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The Vine



Principal's Report

Return to School Prayer

Father,

We thank you for the gift of education.

As our children and staff start a new term,

may the Holy Spirit fill them with courage and confidence

to continue the mission of building the Kingdom of God in our world.

May the new term be for us all a new start:

a chance to surprise ourselves at what we can achieve, a new opportunity to make friends and

to make our school a community where everyone belongs.

Amen



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome Back

Welcome back to Term Three! I hope all families managed to have a relaxing and restful holiday period, following the busyness of Term Two.

Term Three looks to be no different, with lots of wonderful learning opportunities planned for our students. Our Year 3 and 5 students will be undertaking the Bishops Religious Literacy Assessment from next week, showcasing their knowledge and understanding of the Religious Education curriculum. Our Year 1, 2, 3 and 6 classes will all be preparing and celebrating Masses and Prayer Services for our school community over the course of the term and our Kindy, Pre-Primary and Year 5 classes will be celebrating a Liturgy of the Word.

We will be having our school and Interschool Cross Country carnivals, Father's Day Colour run, Year 5 camp, Learning Journey night and the Sacrament of Eucharist also throughout the term, just to name a few.

As we begin this new semester, I encourage all students to continue to work hard over the term, consistently applying themselves to their studies and taking pride in our school and their endeavours. I believe that education is a partnership and effective communication is important. Research shows, that when schools and parents work closely together, children are more likely to be successful. It is important that teachers and parents continue to work together to ensure the best outcomes for the students at our school. I wish all of our children a very happy, busy, creative, industrious, imaginative and engaging term. We also welcome River Mackie, Mackenzie Koch, Sienna Walker and Charlie Quaipe to our school. I am sure everyone will quickly help these new families feel part of our Tommy More community.

Term 3 Focus

This term, our focus is on **Respect**. Our Year 6 Social Justice Leaders will work with the school community to help demonstrate ways we can continue to show this to one another and provide examples and strategies for the children to further develop this value. As we always want what is best for the children - positive experiences, healthy relationships, opportunities to learn - we want them to develop respect for others, respect for themselves, respect for God and to be respected. This will also be picked up through our Religious Education program and in the Keeping Safe program as part of the Health curriculum and our Peer Support program. We encourage parents to have conversations with your children about what respect means and ways they can show this. A simple example is using someone's name, looking at them when speaking to them and using manners.



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Staffing

We welcome Mrs Danielle Noble to our school for the next few weeks. Danielle is teaching our Year 1 students as Mrs Merridith Newman has taken some well deserved Long Service Leave. We also welcome Mrs Melissa Browner to our school. Melissa will be working each day in our Year 1 classroom as a Special Needs Teacher Assistant. Melissa previously worked at Tommy More as a Teacher Assistant before moving away with her family.

Finally, we welcome back Mrs Jemma Shoppee, who will be teaching our Pre-Primary and Year 1 classes Art on a Friday, as Mrs Flic Pascoe has reduced her working days. Jemma previously worked as an Art Specialist back in 2014.

I am sure our school community will make sure all of these new staff members feel welcome and part of our family.

Quiz Night

Our annual Quiz Night is happening once again! This year, the theme is *Dreaming of Summer*. It will be held on Saturday 7th August with the quiz commencing at 7:00pm. Mike Goodwin and his band will be hosting and there will be lots of fun and prizes to be won. The night will be held at the Margaret River Football and Netball club, with tables of 10 and tickets \$30. Jump online at <https://www.trybooking.com/BSYGB> to get your tickets before it is too late!

We are also seeking donations for prizes, so if you have a donation, please drop it into the office.

Canteen

Our canteen service will continue to be provided by the Rec Centre on a Monday and Friday each week. They have changed the ordering system to one that is now online.

To order lunches, parents need to place an order through QuickCliQ and pay online.

The Rec Centre will no longer be accepting paper bags and cash. Visit www.quickcliq.com.au and sign up so you can place orders if you wish to use this service. Select St Thomas More Catholic Primary School Margaret River WA and add credit to place orders.



3 Year Old Kindy

Our 3 Year Old Kindy is operating for 2 days a week. Parents may choose to send their 3 year old child on either a Thursday, a Friday or on both days. The fees are \$68 a day or \$120 for the two days. Please contact the office for further information or to receive an enrolment package.

Principal Conference

Next week, I will be attending the Catholic Primary Principals Conference in Perth, along with over 100 other Principals representing the 4 Dioceses. This conference will allow the opportunity for sharing of ideas, learning about best practice in schools and hearing from key-note speakers including Finnish educator and author Pasi Sahlburg, Glenn Mitchell, a former ABC TV/radio sports commentator and mental health advocate and Karl O'Callaghan, former WA Police Commissioner. I'm sure I will be provided with many valuable insights as to how we can further improve the already exceptional teaching that is taking place here.

