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# St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



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The Vine



## Principal's Report

*Ever-present God,  
you gifted us with Mary MacKillop  
whose life inspires us to never lose hope.  
Build our confidence in your strengthening presence  
especially in the darkest moments of our lives.  
Be present with hope for those suffering trauma,  
injustice, illness and despair at this time in our world.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen*

Dear Parents and Caregivers,



### **Compassionate Communities**

Last Saturday, Laurissa Knowles, our school Chaplain, attended the South West Compassionate Communities 'Lets Build a Compassionate and Connected WA' Forum in Bunbury, along with Miss Flic and Year Six student Sophie Lane. Our Year 1 artwork was displayed, which focused on building friendships and connections within our school, and Sophie spoke about the ways St Thomas More develops compassion and wellbeing amongst its students, strategies for showing compassion and ways of dealing with grief. It was reported to me from the organiser that our presentation was the highlight of the day and our art display was outstanding, with amazing feedback also provided by those attending...so well done Sophie, Miss Knowles, Miss Flic, and our Year 1 students!

### **Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop**

On Monday, our Year 1 students were joined by the Year 2 class in a lovely Prayer Service in celebration of Australia's saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. They shared some information and prayers about Mary MacKillop and helped us remember why she became Australia's first saint. Mary MacKillop founded the Order of the Sisters of St Joseph, the founders of our school, when it was known as St Joseph's Convent School, back before we became St Thomas More Catholic Primary School in 1993. Mary MacKillop had a saying – 'Never see a need without doing something about it', which features in our school prayer. This certainly still stands true today, and something we continually try to reinforce with our students.

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### Assumption of Mary Mass

Tomorrow, the Year 3 class will be leading the Year 4-6 classes in Mass, as we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. This Holy Day of Obligation is an important feast day to honour the day that Blessed Virgin Mary was taken up to heaven, body and soul and will be officially celebrated on Sunday 15 August.

Unfortunately, due to some storm damage to the church, this Mass will be celebrated in the library following the Assembly.



### P&F

Our P&F are interested in having a Wine fundraiser this year. Ideally, they are looking for a Winery who would sell bottles (most likely in half dozens) to families, with a donation made to the P&F from the wine sales. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in supporting this, please contact Liz Dawson on [lizziedawson@bigpond.com](mailto:lizziedawson@bigpond.com) or leave a message at the office.

The P&F are also seeking donations for our upcoming Spring Fair. They are specifically looking for bottles of wine, Surprise Jars and donations to be used for raffle prizes. If you, or someone you know can help out, please contact the office or leave the donations at the school. Your support and help with this is greatly appreciated! The Spring Fair will be held on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

### Nola Marino

The P&F have also organised for Nola Marino to present a talk about Cybersafety and protecting children when they are online. This presentation will be held Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 6:00pm. So save this date in your diaries!

### St Mary MacKillop College Presentation

There will be a presentation by staff from St Mary MacKillop College tonight for any prospective parents who may be interested in finding out more about the College and what the school has to offer. This meeting will be held in the Library at 6:00pm.

### Catholic Day

A reminder to families that Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August is the staff's Catholic Day – a day provided to recognise the extra commitments of the staff. The school will be closed on this day.

### Principal Leave

I would like to inform you that I will be taking some Long Service Leave for the next two weeks to spend some time with my family. Mrs Nicolle Achmad will be the Acting Principal in my absence.

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



**Thurs 12 August**

2pm and 6pm Parent Information sessions—St Mary MacKillop—Library

**Fri 13 August**

9am Year 3 - 6 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)**

**Tuesday 24 August**

11am Year 5 Reconciliation

*Important Dates*

## Assistant Principal News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Prayer Service

Thank you to Year One for preparing a beautiful prayer service for St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Feast Day on Monday 9 August. Mary MacKillop was always a friend of Jesus. As a child, she saw how her own family suffered during really hard times. When she grew up, she tried to help other families in need, especially the children. Her dream was to set up a new family, the Sisters of Saint Joseph, to teach in schools and to help the poor and those who had no one to care for them. Pope Benedict XVI named Mary MacKillop Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

### The Assumption of Mary Mass

You are warmly invited to attend The Assumption of Mary mass being held at 9.15am tomorrow **Friday 13 August** in the school library, led by our amazing Year Three students.

### Kindy and Pre-Primary Liturgy

Our gorgeous Kindy and Pre-Primary students will be celebrating a Liturgy of the Word next **Wednesday 18 August** in the school library. Parents, grandparents, families, and friends are all welcome to attend.

### 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**



*Congratulations!*

**School Merit  
Award Winners  
Term 3,  
Week 3**

Lachlan Webb,

Grace Price ,

Paris Lowe

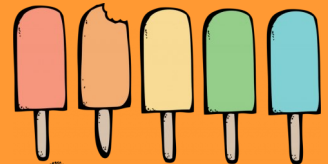
**UNIFORM SHOP OPEN HOURS - MONDAYS FROM 1.30 - 3.00PM**



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!

**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](http://education.wa.edu.au/vacswim)

**Census**

**19,791 jobs available**

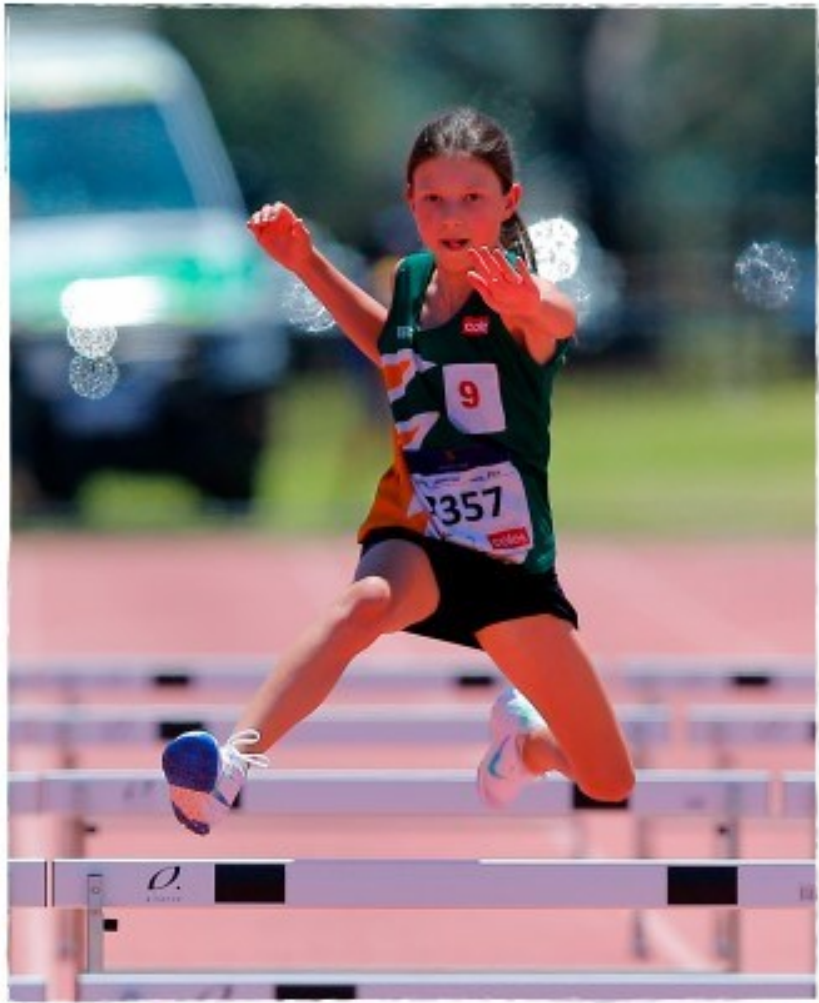
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