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The Vine



Principal's Report

*Creator God,
We thank you for the life and canonisation
of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop.
She taught us that you understand us better
than we understand ourselves.
May we trust as Mary did,
being mindful of your loving presence in all we do.
Living today with Mary's words,
leaning on you and trusting in your providence.
Amen*

"He wants us to take fresh courage - to lean more on Him and less on ourselves". St Mary MacKillop 1877



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We welcome all our families back for the final term of the year. This is a particularly busy and exciting term for us, as we prepare to farewell our Year 6 students at the end of the year, there are still many opportunities for great learning and experiences to occur. As I have visited classrooms this week, I can already see so much engagement and consolidation of learning programs. We welcome many new families to our school, as our 3 Year-Old Kindy commences tomorrow, with 18 Pre-Kindy students starting. We also welcome Laila and Archie Townsend and Rocco Lauria and their families into our school this term. We are excited to have these new families becoming part of our Tommy More community. I do hope that all families continue to have a positive experience for this last term of the year. As I reflect back on what has happened this year, I am amazed at all the wonderful things we have managed to accomplish, particularly given the very strange and challenging circumstances we have encountered! This term is packed full of many varied learning opportunities for the students with them participating in Swimming Lessons, our Year 6 students will head off to Rottne for their camp and we will be having numerous incursions, including Constable Care, to support the learning that will be taking place in the classrooms.

Donna Cross

If you haven't already purchased your tickets to come and hear Professor Donna Cross present her talk 'A Future with no Secrets? Strategies to Support your Children's Positive use of Technology', then I strongly encourage you to do so straight away. Donna is a WA Australian of the Year award recipient and currently conducts research for the Telethon Kids Institute through her role as the Head of the Health Promotion and Education research team. The talk will take place in the Music Room on **Monday 19th October** commencing at 5:30pm for pre-drinks and the presentation starting at **6:00pm**. A creche is available for children who have been registered with the P&F. Tickets are \$10.00, which includes a glass of wine/beer on arrival, can be purchased from www.trybooking.com/BLROW. We thank the P&F for organising such a high-calibre and strongly sought-after presenter for our community. Please see further in the newsletter for more details.

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Containers for Change

On 1 October 2020, Containers for Change launched in Western Australia. Containers for Change is a new state-wide container deposit scheme that lets you cash in eligible drink containers for 10 cents each. In WA, we use more than 1.3 billion eligible drink containers each year; enough drink containers to circumnavigate WA six times every year.

By recycling through Containers for Change you help to:

- Reduce litter and landfill
- Increase recycling
- Create jobs
- Provide opportunities for social enterprise and benefits for community organisations



St Thomas More has a Scheme ID, which means your refunds can be directly donated to the school – simply enter **C10289745** and the refund will be deposited into the school bank account.

Summer Uniform

A big "Thank You" to all the parents and carers who have sent their children back to school this week in the correct summer uniform. While you do have the first two weeks to transition from the winter to summer uniform, your efforts are greatly appreciated and it was terrific to see nearly everyone on Tuesday in the correct uniform. Please do not hesitate to drop in and see Mrs Willmott for all your uniform needs for this term and for next year on a Tuesday afternoon 1:30 – 3:00pm or alternatively you can email your orders through to rita.willmott@cewa.edu.au

Lunch Orders

The Margaret River Recreation Centre will once again be offering Lunch orders on Mondays and Fridays. These can be ordered the usual way with the students' name, order and correct money placed in a lunch bag. Menus were sent home last term. This service will recommence tomorrow.

Welcome!

Due to some Teacher Assistants taking some leave this term, we wish to welcome Mrs Jaspreet Kaur and Mrs Fiona Guise into our school. I am sure many parents already know both Jas and Fiona as parents in the school and will continue to make them feel welcome in this new role.

Sporting Schools Grant

St Thomas More has successfully received a grant through the Australian Government's Sporting Schools grants program, which will assist in the purchase of some new sporting equipment for our school. Some of this money has also been allocated to subsidising the Soccer program that is operating after school on a Wednesday. Please see further in the newsletter for more information, but this program has been reduced to only \$70.00 per child for the term. Please contact Luke from LJ Soccer to enrol your child into this program on 0490 447 819.



