

St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



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The Vine



Principal's Report

Third Sunday of Advent

*Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
ever faithful to your promises and ever close to your Church:
the earth rejoices in hope of the Saviour's coming,
in his presence now with us and looks forward with longing
to his glorious return at the end of time.*

*Prepare our hearts and remove the sadness that hinders us
from feeling the joy and hope which his deepened presence will bestow,
for he is Lord for ever and ever
Amen*



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As another year comes to a close, I reflect back on all that has challenged us, strengthened us and helped us to grow. In what has been an unusual year, I believe our students, parents and staff have coped very well and although there have been some disappointing times along the way, I still believe we were able to experience many successes. We reinforced what we always believed – that learning can take place anywhere and anytime, that children are amazingly resilient and that as a community, we are supportive, understanding and pastoral. I truly thank all of our community members – our students, parents, family members and staff for all they have done over the year to not only support our school but myself as well.

Praise and Thanksgiving Mass

This morning we celebrated a wonderful end to our school year by giving praise and thanks for all our blessings over the course of the year. The Year 2 students presented the Year 6 students with a farewell blessing and we were able to reflect on the friendships that have been formed over the year and why it is important to show love to one another. Thank you to all those parents and parishioners who came along to celebrate with the school community. Also a special thank you to Mrs Achmad for her work in preparing this celebration.



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Kindy/Pre-Primary Concert

I was privileged to watch the Kindy and Pre-Primary classes perform their end of year concert yesterday morning. Despite the cyclonic winds, the students performed admirably and reminded us of the true meaning of Christmas and shared some songs with us. Well done to Mrs Wolf, Mrs Morrison, Mrs Hassall and Mrs Cummins for all your hard work in preparing the students and organising costumes and props! Thank you also to all the parents who came along for this and joined us for morning tea.

Music Concert

I would like to acknowledge and thank our amazing Year 4 to 6 students for the fantastic Music Concert they put on Monday night. I was blown away with the talent of these students as they performed a number of songs in their class bands. A special thanks to Mr Mike Goodwin for organising and coordinating this concert and ensuring all students not only were given the opportunity to sing or play a musical instrument, but also do this together as one class and make them sound so good! For our students to be able to perform at such a venue, I believe, is a fantastic opportunity and one I am sure they will always remember. Thank you to the P&F for sponsoring the venue, allowing our students such a great opportunity. Well done to all our Year 4-6 students!



Graduation and Awards Night



Tonight, we will be farewelling our Year 6 students at our Graduation and Awards ceremony. Commencing at 6:00pm in the Church, it will be an opportunity for our school community to offer our Year 6 students our best wishes as they move to High School next year. We have no doubt that they have been very well prepared for high school and we ask for God's blessings on each of these students as they leave our school. Our Year 6 leaders for 2021 will be announced and we will also present the Year 1-5 class awards – one for Christian Living and one for Consistent Effort; the Year 6 awards and our Whole School awards – the Anne Power award and the Daniel Botha award. We look forward to all families attending this celebration.

Term Dates for 2021

Please find below the listed Term Dates for St Thomas More Catholic Primary School for 2021. Included with these are the scheduled Pupil Free Days for the year.

- Term 1 Monday 1 February – Thursday 1 April; Pupil Free Day Friday 2 March
- Term 2 Monday 19 April – Friday 2 July; Pupil Free Day 27 April
- Term 3 Tuesday 20 July – Friday 24 September; Pupil Free Day 19 July and 23 August
- Term 4 Tuesday 12 October – Friday 10 December; Pupil Free Day 11 October

Christmas Wishes

As the school year concludes, and everyone prepares for some rest and family time, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support this year. I pray that God blesses you and your family this Christmas, and that it is a joyful time spent with your loved ones. May the love, joy and hope of our newborn Saviour, Jesus Christ, be yours over the course of this Advent and Christmas Season. I hope that 2020 be a year filled with much love, joy, happiness and success.

We will look forward to welcoming you all **back to the start of school on Monday 1 February 2021**, for what I hope will be a less interrupted year! Have a safe and relaxing holiday with your loved ones.

Peace and best wishes,

RUSSELL WYLIE
PRINCIPAL



Assistant Principal News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Thank you once again for supporting the St Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal this term. John O'Dwyer, the Margaret River representative from St Vincent de Paul, shared how much the hampers will benefit families in need in the Margaret River community this Christmas season. Thank you to the Social Justice leaders for their work in supporting these donations.



LEAP Program

Our Year 5 and 6 LEAP students performed exceptionally well in impromptu, persuasive speeches today. They presented excellent information, well presented arguments with flair and personality. The Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 students and teachers were very amused and entertained. I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching the LEAP students this year.

Basketball

During the day today, we had a staff versus student's basketball tournament. The students won by a lean margin, but the real win today was the camaraderie and fun that was experienced by all!

