

St Thomas More Catholic Primary School

Principal's Report

A Prayer for Father's Day

Heavenly Father, Today we ask You to bless our fathers for the many times they reflected the love, strength, generosity, wisdom and mercy that You exemplify in Your relationship with us, Your children

Give our fathers the grace to acknowledge and learn from their mistakes. Give us the grace to extend to them the same forgiveness that you offer us all.

Help us to resist the urge to stay stuck in bitterness, instead, moving forward with humility and peace of heart.

We ask your blessing on those men who served as father figures in our lives when our biological fathers weren't able to do so.

May the love and selflessness they showed us be returned to them in all their relationships, and help them to know that their influence has changed us for the better.

Give new and future fathers the guidance they need to raise happy children, grounded in a love for God and other people and remind these fathers that treating their wives with dignity, compassion and respect is one of the greatest gifts they can give their children.

We pray for the fathers who have passed into the next life have been welcomed into Your loving embrace, and that our family will one day be reunited in your heavenly kingdom.

In union with St. Joseph, whom you entrusted with Your Son, we ask for Your generous blessings today and every day. Amen



Dear Parents and Caregivers,



Year 5 Camp

The Year 5 class travelled up to the Catholic Youth Camp in Busselton for a 3 day camp to learn more about our local area, the environment and conservation, and to also develop leadership skills and some independence. It was wonderful to witness the way these students challenged themselves, developed deeper friendships and interact so positively with members of the wider community. They represented our school incredibly well and I believe were able to take many learning opportunities away during this time. A huge thank you to Mrs Teague for the way she organised this camp and gave up time (and sleep) to ensure this was a great success. Also many thanks to Kris Innes for driving the bus and helping out and Kim Maguire for her time in assisting on this camp.

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Father's Day

We look forward to our Year 3 students presenting their Assembly and Liturgy tomorrow morning. All families are welcome to come along to witness the spectacular that the Year 3 students will put on. Assembly will start at 8:45am.

Also tomorrow, we will be having a Colour Run followed by a Sundowner to celebrate Father's Day. All dads are encouraged to come along and run alongside their children and embrace the colour that is thrown upon them by the spectators. The children may change into light coloured clothes for this run, but I strongly encourage them to bring along a towel to use after so they can get changed back into their Sport's uniform before going home, particularly those children catching busses. Children who remain in their school uniform will not be permitted to run. The Colour Run will commence at 2:00pm on the oval.

Following the Colour Run, the P&F will be holding a Sundowner to celebrate the Dads. Parents may bring their own drinks and pizzas will be provided for those who have placed an order. We look forward to seeing lots of families come along to celebrate this event for Father's Day.

Learning Journey and Open Night

We will be having a Learning Journey and Open Night on Tuesday 7 September from 3:05 – 5:30pm. This is an opportunity for parents to come in and talk with their child about the learning that has been taking place and look at some of the work produced this term. It is also a great opportunity to pop into other classrooms and see what has been happening. We look forward to seeing lots of families coming along to this night.

School Cross Country

Next Friday, the Year 3 - 6 students will be participating in our Faction Cross Country carnival. The children have been practising for this and we look forward to seeing them in action. The event kicks off at 1:20pm with our Year 6 Boys event and should conclude by about 2:30pm. We invite parents and friends to come along and cheer the students on in this carnival. The top 5 students from each event will then go on to represent our school at the Interschool Carnival on Friday 17th September. If there are any parents who may be able to help out for this carnival, please contact Mr McRae on cameron.mcrae@cewa.edu.au or contact the office.



Uniforms

A gentle reminder to families to please ensure your children are dressed in the correct uniform each day. This includes correct shoes and socks, no jewellery and hair that is longer than shoulder-length tied up. There is a lot of lost property with no names on it at the moment, particularly lots of jumpers. To save money, please ensure your child's name is clearly written on uniform pieces to facilitate an easy return to your child.

Catholic Education of WA QCE Awards - Peoples Choice!

We have entered our Wellness Week initiative to the Catholic Education of WA QCE Awards for 2021.

All entries will be showcased in the coming months as examples of excellence in Catholic Education. Award winners will be chosen by a panel of judges and announced on Friday, 15 October.

The People's Choice Award is open for voting now and gives CEWA school communities the opportunity to have their say in the awards. I encourage our parents and families to please vote for our school.

Voting for the People's Choice award will close on Sunday, 12 September.

Head to <https://awards.cewa.edu.au/nomination/tommy-more-wellness-week/> where you can cast your vote.

Family Mass

Next Sunday 12 September, there will be a Family Mass held at St Thomas More church. We invite all families to come along and celebrate the Eucharist together as one Christian family. Students will be doing the readings and be more fully participating in the Mass. The celebration will commence at 10:00am. We hope to see you come along!

I wish all Fathers, Grandfathers, Uncles and Significant men in the lives of the children a wonderful Father's Day on Sunday. Have a fantastic week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

RUSSELL WYLIE
PRINCIPAL

Assistant Principal News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This term we are focusing on the value of **RESPECT**.

Respect is the overall esteem you feel toward a person. You can also feel respect for a specific quality of a person.