Mango P&F Fundraiser

The P&F are having the Mango Fundraiser again this term. For every box of mangoes sold, the school will receive a percentage of the cost. Boxes are \$45.00 each for 10Kg of mangoes.

Visit <https://form.jotform.com/202637793421861> to order online or see further in the newsletter for more details.



Book Week

Next week is Book Week with the theme *Curious Creatures Wild Minds*. There will be a Book Fair commencing on Tuesday 20th October and a Dress-up Book Week Parade on Thursday 22nd October.

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

RUSSELL WYLIE
PRINCIPAL

Assistant Principal News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This Saturday 17 October marks the 10th anniversary of the canonisation of **Mary MacKillop**, Australia's first Saint. The Sisters of Saint Joseph invite you to celebrate the life and inspirational legacy of Saint Mary of the Cross. The theme for the celebration is **"Take Fresh Courage"** a quote from Mary MacKillop on 21 May 1877. Take some time to reflect on the qualities and actions that set Mary apart, and how her legacy continues to be relevant today.

Mary MacKillop was an ordinary woman with an extraordinary dream and a big heart. Her dream was to give the poorest families and most neglected children access to education and safe shelter by opening schools. This dream became reality in 1866 when, together with Father Tenison Woods, Mary set up the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart (the Josephites).

This was the first religious order to be founded by an Australian. As a passionate educator, Mary broke through the prejudice of the early 19th century to educate all—regardless of gender, race, faith, or wealth—while ministering to the vulnerable with compassion. She and the Sisters of St Joseph went wherever the need was greatest. They gave up everything to live and teach amongst the people they served.

Today, 10 years on from the recognition of her great work, we continue to find hope in her **values, character, and actions** as a remarkably strong female leader. **A special event called 'The Hour of Courage' will take place this Friday, 16 October 2020 at 8pm.** The Sisters have created commemorative prayers, videos, and a global vigil to honour Mary throughout September and October. <https://www.sosj.org.au/10th-anniversary/>

**St Mary of the Cross,
you faced difficult times with a heart filled with trust,
always believing in the watchful presence of God.
Walk with us now in this difficult time,
and may we be for others, examples of hope and trust.
Amen**



Value Focus – GENEROSITY

This term our value focus is generosity. Generosity is the virtue of being kind, selfless and giving to others. Later in the term, we will be supporting St Vincent de Paul with their Christmas Hamper appeal.

Book Week

The CBCA Book Week will be held next week from Monday 19th October to Friday 23rd October. The theme this year is 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds.' We will be having a Book Fair as part of this. The Book Fair is like having an exciting bookstore come to our school. Book sales will be available on Tuesday 20th October from 3pm until 4.30pm, Wednesday 21st October from 8.00 to 8.30am and Thursday 22nd October from 8.00 to 8.30am, where you will be able to purchase books and other stationery items, such as posters, pencils, etc. Every purchase benefits our school with new learning and literacy resources for our School Library.

Our Book Fair parade will be held next Thursday 22nd October at 9.00am. All students are encouraged to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.



Constable Care Incursion

The Constable Care Child Safety Foundation will be visiting our school next Tuesday 20th October and Wednesday 21st October, where they will spend time with each class using puppet theatre and live interactive performances to address a range of personal safety, community safety and citizenship themes in a fun and engaging way.

Have a wonderful week ahead!

