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The Vine



Principal's Report

*Loving God,
we thank You for Your love, in which You offered
Your Son, Jesus Christ to die for our sins.
We acknowledge the example you have given us of agape love,
a love that is selfless, pure and unconditional.
We believe in power of God's love.
Lord, just as You are love, help us to also demonstrate
unconditional, pure and selfless love to those we meet.
Amen.*



Dear Parents and Caregivers,



Mother's Day

A huge thank you to our amazing P&F who organised a fantastic event for all of our Mothers last Friday evening. It was a wonderful night with lots of fun and entertainment. We hope all who came along had a great time and enjoyed themselves. A particular thank you to Elle and Joel Lawrance, Fiona Guise and Liz Dawson for all your work behind the scenes. We hope all Mothers were spoiled last Sunday and made to feel very special.

NAPLAN

This week, our Year 3 and 5 students have been completing the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) in a number of areas including Writing, Reading, Numeracy and Language Conventions. The data collected from these tests helps to inform our school on how our teaching programs are going and areas we could improve in. It is important to remember that whilst these government-mandated tests do give us some valuable information, what they don't tell us is the effort students put into their work over a period of time, progress in other learning areas and the way a child shows kindness and respect to others. These also form part of a child's learning journey and should also be acknowledged and celebrated.

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Walk To School Day



Tomorrow is Walk Safely to School Day – a national event when all primary school children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a community event seeking to promote road safety, health, public transport and the environment. We encourage our students, where possible, to walk or ride to school tomorrow and join in this day. Students can meet at Memorial Park on Friday at 8:00am and join together to walk to school. We look forward to seeing many students and families come along.

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.

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

RUSSELL WYLIE
PRINCIPAL

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.

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



Assistant Principal News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Sending best wishes to the Year 3 and Year 5 students who have taken part in the NAPLAN testing this week. Whilst the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) test is a great way to see our student's progress in literacy and numeracy, it does not show all the things that make our students exceptional and uniquely incredible. So, students do your best on the tests but remember that we see all the amazingly different and individual things that you do every day to brighten up our school.

CatholicCare

Our Social Justice committee is inviting all students to dress in their favourite sport team clothing 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 6.00pm Parent/Child Workshop
- 6 June at 10.00am Commitment Mass

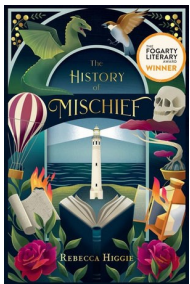
Margaret River Readers and Writers Festival

Next Wednesday 19 May, we will welcome author Rebecca Higgie to our school, who will speak to our students as part of the Margaret River Young Readers and Writers Festival. Rebecca is an award-winning writer from Perth, Western Australia.

According to her website, "Her whole life has been spent in the company of books, with careers in libraries and universities. Formerly an academic at Curtin University and Brunel University London, she has published research on satire and politics.

She has worked in the stacks of the State Library of Western Australia and fostered childhood literacy as the Library Officer at Guildford Primary, WA's oldest public school.

She is currently the host of the Fremantle Press Podcast, where she interviews local Western Australian authors and industry experts on all things books and publishing.



Her creative work combines whimsy and play with extensive research and critical insights. Her stories and poems have appeared in publications such as *Westerly*, *Stories of Perth* and *Visible Ink*. Her novel *The History of Mischief* won the 2019 Fogarty Literary Award for an unpublished manuscript.

When she isn't writing, she is chasing around her one-year-old son Tewodros, who is by far the biggest mischief-maker of them all. She loves reading, dancing, walking in shadowy green places, and making carrot cake. You will never find a better carrot cake baker." More information about Rebecca Higgie can be found at: www.rebeccahiggie.com.au

Have a wonderful week ahead.

MRS NICOLLE ACHMAD
ASSISTANT 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 3

Year 1	Peter Wolf Roxanna Schumann
Year 2	Rosie Drysdale
Year 3	Jesse Kucan
Year 4	Rhianna Montalban
Year 6	Jacob Galamgam



Friday 14th May

Walk Safely to School Day

8.45am Merit Assembly

Monday 17th May

6.30pm School Board Meeting

Tuesday 18th May

11.00am Year 5 Reconciliation

Wednesday 19th May

Margaret River Readers and Writers Incursion

Thursday 20th May

8.45am Whole School Mass Pentecost (led by Year2)

Important Dates

SUSHI DAY!

Every Thursday at Tommy More we are going to be doing sushi for lunch!

Return the form in class with cash, or alternatively text your order though before 3.00pm Wednesday for lunch on Thursday for \$6.00.

Choose from:

- Teryaki chicken
- Tuna and mayo
- Tofu

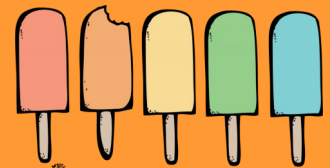
Text **0439 982 735** with your child's name, class, order, and a screen shot of your EFT payment.

Bank details are:

- Account name: SUSHI
- BSB: 306-821
- Account number: 1313074



**The School Canteen is open on
Fridays at Lunchtimes selling Icy Poles.
All items are \$1.00**



Tribute Tree Project

The Tribute Tree is a Djarra outside the Margaret River Library into which a quirky letterbox is nestled. This is for all members of our community to write or draw messages to our natural world, encouraging connectedness and appreciation of the beauty around us. Free workshops are being run for kids to arouse their curiosity, hone their awareness and facilitate their ability to care. The workshop focuses on our South West coastal waters. Marine scientist Sophie Teede will be talking about the many creatures and plants that live within the watery world, followed by an origami session where kids can make sea creatures including crabs, sting rays, pelicans, dolphins, octopi and sea horses. Kids are also encouraged to bring along anything they have found in their sea wanderings for identification and explanation. The workshop is held on Saturday May 22nd from 1.30pm to 3.30pm at the Chapel Gallery.

To reserve a place email Georgina on georginakelly@westnet.com.au or call 0447 440 492.

PRE-PRIMARY PAVED AREA UPGRADE

Hello lovely Thomas More parent community,

In an attempt to make the paved area outside the current Pre-Primary room a bit more welcoming, we are seeking some input and donations from you!

We have been able to source some free secondhand tyres for planters, and are approaching Bunnings for a donation of soil and some plants.

But we are still looking for some suitable planks to create some bench seating, or some outdoor benches. We would also love any donations of plants, either shade or full sun varieties, including succulents and ferns. If you also have any terracotta pots lying around looking for a loving home, we would also love those for our Pre-Primary students to paint and plant up.

Please contact the office if you can help us with any of these.

Many thanks in advance!

Pre-Primary Staff



IMPORTANT

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

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) Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday 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





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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.

Further information: Deborah 0419939864
bunbury.director@catholicmission.org.au