Self-respect is being able to say, "I am worthy; I matter," and therefore, you have the confidence to stand behind what you say and value yourself enough to care for your spirit and body.

Self-respect and respect go together, such as being present when someone is talking to us without distraction or speaking to others with words and tone that honours ourselves and others. Respectful conversations can come easily to some of us and not to others. Easy conversation stems from an interest in and curiosity about the other person, about what he or she is doing, and/or about a shared interest.

See the reading below for some interesting thoughts on how to have a respectful conversation:

<http://www.whatithinkabout.com/conversation-skills-tips-how-to-have-a-good-conversation/>

Seasonal Worker Community Connections Programme

The Seasonal Worker Programme assists Australian employers to meet critical seasonal labour needs in the Margaret River region. Workers from Vi-Vanuatu, Tonga and Timor-Leste have been an active part of our Parish for the past 9 months. They will be singing at St Thomas More Catholic Church this Sunday, September 5 at 11.00am to raise money for their community and families are encouraged to attend.



Catholic Mission - Socktober

Thank you to the families who have supported our school fundraising focus this term and signed up their child's account for Socktober. This term our school will be participating in the Socktober Soccer Shootout Competition, raising awareness and much needed funds 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.

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.

Bishop's Jubilee

Bishop Gerard will be celebrating the 50th 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, our Year Three students will be leading us in a prayer service tomorrow **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 2.15pm to 3.00pm. Please bring or wear light coloured clothes, wings, tutus, capes, sunglasses, goggles 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 to be delivered at 5.00pm and soft drinks to be available to purchase. Pizza orders have now closed. We look forward to a fun-filled event!



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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 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 of Eucharist by returning their enrolment forms as soon as possible. If you haven't received an enrolment form and would like one, please contact me.

The Commitment Mass will be held next Sunday 12 September at 10.00am.

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 visit their child's classroom and along with their 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 a great opportunity to showcase all the wonderful things that are happening here at St Thomas More Catholic Primary School.

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 Nicole Achmad
Assistant Principal



Congratulations!

School Merit Award Winners

Term 3

Week 6

Year 2	Jax French
Year 3	Leo Metcalfe
Year 4	Sam O'Beirne
Year 5	Archer Roberts
Year 6	Cooper Kenyon

Friday 3rd September

8.45am

2.15pm to 3.00pm

3.00pm

Year 3 Assembly and Liturgy

Father's Day Colour Run

Father's Day Sundowner

Important Dates

Sunday 5th September

Father's Day

Tuesday 7th September

9.00am

Whole School Prayer Service - Nativity of Mary - Led by Year 2

Thought of the Week



“A father is neither an anchor to hold us back nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way.”

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IMPORTANT

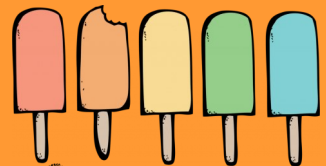
Please note that there will be **NO** School Canteen Lunch Orders on Friday September 24.

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.

STMCPSS Cross-Country Carnival 10th September 2021

Our Cross-Country Carnival 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
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 17th 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

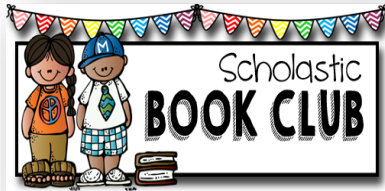
2.15pm Year 3 Boys

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.





Issue 6 of Book Club closes today! Orders received after today will **NOT** be processed.

Thanking you for your co-operation.
Rita Willmott - Book Club Organiser

ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH

supporting the

SALVATION ARMY COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

for the SEASONAL WORKERS PROGRAM

invites the Margaret River Community Members

to the Tongan Choir Father's Day Fund Raising



When : Sunday September 5th 2021 - 11.00a.m to 11.30a.m

Where: St. Thomas More Catholic Church

RSVP: Tika Baxter on 0437 573 159

MARGARET RIVER JUNIOR BASKETBALL ASSOC.

Registration Link;
<http://bit.ly/MRBA2021>



U9 (Y1/2)

U11 (Y3/4)

U13 (Y5/6)

U15 (Y7/8)

U17 (Y9/10)

U20 (Y11/12 & GAP YR BORN 2002)

KS KIDSPORT

MRBA proudly a KidSport Club

mrjuniorbasketball@westnet.com.au

Registrations close 20th September 2021



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 stalls

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 | 0419 323 877

Thanks heaps in anticipation!



LET'S PLAY CRICKET

Find a program near you!
play.cricket.com.au

Play Cricket Cowaramup

Tuesday 7 September – 3.30-4.30pm

Cowaramup Cricket Oval

Come down and discover cricket at Cowaramup Cricket Club to see what's happening this summer!

Experience our programs in our FREE session with some Perth Scorchers giveaways.

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WEEK 1
TUES 28TH SEPT - FRI 1ST OCT
WEEK 2
MON 4TH OCT - FRI 8TH OCT
9AM - 3PM

SPORTS INCLUDE:

SOCCER	VOLLEYBALL
NETBALL	DODGEBALL
TENNIS	GLADIATORS
HOCKEY	JAIL BREAK
KINGBALL	BASKETBALL
CRICKET	HEAD CATCH
CAPTURE THE FLAG	AFL

and many more!

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