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The Vine



Principal's Report

Let Us Have Hearts of Thankfulness

*Lord God,
You loved this world so much,
That you gave your one and only Son,
That we might be called your children too.
Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace
Of Easter Sunday, everyday.
Let us have hearts of thankfulness
For your sacrifice.
Let us have eyes that look upon
Your grace and rejoice in our salvation.
Help us to walk in that mighty grace
And tell your good news to the world.
All for your glory do we pray, Lord,
Amen.*

— Rachel Marie Stone



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we come to the end of Term One, there is so much we have been able to cram into such a short term. However, we do take time to stop and reflect on just what we have been able to achieve in such a short period of time. The children have worked so hard to progress in their learning and having a go at developing new knowledge and skills. As I visit classrooms, I can see the engagement of the students and their willingness to learn – a very special attribute to have!

Interschool Carnival

Yesterday, our school hosted the Interschool Athletics carnival, following our own successful Faction carnival last Friday. Four other schools joined us in LISA (Leeuwin Interschool Athletics Association) competition which was held over two days. On Tuesday, we travelled down to Augusta to compete in the first day of competition, which included Jumps, Throws and the 400m running. Our students performed fantastically, but I was super impressed with the way they demonstrated sportsmanship, great behaviour and determination over the course of the day.



We welcomed to our school Margaret River Independent, Augusta, Karridale and Rapids Landing Primary Schools for the second day of competition. Again, our students were brilliant in the way they continued to try their best, not give up and treat others with respect, kindness and great sportsmanship.

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Well done to all students who represented our school and a special congratulations to Ebony Woodhouse, Tom Miller, Samara O'Brien and Riley Dodd for being the Champion in each of their divisions and to Ollie Jakovich and Harry Scott for winning the Spirit of Sport awards. Well done to all these students and to all those who represented our school so well. I would like to thank Mr McRae for all his work in training the students and the work behind the scenes to get these types of events happening. Without this assistance, these types of days may not be possible or run so smoothly. Thanks to Mr Goodwin for his expert announcing and entertainment. I would also like to thank our tireless and amazing P&F for organising the lunch orders and running the cake stall and all the parents who came along to help out or cheer on the students. Special thanks to Elle Lawrance – our superstar P&F

President for all her constant work to make sure these extras can be offered to the students. What a great community we have!

I think events such as these are important and worthwhile because they allow us to test ourselves against the best from other schools. Sometimes we win and sometimes we lose, and both are equally important and valuable and help us to grow and learn.

Holy Week Mass

This morning, our Year 5 students led us through a Mass which reminded us of Holy Thursday and the important gift Jesus gave us at the Last Supper. We were told about how Jesus washed the disciple's feet and the significance of this event. Some students even had their feet washed by Fr Mat in a re-enactment! Thank you to Fr Mat for helping us understand this very special event more clearly and to Mrs Teague for her help in organising this Mass.



Stations of the Cross

On Wednesday, our Year 6 students led us through the Stations of the Cross, helping us to understand Jesus' final moments before his death. We were reminded of how Jesus and others felt during this time and reflected on ways that we could live our lives better and treat others with kindness and compassion. Thank you to Mr McDonald for his organisation in sharing this reflection with us.

Parent Interviews

A walk through our classrooms demonstrates the wide range of excellent teaching and learning that is taking place and I sincerely thank all our school staff for their commitment, expertise and dedication they bring to our school. The support offered by parents is also crucial and I encourage all parents to spend some time at school sharing and hearing of the many activities that are taking place in our classes. Thank you to all those parents who have made the time to come in and speak to their child's teacher in regard to their progress so far this year. The time taken to do this can provide valuable information into how your child is coping at school, areas of strength and areas they can improve in. Thank you too, to the teachers who have made themselves available to ensure parents have the opportunity to meet.

If you have not yet made a time to see your child's teacher, can I strongly encourage you to contact them and make an appointment to meet early next term. It is important that we work together to provide the best education for every child at our school.

Change of Uniform

A reminder that the students commence wearing their winter uniform from the first day of Term 2 and there will be a 2-week grace period for changeover of uniforms. We appreciate parent's support in ensuring children are dressed in the correct uniform.

