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The Vine



Principal's Report

Prayer

Dear heavenly Father,

Help me to be steadfast, focused and hard-working.

Help my hands and my brain to create work that is excellent and that changes lives.

I will work as if I'm working directly for you.

Give me a clear and focused mind.

I know work is done for You is not time wasted.

Amen

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Sacrament of Reconciliation

On Tuesday evening, 7 St Thomas More students joined with 3 children from the parish to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. I was wonderful to see the way these students turned back to God and sought to restore their friendship with Him. I ask all families to keep these children in your prayers as they continue their faith journey as part of our parish. A special thank you to Mrs Tippett and Mrs Ryan for so carefully preparing the students, Mrs Achmad for her work in organising the celebration and Fr Mat for his work in helping these children come closer to God.



Congratulations to Dominic Brawls, Matthew Craggs, Leo Hurle, Tom Miller, Rhianna Montalban, Alex Nganga and West O'Brien.

Principal's Report.....continued from Page 1**Sacrament of First Holy Communion**

Today, the Year 4 students attended a retreat as part of their preparation to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Led by Mr McRae, Mrs Achmad and Ms Knowles, the students were given the opportunity to reflect on what receiving the precious body of Christ means and how it forms such an important part of our Liturgical celebrations. We keep these children in our prayers as they prepare to receive the Eucharist for the very first time on Sunday 16th August. This celebration will occur at the special time of 11:30am this year, due to the number restrictions placed on the Church resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic.

**Market Garden and Worm Farms**

A special thank you to Mrs Wolf for her work in organising and preparing the garden beds for the next crop to be planted in our Market Garden. I would also like to thank all the parents who kindly volunteered to come along and help out last Friday and tomorrow morning, to ensure that planting take place at just the right time! We are also very excited to get some Worm Farms up and running. Mrs Tippett and the Year 3 class will be looking after these, getting it all nice and ready to start selling fantastic Worm Wee – perfect for the garden!

I look forward to seeing our Year 2 class perform their Assembly tomorrow, and we invite parents to come along to watch this. Of course, given the situation, we are still required to observe social distancing practices and I ask that parents continue to observe this when at school.

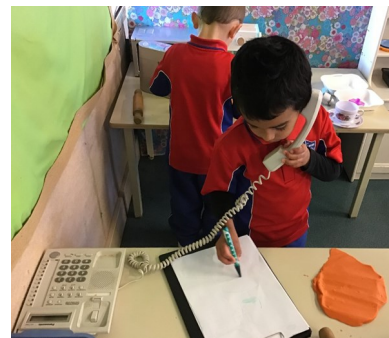
I wish all families a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

Russell Wylie

Principal

Assistant Principal News

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Congratulations to the children from St Thomas More Catholic Primary School and the St Thomas More Catholic parish who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Tuesday evening: Dominic Brawls, Matthew Craggs, Leo Hurle, Tom Miller, Elaiza Montalban, Alex Nganga and West O'Brien. On this grace filled occasion, may you discover the steadfast love and mercy of God.

SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST

Today, the Year Four students have ventured to Lumen Christi Catholic Church in Augusta for a faith filled day as students prepare to receive their First Eucharist. This retreat focuses on the Eucharist being a time to deepen our relationship with God and to give thanks for our family and friends.

The dates to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist have been set:

Tuesday 4th August at 5.30pm - First Holy Communion Parent and Child Meeting (school library)

Sunday 9th August at 10am - First Holy Communion Commitment Mass (Church)

Sunday 16th August at 11.30am - Sacrament of Eucharist

Assistant Principal News....continued

'TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD'**WHOLE SCHOOL MASS**

You are all warmly invited to attend our first whole school mass since COVID restrictions were in place next Thursday 6th August at 9am for the Transfiguration of the Lord, being led by our Year 4 students. We look forward to seeing you there.

God bless,

Nicolle Achmad
Assistant Principal

Thought of the Week

*Loving God,
help us to teach our children
that you love us totally and unconditional-
ly.
Help us to encourage our children
to grow in love and learn how to say sorry,
knowing that you always forgive.
Give us the courage to pray with our chil-
dren
and to share our faith with them as we
journey together.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Congratulations!

**School Merit Award Winners**

Pre-Primary	Quinn Brett
Year 1	Preston Kikeros
Year 2	Ila Yee-Wilson
Year 3	Phoebe Hickman
Year 5	Manning Cartell-Smith
Year 6	Isabella Halse

Friday 31st July

8.45am Year 2 Assembly

Monday 3rd August

6.30pm School Board Meeting

Wednesday 5th August

5.30pm Parent Night - Holy Communion

Thursday 6th August

9.00am Whole School Mass 'Transfiguration of the Lord'
- Led by Year 4

Friday 7th August

8.45am Merit Assembly

Important Dates

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AFTER SCHOOL SOCCER

ONLY \$79 FOR TERM 3 (8 SESSIONS)

WEDNESDAY 3:10PM AGE 4-8
ST THOMAS MORE PRIMARY

Register your space now by emailing us @ luke.ljsoccer@gmail.com

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Performing Arts Workshops

DANCE. DRAMA. SING

Free for 12 years + all abilities welcome

No need to register - just turn up on the day!

Classes:
Thursday 30th July
Thursday 6th August
Thursday 13th August
Thursday 20th August

Join our beginners workshop and learn new skills in a fun and creative environment!

Time: 4 - 5:30 PM

Youth and Community Activity Building
Email: libertyartsaustralia@gmail.com for more information on the workshops!





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

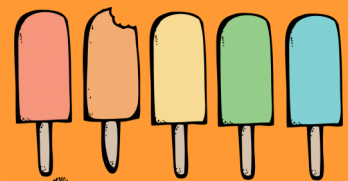
- Saturday - 6.00pm
- Sunday - 10.00am

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://stmcp.s.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.