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The Vine



Principal's Report

Pentecost Prayer

*God of all,
you sent your Spirit to be with the disciples,
filling them with joy, peace and courage.
May we also be filled with your Spirit
and have the courage to share your love and peace in our world.
Amen.*



Dear Parents and Carers,



Readers and Writers Festival

Yesterday, our students were fortunate enough to have the opportunity to work with Young Adult author Rebecca Higgie. Rebecca talked about her book *The History of Mischief*, which was the winner of the Fogarty Literary Award and has some of the story set in Margaret River, with the Year 4-6 students and inspired them to begin writing their own story, which included aspects of history. The Pre-Primary to Year 3 students listened to the story *The Dragon of Krakow* and illustrated or wrote about that story. We were very fortunate to be able to have our students work with Rebecca as part of the Margaret River Readers and Writers festival.

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Pentecost Mass

This morning, our Year 2 class led our school in celebrating a Mass marking Pentecost, which occurs this Sunday. Pentecost is celebrated to acknowledge when the Holy Spirit descended onto the Apostles and Mary, which effectively started the beginning of the Church, as the Apostles then went out to preach the Good News and about 3000 people were baptised. A huge thank you to Mrs Ross and our Year 2 students for leading us so well through this celebration and to those parents and parishioners for coming along to join with us. I encourage families to come to Mass this Sunday at 10:00am to celebrate the Church's birthday.

Destination High School

Next Tuesday, our Year 5 students will be spending the day at Margaret River Senior High School to get a taste of high school life. They will be participating in a number of activities including woodwork, cooking and science.

Lightning Carnival

Next Friday, some of our Year 5 and 6 students will be travelling to Bunbury to compete against other Catholic schools in the South West in Football and Netball. The students are currently training very hard for this carnival. We wish all these students who are representing our school all the very best!

Kindy Enrolments For 2022

I am currently taking enrolments for our Kindy program 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.

We are also accepting enrolments for our 3 Year Old Pre-Kindergarten program for both this year and next year. Children may start this program for a full day on a Thursday as soon as they turn 3.

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

RUSSELL WYLIE
PRINCIPAL

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!

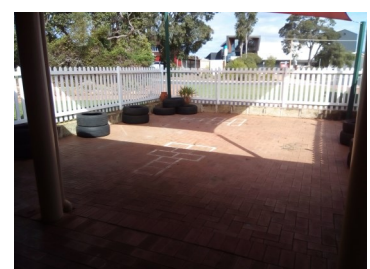
We have been able to source some free secondhand tyres for planters, and are approaching Bunnings for a donation of soil and some plants.

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



Assistant Principal News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This Sunday is Pentecost, sometimes referred to as the birthday of our Church. We celebrated this morning with a whole school mass in the church led by our beautiful Year 2 students. Pentecost is when we celebrate the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples of Jesus, as He promised to guide them and be with them until the end of time.

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



Yesterday, we welcomed author Rebecca Higgle to our school, who spoke to our students as part of the Margaret River Young Readers and Writers Festival. Rebecca is an award-winning writer from Perth, Western Australia.

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.



Have a wonderful week ahead.

