

20th February 2020

Issue 3

St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



Principal's Report

World Day of Social Justice Prayer

*God of Justice and Peace,
Mold our consciences according to justice and shape our hearts according to peace, that we may recognise the talents that you have given us to secure the rights of the poor, the oppressed, the sick and the marginalised.
Grant us the courage and strength to work for justice, and in this way, live out our call to be peacemakers.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen*



Dear Parents and Caregivers,



Muffins

This morning, the Year 3 students sold muffins that were made with their Kindy buddies, using the eggs from our chickens. The Kindy and Year 3 students cooked up 100 muffins, with the sale of them going to buy more food and hay for the chickens. Eggs are also being sold for \$3.00 a 6 pack.

Congratulations!

We would like to congratulate our very own Music Teacher, Mr Mike Goodwin, on winning the Songwriter of the Year award at the recent Boyup Brook WA Country Music Awards. I think we are very blessed to have such a talented musician working with our students.
Congratulations Mike!



The Vine



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Ash Wednesday Mass

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our parents, carers and grandparents to join with us as a Catholic school community to celebrate the Eucharist and receive the Ashes on Ash Wednesday, 26 February at 9.00am. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a time of repentance and renewal, of prayer and reflection, of seeking to renew and restore our relationship with Jesus and of striving to follow more closely in His footsteps. Receiving the Ashes signifies to one and all our intention to repent, to make sacrifices and changes in our lives in order to become better Christians. We would really love to see the church packed with as many parents as possible, so that you can not only share this Lenten journey with your children, but also set an example for them to follow.

School Fees

School fees were sent home this week and we ask families to complete the form that was attached indicating how fees will be paid over the year, which will assist with our budgeting. We strongly encourage families to set up a direct debit, which spreads the fees out over the course of the year. Please return these forms to the office as soon as possible so Karien can set up these direct debits. We appreciate your assistance promptly paying fees.

P&F

It was wonderful to see so many parents turn up at our first P&F meeting held last Tuesday night with a great mix of some familiar faces and also some new faces. It is always most heartening and encouraging to see new faces coming along to a P&F meeting to listen and contribute their ideas and opinions. Our P&F Association is a vibrant and dynamic group that provides a valuable forum for parents to express their ideas and opinions and have input into various aspects of school life. Our P&F is also fantastic at raising funds to donate to the school.

Despite it being a longer meeting, the P&F were able to plan for the coming year, set some priorities for fundraising and review the previous year's events. The first fundraiser coming up is our Footy Tipping competition. More information will come home about this soon, but it will be \$50 entry fee with a chance to win \$500. Spread the word!

All classes have a parent representative, whose role it is to strengthen the ties between home and school. At St Thomas More, we hope this provides the best possible opportunities for our children. The Class Parent Representative will be a link between the P&F and School and the families within the school community. Part of their role is to welcome new families to the school; organise small, social, year-level get-togethers; attend P&F meetings (where possible) to stay informed and share relevant information with their year level and provide a point of contact for parents to liaise ideas and information to the P&F.

Thank you to the following parents who have agreed to be the Class Representatives this year:

Class	Representative
Kindy	Sarah Morris
Pre-Primary	Sharna Keogh
Year 1	Jamie Drysdale
Year 2	Amanda Price
Year 3	Emma O'Brien
Year 4	Andrea Campbell
Year 5	Idris Achmad
Year 6	Maureen Harrison

Tommy More Playgroup

Our Playgroup started on Monday, with lots of new parents coming along and it was great to also see some familiar faces. Playgroup is for children from 0-3 years of age and runs from 9:00am-11:00am in the room next to Kindy. Educational activities are provided by a qualified Early Childhood teacher, along with a great opportunity to make some new friends and have a cup of coffee. Please bring a piece of fruit and a gold coin donation.

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

RUSSELL WYLIE
PRINCIPAL

Assistant Principal News

Beginning of Year / Ash Wednesday Whole School Mass

Our first Whole School Mass for the year will be held on Wednesday 26 February at 9.00am. This celebration will be a combined 'Beginning of year' and 'Ash Wednesday' Mass. This celebration will welcome all new and returning families to St Thomas More Catholic Primary School and help us to reflect upon the year ahead. We invite all parents, families and friends to join us in this celebration.

Sacramental Dates for 2020

If you would like your child to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation this year at St Thomas More Catholic Church, please note the dates below. A form has been sent home with the children in Years 3, 4 and 6, please return this to your child's teacher no later than **Friday 21 February**.

