

6th May 2021

Issue 11

St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



Principal's Report

Dear God

Thank you for our school.

We pray it would be a safe place of learning, fun and friendship.

Please watch over all our teachers, children and families.

Help us to learn new things, to explore the world together

and to play and be happy.

Help us to have love for each other,

to have forgiveness at our heart,

and to build kindness into every day

Amen



Dear Parents and Caregivers



Youth Summit

I recently attended a Youth Summit along with two of our Year 6 leaders run by the Shire of Augusta Margaret River. Joining students from Margaret River Senior High School, the Montessori school and Independent school, the students completed a number of activities where they were able to share their thoughts and ideas about how the youth can be better supported within the Shire. I was impressed with the way our representatives, Carla Fox and Cahn Sheridan, were able to articulate their thoughts and work collaboratively with students from other schools. Some great ideas were discussed including transport, mental health, the environment and education.

Mother's Day

This Friday, the Year 2 class will be presenting a Mother's Day assembly to celebrate all mothers in our community. We invite all mothers to come along at 8.45am.

The P&F are also hosting a Mother's Day celebration tomorrow evening. For \$30 a ticket, you get a drink on arrival, food and live entertainment. It promises to be a great night! Drinks will be for sale and lots of fun and good conversations. If you haven't got your ticket, it's not too late! Visit <https://www.trybooking.com/BQKVP>



We wish all Mother's and significant females a wonderful Mother's Day on Sunday. We hope your children spoil you rotten!

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NAPLAN

Our Year 3 and 5 students will be participating in the 2021 National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy on Tuesday next week. I would like to reiterate with parents that this is not a test that students need to become anxious or worried about and is only assessing one thing on one day. It does not give us information about how well some of our students can surf, sing or dance. How kind, generous or thoughtful our students are or their knowledge about the arts, sport or science. We will of course still look at the data we get from this assessment and particularly the progress our students have made since Year 3 and use it to inform our future planning.



Year 6 Peer Support Training

Today and tomorrow our Year 6 leaders are undertaking Peer Support Leader's training, as we will be offering a Peer Support program for our students to participate in on a fortnightly basis. The Year 6 students will lead children from Years 1-5 in learning about social issues in a fun and engaging environment. Modules are designed to equip young people with skills to deal proactively with life experiences and promotes wellbeing, which encourages positive relationships, connectedness, and a sense of responsibility. They will learn about topics such as developing friendships, building resilience, developing a positive self-image and having optimism.

Capes Moderating Meeting

Next Tuesday after school, our staff will be hosting teachers from Our Lady of the Cape, Dunsborough and St Mary MacKillop College, Busselton to discuss current teaching pedagogy, resources, planning and moderating. This provides an excellent opportunity for our staff to build strong networks within our region to ensure we are always providing the best education and programs for the children at our school.

2021 St Thomas More Spring Fair

On 30 October, the P&F will be holding a Spring Fair. A lot of planning is already underway, with our Chief-Organiser Extraordinaire Catherine Chilton leading the way. We are calling for some volunteers to help out in getting donations, running stalls or assisting with the organisation on the day. If you are able to help out in any way, please contact the Office so we can pass your details on. We are also seeking some donations from families, so if you can donate a prize, please bring it in or contact the office.

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.

Radio Margaret River

We are on the radio! Listen to Radio Margaret River as our classes will featured on this throughout the day.

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead and particularly to all the mothers, grandmothers, aunties and special ladies in children's lives a wonderful Mother's Day on Sunday.

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



Congratulations!

School Merit Award Winners

Term 2

Week 2

Pre-Primary	Darcy Burgess
Year 1	Harry Hurle Bayden Marik
Year 2	Summerveer Boparai
Year 3	Ava Patterson
Year 4	Alex Nganga
Year 5	Leo Hurle
Year 6	Ollie Jakovich



Friday 7th May

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

Sunday 9th May

Mother's Day

Week 4

NAPLAN TESTING - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

Tuesday 11th May

- 6.30pm P&F Meeting

Wednesday 12th May

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Important Dates

Assistant Principal News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I am very fortunate to be working with all our Year 6 students today and tomorrow as leaders of our newly established Peer Support program.

All students from Year 1 to 6 will be involved in the Peer Support program. They will be placed into a multi age group of approximately 8 students. The activities will be in 8 x 30-minute sessions, conducted fortnightly beginning Thursday 20 May.

Term Two Catholic Values Focus – Service

Our Social Justice committee is inviting all students to dress in their favourite sport team and bring a gold coin donation to raise money for CatholicCare, on Friday 25 June. The money raised will make a big difference to those in our Diocese who need our help.

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 6.00 pm - Parent/Child workshop
- 6 June at 10.00am - Commitment Mass

School Photo Day

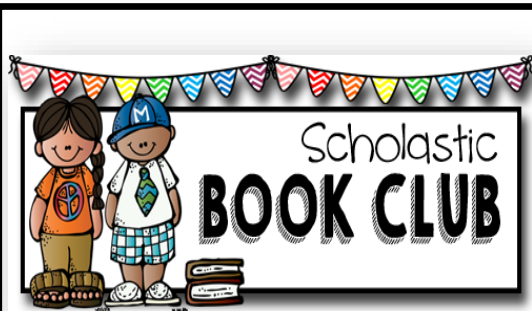


A final reminder that our School Photo Day is scheduled for **Wednesday 12 May**. If you wish to have a family portrait taken, please collect an envelope from the front office. It would be greatly appreciated if you could please return the Family order forms to school or complete the Individual online 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 ordering has now closed, any orders received will not be able to be processed.

Your orders will arrive within the next couple of weeks.

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

Thanking you for your co-operation.

Rita Willmott
Book Club Organiser



IMPORTANT

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

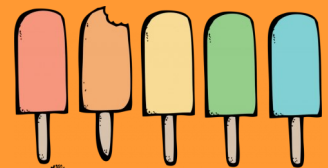
UNIFORM SHOP OPEN HOURS - MONDAYS FROM 1.30 - 3.00PM

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://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.

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



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MISSION

presents

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, Kirub

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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