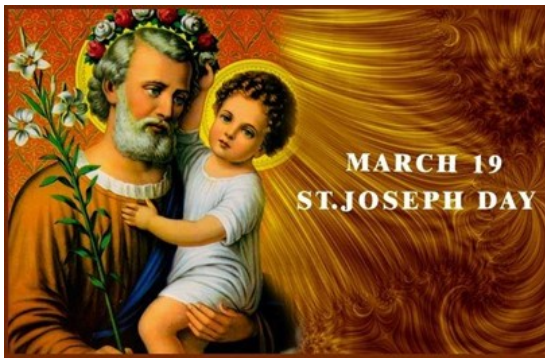


St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



Prayer to St Joseph

St. Joseph,
watch over me and care for me
just as you cared for the child Jesus;
and by your help,
may I come to know your Son,
and so grow in strength and wisdom
and the favour of God.
Amen

Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Unfortunately, due to our internet being down last week, we were unable to provide our normal newsletter, but here is a condensed version.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Congratulations to the students who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation last Wednesday night. It was wonderful to see the way the students turned back to God and thought about the times they hadn't made good choices and how they could change their lives. Thank you to Mr O'Brien for his work in the careful preparation of the students and assistance in organising the Sacrament. Also a big thank you to Father Mat for his work in celebrating this Sacrament. Congratulations to:

Mikah Bien	Diandre Langridge	Billy-Jack Lawrance	Maxime Lewis
Ava Patterson	Maurice Samantila	Xanthia Schumann	Jimmy Tannock
Natalie Wolf	Abbey Woodhouse	Ila Yee Wilson	

P&F

Thank you to all the parents who came along to our P&F meeting last Tuesday night. It was again really wonderful to see so many parents attend. The P&F have decided on lots of fun opportunities to take place over the year to support our school, so I encourage all of our parents to get involved with these. Thank you to those who came along to our Sundowner on the evening of Friday 12th March – it was really wonderful to see not only so many parents attend, but also many of our new families. A huge thank you to Elle Lawrance and her team of helpers in organising this event and preparing/cooking the food.

Thank you to those who have joined our Footy Tipping competition. It's not too late to enter – check out the P&F Facebook page for more information. Link is:

https://www.footytips.com.au/comps/2021_St_Thomas_More_Catholic_Primary_School_Footy_Tipping_Comp

Faction Athletics Carnival

This Thursday and Friday, we will be having our Faction Athletics Carnivals. The Thursday will be our Jumps and Throws day for students in Years 1, 2, 4 & 6 who have been selected to compete in this and on Friday, all children from Pre-Primary to Year 6 will be participating in some running events and team games. The Year 3 and 5 students will complete in the jumps and throws as part of their Physical Education lessons, due to their participation in some NAPLAN testing on the Thursday morning. We look forward to seeing lots of parents coming along to cheer on their children.

Before and After School Care

Bluebird Childcare will begin operating their Before and After from Monday 15th 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 your interest with Bluebird on 1300 BLUEBIRD (1300 2583 2473) or visit their website <https://bluebirdchildcare.com.au/> for more information.

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

RUSSELL WYLIE
PRINCIPAL

Assistant Principal News

St Joseph's Feast Day

Yesterday was the Feast Day for St Joseph, the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and part of the Holy Family. He protected and cared for Mary and Jesus during his life with them. Please keep St Joseph in your prayers on Friday.

Harmony Day

On Wednesday 24th March, we will be celebrating Harmony Day. This day celebrates the cultural diversity within our country and celebrates why Australia is a great place to live. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

In order to celebrate this day, students will be invited to wear traditional cultural dress on Wednesday 24th March. Children who do not have a cultural dress or want another option can wear orange or their school uniform. Please note that this is not an opportunity for students to just wear free dress.

The students will also be provided with an opportunity to speak to their class about their cultural background if they are wearing cultural dress.

Caritas Australia Project Compassion

Fifth Week of Lent - Halima from Bangladesh

Halima is raising two children under seven in a refugee camp in Bangladesh, while caring for her mother who has a disability. Widowed at just 21, Halima fled violence in Myanmar's Rakhine State in 2017, arriving at the camp with nothing.



Caritas Australia, through its partner, Caritas Bangladesh, helped Halima out with a shelter and cooking equipment so that she could feed her family. She participated in hygiene and sanitation training and took on the role of community trainer herself, organising the cleaning of washrooms, wells and toilets.

Halima's training became all the more invaluable as the COVID-19 pandemic struck - when safe hygiene and preventative measures suddenly became lifesaving.

Halima is proud that she is able to earn a small income, while maintaining the health of her family and the cleanliness of the camp community. Her children are adapting to life in the camp and are now at school. Halima aspired to 'Be More' for her family and for the community around her.

"My hope is that our children will be able to do a job, to live with pleasure, they will find their happiness - that will bring wellbeing for them," Halima says.

"Aspire not to have more, but to be more." Please support Project Compassion: lent.caritas.org.au

Have a wonderful week ahead.

Mrs Kristie Chapman
Acting Assistant Principal

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM IN MARGARET RIVER

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- School
- After School Activities
- Sports Activities
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outofschoolhourscaremr@bluebirdchildcare.com.au



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Congratulations!

School Merit Award Winners Term 1 Week 6

Year 1	Kallum McIvor
Year 2	Vienne Nguyen
Year 3	Billy-Jack Lawrance
Year 4	Neve Fox
Year 5	Ava Innes and Lola Young
Year 6	Harry Scott



Sports Carnival News

Our Sports Carnival dates 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 this week. This will take place from 9.00am to 10.40am for the Year 1, 2, 4 & 6 students. Year 3 and 5 will compete in their PE lessons tomorrow.

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

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 STMCPs 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 (STMCPs)

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)