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Issue 14

# St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



## Principal's Report

*Glory be to the Father,  
Who by His almighty power and love created me,  
making me in the image and likeness of God.*

*Glory be to the Son,  
Who by His Precious Blood delivered me from hell,  
and opened for me the gates of heaven.*

*Glory be to the Holy Spirit,  
Who has sanctified me in the sacrament of Baptism,  
and continues to sanctify me*

*by the graces I receive daily from His bounty.  
Glory be to the Three adorable Persons of the Holy Trinity,  
now and forever.*

*Amen.*



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### 200 Years of Catholic Education

On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May, the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, the Patroness of Australia, 200 years of Catholic Education in Australia was celebrated with a Mass, marking the bicentenary of the first Catholic school established in Paramatta in October 1820. Over 200 years, Catholic schools have grown to become the largest provider of schooling in Australia (outside government) with one in five school age students attending a Catholic school. This represents 777,000 students in 1,755 schools across the country and employing over 100,000 teachers and staff. Nearly 40 per cent of Catholic schools are located outside of metropolitan cities in regional, rural and remote communities. The national theme, 'Faith in the future' reflects the core purpose of catholic education to form students in their faith and provide an education that allows students to make a meaningful contribution to our world. This directly reflects our own Vision statement – *Inspiring life-long learners to live their faith and contribute positively to their world.*



### National Sorry Day

Yesterday, we recognised National Sorry Day – a day that remembers and acknowledges the mistreatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were forcibly removed from their families and communities, which we now know as 'The Stolen Generations'. This day provides an opportunity for us to reflect on how we can all play a part in the healing process for our people and nation. The students completed a range of activities to acknowledge and further understand this day.

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*The Vine*



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### Winter Carnival

Tomorrow, I will be travelling with some of our Year 4, 5 and 6 students to Bunbury to participate in an Interschool carnival. We will have teams competing in both Netball and Football and will versing teams from St Mary's, Donnybrook, St Michael's, Brunswick Junction and Our Lady of Lourdes, Dardanup. We wish all students representing our school all the very best. Our students will also be competing in a different competition next Thursday, with Football being played at Leschenault Catholic Primary School and Netball played at Grace Christian School.

### Confirmation Parent Night

Our Year 6 students have been developing their understanding of the Gifts and the Fruits of the Holy Spirit in preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. They have also been researching about a saint who they have found to be inspirational. Tonight, our candidates who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation later this term, along with their parents, will be attending an Information session where they will participate in a number of activities to further develop their understanding in preparation for the Sacrament. A special thank you to Mr McDonald and Mrs Achmad for running this session. We will be blessed to have Bishop Gerard Holohan come to visit our school on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June to meet with the children. The Sacrament will be celebrated on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 10:00am.



### Grief Workshop

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June, our school Chaplain, Laurissa Knowles, will be hosting a workshop about speaking with children and teenagers about death and suicide. This workshop is open to all community members and Laurissa will provide tips on how to tackle those tough conversations about death with our children and guide them through grief. The workshop will be held in the library and commence at 5:30pm.

### After School Sport



MBA Sports Coaching will be offering an After School Sports program on a Tuesday afternoon commencing straight after school for a trial period. It is for PP-Year 6 students and costs \$25 for a 3 week program. Sessions commence on 8<sup>th</sup> June. Bookings can be made through [www.mbasportscoaching.com](http://www.mbasportscoaching.com) or on 0467 180 535. See the flyer later in the newsletter for further 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.

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**

## Assistant Principal News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

On Tuesday, I was privileged to spend the day with our Year 5 students as they attended Destination High School at Margaret River Senior High School. The students tried Home Economics (cooking), Metalwork, Technology and Physical Education. Here are some photos of some of our students making chocolate truffles in Home Economics.



### Kindy & Pre-Primary Class Liturgy

Our Kindy and Pre-Primary students will be holding a class liturgy next Wednesday 2 June at 9.00am. Parents and family members are welcome to join us.

### 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 on of 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

Have a wonderful week ahead.

**Mrs Nicolle Achmad**  
Assistant 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

**Thought of the Week**



*Congratulations!*

**Parish Masses**

St Thomas More Catholic Church  
Margaret River

- Saturday - 6.00pm
- Sunday - 10.00am

Lumen Christi Catholic Church  
Augusta

- Sunday - 8.00am



**School Merit Award Winners**

**Term 2**

**Week 5**

Year 1	Margaux Lewis Ben Wynd
Year 2	Preston Kikeros
Year 3	Paige Hayward
Year 4	Laila Townsend
Year 5	Cooper Whareaitu
Year 6	Sophie Lane



*Important Dates*

**Thursday 27th May**

6.00pm Parent/Child Sacrament of Confirmation Information Night

**Friday 28th May**

8.45am Merit Assembly  
Lightning Carnival in Bunbury - Years 5 and 6 - Football and Netball

**Wednesday 2nd June**

Kindy and Pre-Primary Liturgy

**Thursday 3rd June**

Lightning Carnival in Bunbury - Years 5 and 6 - Football and Netball

**Friday 4th June**

8.45am Year 1 Assembly

**UNIFORM SHOP OPEN HOURS - MONDAYS FROM 1.30 - 3.00PM**

Please email your Order Forms through to

[rita.willmott@cewa.edu.au](mailto: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**.

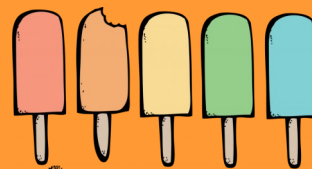
Thank you!

**IMPORTANT**

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

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) 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

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**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.





# MBA

SPORTS COACHING

## ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL MULTI SPORTS

FUN  
HEALTHY  
&  
INCLUSIVE

PRIZES  
& AWARDS  
TO BE  
WON!

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

TUESDAYS 8th June - 22nd June  
YEARS: PP - Y6  
3.00PM - 4.00PM  
UNDERCOVER AREA

\$25  
FOR THE 3 WEEK  
PROGRAM



### SPORTS MAY INCLUDE:

- |                  |            |
|------------------|------------|
| SOCCER           | VOLLEYBALL |
| NETBALL          | DODGEBALL  |
| TENNIS           | GLADIATORS |
| HOCKEY           | JAIL BREAK |
| KINGBALL         | BASKETBALL |
| CRICKET          | HEAD CATCH |
| CAPTURE THE FLAG | AFL        |

*and many more!*

**PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE  
LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE SO BOOK  
AHEAD TO ENSURE YOUR SPOT**

ALL BOOKINGS TO BE MADE THROUGH:  
[www.mbasportscoaching.com](http://www.mbasportscoaching.com)

**tel: 0467 180 535**

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Industries

# 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?

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You can apply for KidSport online at  
[dlgsc.wa.gov.au/kidsport](http://dlgsc.wa.gov.au/kidsport)