Commitment Mass for students receiving a Sacrament will be at the following Masses:

- Sacrament of Reconciliation – Sunday 15 March at 10.00am
- Sacrament of Eucharist (Holy Communion) – **Sunday 7 June at 10.00am**
- Sacrament of Confirmation – Sunday 13 September at 10.00am

Celebration of Sacraments:

- Reconciliation – Tuesday 24 March at 5.30pm
- Eucharist (Holy Communion) – **Sunday 14 June at 10.00am**
- Confirmation – Sunday 20 September at 10.00am (with Bishop Holohan)

Parent and Child Workshops:

- Sacrament of Reconciliation – Thursday 5 March at 5.30pm
- Sacrament of Eucharist (Holy Communion) – Thursday 4 June at 5.30pm
- Sacrament of Confirmation – **Thursday 27 August at 5.30pm**

Support the Troops

For ANZAC Day this year, we are committing to supporting the RSL Australian Forces Overseas Fund by preparing care packages that will be dispatched to Australian Defence personnel deployed on operations overseas.

We are asking for parents to donate non-perishable items for our care packages. These items are to be gender-neutral items to ensure an equitable distribution of parcels among the personnel. Each package cannot weigh more than 2kg. Lightweight examples of items that could be donated are:

lip balm	sunscreen	toothpaste	toothbrush	vitamin tablets
lollies or sweets	chewing gum	magazines	lightweight books	bootlaces
cereal bars	small jar of vegemite	tim-tams	plastic keep-cup	ear buds

You are also invited to write a letter to the troops to express your support and thanks for their service to our country.

We wish to gather these items and letters by Friday 27 March in order to prepare as many packages as possible to send via Australia Post before ANZAC Day.

If you are willing to assist, please send items to the office where there will be box available for collection.

Thank you to Mrs Amanda Price for instigating this worthwhile initiative and thank you in anticipation to you all for your support in acknowledging and thanking our troops this year.

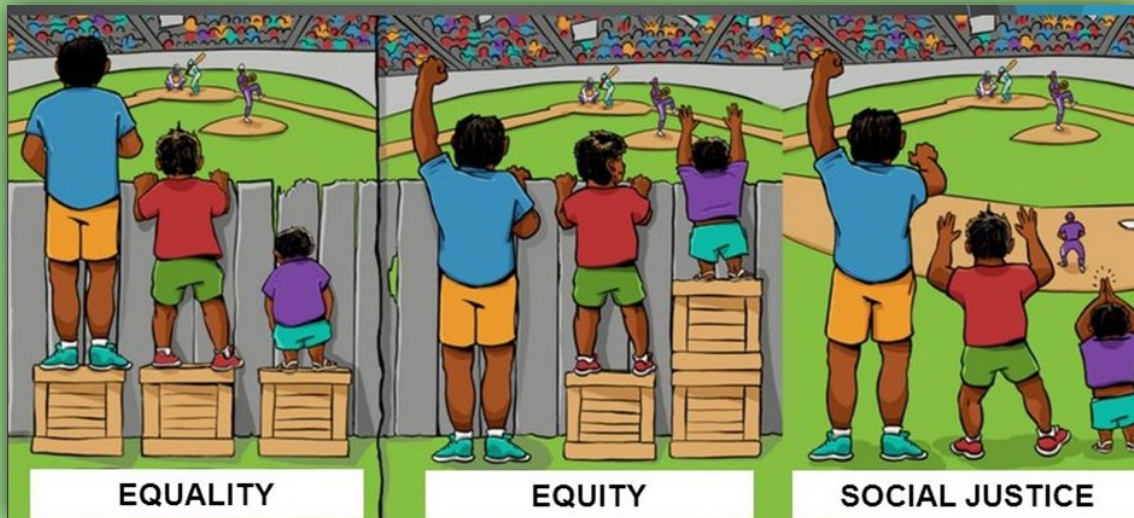
Setting up the iPad Workshop

A meeting will be held for our **Year 3 and 4 parents and guardians** for help to set-up the iPad you have supplied for your child. This is an important information seminar that will help you to create a new Apple ID, family sharing and enable restrictions. It will also assist you to understand how the school device management system ZuluDesk will be used. There are two sessions that will be run on Wednesday 26 February at 11.00am and repeated at 6.00pm. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

God bless,

NICOLLE ACHMAD
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Thought of the Week



Congratulations!

