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St Thomas More Catholic Primary School

Assistant Principal's Report

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A Prayer for Grandparents

God of love,

We thank you for our wonderful grandparents.

They bring such joy and happiness into our lives.

Thank you for all the special times that we have with them.

Please watch over them, protect them and care for them now.

May they know your goodness and love always.

Amen



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This week, Mr Wylie is attending the Catholic Primary Principals Association WA Conference in Perth, along with over 100 other Principals representing the four Dioceses in Western Australia. This conference is an opportunity for Mr Wylie to share ideas, learn about best practice in schools and hear from key-note speakers including Finnish education 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.

In Mr Wylie's absence this week, teaching and learning has continued in the exceptionally high standard we are accustomed to here at St Thomas More Catholic Primary School with wonderful opportunities for our students. On visiting the Year Two classroom this week, I was greeted with a creative hook for the Talk 4 Writing program. The Year Two teacher, Mrs Ross had set up a provocation to stir the imagination of the students for their narrative writing program. It involved a letter from a unicorn and an



array of fruit loops. I look forward to witnessing the writing that is produced during this unit of work.

This week, Matthew Chave from the Western Australian Football League (WAFL) conducted football skills sessions with our students in Years One to Six. We thank Mr McRae for organising this opportunity for our students.





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Term Three Catholic Values Focus - RESPECT

This term, our school value focus is **Respect**. We specifically promote respect for ourselves, respect for others and accept their differences, respect for the environment and respect for God.

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 through our daily interactions as well as through our Religious Education program and in the Keeping Safe program as part of the Health curriculum and our Peer Support program, 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.

Quiz Night

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

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.

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 began the Bishops Religious Literacy Assessment (BRLA) this week with the practice test on Tuesday and an equating test on Thursday. 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 can 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.

Transfiguration of the Lord Whole School Mass

Family and friends are invited to attend the Transfiguration of the Lord whole school mass, which will be led by our amazing Year 6 students, on Thursday 5 August at 9am in the church.

Margaret River Senior High School Information Evening

Parents of students in Years 4, 5 and 6 are invited to an information evening to be held here at St Thomas More Catholic Primary School on **Tuesday 3rd August 2021 at 6pm in the library**. The night is designed to provide future parents with information about the school and allow parents to ask questions.

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Sacrament of Eucharist

The Sacrament of Eucharist will be celebrated at a special ceremony in our church on **Sunday 19 September at 10am**, The Eucharist is one of seven Holy Sacraments. 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:

Tuesday 31 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 10am with our parish. Please stay afterwards for some shared morning tea. We look forward to seeing you then.

Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

Mrs Nicolle Achmad Assistant Principal







Maxime Lews (Y3), Matthew Craggs (Y5), Alba Robins (Y6)

Congratulations!

School Merit Award Winners Term 3, Week 1

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Thought of the Week



Parish Masses

St Thomas More Catholic Church Margaret River

- Saturday 6.00pm
- Sunday 10.00am

<u>Lumen Christi Catholic Church</u> <u>Augusta</u>

Sunday - 8.00am



Important Dates

Friday 30 July

8.45am Year 5 Assembly

Tuesday 3 August

11am Year 6 Reconciliation

Thursday 5 August

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

Friday 6 August

8.45am Merit Assembly

Saturday 7 August

7.00pm Quiz Night

Monday 9 August

9am Whole School Prayer Service—St Mary McKillop of the Cross (Led by Year 1)

Fri 13 August

9am Whole School Mass—Assumption of Mary (Led by Year 3)

Tues 17 August

11am Year 5 Reconciliation

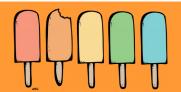
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UNIFORM SHOP OPEN HOURS - MONDAYS FROM 1.30 - 3.00PM



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 lcy 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.

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 georginakelly@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 con-

tinue running them, so if you can ...

We look forward to seeing you! .



7PM START BYO FOOD, DRINKS AVAILABLE AT BAR!

SATURDAY 7TH AUGUST @ AUGUSTA

TABLES OF 10 - TICKETS ARE \$30/PERSON

MARGARET RIVER FOOTBALL AND **NETBALL CLUB**

THEME - DREAMING OF SUMMER

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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

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