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The Vine



Principal's Report

*God our Father,
We give you thanks and praise for all
our Fathers and Grandfathers.
Fill their hearts and homes with love,
Keep them close to their children.
We pray that they may find the courage and perseverance to balance work,
family and faith in joy and sacrifice.
We pray for fathers and grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live
forever in our hearts and nourish us with their love.
Amen.*



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome

We welcome Mrs Merridith Newman back into our Year 1 class after some Long Service Leave. Mrs Newman will teach the Year 1 class full time, after we farewelled Mrs Becker on Friday to prepare for the impending birth of her first child. We wish Mrs Becker and her husband Gordon every blessing for this new journey in their lives together.

We also welcome Mrs Lauren Healy who will be joining us for a short time to replace Mrs Terri Ross who is also taking some Long Service Leave. Many of you may already know Lauren from her time undertaking relief teaching within our school over the past year. Mrs Ross will be back after enjoying a jet setting lifestyle at the beginning of Term 4.

NQS Audit

On Monday, St Thomas More underwent a National Quality Standards audit, where our Early Childhood environment, policies and practices were looked at and reviewed. Schools need to undergo this audit at least once every 5 years and it allows us as a staff to reflect on our practices and programs. The Auditors were particularly impressed with our school and in particular the teaching staff. They commented about the positive relationships they witnessed, the excellent teaching and learning that was taking place and fantastic environments in which the children were learning. Their comments really reflect the outstanding practices that are taking place at St Thomas More and with limited recommendations for improvement made, reinforced the great job the teaching staff are doing.

Colour Run

Tomorrow, the P&F, along with the school, have organised a Colour Run to raise money for Catholic Missions, Cystic Fibrosis WA and the River Angels. This also will tie in with celebrating Father's Day, with a Sundowner planned, following the event. All dads are encouraged to come along and run alongside their children and embrace the colour that is thrown upon them by the spectators. Hopefully the children have been collecting sponsorships for this event. The children may wear light coloured clothes to school for this run, but I strongly encourage them to bring along a change of clothes and a towel to use after. Children who remain in their school uniform will not be permitted to run.

A Sausage Sizzle has been organised and parents are invited to bring some drinks to celebrate Father's Day. We look forward to having lots of dads involved in this event!

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Drive Through

I would like to congratulate the 90% of parents who use our Drive Through correctly, however, it has come to my attention that some have not been. May I please ask that parents do not park in the drive through, as it blocks other parents wanting to get past. If you need to park for any reason, I request that you use the carpark. I would also like to remind parents to not overtake in the Drive Through, by either mounting the footpath, or driving up the kerb and through the garden. Our student's safety is paramount and I would hate for an accident to occur. I appreciate your support and assistance with this matter.

Learning Journey and Open Night

A reminder to parents and community members that we will be having a Learning Journey and Open Night on Tuesday 10 September from 3:30 – 5:30pm. This is an opportunity for parents to come in and talk with their child about the learning that has been taking place and look at some of the work produced this term. It is also a great opportunity to pop into other classrooms and see what learning is occurring there. We look forward to seeing lots of families coming along to this night.

We will also be having an Open Morning on Thursday 12 September for prospective families to have a look around the school and find out more about what we offer. If you know anyone who may be interested in finding out a little more about the school, please let them know about this opportunity.

P&F Trivia Night

A huge thank you to the P&F and in particular Jen Murphy for a great night last Saturday night for our Tommy More Trivia Night. A lot of fun was had, with lots of great prizes won. Unfortunately the teachers were just pipped in winning, but it was wonderful to see so many of our community members coming together and having a great night out. A special thank you to Mike Goodwin, who emceed the night and provided some great tunes after the quiz.



I wish all Fathers, Grandfathers, Uncles and significant men in the lives of the children a wonderful Father's Day on Sunday. Have a fantastic week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

RUSSELL WYLIE
PRINCIPAL

Friday 30th August

8.45am Pre-Primary Assembly

2.00pm **Father's Day Colour Run**

Sunday 1st September

Happy Father's Day

Tuesday 3rd September

11.15am Year 5 Reconciliation

Friday 6th September

9.00am Whole School Mass - Nativity of Mary (led by Year 1 and Year 2)

Important Dates

Assistant Principal News

I am currently in Perth for the 2019 Catholic Assistant Principals' Association Conference. The Keynote speaker for the conference is Ian Jukes. Ian is the founder of InfoSavvy21, an international educational leadership consulting firm. He is a passionate advocate for restructuring our educational institutions so that they become relevant to the current and future needs of the digital generation – and to prepare students for their future and not just our past. I am really looking forward to two days of learning and networking and passing on my knowledge to the staff on my return to school next week.



Heritage and Cultural Experience

Last Friday, the Pre-Primary to Year 6 students enjoyed a heritage and cultural incursion held at school led by Helen Lee and Bush Tucker Tours. Most students were brave enough to try Kangaroo, Emu and Crocodile meat and seeds and herbs found in bush surrounding our local area. A big thank you to Helen for coordinating and presenting a fun, interactive and informative session.



