

St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



Principal's Report

First Week of Advent



*All-powerful God,
increase our strength of will for doing good
that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and
call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven,
where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God,
forever and ever.
Amen*



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Season of Advent

Many Christian churches in Australia, particularly Catholic churches, celebrated the start of the Advent season last Sunday. Advent is the period of four Sundays and weeks leading up to Christmas – the birth of Jesus, so its length varies from 22 to 28 days. Advent candles and wreaths are used in many Christian churches during the Advent season. Advent is a time to reflect and prepare for Christmas in the same way that Lent is in preparation for Easter. The term “Advent” derives from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning “coming” or “arrival”. It refers to the period immediately before Christmas, during which time one might prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Contrary to popular culture and advertising, Jesus is the meaning of Christmas and God’s gift of love to us. Had that tiny baby not been born in the stable, in poverty and helplessness as God made man, we would not be celebrating Christmas 2000 years later. As we begin this Advent season and prepare for our Christmas celebrations, let us not lose sight of the real reason we have this preparation time and celebration.

Semester Two Reports

Next Wednesday, 11 December, the Semester Two reports for all children from Pre-Primary to Year Six will be online on the Seqta Parent Connect portal for all parents to access. Paper copies will also be sent home, however, in an effort to reduce paper usage, next year the reports will only be available online, unless a special request has been made. Reports provide information to parents about the progress and the achievements that children have made for the year. Parents are encouraged to share the report with their child. Schools are expected to adhere to the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA) Pre-Primary to Year 10: Teaching, Assessing and Reporting Policy which communicate the mandatory requirements for reporting. This sets out that we must report using A-E grades, with a ‘C’ grade meeting the Achievement Standard for their year level. If your child has a ‘C’ grade on their report, please remember that this means they have met the standard for that year and achieved what they should have.

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Kindy and Pre-Primary Concert

This morning I was privileged to watch our amazing Kindy and Pre-Primary students perform their concert celebrating the end of the year and the birth of Jesus as we enter this Advent season. The students performed wonderfully, and I was so impressed with the way they presented their items. Thanks to the teaching staff for organising this and Mark Hassall for coming along and providing the music. Thank you too, to all the parents and family members who came along.



Music Concert

Our Year 4-6 students will be presenting a Music Concert on Tuesday 10th December at the Margaret River Heart. Starting at 5:30pm, the students will be showcasing some of what they have learnt during their Music lessons over the year. Each year level will present a number of songs in their class band. All parents and family members are invited to come along and be entertained by the wonderful talents of our students.

End of Year Excursion

To finish the year, our Pre-Primary to Year 5 students will be attending an End of Year excursion at Amaze'n Maze in Margaret River. The P&F have kindly paid for this end of year excursion, so there is no cost to parents. The students will leave for the maze at 9:30am and return to school by 2:00pm, enjoying the maze, facilities and having lunch here. We invite our Kindy students to also come along if they wish to. Our Year 6 students will be attending a canoeing excursion together, celebrating their last day as a group. The last day for students is Friday 13 December.

Swimming Carnival



Tomorrow is our Faction Swimming Carnival. The Pre-Primary to Year 3 carnival will be held from 9:30am – 10:30am and then the Year 4-6 carnival will be held from 11:00am – 1:00pm. Both carnivals will be held at the Margaret River Recreation Centre. We invite all family members to come along and cheer on the swimmers as they participate in the different events. We look forward to a great day of competition, fun and sportsmanship!

Thanksgiving Mass

All parents are welcome to join the staff and students at the Thanksgiving Mass next Thursday 12 December at 9.30am in the Church.

Year 6 Graduation and Awards Evening

We will be farewelling our Year 6 students at our Graduation and Awards evening held on Thursday 12 December in the Church. Students from Years 1-5 who will be receiving awards will be invited to attend this evening, as we also present our Year 6, 2020 Leadership badges to the Year 5 students. The Year 6 award winners will also be presented with their awards. This combined evening will commence at 6:00pm and all school families are invited to attend.

Kindy Enrolments

We still have some places available for our Kindy program next year – less than \$20 a week for 3 full days! Please continue to spread the word or visit our website for an Enrolment application.

Fee Payments

Thank you to all the parents who have finalised their fee payments over the last couple of weeks. We really do appreciate your efforts, as it certainly makes our task that little bit easier. A final reminder that all outstanding school fees must be paid by the end of next week, except for those families who have direct debits in place that are continuing.

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Are You Leaving?

