

St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



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The Vine



Principal's Report

Prayer for Harmony Day

You created all people in your image.

We thank you for the astonishing variety of races and cultures in Australia and in our community.

Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of friendship, and show us your presence in those who differ most from us.

Grant that we may always promote the justice and acceptance that ensures lasting peace and racial harmony.

Grant that we may show equal respect to all persons of different cultures that we may come across.

And help us to remember and appreciate that we are one country, with many stories.

Amen.



Dear Parents and Caregivers,



On Wednesday, classes joined together to celebrate Harmony Day. A day that celebrates inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. The children participated in a number of activities where they could reflect on their culture, heritage and the multiculturalism of Australia. It was great to see so many students wearing traditional dress or orange to celebrate this day.

Athletics Carnival

We are looking forward to our Faction Athletics Carnival tomorrow. The children in PP to Year 6 will compete in running and team events. The carnival will commence at 9:00am on the oval. Many thanks to those parents who have volunteered to assist on the day – it is appreciated! There will be a cake stall, with cakes and slices provided by our Year 1, 3 and 5 families and a Sausage Sizzle lunch for those who have ordered. A special thank you to Mr McRae for all his work in organising this event.

Congratulations to those students who participated in the Jumps and Throws section this morning. It was great to see such sportsmanship and determination. Thanks to all those parents who came along and helped with this.

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The Interschool carnival will be held over two days – Tuesday 30th March in Augusta for the Jumps and Throws and then Wednesday 31st March at St Thomas More for the running events and team games. Both events will commence at 10:00am. An order form was sent home with students on Tuesday if they would like to order lunch on this day. All students may order from this menu, regardless of their participation in the carnival. Orders and money must be at school no later than Friday morning.

Holy Week



Next week is Holy Week. We start with Palm Sunday this weekend - the day that Jesus returned to Jerusalem. The crowds waved palm branches to proclaim him as king.

It would be wonderful to see families sharing this special day by attending one of the Masses over the weekend and collecting their palm frond which will be burnt next year on Ash Wednesday.

Palm Sunday

We will continue the celebrations of Holy Week with the Year 6 students leading us through a reflection of the Stations of the Cross on Wednesday morning and then a Mass led by our Year 5 students on Thursday morning. Both celebrations will be held in the Church and commence at 9:00am.



A reminder that the student's last day this term will be on Thursday 1st April. We will return for Term 2 in Winter uniforms on **Monday 19th April**.

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and best wishes.

**RUSSEL WYLIE
PRINCIPAL**

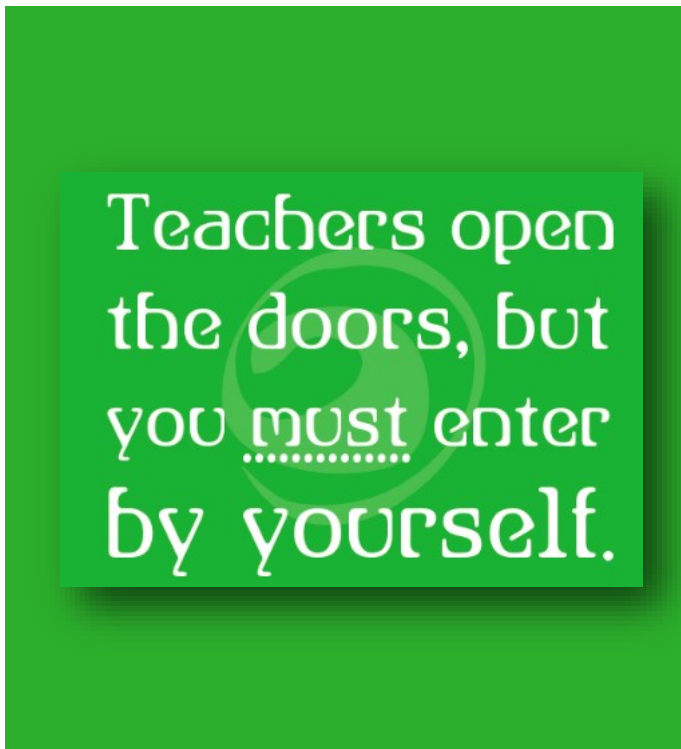


**St Thomas More CPS
Athletics Carnival**

**Jumps
And
Throws**



Thought of the Week



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.

The Uniform Shop is open on **Mondays only** from 1.30pm to 3.00pm

Thank you!

Rita Willmott



Congratulations!

School Merit Award Winners

Term 1

Week 7

Pre-Primary	Arlie Whareaitu
Year 1	Byron Mountford
Year 2	Hunter Petterson
Year 3	Natalie Wolf
Year 4	Joshua Wynd
Year 5	Leo Yee Wilson Katie Campbell
Year 6	Ava Yee Wilson



Important Dates

Friday 26th March

9.00am STM CPS Athletics Carnival

Tuesday 30th March

10.00am Interschool Athletics Carnival - Jumps and Throws at Augusta

Wednesday 31st March

9.00am Whole School Stations of the Cross - Led by Year 6

10.00am Interschool Athletics Carnival - Running and Team Games at St Thomas More CPS

Thursday 1st April

LAST DAY OF TERM

Acting Assistant Principal News

Harmony Day

St Thomas More was awash with colour and culture yesterday, as we celebrated Harmony Day. It was a wonderful opportunity to remind us that everyone belongs, celebrating Australia's cultural diversity in an inclusive and respectful way. Thank you for making the effort to dress up and join in!



