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Issue 4

# St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



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# The Vine



## Principal's Report

*Gracious God,  
Thank you for the gift of today.  
Refresh me. Invite me to discover your presence  
In each person that I meet  
And every event that I encounter.  
Teach me when to speak and when to listen  
When to ponder and when to share.  
In moments of challenge and decision  
Attune my heart to the whisperings of your Wisdom.  
As I undertake ordinary and unnoticed tasks,  
Gift me with simple joy.  
When my day goes well, may I rejoice.  
When it grows difficult, surprise me with  
New possibilities.  
When life is overwhelming, call me to  
Sabbath moments  
To restore your Peace and Harmony.  
May my living today reveal your Goodness.  
Amen*



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### **Sundowner**

We invite all families to join the P&F for a Sundowner after school tomorrow afternoon outside the canteen. BYO food, drinks and a picnic rug. Thanks to the P&F for organising such a great opportunity to get together and make some new friends. We look forward to seeing lots of families come along and join us.

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

We look forward to celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation for 11 of our students next Wednesday 17 March. This very special time is particularly important for these children, as it begins a time where they can turn back to God and say sorry for the times they have forgotten to act the way Jesus taught. Everyone is most welcome to attend this liturgy commencing at 6:00pm in Church. There will be an opportunity for adults to go to Confession as well as the children. Please keep these children in your prayers as they strengthen their relationship with God. Special thanks to Mr O'Brien for his fantastic preparation of the children.



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### P&F Footy Tipping

Don't forget to get involved in our school Footy Tipping this year being run by the P&F. With the first game scheduled in a couple of weeks' time, there is still time to join. \$50.00 entry with lots of great prizes to be won! Visit: [https://www.footytips.com.au/comps/2021\\_St\\_Thomas\\_More\\_Catholic\\_Primary\\_School\\_Footy\\_Tipping\\_Comp](https://www.footytips.com.au/comps/2021_St_Thomas_More_Catholic_Primary_School_Footy_Tipping_Comp)

### Staffing Changes

Unfortunately, Mrs Tippett has been unwell of late and due to these circumstances, has decided to take leave for the remainder of the year. We welcome Mr Thomas McDonald back to our school, to teach the Year 6 students for the remainder of the year. I am sure you will join with the staff in wishing Mrs Tippett a speedy recovery and welcoming Mr McDonald as part of our Tommy More community.

Mrs Nicolle Achmad will be taking some Long Service Leave for the remainder of this term. In her absence, Mrs Kristie Chapman will fill the role of Acting Assistant Principal. We wish Mrs Chapman all the best as she takes on this leadership role within our school. Congratulations Kristie!

### Before and After School Care

Bluebird Childcare will begin operating their Before and After School Care Service from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March. We are really excited to be offering this service from our school, operating 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 with Bluebird on 1300 BLUEBIRD (1300 2583 2473) or visit their website <https://bluebirdchildcare.com.au/> for more information.

### 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!

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



### 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

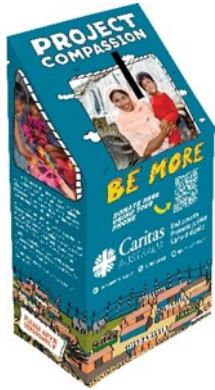
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Please keep in your prayers the eleven children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation next Wednesday 17 March: Mikah Bien, Diandreil Langridge, Billy-Jack Lawrance, Maxime Lewis, Ava Paterson, Grace Price, Maurice Samantila, Xanthia Schumann, James Tannock, Natalie Wolf, and Ila Yee Wilson. May they come to know the peace of God's forgiveness, compassion and love.

### Caritas Australia Project Compassion

#### Fourth Week of Lent



Arsad, an Indonesian farmer, had no toilet in his house, so always had to walk into the forest to the open defecation area. His family was often sick and open defecation caused many neighbourhood disputes. With the support of Caritas Australia and its partner agency, Laz Harfa, Arsad took part in hygiene, sanitation and financial management training. He then funded the building of a toilet in his house and helped other community members to save money to construct their own toilet.

Now, Arsad's family is healthier, their community no longer practices open defecation and is more harmonious. Arsad inspired his community to 'Be More.'

Around 17 percent of Indonesia's rural population, or 45 million people, practice open defecation – going to the toilet outdoors in fields, forests and other open spaces. ([World Bank](#))

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



"Aspire not to have more, but to be more." Please support Project Compassion: [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au)

Have a wonderful week ahead!

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

## 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!**

Opening Hours: 6am to 6:30pm

Ages: Kindy to 12 Years

NOW  
Opening  
in Margaret  
River!

