenzie, Xavier Moran, Madison Russell, Paige Wibberley). Please keep these students in your prayers as they receive this Sacrament on Sunday.

Sacrament of Eucharist (Holy Communion)

Parents who have enrolled their child to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist this year are expected to attend the Parent and Child Information Night on **Thursday 13 June** at 6.00pm in the Library and the Commitment Mass on **Sunday 16 June** at 10.00am.

Pyjamas for Catholic Care – Friday 21 June

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.

Disco – Friday 21 June

Our P&F are holding a Disco for all students in the Library on **Friday 21 June**. Kindy to Year 2 disco will be held from 5.00pm to 6.00pm. The Year 3 to Year 6 disco will be held from 6.15pm to 7.30pm. For \$2.00, the children will receive a juice box, popcorn and a glow band. It promises to be lots of fun with Mr Mike Goodwin and Ange providing the rhythmic beats on the night.

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.

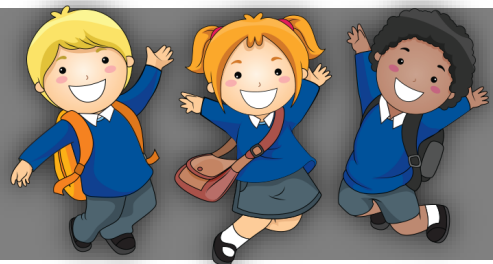


Children are reminded to provide their own Keep Cup with their name and year written on it.

The Uniform Shop

is open on **Tuesday** afternoons only

between 1.30pm and 3.00pm.



Congratulations!

**School Merit Award Winners
Term 2 - Week 5**

- Pre-Primary: John Jakimowicz
- Year 1: Grace Price
- Year 2: Sam O'Beirne
- Year 3: Ashaya Dutoit
- Year 4: Anthony Achmad
- Year 6: Fletcher Holzer

Friday 7th June

8.45am Merit Assembly

Sunday 9th June

10.00am Sacrament of Confirmation

Thursday 13th June

6.00pm Parent/Child First Holy Communion Information Night

Important Dates

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



Bunbury Regional YouthCARE Council
presents

MAGGIE DENT

Real Kids in an Unreal World
(10 Resilience Building Blocks)

JULY 31, 2019 - 6-8PM

Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre

Are you worried, confused or concerned about parenting in today's chaotic world? Children need to have certain basic experiences to build the competencies that will help them manage life – the good, the bad and the ugly. Maggie has developed a common-sense, practical model of 10 building blocks that will reassure parents and educators that what we have always known to be important in the early years of a child's life is still important. This seminar will offer you practical, common-sense ideas and strategies to make small changes in your home or school, which will make a big difference to children's cognitive, physical, psychological, emotional and social health later in life.

Tickets: \$30

Tickets on sale at

www.bunburyentertainment.com

Time: 6pm-8pm

Register interest at:

www.facebook.com/ChooseRespectBunbury

This event is a fundraiser to support the vital contribution of YouthCARE to schools in the South West.



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.