Caritas Australia Project Compassion



For over half a century, generations of Australians have participated in Project Compassion. The initiative has raised more than \$500 million since it began in 1965 – making it one of the nation's longest running charity campaigns.

For many, Project Compassion's iconic collection boxes have become a nostalgic part of their lives – a reminder around home, school, church and the community that it's time to support Caritas Australia's annual appeal.

Margaret Moriarty can't remember a time without a Project Compassion box in her house during Lent.

"Donating to poorer counties was very important to my mother and father. My children have grown up with the same iconic boxes in our home and my grandchildren are continuing the tradition," Margaret says.

Throughout five decades of natural disasters, conflicts and crises, Caritas Australia has worked alongside vulnerable communities with the generous support of Australians. Project Compassion has also helped with access to education, health services, agricultural training and through programs that reduce maternal and infant mortality.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, local partnerships have helped Caritas Australia to respond quickly to minimise the spread of the coronavirus.

This year, Caritas Australia has presented five stories from people striving to **'Be More'** – just a few stories amongst the millions of people who have been helped through Project Compassion.

We would like to thank generations of our supporters nationwide for their ongoing generosity, which allows us to move forward with lifesaving strategies to tackle new challenges.



"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**

Holy Week and Easter Masses

St Thomas More Church

Palm Sunday 28 th March	Mass at 10.00am or 6.00pm on Saturday evening 27 th March
Holy Thursday 1 st April	Mass of the Lord's Last Supper - 7.00pm
Good Friday 2 nd April	Stations of the Cross at 3.30pm Our Lord's Passion at 4.00pm
Holy Saturday 3 rd April	Easter Vigil at 7.30pm
Easter Sunday Masses 4 th April	at 10.00am and 6.00pm
Easter Sunday Mass at Leeuwin Estate	at 12.00pm (noon) – please bring a picnic lunch

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.



CLUBS



School Holiday Fun!



BUSSELTON & MARGARET RIVER VACATION CARE

Our April Vacation Care Timetable Is Here!

Over the school holidays we will be offering our Vacation Care Programs between 6.00am to 6.30pm at our Margaret River Centre. We have lots of fun activities for the children to enjoy!

How to Book

To book in for our Margaret River Vacation Care Program

Please contact us on [0477 704 247](tel:0477704247) or email outofschoolhourscaremr@bluebirdchildcare.com.au if you would like to book in for Margaret River Vacation Care or have any questions or would like some more information



Rapids Landing Dental Therapy Centre

Our clinic will be open from Wednesday the 7th of April the first week of school holidays and open for the 2nd week from 8.00am until 4.00pm.

Rapids Landing Primary School

42 Tonkin Boulevard

MARGARET RIVER 6285

T: (08) 9757 8211

E: RapidsLandingDTC@dental.health.wa.gov.au

W: www.nmhs.health.wa.gov.au



Your
Say

Lego Workshop

Let's Build Our Future

The Shire of Augusta Margaret River is reviewing its 5 year Youth Plan and we need your help! If you are 12-25 years old and want to have fun and make a difference, join this Lego Workshop to help visualise the future for the youth of Margaret River.

Free snacks and drinks will be provided!

Date: Thursday 25 March 2021

Time: 4pm to 5.30pm

Venue: Classroom W10 at Margaret River TAFE
272 Bussell Hwy, Margaret River.

RSVP: Please contact Community Development Trainee, Shannon Walker via email swalker@amrshire.wa.gov.au or call **08 9780 5214** to book your place.



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REGISTER NOW!
Registrations open until 26th March 2021




NETBALL SEASON 2021

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

Email: margaretrivernetball@gmail.com
<https://www.facebook.com/MargaretRiverNetballAssociation>

Register Now!



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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!





Term 2 Swimming Lessons 2021

Stages 1/15 - Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs Afternoons
Junior Life Guard (Swimming for Fitness)
Breakfast Included - Tues/Stage 7+ (7.00-8.00am)
Parent and Child Classes - (6months to 3 years)
Tues/Wed Thurs Mornings
3 to 4 year old classes - (2 to 4 children per class)
Tues/Wed/Thurs Mornings

Contact: **Roberta Williams on 0429 651 450**
Email: info@aquaticacademymargaretriver.com.au
Web: www.aquaticacademymargaretriver.com.au

2021 RINGTAIL TALLY

Grab your friends and family and help Nature Conservation count Western ringtail possums in the area, by joining this year's Ringtail Tally.

The tally can be done in your garden or property, or in a nearby bushland reserve. Western ringtail possums are critically endangered so every survey counts.


The Ringtail Tally is now a regional event, involving Nature Conservation, Geocatch and Leschenault Catchment Council so get involved and be part of something bigger.

For more information and to register and download the tally data sheet please visit www.natureconservation.org.au

When: Saturday 10th April to Sunday 9th May
What: Nocturnal spotlighting for Western ringtail possums
Where: Your garden, property, or nearby bushland reserve.

Please register at www.natureconservation.org.au

Become a citizen scientist
Help conserve western ringtail possums
Be part of something bigger
Every survey counts



This project is supported by Nature Conservation, through funding via SWCC from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program and the Shire of Augusta Margaret River's Environmental Management Fund