If there are any families who will be leaving our school at the end of the year, please could you put in this in writing so we may try to finalise our class numbers for 2020. Many thanks.

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

RUSSELL WYLIE
PRINCIPAL

Assistant Principal News

Second Sunday of Advent

This Sunday is the second Sunday of Advent. In the Gospel reading, John the Baptist preaches repentance and baptises in the Jordan River. John the Baptist reminds us that our repentance is another way in which we can prepare for the Lord's coming and our celebration of Christmas.

Year 3 Prayer Service

The Year 3 students led their parents in an Advent Class Liturgy Prayer Service yesterday. It was a beautiful celebration that involved singing, actions and prayerful reflection. I was especially moved by the way the students had written their own prayers of the faithful to read out, each one touching on something that was important to them, like the drought, bushfires or the death of a loved one. Thank you to Mrs Alice Tippett and Mrs Meg Ryan for preparing the students for this service.

Kindy/Pre-Primary Christmas Concert

The Kindy and Pre-Primary students gave an outstanding performance at their Christmas Concert this morning. It was wonderful to see so many parents, family and friends attending. Thank you to Mrs Jane Wolf, Mrs Rachel Hassall, Mrs Jennifer Morrison and Mrs Dianne Quintrell for organising the performance. Well done to all involved!

Music Concert – Tuesday 10 December at 5.30pm

The Year 4, 5 and 6 students have been busily preparing for their Music Concert being held next Tuesday 10 December at Margaret River HEART. The Music Concert will begin at 5.30pm and students are asked to assemble at 5.15pm in the foyer of HEART near the grand piano. The concert should be finished by 7.00pm. We are looking forward to a wonderful evening of music. Thank you to Mr Michael Goodwin for preparing the students for the concert. All parents, family, friends and community members are welcome to attend.

Thanksgiving Mass – Thursday 12 December at 9.30am

A whole school Thanksgiving Mass will be held next Thursday 12 December from 9.30am in the church. We will be giving thanks for the many blessings we have been given this year and for our families and friends who touch our lives. We also will be praying for our Year 6 students, staff members and families that are leaving our school community at the end of this year. All parents, families and friends are invited to attend.

Christmas Children's Mass - Tuesday 24th December at 6.00pm

St Thomas More Catholic Church Children's Christmas Mass will be celebrated on Christmas Eve, **Tuesday 24th December at 6.00pm**. Children from our school are invited to be involved in a Nativity play. If your child would like to participate, please add their name to the Christmas poster located on the school office glass door. Thank you to those students who have volunteered themselves to be involved in the Nativity story.

Rehearsals for the Nativity play will take place on Wednesday 11 December. We encourage all children to be involved.

Have a wonderful week ahead.

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



Thought of the Week

No one ever got to the top
of a mountain in one giant jump.
Challenges can be overcome,
and goals can be reached,
but it can only happen
one step at a time.

Doe Zantamata



Congratulations

School Merit Award Winners Term 4 - Week 7

Pre-Primary	Benji Young
Year 2	Tom Miller
Year 3	Matthew Craggs
Year 4	Bella Enright
Year 6	Ben Morrison

Important Dates

Friday 6th December

9.30 - 10.30am Swim Fun - Pre-Primary to Year 3

11.00am - 1.00pm Faction Swimming Carnival - Years 4, 5 and 6

Tuesday 10th December

5.30pm STMCPs Music Concert

Thursday 12th December

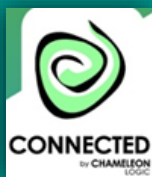
9.30am Whole School Thanksgiving Mass

6.00pm Year 6 Graduation and Awards Celebration

Friday 13th December

Last Day of Term for Students

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

All items are \$1.00

The **Uniform Shop** will be open on **Tuesday 28th January** from 9.00am to 3.00pm for all your 2020 Uniform requirements.



Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve

6.00pm Children's Mass

11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

8.00am Lumen Christi Church, Augusta

10.00am St Thomas More Catholic Church, Margaret River

6.00pm St Thomas More Catholic Church, Margaret River



Kids Cushion Concert

Join Pianists
Elodie Short & Anna Bogachova
presenting

The Nutcracker

Experience the joy of live music
and the magic of a Christmas story.
Explore the Piano and enjoy some
Arts & Craft activities afterwards in
Busselton and Margaret River!

December 7th, at 10.00 am, Uniting church, 47 Kent St, Busselton
December 14th, at 10.00 am, Uniting church, 60 Tingle Ave, Margaret River
December 15th, at 10.00 am, Caves House Hotel, Yallingup
BYO comfy cushion!
Suggested ages: 3-10 year olds but all welcome
Tickets: \$10, free under 3 year olds



VacSwim

Enrol now for **VacSwim** summer
holiday swimming lessons at
education.wa.edu.au/swimming



Gala Night

to celebrate 100 years of
Catholic Education

at Our Lady of Lourdes School Dardanup

Friday 14th February 2020

7.00pm-11.00pm

at Bunbury Catholic College Hall

Dress: Cocktail

Champagne on arrival

'Stand up and Mingle' food,
(light bites and something a little bigger)

Licensed Bar - Tea and Coffee available

Tickets can be purchased
from the school office, \$75 per person

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RSVP: by 30th January 2020

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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





MARGARET RIVER TENNIS ACADEMY

Club Coach: Pablo Gomez Pujalte
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We run the coaching program at the Margaret River Tennis Club and Cowaramup Tennis Club. Our goal is to bring tennis to all ages and levels, trying to make everyone better player and gain confident on the court in a fun environment. For the younger children, we use special modified equipment with smaller racquets and low compression balls so they can improve and play quicker.

AFTER SCHOOL LESSONS

Term 1 - 2020 - From 3rd of February till 3rd of April - 9 weeks				
<u>MARGARET RIVER TENNIS CLUB</u>				
Class	Days	Age	Times	Cost
Mini Tennis	Mon & Thur	3-5 year old	3.45pm-4.15pm	\$8 per class
Red Ball	Wed & Thur	5-7 year old	3.45pm-4.30pm	\$135 per Term
Orange Ball	Wed & Thur	7-9 year old	4.30pm-5.30pm	\$148.5 per Term
Green Ball	Wed & Thur	9-11 year old	4.30pm-5.30pm	\$148.5 per Term
Yellow Ball	Thurs	+12 year old	5.30pm-6.30pm	\$148.5 per Term
Junior Squad	Wed	by invitation	5.30pm-7pm	\$180 per Term
<u>COWARAMUP TENNIS CLUB</u>				
Red Ball	Tuesday	5-7 year old	3.45pm-4.30pm	\$135 per Term
Orange Ball	Tuesday	7-9 year old	3.45pm-4.30pm	\$135 per Term
Green Ball	Tuesday	9-11 year old	4.30pm-5.30pm	\$148.5 per Term
Yellow Ball	Tuesday	+12 year old	4.30pm-5.30pm	\$148.5 per Term

- We offer **FREE** trial lesson in a group for all new players in the After School Lessons (excluding MiniTennis).
- If lessons are rain out we will reschedule before the end of the Term or you can get credit for next term.
- For families we offer 10% discount for second child and 50% discount for third child, on group After School Program.
- If your child wants to come a second day , we offer 50% off on the second day.
- **NEW** - Lessons on Saturday for RedBall and OrangeBall.

HOLIDAY CLINICS - BEFORE TERM 1

Fun way to enjoy the School Holidays learning how to play tennis and meeting new friends. No experience is needed to join in. We will teach them the basic skills of tennis and doing some fun games. Its for children from 6 to 14 year old.

1st Week - Tue 14/01 - Wed 15/01 - Thur 16/01
2nd Week - Tue 21/01 - Wed 22/01 - Thur 23/01
3rd Week Tue 28/01 - Wed 29/01 - Thur 30/01

FROM 9am till 12noon

COST: 1 DAY - \$25 or 3 DAYS - \$70

To **enrol** or **more info** visit www.mrtc.org.au or send an email to mrtennisacademy@gmail.com



WINNING EDGE™

- ACADEMY -

PRE SEASON AFL PROGRAM

PERTH & SOUTH WEST WA



-EIGHT WEEK TERM ONE 2020 PROGRAM-

**NORTH METRO
KARRINYUP**

**SOUTH METRO
APPLECROSS**

**SOUTH METRO
AUBIN GROVE/WANDI**

**SOUTH WEST
BUSSELTON/VASSE**

**SOUTH WEST
BUNBURY**

RECENT SPECIALIST COACHES

Justin Longmuir | Darren Glass | Shane Woewodin | Matt Priddis | Trent Cooper | Michael Prior
Jack Redden | Fraser McInnes | Troy Longmuir | Beau Wardman | Deven Robertson | Josh Deluca
Anthony Rock | Anthony Morabito | Kane Lucas



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