

St Thomas More Catholic Primary School

Principal's Report



Book Week Prayer

Lord, we are grateful for the inspiration and the dedication of those who have written books, plays and poems that have enriched our lives.

Grant us time and quietness to enjoy their work.

Grant that those who seek to live by the pen may use their talents for the benefit of others and not for harm.

Amen



Dear Parents and Carers,

Donna Cross Presentation

Thank you to all those parents and staff who came along and listened to Professor Donna Cross on Monday night, organised by our fabulous P&F. Donna spoke about how to use technology positively and shared some of the research that has been done into the mental wellbeing of children in relation to their use of technology, and provided some excellent strategies and advice in dealing with technology use in the home. She spoke about treating passwords like your toothbrush (you wouldn't share it and if you did, you would get a new one!), how to have positive conversations with your children about technology, how to stay safe when using the Internet and viewing technology use like a swimming pool – how do we keep our children safe? With a pool, there are fences around it – similar to having filters for technology; we supervise our children in the pool – supervise technology use; we teach them how to swim – teach them how to positively use technology; we set rules and boundaries to keep them safe; and we teach them about what to do if something should go wrong – who can they go to for help? Donna also spoke about the Beacon app which has been developed out of the research her team has conducted through the Telethon Kids Institute. I strongly encourage parents to download this app and use it. It provides advice, support and research about technology and how to keep children safe. All the proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to Telethon to support further research.



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Book Week

Thank you to all the parents and students who got into the spirit of Book Week today, dressing up for our Book Week parade. With the theme of 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds', it was wonderful to see so many students think about the importance of reading books and the places reading a book can take you. Congratulations to Bladen Wessels, Vienne Nguyen, Sophia Burges and Jacob Galamgam for winning the colouring-in/poster competition. Thank you too, to those students and parents who purchased books in our Book Fair held over the week. The sale of these books helps the school to purchase new books for our library.

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3 Year Old Kindy

Our 3 Year Old Kindy started last Friday, with 17 3 year old students attending school for the very first time. This was a particularly exciting time for these young students as they began to make new friendships and start their schooling journey. While the class is full for this year, there are still spaces available for next year, so please contact the office if you or someone you know would like to enrol. The 3 Year Old Kindy program will operate on a Thursday next year.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming Lessons will commence for students in Pre-Primary to Year 6 next Monday. Students are asked to wear their bathers under their school uniform each day. Students are not permitted to come to school in thongs – please ensure the children continue to wear correct footwear when they are at school. They may bring thongs or sandals to change into before they walk over to the Rec Centre for their lesson. Please ensure your child's name is on all items. See further in the newsletter for more details.

School Fees

As we near the end of the school year, I would like to remind parents that school fees need to be paid by the end of November. May I ask that if you are not on a Direct Debit, that school fees are paid promptly. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead and invite you to come along to our Year 1 Assembly tomorrow morning at 8:50am.

Peace and best wishes,

**RUSSELL WYLIE
PRINCIPAL**



Congratulations!

School Merit Award Winners

Term 4

Week 1

Pre-Primary	Francis Guise Bayden Marik
Year 2	Maxime Lewis
Year 3	Phoebe Hickman
Year 6	Luis Home

Friday 23rd October
8.45am Year 1 Assembly

Week 3
Monday 26th October
Swimming Lessons commence
6.30pm School Board Meeting

Friday 30th October
9.00am All Saints Day Whole School Mass - Led by the Year 5s

Important Dates

Assistant Principal News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Book Week

This week we celebrated the wonderful world of books! Thank you to parents for supporting our Book Week and Book Fair this year. There were many books sold at the Book Fair and every purchase will benefit our school with new learning and literacy resources for our School Library.

Thank you to parents for encouraging and supporting your child dressing up as their favourite book character. The Book Fair parade this morning was lots of fun!

South West Assistant Principals

On Monday, Assistant Principals from Catholic schools in the South West region of Western Australia will meet in our school. The meeting will be facilitated by our Bunbury Regional Officer and CEWA consultants. We will have the opportunity to understand our strengths, weaknesses, and leadership styles, and develop a deeper understanding of how our personality impacts our leadership and performance. I look forward to welcoming the Assistant Principals to our amazing school on Monday.

All Saints Day Whole School Mass

You are all warmly invited to attend our All Saints Day Whole School Mass, led by Year 5 on Friday 30th October at 9.00am in the church.

Have a wonderful week ahead!

