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St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



Principal's Report

*May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us – so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.
Psalm 67:1–2, NIV*



*Lord, Almighty God,
you are our Father and we are your children,
who want to live for you
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Strengthen and renew our hearts.
When discouragement and fear try to mislead us,
may your Holy Spirit help us
again and again to hold fast,
for no matter what difficulties arise,
your will is being done and your will is good.
Your name will be honoured.
Your kingdom will come for all nations.
Amen.*

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It has been wonderful to see the parents' smiling faces as they have been allowed to enter the school again. Although parents are not yet allowed to enter the classrooms during pick-up and drop-off, or help out in classrooms, it has been great to take another step closer to resuming normal times. Parent meetings that are to be face-to-face, need to be by appointment only at this stage. Assemblies will recommence on Fridays.

Brownies



Yesterday, the Kindy and Year 3 classes joined together to cook some brownies, using the eggs collected from our chickens. It was a great experience for both classes, having to think carefully about following instructions, measuring precisely and working together to make these delicious brownies. The Year 3 students then sold them today, with all money raised to go back into our Market Garden and Chicken Coop.

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The Vine

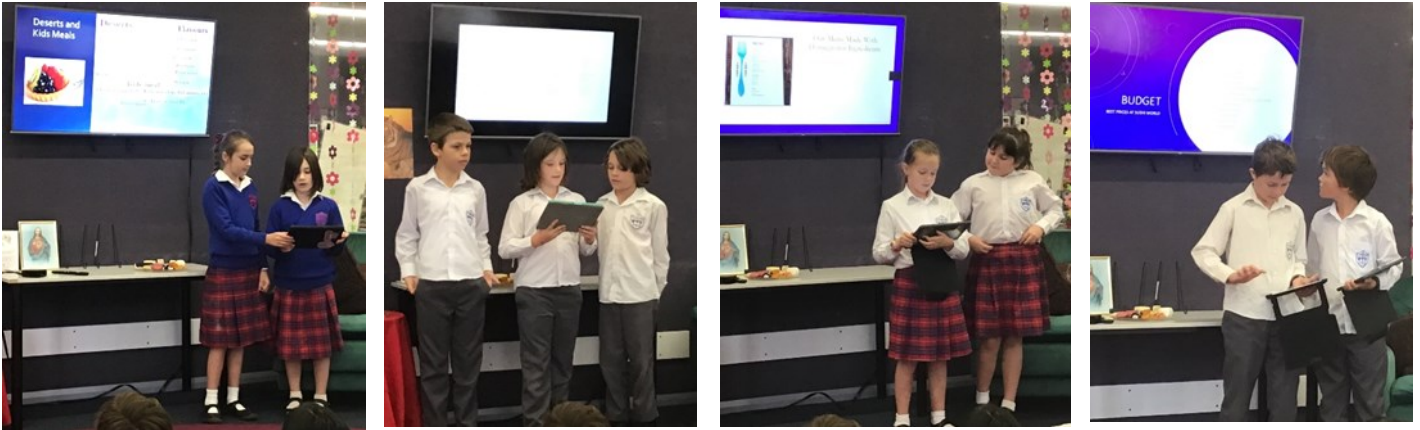


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LEAP Program

I was privileged to listen to our Year 3 and 4 LEAP students yesterday, where they presented an idea for a new restaurant in Margaret River. It was wonderful to see the work these students had put into thinking about a name, logo and slogan for their restaurant, the location and carefully thought-out budgets. I was left feeling very hungry after hearing about their menus...there was some wonderful dishes on there at very reasonable prices! These children spoke very well and I was blown away with the fantastic ideas they came up with about why they chose their menus and locations. Well done to these students!



P&F Meeting Next Tuesday

Our P&F will be meeting in the Library next Tuesday at 6:30pm. We invite all parents to come along, enjoy a glass of wine and get involved in continuing to make our school the best in Margaret River!

