

26th August 2021

Issue 25

# St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



## Acting Principal's Report

*Loving God,*

*May we come to know that you love us unconditionally.  
May your unending kindness and love touch our hearts  
so that we may share your love with others.*

*We ask this through Christ the Lord.*

*Amen*



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*The Vine*



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This term we are focusing on the value of **RESPECT**. The purpose of focusing on the value of respect is to build students' understanding of how respect for others and for themselves is part of the foundation for healthy behaviours and healthy relationships. Some ways we are developing a culture of respect at our school are:

1. Finding time to pray together in the morning before school begins, before lunch and at the end of the day
2. Encouraging students to be grateful by saying please and thank you
3. Performing and acknowledging random acts of kindness to one another
4. Being present when someone is talking to us without the distraction of technology
5. Treating our bodies with respect, by encouraging students to participate in crunch and sip on a regular basis
6. Speaking to each other with words and tone that honours ourselves and others
7. Treating others, the way we want to be treated in speech, action, and attitude
8. Maintaining correct school uniform, including well-groomed hair
9. Caring for our environment by putting our rubbish in the bin and putting our personal belongings away

### Catholic Mission - Socktober

This term our school fundraising focus 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. The Catholic Mission focus this year is to learn about what life is like for children from Thailand, especially those from slum areas in Bangkok, and to take action to make a difference.

Our challenge this term is to join the Socktober Fundraising event. Our Socktober Day will be held on **Friday 10 September**. We will begin with a Prayer Service in the undercover area at 8.45am and then hold a Socktober Soccer Shootout competition on the oval. All parents, family and friends are welcome to attend.

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Pope Francis said that soccer teaches three lessons that can promote peace and solidarity around the world: the need to train and work hard to reach goals, the importance of fair play and teamwork, and the need to respect and honour opponents.

In class, students will be making a class soccer ball out of socks and scrap materials to highlight that children in developing countries sometimes do not have access to the kinds of soccer balls we have in Australia. It would be appreciated if you could please send to school with your child any materials that can be used to make a class sockball.

Classroom teachers will be setting up a class team page and then they will be sending a link home via email or Facebook so that parents can set up their child's account to be sponsored for the number of kicks they make at the Socktober Soccer Shootout competition. Thank you for supporting our fundraising focus this term.

### **Bishop's Jubilee**

Bishop Gerard will be celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination as a priest early next month. He was first ordained as a deacon, then a priest, and then in 2001, he was ordained as a bishop. In commemoration of this, we will be holding a prayer service, before our Year 3 assembly, on **Friday 3 September** in the undercover area at **8.40am**. All parents, family and friends are welcome to attend.

### **Father's Day Colour Run**

We invite ALL Dads to join in our Colour Run for Father's Day on Friday 3 September at 2.00pm to 3.00pm. Please bring or wear light-coloured clothes, wings, tutus, capes, sunglasses, goggles to wear and ensure you have a change of clothes or a towel for the car ride home.

A Sundowner will follow at 3.00pm. The P&F have organised for Domino's Pizza and soft drinks to be available to purchase.

Pizza needs to be pre-purchased online at <https://st-thomas-more-pf-association.square.site> by Wednesday 1 September.

### **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 6.00pm - Parent/Child Workshop
- Sunday 12 September at 10.00am - Commitment Mass

### **Learning Journeys**

On **Tuesday 7 September at 3.00pm to 5.00pm**, we will be having a Learning Journey afternoon. This is an opportunity for parents to come into the classroom and along with your child, look at the learning that has been taking place over the course of the term. Over the course of the evening, parents will be directed around the classroom by their child and will look at work that is up around the classroom, as well as work in books, on iPads or in other forms. Parents are also encouraged to visit other classrooms to have a look. This is a great opportunity to showcase all the wonderful things that are happening here at St Thomas More Catholic Primary School.

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**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.

Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

**MRS NICOLLE ACHMAD  
ACTING PRINCIPAL**

# Congratulations!

**School Merit Award Winners  
Term 3 - Week 5**



- Pre-Primary Beau McCorkill
- Year 1 Luca Laranjeiro
- Year 2 Benji Young
- Year 3 Mateo Laranjeiro
- Year 6 Maui Nicholls



**Friday 27th August**  
8.45am Merit Assembly

**Monday 30th August to Wednesday 1st September**  
Year 5 Camp

**Tuesday 31st August**  
11.00am Year 4 Reconciliation  
6.00pm Parent/Child Sacrament of Eucharist Information Night

**Friday 3rd September**  
8.45am Year 3 Assembly  
2.00pm to 3.00pm Father's Day Colour Run  
3.00pm Father's Day Sundowner

**Tuesday 7th September**  
3.00pm to 5.00pm Learning Journeys

## Important Dates

## Thought of the Week



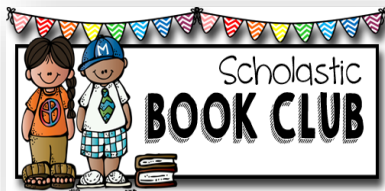
## Parish Masses

St Thomas More Catholic Church - Margaret River

- Saturday - 6.00pm
- Sunday - 10.00am

Lumen Christi Catholic Church - Augusta

- Sunday - 8.00am



**Issue 6** of Book Club was sent home today! Your orders and payments need to be returned to the school no later than **Thursday September 2.**

You can pay by either **Cash or Cheque** or you can use **Credit Card** through the **LOOP** online system.

Orders received after this date will **NOT** be processed. If you are paying by cheque please make all cheques payable to Scholastic Australia.

Thanking you for your co-operation.

Rita Willmott - Book Club Organiser

## 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.

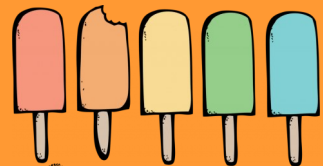
Forms can be downloaded off the school's website.

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



# STM CPS Cross-Country 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Our Cross-Country is rapidly approaching.

This will involve all students from Year 3 to 6. If you are able to help with marshalling or scoring please contact Mr McRae on 0410 029 646 or email [Cameron.mcrae@cewa.edu.au](mailto:Cameron.mcrae@cewa.edu.au)  
Details are below, we are looking forward to a fabulous day!

- Older students will run first with boys/girls races overlapping to save time.
- First and Second placegetters are awarded medals.
- Top 4 receive a ribbon.
- Top 5 have the opportunity to represent our school at an interschool event on 17<sup>th</sup> September, (some students who are absent from our event have already been timed).
- ALL STUDENTS WHO FINISH will gain valuable points for their faction.

## Time Frame:

ALL TIMES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE – GUIDE ONLY

1.10pm (Finish Lunch Early) Move to area behind Music Room

1.20pm Year 6 Boys

1.25pm Year 6 Girls

1.40pm Year 5 Boys

1.45pm Year 5 Girls

2.00pm Year 4 Boys

2.05pm Year 4 Girls

2.15pm Year 3 Boys

2.20pm Year 3 Girls

2.30pm Presentations/Pack Up

Uniform: Students will wear Sports Uniform (faction shirts) and running shoes (no bare feet).  
Coat/Jacket to keep warm.





**SCHOOL FETE 30 OCTOBER 2021**

**10AM - 2PM**

# **WE NEED YOUR HELP**

**DID YOU KNOW THAT THE SCHOOL FETE IS OUR BIGGEST FUNDRAISER AND PROVIDES WONDERFUL ITEMS TO OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIKE EQUIPMENT AND PLAYGROUNDS?**

## **WHAT CAN YOU DO?**

**In order to hold this day, we rely on parents, friends and the community to volunteer some time to plan, prepare and run the day.**

**Attend meetings to share ideas, plan, organise and arrange activities, events and stall**

**Plan, organise and arrange food and drinks**

**Volunteer on the day, maybe an hour, maybe two, maybe more (your choice)**

**Set up, pack down,**

**Arrange sponsorship**

**Invite family and friends to the day**

**Spread the word**

**Sell wristbands before and after school**



**These are just a few examples of the tasks involved to organise and run our wonderful fete day, it cannot be done without LOTS of help!**

**WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM ANYONE WILLING TO CONTRIBUTE IN ANY WAY.**

**Please email or text [catherinechilton@icloud.com](mailto:catherinechilton@icloud.com) | 0419 323 877**

**Thanks heaps in anticipation!**

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)

# VacSwim enrolments now open!





# betterhealthprogram

healthy active happy kids



## FREE FUN KIDS PROGRAM!

The Better Health Program is a 10 week healthy lifestyle program for kids aged 7-13 who are above a healthy weight.

FREE t-shirt, bag, drink bottle and other give aways

Learn simple ways to eat healthier foods everyday

Get fit playing fun games and activities

Meet new friends and have fun!

## REGISTER NOW!

Call: 1300 822 953 SMS: 0409 745 645

[www.betterhealthprogram.org](http://www.betterhealthprogram.org)



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