

29th April 2021

Issue 10

St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



Principal's Report

Dear Lord

*We thank You for the works that You have done
in Your Father's name for they bear witness of You.*

You are our good shepherd.

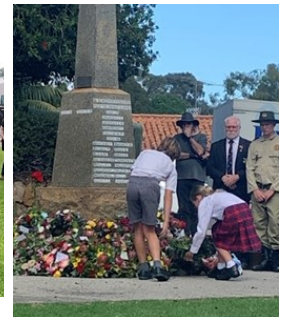
You know each of us by name and you lay down your life for us

We give thanks for loving us unconditionally.

Amen.

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The Vine



ANZAC Day

I was extremely privileged to take part in the ANZAC Day march to Memorial Park on Sunday. I was enormously proud of the number of students who not only came along to represent our school but also in the way they conducted themselves as they represented our school. We far outnumbered any other school, and it was very noticeable to those in attendance just how great the St Thomas More community is. A special thank you to our Head Boy Lenox Hayward and Head Girl Carla Fox for the wonderful way they represented our school in their official capacity and in laying a wreath on behalf of us all.

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 \$30.00 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.

Kindy Enrolments for 2022

I am currently taking enrolments for Kindy for 2022. Places are beginning to fill and as we are limited in places, I would hate to have families miss out. If you, or someone you know, has a child who will turn 4 by 30 June 2021, please either contact the office for an enrolment form or visit our website to download the forms and return them to the school.

Uniform

A reminder that students need to be dressed in the correct Winter uniform from next week. Please complete a uniform order form if you need to purchase any items. This form can be sent home with your child or downloaded from our website. Items can be sent home with your child or be ready in the office to be picked up. There is a shortage of some items, however, we will work with families should this be the case for an item you wish to purchase. School bags have now come in and are available for purchase from the office for \$40.00 each.

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COVID-19

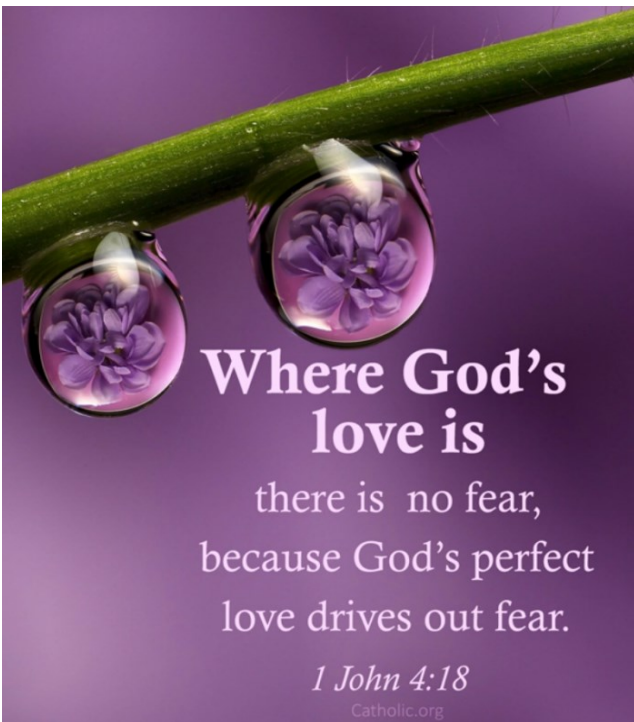
A reminder that until 12.01am 1 May, any adults or children aged over 12 coming onto the school grounds who have been in Perth since 17 April must wear a mask. Please continue to encourage your child to maintain healthy hygiene behaviours and if you or your child are feeling unwell, do not come into school. We appreciate your understanding with this.

I wish all families a wonderful, yet safe week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

**RUSSELL WYLIE
PRINCIPAL**

Thought of the Week



Parish Masses

St Thomas More Catholic Church
Margaret River

- Saturday - 6.00pm
- Sunday - 10.00am

Lumen Christi Catholic Church
Augusta

- Sunday - 8.00am



Friday 30th April
8.45am Merit Assembly

Wednesday 5th May
Year 4 Class Liturgy

Friday 7th May
8.45am Year 2 Assembly
2.30pm Margaret River Senior High Visit - Year 6
5.30pm Mother's Day Function

Important Dates



Please note that there will be
NO School Canteen Lunch Orders
on Friday May 28.

Assistant Principal News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

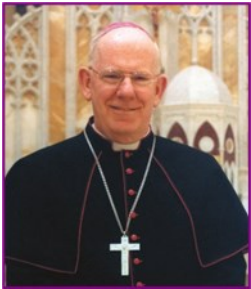
Thank you to the parents and children who participated in the Margaret River ANZAC Day march on Sunday. It was a wonderful display of support for our ANZAC heroes, both past and present.

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' to support Bishop Gerard's CatholicCare agency. The money raised will make a big difference to those in our Diocese who need our help.

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 and 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 nominees 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

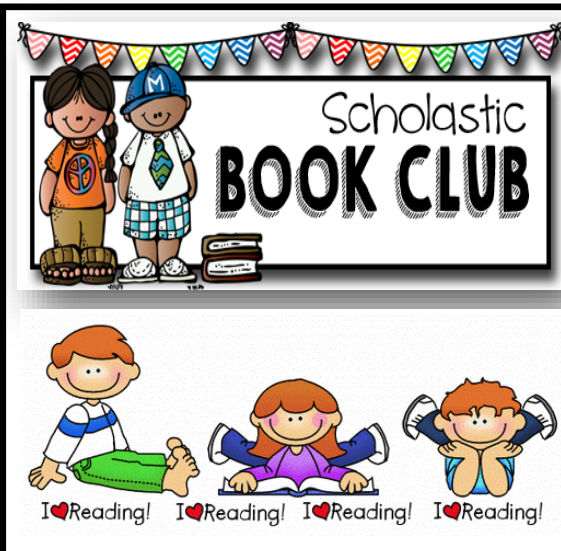


Our School Photo Day is scheduled for **Wednesday 12 May**. Order forms were sent home last Monday. If you wish to have a family portrait taken, please collect an envelope from the front office. It would be greatly appreciated if you could please return the Family order forms to school or complete the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

On the day, please dress your child/children into their Winter school uniform including their jumper 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



Issue 3 of Book Club was sent home last week! 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.**

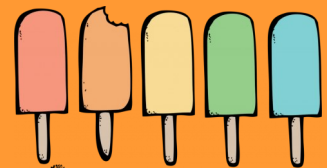
Thank you!

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.



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MISSION

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A LIFE FOR LOVE

John 12:24-26

A Retreat to Commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the martyrdom of
Sr Irene McCormack

Friday 21st May, 2021
9.30 am gathering for
10am – 2pm Retreat

The Spirituality Hub at Church of the
Holy Family
27 Capel St, Kirup

Reflections on Mission and the meaning of giving your life
for love. Sharing by people who knew Sr Irene and her
work .

Speakers:

Fr Paschal Kearney, students from Josephite schools,
Sr Kathleen Dawe.

Cost: Adults \$20; Conc \$10 Register through
Trybooking:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BQTBN>

Light lunch and refreshments provided.

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