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St Thomas More Catholic Primary School

Principal's Report

A Prayer for St Thomas More Feast Day

O Lord.

give us a mind that is humble, quiet, peaceable, patient and charitable, and a taste of your Holy Spirit in all our thoughts, words, and deeds.

O Lord, give us a lively faith, a firm hope, a fervent charity, a love of you.

Take from us all lukewarmness in meditation and all dullness in prayer.

Give us fervour and delight in thinking of you, your grace,
and your tender compassion towards us.

Give us, good Lord, the grace to work for the things we pray for.

Amen.



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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Wellness Week







This week, the students have been participating in many different activities and sessions focused on their wellbeing. This includes spiritual, mental, physical and emotional wellbeing. The students have been lucky to have had many guest speakers share information and strategies with them, that will hopefully assist in them leading healthy lives. We were fortunate to have Charlie O'Beirne from Swimming Women speak about how our bodies are like a racing car and what we need to do to look after it, Deb Shipton taught us how to breathe and move through some yoga poses, Dr Lydia Altini spoke about the rainbow of foods and how the different colours can help our bodies and Laurissa Knowles and Mandy Lane spoke to the students about strategies to meditate and focusing the body to learn. We thank all of these guest speakers for so generously giving up their time to assist our students with their wellbeing.

The students also enjoyed participating in daily fitness, led by our Year 6 students and having daily meditations in class, using the Smiling Mind app. The winner of the healthy lunchbox competition will be announced next week. We hope all students enjoyed this week and have been able to take away lots of different ideas and strategies to help them in their lives.





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St Thomas More Feast Day

Tomorrow, we will celebrate St Thomas More Feast Day. We will begin the day with a Whole School Mass, giving the students an opportunity to be one with God. We acknowledge St Thomas More and the way he lived his life as the King's good servant, but God's first. He was a man of tremendous integrity and was steadfast in his beliefs. Following the Mass, led by our Year 5 class, the students will be put into groups to participate in a number of different activities including cooking, craft and sport. Students may dress in their favourite team colours and bring a gold coin donation, which will go towards supporting Bishop Hololan's CatholicCare initiative. We will finish the week with a Year 6 student versus Staff netball game. Spectators are welcome to come along and cheer for the staff!

Sacrament of Confirmation

Last Sunday, 13 of our Year 6 students received the Sacrament of Confirmation, conferred upon them by Bishop Gerard Holohan. We wish to congratulate all these students and pray they will continue to use the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in their lives and as they grow in their faith. May the Holy Spirit forever be with these young people. A special thank you to Mr McDonald for his wonderful preparation of the students and assistance, along with Mrs Achmad, in organising the celebration.



3 Year Old Kindy

We are now offering a second day for our 3 Year Old Kindy program on a Friday. If you, or someone you know has a child aged 3, there are spots available on both the Thursday and Friday for them to attend this program. Please contact the office for further information.

Kindy 2022

We only have a few spots left for our Kindy program next year. I will be conducting formal interviews shortly for those who have put in an application. This is a last call for anyone who would like their child to attend our Kindergarten program next year. If you know of someone who has a child of Kindy age for 2022, please contact the office.

Afterschool Sports

Next Term, an afterschool sport program will be offered by MBA sports on a Tuesday commencing at 3:00pm from 27th July. The cost is \$70 for the term.

Soccer clinics will also continue to be offered afterschool on a Thursday. The cost of this is \$69.00 for the term.

Reports

End of Semester One reports will be made available to parents via the SEQTA Parent-Connect site next Wednesday. Please ensure you are able to access this site so you can retrieve your child's reports. If you are having any difficulty with this, please contact Nicolle Achmad for further assistance. It is important for parents to remember that if your child receives a C grade, they are achieving at the standard they should be and are progressing well. A C grade is the required level for their year.

A reminder to parents that the last day of term for students is Friday 2nd July and they will return on **Tuesday 20 July**.

Peace and best wishes,

RUSSELL WYLIE

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Assistant Principal News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,



Congratulations to our Year 6 Confirmands that received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Sunday. May God in all His goodness bless you all and may you always let your faith be your guide.

St Thomas More Feast Day

St Thomas More Feast Day is celebrated on the 22nd of June each year. We are commemorating the Feast Day with a special whole school celebration tomorrow, **Friday 25 June.** You are all welcome to join us for Mass at 9.00am in the church, led by our fantastic Year 5 students.

Following Mass, all students will be participating in a range of Feast Day activities, such as cooking, art and craft, putt-putt, origami and outdoor games. Each student will receive a Sausage Sizzle for lunch and an icy pole. We will have vegan sausages for our vegan/vegetarian students as well as gluten free rolls for those students who are coeliac or require gluten free bread. A huge thank you to our amazing P&F for organising this for us. The day will conclude with a Staff vs Year 6 Students netball game on the hardcourt. Feel free to come along to cheer us all on at 2.15pm.