God bless,

**NICOLLE AHMAD
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

Thought of the Week

**Friday 16th October**

8.45am Merit Assembly
9.00am 3 Year Old Kindy commences

Tuesday 20th October

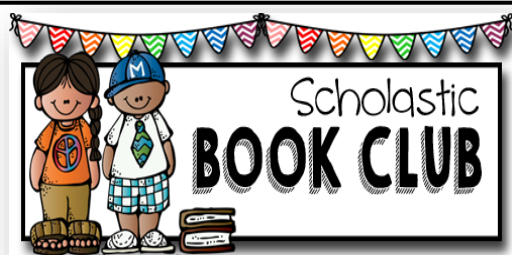
Week 2 - Book Week
5.30pm for 6.00pm start Donna Cross Presentation

Thursday 22nd October

Book Week Parade

Important Dates*Congratulations!***School Merit Award Winners****Term 3****Week 10**

Pre-Primary	Zorawar Singh
Year 4	Matthew Craggs Brodie John
Year 5	Jacob Galamgam
Year 6	Jack Miller



Issue 7 of Book Club was sent home today! Your orders and payments need to be returned to the school no later than **Thursday October 22.**

Orders received after this date 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

Parish News**Masses****St Thomas More Catholic Church - Margaret River**

- Saturday - 6.00pm
- Sunday - 10.00am

Lumen Christi Catholic Church - Augusta

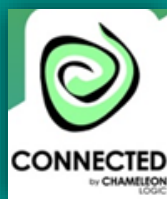
- Sunday - 8.00am

POSITION AVAILABLE:

Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper.

The position is for one day a week. MYOB knowledge is essential. If you are interested, please contact Father Mathew on 9757 9500.

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.



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.



St Thomas More Catholic Primary School
Margaret River hosts an evening with
Professor Donna Cross....

"A FUTURE WITH NO SECRETS? STRATEGIES TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILDREN'S POSITIVE USE OF TECHNOLOGY"

Donna will share her advice and research based findings on navigating the world of technology with our children. Donna Cross is a Professor with the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences at the University of Western Australia, and Head of the Health Promotion and Education Research team at the Telethon Kids Institute where she leads 32 researchers who develop and test strategies to improve children's and adolescents' wellbeing, with a focus on mental health and social-emotional wellbeing.

Date: Monday 19th October, 2020

Time: 5.30pm for pre-drinks. 6pm Presentation.

Venue: St Thomas More Catholic Primary School,
30 Walcliffe Road, Margaret River.

Price: \$10 (includes a glass of wine/beer on arrival)

TICKETS AVAILABLE at
<https://www.trybooking.com/BLROW>

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\$70



Term 4 (9 sessions)

Ages 4-8 Wednesdays 3:10-4:10pm
School Oval

Email: luke.ljsoccer@gmail.com

Mobile: 0490447819

FRIDAY KIDS SKATING



Starts Friday 16 October | 10 Weeks | Finishes Friday 18 December

Court 3 | Margaret River Recreation Centre | 3:45-4:45pm | 5-12 years

Casual sessions | with own skates - \$10 | with skate hire - \$15

Term block | with own skates - \$80 | with skate hire - \$120

BOOKINGS & ENQUIRES

Sarah - 0439 913 086 or Jacque - 0409 821 293 | rollerskatemargs@gmail.com | facebook.com/rollerskatemargs



2020 / 2021 Race Season

Registration Day

@

Margaret River BMX Track
Friday 16th October - 4.30pm

New Riders Welcome

Kids from 2 up to 12 years of age

Make it your Friday fun family night out

Canteen serving home-made burgers, hotdogs, drinks, icy poles and treats

All riders must be registered with BMX Australia to be eligible to race

www.bmxaustralia.com.au

complete the online registration and pay for Margaret River BMX Club membership

Birth Certificate required

Kidsport subsidies are also available

For more information or questions contact us on:

FaceBook - Margaret River BMX Club

Email - margaretriverbmx@gmail.com



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Margaret River ADAPTS

A new peer group for families of children
with Autism and disability in general

It is called Margaret River ADAPTS
(Autism Disability And Peer Team Supports)

This will be a peer and community led group with a
closed Facebook group that members can interact with
and share resources through.

It is designed to be as immersive or as simple as you'd
like it to be.

You can join the page and benefit from the shared
resources or arrange meet ups with like-minded
families. It is a great opportunity for children to form
friendships with other peers



Join the Facebook Group
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