

# St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



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## Principal's Report

### Prayer before Year 6 Camp Begins

*Ever-present God,  
You are with us wherever we go and send us to do fun, important,  
and life-changing things with you.  
Next week, we are asking for your blessing over our Year 6 students.  
They are about to embark on a journey filled with adventure, fun, and  
formation that will help them grow closer to you.  
Bless them next week so that all their fears and anxieties  
might be met with your peace.  
Bless them next week so that all their questions and seeking  
might be explored with your guidance.  
Bless them next week so that all their excitement and energy  
might be met with your joy.  
Help them feel you close and remind them that we are here, back home,  
praying for the exciting week ahead.  
Help them know our love and our hopes for them this week.  
Bless us as we wait for our Year 6 students to return home. Bless us so that we  
might be changed, just as they are, because of their week at camp.  
We are this through Christ our Lord  
Amen*



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### Year Six Camp

On Monday, our Year Six students will be setting off for their week-long camp at Rottnest. During this camp, the students will be provided with many opportunities to develop their leadership skills, take part in new experiences and develop further their knowledge of Western Australia's history. I will be accompanying Mr McDonald, along with our amazing parent volunteers, Mrs Helen Lee (who has kindly donated a bus to drive us up to Fremantle), Mrs Sharyn Bucat, Mrs Nathalie Maron and Mr Cliff Royle. I am sure we will all have a safe and wonderful time!

### Mobile Phones

As the Western Australian Government implements a State-wide policy on the banning of mobile phones in schools, I would like to remind parents of the policy at St Thomas More. If parents choose to provide their child with a mobile phone that is brought to school, this device must remain in the student's bag for the duration of the day. The school takes no responsibility for these devices. If a student is found using a mobile phone during school hours, the phone will be handed into the office to be collected at the end of the day, as the use of these is not permitted.

### Parking

It has been raised with the school that parents are parking on the privately-owned block of land next to the school. As this is private property, may I ask parents not to park on this block of land. There is parking available at the Church carpark, or across the road at the Recreation Centre. Alternatively, parents are encouraged to make use of the Drive-Thru. We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

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### School Fees

As we near the end of the school year, I would like to remind parents that school fees need to be paid by the end of November. May I ask that if you are not on a Direct Debit plan, that school fees are paid promptly. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

### Kindy Enrolments

Please remember to spread the word that we are currently taking Kindy enrolments for 2020. At this stage, fees will for Kindy work out to be less than \$25 a week. Pretty cheap for 3 days of education per week!

### Annual Community Meeting

As parents are aware, we will be having our Annual Community Meeting on **Wednesday 27 November** commencing at **5:30pm** with a Sundowner in the Undercover Area, followed by the meeting in the Library at 6.00pm. The meeting will comprise of a Board report, a P&F report and acceptance of nominations for positions on both the Board and P&F. The new P&F Constitution will also be presented to be passed. Finally, I will present a Principal's report about our achievements over the year and vision for the future. We would love to see lots of parents come along, have some nibbles and drinks and hear about all the wonderful things about our school. We will offer a creche service for those families who may need this. Nomination forms for the P&F and Board are attached to the newsletter. Please return these to the Office as soon as possible.

### End of Semester Reports

This semester, the students' reports will be available online to parents through a site called Seqta Engage. The school currently uses Seqta to communicate to parents through emails and sms, to track student attendance and to maintain records on the students at our school. One of the other features is to send parents their children's reports, which can be accessed online through a secure portal. Parents would have received an invitation to set up a Seqta Engage account. In this account is where you can access your child's reports to download, print and keep as you wish. If you need some assistance in setting up this account, please contact the office. Paper copies of the reports will still be sent home this semester, as we transition to this online service for 2020.

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

**RUSSELL WYLIE**  
**PRINCIPAL**

### Thought of the Week



### Absentees



A reminder to parents that there is a simple way to let us know your child is absent from school, 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.

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



## Assistant Principal News

### Year 1 and 2 Prayer Service

Year One and Year Two held a prayer service this morning in the Library. The students celebrated and reflected on the love of God who created each person to be different and who loves each of us in a special way. They began and ended the service with a special sign of belonging to God's family, the sign of the cross. Thank you to Mrs Merridith Newman and Mrs Terri Ross for preparing and leading the Year One and Two students in this very special prayer service today. Thank you to the students for your reverence and participation in the prayer service.



