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The Vine



Principal's Report

God of love and liberty,
we bring our thanks this day for the peace and security we enjoy,
which was won for us through the courage and devotion
of those who gave their lives in time of war.

We pray that their labour and sacrifice may not be in vain,
but that their spirit may live on in us and in generations to come.
That the liberty, truth and justice which they sought to preserve
may be seen and known in all the nations upon earth.

This we pray in the name of the one who gave his life
for the sake of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I welcome all families back and hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday and a blessed and holy Easter. It is always so uplifting to see each child's happy, smiling face on that first morning, as they catch up with friends and share many stories about what they got up to during the holidays. We welcome some new families into our Tommy More community with Lucy Gatto starting in Year 2, Blake Harrison in Kindy and Hudson Koch in 3 Year Old Kindy.

As I have visited classes this week, it has been wonderful to see the way the students have so quickly engaged with their learning.

Winter Uniforms

A reminder to families that we have moved to wearing the Winter uniform as of this term. It has been fantastic to see so many students presented over the past couple of days in the correct uniform. We generally have a two-week grace period in order to provide parents with some time to purchase uniforms. Unfortunately, we have experienced some supply issues with the long-sleeved white shirts and sports shorts and have limited or no stock with some of these items. Students may continue to wear short-sleeved shirts until we get more stock if they are unable to access the long-sleeved shirts. It is expected that students still continue to follow our Uniform Policy.

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ANZAC Day

Tomorrow morning, our Year 4 class will lead the school in an ANZAC Day reflection at 9:00am. We invite all parents to join us for this reflection.

Our school will also be participating in the ANZAC Day march on Sunday 25th April. Students are invited to meet at Reuther Park at 11:00am and then join together to march down Bussell Highway from 11:30am to Memorial Park, where our Head Boy, Lenox Hayward and Head Girl, Carla Fox will lay a wreath on behalf of our school. Students would be expected to be dressed in their Winter Uniform for this event.

Staffing

We welcome Mrs Bianca Harding to our school as our new 3 Year Old Kindergarten Teacher Assistant. Bianca has taken over from Mrs Renae Cummins who has reduced her working hours. We are sure Bianca will quickly fit into our school community!

P&F Mother's Day Event

The P&F will be holding a Mother's Day event from 5:30pm on Friday 7th May. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased online through: <https://www.trybooking.com/BQKVP>

The cost will cover canapes, a drink on arrival and live music. Drinks will be available for purchase. We encourage all mums to get their tickets and come along to this event. Check out our school Facebook page for more information.

Pupil Free Day

I would like to remind families that there will be no school on Tuesday due to a scheduled Staff Development day. Students will return to school next week on Wednesday.

I wish all our families a wonderful week ahead!

Peace and best wishes

RUSSELL WYLIE
PRINCIPAL

Bluebird Vacation Care

Bluebird Childcare are pleased to offer Vacation Care for our families on

Tuesday 27th April

from 6:30am – 6:00pm

due to our Pupil Free day.

If you would like to take advantage of this service, please contact Bluebird on <https://bluebirdchildcare.com.au/> or 1300 BLUEBIRD (1300 2583 2473).

This program will only run should there be sufficient numbers, so get in quick!



Assistant Principal News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A warm welcome back to Term Two.

Term Two Catholic Values Focus – Service

Our school value focus this term is **service**. This term, we specifically promote in students a spirit of Christian service and foster in them an understanding of the responsibilities they have to the common good of our community and wider society.

This term, students will be invited to participate in a 'Free Dress for a Gold Coin day'. The money raised will make a big difference to those in our Diocese who need our help through the CatholicCare agency.

CatholicCare



CatholicCare was established in 2003 to assist people in need within our Bunbury Diocese. CatholicCare's motto is 'People helping People'. CatholicCare raises funds for other Catholic apostolates such as the St Vincent de Paul Society, Apostleship of the Sea, Centrecare and the St John of God South West Community Alcohol & Drug Service who in turn help those in need.

The focus this year is the St Vincent de Paul Society.

Over past years CatholicCare has provided more than \$280,000 to assist those in need in our local communities. Catholic Schools throughout the Diocese participating in the 'Free Dress for a Gold Coin day' have made considerable contributions over this time. Your personal and family donations do make a big difference to those who seek help through the apostolates in our Diocese.

I thank you most sincerely for your donations and encourage your continued support of CatholicCare.

God bless,

Bishop Gerard J Holohan

Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at a special ceremony in our church on **Sunday 20 June at 10.00am**, officiated by Bishop Gerard Holohan. Confirmation is one of seven Holy Sacraments. During the Confirmation ceremony, the Bishop will anoint the forehead of the confirmands with the sacred oil of chrism and with the laying of the hands, the candidates will be asked to go out into the world, just as the Apostles did, with the Holy Spirit in their hearts.

Parents of children in Year 6 are asked to return the Confirmation enrolment forms as soon as possible.

