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St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



Principal's Report



Prayer for First Holy Communion

Lord Jesus,

You give each one of us a special life and love in our families. It is through the experience of sharing and growing together that we deepen our experience of You. As we join with our children in this time of preparation before they celebrate the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time, we ask You to be with us in the power and gift of Your Spirit. We ask you to encourage all of us to be aware of the wonder of Your Sacramental gift and to deepen our union with You and with one another in and through Jesus Your Son.

Amen.



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Sacrament of Confirmation

Last Sunday, we were privileged to witness 10 of our Year 6 students receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Fr Tony Chiera reminded the students not to have fear in their decision to become adults in the Catholic faith and asked the community to always support our youth in their spiritual development. I encourage each of these students to open the gifts they received from the Holy Spirit and to try and use them each day and pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide and protect each of these students throughout their lives. A special thank you to Mrs Teague, Mrs Achmad, Fr Mat and Fr Tony for their assistance in making this day so special for the Confirmands and their families. Thank you to those who sang in the choir, alter served or helped in other ways. A final thank you to the staff of St Thomas More for their willingness to lend a hand when it was needed and help out on the day.



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Kindergarten Enrolments

As parents may be aware, we are currently taking enrolments for Kindergarten for places at St Thomas More in 2019 and 2020. We have had numerous applications for Kindergarten places, which is very encouraging. Although there are still some vacancies, do remember to put in your sibling applications. The feedback from parents who I have shown around the school is very positive. Parents look at all possible alternatives for the education of their child, not just the convenience of the closest. I think parents are much more discerning these days and do speak to other Mums and Dads of children already enrolled in the school. I believe that parents who send their children to this school are the greatest advertisement we have. To receive this positive feedback about the school, the staff, the students and the community from new parents is fantastic! There are so many 'good things' happening in our school due to the efforts of so many different groups of people. Our teachers and ancillary staff; our School Board and P&F Committee, our parent helpers – all contribute to make this school 'a great place to be!' It is through the endeavours of many that we are able to provide the students with the best opportunities to achieve success. Keep spreading the 'Good News!'

Year 4 and 5 1:1 iPad Program

As we continue to provide the best learning opportunities for our students, the use of technology can often assist in this process. We want to develop students at our school who are life-long learners, who can effectively communicate, collaborate and solve problems and who are innovative, creative and responsible digital citizens. We are excited to introduce a 1:1 iPad program for our Year 4 and 5 students this year. The iPads will be distributed to students soon and the teachers are excited to begin integrating them into the daily classroom learning opportunities for the students. This opportunity does provide us with a timely reminder about the appropriate use of technology and staying safe when online. Our Acceptable Use of Technology Policy can be accessed through our website and a copy of this was also sent home with our Year 4-6 students on Tuesday. Teachers will continue to teach online cybersafety as part of their programs, but I do encourage parents to have conversations with their children about appropriate use of technology, setting limits on use and what their plan is should something inappropriate be accessed or sent to them. I truly believe clear communication, boundaries and an openness between parents and children is an important aspect of any form of parenting to create children who are resilient, responsible and empowered.

Soggy Bones Deli Mexican Menu

I was approached by Soggy Bones Deli to offer lunches to our students on a Monday and Tuesday. We are excited to provide the opportunity for parents to order hot Mexican lunches for children from Monday 17 June. Lunches are \$10 and can be ordered in the same way as normal lunch orders, with orders written on a bag and money enclosed.



ST. THOMAS MORE
MEXICAN MENU
MONDAYS & TUESDAYS

TACOS

PULLED PORK / 3 FOR \$10

Slow braised pork with onions, coriander, red cabbage & fresh salsa

CHORIZO / 3 FOR \$10

Pan fried chorizo with onions, coriander and fresh salsa

PORTOBELLO / 3 FOR \$10

Season roasted portobello mushroom with onions, dried shallots, red cabbage, coriander & fresh salsa

CHIMICHANGA

PULLED PORK / \$10

Slow braised pork with Jack cheese & coriander

PORTOBELLO / \$10

Season roasted portobello mushroom with Jack cheese & coriander

NACHOS

PULLED PORK / \$10

Slow braised pork with salsa, cream cheese, coriander & corn chips

TRADITIONAL / \$10

Salsa, cream cheese, coriander & corn chips

CHORIZO / \$10

Chorizo, salsa, cream cheese, coriander & corn chips

DRINKS

ROK KOMBUCHA / \$5

Flavours / ORIGINAL / GINGER / PASSION FRUIT / BERRY

WATER / \$2 JUICE BOX / \$2

Please feel free to come along to our Year 1 and 2 Assembly on Friday morning and see what great learning has been happening in these classes.

