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St Thomas More Catholic Primary School

Principal's Report



National Reconciliation Week Prayer



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The Vine



*Creator Spirit,
All creation once declared your glory,
Your laws were honoured and trusted,
Forgive us our neglect as our country approaches
the most critical moment in its history.
Listen to our prayer as we turn to you,
Hear the cry of our land and its people,
Just as you heard the cry of Jesus,
your Son, on the Cross.
Help us to replace our national shame
With true national pride by restoring the
dignity of our First People whose antiquity is unsurpassed.
May our faith and trust in you increase.
Only then will our nation grow strong and be
a worthy place for all who wish to make their home in our land.
Amen*

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Classroom Learning



As always, there is a lot happening in all of our classes across the school. The Year 6 students are finalising their 'Genius' projects, ready to be presented, the Year 3 students are learning about the Aboriginal culture and are creating some fantastic Aboriginal boomerangs with traditional symbols on them. I listened to the Year 2s perform a song in Music, with the children either playing different instruments or singing and the Kindy students are learning about different textures in Art by completing crayon rubbings. Finally, our Year 4 students spent time yesterday involved in some environmental work, where they are caring for an area of bushland and

planting shrubs and trees on the Rails to Trails path. It is always fantastic to see our students involved in such a variety of learning experiences which will carefully assist them becoming active participants in our society as they get older.



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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. The program will be run for one full day a week. For this year, the program will run on a Friday and next year on a Thursday. The 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.

Just a Reminder

Some aspects of our COVID-19 response plan will remain in place until further notice:

1. Parents and all non-essential visitors will not be permitted to enter the school grounds.
2. Activities such as assemblies, incursions, interschool sporting events and carnivals, and sacramental celebrations will remain prohibited.
3. Additional cleaning regimes will remain in place.
4. Current hygiene practices will remain in place.
5. Current social distancing requirements will remain in place for staff.
6. Social distancing requirements, while not compulsory, will be encouraged and implemented where practical and possible for students.

Semester Reports

As directed by the Premier Mark McGowan in his address on 13 May, teachers will be required to report to parents with information about students' learning progress to date in Semester One, but they will not be required to assign an A-E grade. These changes recognise the impact of COVID-19 on teaching in Western Australia and provides parents and carers with reliable information regarding student progress. Interim Reports, demonstrating where each child is at in each learning area and providing a general comment, will be accessible online using the SEQTA Engage platform at the end of the last week of Term 2.

WA Day Public Holiday



In the general busyness of life, we sometimes forget just how fortunate we are to be living in a place as wonderful as Western Australia. Our upcoming holiday on Monday has been set aside to celebrate all Western Australians, recognising our Aboriginal history, early European settlers and the many from all over the world who have made, and continue to make, Western Australia their home. It is a day for each of us to reflect and celebrate all the great things about our people, our lifestyle, our culture and our potential. I hope all families find time to relax and enjoy this day together.

Casuals for CatholicCare

A reminder for students to wear free dress tomorrow and bring in a gold coin donation to raise money for those who are less fortunate than ourselves. All money raised will be sent to Bishop Gerard Holohan to support families in our region through his CatholicCare agency.

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

RUSSELL WYLIE
PRINCIPAL

Thought of the Week**Assistant Principal News**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

What a blustery day we had at school on Monday! We were so proud of our staff and students for getting on with it as usual albeit without any lights or heating. It was wonderful to see signs of agility and resilience being demonstrated. It just goes to show what an amazing community St Thomas More Catholic Primary School is and together we can do anything!

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK: 27 MAY – 3 JUNE

This week begins National Reconciliation Week 2020. National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. 2020 marks the twentieth anniversary of the reconciliation walks of 2000, when people came together to walk on bridges and roads across the nation to show their support for a more reconciled Australia. To find out the most up to date information, visit <https://nrw.reconciliation.org.au/2020/05/19/20-ways-to-be-in-this-together-in-2020/>

CASUALS FOR CATHOLICCARE: FRIDAY 29 MAY

Tomorrow, Friday 29 May, students are invited to dress in casual clothing and bring in a gold coin for CatholicCare. CatholicCare 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." Thank you for supporting people who need our help.

PENTECOST SUNDAY: SUNDAY 31 MAY

Pentecost is sometimes called the birthday of the Church. Pentecost reminds us that the Church begins with the command to forgive. Within the family, the domestic Church, we learn how to forgive and how to accept forgiveness. The gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to do both. Today is a fitting time to share a family celebration of reconciliation.

SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST (FIRST HOLY COMMUNION)

Unfortunately, due to Government decisions regarding Church celebrations, the Sacrament of Eucharist (First Holy Communion) that was planned to be celebrated on Sunday 14 June, including the parent-child workshop on Thursday 4 June and the commitment ceremony on Sunday 7 June have also been postponed. Parents who notified the school wishing for their child to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist will be informed of the new dates once it they have been set.

Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead.

Best wishes,

NICOLLE ACHMAD
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Friday 29th May

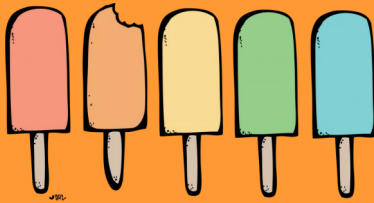
Casuals for CatholicCare Day - Gold Coin Donation

Monday 1st June

WA Day Public Holiday

Monday 15th June**Pupil Free Day****Tuesday 16th June**

6.30pm P&F Meeting

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.

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.



Goldstix

A FUN FILLED WAY TO LEARN HOCKEY!

Goldstix is a 6 week introductory after-school hockey program.

The program helps you learn skills through exciting and inclusive games in a positive team environment.

All games and activities are based on maximum engagement to play and make new friends with the help of our superstar coaches!

You receive a Gryphon Goldstix Pack including a stick, bag, ball and shinpads (worth \$75) so you're all set to get hooked!

Day: Tuesday

Time: 4:00pm

Start Date: 16th of June

Location: Lower Western Oval, Gloucester Park

Contact: Rebecca Gorta

Phone: 0404 746 122

Email: juniorcoordinator@margaretriverhockey.org.au

No hockey
experience
needed!



ALL THIS FOR \$85!*

*Plus booking fee

To register, visit:

<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/wahockey/events/63030>