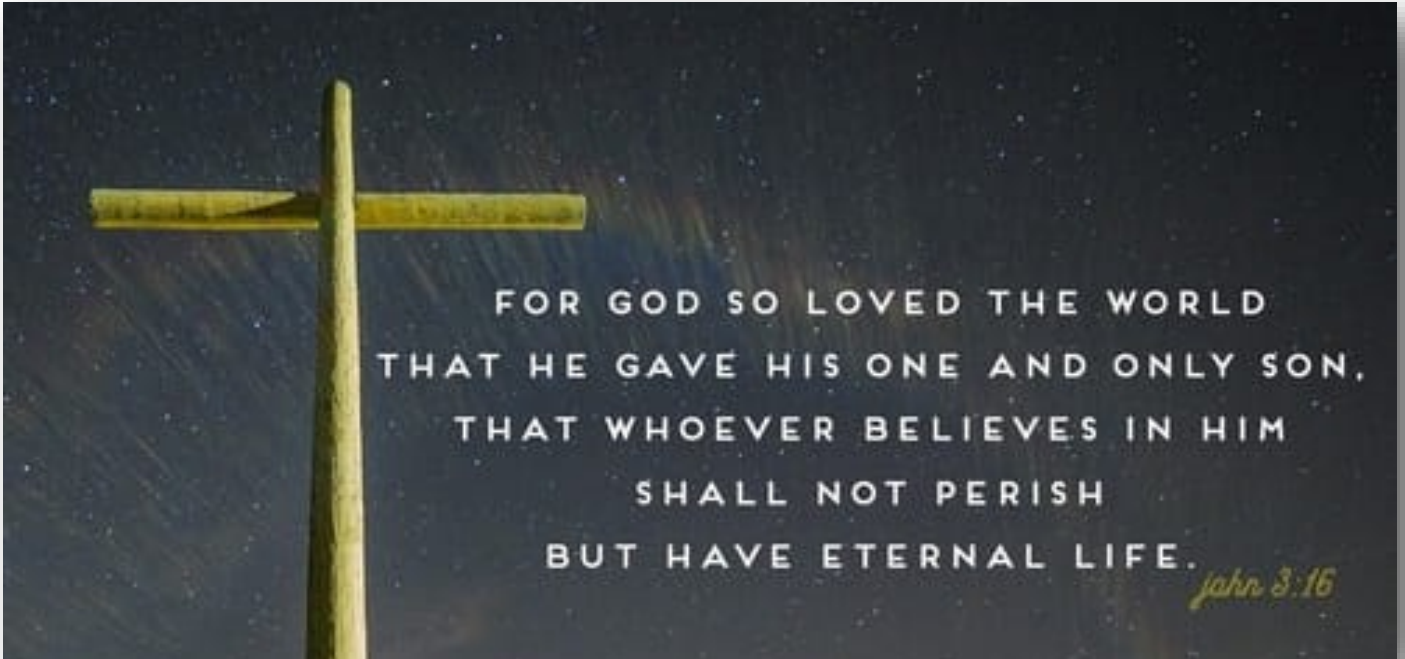
Contact details for MR OSHC:  
[outofschoolhourscaremr@bluebirdchildcare.com.au](mailto:outofschoolhourscaremr@bluebirdchildcare.com.au)



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

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

**Thought of the Week**



# Congratulations!

**School Merit Award Winners**

**Term 1  
Week 5**

Pre-Primary	Noah Joyce
Year 2	Ted Chilton
Year 3	Ila Yee Wilson
Year 4	Phoebe Hickma
Year 5	Lillia Jakimowicz
Year 6	Bonnie Campbell

**Friday 12th March**  
8.45am Year 6 Assembly  
11.30am Stations of the Cross - Year 5  
3.15pm STM CPS 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

**Wednesday 17th March**  
6.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Friday 19th March**  
8.45am Year 5 Assembly  
11.30am Stations of the Cross - Year 6

## Important Dates

## Sports Carnival News

Our Sports Carnival is rapidly approaching. Students have begun practising events in their PE lessons.

The dates for our sports carnival are:

### JUMPS and THROWS - Thursday 25th March

This will involve a maximum of 8 boys and girls from Years 1/2, 3/4 and 5/6 cohorts that have qualified after measurement during PE lessons. Students who have qualified will be notified next week. Years 3/4 and 5/6 will take place from 9.00am to 10.40am to allow these students to attend "Clubs" activities after recess. Years 1/2 throws and jumps will take place after lunch (approx. 1.30pm)

### Team Games and Running Events - Friday 26th March

All students will participate in running and team events to help gain points for their faction. This carnival will begin at approximately 9.00am.

These events cannot take place without parental assistance. If you are available to help with either of these events (measuring, scoring, marshalling) please contact Mr McRae on 0419 029 646 or email: [cameron.mcrae@cewa.edu.au](mailto:cameron.mcrae@cewa.edu.au)

Before school training will continue at 8.00am on Tuesdays, and all students from Years 1 to 6 are welcome to attend.

Following our carnival, a STM CPS team will be selected to participate in the Interschool Carnival taking place on the following dates:

- Jumps and Throws: Tuesday 30th March (Augusta)
- Running and Team Games: Wednesday 31 March (STM CPS)

Once again some parent help is needed for Jumps and Throws. If you are available to help please get in touch.

If you have any questions regarding our upcoming sports events, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

**Cam McRae (Physical Education Teacher)**



## Clubs

Gardening and Skateboarding!



### 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**.

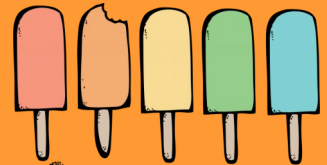
Thank you!

