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Issue 4

# St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



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The Vine



## Principal's Report

*Loving God,*

*We pray for the inspiration and courage to shine the light on global injustices,  
and to let our own light shine unto others,  
so that we may be agents of change  
who bring about the kingdom of God on earth.*

*Amen*



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### Clubs

Today, our Year 3-6 students began their Clubs program where the students have a choice of participating in one of 8 options, including surfing, mountain biking, orienteering and cooking. The children had a wonderful time learning these new skills and we are pleased to be able to offer such a program to our students allowing them to try something new, challenge themselves and interact with students outside of their class.



### P&F Sundowner

We invite all families to come along for our first Sundowner of the year. It will be held outside the Canteen from 3:15pm on Friday March 12th, with the P&F providing a Sausage Sizzle – look out for the order form for this shortly. BYO drinks and picnic blankets. We look forward to seeing lots of families come along.

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### Commissioning Mass

This Sunday, the staff and members of our School Board will be commissioned as they make their commitment to serve the Christian mission of St Thomas More Catholic Primary School. Please keep these members of our community in your prayers.

### Every Child Counts

Catholic Education WA and Catholic School Parents WA have launched a joint election platform seeking a fairer funding deal from the incoming State Government. For more information on the Every Child Counts campaign see: <https://www.everychildcounts.net.au>

### Before and After School Care

I have been working with Bluebird Childcare in implementing a Before and After School and Vacation Care service to operate out of our school. It is with some excitement that I am able to announce that we have been approved to be able to offer this service to our families. This service will operate out of the room next to our Pre-Primary classroom for school aged children. If you are interested in utilising this service, I ask that you please register your interest with Bluebird on 1300 BLUEBIRD (1300 2583 2473) or visit their website for more information at: <https://bluebirdchildcare.com.au/>

### P&F Meeting

Our next P&F meeting will be held next Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March at the Margaret River District Club, commencing at 6:30pm. We look forward to seeing lots of parents come along!

Please see below for a list of the Class Representatives for 2021:

- Pre-Kindy Natalie Marik and Kathryn Devine
- Kindy Emily Keen and Claire Wylie
- Pre-Primary Verity Steptoe
- Year 1 Juerlaine Prideaux
- Year 2 Amanda Price and Sarah Morris
- Year 3 Clare Innes and Amanda Prince
- Year 4 TBA
- Year 5 Louise Young and Claire Wylie
- Year 6 Idris Achmad

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead.

Kind Regards

**RUSSELL WYLIE**  
**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.

## **Assistant Principal News**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### **School Value – Compassion**

Our school value this term is compassion. The best way to be compassionate towards others is to be compassionate with yourself. So how do you show compassion to yourself?

To start, you can praise yourself for your successes and forgive yourself for your mistakes. You can also focus on your strengths and positive qualities rather than dwell on your weaknesses. By giving yourself this type of compassion, you will radiate the same love and goodness to others. You will also have more patience and room in your heart to serve those around you.

### **Caritas Australia Project Compassion**

#### **Third Week of Lent**



We are now in the third week of Lent with the Project Compassion story of Oliva, a 22-year-old woman from Tanzania. She did not have the opportunity to go to school and was embarrassed that she was unable to read, write or count. As an adult, her business was losing money because she couldn't add up her money and give the right change to customers.

Then Oliva enrolled in Caritas Australia's literacy and numeracy classes. She also set up a home classroom to teach her neighbours, for free, because they were too shy to attend larger classes.

Oliva has now graduated, attendance at her classes is growing, her kiosk is thriving, and she is helping her children with their homework.

She aims to become a pastor and run for leadership in the next local election - to help her community to 'Be More.'



Approximately 260 million children do not have the chance to go to school ([un.org](http://un.org))

Watch a short film about Oliva's story [here](#).

"Aspire not to have more, but to be more," Saint Oscar Romero

Please support Project Compassion: [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au)

Have a wonderful week ahead.

God bless,

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

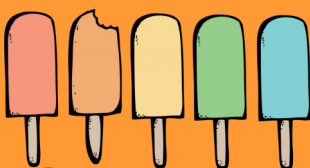
## **Parish Masses**

### **St Thomas More Catholic Church - Margaret River**

- Saturday - 6.00pm
- Sunday - 10.00am

### **Lumen Christi Catholic Church - Augusta**

- Sunday - 8.00am



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

**All items are \$1.00**

Thought of the Week

Aspire not to have  
more, but to be more.

Oscar Romero

quote fancy

*Congratulations!*

**School Merit Award Winners  
Term 1 - Week 4**

Year 2	Ebony Woodhouse
Year 3	Arki Innes
Year 4	Will Ryan
Year 5	Kingston Nguyen



**Friday 5th March**

8.45am Merit Assembly

**Friday 12th March**

8.45am Year 6 Assembly  
11.30am Stations of the Cross - Year 5  
3.15pm STMCPs Sundowner

**Sunday 14th March**

10.00am Commitment Mass –Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Tuesday 16th March**

6.30pm P&F Meeting at the Margaret River District Club

*Important Dates*

## 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 **Mondays**.  
Thank you!  
Rita Willmott

**PLEASE NOTE: UNIFORM SHOP OPEN HOURS - MONDAYS ONLY - 1.30PM TO 3.00PM**

# BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM IN MARGARET RIVER

BlueBird

Our pick-up and drop-off service can take your children to and from:

- Home
- School
- After School Activities
- Sports Activities
- & Anything Else!



**Now Taking Enrolments!**

**NOW Opening in Margaret River!**

**Opening Hours: 6am to 6:30pm**  
**Ages: Kindy to 12 Years**



**Contact details for MR OSHC:**  
[outofschoolhourscaremr@bluebirdchildcare.com.au](mailto:outofschoolhourscaremr@bluebirdchildcare.com.au)

[www.bluebirdchildcare.com.au](http://www.bluebirdchildcare.com.au)

Phone **0477 704 247** or **1300 Bluebird**

### MARGARET RIVER JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB

Interested in meeting new friends?

Would you like to try a new sport?

MR Junior Gropers Rugby Club could be for YOU!

We expanding our fledgling club to include under 12s, 10s, 8s and 6s (Pre-Primary to Year 7).

Training starts: 17<sup>th</sup> March

For more information, contact Abi: 0490 764427

or Stephen: 0422 902199