Christmas Mass Times - St Thomas More Parish

Christmas Eve Children's Mass - 6.00pm

Christmas Midnight Mass – 11.30pm

Christmas Day – 10.00am and 6.00pm

Wishing all of our families a happy and sacred Christmas. We hope it offers moments for connection, peace, joy and hope of the Christmas season.

God bless,

NICOLLE ACHMAD
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



Thought of the Week



Parish Masses

St Thomas More Catholic Church
Margaret River

- Saturday - 6.00pm
- Sunday - 10.00am

Lumen Christi Catholic Church
Augusta

- Sunday - 8.00am



Congratulations!

School Merit Award Winners

Term 4

Week 8

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| Year 1 | Jimmy Campbell |
| Year 2 | Billy- Jack Lawrance |
| Year 3 | Sam O'Beirne |
| | Rhianna Montalban |
| Year 4 | Jasper Moran |
| | Archer Roberts |
| | Katie Campbell |
| Year 5 | Samara O'Brien |
| Year 6 | Isaak Miller |



Important Dates

Thursday 10th December

6.00pm

Awards Night and Year 6 Graduation
- in the Church

Friday 11th December

Students Last Day - Movie at Heart and a Sausage Sizzle lunch - (Pre-Primary to Year 5)

2021

Monday 1st February

Students First Day for Term 1

From Year 2

Thank you for a wonderful year! Hope you have a safe and relaxing Christmas and New Year!

Have a wonderful Christmas everyone! See you all in 2021.
Miss Flic

To our beautiful school community, wishing you all a blessed Christmas and a restful and fun break!

Lots of love, **Ms Laurissa Knowles.**

Can't wait to work with you next year.



To the Year 3 families, thank you for all your support during a difficult year. It has been a pleasure teaching your children and I wish you all and the whole school community a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! **Love Mrs Tippett**

A huge thank you to our school community for your amazing support this year. We have had a wonderful year in Kindergarten, even with the challenges of Corona Virus. Thank you especially for your support of our Market Garden program. Have a wonderful and safe Summer break and we look forward to seeing you all again in 2021. Best wishes to our Year 6 Graduates and departing families. Thank you for all of your amazing contributions to our school.

Love Jane Wolf, Rachel Hassall and the Kindy Kids .

Merry Christmas everyone! Have a wonderful relaxing break!

Love Mrs Morrison, Mrs Cummins and the Brilliant Pre-Primaries xxx



Merry Christmas from Year 5!

I would like to wish all of our wonderful families a wonderful Christmas. I have had a fantastic fun year taking sport across the school and have enjoyed the company of the magnificent Year 4s. Wishing you all a relaxing end enjoyable holiday. **Mr McRae**

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, and orders will go home with your children.
The Uniform Shop is open on Tuesdays only.

For your convenience the School Uniform Shop will be open before school commences in 2021 on the following dates:

- **Thursday January 21** **1.00pm to 3.30pm**
- **Wednesday January 27** **9.00am to 3.00pm**
- **Thursday January 28** **9.00am to 3.00pm**
- **Friday January 29** **1.00pm to 3.00pm**



Thank you!
Rita Willmott



Rapids Landing Dental Therapy Centre is closed from Monday the 21st of December and will re-open on Monday the 1st of February at 8.00am.

In the event of an emergency on the 21st and 22nd of December please call – 0409 935 793 between 8.00am and 4.00pm.

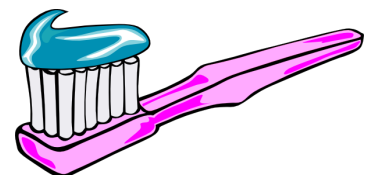
23rd December through to the 26th January please call – 9313 0552 between 8.00am and 4.00pm.

27th January to 30th please call – 0418 269 234 between 8.15am and 4.15pm

Alternatively please contact your Local dentist and if you receive the Child Dental Benefit Schedule ensure you use this as all our local dentists in Margaret River accept this.

If it is not an emergency you may email us at; rapidslandingdtdc@dental.health.wa.gov.au and we will respond in February.

Remember to be brushing 2x daily with fluoride toothpaste and floss daily.
Keep sugars and snacks to a minimum and drink lots of water.



HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR
SEE YOU ALL IN 2021

Absentees



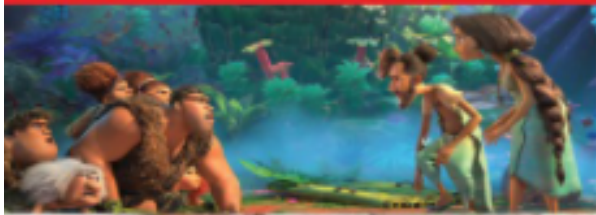
A reminder to parents that there is a simple way to let us know your child is absent from school, while providing a note at the same time. Jump on our app or website!

