

St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



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The Vine



Principal's Report

A Prayer for the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Hail Mary!

*Full of Grace, the Lord is with you;
blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.*

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

*pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.*

Amen



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Colour Run

Last Friday, it was wonderful to see so many dads come along and join in our Colour Run and Sundowner. The children had a wonderful time running laps whilst getting doused in different colours. The event celebrated Father's Day while at the same time raising money for Catholic Missions, Conquer Cystic Fibrosis South West and the River Angels. We managed to raise just over \$1,200.00 for these three charities. A huge thank you to the P&F for organising the Sausage Sizzle and the dye for this event.



Learning Journey and Open Night

Next Tuesday afternoon, parents are invited to come into the classrooms to see the learning that has been occurring this term. This will commence at 3:30pm and conclude by 5.30pm. This journey provides an excellent opportunity for parents to discuss with their child the learning that has been taking place in the classrooms and set goals for improvement. I recommend parents arrive no later than 5.00pm, so you have enough time to discuss your child's work and complete the Learning Journey together. I look forward to seeing lots of parents join us for this night.

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National Child Protection Week

This week is National Child Protection Week. We all have a role to play in protecting children from harm. The little things we do every day can help to create safer environments for children. For instance:

- Be kind to children and parents
- Respect young people
- Be a good role model around children
- Get involved in your local community
- Look out for signs of abuse or neglect; if you suspect something is wrong talk to an expert
- Always take reports of abuse seriously
- Avoid blame and don't judge; instead, ask yourself what you can do to help
- Listen to the needs of children and spend time with them

Open Morning

On Thursday 12 September, we will be having an Open Morning. This is a chance for current and prospective parents to have a tour of our school and find out more about the learning that takes place here. The session will commence at 9:00am and conclude by 10:30am. Please let any prospective families know about this morning and encourage them to come along.

I look forward to seeing lots of families at our Whole School Mass tomorrow at 9.00am, which will be led by the Year 1 and 2 classes. I wish everyone a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and best wishes

RUSSELL WYLIE
PRINCIPAL

Assistant Principal News

Nativity of Mary Whole School Mass – Friday 6 September



The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Feast day is celebrated on 8 September each year. We are choosing to celebrate it with a Whole School Mass on Friday 6 September at 9.00am in the St Thomas More Catholic Church. Our Mass will be led by our beautiful Year 1 and Year 2 students.

The Bible doesn't say anything about Mary's birth, but we know that she was born. Her parents Joachim and Ann loved God very much and were filled with gratitude to God for the gift of a child. They raised Mary to love and serve God. When the angel Gabriel told Mary that she had been chosen to be the Mother of Jesus, she already had great faith in God. Her strong faith and trust allowed her to say yes to God's plan for her. When we celebrate Mary's birth, we honour Jesus too.

Today thank God for the gift of life and give honour to both Mary and Jesus by showing respect and concern for one another – remembering that God created each person with love and a call to something very special in life.

Best wishes,

NICOLLE ACHMAD
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

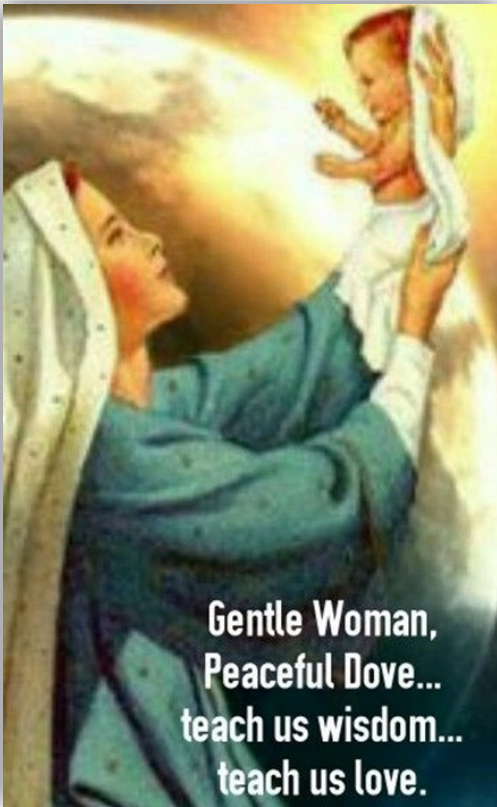
Absentees

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://stmcp.s.wa.edu.au/> and go to the Communication tab to select Online Absentee.



Thought of the Week



Do you use the internet, to pay your bills, do your banking, access google, facebook, skype, facetime, watch u tube or for any other digital reason then this year's Australian Catholic Bishop's Social Justice Statement for 2019/20 entitled, Making it Real : "Genuine human encounter in our digital world" is a must read for you. It gives a Catholic approach as to how we can live in or digital world.

In preparation for Social Justice Sunday on 29th of September the statement is now available on line at the ACSJC web site www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

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



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

All items are \$1.00



**School Merit Award Winners
Term 3 - Week 6**

Pre-Primary	Preston Kikeros
Year 3	Brodie John
Year 4	Madeleine Parker-Perrin
Year 5	Ava Murphy
Year 6	Hannah John

Friday 6th September

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

Tuesday 10th September

3.30 - 5.30pm Learning Journey/Open Night

Thursday 12th September

9.00am Year 6 Class Mass

Friday 13th September

8.45am Merit Assembly
12.45pm School Cross Country Carnival

Important Dates

Parish News

Masses

St Thomas More Catholic Church

Margaret River

- Saturday 6.00pm
- Sunday 10.00am

Lumen Christi Catholic Church

Augusta

- Sunday 8.00am



Greenbatch Recycling Project

St Thomas More has joined with other local community businesses and organisations to recycle plastics which are turned into filament for 3D printers.

Greenbatch accepts milk bottles, shampoo bottles, lids (although our local Precious Plastics takes lids), plastic items marked 1 or 2 and obviously the usual water bottles.

Greenbatch has recently negotiated the back-loading of plastic with Woolworths and plastics are able to be dropped off at Woolworths on any Wednesday for shipment out to Perth the following Thursday. This is a trial project at present. We encourage all our families to support this recycling opportunity.

GREEN BATCH ACCEPTED ITEMS



PLUS!



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)



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