3-Year-Old Kindy

I am excited to announce that we will be starting a 3-Year-Old Kindy this 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 and the program will be run by Mrs Wolf.

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 for more information.

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. I would be happy to do a tour of the school or just have a conversation and provide more information about our Kindy program.

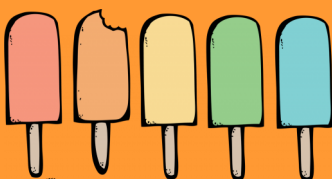
Student Free Day

Next 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 families a wonderful week ahead. Stay safe!

Peace and best wishes,

RUSSELL WYLIE
PRINCIPAL



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

All items are \$1.00

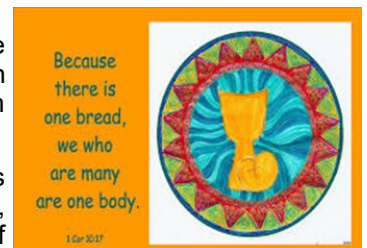
Thought of the Week**Assistant Principal News**

Dear Parents,

FEAST OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

We should have been celebrating the Sacrament of Eucharist this Sunday on the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. Unfortunately, with Covid-19 restrictions in place, we have had to postpone this celebration until later in the year. I will inform parents of a new date once it has been set by Fr Mat.

The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ was once called Corpus Christi, which is Latin for "Body of Christ." Our faith teaches us that when we gather to celebrate Mass, Jesus is present to us. The bread and wine truly become the Body and Blood of Christ.

**PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES**

If any families still have any Project Compassion boxes at home, please send them to school with your child as soon as possible. Thank you for your support with this.

ST THOMAS MORE FEAST DAY

St Thomas More Feast Day is on **Monday 22 June**. We will have a whole school liturgy in the undercover area on Tuesday 23 June, that our Year 6 students will lead. We will celebrate St Thomas More Feast day on Friday 26 June. Students will be provided with a free sausage sizzle lunch and a juice box by the P&F committee on this day. An order form will be sent home next week.

WELLNESS WEEK

St Thomas More is going to hold a Wellness Week, in Week 9 for our students and staff. Healthy students learn better and healthy employees work better! During Week 9 we will focus on mental health, nutrition, and physical activity. Be prepared to de-stress, breathe, eat your fruits and veggies, and move your body. Feel good and live well during Wellness Week and every day! The students will be invited to be involved in activities such as: Daily Fitness, Mental Health focus activities in class, ride/walk to school, Meditation and best of all a homework free week so families can spend some stress free quality time together afterschool. But wait there's more! – so mum or dad don't have to iron your winter uniform and you can participate fully in daily fitness – students will be able to wear their sport uniform or faction coloured polos for the whole week! We have many things planned for teachers and staff also for Week 9 so we don't miss out on the fun. More information about this week will come home shortly.

Keep safe and well.

God bless,

NICOLLE ACHMAD

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Technology News

Helpful Hints, Tips and Reminders

Setting Up Family Sharing

At home, Family Sharing makes it easy for parents to monitor their child's iPad use by setting permissions for Screen Time, approving spending, and downloading apps from the App Store and locating missing devices.

To do this, assign one adult in the family to be the family organiser, who then sets up Family Sharing for their family from their iPhone, iPad or computer.

First, ensure that you have set up an Apple ID for your child, by:

- Go to Settings > [your name] > Family Sharing > Add Family Member > Create a Child Account.
- Follow all prompts by filling in the requested information.
- Then review the Terms and Conditions. Tap Agree.

Once, an Apple ID is created for your child, Go to Settings > [your name] > Family Sharing, and tap the child's name. You will then be able to monitor your child's iPad.

If you have any questions or require any assistance in setting up Family Sharing, please contact me via phone or email.

Yours sincerely,

Nicolle Achmad

Assistant Principal



Friday 12th June

8.45am Merit Assembly

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



Uniform Shop

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://stmcpa.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>

