

# St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



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# The Vine



## Principal's Report

### End of Term Prayer

*We thank you Lord, for this term.  
For the challenges, the successes, and the mistakes from which we have learnt.  
Be with us as we spend our time with family and friends.  
Give us strength and courage to do what is right; to be witnesses of our faith.  
Help us to be a practical Christian these holidays,  
to appreciate what others do for us,  
to give time and effort to help others,  
to be peacemakers in our family.  
Keep us safe in our activities;  
give us good rest and good fun.  
Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term.  
We thank you for our classmates, teachers, parents  
and a community that cares for us.  
May we always be conscious of you in our lives. Amen*



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we near the end of what has been a very busy term, I have taken some time to reflect on all that we have achieved in what feels like such a short period of time. The learning that I have witnessed the students undertaking has been fantastic to see, with many of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills which are so important, being clearly embedded into the teaching programs. Opportunities for students to collaborate, communicate, problem solve, be creative and incorporate their faith into everyday learning is allowing each individual to develop life-long skills which will prepare them for a relatively unknown future.

The range of activities offered at St Thomas More this term, including our Choir singing at the Bunbury Carnevale, an Aboriginal Heritage Experience, Masses and Liturgies, participating in a Cross Country carnival and interacting with other schools at Interschool events, such as Netball, Football and Cross Country, and not to mention the in-class activities, really allows each student to be a part of many different opportunities and experiences.

### Interschool Cross Country



Last Friday, selected St Thomas More students competed against students from 8 other primary schools in a Cross Country carnival. Our students performed extremely well, with two of our students – Brodie John from Year 3 and Samara O'Brien from Year 4 both winning their events. Our other students also competed extremely well, with many finishing in the top 10. As a result, our school won the Handicap Shield – meaning that for our size, our school did the best. So

a huge congratulations and well done to all those students who represented our school! I would also like to thank Mr McRae for all his work in organising this carnival, training the students and involving our students in this opportunity.

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### Interschool Netball and Football carnival

Yesterday, our Year 5 and 6 students competed in an interschool event against Cowaramup Primary School. All teams performed very well, with a lot of sportsmanship and skill on display. I was extremely proud of our students in the way they represented our school and demonstrated persistence and determination. Unfortunately, our Football team was beaten, however, both our Netball teams ended their games with wins. Well done to all our students who competed!



### Thank You

I would like to thank Mrs Lauren Healy for her work in Year 2 over the past 4 weeks. As Mrs Ross returns from her Long Service Leave at the beginning of next term, we farewell Lauren tomorrow. Thank you, Lauren, for your hard work and dedication!

### Term Four - Summer Uniform

Parents are reminded that Term Four signals the changeover in uniform for students. To help families ensure they have the correct uniform, there will be 2 weeks grace. So on those chilly days that are still hanging around, children may wear their correct winter uniform. By the start of Week 3 all children are to wear their complete summer uniform.

### Spring Fair

The P&F are working diligently in ensuring our Spring Fair will be a roaring success. Thank you to all those parents who have volunteered their time or contributed donations to ensure we have enough prizes and personnel on the day. Of course, if you have been meaning to get involved, but hadn't gotten around to it, don't worry....there is still time! The P&F would be grateful for any assistance. We look forward to this being a wonderful event for our school community on **Saturday 26 October**. The Fair will commence at 10:00am and conclude by 2:00pm. We thank you for your support of this.

As the term concludes on Friday, I would like to wish all members of our community a wonderful and safe holiday period. I hope everyone has a relaxing, yet fun time, and returns to school feeling refreshed and ready for our last term of the year. We will commence Term 4 on **Tuesday 15 October**, due to the staff undertaking some Professional Development on the Monday.

Peace and best wishes,

**RUSSELL WYLIE**  
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://stmcpss.wa.edu.au/> and go to the Communication tab to select Online Absentee.



**Thought of the Week**



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.**



## Congratulations

### School Merit Award Winners Term 3 - Week 9

Year 1	Maurice Samantila
Year 2	Phoebe Hickman
Year 3	Ava Innes
Year 4	Isaac Willcox
Year 5	Alicia Craggs
Year 6	Myles Bucat



**Friday 27th September**

Free Dress Day - Gold Coin Donation  
- wear your favourite Football/Sports Gear

8.45am Merit Assembly

**LAST DAY OF TERM**

**Tuesday 15th October**

**TERM 4 COMMENCES FOR STUDENTS**

**Saturday 26th October**

10.00am - 2.00pm STM CPS Spring Fair

## 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



**The Council for Australian Catholic Women (Perth)** invite you to hear New Testament lecturer, Dr Michele Connolly RSJ at two free events in Perth.

