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St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



Principal's Report

Prayer for Confirmation Candidates

Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent.

Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice.

Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that You have begun in them.

As we prepare these children for Confirmation, make each of us an instrument of Your love.

Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand.

Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example. We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,



















What a wonderful afternoon we had, as the Dads came along to join with their children in our annual Colour Run! It was great to see so many families get into the spirit of things and embrace having colour thrown at them. A huge thank you to our amazing P&F, who once again created a fantastic event for all and put on some awesome catering following the run. Thank you also to the parents who stayed afterwards for the Sundowner. These events really help to bring our community together and showcase just how special Tommy More is.



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Learning Journey Afternoon

Thank you to all those parents and family members who came along to our Learning Journey afternoon on Tuesday. It was wonderful to see so much engagement between the children and their parents, explaining the learning that has been taking place over the term. We feel it is a great opportunity for parents to see their child's work and for the children to really begin to take responsibility for their learning. I appreciate and thank the teachers for all the work put into their rooms to ensure the children's work was displayed so creatively.

School Cross Country

Tomorrow, our Year 2-6 students will be participating in our Faction Cross Country carnival. The children have been practising for this and we look forward to seeing them in action. The event kicks off at 1:20pm with our Year 2/3 Girls event and should conclude by about 2:45pm. We invite parents and friends to come along and cheer the students on in this carnival. The top 5 students from each event will then go on to represent our school at the Interschool Carnival on Friday 18th September.

National Child Protection Week

This week is National Child Protection Week. We all have a role to play in protecting children from harm. This year's theme is *Putting children first*... Under this year's theme, Australians are asked to look at how children can be prioritised in their lives and communities. Putting children first means prioritising the safety and wellbeing of children. There are little things we do every day that can help to create safer environments for children. For instance:

- · Be kind to children and parents
- · Respect young people
- · Be a good role model around children
- · Get involved in your local community
- · Look out for signs of abuse or neglect; if you suspect something is wrong talk to an expert
- · Always take reports of abuse seriously
- · Avoid blame and don't judge; instead, ask yourself what you can do to help
- · Listen to the needs of children and spend time with them

Sacrament of Confirmation

Our Year 6 students have been developing their understanding of the Gifts and the Fruits of the Holy Spirit in preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. They have also been researching about a saint who they have found to be inspirational. Last night, the candidates and their parents came together for the Parent Information Workshop, where they participated in a number of activities to further develop their understanding in preparation for the Sacrament. A special thank you to Mrs Teague and Mrs Achmad for running this session. Today, the Year 6 students attended a retreat at Lumen Christi church in Augusta to further prepare and reflect on the importance of this Sacrament and what it means. I was informed it was a very beneficial day, involving time for reflection, prayer and faith development. We will be blessed to have Bishop Gerard Holohan come to visit our school on Friday 18th September and meet with the children. The Sacrament will be celebrated on Sunday 20th September at 10:00am.



Welcome!

We welcome to our school, Mrs Sarah Ryan, who has been employed as the new Pre-Kindergarten Teacher Assistant. Sarah is excited about joining our Tommy More community and working with our new group of 3-Year-Olds and Mrs Wolf next term. Sarah is an experienced teacher and comes with a wealth of knowledge and skills. We congratulate and welcome Sarah.

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P&F Meeting

The P&F will be meeting on Tuesday 15th September at 6:30pm in the School Library. We invite all parents to come along and join in with this amazing group of parents as they continue to plan for some great fundraising and friendraising opportunities into the future. We would love to see more parents attend!

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and best wishes.

RUSSELL WYLIE

PRINCIPAL

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS

COLOUR RUN / FATHER'S DAY SUNDOWNER

Thank you to the P&F for hosting the Annual Colour Run/Father's Day Sundowner last Friday afternoon. If the smiles on children and father's faces was anything to go by, a great time was had by all! We are so blessed to have a beautiful community here at St Thomas More Catholic Primary school.

NATIVITY OF MARY

Thank you to the Year 3 students for leading our Whole School Liturgy of the Word on Tuesday morning. It was a celebration where we were called to follow Mary's example and be faithful to God's will in our lives.