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 tomorrow, **Friday 25 June**. The money raised will make a big difference to those in our Diocese who need our help.

Year 3 Class Liturgy

Our Year 3 class will be celebrating a class liturgy next Wednesday 30 June at 11.00am in the Library. Parents and family members are warmly invited to attend.

Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead.

Mrs Nicolle Achmad Assistant Principal

School Advisory Committee (SAC) – Release of Information

The SAC has being actively working with the Leadership Team on a number of projects. One of the major projects, has been the development and execution of a school maintenance program. There was several areas across the school grounds that required maintenance – some of these included painting and installing Night Time lighting.

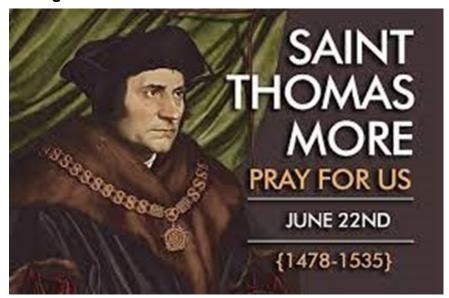
The Bluebird Before and After School Care has also started. We felt this was a great opportunity to not only showcase our school to the wider Margaret River Community, but also to offer a valuable service to our own families. The uptake of this program has been excellent.

Warm Regards

St Thomas More Catholic Primary School – School Advisory Committee.

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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!







Quinn Brett Year 1 **Nathaniel Conder**

Year 2 Estela Robins

Year 3 Maurice Samantila

Year 4 Tom Miller

Year 5 Millie Fairbrass



Friday 25th June

Free Dress Day - Gold Coin Donation for CatholicCare (Dress in you favourite sports team clothing)

St Thomas More Feast Day 9.00am

Whole School Mass - led by Year 5

Wednesday 30th June

Year 3 - Class Liturgy 11.00am

11.00am Year 4 - Adopt-a-Spot Excursion

Friday 2nd July

Merit Assembly 8.45am **LAST DAY OF TERM 2**

Tuesday 20th July

FIRST DAY OF TERM 3 FOR STUDENTS



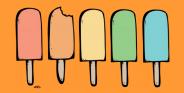
UNIFORM SHOP OPEN HOURS - MONDAYS FROM 1.30 - 3.00PM



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!

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 CONNECTED Communication tab to select Online Absentee.



TENNIS HOLIDAY CLINIC

We are running a Tennis Holiday Clinic at the Margaret River Tennis Club for children between 6 to 15 years old during the school holidays. The Holiday Clinics are a good way for children to learn the skills of tennis and at the same time to meet new friends. We will teach basic skills and do fun games from 9am till 12pm.

Dates:

06 - 07 - 08 of July 13 - 14 - 15 of July

Prices:

1 DAY \$25 3 DAYS \$70 All kids welcome, there is no need of tennis experience. We can provide tennis racquet. Each children need to bring their own morning tea.

NOTE: If the weather is wet, we will cancel for the day.

To enroll contact Pablo at:

Email: mrtennisacademy@gmail.com

Phone number: 0478773520

Term 3 Swimming Lessons 2021

Stages 1/15

Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday afternoons

Parent and Child Classes (6 months to 3 years) Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday mornings

Duo Classes for the 3 - 4 year old's (2 Children per class)
Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday mornings



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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS CINEMA



June Again

Friday 25 June, 7pm & Monday 12 June, 11:30am

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Those Who Wish Me Dead

Tuesday 6 July, 7pm

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Tom & Jerry

Wednesday 7 July, 10am & Tuesday 13 July, 2pm



Peter Rabbit 2: The Runaway

Wednesday 7 July, 2pm & Friday 9 July, 2pm



Cruella

Thursday 8 July, 10am & Friday 9 July, 7pm



A Quiet Place Part II Monday 12 July, 7pm



KIDS WORKSHOPS

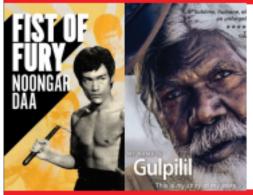


'We Can Sing Pop!' - with Andrea Frances Manners Tuesday 6 July & Tuesday 13 July, 10:30am

Still Life Drawing and Painting - with Caro Bannister Thursday 15 July, 10am

Hand Buidling Clay Spheres - with Natalia Ford Friday 16 July, 10:30am

NAIDOC WEEK CINEMA



Fist of Fury Noongar Daa + Live Q&A Thursday 8 July, 7pm



My Name is Gulpili Wednesday 7 July, 7pm



Breathing Life into Boodja film + Live Q&A Tuesday 13 July, 6:45pm



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LIVE MUSIC



A Taste of Ireland: 2021 Australian Tour Saturday 3 July, 7:30pm

Homegrown@HEART - Locals Playing Folk Music