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Issue 13

St Thomas More Catholic Primary School

Principal's Report



Prayer for the Feast of the Ascension



Jesus, we honour You on the feast of Your Ascension into heaven.

We rejoice with all our hearts at the glory into which

You entered to reign as King of heaven and earth.

*We believe that You entered Your glorious Kingdom to prepare a place for us
at the right hand of the Father.*

Give us the grace to rise above our human weakness.

*Through Your grace, give us the courage of perseverance for You have
called and justified us by faith.*

Make us grow in holiness and thank You by a life of faithful service.

Amen.

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we began this week with all students returned to school, it has been fantastic to see the excellent learning that is taking place in the classrooms. Over the week, I have had the chance to spend time in many classrooms and witnessing the way the children are engaged in developing their understanding and skills. It has been wonderful to see the way the staff have put such a strong emphasis on allowing our students to take ownership over their learning, where they know what they are learning (the learning intention), why they are learning what they are and what our students need to demonstrate in their learning (success criteria). This provides each student with the opportunity show what they are learning in many different ways, as activities can be tailored to suit different learning needs and activities.

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Reporting

This semester, due to the disruptions we have experienced, particularly regarding student learning, our reports will be a little different. The student reports for this semester will provide parents with information about how each child is going in each learning area on a 3-point scale: Working above the standard; Working at the standard; and Working towards the standard. The report will include a general comment and information about each student's attitude and effort and personal and social development. Teachers will meet with parents should they have any further concerns about a student's learning.

P&F

A huge thank you to those that came along to our P&F meeting on Tuesday night. Although many of the plans made earlier in the year will not go ahead, the committee still has some wonderful ideas about how they can continue to support our school. We look forward to a time when we can get together and do some 'friendraising' as well as some fundraising for our school.

Students who are unwell

All Australians have been advised by the Chief Medical Officer to stay at home if displaying ANY symptoms of illness. Please ensure that you keep your child at home if they are unwell. Children who display symptoms of illness will be sent home to maintain the safety of all students and adults at 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.

Pre-Kindy opportunity

Our school has been granted the opportunity to offer a 3-Year-Old Kindergarten program. We need to determine the feasibility of offering this service both for this year (with a possibility of commencing either at the start of Term 3 or Term 4) and next year. Only children who have turned 3 may attend this program. Program days and costs are yet to be determined. If you, or someone you know would possibly be interested in attending this service, please either call the office on 9757 3544 or contact me via email on russell.wylie@cewa.edu.au to discuss further information.

Drive Through

Thank you to all our parents for being so patient and understanding as we try to get the children into cars after school each day. I encourage parents to continue to follow road rules when waiting to enter the Drive Through, including not blocking the entrance to The River, not pulling up onto the kerbside and not blocking the footpath crossings.

We are moving our Kindy and Pre-Primary children out a little earlier, so please do not come before 3:00pm if you have children in other year levels or siblings. I strongly encourage parents to perhaps come a little later if they have a child in Years 1-6 or park at the Church or Recreation Centre and collect children from the crosswalk, instead of using the Drive Through. I would like to remind parents that they are required to follow the Government guidelines in relation to not coming onto school grounds. This means parents are required to remain in their cars and only pick up children from the crosswalk. Please do not park your car in the Drive Through to collect children. The staff will continue to collect children in the morning and deliver them to parents in the afternoon to assist with this. This also applies if needing to pick up or drop off at the school during the day. I appreciate your support and assistance with this.

We thank you for your ongoing support as we transition back to school and I am sure that together we can make the 'new normal' work for all members of our magnificent Tommy More community.

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

RUSSELL WYLIE

PRINCIPAL

Thought of the Week

KINTSUKUROI

*When the Japanese mend broken objects,
they aggrandize the damage by
filling the cracks with GOLD.*

*They believe that when
something's suffered damage
and has a history it
becomes more beautiful.*



Assistant Principal News

Dear Parents,

It certainly feels like we have returned to normality this week. I have noticed more cars on our roads since Monday and more people out and about. It is lovely to have all our students back at school, happy and eager to learn.

MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS – MONDAY 25 MAY

Mary, Help of Christians is the national patronal feast for Australia. The earliest titles of Mary were as 'Mother of God' and 'Helper'. Catholics have always had strong devotion to Mary. When there were no priests in early colonial Australia, Catholics prayed that Mary would nurture their faith.

One of the first priests, Father Therry, dedicated the Australian Church to Mary under the title "Help of Christians". Australia was the first nation to have Mary, Help of Christians as its patroness and to observe the feast on a national scale. It is also the patronal feast of the diocese of Bunbury.

More information about our national patron saint:

<https://cathnews.com/cathnews/37966-bishops-to-entrust-nation-to-mary-help-of-christians>



Prayer for the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians

Almighty God,
deepen in our hearts our love of Mary Help of Christians.
Through her prayers and under her protection,
may the light of Christ shine over our land.
May Australians live in harmony, justice and peace.
Grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens.
AMEN
Mary Help of Christians, pray for us

CASUALS FOR CATHOLIC DAY – FRIDAY 29 MAY

On Friday 29 May, students are invited to dress in casual clothing and bring in a gold coin for Catholic Care. Catholic Care is the charitable arm of the Diocese of Bunbury and provides funding for people in need across the general community throughout the Diocese. Its motto is "People Helping People". Funds raised this year will be given to the St Vincent de Paul Society. Thank you for supporting people who need our help.

Keep safe and well.

God bless,

Nicolle Achmad

Assistant Principal

Monday 25th May

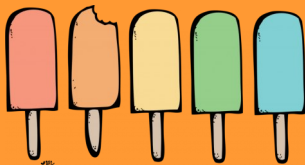
6.30pm School Board Meeting

Friday 29th May

Casuals for Catholic Day - Gold Coin Donation

Monday 1st June

WA Day Public Holiday

Monday 15th June**Pupil Free Day***Important Dates*

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

All items are \$1.00

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

**Parish News**

We are very pleased and excited to be able to open our Church again this week.



The opening times are as follows:

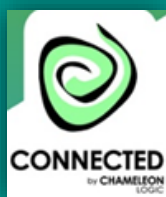
Wednesday 20th May, Thursday 21st May and Friday 22nd May,
10.00 till 12.00 for private prayer.

Commencing on the 26th May the Church will be open for weekday masses
at 10.00am every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

We will not be having weekend masses at this stage.

We will of course be practising social distancing and following a strict
cleaning regime. Don't forget to come in for a visit.

Lumen Christi Augusta: Mass every Wednesday at 4.00pm.

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://stmcpss.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.

CYBER SAFETY WORKSHOP

HAVE YOU EVER WORRIED ABOUT



Kids always wanting to be on a device



Tech tantrums - why they start and how to prevent them



How tech affects kids' bodies, brains and self-esteem



What kids find and what finds them

PARENT WEBINAR

Presented by WA Child Safety Services, this workshop is filled with up-to-date information, real world examples, practical strategies and conversation starters



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- Overview of popular social media platforms, games and apps that kids are using.
- How screens are impacting sleep, education and friendships.
- Screen time limits, device restrictions and parental control tools.
- Online grooming and catphishing.
- Adult content and sexualised media.
- Photo/video/information sharing.
- Youth produced sexual content.
- Image based abuse.
- Cyberbullying.
- Resource and book recommendations.

DATE: Monday 25th May 2020

TIME: 9:30am to 12:00pm

VENUE: Zoom

PRICE: FREE

BOOKING DETAILS:

PCWA.southwest@anglicarewa.org.au or call PCWA South West on 08 9720 9208

PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS WORKSHOP

DID YOU KNOW



of abused children are abused by someone they know and trust



of child sexual abuse is committed by children and young people



PARENT WEBINAR

Presented by WA Child Safety Services, we invite you to participate in this workshop to learn valuable personal safety skills and strategies that can help empower children and keep them safe from abuse.

You will leave the workshop with practical activity ideas and conversation starters.

THIS WORKSHOP IS NOT SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN

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DATE: Wednesday 27th May 2020

TIME: 9:30am to 12:00pm

VENUE: Zoom

PRICE: FREE

BOOKING DETAILS:

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