YEAR 6 CONFIRMATION

Our Year 6 students are currently being prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday the 20th September at 10.00am. Confirmation marks the continuation of the journey first begun at Baptism. During Confirmation candidates receive the gift of the Holy Spirt and are strengthened in their faith. We began our preparation with a parent and child workshop last night and we joined the students on retreat at Lumen Christi Catholic Church today. We continue our preparation with an enrolment Mass at St Thomas More Catholic church this Sunday morning at 10.00am. Please keep the following children in your prayers at this time: Joshua Wylie, Leo Pancia, Kobi Walton, Chris Nganga, Henry Wolf, Luis Home, Blossom Kiernan, Sarah McRae, Alicia Craggs, Arrabella Lawrance and Jack Miller.

Have a wonderful week ahead.

God bless,

NICOLLE ACHMAD

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Friday 11th September

8.45am Merit Assembly

1.20pm Faction Cross Country

Sunday 13th September

10.00am Confirmation Commitment Mass

Tuesday 15th September

6.30pm P&F Meeting

Wednesday 16th September

Year 5 leave for Camp

Friday 18th September

8.45am Merit Assembly

Interschool Cross Country

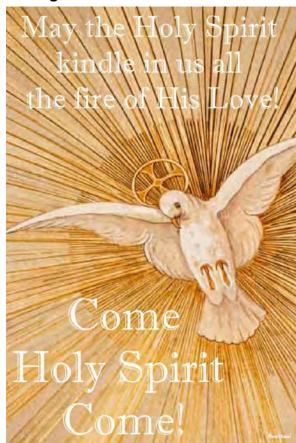
Year 5s return home from Camp

Sunday 20th September 2020

10.00am Sacrament of Confirmation



Thought of the Week



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! Rita Willmott



The School Canteen is open on Fridays at Lunchtimes selling Icy Poles.

All items are \$1.00



Year 5

Year 6



Congratulations!

School Merit Award Winners Week 7

Pre-Primary Lachlan Webb Year 1 Kitson Bucat Year 2 Arki Innes Year 3 Will Ryan Year 4 Millie Fairbrass Benji Tognela

Bonnie Campbell

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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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AQUATIC ACADEMY MARGARET RIVER

TERM 4 ENROLMENTS OPEN NOW
STARTING MONDAY OCTOBER 19TH-THURSDAY DECEMBER 17TH

PARENT / CHILD CLASSES

FROM 6 MONTHS TO 3 YRS
TUESDAY/ WEDNESDAY/ THURSDAY
FROM 9AM

\$155 per child

DUO LESSONS

FROM 3YRS TO 4.5 YRS
2 CHILDREN PER CLASS.
TUESDAY/ WEDNESDAY/ THURSDAY
FROM 9AM

\$200 per child

IF YOU WOULD

LIKE TO ENROLL- PLEASE EMAIL info@aquaticacademymargaretriver.com.au Please ensure you include the following. Child's full name, Age, Stage, 1st/ 2nd preference of day.

WEB:

www.aquaticacademymargaretriver.com.au

AFTERSCHOOL SWIMMING LESSONS MONDAY/ TUESDAY/ WEDNESDAY/ THURSDAY

STAGE 1 TO 15
FROM 4 YRS
\$155 PER CHILD / FAMILY DISCOUNT AVAILABLE

JUNIOR LIFE GUARD CLUB

STAGE 7 UP
INCLUDES BREAKFAST
\$140 PER CHILD



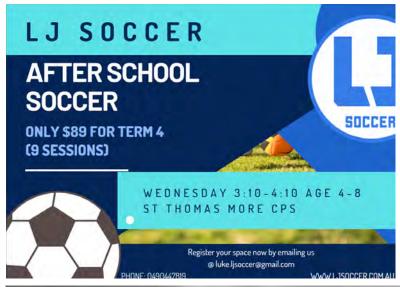






Parking

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.



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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MARGARET RIVER BASKETBALL 2020/21 Junior Season

REGISTRATION LINK http://bit.ly/MRBA2020

NEW! Age groups are now determined by school year at the commencement of the season, Oct.2020. Age group day & game time is subject to court availability & final registration numbers.

This schedule is a guide only, girls and boys may need to play on each other days in some divisions.