Michele is a Sister of St Joseph of Lochinvar NSW and has studied in Melbourne, Chicago and Berkeley. She has taught at the Catholic Institute of Sydney since 2001.

Friday 25 October, 6.00 to 9.00pm - *WOMEN in the CHURCH: REFLECTIONS FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT* - men and women invited. Light refreshments served from 5.30pm.

Saturday 26 October 9.30 to 4.00pm - *WOMEN and the GOSPEL OF MARK: INSIGHTS FOR TODAY* - a day for women. Light refreshments served from 9.00am. Light lunch included.

If you are in Perth for that weekend and would like to attend please enquire about free billeting for women. Both events will be held at James Nestor Hall, Catholic Education Office 50 Ruislip St Leederville. RSVP by 21 October.

Email: [kerrymacfarlane2@gmail.com](mailto:kerrymacfarlane2@gmail.com); Phone: 9397 5988; SMS: 0400 886 835.

**Term 4 Swimming Lessons**

Stages 1/15 - Monday to Thursday afternoon and Saturday mornings.

Junior Life Guard (Swimming for Fitness) - Breakfast included.

Tuesday/Stage 7+ (7.30 to 8.00am)

Wednesday/Stage 10+ (7.00 to 8.00am)

Specialised Parent and Child Classes - 2 to 3 years - Monday to Thursday and Saturday mornings.

Infant Aquatics (from 6 months) - Monday to Thursday mornings.

Duo classes from 2.5 years - 2 children per class—Monday to Thursday and Saturday mornings.

Contact: Roberta Williams on 0429 651 450

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**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.**



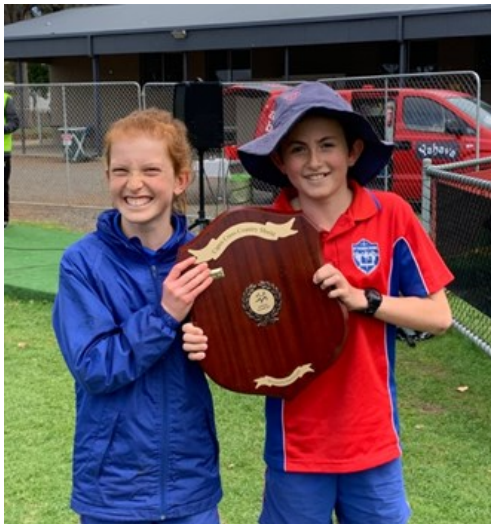
## Sports News

What a fantastic effort by our cross country competitors at last week's interschool event! In our first entry into this competition we equipped ourselves really well and managed to win the Handicap Shield based on points gained in relation to size of school. We had two race winners, Brodie John (Year 3 Boys) and Samara O'Brien (Year 4 Girls). Considering they were competing against nearly 50 other students from schools mainly larger than ours it was a great effort. Other notable performers were:

- Year 3 Girls: Ashaya Dutoit - 6<sup>th</sup>, Ava Innes - 9<sup>th</sup>
- Year 4 Boys: Cahn Sheridan - 12<sup>th</sup>
- Year 5 Girls: Lisa Botha - 9<sup>th</sup>
- Year 5 Boys: Luis Home - 13<sup>th</sup>
- Year 6 Girls: Celeste Lee-Perkin - 10<sup>th</sup>
- Year 6 Boys: Seb Royle - 11<sup>th</sup>

Congratulations to all runners, you did a wonderful job. Also many thanks to parents for their support of the Running Club, our school Cross Country and Friday's Interschool event.

Correction: Apologies to Ruby Berry who was the winner of our Year 6 Girls Race, it was incorrectly printed in last week's newsletter that it was Celeste Lee-Perkin.



### Interschool Football and Netball

Congratulations to all competitors who participated in our football and netball teams yesterday.

All players did their best and demonstrated some excellent teamwork and skills.

Thanks to our coaches and to parents who helped out in many different ways.

Special thanks to our umpires for giving up their time - Nathan Bailey, Kristie Head and Hannah Walton.

