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The Vine



Principal's Report

*Come Holy Spirit,
come with your peace, your power, your light.
Come with forgiveness, courage and hope.
Come now to our suffering world,
sick with the corona virus
Come to our front-line workers, our doctors
and nurses and hospital staff.
Come now to the hearts and minds
of scientists seeking a vaccine.
Strengthen us to be working signs for all
humanity to be one, a community of mutual care
and respect.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*



**All of them were
filled with
the Holy Spirit!
Acts 2.4**

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I hope you all had a wonderful Long Weekend, celebrating WA Day with your families. It is an important day 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, WA their home.

Casuals for CatholicCare

A huge thank you to all those families who supported the Bishop's CatholicCare fundraiser held last Friday. We raised about \$175, which will go towards helping those in our community in need.



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Happy Birthday!

Over the weekend, the Catholic Church also celebrated Pentecost. This special day commemorates when the Holy Spirit came down on the Apostles and enabled them to spread the Gospel to all nations. It is effectively the birthday of the Church, as Peter, the first Pope, converted thousands of new believers, becoming the first Catholics.

Welcome Back

Following the announcement by Premier Mark McGowan last week that we will be moving into Phase 3 of the WA Roadmap from 6 June, parents will once again be able to enter school grounds to drop off and pick up their children. However, please do not come onto the school grounds if you are feeling unwell. We thank parents for being patient and understanding during this time and hope that this new lifted restriction will assist in morning routines. Parents are encouraged not to remain in the school grounds and the social distance rule is still in place, which means at this stage, we still cannot have parents in the classrooms. We will continue to have staff meet children in the car line, particularly for the Kindy and Pre-Primary students, to assist families and further develop the independence of the children in their morning routines.

Morning routines are extremely important for children, as it assists them to hear instructions for the day, get organised and settle into class for learning. Students coming 5 – 10 minutes late each morning are put on the backfoot, as they have not had the time to get organised and set themselves up for their learning for the day. We understand that this is difficult for some children who are on busses and we will continue to support and assist these children as best we can. It would be appreciated if parents can ensure their children are ready to learn before the bell goes each day at 8:40am.

Semester 1 Reports

As the teachers begin to prepare for the end of Semester One reports for the students, I would like to make parents aware that for this semester, the reports will look a little different. For each learning area, the students will be graded against a 3-point scale – Above Standard, At Standard or Working Towards Standard. Attitude and effort for each of these areas will also be commented on. There will be information provided about the Personal and Social development of the children and a General Comment. Please feel free to schedule an interview with your child's teacher should you require further information about their progress or if you have any concerns.

3-Year-Old Kindy

We are beginning to gain some interest in our 3 -Year-Old-Kindy for both this year and next year. In order to attend this program, the child must have turned 3. This year, the 3-Year-Old-Kindy will operate on a Friday in Term 4 to prepare the children for Kindy in 2021.

Next year, we will offer the 3-Year-Old program on a Thursday each week. If you, or someone you know would be interested in attending this program, please contact the 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.

School Fees

Next week, school fee statements will be sent home. As we have moved to a new Finance system, these statements will look different to previous ones. I encourage those families who are experiencing financial difficulties to make contact with us so we can discuss arrangements moving forward. If you need help in understanding your statement, please contact Karien in the office.

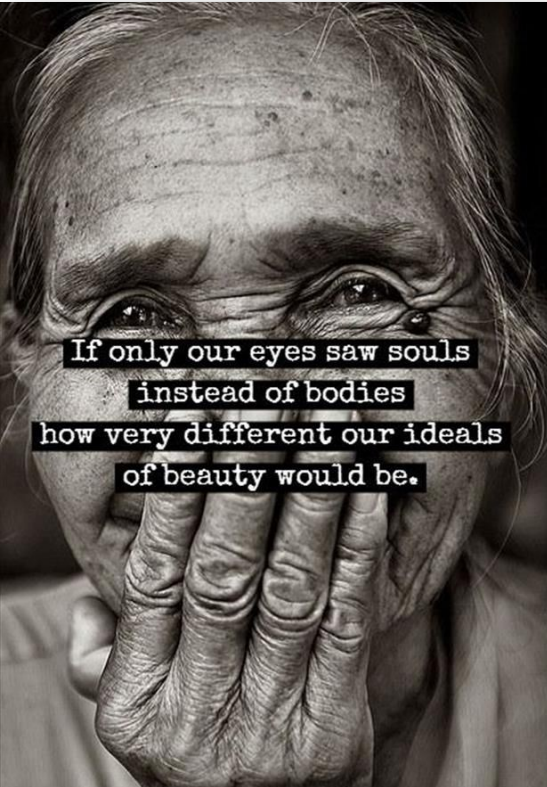
Student Free Day

On Monday 15th June, there will be a Student Free Day, as the staff undertake some professional development. Please ensure arrangements are made for the care of your children, as the school will be closed on this day.

I wish all students and parents a wonderful week ahead. Stay safe and be kind.

Peace and best wishes,

RUSSELL WYLIE
PRINCIPAL

Thought of the Week**Technology News****Helpful Hints, Tips and Reminders**

Whilst students are at school, iPads are controlled by our remote management system Jamf (formerly known as ZuluDesk). Educational app purchases are acquired from Apple using our VPP licence. VPP stands for Volume Purchasing Programme for Education. The educational apps that the school purchases are then remotely pushed out to student's iPads. Teachers then monitor student iPad use via the Apple Classroom app, where they control what apps or websites students can utilise in the classroom.

These helpful hints, tips and reminders for technology use will feature each week in our newsletter. If you have any questions or require any assistance with your child's iPad, please do not hesitate to contact me via phone or email. I am more than happy to help at any time!

Yours sincerely,

Nicolle Achmad
Assistant Principal

**Assistant Principal News**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Following the State Government's decision to enact Level 3 restrictions that gatherings of up to 100 people can take place, many of us are now looking forward to returning to mass celebrations at St Thomas More Catholic Church this weekend.

MASS TIMES AT ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday 10.00am

MASS TIMES AT LUMEN CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH, AUGUSTA

Sunday 8.00am

CASUALS FOR CATHOLIC CARE: FRIDAY 29 MAY

On Friday 29 May, staff and students dressed in casual clothing for CatholicCare. We are pleased to say that we raised over \$170. 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 your support.

SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST (FIRST HOLY COMMUNION)

As stated in last weeks newsletter, 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

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

6.30pm P&F Meeting

Important Dates

Parish News

Masses

St Thomas More Catholic Church - Margaret River

- Saturday - 6.00pm
- Sunday - 10.00am

Lumen Christi Catholic Church - Augusta

- Sunday - 8.00am



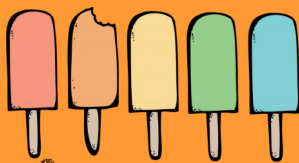
Community Health Nurse

My name is Karen Bryen and I am the Community Health Nurse who visits your school. I work with a team of School Health Nurses (Jill Rogers, Serena Robinson, Rochelle Mead and Danielle Marsden). Community Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. A major part of my work is focused on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment program. Community Health Nurses serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. The services provided are free and confidential.



If you have a concern about your child's health or development, please contact me on 9753 6476 or

Email: WACHS-SW.NaturalistePrimarySchoolNurses@heath.wa.gov.au



**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



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>