Day	Scheduled	Game Time		
Monday	Training	N/A		
Tuesday	Training	N/A		
Wednesday	Girls Game Day	3:45pm U9s-U11s training followed by short game 4:50pm, 5:40pm, 6:30pm, 7:20pm		
Thursday	Boys Game Day	3:45pm U9s-U11s training followed by short game 4:50pm, 5:40pm, 6:30pm, 7:20pm		
Friday	Training	N/A		

Aged Divisions (based on school year, start of season October 2020)

U9s	Year 1	01/07/2013 - 30/06/2014
U11s	Year 2 Year 3	01/07/2012 - 20/06/2013 01/07/2011 - 30/06/2012
UTIS	Year 4	01/07/2010 - 20/06/2011
U13s	Year 5 Year 6	01/07/2009 - 30/06/2010 01/07/2008 - 30/06/2009
U15s	Year 7 Year 8	01/07/2007 - 30/06/2008 01/07/2006 - 30/06/2007
U17s	Year 9 Year 10	01/07/2005 - 30/06/2006 01/07/2004 - 30/06/2005
U20s	Year 11 Year 12 Gap Year	01/07/2003 - 30/06/2004 01/07/2002 - 30/06/2003 01/07/2001 - 30/06/2002

UMPIRES WE NEED YOU! It is a great way to earn some extra dollars! MRBA have a very small team of dedicated umpires, our team is getting smaller and we need an injection of new umpires to keep us going strong throughout the season. There is a beginner level 0 umpire course being held in Busselton, Wednesday 23rd September 4pm - 8pm.

If you are interested please let us know, it would be awesome to see some new adult umpires coming through, or children must be currently 12 years of age to umpire.

Interested in coaching? Please get in contact, mriuniorbasketball@westnet.com.au Each season we need around 50 coaches, by coming forward, it saves our volunteers a great deal of time and work sourcing coaches for all our teams. By registering with MRBA there is a level of parent commitment that is required to ensure our basketball season go ahead.

Join us on FACEBOOK at Margaret River Basketball Association

If you are registering with a KidSport Voucher code, please email to get the registration link Email mrjuniorbasketball@westnet.com.au



MARGARET RIVER TENNIS ACADEMY

Coaches: Pablo Gomez & Laura Roy Email: mrtennisacademy@gmail.com Contact number: 0478773520 Website: www.mrtc.org.au

We run the coaching program at the Margaret River Tennis Club and Cowaramup Tennis Club. Our goal is to bring tennis to people of all ages and levels. We aim to help people improve their skills and gain confidence on the court in a fun environment. For the younger children we use special modified equipment with smaller racquets and low compression balls to help them improve.

HOLIDAY CLINICS

1st Week - Tue 29/09 - Wed 30/09 - Thur 01/10 2nd Week - Tue 06/10 - Wed 07/10 - Thur 08/10

A fun way to enjoy the School Holidays learning how to play tennis and meeting new friends. No experience is needed to join in. We teach the basic skills of tennis and play fun games. Its for children from 6 to 14 year old and runs from 9am till 12 noon.

COST: 1 DAY - \$25 or 3 DAYS - \$70

AFTER SCHOOL LESSONS

Term 4 - 2020 - From 12th of October till 18th of December - 10 weeks MARGARET RIVER TENNIS CLUB							
Mini Tennis	Monday & Friday	3-5 year old	3.45pm-4.15pm	\$8 per class			
Red Ball	Wed & Thur	5-7 year old	3.45pm-4.30pm	\$150 per Term			
Orange Ball	Wed & Thur	7-9 year old	3.45pm-4.30pm	\$150 per Term			
Green Ball	Wed & Thur	9-11 year old	4.30pm-5.30pm	\$165 per Term			
Green Squad	Wed	by invitation	4.30pm-5.30pm	\$165 per Term			
High School	Thurs	*12 year old	5.30pm-6.30pm	\$165 per Term			
Yellow Squad	Wed	by invitation	5.30pm-7.00pm	\$200 per Term			
	COM	ARAMUP TENNIS	CLUB				
Red Ball	Tuesday	5-7 year old	3.45pm-4.30pm	\$150 per Term			
Orange Ball	Tuesday	7-9 year old	3.45pm-4.30pm	\$150 per Term			
Green Ball	Tuesday	9-11 year old	4.30pm-5.30pm	\$165 per Term			
Yellow Ball	Tuesday	+12 year old	4.30pm-5.30pm	\$165 per Term			

- We offer a FREE trial lesson in a group for all new players in the After School Lessons (excluding MiniTennis).
- If lessons are rained out we will reschedule before the end of the Term or you can get credit for next term.
- For families we offer 10% discount for second child and 50% discount for third child, on group After School Program.

PAYMENT:

- DIRECT DEBIT: PABLO GOMEZ PUJALTE BSB: 062-514 ACC NO: 1034 8882
- CASUAL: We accept cash payment on the day with the requirement that you inform us with as much notice as possible if your child cannot attend that week.
- To enrol or more info visit www.mrtc.org.au or send an email to mrtennisacademy@gmail.com