Other important dates for the Sacrament of Confirmation are:

- 27 May at 6.00pm Parent/Child Workshop
- 6 June at 10.00am Commitment Mass

Caritas Australia Project Compassion

A friendly reminder to please return your Project Compassion boxes to school as soon as possible. Your support is truly appreciated.



School Photo Day



Our School Photo Day is scheduled for **Wednesday 12 May**. Order forms were sent home on Monday. If you wish to have a family portrait taken, please collect an envelope from the front office. It would be greatly appreciated if you could please return the Family order forms to school or complete the online order by Monday 10 May.

On the day, please dress your child / children into their best winter school uniform and ensure that teeth have been brushed and hair is neat and tidy. There are times where hands and feet will be visible in group photos, so polishing shoes and ensuring hands and nails are clean is also a good idea.

Have a wonderful week ahead.

MRS NICOLLE ACHMAD
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Thought of the Week



Friday 23rd April

9.00am ANZAC Day Reflection - Year 4

MONDAY 26TH APRIL
ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

TUESDAY 27TH APRIL
PUPIL FREE DAY

Friday 30th April

8.45am Merit Assembly

Important Dates

Parish Masses

St Thomas More Catholic Church

Margaret River

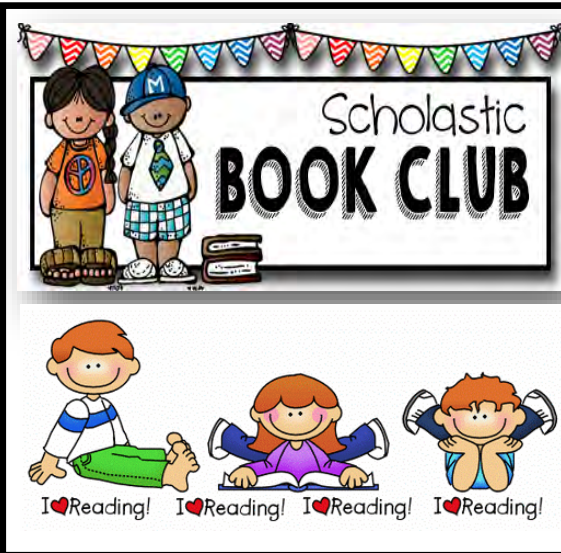
- Saturday - 6.00pm
- Sunday - 10.00am

Lumen Christi Catholic Church

Augusta

- Sunday - 8.00am





Issue 3 of Book Club was sent home today! Your orders and payments need to be returned to the school no later than **Monday May 3.**

You can pay by either Cash or Cheque or you can use Credit Card through the LOOP online system.

Orders received after this date will **NOT** be processed. If you are paying by cheque please make all cheques payable to Scholastic Australia.

The next Issue of Book Club will be Issue 5 in Term 3.

Thanking you for your co-operation.

Rita Willmott

Book Club Organiser

UNIFORM SHOP OPEN HOURS - MONDAYS FROM 1.30 - 3.00PM

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.

Uniforms will go home with your children on **Mondays.**

Just a reminder that we are still waiting for an order of long sleeved white shirts to come in as well as smaller sizes of the sport shorts.

Until the shirts arrive you can still wear the short sleeved shirts with the winter uniform.

Sorry for the inconvenience.

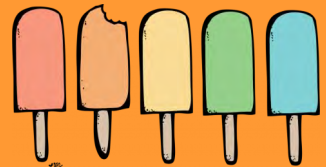


Thank you!
Rita Willmott



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

All items are \$1.00



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://stmcpss.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.



Friyay!!!



4pm - 5pm

AGES KINDY, PP, YR1 & YR2

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MARGARET RIVER

Term 2 Swimming Lessons 2021

Stages 1/15 - Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday Afternoons

Junior Life Guard (Swimming for Fitness)

Breakfast Included - Tuesday/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)

Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday Mornings

Contact: Roberta Williams on 0429 651 450

Email: info@aquaticacademymargaretriver.com.au

Web: www.aquaticacademymargaretriver.com.au



Studiosity

Free homework and study help, online, from real people

Thanks to The Shire of Augusta Margaret River Public Libraries, all students at local schools have access to online, after-hours study help with the library's Studiosity service.

Busy families all over the Shire can get homework and study help in real time, from real subject specialists, online. The online staff are all professional educators and academics, and can help with all core subjects: Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, English and writing, assignment research, and more.

Over 70% of Australian public universities provide Studiosity to students to help with academic writing and study skills, so we're very pleased to be able to offer it to our community as well, from high school onwards.

Have your Shire of Augusta Margaret River library card handy, go to www.amrlibraries.com and click on the [Studiosity](#) link to free get assistance with your study.

If you do not have a public library card, pop into either Margaret River or Augusta library and speak to our friendly staff



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**FRIDAY MATINEE TICKETS:
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**Thursday 20 May at 6.30pm
Friday 21 May at 10.00am and 12.30pm
Margaret River HEART**