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The Vine



Principal's Report

Loving Father,

*We have put our hope in Jesus Christ
who was transfigured before the apostles.*

*We believe that we, too, will share in that same glory.
Help us prepare for that time by our actions in this life.*

*Open our eyes to the seed within us waiting to grow
and blossom into the good works that Jesus calls us to do.
Help us to use this time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving
to come to a greater understanding and a determination
to follow the call we have been given
both as individuals and as a community.*

*This we ask in Jesus' name
and in the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Amen



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Coronavirus

As Australia and the world react to the possible spread of the coronavirus, many parents and children may have concerns for what this means for our community. It is important to continue to follow the advice of the various health authorities in our response to this present situation, including the WA Department of Health. The fact is that both the World Health Organisation and the Department of Health continue to advise that the current risk of transmission in Western Australia remains low. I encourage parents to talk to their children about this virus to reduce any anxiety and alleviate any fears. It is a timely reminder for us to continue using good hygiene practices, such as washing hands and covering our mouths when sneezing or coughing.

Further information about this virus can be accessed through the WA Department of Health: <https://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/coronavirus>

P&F Sundowner

We invite all families to come along for our first Sundowner of the year. It will be held outside the Canteen from 3:30pm tomorrow afternoon, with the P&F providing a Sausage Sizzle. BYO drinks and picnic blankets. We look forward to seeing lots of families come along.

Commissioning Mass

This Sunday, the staff and members of our School Board will be commissioned as they make their commitment to serve the Christian mission of St Thomas More Catholic Primary School. Please keep these members of our community in your prayers.

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Playgroup

A reminder to our families that we offer a playgroup for children from ages 0-4 on Monday mornings starting from 9:00-11:00am. There are lots of activities, music and games for the children to participate in, as well as the opportunity for parents to connect with other families with children of a similar age.

Our Year Six students will be performing at our assembly tomorrow morning, and I look forward to seeing what they have in store for us.

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead and look forward to connecting with many of you at our Sundowner.

Peace and best wishes,

RUSSELL WYLIE
PRINCIPAL



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

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

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

St Patrick's Cathedral, Bunbury

Midday 2 May to 3.00pm 3 May

Our Lady of the Bay Church, Busselton

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.

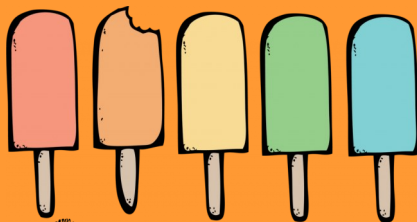
Please contact Deborah for assistance with accommodation and any further information.

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

All items are \$1.00

Assistant Principal News

Dear Parents,

Second Week of Lent 2020!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 17:1-9

Matthew Jesus is transfigured on the mountain in the presence of Peter, James, and John.

Family Connection

As a family, talk about some of your times of highs and lows. How have you been able to use the good times and experiences to sustain you in the difficult ones? Jesus' Transfiguration may have been an event from which Peter, James, and John drew courage when they faced the difficult events of Jesus' Passion. Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 17:1-9. Pray a prayer of thanksgiving for the good times and experiences that your family has had together. Pray that your family will use these experiences to sustain you during times of difficulty.

Project Compassion – Phany from Cambodia



Twenty-seven-year-old Phany, lives in a village in western Cambodia. Struggling to earn a living as a rice farmer, she was forced to leave her daughter behind in the village, to take up construction work in the city.

Then in 2016, Phany joined a Caritas supported program, learning more productive farming and irrigation techniques. Her community learned to work together for better water management, to combat drought.

Over 70 percent of Cambodia's population live in rural communities – and the farming families living in poverty are the most food insecure. Thirteen percent of Cambodians live below the poverty line, while 35 out of every 1000 babies die due to malnutrition.

In 2016, Phany joined the Upholding Community Dignity Together program, where she learned new farming techniques, such as a drip irrigation system which enabled her to get a better yield from her vegetable crops and to conserve water for drier periods. She also learned how to grow vegetables and raise chickens and ducks. Phany's community also took part in training in health, nutrition, hygiene and disaster preparedness, arming them with better strategies to cope with environmental changes.

With your help, mothers like Phany can continue to uplift their communities and provide food for their families. A brighter future for women, men and their families can start today. Let's Go Further, Together.

Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) Parent/Child Workshop



In preparation for the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation), a Parent/Child Workshop will be held this evening at **5.30pm** in the **Library**. This workshop will explore the elements of Reconciliation and its importance with the family life and in developing our relationship with God. All children receiving this Sacrament are expected to attend with one or both of their parents. Please do not bring along any siblings. We welcome Dominic Brawls, Tom Miller, Elaiza Montalban, Alex Nganga, West O'Brien, Leo Hurle and Phoebe Hickman who wish to receive the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) this year.

Staff Commissioning Mass

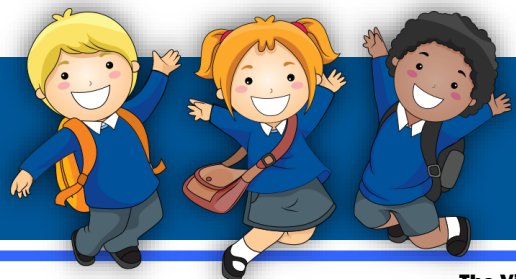
Our Staff and Board Members will be presented to the Parish community this Sunday 8 March and be commissioned in our role as Catholic Educators at St Thomas More Catholic Primary School, helping students develop into the people Christ makes possible by His power. We wish to ask all parents and community members to pray for us at this time.