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

Russell Wylie

Principal

**IMPORTANT
INFORMATION**

School Canteen

Please see below the way that Lunch Orders will now be ordered through QuickCliq commencing **WEEK 1 TERM 3**.

- School lunch ordering is now online only
- Orders must be made online before the lock-out time of 9:30am on the day of school lunches
- Orders can no longer be accepted at the Recreation Centre
- Place and pay for orders via QuickCliq (**how to guide attached**)
- QuickCliq sends the order to the Recreation Centre
- No need to supply your own brown paper bags or look for loose change
- Online ordering system effective Term 3, Monday 19 July

Please refer to the last two pages of this Newsletter for more information.

Thought of the Week

**I've always loved
the first day of
school better than
the last day of
school. Firsts are best
because they
are beginnings.**

Jenny Han



Parish Masses

St Thomas More Catholic Church
Margaret River

- Saturday - 6.00pm
- Sunday - 10.00am

Lumen Christi Catholic Church
Augusta

- Sunday - 8.00am



Friday 23 July

8.45am Merit Assembly

Thursday 29 July

AFL Clinic

Friday 30 July

8.45am Year 5 Assembly

Tuesday 3 August

11am Year 6 Reconciliation

Thursday 5 August

9.00am WS Mass Transfiguration of the Lord (Led by Year 6)

Friday 6 August

8.45am Merit Assembly

Saturday 7 August

7.00pm Quiz Night

Important Dates

Assistant Principal News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A very warm welcome back to Term Three! It has been wonderful to see the way the children have settled so quickly.

Term Three Catholic Values Focus - RESPECT

Our school value focus this term is **respect**. This term, we specifically promote respect for ourselves, respect for others and accept their differences, and respect for the environment.

Some behaviours we will be encouraging this term is treating everyone in a considerate, fair and courteous manner, recognising our own achievements as well as the achievements of others and sharing team success, speaking confidently, listening and encouraging everyone to explain ideas and actions and recycling to improve the environment.

The skills we will be encouraging this term will be using greetings, such as good morning and calling people by their name; active listening by using eye contact, becoming aware of the impact they have on their surroundings by caring for their belongings as well as school equipment.

Term Three Fundraising Focus – CATHOLIC MISSION

Our school fundraising focus this term is raising awareness and money for Catholic Mission. Catholic Mission operates in over 160 countries, including remote Australia, to give people the opportunity for a full, enriched life – physically and spiritually – regardless of race, stigma, religion, or gender.

This term, we will be encouraging students at our school to make a difference in the world through a game of soccer. Later in the term, our school will host a Socktober Soccer Day and use 'sockballs' to kick goals on the field. So many children in developing countries do not have access to the kinds of soccer balls we have here in Australia, and they use what they can to make their own ball. The students will be making their own sockballs and using them to score goals for sponsorship. More information about this will follow in the coming weeks.

Bishops Religious Literacy Assessment (BRLA)

Students in Years 3 and 5 will complete the Bishops Religious Literacy Assessment (BRLA) this term. The BRLA is a curriculum-based assessment that reflects and supports the Religious Education units that are taught at St Thomas More. It does not measure a student's faith. The purpose of the assessment is to provide our school with a snapshot of student performance in Religious Education. Our school is able to use the data from this assessment to compare our school's knowledge of Religious Education with other students across Western Australia. The testing date for Year 3 will be Wednesday 4 August and for Year 5 will be Friday 6 August. If you have any questions about the assessment, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sacrament of Eucharist

The Sacrament of Eucharist will be celebrated at a special ceremony in our church on **Sunday 19 September at 10.00am**. Through the Sacrament of Eucharist, Jesus draws us closer to himself and to others. At the Last Supper, Jesus changed bread and wine into His body and blood, and we recognise and celebrate this during every Mass. The more frequently we celebrate the Eucharist with our Parish family, the more we are helped by Jesus to love others as they love themselves.

All students who are baptised and have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation are encouraged to register their interest in receiving the Sacrament by returning their enrolment forms as soon as possible. If you haven't received an enrolment form and would like one, please contact me.

Other important dates for the Sacrament of Eucharist are:

Thursday 26 August at 6pm - Parent / Child workshop

Sunday 12 September at 10am - Commitment Mass

Family Mass

On Sunday 12 September, we are encouraging as many families as possible to attend mass at 10.00am with our parish. Please stay afterwards for some shared morning tea. We look forward to seeing you then.

Have a wonderful week ahead.

Best wishes,

Mrs Nicolle Achmad

Assistant Principal



Congratulations!

**School Merit
Award Winners
Term 2,
Week 11**

Eva Jakimowicz (PP), Dominic Comrie (YR1), Anna Devine (YR1), Lucy Gatto (YR2), Zaneveer Arora (YR3),
Phoebe Hickman (YR4), Hugo Enright (YR5), Nate Poulsen (YR5), Eloise Ride (YR6)

Peer Support Program

Today, we began our Peer Support Program. Peer Support is a time where our Year 6 students lead sessions for those in Years 1 to 5 to meet and learn about each other and how they can work together cooperatively.