Mrs Nicolle Achmad
Assistant Principal

UNIFORM SHOP OPEN HOURS - MONDAYS FROM 1.30 - 3.00PM



Please email your Order Forms through to

rita.willmott@cewa.edu.au

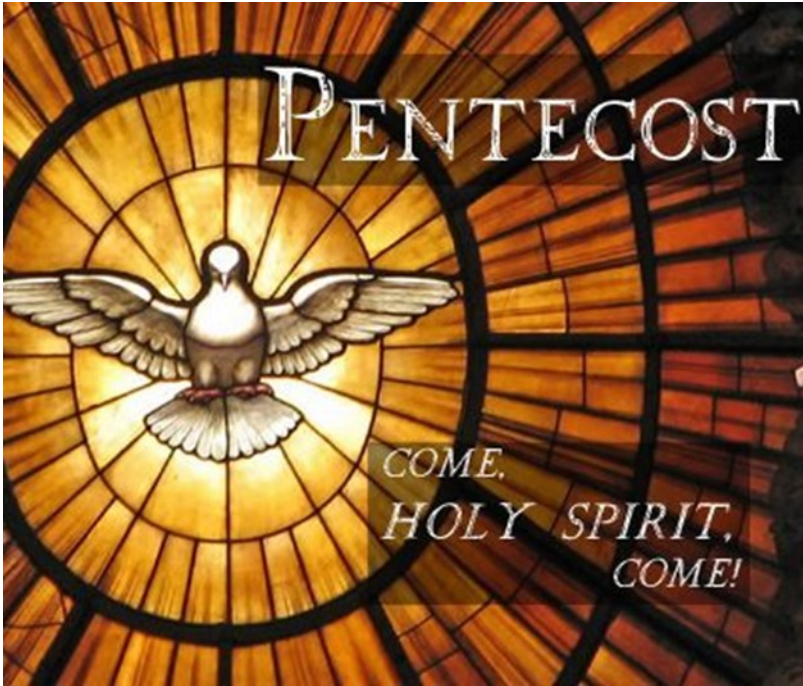
with details of your order and credit card.

Forms can be downloaded off the school's website.

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

Thank you!

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 4



Pre-Primary	Pepe Carre
Year 1	Francis Guise Lucas Nguyen
Year 2	Mara Laught
Year 3	Mikah Bien
Year 4	Max Cooke
Year 5	Alexis Kikeros
Year 6	Lani Newland

Friday 21st May
8.45am Year 3 Assembly

Tuesday 25th May
Destination High School - Year 5

Thursday 27th May
6.00pm Parent/Child Sacrament of Confirmation Information Night

Friday 28th May
8.45am Merit Assembly

Wednesday 2nd June
Kindy and Pre-Primary Liturgy

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 \$7.00.

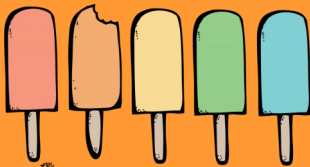
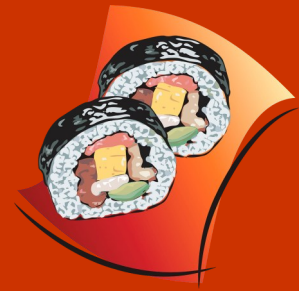
Choose from:

- 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



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

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.

Upcoming Winter Sports Carnivals

This term, Year 4, 5 and 6 students have had the opportunity to attend Netball or Football training on Friday afternoons. This training is being used in preparation for two upcoming winter sports carnivals. At this stage preference in selection will be given to Year 5 and 6 students but it has been fantastic to have the Year 4 students involved in training!

On Friday, May 28, we will be competing against Donnybrook, Dardanup and Brunswick Junction Catholic Primary Schools at Hay Park in Bunbury.

On Thursday, June 3, we will be competing against a range of schools in the South-West area. Netball will be played at Grace Christian College and Football will be played at Leschenault Catholic Primary School.

Each sport will be played in a round-robin format. The first game for all sports will commence at approximately 10:00am and the last will conclude at approximately 2:00pm.

This will be a great opportunity for students to compete against other schools and test our skills and teamwork. An information note has been sent home to students participating, including details regarding bus travel, uniforms and food requirements. This is the first time St Thomas More CPS has been involved in either of these carnivals and as such we are excitedly looking forward to these events. Best of luck to all teams!

Cameron McRae (PE Teacher)



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.

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

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KIDSPORT



UP TO **\$150** TOWARDS CLUB
FEES FOR KIDS!

Eligible kids aged 5-18 years can access financial assistance to contribute towards club membership.



DETAILS

MARGARET RIVER JUNIOR HOCKEY
JOIN US FOR THE 2021 SEASON

Year 3-5 mixed boys and girls team

Year 6-8 girls team, Year 6-8 boys team

Year 9-12 girls team, Year 9-12 boys team

Want more info?

juniorcoordinator@margaretriverhockey.org.au

admin@margaretriverhockey.org.au

You can apply for KidSport online at
dlgsc.wa.gov.au/kidsport