Term 2

Term 2 will begin for students on **MONDAY 19 April**. Please look out for a Term 2 Planner that was emailed home today and will be up the school's website. However, please note that changes may occur during the term.

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Bluebird Vacation Care

Bluebird Childcare will be offering a Vacation Care program for interested families. Activities provided include visiting Ninjas in Mocean, Laser Tag, a visit to the movies and visiting Sunflower Animal Farm. The full program can be found [Margaret River Program here](#). Operating hours are 6:00am – 6:30pm.

I hope you have a wonderful Easter period and I encourage families to attend one of the Masses over this Easter period. I wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday and look forward to seeing your smiling faces next term.

Peace and best wishes,

RUSSELL WYLIE
PRINCIPAL

Holy Week and Easter Masses

St Thomas More Church

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://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.

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



Thursday 1st April
LAST DAY OF TERM 1

Monday 19th April
STUDENTS COMMENCE TERM 2

Tuesday 20th April
6.00pm P&F Meeting

Friday 23rd April
9.00am ANZAC Day Reflection - Year 4

Important Dates

Acting Assistant Principal News

Project Compassion



Thank you to all those people who supported Caritas Australia's Project Compassion appeal. If you have any donations you would like to make, please send your box back in the first couple of weeks next term. The Social Justice Committee will be counting this money and sending it off to Caritas Australia. Thank you for your support.

Holy Week Celebrations

Stations of the Cross

Since the earliest centuries of the Church, Christians have made pilgrimages to Jerusalem in order to retrace the steps of Jesus during his suffering and death. Around the fifteenth century, Christians began the practice of prayerfully meditating on the Passion of Christ by reproducing a miniature version of that journey, in what eventually became known as the Stations of the Cross. Yesterday, the Year Sixes did a wonderful job of leading our school through the Stations of the Cross.



Whole School Easter Mass

Thank you to Mrs Teague and the Year 5 class for preparing and hosting the Holy Thursday Mass this morning. During his Homily, Fr. Mat washed the feet of 12 students on the altar, just as Jesus did to his Disciples at the Last Supper. After Jesus shared this special meal before he died, he took off his everyday robe and put a large towel around himself to look like a servant. After that, he poured water into a large bowl and began to wash and then dry the disciples' feet. First of all, Jesus is like a King - but even greater than a King: He is the King of Kings! By washing the disciples' feet, he was doing something only a servant would do. This would be like if someone famous came to your house and started to clean your room!

Good Friday

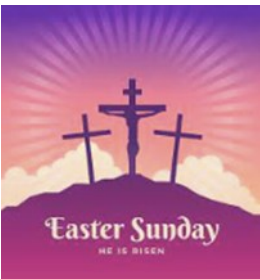
In my many years teaching in Catholic schools, I'm often asked by students, "Why is it called Good Friday, if Jesus dies?" I like to try and explain Good Friday in a context that relates to our lives now.



1. Forgiving others: God gave all our sins to Jesus on this day, His only son, so our sins would be forgiven forever. Good Friday is a day to remember how powerful forgiving others is...a friend or anyone who has wronged you.
2. Finding comfort and security in our beliefs. There were a lot of people who didn't believe Jesus was the Son of God, that's why they crucified him. Good Friday is a time for us to remember that our beliefs may be challenged and tested, just like they were back then.
3. The power of being thoughtful. It's good for kids to have some quiet reflective time on Good Friday, to learn that Good Friday is meant to be a sombre time. Consider attending a Good Friday Mass to show children the contrast in mood against the celebration of Easter.

Easter Sunday

Celebrate! Easter Sunday is considered the most important and sacred Sunday of the entire year. It marks the anniversary of Jesus' death and resurrection and ascension into heaven.



Wishing everyone a happy and holy Easter season. Enjoy the school holidays with your beautiful families.

MRS KRISTIE CHAPMAN

ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



REGISTER FOR
AFTER SCHOOL
SOCCER IN TERM 2

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Friyay!!!



4pm - 5pm

AGES KINDY, PP, YR1 & YR2

GLOUCESTER PARK, MARGARET RIVER

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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

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.

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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