### Year 6 Rottnest Camp

We keep in our thoughts and prayers our Year Six students who are embarking on a week-long camp to Rottnest Island next week with their teacher Mr McDonald, our Principal Mr Wylie and parents. We wish you all best wishes for a wonderful experience together. May you return to school renewed in mind and spirit.

### Remembrance Day – Monday 11 November

Next Monday 11 November, our Year Four students will lead us in a Remembrance Day Service at 11.00am. Parents, family and friends are welcome to join us for a time of reflection as a community and a expression of gratitude for all who have served in the armed forces and those who continue to serve.

Have a wonderful week ahead.

**NICOLLE ACHMAD**  
**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

### **Friday 8th November**

8.45am Year 5 Assembly

### **Monday 11th November**

Year 6s leave for Rottnest  
11.00am Remembrance Day Service

### **Friday 15th November**

8.45am Merit Assembly

*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



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## NOMINATIONS FOR ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL P&F, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The AGM of the P&F Association will be held on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019** starting at 5:30pm with a sundowner and the meeting commencing at **6:00pm** in the Library. A report will be given at this meeting on the P&F's activities during the past year and how money that has been raised was spent.

The P&F Association is an essential part of the school and serves an important role in supporting the St Thomas More. You are invited to consider serving on the P&F committee in 2020.

P&F Executive roles will be elected at the next P&F meeting after the AGM.

Four Executive positions (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) and six committee members make up the P&F committee. All other parents are welcome to attend P&F meetings and contribute to decisions made.

To nominate, please complete the form below., mark it for the attention of the Principal, and return it to the office. Nominations close on Wednesday 20 November, 2019.

Nominees may be invited to make a short presentation in support of their nomination at the AGM.

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### St Thomas More School P&F Nomination Form 2020

I have read the letter of invitation and wish to offer myself as a candidate for election to the School P&F.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Students at St Thomas More:

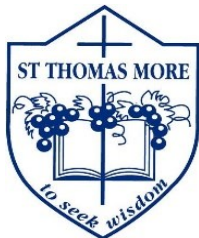
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ 2020



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## NOMINATIONS FOR ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL BOARD, 2020

Dear Parents and Members of the St Thomas More Community,

The School Board of St Thomas More seeks competent and dedicated people to serve on it.

Parents and others who have an interest in the welfare of the students and staff and are eager to promote Catholic schooling may seek membership of the St Thomas More School Board as a means of giving valuable service to the school community. Though all Board members should bring to the Board their own contribution to its work, the most important skill required is the ability to work cooperatively and constructively with all other members of the Board for the benefit of the school it serves. **Board members must be willing and able to give their time to Board duties.**

The Board invites you to attend the Annual Community Meeting on **WEDNESDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2019**, starting at 5:30pm with a sundowner and the meeting commencing at **6:00pm** in the Library. A report will be given at this meeting on the Board's activities during the past year and on the proposed budget for 2020.

To nominate, please complete the form below, mark it for the attention of the Principal, and return it to the office. Nominations close on Wednesday 20 November, 2019.

The Board invites you to nominate yourself for election if you feel you would be prepared to serve the community as a Board member. Nominees will be invited to make a short presentation in support of their nomination at the ACM.

Yours sincerely

Mr Patrick Moran

Board Chair

St Thomas More Catholic Primary School

### CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD:

1. Possession of special skills that will be an asset to the Board.
2. A deep interest in the welfare of all students and staff
3. A desire to give service to the Catholic school community.
4. A keenness to promote Catholic schooling.
5. An ability to work cooperatively and constructively with all other Board members of the Board.
6. Sufficiency of time to devote to Board duties.

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## St Thomas More School Board Nomination Form 2020

I have read the letter of invitation and wish to offer myself as a candidate for election to the School Board.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Students at St Thomas More:

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ 2020

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ 2020

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ 2020

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL  
PRESENTS

# MUSIC CONCERT

YEAR 4  
YEAR 5  
YEAR 6

10 DECEMBER  
2019  
AT 5.30PM

MARGARET RIVER  
HEART  
47 WALLCLIFFE ROAD  
MARGARET RIVER

