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The Vine



Principal's Report

The Prayer for Love, Service and Sacrifice

God of love and life.

We remember and recall in our hearts,

the first Holy Martyrs of Rome,

Our very own Sr Irene McCormack,*

And all missionaries like her,

Who continue to offer their lives,

For love of you and your beloved people,

In every poor and persecuted community,

Throughout the world.

Help us to draw inspiration,

From their loving service and sacrifice.

Through their example,

May we find the courage

To lovingly respond

To what the Holy Spirit calls us to become,

Through simple acts of kindness,

And concern for the poor and our common home,

In the ordinariness of our everyday lives.

Amen.

Sr Irene McCormack was a West Australian missionary who belonged to the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. Whilst living and working pastorally in an isolated and very poor rural village community in Peru, she was murdered along with many innocent villagers by a terrorist gang on 21 May 1991.



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we near the end of a disrupted and challenging term, what has been wonderful to see is the continued learning and engagement of the students. I feel there is still a lot to be grateful for, with the continuing improvement of the COVID-19 in our state which has resulted in many more opportunities for the children to participate in over the course of the term.



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Wellness Week

It was wonderful to see the way the children interacted in our Wellness Week and Feast Day celebrations last week. We were particularly impressed with our Year 6 students who lead groups over the course of the day on Friday. A special thank you to the teachers for organising such fun and engaging activities for the children to participate in. We hope this week was able to provide everyone with an opportunity to reflect on their own wellness and take some steps to make adjustments in this area if needed.



Reports

Parents and Caregivers would have received an email yesterday regarding accessing Semester One reports. Please follow the instructions to sign up on SEQTA so you can access these. From this site, parents are able to save and print this report. We understand that this is a new process for many parents so if you have any difficulties or issues, please contact Nicolle Achmad – nicolle.achmad@cewa.edu.au

These reports are a bit different to the ones that are normally sent home, due to the impact COVID-19 has had on education. Children have been graded against a 3-point scale in each learning area: *Working Towards*, *At or Above*. Attitude, effort and Social and Emotional aspects have also been reported on. I would encourage all our parents and carers to make time over the next two weeks to not only read your child's report, but equally importantly, sit down with them and have a conversation about their report. This presents a valuable opportunity to discuss with them how they felt they went, what they did well in, where they improved and most importantly what areas are they aiming to improve in next semester?

Should you have any queries relating to your child's report, please feel free to make an appointment with your child's teacher.

Year 6 TED Talks

I was privileged enough to listen to our Year 6 students present a talk about something they have been researching about and an invention they could create for the future. There were a lot of amazing ideas presented and I was blown away with how confidently the students spoke and the way they engaged the audience with their interesting presentations. Well done Year 6 students!

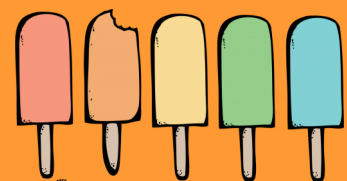
End of Term Two

From all of the staff of St Thomas More, we wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable two week holiday. Enjoy the additional time with your children, travel safely if you are travelling anywhere and we look forward to your return in Term Three. Monday, 20 July is a pupil free day as the St Thomas More staff will be attending a professional development day. This day will enable staff to develop their faith and their understanding of the values of Catholicism and 'Faith', so that we are better equipped to pass on the teachings of the Church to our students. Students will return to school on **Tuesday 21st July**.

Peace and best wishes,

RUSSELL WYLIE
PRINCIPAL

**The School Canteen is open on
Fridays at Lunchtimes selling Icy Poles.
All items are \$1.00**



Assistant Principal News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

SACRAMENTAL DATES

The dates to receive the Sacraments have been set and are as follows:

Sacrament of Reconciliation – Tuesday 28 July at 5.30pm

Sacrament of Eucharist

Parent/Child Information Evening – Wednesday 5 August at 5.30pm

Commitment Mass – Sunday 9 August at 10.00am

Sacrament of Eucharist – Sunday 16 August (*Time to be confirmed*)

Sacrament of Confirmation

At this stage, unless we hear of any changes from Bishop Holohan:

Parent/Child Information Evening – Thursday 3 September at 5.30pm

Commitment Mass – Sunday 13 September at 10.00am

Sacrament of Confirmation – Sunday 20 September (*Time to be confirmed*)

CASUALS FOR CATHOLIC CARE

Most Rev Gerard J Holohan, Bishop of Bunbury, thanks our school community for supporting Casuals for Catholic Care, where we raised \$172.90.

I wish you a safe and enjoyable break from school with your children and look forward to welcoming you back to Term Three on Tuesday 21 July.

God bless,

NICOLLE ACHMAD
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Rapids Landing Dental Therapy Centre

Rapids Landing Dental Therapy Centre will be closed both weeks of the July school holidays from Monday 6th July through to Friday 17th July reopening on Monday 20th July. In the event of an emergency during this time please contact your local private dentist or phone 9754 4460 between 8.00am - 4.00pm.

Rapids Landing Dental Therapy Centre for Term 3 will be open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday (closed Wednesdays). We are located at Rapids Landing Primary School, 42 Tonkin Boulevard, Margaret River.

