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St Thomas More Catholic Primary School

ST THOMAS MORE

Principal's Report

A Prayer for All Father's on Father's Day

God our Father.

We give you thanks and praise for all fathers.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation;
may they find courage and perseverance to balance work,
family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

Amen

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,







Quiz Night

What a wonderful night was had last Saturday at our annual Quiz Night. A huge thank you to all those parents and friends who came along to support our school. Our fantastic P&F did an awesome job in organising the evening and sourcing prizes for this event. A special thank you to Mike Goodwin and his band for hosting the event and providing some great music throughout the night. Even though the Staff table was just beaten for first and second place, it was great to see the amazing team come in a clear third...such clear talent!



Learning Journey and Open Night

We will be having a Learning Journey and Open Night on Tuesday 8 September from $3:05-5:30\,\mathrm{pm}$. This is an opportunity for parents to come in and talk with their child about the learning that has been taking place and look at some of the work produced this term. It is also a great opportunity to pop into other classrooms and see what learning has been taking place. We look forward to seeing lots of families coming along to this night. We will be adhering to the 2 square metre rule, so we ask parents to be patient, as there may be some wait times if rooms are at capacity.

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Father's Day

We look forward to our Year 3 students presenting their Assembly tomorrow morning about Father's Day. All families are welcome to come along to witness the spectacular performance the Year 3 students will put on. Assembly will start at 8:45am.

Also tomorrow, we will be having a Colour Run followed by a Sundowner to celebrate Father's Day. All dads are encouraged to come along and run alongside their children and embrace the colour that is thrown upon them by the spectators. The children may change into light coloured clothes for this run, but I strongly encourage them to bring along a towel to use after so they can get changed back into their Sport's uniform before going home, particularly those children catching busses. Children who remain in their school uniform will not be permitted to run. The Colour Run will commence at 2:00pm on the oval.

Following the Colour Run, the P&F will be holding a Sundowner to celebrate Father's Day. Parents may bring their own drinks and the P&F will provide food for those who have placed an order. We look forward to seeing lots of families come along to celebrate this event.

Are You Leaving?

As we begin to prepare budgets and planning for next year, it would be appreciated if any families who will not be returning to St Thomas More next year, please let the office know.

I wish all Fathers, Grandfathers, Uncles and Significant men in the lives of the children a wonderful Father's Day on Sunday. Have a fantastic week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

RUSSELL WYLIE

Thought of the Week

Walk With Me, Daddy

Walt alongside me, Daddy and hold my little hand I have so many things to learn that I don't yet understand

Teach me things to reep me safe from dangers every day. Show me how to do my best at home, at school at play

Every child needs a gentle hand to guide them as they grow. So walk alongside me, Daddy. We have a long way to go.



Parish News

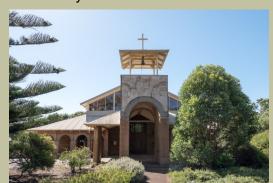
Masses

St Thomas More Catholic Church Margaret River

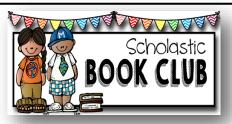
- Saturday 6.00pm
- Sunday 10.00am

Lumen Christi Catholic Church - Augusta

Sunday - 8.00am



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Issue 6 of Book Club was sent home last week and today is the last day for orders.

Orders received after today will **NOT** be processed. If you are paying by cheque please make all cheques payable to Scholastic Australia.

Thanking you for your co-operation. Rita Willmott - Book Club Organiser

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.





Congratulations!

School Merit Award Winners Week 6

Pre-Primary Anna Devine

Year 1 Alex Price

Year 2 Grace Price

Year 6 Cooper Kenyon

Friday 4th September

8.45am Year 3 Father's Day Assembly

2.00pm School Colour Run

3.30 - 5.30pm Post Colour Run Father's Day Celebration

Sunday 6th September Happy Father's Day

Tuesday 8th September

9.00am Nativity of the Blessed Mary - Whole School Liturgy

- Led by Year 3

3.05 - 5.30pm St Thomas More Catholic Primary School's Learning Journey and Open Night

Wednesday 9th September

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

Friday 11th September

8.45am Merit Assembly

Sunday 13th September

10.00am Confirmation Commitment Mass

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Assistant Principal News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you to the amazing P&F for a fun Quiz Night on Saturday night. We had a wonderful time, made even better by placing third.

All students looked very well dressed in their full winter uniform today for our school photos. Thank you to parents for ensuring this occurred.

CATHOLIC MISSIONS

This term, we are fundraising for Catholic Missions.

Catholic Mission is the international mission agency of the Catholic Church in Australia.

We have decided to take part in the Socktober Challenge, where our students will explore the work of Catholic Mission with their class. We will also fundraise for Catholic Missions by inviting students to come to school with crazy hair and wearing crazy socks on **Friday 25**th **September**, the last day of term, for a gold coin donation.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The important dates for the Sacrament of Confirmation are:

- Parent/Child Information Evening Wednesday 9th September at 6.00pm
- Year 6 Retreat Thursday 10th September at Lumen Christi Catholic Church, Augusta
- Commitment Mass Sunday 13th September at 10.00am
- Sacrament of Confirmation Sunday 20th September

Please keep the following students in your prayers at this time as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation: Joshua Wylie, Leo Pancia, Kobi Walton, Chris Nganga, Henry Wolf, Luis Home, Blossom Kiernan, Sarah McRae, Alicia Craggs, Arrabella Lawrance and Jack Miller.

FATHER'S DAY

We look forward to celebrating with Dads from our school community tomorrow morning with our Year 3 assembly and our annual Colour Run at 2.00pm. We thank the P&F for preparing and hosting the colour run as well as the post colour run Father's Day celebration from 3.30 – 5.30pm. We look forward to seeing you tomorrow at 2.00pm.

Have a wonderful week ahead.

God bless,

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Uniform Shop

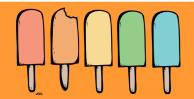


Please email your Order Forms through to rita.willmott@cewa.edu.au

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!

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!

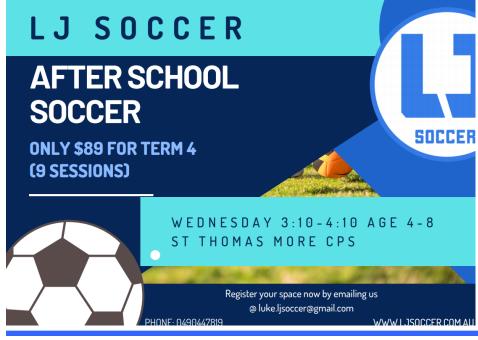
There is an easy online form that can be completed and it is directly emailed to the school. Too easy! Either download our school app - Connected (password is Wisdom6285) or visit CONNECTED our website https://stmcps.wa.edu.au/ and go to the Communication tab to select Online Absentee.

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.



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.





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