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The Vine



Principal's Report

Prayer for Remembrance Day

God, our Father,
we give thanks for the freedom
and opportunity of choice
that we have available to us in our nation.
We ask for courage and resolve,
so that our lives are lead
with gratitude and purpose
to honour those who sacrificed much,
if not all, on our behalf.
Amen.



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Faction Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all those students who participated in our Faction Swimming Carnival and Fun Day last Friday. It was a wonderful day, expertly organised by Mr McRae. A big shout out to him for all the hard work in ensuring the carnival ran smoothly and I would also like to acknowledge and thank all the parents who provided assistance on the day, either through helping out with the running of the carnival or by coming along and supporting the students.

Congratulations to **MacKillop** faction for winning the Swimming Carnival. I was impressed with the way the students competed, showed determination and sportsmanship and supported each other during the carnival. Well done also to **Richardson** for winning the Meritorious shield. They showed great skill in cheering on their faction members, encouraging one another and demonstrating persistence.



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Remembrance Day

Our Year 6 students led us in a reflective and reverent service for Remembrance Day yesterday. Every year on Remembrance Day we remember all the men and women who have served our country, in the Army, Navy and Air Force. At 11.00am on 11 November 1918 the guns on the Western Front fell silent after more than four years of continuous warfare. We remember, all who served, and in particular those who died or suffered for Australia's cause in all wars and armed conflicts and those who continue to serve and peace keep across our world. We give thanks for all these men and women. It is their courage and service that is an example for us, so that we too will value and work towards peace.



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.

Annual Community Meeting

As parents are aware, we will be having our Annual Community Meeting next **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.

Unfortunately, I will be at a Principal's meeting tomorrow, but I do invite all families to come along to watch our Pre-Primary assembly tomorrow morning. I am sure it will be amazing! It will start at 8:45am in the undercover area.

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

RUSSELL WYLIE
PRINCIPAL

Parish Masses

St Thomas More Catholic Church - Margaret River

- Saturday - 6.00pm
- Sunday - 10.00am

Lumen Christi Catholic Church - Augusta

- Sunday - 8.00am



Assistant Principal News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The following reflection is from a commemorative prayer booklet from the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart:

Day Two: Take on fresh Courage with Empowering Love

We remember Mary MacKillop receiving her teaching qualifications in 1863 and we ask her to pray with us today.

Scripture:

But those who are waiting for God will have new strength; they will get wings like eagles; running, they will not be tired, and walking, they will have no weariness (Isaiah 40:31)

Reflection:

Mary MacKillop understood the value and influence of education at an early age. Home-schooled by her well-educated father in her early years, she showed his keen intellect and accurate memory. She was challenged by the discrimination, displacement and poverty experienced by her family and the circle of migrants surrounding them from the Scottish Highlands. She learnt that in the Australia of her time, the only pathway out of poverty was education. Armed with a fierce respect for others' dignity, a heart of solidarity and empathy, and with education as her tool, she set about empowering people in greatest need. She urged her Sisters to "never admit grades of distinction." Her faith in God compelled and energised her to lift others up. Through her encouragement and education, she helped them find wings to pursue their dreams and feet to run courageously towards their life goals.

*Bless us with
tenacious
hearts, wings to
lift others up,
feet of untiring
service and a
love that does
not grow weary
of doing good.*

PAUSE

What is resonating with me in this story of Mary? How have I experienced empowerment in my life? What have I done to increase another person's power?

Prayer:

Holy Spirit working among us fill us with gratitude for education and with appreciation of those in the teaching ministry who empower our communities.

Calm us in this time of pandemic to be supportive of children, young people and teachers negotiating the new realities of this time.

Strengthen the commitment of governments churches and institutions to the goal of universal education in our world. Encourage us to take advantage of opportunities for learning through all our lives.

And bless us with critical minds, grateful hearts and willing hands to do our bit.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the way, the truth and the life.

Amen.

Have a wonderful week ahead!

God bless,

NICOLLE ACHMAD
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

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.

Thought of the Week



**Always Was,
Always Will Be.**

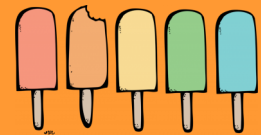
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Uniform Shop



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



Congratulations!

**School Merit Award
Winners**

Term 4

Week 4

Pre-Primary	Kallum McIvor Archie Townsend
Year 1	Rocco Lauria
Year 3	Will Ryan
Year 4	Lola Young
Year 5	Railey Montalban
Year 6	Leo Pancia



Friday 13th November 8.45am	Pre-Primary Assembly
Wednesday 18th November 5.30pm	Annual Community Meeting
Friday 20th November 8.45am	Merit Assembly

Important Dates



St Thomas More Catholic Primary School
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

Faction Swimming Carnival 2020



Congratulations to all students who took part in our Faction swimming carnival last Friday. After many hard-fought races, the winners were declared!

Congratulations Mackillop for winning the event and Sorahan for being runner-up.

The “Meritorious” award went to Richardson.

Well done to the following Grade Champions and Runners-up:

- Year 4 Champion Boy: Digby Bucat/Archer Roberts
- Year 4 Runner-Up Boy: Jasper Moran
- Year 4 Champion Girl: Lola Young
- Year 4 Runner-Up Girl: Ava Innes

- Year 5 Champion Boy: Harry Scott/Lenox Hayward
- Year 5 Runner-Up Boy: Isaac Willcox
- Year 5 Champion Girl: Eloise Ride
- Year 5 Runner-Up Girl: Carla Fox

- Year 6 Champion Boy: Hamish Walsh
- Year 6 Runner-Up Boy: Kobi Walton
- Year 6 Champion Girl: Lisa Botha
- Year 6 Runner-Up Girl: Neve Lentjes

A huge thankyou to all parents who helped out in a variety of roles! We really appreciate your support.



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Concert

YEARS 4, 5 AND 6

MARGARET RIVER HEART
DOORS OPEN AT 5.30 PM

SCAN THE QR CODE TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS

