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The Vine



Principal's Report

Prayer for the Transfiguration of the Lord

*Loving Father,
at the Transfiguration You showed Jesus, your Beloved Son,
in magnificent glory, a glimpse of what His disciples would see in His risen life.
Bless us in our humanity, with an awareness of Your presence,
leading us to share in Your divine life even in our daily struggle.
Amen.*



Dear Parents and Caregivers,



Olympics Fever

Many of our classes are getting behind our Australian athletes as they compete for gold at the Tokyo Olympics. Some students are researching about some of the athletes, others have been finding more out about Japan and Tokyo and on Tuesday, many dressed in the Australian colours of green and gold to show support for the athletes and in particular Aran Zalewski who is the captain of the men's hockey team, the Kookaburras, and also an ex-student of St Thomas More. A video of our students showing their support was sent to Aran to cheer him on as they play for a Gold medal tonight.

CEWA Leaders Roadshow

Today, Mrs Achmad and myself are attending the Catholic Education Leaders' Roadshow in Bunbury, which provides an opportunity for leaders in the Bunbury Diocese to gather and share experiences, look at what is happening in current Catholic education and hearing about plans for improvement to ensure all students in Catholic schools receive a quality Catholic education. We look forward to coming back with some fresh perspectives and good understandings.

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Transfiguration of the Lord Mass

This morning, our Year 3-6 students joined together in the Library to celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. Unfortunately, due to some severe storm damage, the church is unavailable for our Masses, meaning the students had to celebrate in a smaller group at school. The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord is when Jesus went up the mountain with some of his disciples and his appearance was changed by a brilliant white light which shone from him and his clothing.

Our next two Masses will also be celebrated in the Library – next Monday to celebrate the Feast day of our Australia's first saint – St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, which will be led by our Year 1 class and also next Friday as we celebrate the Assumption of Mary, which will be led by our Year 3 class.

The Bishops' Religious Literacy Assessment

Students in Year 3 and Year 5 will be taking part in The Bishops' Religious Literacy Assessment (BRLA) this week. The purpose of the BRLA is to measure student learning of the content in the Religious Education curriculum. The assessment will be accessible to students online with Year 5 completing the assessment yesterday and Year 3 tomorrow.

Australian Census

The Australian census on 10 August 2021 will provide a snapshot of who Australians are and what is important to us. The census is a key tool that government uses to determine how organisations, schools, church ministries and community groups are prioritised, funded and empowered to best operate in our State. If your faith is important to you or if you identify with Christian values, please use your voice in the Australian census when asked your religion. This is an important opportunity to demonstrate the significance of faith-based families in our West Australian community and will support endeavours to secure equitable access to opportunities and resources.

St Mary MacKillop College Parent Information Meetings

On Thursday 12th August, there will be two information sessions for parents to find out more about St Mary MacKillop College, Busselton. The first session will be held at 2:00pm and the second at 6:00pm. Both meetings will be held in the Library. This is a good opportunity for parents to find out more about the College and have any questions answered. I encourage parents to make the most of this opportunity in finding out how you can best support your child's secondary education at a Catholic school.

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

Russell Wylie

Principal



**IMPORTANT
INFORMATION**

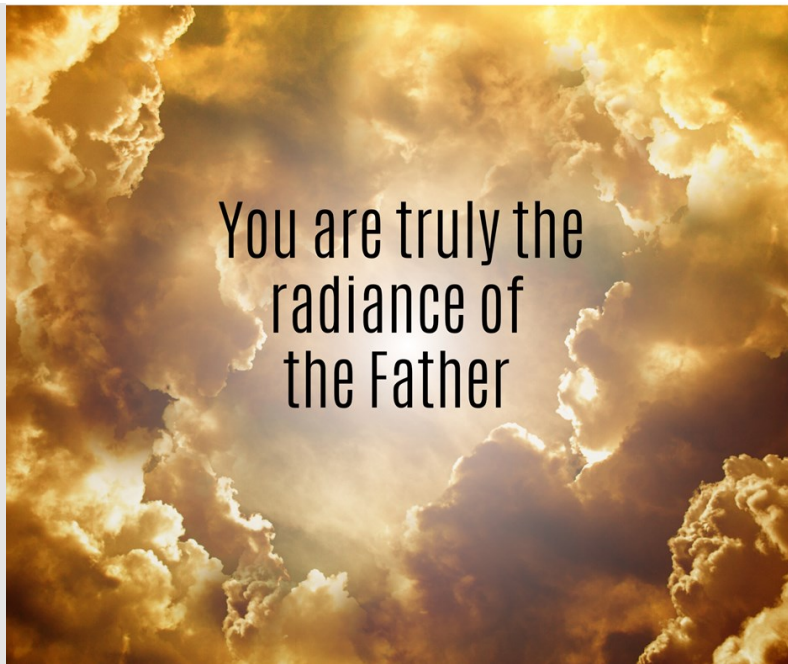
School Canteen

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



Parish Masses

St Thomas More Catholic Church
Margaret River

- Saturday - 6.00pm
- Sunday - 10.00am

Lumen Christi Catholic Church
Augusta

- Sunday - 8.00am



Friday 6 August
8.45am

Merit Assembly

Important Dates

Monday 9 August

9am

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

Thurs 12 August

2pm and 6pm

Parent Information sessions—St Mary MacKillop—Library

Fri 13 August

9am

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

Mon 16 August

6.30pm

Board Meeting

Wed 18 August

TBA

Kindy & PP Liturgy

Friday 20 August

8.45am

Year 4 Assembly

Monday 23 August

Whole Day

Pupil Free Day (Catholic Day)

Assistant Principal News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term Three Catholic Values Focus - RESPECT

This term, our school value focus is **Respect**. This term, 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.

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.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Prayer Service

All family and friends are invited to attend the St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Prayer Service, which will be led by our amazing Year 1 students, on Monday 9 August at 9.40am in the school library.

Sacrament of Eucharist

The Sacrament of Eucharist will be celebrated at a special ceremony in our church on **Sunday 19 September at 10.00am**. 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



Congratulations!

School Merit
Award Winners
Term 3,
Week 2

Archie Campbell, River Mackie, Caleb Fairbrass, Alby Cooke, Abbey Woodhouse, Brodie John, Connie Chilton, Lenox Hayward

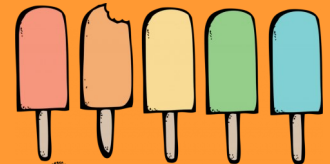
UNIFORM SHOP OPEN HOURS - MONDAYS FROM 1.30 - 3.00PM



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 Communication tab to select Online Absentee.

VacSwim enrolments now open!



Photo: Royal Life Saving WA

Primary school

Enrolments are now open for VacSwim swimming lessons during the October and summer school holidays. VacSwim offers fun lessons at beach or pool locations. They are a great school holiday activity and they teach valuable safety skills to help keep your child safe in the water.

Enrol at education.wa.edu.au/vacswim

 **Census**

19,791 jobs available

2021 Census Field Officer

\$25.41 per hour (incl 25% loading) + super
(Contract/Temporary)
Roles start from July 2021

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