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St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



Principal's Report



*Hail Mary full of grace,
The Lord is with you;
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.*

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The Vine



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It was great to see so many students back at school this week. At around 90% attendance, it makes it very easy for the teachers to get back on with their job of educating our students and ensuring they are accessing the best education possible. Of course, for the children still learning at home, the teachers are ensuring the remote learning packages are easy to understand and complete, whilst still extending each child's learning. Our smaller class numbers have also assisted, ensuring our teaching staff can personally tailor the learning to each child and quickly pick up where we left off last term.



Keep Your Child Home if they are Sick

It is important, however, that children are not sent to school if they are feeling unwell. Particularly during this time, we cannot have children at school who display any symptoms of sickness. Should a child show any symptoms, we will be calling parents to come and pick them up. We thank parents for working with us to support this.

Don't Come onto the School Grounds

As we continue to follow the Government's guidelines in the return of students to school, with increased cleaning, a stronger focus on implementing good hygiene practices and not allowing parents onto the school site, I would like to thank those parents who continue to work with us in phoning the school, rather than coming in. If your child is late, please let us know so we can collect them from the Drive Through. Please do not get out of your car and bring them in. Please also let us know if you need to drop something off or pick something up (including a child), so we can deliver it to your car. It is important that we continue to protect our staff and follow the set guidelines.

I apologise if the above seems like a lot of rules, but in these challenging times, in order to keep everyone safe, we all need to come together for the benefit of all. Hopefully soon we may be back to having some normality!

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Welcome Back!

We welcome back Mrs Renae Cummins this week, who is replacing Mrs Quintrell in Pre-Primary for the remainder of the year. We are blessed to have Mrs Cummins back on our staff and it has been wonderful to see the way she has fitted so perfectly back into our school.

Kindy Enrolments for 2021

I am currently taking enrolments for Kindy for 2021. Places are beginning to fill and as we are limited to 20 places, I would hate to have families miss out. If you, or someone you know, has a child who will turn 4 by 30 June 2021, please either contact the office for an enrolment form or visit our website to download the forms and return them to the school.

Uniform

A reminder that students need to be dressed in the correct Winter uniform from next week. Please complete a uniform order form if you need to purchase any items. This form can be sent home with your child or downloaded from our website. Items can be delivered to your car or sent home with your child. **Due to Coronavirus restrictions, we are unable to allow children to try on clothes or return items that do not fit, so please be careful with your selections.**

After School Pick Up

Parents are reminded to ensure they follow the road rules when picking up their children after school. This includes not pulling up onto the footpath on Wallcliffe Road while waiting to enter the Drive Through or blocking access to other roads or venues, including The River. As we are trying to move a large amount of children into cars in a short period of time, parents are asked to be patient. Teachers remain on duty after school until 3:20pm, so it may be wise to perhaps come to pick your children up from 3:10pm to avoid creating further congestion. Thank you so much to those parents who continue to be courteous and supportive

Mothers' Day

I wish all Mothers and significant women in the community a wonderful upcoming Mothers' Day on Sunday. I hope your children spoil you rotten and you get to have a wonderfully relaxing day with no chores to do! We keep in our prayers all those mothers who have passed and those with who we cannot be close to this year.

A Mother's Day Prayer

Lord we pray for all
MOTHERS
 Beautiful and wonderful
 they fill the earth
 Gracious in Your call they
 carry life
 In a bond of love they bring
 forth a child.



We ask You to bless all
MOTHERS today
 May they feel the joys of motherhood
 everyday
 In all their struggles giving us a livelihood
 May Your **LOVE** and **COMPASSION**
 be with them for good.

May every **MOTHER** feel today
 The pride and beauty of a family they bear
 Through all pain and sorrow Lord
 deliver them
 In Your **STRENGTH** and **GRACE**
 may they always stay.
 AMEN!

Have a wonderful and safe week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

RUSSELL WYLIE
PRINCIPAL

Assistant Principal News

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – SUNDAY 10 MAY

John 14:1-12

Jesus tells his disciples, "I am the way and the truth and the life."