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://stmcpes.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.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS CINEMA

All tickets \$9



The Croods: A New Age

Tue 12 January 1pm

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The War with Grandpa

Wed 13 January 1pm

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Onward

Thu 14 January 1pm

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Onward

Tue 19 January 1pm

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Maya the Bee 3: The Golden Orb

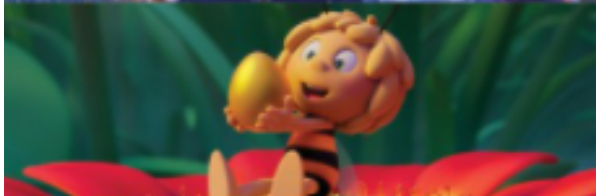
Wed 20 January 1pm

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The Croods: A New Age

Wed 21 January 1pm

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Toy Story 3

Mon 25 January 1pm

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Toy Story 4

Wed 27 January 1pm

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Maya the Bee 3: The Golden Orb

Thu 28 January 1pm

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EVENING CINEMA

Adult \$15, Child \$10, Concession \$12.50



The High Note

Fri 8 January 7:30pm

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I Am Greta

Mon 11 January 11:30am

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I Am Greta

Fri 15 January 7pm

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Love Opera

Thu 21 January 7pm

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Guardians of the Galaxy

Fri 22 January 7:30pm

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The Comeback Trail

Fri 29 January 7pm

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Tickets available from www.margaretriverheart.com.au

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The HEART will be complying with all WA Department of Health COVID-19 regulations



MARGARET RIVER TENNIS ACADEMY

Coaches: Pablo Gomez & Laura Roy
Email: mrtennisacademy@gmail.com

Contact number: 0478773520
Website: www.mrtc.org.au

We run the coaching program at the Margaret River Tennis Club and Cowaramup Tennis Club. Our goal is to bring tennis to people of all ages and levels. We aim to help people improve their skills and gain confidence on the court in a fun environment. For the younger children we use special modified equipment with smaller racquets and low compression balls to help them improve.

HOLIDAY CLINICS

1st Week : Tue 12/01 - Wed 13/01 - Thur 14/01

2nd Week : Tue 19/01 - Wed 20/01 - Thur 21/01

3rd Week : Wed 27/01 - Thur 28/01 - Frid 29/01

A fun way to enjoy the School Holidays learning how to play tennis and meeting new friends. No experience is needed to join in. We teach the basic skills of tennis and play fun games. Its for children from 6 to 14 year old and runs from 9am till 12 noon.

COST: 1 DAY - \$25 or 3 DAYS - \$70

AFTER SCHOOL LESSONS

Term 1 - 2021 - From 1st of February till 27th of March - 8 weeks				
MARGARET RIVER TENNIS CLUB				
Class	Days	Age	Times	Cost
Mini Tennis	Monday	3-5 year old	3.45pm-4.15pm	\$8 per class
Red Ball	Wed & Thur	5-7 year old	3.45pm-4.30pm	\$120 per Term
Orange Ball	Wed & Thur	7-9 year old	3.45pm-4.30pm	\$120 per Term
Green Ball	Wed & Thur	9-11 year old	4.30pm-5.30pm	\$132 per Term
Green Squad	Wed & Thur	by invitation	4.30pm-5.30pm	\$132 per Term
High School	Thurs	+12 year old	5.30pm-6.30pm	\$132 per Term
Yellow Squad	Wed	by invitation	5.30pm-7.00pm	\$160 per Term
Sat Junior League	Sat	+7 year old	9am-12noon	\$5 mem/\$10 non-mem
COWARAMUP TENNIS CLUB				
Red Ball	Tuesday	5-7 year old	3.45pm-4.30pm	\$120 per Term
Orange Ball	Tuesday	7-9 year old	3.45pm-4.30pm	\$120 per Term
Green Ball	Tuesday	9-11 year old	4.30pm-5.30pm	\$132 per Term
Yellow Ball	Tuesday	+12 year old	4.30pm-5.30pm	\$132 per Term

- We offer a **FREE** trial lesson in a group for all new players in the After School Lessons (excluding MiniTennis).
- If lessons are rained out we will reschedule before the end of the Term or you can get credit for next term.
- For families we offer 10% discount for second child and 50% discount for third child, on group After School Program.

PAYMENT:

- We will send an invoice with payment details on week 2.
- To **enrol** or **more info** visit www.mrtc.org.au or send an email to mrtennisacademy@gmail.com



SUMMER HOLIDAY SOCCER

Fun & Play

January 2021

Tue: Age 4-6 mixed

Wed: Age 6-9 mixed

Thu: Age 9-14 mixed

Fri: Age 8-15 Girls Only

Margaret River Rec Centre

Book Now!

Email: luke@ljsoccer.com.au

Mobile: 0490447819



**ST THOMAS MORE
AFTER SCHOOL
SOCCER 2021**

\$79

Term 1 (9 sessions)

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

School Oval

Email: luke@ljsoccer.com.au

Mobile: 0490447819