God bless,

Nicolle Achmad
Assistant Principal

Parish News

Masses

St Thomas More Catholic Church - Margaret River

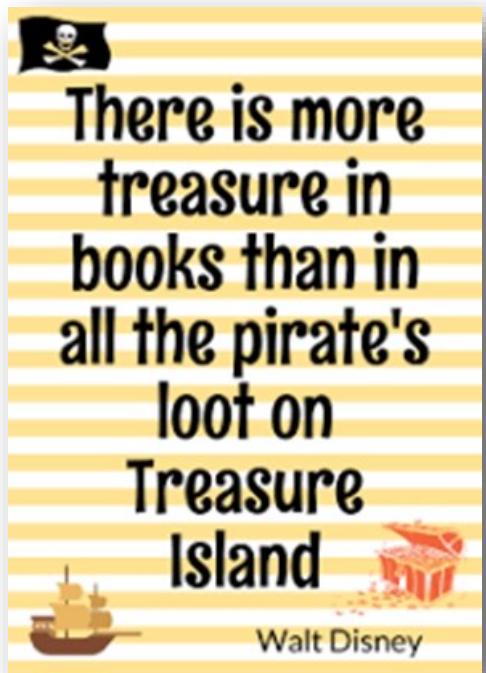
- Saturday - 6.00pm
- Sunday - 10.00am

Lumen Christi Catholic Church - Augusta

- Sunday - 8.00am

**All Soul's Day Mass on Monday November 2
at 9.00am and 5.30pm in the church.**

Thought of the Week



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://stmcp.s.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.

2020 In-Term Swimming Lessons

Our annual swimming lessons begin in Week 3 on Monday the 26th October.

A timetable of lessons and details of the procedures are included below.

Points to remember:

- All items of clothing, including towel, need to have children's name clearly marked.
- Children are to bring a waterproof pair of shoes (eg: thongs) to school that can be worn over to the Recreational Centre so their uniform, sports shoes and socks remain dry at school.
- Children may choose to wear bathers under their uniform and bring a change of underwear in their plastic bag for after their lesson.
- If your child has long hair, it should be tied back.
- No jewellery is to worn on swimming lesson day.
- The use of swimming goggles is encouraged.
- All students are ambassadors of their school and families. While attending swimming lessons, the highest standard of behaviour and manners is expected.
- Pre-Primary depart school for their lesson at **8.50am sharp**. Students must be on time.
- If students arrive late, it is the parent's responsibility to escort them over to the pool.
- It is advised on swimming days to ensure that your child/children have a hearty breakfast.

SWIMMING TIMETABLE – Term 4, 2020

Every day in Week 3 and 4		
	TIME	CLASS
SESSION 1	9:00	Pre-Primary
SESSION 2	9:45	Year 1
SESSION 3	10:45	Year 2/3
SESSION 4	11:30	Year 4
SESSION 5	12:40	Year 5
SESSION 6	1:25	Year 6

*If you have any queries or questions regarding the Swimming Lessons,
please contact your child's classroom teacher.*

Cameron McRae
Physical Education Teacher



Vacswim 2021

Enrolments are now open for VacSwim swimming lessons during the summer school holidays.

VacSwim in January offers fun lessons at beach or pool locations during the long break. Not only are they a great school holiday activity, they teach valuable safety skills to help keep your child safe in the water.

Your children can start as young as five years old.

Don't wait! Enrol your children in VacSwim now at education.wa.edu.au/vacswim



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VACSWIM 2021

Take the
plunge!

**Help keep your
child safe in the water
this summer.**

Enrol now for January holiday swimming lessons.

Perfect for beginner, intermediate and advanced swimmers.

Program	Dates	Price	Enrolments close
Country Early Start	18-24 Dec 2020		1 November
January Program 1	29 Dec-8 Jan	Child \$30* Family \$81*	8 November
January Program 2	11-22 Jan		15 November
January 5 day	4-8 Jan	Child \$16* Family \$41*	8 November

*Concessions available. Does not include pool entry.



Get in quick, as late enrolments can't be guaranteed.

Enrol at education.wa.edu.au/vacswim

Information on the website is available in languages other than English.




SOCCER

ST THOMAS MORE AFTER SCHOOL SOCCER


\$70

Term 4 (9 sessions)

Ages 4-8 Wednesdays 3:10-4:10pm
School Oval
Email: luke.ljsoccer@gmail.com
Mobile: 0490447819

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WEEKLY PROGRAM



OUTREACH PROGRAM

**MARGARET RIVER
Y- ZONE**

TUESDAY/THURSDAY
3pm – 6pm

FREE PROGRAM!
YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH
FAMILY SUPPORT
FUN ACTIVITIES
CHILLS & CHATS





Margaret River BMX Club

2020 / 2021 Season

Friday 23rd October

from 5.30pm

Fun night out for the whole family
Kids from the age of 2 up to 12 race every Friday, dance competition, burgers, sausage sizzle and canteen treats, all with a relaxed family vibe.

Register your kids with BMX Australia before race night to ensure racing.