School Merit Award Winners Week 2



Pre-Primary	Bayden Marik
Year 1	Jimmy Campbell
Year 2	Mika Bien
Year 3	Tom Miller
Year 4	Matthew Craggs
Year 5	Isaac Willcox
Year 6	Henry Wolf

Friday 21st February
8.45am Merit Assembly

Wednesday 26th February - Ash Wednesday
9.00am Ash Wednesday Whole School Mass

Friday 28th February
Pupil Free Day

Monday 2nd March
Labour Day Public Holiday

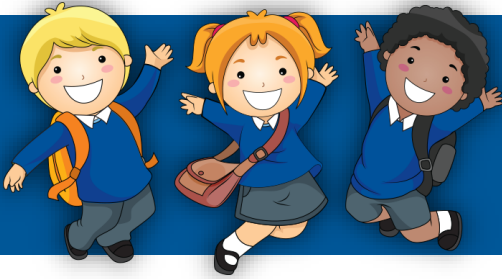
Important Dates

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 **Wisdom6285**) or visit our website <https://stmcps.wa.edu.au/> and go to the Communication tab to select Online Absentee.

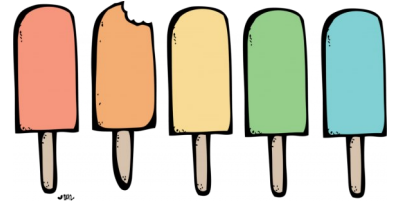
You can also ring the school on the Absentee line on 9758 8042 and leave a message of the child's name, class and reason for absence and then send a note in with your child when they return to



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



Parish News

Masses

St Thomas More Catholic Church - Margaret River

- Saturday - 6.00pm
- Sunday - 10.00am

Lumen Christi Catholic Church - Augusta

- Sunday - 8.00am



Pilgrimage of St Therese of Lisieux and her parents Ss Louis and Zelig Martin Bunbury Diocese Thursday 30 April – Monday 4 May 2020

Our Lady's Assumption Church, Mandurah
St Patrick's Cathedral, Bunbury
Carmelite Monastery, Gelorup

St Patrick's Cathedral, Bunbury
Our Lady of the Bay Church, Busselton

Midday 30 April to 9.30am 1 May
Midday to 4.30pm 1 May
5.30 – 8pm 1 May
8.00am to 11.00am 2 May
Midday 2 May to 3.00pm 3 May
5.30pm 3 May to 1.30pm 4 May

During the time in each Parish there will be a celebration of the Eucharist, opportunities for individual Penance/Reconciliation, various devotions, veneration of the relics, liturgy of the hours, all night vigils, meditation, information about the Saints and their spirituality, rosary. Families, groups, students and individuals are invited to participate.

Please contact Deborah for assistance with accommodation and any further information.

Check Catholic Mission website to follow the journey and find educational materials
<https://www.catholicmission.org.au/relics-of-saint-th%C3%A9r%C3%A8se-of-lisieux>

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Margaret River Junior Hockey 2020 Season Starts Soon!

Year 3 - 5 mixed boys and girls team
Year 6 - 8 girls team, Year 6 - 8 boys team
Year 9 - 12 girls team, Year 9 - 12 boys team
Want more info?
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Register online www.playfootball.com.au/register



FEE STRUCTURE FOR
SEASON 2020

MINIROOS - \$170
FIFA - \$200

www.footballmargaretriver.club



KidSport enables eligible Western Australian children aged 5-18 years to participate in community sport and recreation by offering them financial assistance towards club fees.

KidSport is Online!

Are you eligible? Visit the website below to apply.

www.dsr.wa.gov.au/funding/individuals/kidsport

Registrations close 4th March 2020



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MARGARET RIVER



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Book Chat Club



Calling all book lovers ages 10 and over!

The Margaret River Bookshop and Shire of Augusta Margaret River Library Service are partnering to start a Book Chat Club.



What is a Book Chat?

A group for people aged 10–14 who are enthusiastic about books. Each month we will chat about what we have read and give reviews and recommendations for other members of the club.

There will be prizes for best review of the month and even free snacks provided for the session.

The session will be facilitated by either a bookshop staff member or Librarian to assist in great book discussions.

Dates, time and location

4.30pm–5.30pm
Margaret River Library
Last Monday of the month

24 February 2020	27 July
30 March	31 August
25 May	26 October
29 June	30 November

Free
Event!

Contact the library on 9780 5600 for more information or visit amrlibraries.com