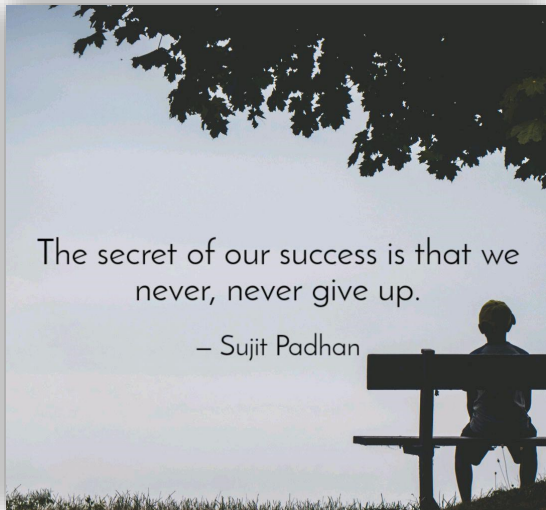


Our contact details are - Phone: 9757 8211 and Email: RapidsLandingDTC@dental.health.wa.gov.au.

Rapids Landing DTC is a free service which provides general and preventative dental care to children the year they turn 5 up to 17 or Year 11, whichever one comes first. We currently are contacting all parents by phone to arrange appointments, please contact us if you have changed your contact details recently.

Our service is now under Level 1 restrictions due to COVID 19, this means that our clinic will be running as normal with increased hand hygiene, cleaning measures and PPE. We also ask that any parents or patients who are attending the clinic to contact us to cancel their appointment if they have COVID 19, have been in contact or being tested for COVID 19, have any cold or flu like symptoms (temperature, sore throat, persistent cough, difficulty breathing, running/blocked nose) or have been outside WA or outside Australia in the last 14 days.

Thought of the Week



The secret of our success is that we never, never give up.

– Sujit Padhan

Parish News

Masses

St Thomas More Catholic Church
Margaret River

- Saturday - 6.00pm
- Sunday - 10.00am

Lumen Christi Catholic Church
Augusta

- Sunday - 8.00am

Technology News

Helpful Hints, Tips and Reminders

Social Media Apps and Games



Parents and carers play a key role in guiding their children as they first encounter the online world and begin to learn through exploration, play and social interaction.

When is your child old enough to take their first online steps and begin to explore on their own? How soon are they ready for social media accounts?

Most social media apps and games, such as TikTok, Messenger, Instagram, WhatsApp, Minecraft have minimum age requirements. Most require users to be at least 13 years of age before they can register.

It is a good idea to protect younger children from online risks such as encountering harmful content, contact with strangers or missing out on physical activity. But it is up to you to decide when and how they take these first steps, and how best to support them as they begin their online journey.

The eSafety Guide, found at <https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/esafety-guide> includes information about the different benefits and risks associated with how social media is used. Please take the time to learn about the latest social media apps and games, including how to protect your child.

If you have any questions or require any assistance, please contact me via phone or email.

Yours sincerely,

Nicolle Achmad
Assistant Principal

Important Dates

Friday 3rd July
Last Day of Term

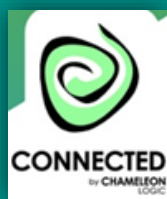
Tuesday 21st July
Fist Day of Term 3 for Students
6.30pm P&F Meeting

Friday 24th July
8.45am Merit Assembly

FOUND

Please contact the School Office if you think this is yours.

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://stmcps.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.

Arts Margaret River

HAPPY HOLIDAY HUNT

Join us this school holidays for a fun-filled scavenger hunt!

THURSDAY 16 JULY 10AM



Visit fun places, answer questions, solve puzzles and activities then race to the finish line.

Suitable for all ages, the hunt starts and ends at the Arts Margaret River office.

Cost includes the scavenger hunt, a sausage sizzle, activities and prizes.



sausage
sizzle

prizes



games

puzzles



\$5 per child (no charge adults)
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Arts Margaret River: Margaret River Community Centre, Tunbridge St

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS CINEMA



Sonic the Hedgehog (PG)

Tue 7 July 2pm

Angry Birds II (PG)

Wed 8 July 10am

Jumamji: The Next Level (PG)

Wed 8 July 2pm

Frozen II (PG)

Fri 10 July 10am

Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker (M)

Wed 15 July 2pm

Spies in Disguise (PG)

Thu 16 July 10am

Maleficent Mistress of Evil (PG)

Fri 17 July 2pm

EVENING CINEMA



The Invisible Man (MA 15+)

Fri 3 July 7pm - Bar opens 6pm

The Biggest Little Farm (PG)

Tue 7 July 7pm - Bar opens 6pm

Ford v Ferrari (M)

Fri 10 July 7pm - Bar opens 6pm

Bethany Hamilton - Unstoppable (PG)

Wed 15 July 7pm - Bar opens 6pm

Jo Jo Rabbit (M)

Fri 17 July 7pm - Bar opens 6pm

Once Upon a Time in Hollywood (MA 15+)

Fri 24 July 7pm - Bar opens 6pm

OVER 60'S CINEMA



The Biggest Little Farm (PG) - Over 60's Only

Mon 6 July 10:30am

Little Women (G) - Over 60's Only

Mon 13 July 10:30am

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