Have a wonderful week ahead.

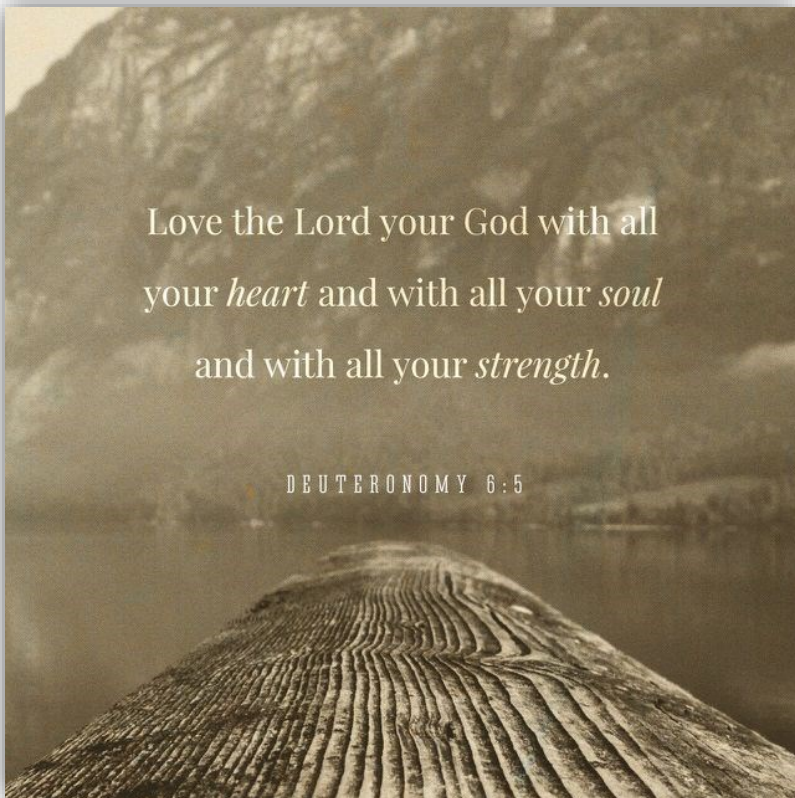
God bless,

NICOLLE ACHMAD
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

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



Thought of the Week



Issue 2 of Book Club was sent home last week! Your orders and payments need to be returned to the school no later than **Monday March 16**.

Orders received after this date will **NOT** be processed. If you are paying by cheque please make all cheques payable to Scholastic Australia.

The next Issue of Book Club will be in Term 3.

Thanking you for your co-operation.
Rita Willmott
Book Club Organiser

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 school.

Thursday 5th March

5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Parent/Child Information Night

Friday 6th March

8.45am Year 6 Assembly
11.30am Year 4 - Stations of the Cross
3.30 - 6.00pm STM CPS Sundowner

Tuesday 10th March

11.00am Year 6 Reconciliation

Friday 13th March

8.45am Merit Assembly
11.30am Year 5 - Stations of the Cross

Sunday 15th March

10.00am Commitment Mass - Sacrament of Reconciliation

Important Dates



2020 AFL Season Club Registrations

NOW OPEN

Margaret River Junior Football Club

Fees for the 2020 season are \$100 per player

REGISTER ONLINE AT: <http://bit.ly/MRJFC2020>

Registrations close Tuesday 24th March, so get in quick!

This link is for Under 9s, 11s and Under 13s

****Do not use this link for any Auskick Players****



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 NOW ONLINE! Are you eligible? Visit the website below to apply <https://kidsport.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/kidsport/apply-for-kidsport-2019-1/>

You must complete this process to get your voucher number before registering online with MRJFC for the 2020 season, otherwise the system will not register your child .

First Grading Session Wednesday 25th March 3:45pm – 5:00pm

Meet our coaches for the 2020 Season! Bring your mouthguards, water bottle and dust off the footy boots! Get ready to run, have fun and brush up on the footy skills....

Under 9s (Years 3/4) will train together on Gloucester Oval (Skate Park end)

Under 11s (Years 5/6) together on Gloucester Oval (Footy Shed end) and **Under 13s** (Years 7/8) together on Nippers.

Margaret River Junior Football Club

Needs new parent volunteers to join our Committee, please let us know if you can help in some way or call our MRJFC President Steve Utting on 0499 199 365 for more information, no football knowledge is needed. We have a role to suit you, Registrar, Umpire Coordinator, Treasurer, Canteen Coordinator, Events and more.

For any questions or enquires please contact Club Secretary – Kimmag1@bigpond.com



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SAVE THE DATE ! SAVE THE DATE ! SAVE THE DATE ! SAVE THE DATE !

HEART Community Open Day

Come along to this **FREE family fun day** and experience your new Margaret River HEART centre.

Date: Saturday 4 April 2020

Times: 4pm – 7pm

Place: Wallcliffe Road, Margaret River (next to the Shire Offices)

Live local music, dance act, circus, silks, acrobatics, magic acts, photo booth fun, face painting, art workshops, exhibitions, food vans, digital projections, and so much more!

Tour the building, sit in the plush new cinema seats, hear the beautiful new acoustics, and experience the venue as a whole.

There's also opportunity to find out how to get involved, become a volunteer, and learn about the best ways to keep up-to-date with all the arts, culture and entertainment offerings.

This an exciting celebration of local creative talent. It's an all weather event.

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