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# St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



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# The Vine



## Principal's Report

Holy Mary,  
On the 15<sup>th</sup> August,  
we honour your life as the chosen Mother of Jesus.  
We remember your dedication to God and the joy and heartache you  
had in your life  
as you followed God's plan for you.  
We pray for the love you had for God, the hope you had in Jesus,  
and the joy you found in your heart.  
Pray for us as we grow in love, hope and joy.



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

On Monday, our Year 1 students led the school through a lovely Liturgy of the Word in celebration of Australia's saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. They shared some information and prayers about Mary MacKillop, and I was very proud of the way they read and conducted themselves throughout the Liturgy. Mary MacKillop founded the Order of the Sisters of St Joseph, the founders of our school, when it was known as St Joseph's Convent School, back before we became St Thomas More Catholic Primary School in 1993. Mary MacKillop had a saying – '*Never see a need without doing something about it*'. This certainly still stands true today, and something we continually try to reinforce with our students.

### Sacrament of First Holy Communion

This Sunday, 16 of August our Year 4 students will join with children from the parish to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. These children, with the help and support of their parents and teachers, have been preparing for some time now to make this commitment to Jesus and deepen their relationship and connection to Him. The Sacrament of First Eucharist is the second of the 3 Sacraments of Initiation into full membership of the Church. Receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus for the very first time celebrates that these young people have made a conscious decision to follow in Christ's footsteps and strive in their daily lives to become more like Jesus. Through the Eucharist we become the Body of Christ in the world.



As we prepare these children to come to the table of the Lord, it is important for us to help them understand that being the Body of Christ in the world means serving one another. We need to remember to help them understand what it means to be Bread for the hungry and the poor. This special celebration will take place in the St Thomas More Church at 11:30am and we look forward to celebrating with them as a faith community and support and pray for these children on their continuing faith journey.

### Assumption of Mary Mass

This Friday, the Year 2 class will be leading the whole school in Mass, as we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. This Holy Day of Obligation is an important feast day to honour the day that Blessed Virgin Mary was taken up to heaven, body and soul. We invite all families to come along and join us in celebrating this special day at 9:00am in the Church.



Principal's News Continued.....

### **P&F Quiz Night**

A huge thank you to the P&F for organising this year's Quiz Night.

There are still a couple of spaces available, so jump onto [trybooking.com](http://trybooking.com) and book your tickets! The P&F are looking for some prize donations, so if you have something you would like to donate as a prize, it would be greatly appreciated! There will be lots of great fun and dancing with Mike Goodwin's band playing. Held on the 29<sup>th</sup> August at the Margaret River Footy Club, the quiz starts at 7:00pm. See you there!

### **Catholic Day**

A reminder to families that Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August is the staff's Catholic Day – a day provided to recognise the extra commitments of the staff. The school will be closed on this day.

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

**Russell Wylie**

**PRINCIPAL**

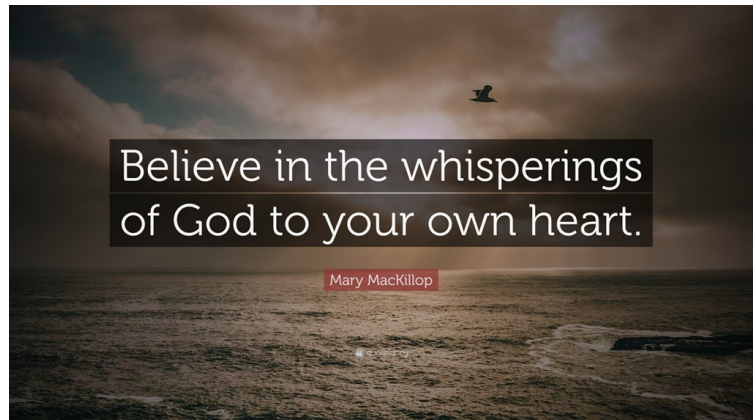
### **Thought of the Day**

## **Assistant Principal News**

### **RESPECT**

We focus on our core value of RESPECT this term. At St Thomas More Catholic Primary School, we demonstrate respect by:

- accepting the rights of others
- listening to others without interrupting
- meeting school expectations
- acknowledging the different strengths and abilities of all
- affirming cultural diversity within our school community



### **Feast of the Assumption of Mary**

*God chose Mary to be the mother of his son, Jesus. Mary was always ready and willing to do whatever God wanted.*

*Because she was so special she was taken up body and soul to be with Jesus in heaven – this is what 'Assumption' means.*

The Feast of the Assumption of Mary is celebrated each year on August 15.

We thank our Year Two students and Mrs Ross for leading our whole school mass tomorrow morning at 9am in the St Thomas More church.

Parents, grandparents, family and friends are all welcome!



Assistant Principal News continued.....

# Congratulations!

## School Merit Award Winners

PP	Bladen Wessels
Year 1	Ted Chilton
Year 2	Ava Paterson
Year 4	Annaliese Wylie
Year 6	Joshua Wylie

### Sacrament of Eucharist

We look forward to celebrating a very special occasion this Sunday at 11.30am, a time when sixteen children from Year Four will choose to receive Jesus for the first time in the Sacrament of Eucharist. We pray that this will be the beginning of a new sharing in the life of Christ for each of them and their families. We praise and thank God for the special gift of the Eucharist which was first shared with the disciples at the Last Supper.

Have a wonderful week ahead.

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Assistant Principal



Bladen Wessels, Ted Chilton, Ava Paterson, Annaliese Wylie, Joshua Wylie

### Friday 14 August

9.00am Assumption of Mary Whole School Mass  
Led by Year 2

### Sunday 16 August

11.30am Sacrament of First Holy Communion

### Friday 21 August

8.45am Year 5 Assembly

### Monday 24 August

Catholic Day - Pupil Free Day

### Friday 28 August

8.45am Merit Assembly

## Important Dates

**THE SEA GARDEN CAFE PRESENTS**

**3pm - 5.30pm Saturdays in August - September**

TWO AGE DIVISIONS (6-12 YRS & 13-17 YRS) EACH GO IN THE DRAW TO WIN:

**1st PLACE = \$400 CASH**  
 2ND PLACE \$200 VOUCHER    3RD PLACE \$100 VOUCHER

MAXIMUM STAGE TIME: OF 10 MINUTES PER ACT & FREE PIZZA FOR EACH ACT ON THE EVENING OF THEIR PERFORMANCE.

HEAT 1:	AUG 15	REGISTER YOUR INTEREST BY SUBMITTING YOUR NAME, AGE, PERFORMANCE AND PREFERRED DATE OF HEAT TO:
HEAT 2:	AUG 22	
HEAT 3:	AUG 29	
HEAT 4:	SEP 5	

QUARTERS:	SEP 12
SEMIS:	SEP 19
FINALS:	SEP 26

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SATURDAY 29TH AUGUST @ AUGUSTA MARGARET RIVER FOOTBALL AND NETBALL CLUB

**St Thomas More Quiz Night**

THEME - 'ISO GLAM'.....TUNES BY MIKE GOODWIN AND BAND!!!

7pm START  
 BYO FOOD, DRINKS AVAILABLE AT BAR!  
 Tables of 10 - Tickets are \$30/person

**LAMP OUTREACH**

AUGUSTA CIVIC PARK (NEAR LIBRARY)  
 MONDAYS 3.30 - 4.30PM

COWARAMUP HALL OR SKATE PARK  
 WEDNESDAYS 3.30PM-5.30PM

FREE SNACKS AND FUN ACTIVITIES

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH AND FAMILY SUPPORT

...JOIN IN THE FUN...

**Uniform Shop**

Please email your Order Forms through to [rita.willmott@cewa.edu.au](mailto: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://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.