I wish everyone a wonderful week ahead. Peace and best wishes,

Russell Wylie
Principal

Assistant Principal News

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity – Sunday 16 June

The mystery of the Trinity is the central mystery of the Christian faith. God made it known to us by revealing himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Although the idea of one God in three persons remains a mystery, we have the assurance that, as Jesus and the Father share all, Jesus and the Spirit share all.

Please 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 mystery of the Most Holy Trinity.

Sacrament of Eucharist (Holy Communion)

Fourteen children from Year Four (*Anthony Achmad, Jed Bucat, Bonnie Campbell, Manning Cartell-Smith, Carla Fox, Jacob Galamgam, Cooper Kenyon, Railey Montalban, Samara O'Brien, Eloise Ride, Alba Robins, Harry Scott, Isaac Willcox and Ava Yee Wilson*) are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist (Holy Communion) this year on **Sunday 23 June** at St Thomas More Catholic Church. They will be involved in a Parent and Child Information Night this evening at 6.00pm in the Library and a Commitment Mass on **Sunday 16 June at 10am**. Please keep these students in your prayers as they prepare to receive this Sacrament.

Refugee Week (Sunday 16 June to Saturday 22 June)

The Margaret River Catholic Women's League invites you to a morning high tea at St Thomas More Catholic Parish Hall on **Thursday 20 June** at 10am – 12pm. The cost is \$5 with proceeds going to Refugee Council of Australia. The fundraising will focus on sharing a meal, whilst sharing a story. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Tika on 0437573159 by Wednesday 19 June.

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 5pm to 6pm. The Year 3 to Year 6 disco will be held from 6.15pm to 7.30pm. For \$2, 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 7**



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|------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Pre-Primary: Ted Chilton | Year 3: Oliver Webb | Year 6: Paige Wibberley |
| Year 1: Zaneveer Singh Arora | Year 4: Carla Fox | |
| Year 2: Phoebe Hickman | Year 5: Blake Mulik | |

Friday 14th June
8.45am Year 1/2 Assembly

Sunday 16th June
10.00am Commitment Mass Eucharist

Important Dates

Fri 21st June
Pyjamas for Catholic Care
Disco

Sunday 23rd June
10.00am Sacrament of Eucharist



Southern Capes Motorcycle Club

Jindong Motocross Track @ 37 Gibb Road, Kaloorup

presents

RIDE PARK DAY – 20 JULY 2019

Anyone can ride - No Club membership or licence required

Come along and have some fun at this family friendly club



\$50

Non Members

Gates open 8:00am
Sign On 8:00 – 2:00pm
Riders' Briefing 9:15am
Riding from 9:30am
Closes 3:00pm



Members

\$10 Junior

\$20 Senior

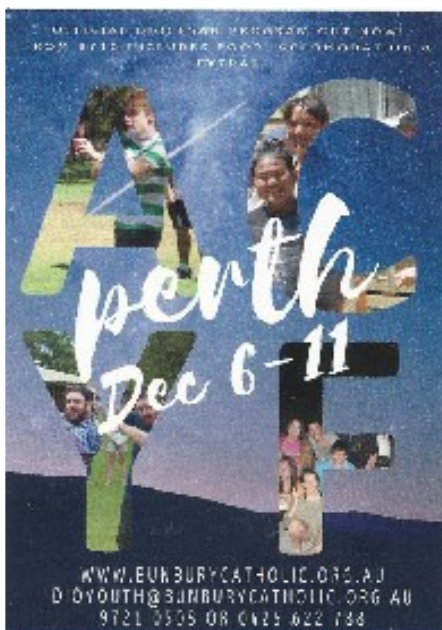
Minimum Riding Gear Requirements:

Approved helmet, Gloves, Long sleeve shirt and pants, Off road boots, Goggles.

Juniors (under 16) must wear body armour

Two wheel motorbikes ONLY, with side stand removed

Email: southerncapes@hotmail.com or
Contact Brad on 0407 356 428



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 commonsense, 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.