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The Vine



Principal's Report

Lord Jesus Christ,

Today we pray for St Thomas More,
who used his talents to bring Your love and mercy to earth.

Strengthen us to seek out what the Church teaches.

Give us the wisdom to make the right choices
and the strength to carry them out.

Amen



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome Back!

A very warm welcome back to all of our children, parents and carers for Term 3. I hope you all were able to spend some quality time with your family during this break. It was really lovely to see so many smiling faces on Tuesday as the children walked into the school grounds.

It has certainly been a smoother start than last term, with the students being able to get straight back on with their learning programs. We continue to pray and keep in our thoughts, those in Australia who are suffering or have family members impacted by Covid-19, particularly those in the Eastern States.

We have a jam-packed term coming up, with lots of fantastic learning experiences for the children. We will be celebrating all of the Sacraments this term, hopefully participate in some Interschool events and our Year 5 students will be heading off on camp later in the term.

As we begin a new semester, I encourage all students to continue to work hard over the term, consistently applying themselves to their studies and taking pride in our school and their endeavours. I believe that education is a partnership and effective communication is important. Research shows, that when schools and parents work closely together, children are more likely to be successful. It is important that teachers and parents continue to work together to ensure the best outcomes for the students at our school. I wish all of our children a very happy, busy, creative, industrious, imaginative and engaging term.

Term 3 Focus

This term, our focus is on *Respect*. As we always want what is best for the children - positive experiences, healthy relationships, opportunities to learn - we want then to develop respect for others, respect for themselves, respect for God and to be respected. Over the course of the term, we will provide examples and strategies for the children to further develop this value. It will also be picked up through our Religious Education program and in the Keeping Safe program as part of the Health curriculum. We encourage parents to have conversations with your children about what respect means and ways they can show this. A simple example is using someone's name and looking at them when speaking to them.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Our prayers are with 8 of our students as they join with children from the parish to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation next Tuesday evening. This very special time is particularly important for these children, as it begins a time where they can turn back to God and say sorry for the times they have forgotten to act the way Jesus taught. Everyone is most welcome to attend this liturgy commencing at 5:30pm in the St Thomas More Church. There will be an opportunity for adults to go to Confession as well as the children. Please keep these children in your prayers as they strengthen their relationship with God.

A special thanks to Mrs Ryan and Mrs Tippett for their fantastic preparation of all the children.

P&F Meeting

A big thank you to the parents who came along on Tuesday night for our first P&F meeting of the term. It was wonderful to see so many parents get involved in trying to not only raise money for our school through fundraising opportunities, but also in organising social opportunities for our parents to reconnect and come together as one school community. The next P&F meeting will be held on **Tuesday 11 August at 6:30pm.**

Playgroup

We are excited to announce that our Tommy More Playgroup will be back up and running as of Monday 27th July. Parents may come along with their child aged between 0 and 4 and join in our Playgroup. For just a gold coin donation, the children will participate in many fun activities, including singing and dancing, painting and imaginative play. The session runs from 9:00am – 11:00am.

Parking

It has been raised with the school that parents are parking on the privately-owned block of land next to the school. As this is private property, may I ask parents not to park on this block of land. There is parking available at the Church carpark, or across the road at the Recreation Centre. Alternatively, parents are encouraged to make use of the Drive-Thru. We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead,

Peace and best wishes.

Thought of the Week

Russell Wylie
Principal



Assistant Principal News

Technology News

Set up Screen Time for your child

Screen Time lets you see how your child is using their iPad, so you can structure the time they spend on it at home in the morning or afternoon and on the weekend. You can set up Screen Time for a family member on their iPad or, if you have set up Family Sharing, you can set up Screen Time for a family member on your Apple device.

1. Go to settings > Screen Time.
2. Enter the start and end times, then tap Set Downtime.

Important: Your child will need to use their device at school, so please do not set up Screen Time for the hours they are at school (i.e. 8am to 3pm).

If you have any questions about setting up Screen Time limits on your child's iPad, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,
Nicolle Achmad
Assistant Principal

Friday 24th July

8.45am Merit Assembly

Tuesday 28th July

5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday 30th July

Eucharist Retreat, Lumen Christi

Friday 31st July

8.45am Year 2 Assembly

Important Dates

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Assistant Principal News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term Three! I hope you are as excited as we are to start the new term!

RESPECT

This term, our focus is **Respect**.

Why is respect important?

Receiving respect from others is important because it helps us to feel safe and to express ourselves.

Being Respectful means that you accept somebody for who they are, even when they are different from you or you do not agree with them.

Respect in your relationships builds feelings of trust, safety, and wellbeing.

Respect does not have to come naturally; it is something you learn.

It is also important to have respect for yourself.

Remember that you are valued, and you matter.

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

Student Retreat – Thursday 30 July at Lumen Christi Catholic church, Augusta

Parent / Child Information Evening – Tuesday 4 August at 5.30pm

Commitment Mass – Sunday 9 August at 10am

Sacrament of Eucharist – Sunday 16 August at 10am

Sacrament of Confirmation

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

Student Retreat – Thursday 27 August at Lumen Christi Catholic church, Augusta

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

Commitment Mass – Sunday 13 September at 10am

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

Have a wonderful week ahead.

God bless,

Nicolle Achmad

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

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WEDNESDAYS 3:10PM AGE 4-8
ST THOMAS MORE

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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. Uniforms will go home with your children on **Tuesdays**. Thank you!

Parish News

Masses

St Thomas More Catholic Church - Margaret River

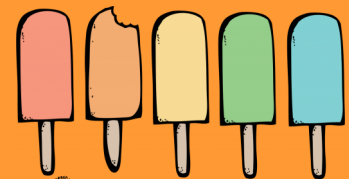
- Saturday - 6.00pm
- Sunday - 10.00am

Lumen Christi Catholic Church - Augusta

- Sunday - 8.00am



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



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.



Thanks to a grant from Swimming Australia, Swimming Women are offering 5 free swimming lessons to those from a culturally and linguistically diverse background.

We have 4 lots of 5 week swim courses for those that are new to swimming and for those that can swim we can offer 5 free swims in our regular Swimming Women classes. Men can come to the regular classes but the courses are just for women at this stage. Swimmers will simply need to pay for pool entry and bring their own bathers and goggles. We will have everything else covered.

Courses, which at this stage are just for women run as follows:

- 1 Monday 27 July- 24 August: 9.10 am- 10.05
- 2 Monday 27 July - 24 August: 10.15am- 11.10
- 3 Thursday 23 July- 20 August 10.15- 11.10
- 4 Thursday 27 August - 24 September 10.15-11.10

www.swimmingwomen.com.au shows the regular timetable for those that can swim more than 50m freestyle without stopping.

To be part of it swimmers need to follow these simple steps:

- 1 Complete an interactive form - contact me as below for the Registration form
- 2 Complete the swimming survey at this web address below for Swimming Australia. Let me know when its done. <https://mailchi.mp/swimming.org.au/csgp-sign-up>
- 3 Let me know if you can already swim or which course time and date suits you best:
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 - 4 Thursday 27 August - 24 September 10.15-11.10

If you are interested, please contact me as below for a Registration Form.

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