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The Vine



Principal's Report

Dear Lord,

We ask you to assist our Spirits at this very moment:

Where there is pain, give us Your patience and peace;

Where there is self-doubt, give us renewed confidence in our ability;

Where there is tiredness, give us determination to persevere;

Where there is spiritual stagnation, draw us into greater intimacy with You;

Where there is fear, reveal Your love and release Your courage.

Lord, reveal to us the power we have, through You,

to deal with any aspect of negativity in our life.

Amen

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Last Sunday, 20 children from our school and the parish received the Sacrament of Eucharist for the very first time. It was wonderful to see the church filled with family, friends and parishioners who came along to be witnesses to this special time in these children's lives. Like Baptism, the reception of the Eucharist brings us into a closer association with God. Each time we receive the Eucharist we become continually formed to the likeness of Christ and become one with God. I would like to thank Mrs Chapman and Mr McRae for their hard work in preparing the students so beautifully and their work on the day, and Mrs Achmad for her tireless work in preparing the celebration. A special thank you also to Mr Luck for being our official photographer, Mrs Conder for helping with the music, all the staff who assisted on the day and Fr Mat for all his time in helping develop the understanding and faith of the children receiving this very blessed Sacrament. I ask that we continue to keep these children in our prayers as they begin this new faith journey.



Colour Run/Father's Day Sundowner

We are looking forward to the Colour Run on Friday 4 September at 2.00pm with our dads for Father's Day. Following this, there will be a sundowner for all parents and children. The P&F will be providing a pulled-pork and coleslaw roll, sausage in a bun or mushroom burger for those wishing for some food. Order forms were sent home with children earlier this week. Please return these forms by Tuesday 1 September, so the food can be organised and purchased. We look forward to seeing lots of families come along to support this.

Tommy More Trivia 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 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 29th August at the Margaret River Footy Club, the quiz starts at 7:00pm. See you there!

Principal’s Report continued.....

St Thomas More Parish Raffle

Fr Mat and the St Thomas More parish would like to thank all those families from our school community who supported their latest raffle for a trailer load of wood. Disappointingly I did not win (means I need to go and buy a trailer load now!), but congratulations to the lady from Augusta who did. About \$650 was raised, which will be going towards some new security fencing for the Presbytery.

Catholic Day

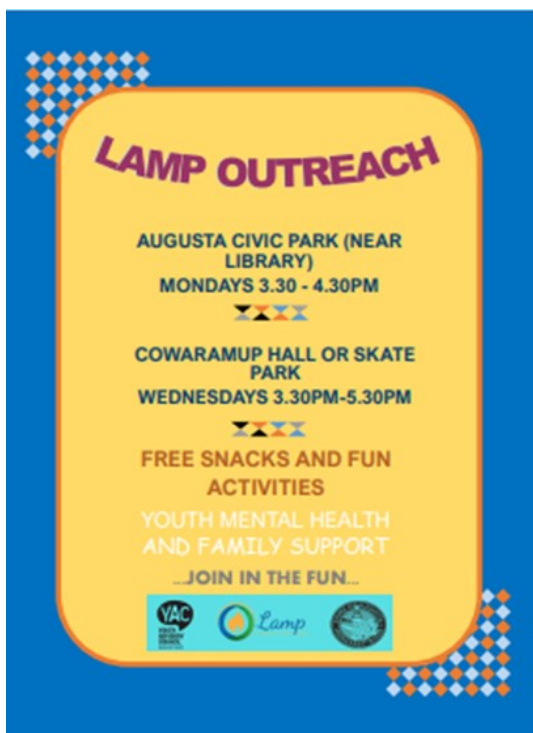
A reminder to families this Monday 24th August is the staff’s Catholic Day – a day provided to recognise the extra commitments of the staff to Church activities. The school will be closed on this day. Please ensure you make alternative arrangements for your children. For those families who may use this time for a short holiday, please travel safe!


We invite all families to come along for the Year 5 Assembly extravaganza tomorrow, commencing at 8:50am.

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

Russell Wylie
PRINCIPAL





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, parents are asked 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.