Colour Run/Father's Day Sundowner

Thank you for collecting sponsorship for the Colour Run on Friday. We are fundraising for three charities: Catholic Mission, Conquer Cystic Fibrosis and River Angels. Please return the sponsorship cards and money on Friday. Thank you!

Thank you to Maureen Harrison from the P&F and the School Board for coordinating the Father's Day Sausage Sizzle sundowner following the Colour Run. If you are available to assist on the day, please come along for some fun!

Nativity of Mary Whole School Mass – Friday 6 September

Our Year 1 and Year 2 students will be leading the Nativity of Mary Whole School Mass on Friday 6 September at 9.00am. You are all welcome to attend Mass in the church.

Happy Father's Day to all Dads and Grandfathers. I hope you have a wonderful day on Sunday!

Best wishes,

NICOLLE ACHMAD
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



School Merit Award Winners **Term 3 - Week 5**

Year 1	Paige Hayward
Year 2	Will Ryan
Year 3	Lola Young
Year 5	Arrabella Lawrance
Year 6	Ruby Berry

Thought of the Week



Absentees

A reminder to parents that there is a simple way to let us know your child is sick, while providing a note at the same time. Jump on our app or website!

There is an easy online form that can be completed and it is directly emailed to the school. Too easy! Either download our school app – **Connected** (password is **Wisdom19**) or visit our website <https://stmcps.wa.edu.au/> and go to the Communication tab to select Online Absentee.



Parish News

Masses

St Thomas More Catholic Church

Margaret River

- Saturday 6.00pm
- Sunday 10.00am

Lumen Christi Catholic Church

Augusta

- Sunday 8.00am



Sports News

Running Club

Well done to everyone that has been joining us for a morning run at 8.00am. It has been fantastic to see so many keen students (and parents) getting involved. Running Club will continue until our Cross Country running event which will be held on the 13th of September.

Cross Country

Our school event will be held on Friday the 13th of September beginning at 12.45pm. Students have been practising their distance and course. We will need some parents to help with marshalling, scoring and other jobs. **If you are able to help on this afternoon could you please contact me through email on Cameron.mcrae@cewa.edu.au** After this event, a team will be selected to participate in an Inter-School event which is to be held on Friday the 20th of September, commencing at 10.00am.

Inter-School Football and Netball

Year 5 and 6 students have begun training in preparation for our yearly football and netball contests against Cowaramup Primary School. These games will be held on Wednesday the 26th of September starting at 1.00pm. If any parents are able to assist with umpiring could they please contact Mr McDonald (Football) or Mr Wylie (Netball).

Mr McRae (Head of Sport)



The School Canteen is open on Fridays at Lunchtimes selling Icy Poles. All items are \$1.00

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



PLAY CRICKET!

PLAY MORE SHOTS, FACE MORE BALLS AND TAKE MORE WICKETS!
GET BACK INTO THE ACTION OF JUNIOR CRICKET AND
TAKE YOUR GAME TO THE NEXT LEVEL.

Margaret River Junior Cricket Club

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!

Stage 1 Under 10 (Yrs 3&4), Stage 2 Under 12 (Yrs 5&6)

Stage 3 Under 14 (Yrs 7&8), T20 - Under 16 (Yrs 9&10)

Register Online at Play Cricket



JOIN A TEAM NEAR YOU TODAY



PROUDLY
PRESENTED BY



KS KIDSPORT
Vouchers Accepted

REGISTRATIONS

2019 – 2020 Season

NOW OPEN!

Age Divisions

Under 11 (2010 & 2011)

Under 13 (2008 & 2009)

Under 15 (2006 & 2007)

Under 17 (2004 & 2005)

Under 20 (2001 – 2003)



<http://bit.ly/MRBAregoo>

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.



BROOKFIELD SPRING GARDEN MARKET
SUNDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 10.00AM – 2.00PM

DOUSTS CORNER – ADJACENT TO YAHAVA
ANDREWS RETREAT (FORMALLY ROSA BROOK RD)

**CASH SALES
ONLY**



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Indoor/Outdoor Plants
Artwork
Guest Speakers

Fresh Flowers
Sausage Sizzle
Bee Hotels

Kokedamas
Yahava Koffee
Bird Houses

BondBrackets
Raffles

KIDS COMPETITION - Make a Dinosaur or Fairy Garden in an upcycled or recycled container of your choice and bring it along on the day. Open to all Pre & Primary School aged children only.

Email us at brookfieldconnect@gmail.com,
Dell at dbo29815@bigpond.net.au or 0414 579 126
or Bev on 0439 993 420 for more information.

This is a plastic free event so save your boxes & bring your bags!

PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY!! COME & HAVE SOME FUN!!!!

PROGRAMME FOR SPEAKERS

11.00 am

Christine Wilder

“Garden/Bird Tag – Along - Walk” around the park. Christine is a world renowned bird expert. She is going to tell you how to attract birds into your garden then take you on a walk to identify some of the birds in our area.

12.00 noon

Pam Townshend will show you some easy practical composting ideas for your garden.

1.00 pm

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