Talk together as a family about whether people outside of your family recognize common traits of your family. Are there physical resemblances that people recognize and so know everyone as a member of your family? Are there mannerisms that are shared by members of your family? What are some common interests and work that people might associate with your family? As you read John 14:1-12, keep in mind that members of the same family share many characteristics, even though each person in the family is an individual. What does Jesus tell his disciples about his relationship with the Father? The relationship between the Father and Jesus is so close that Jesus says that those who have seen and known Jesus have also seen and known the Father. Jesus promises his disciples that because of their faith in him and in the Father, they too will be able to do the work of the Father as Jesus did. End your discussion by praying together that others will recognize in your family the work of the Father. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

MONTH OF MAY – MARY OUR MOTHER

The month of May is a special time where we honour our Blessed Virgin Mary. If we want to truly honour Mary, then we desire to follow them more closely and imitate their good qualities that we call virtues, such as her deep humility, faith, unceasing prayer, love, patience, kindness and wisdom.

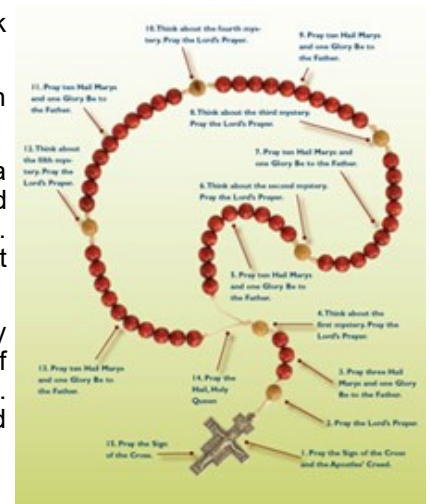
We can also prayer a decade of the Rosary. When we pray the Rosary, we think about the special events, or mysteries, in the lives of Jesus and Mary.

The Rosary is made up of a string of beads and a crucifix. We hold the crucifix in our hands as we pray the Sign of the Cross and the Apostles' Creed.

Between the crucifix and the medal of Mary, there is a single bead, followed by a set of three beads and another single bead. We pray the Lord's Prayer as we hold the first single bead and a Hail Mary at each bead in the set of three that follows. Then we pray the Glory Be To the Father. On the next single bead, we think about the first mystery and pray the Lord's Prayer.

There are five sets of ten beads; each set is called a decade. We pray a Hail Mary on each bead of a decade as we reflect on a particular mystery in the lives of Jesus and Mary. The Glory Be to the Father is prayed at the end of each set. Between sets is a single bead on which we think about one of the mysteries and pray the Lord's Prayer.

We end by holding the crucifix in our hands as we pray the Sign of the Cross.



MOTHER'S DAY

From all of us at St Thomas More Catholic Primary School, we wish all Mothers a very Happy Mother's Day on Sunday filled with joy and quality time with family.

Keep safe and well.

God bless,

NICOLLE ACHMAD
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

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://stmcp.s.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.

Thought of the Week



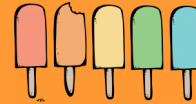
Uniform Shop

For the next few weeks please email your Order Forms through to rita.willmott@cewa.edu.au with details of your order and credit card. Forms can be downloaded off the school's website. I will send the uniforms home with your children on **Tuesdays.**

Thank you!
Rita Willmott

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

All items are \$1.00



Sunday 10th May
Happy Mother's Day



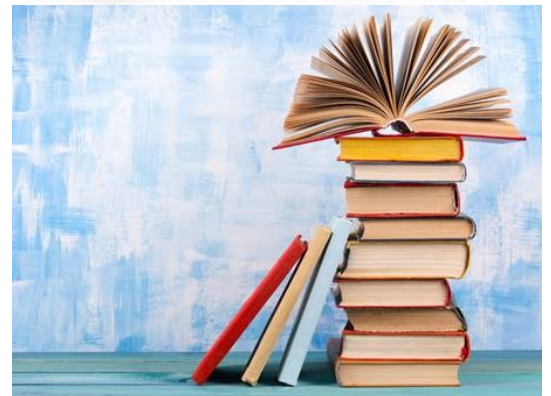
Important Dates

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Kind Regards

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