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The Vine



Principal's Report

Prayer for our Community

*O Great Love, we thank you for living and loving in us and through us.
May all that we do flow from our deep connection with you and all beings.
Help us become a community that vulnerably shares each other's burdens
and the weight of glory.*

*Listen to our hearts' longings for the healing of our world.
Knowing you are hearing us better than we are speaking,
we offer these prayers in Christ our Lord.*

Amen.



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Swimming Lessons and Faction Swimming Carnival

It has been a busy two weeks with the children participating in Swimming Lessons at the Recreation Centre. The children have engaged in their lessons very well and working hard to increase their knowledge of water safety and their swimming skills. The lessons will culminate tomorrow in a fun swim session for the Pre-Primary to Year 3 students in the morning and the Faction Swimming Carnival for the Year 4 to 6 students from 11:15am. **Unfortunately, there will be no lunch orders available on this day.** All parents and family members are invited to come along and watch the children compete for their faction. We wish all our swimmers the very best!

Annual Community Meeting

As parents are aware, we will be having our Annual Community Meeting on **Wednesday 18 November** commencing 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 School Advisory Council (previously known as the School Board) – there are currently 3 vacancies. 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 creche service for those families who may need this. Nomination forms for the School Advisory Council are attached to the newsletter. Please return these to the Office as soon as possible.

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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.

Destination High School

Our Year 5 students had a taste of High School life on Tuesday, as they spent the day up at Margaret River Senior High School. They were able to find out a little more about how high school works and participated in subjects including Woodwork, Drama and Home Economics. I was informed our Year 5 students represented St Thomas More in a fantastic way, which was very pleasing to hear!



Remembrance Day

I invite parents and families to join us next week to commemorate Remembrance Day. The Year 6 class will lead us in a special service in the Undercover Area at 11:00am on Wednesday 11th November.

Humanity Award

I would like to congratulate Bella Fairbrass who was nominated for a Fred Hollows Humanity Award. This award recognises Year 6 students who follow in Fred's footsteps by making a positive difference in their community. It celebrates students who show compassion, integrity and kindness in their everyday lives, just as Fred did. Bella has demonstrated this through her role as a Social Justice Leader and the extra fundraising and support she has provided to other charities and causes. Congratulations Bella!

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

RUSSELL WYLIE
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

Thought of the Week



Assistant Principal News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I was sent a beautiful commemorative prayer booklet from the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart that I would like to share with you each week.

Day One: Take on fresh Courage with Joy

We remember Mary MacKillop born on 15 January 1842 and ask her to pray with us.

Scripture:

“Then little children were brought to Jesus in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them; but Jesus said: ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.’” (Matthew 19:14)

Reflection:

Alexander and Flora MacKillop were young parents and new immigrants when their first child Mary was born. After a few years living comfortably, the family lost their money and thereafter struggled to stay together. The extended family helped them out. As the eldest child, Mary would have been aware of the stress and particularly the effort her mother made to give her children a loving home.

PAUSE

What is resonating with me in this story of Mary? In what ways do I experience joy in family life?

Prayer:

God, source of life, be with all parents in the joy and the struggles of pregnancy and birth. Comfort and sustain those whose hopes for a live birth are dashed. Encourage us as a community to celebrate the children in our midst, support families in bringing up their children in love and press the government to safeguard the well being of all children and their families.

We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

World Teachers' Day!

Thank you to our amazing P&F for providing a wonderful lunch for our staff last Friday for World Teacher's Day. It was delicious and nutritious and gratefully received.

Remembrance Day Service

Please join us on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month at school to commemorate Remembrance Day this year. A service will be held in our undercover area led by our Year Six students on Wednesday 11 November at 11.00am. We look forward to seeing you then.

Have a wonderful week ahead!

God bless,

NICOLLE ACHMAD
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Important Dates

Friday 6th November

8.45am	Merit Assembly
9.30 - 10.30am	Swim Fun - Pre-Primary to Year 3
11.15am - 1.30pm	Faction Swimming Carnival - Years 4 to 6

Tuesday 10th November

6.30pm	P&F Meeting
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Wednesday 11th November

11.00am	Remembrance Day Service - led by Year 6
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Friday 13th November

8.45am	Pre-Primary Assembly
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Margaret River

**NOMINATIONS FOR
ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL, 2021
(previously known as the School Board)**

Dear Parents and Members of the St Thomas More Community,

The School Advisory Council (SAC) 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 Advisory Council 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. **School Advisory Council members must be willing and able to give their time to duties.**

The School Advisory Council 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 school'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 School Advisory Council invites you to nominate yourself for election if you feel you would be prepared to serve the community as a 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.

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

A huge **CONGRATULATIONS** to Year 5 student Jarrah Davies who was selected to represent Leeuwin (encompassing Augusta, Margaret River, Vasse, Dunsborough and Busselton) in the 2020 Country Week Under 11's Soccer Team. The team travelled to Perth and boarded at Christ Church Grammar School, they competed in several games over the week and were successful in reaching the Finals against Kalbarri. The game went into extra time and then was to be decided in a penalty shoot out. Jarrah as goal keeper stopped 2 goals which led to his team Leeuwin being declared the winners of the 2020 Premiership. Well done Jarrah and the whole of the Leeuwin Team. An exciting outcome!!!



Due to the Faction Swimming Carnival being on tomorrow there will be **NO** Icy Poles for sale at Lunchtime!

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.



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.