Assistant Principal News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Sacrament of Eucharist

Firstly, congratulations to sixteen of our School students who made their First Holy Communion on Sunday. It was a beautiful celebration. Thank you to the parents for supporting their child to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time. Thank you also to the Year 4 teachers, Kristie Chapman, Cameron McRae and pre-service teacher, Finlay Koenig-Luck for preparing our students.

Sacrament of Confirmation



We are now preparing some of our Year 6 students to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 20th September.

The important dates are:

- Thursday 27th August at 9.00am – 2.30pm - Student Retreat at Lumen Christi Catholic Church, Augusta
- Tuesday 1st September at 11.15am – Reconciliation
- Wednesday 9th September at 5.30pm – Parent/Child Workshop (School Library)
- Sunday 13th September at 10.00am – Commitment Ceremony
- Friday 18th September – Bishop Holohan visiting our students
- Sunday 20th September – Sacrament of Confirmation

Have a wonderful week ahead.

God bless,

NICOLLE ACHMAD
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Technology News

The P&F have booked Donna Cross for 19th October at 6.00pm and her presentation will be titled:

“A future with no secrets? Strategies to support your children’s positive use of technology”

Please put the date in your diary!!

More information to follow.

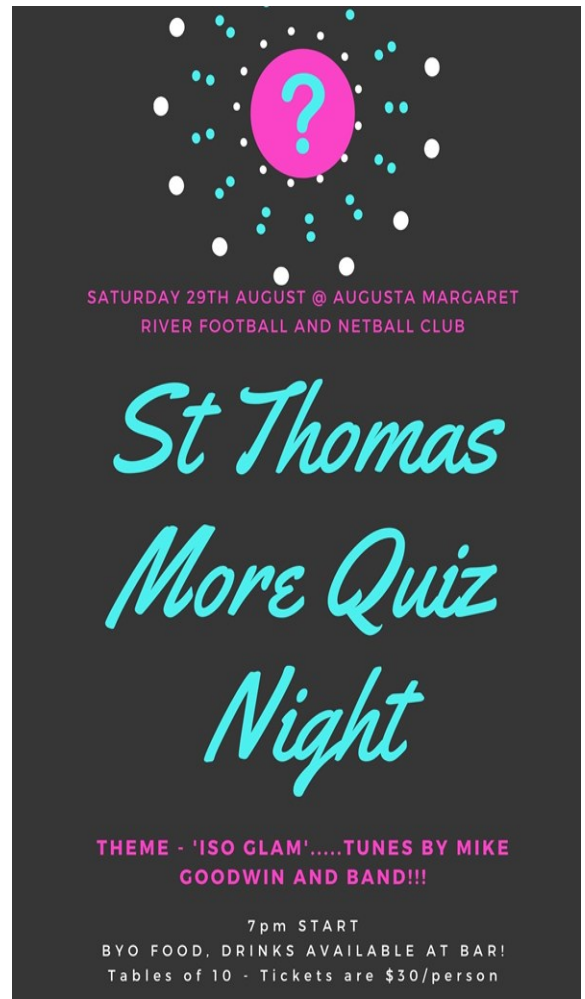


Thought of the Week

Everyone wants,
happiness.

No one wants,
pain.

But you cant have a
rainbow,
without a little
rain.



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

*St Thomas
More Quiz
Night*

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

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

Friday 21st August

8.45am Year 5 Assembly

Monday 24th August

Catholic Day Pupil Free Day

Friday 28th August

8.45am Merit Assembly

Saturday 29th August

7.00pm P&F Quiz Night at the Augusta-Margaret River Football Club

Monday 31st August

6.30pm Board Meeting

Thursday 3rd September

School Photos

Friday 4th September

8.45am Year 3 Father's Day Assembly
3.30 - 5.30pm Post Colour Run Father's Day Celebration

Wednesday 9th September

5.30pm Sacrament of Confirmation
Parent/Child Workshop (School Library)

Important Dates

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

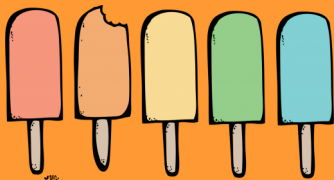
Masses

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.



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