The Peer Support Program provides a fun and engaging environment for young people to address social issues. This term, the focus is on positive relationships, in particular the students will learn about themselves and each other, share their ideas and experiences, solve problems together and show understanding and support to others.

Peer Support will be held fortnightly on Thursdays after lunch. Groups will meet for 30 minutes and work with the same group for the remainder of the year. The Peer Support Program is part of St Thomas More Catholic Primary School's commitment to providing a safe and supportive school and developing skills that can be used throughout their lifetime.



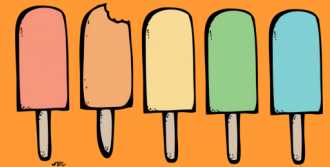
UNIFORM SHOP OPEN HOURS - MONDAYS FROM 1.30 - 3.00PM



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://stmcpss.wa.edu.au/> and go to the Communication tab to select Online Absentee.

The Tribute Tree will be running the third in our free Marine workshop series on 31 July.

“REEFS AND ROCKPOOLS” is again both an educational and creative opportunity for kids between ages 5 and 11 to explore their imaginings around the ocean and its various habitats.

Ngari Capes Marine ranger Eden Baxter will be talking about the creatures that inhabit these environments and show kids a collection of some of the creatures the sea has washed ashore. Following is a session of collage craft where kids will be collaging their imaginings of both rockpool and reef life out of patterned art paper, coloured fabrics, marine natural and waste products and adding also their own drawings or writings into the pastiched panels.

This workshop is also open to caregivers if they would like to attend. There is room for 1 adult per family.

Places are limited and bookings are essential

Contact georinakelly@westnet.com.au

Where: The Hive 3/24 Auger Way West

When: Saturday 31st July

Time: 1pm to 3.30pm.

All TT workshops are free but we rely on your donations to continue running them, so if you can ...

We look forward to seeing you! .



2021 ST
THOMAS MORE
QUIZ NIGHT

7PM START

BYO FOOD, DRINKS AVAILABLE AT BAR!
TABLES OF 10 - TICKETS ARE \$30/PERSON

SATURDAY 7TH AUGUST @ AUGUSTA
MARGARET RIVER FOOTBALL AND
NETBALL CLUB

THEME - DREAMING OF
SUMMER

Voice Lessons – Expression of Interest

Local professional musician and music teacher Michelle Spriggs will be offering voice lessons on a Tuesday during school hours next term.

Please see Mr Goodwin for a form to express interest.



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



Contact: Roberta Williams on 0429 651 450

Email: info@aquaticacademymargaretriver.com.au

Web: www.aquaticacademymargaretriver.com.au

SCHOOL SOCCER CLUBS

TERM 3 REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

AGE 5-9 WEDNESDAYS 3-4PM
STARTS BACK JULY 21ST
ST THOMAS MORE OVAL/UNDERCOVER AREA

LUKE@LJSOCCER.COM.AU
0490447819

\$69



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TUESDAYS 27th July - 14th Sept
YEARS: PP - Y6
3.00PM - 4.00PM
UNDERCOVER AREA

**\$70
FOR THE TERM**



SPORTS MAY INCLUDE:

**SOCCER
NETBALL
TENNIS
HOCKEY
KINGBALL
CRICKET**

**VOLLEYBALL
DODGEBALL
GLADIATORS
JAIL BREAK
BASKETBALL
HEAD CATCH**

CAPTURE THE FLAG

AFL

and many more!

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LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE SO BOOK
AHEAD TO ENSURE YOUR SPOT**

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- Receive a link via email to **ACTIVATE** your account before logging in
- **ADD STUDENT**, add your child's details, select their school and save to your account
- **ADD CREDIT** to your online wallet before ordering or pay as you go using credit or debit card
- Select **MEAL ORDER** and you're good to go

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- ✓ It was designed by parents, for parents, so it's easy to use and incredibly intuitive!
- ✓ One family, one account - you will have one unique and secure login to manage all your children's orders, even if they attend different schools. QuickCliq saves you time and gives you complete visibility over your family's needs.
- ✓ Tired of scrounging around for loose change every morning before your kids run off to school? With QuickCliq, lunch money is a thing of the past.
- ✓ We're giving control back to you over your children's diets. By ordering their lunch ahead of time, you can ensure they are eating healthy and balanced meals.
- ✓ QuickCliq was designed with mobile access in mind. Simply login to add credit and order, all from the convenience of your smartphone or tablet.
- ✓ To top up your account you have three options; Direct Debit / Credit Card / PayPal
 - Direct Debit - 0.50c transaction fee
 - The surcharge to add credit is 1.5%
 - The surcharge for PayPal is 3.8%
 - When placing an order there is a small booking fee per transaction per student.

Our Call Centre is here to assist your families with ordering online **Call 1300 11 66 37**