Rita Willmott

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

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

All items are \$1.00



### **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



### SunSmart Busselton Festival of Triathlon

Head down to Barnard Park on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May for the Kids Triathlon. There are two distances to choose from – a Short Distance (100m swim, 2km cycle and 500m run) which is open to children aged 7-11 years and the Long Distance (200m swim, 4km cycle and 1km run) which is open to children aged 12-15 years. This short, fun filled event is designed specifically for kids to enjoy themselves and discover what it's like to compete in a triathlon. To find out more or to register, please visit our website: [www.busseltonfestivaloftriathlon.com.au](http://www.busseltonfestivaloftriathlon.com.au)



**REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!!!**



**X** [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)  
OR GO TO [membership.sportsstg.com](http://membership.sportsstg.com)

**FIRST GRADING 17TH MARCH, 2021**  
**FIRST GAME 24TH APRIL**

ANY QUESTIONS???? MESSAGE US AT [MRJUNIORFOOTBALL@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MRJUNIORFOOTBALL@GMAIL.COM)  
OR FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK



**SCHOOL SOCCER**

ALL YEAR ROUND BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL SOCCER

AGES 4-12, MANY LOCATIONS KEEP ACTIVE, HAVE FUN

FOR MORE INFO:  
Website: [www.ljsoccer.com.au](http://www.ljsoccer.com.au)  
Email: [luke@ljsoccer.com.au](mailto:luke@ljsoccer.com.au)  
Mobile: 0490447819



**REGISTER NOW!**  
Registrations open until 26th March 2021

**NETBALL SEASON 2021**

Divisions  
U/9  
U/11  
U/13  
U/18

Email: [margaretrivernetball@gmail.com](mailto:margaretrivernetball@gmail.com)  
<https://www.facebook.com/MargaretRiverNetballAssociation>



**Friyay!!!**



**4pm - 5pm**

AGES KINDY, PP, YR1 & YR2

GLOUCESTER PARK, MARGARET RIVER

STARTING 24TH APRIL 2021!

AUSKICK REGISTRATION

**PLAYHQ.COM**

**ALL "LITTLE HAWKS" WILL GET A FREE SAUSAGE  
SIZZLE AND DRINK AFTER EVERY GAME!**



# School Dental Service

Rapids Landing Dental Therapy Centre is located at Rapids Landing Primary School, 42 Tonkin Blvd, Margaret River.

Children in Pre- primary (aged 5 years) to Year 11 (aged 16) are eligible for free dental care from the School Dental Service.

School Dental Service in Term 1 will issue an enrolment form to all Pre- Primary & new students to the area through their respective school.

If you wish to enrol your child please complete both forms (white & green) and return via child's school.

If you do not wish to participate in the School Dental Service or already attending a private dentist, please continue care with the family dentist, you do not need to return the forms.

Parents and guardians who have completed and returned the enrolment form via their school will receive an appointment letter in the post with a SMS reminder 2 days prior to an appointment over the coming year.

If your child has an urgent dental issue please call or email us and we can discuss with you.

## Rapids Landing Dental Therapy Centre | Dental Health Services

Rapids Landing Dental Therapy Centre, 42 Tonkin Blvd, Margaret River, 6285

T: (08) 9757 8211

E: [RapidsLandingDTC@dental.health.wa.gov.au](mailto:RapidsLandingDTC@dental.health.wa.gov.au)





# WA Child Safety Services

## Creating Safer Communities

### PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS

### Children's Workshop

For children aged 5 to 10 years

The Protective Behaviours program teaches:

- The right to feel safe and be safe
- Safe and unsafe secrets
- Body safety and personal space
- Who to go to for help
- Assertiveness and problem-solving



**DATE:** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**TIME:** 1:00pm - 3:00pm (Please bring a drink bottle and healthy snack for your child)

**VENUE:** Milligan Community Learning and Resource Centre  
35 Milligan Street, Bunbury 6230

**COST:** \$49 per child (includes free Activity Book)

**Bookings:**

[kidspbunbury.eventbrite.com.au](https://kidspbunbury.eventbrite.com.au)



[www.wachildsafety.com](http://www.wachildsafety.com)  
1300 310 083 [admin@wachildsafety.com](mailto:admin@wachildsafety.com)

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# PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS WORKSHOP

## DID YOU KNOW



of abused children are abused by someone they know and trust



of child sexual abuse is committed by children and young people



## PARENT WORKSHOP

Presented by WA Child Safety Services, we invite you to participate in this workshop to learn valuable personal safety skills and strategies that can help empower children and keep them safe from abuse.

You will leave the workshop with practical activity ideas and conversation starters.

Facilitated by Justine O'Malley and Jocelyn Prosser



THIS WORKSHOP IS NOT SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN TO ATTEND

**DATE:** Monday 29 March 2021  
**TIME:** 10:45am to 12:45pm  
**VENUE:** Milligan Community Centre  
35 Milligan Street, Carey Park WA

**PRICE:** \$20.00 per person  
**BOOKING DETAILS:**  
<https://pbbunbury.eventbrite.com.au>