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# St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



## Principal's Report

### Prayer for All Saints Day

*Father, we rejoice with all the saints who have found your favour.*

*May they inspire us to keep your law of love*

*so that we may join with you and with them*

*in heaven where you live, for ever and ever.*

*Amen*



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# The Vine



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As I visit classrooms over the course of the week, it is always heartening to see the way the students are continuing to engage with their learning, even as we head towards the end of the year. Each year, the Principal is required to assess how our school is implementing the National Quality Standards in the Early Childhood classrooms. I was fortunate enough to spend some time looking at the standards expected to see how we are meeting them and if there are any areas for growth and improvement. Being able to step back and look not only at the classroom environment, but also the way each child is engaging in their learning and developing relationships with others really demonstrates and makes clear to me, just how special our community is. There is some excellent learning opportunities for our children and the teaching staff work hard at developing strong relationships with all children, allowing them to really know what they need and where they need to go in their learning. As we celebrate World Teacher's Day this Friday, I really would like to thank and congratulate our teaching staff on the amazing job they do each day, the pastoral care they display to our community and the time, effort and dedication they bring to their role. I am super proud to have such a high quality of teaching staff at St Thomas More that are not only great teachers and TAs, but also wonderful people and friends. Thank you! (Also a huge thank you to the parents who will be putting on lunch for us tomorrow!!)

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### Annual Community Meeting

As parents are aware, each year we are required to have an Annual Community Meeting. This will take place on Wednesday 18 November starting at 5:30pm with a Sundowner in the Undercover Area, followed by the meeting at 6.00pm. The meeting will comprise a Board report, a P&F report and acceptance of nominations for positions on the Board. Finally, I will present a Principal's report about our achievements over the year and announce staffing for 2021. We would love to see lots of parents come along, have some nibbles and drinks and hear about all the wonderful things about our school. We will offer a crèche service for those families who may need this. Nomination form for the Board is attached to the newsletter. Please return these to the Office as soon as possible.

### Containers for Change

The P&F have organised a collection bin for containers that are suitable for this scheme. Families can deposit their empty containers which will be collected with the refund going to the school. Alternatively, you can take your bottles and cans directly to the Margaret River Refund point on Kinsella Rd and enter the code - **C10289745** and the refund will be deposited into the school bank account.



### 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.

### Absentees

Our dedicated Absentee line is no longer working, so to inform the school if your child will be absent from school, please either use the **Connected** app or our website and complete the online Absentee form, which is directly emailed to us and serves as an Absentee note, or call the school on 9757 3544. We appreciate your assistance with this.

I invite all families to join us for our All Saints Day Mass, led by the Year 5 class, held on Friday 30 October at 9:00am in the Church.

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

**RUSSELL WYLIE**  
PRINCIPAL

# Congratulations!

## School Merit Award Winners

### Term 4

### Week 2

Pre-Primary	Indiana Keogh
Year 1	Johnny Jakimowicz
Year 2	Natalie Wolf
Year 3	Neve Fox
Year 4	Ava Innes Hugo Enright
Year 5	Harry Scott
Year 6	Blossom Kiernan



**Thought of the Week****Parish News****Masses****St Thomas More Catholic Church - Margaret River**

- Saturday - 6.00pm
- Sunday - 10.00am

**Lumen Christi Catholic Church - Augusta**

- Sunday - 8.00am

*Important Dates***Friday 30th October**

9.00am

All Saints Day Whole School Mass  
- Led by the Year 5s

**Week 4****Monday 2nd November****Swimming Lessons continue****Friday 6th November**

8.45am

9.30 - 10.30am

11.15am - 1.30pm

Merit Assembly

Swim Fun - Pre-Primary to Year 3

Faction Swimming Carnival - Years 4 to 6

**Assistant Principal News**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**All Saints Day Whole School Mass**

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

**World Teachers' Day!**

Tomorrow is World Teachers' Day! It is a day to celebrate the wonderful work our teachers do for our school community and the commitment they demonstrate. Let us all join to thank all our teachers and the work they do. We thank our parent community for providing lunch for us tomorrow.

Have a wonderful week ahead!

God bless,

**NICOLLE ACHMAD**  
**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**





St Thomas More Catholic Primary School  
Margaret River

## NOMINATIONS FOR ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL BOARD, 2021

Dear Parents and Members of the St Thomas More Community,

The School Board of St Thomas More seeks competent and dedicated people to serve on it.

Parents and others who have an interest in the welfare of the students and staff and are eager to promote Catholic schooling may seek membership of the St Thomas More School Board as a means of giving valuable service to the school community. Though all Board members should bring to the Board their own contribution to its work, the most important skill required is the ability to work cooperatively and constructively with all other members of the Board for the benefit of the school it serves. **Board members must be willing and able to give their time to Board duties.**

The Board invites you to attend the Annual Community Meeting on **WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2020**, starting at 5:30pm with a sundowner and the meeting commencing at **6:00pm** in the Library. A report will be given at this meeting on the Board's activities during the past year and on the proposed budget for 2021.

To nominate, please complete the form below, mark it for the attention of the Principal, and return it to the office. Nominations close on Friday 13 November, 2020.

The Board invites you to nominate yourself for election if you feel you would be prepared to serve the community as a Board member. Nominees will be invited to make a short presentation in support of their nomination at the ACM.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Angela Hickman  
Board Chair  
St Thomas More Catholic Primary School

### CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD:

1. Possession of special skills that will be an asset to the Board.
2. A deep interest in the welfare of all students and staff
3. A desire to give service to the Catholic school community.
4. A keenness to promote Catholic schooling.
5. An ability to work cooperatively and constructively with all other Board members of the Board.
6. Sufficiency of time to devote to Board duties.

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## St Thomas More School Board Nomination Form 2021

I have read the letter of invitation and wish to offer myself as a candidate for election to the School Board.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Students at St Thomas More:

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ 2020

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ 2020

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ 2020

## Uniform Shop



Please email your Order Forms through to [rita.willmott@cewa.edu.au](mailto: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

## Absentees



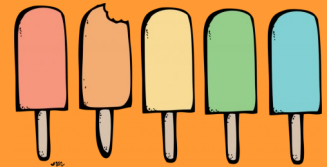
A reminder to parents that there is a simple way to let us know your child is absent from school, while providing a note at the same time. Jump on our app or website!

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.

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

All items are \$1.00



# 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](mailto:rollerskatemargs@gmail.com) | [facebook.com/rollerskatemargs](https://facebook.com/rollerskatemargs)



# 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](http://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](http://education.wa.edu.au/vacswim)

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