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The Vine



Principal's Report

Prayer For First Holy Communion Candidates

Lord Jesus Christ, bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time this Sunday.

May this day be the step toward a life-long love of the Eucharist.

Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.

Thank you for their innocence and goodness.

May their hands, extended in anticipation of your body and blood, inspire all of us to cherish this sacred Sacrament.

Amen.



Dear Parents and Caregivers,



Faction Cross Country Carnival

Last Friday, our Year 3 to 6 students took part in our Faction Cross Country carnival. This is a tough event for our students, with them running over a kilometre in each event. It is a race that requires the students to show determination, resilience and perseverance. I was extremely impressed with the way the competitors demonstrated this and were able to finish the race. Congratulations to our year level winners – **Cahn Sheridan** and **Samara O'Brien** from Year 6, **Brodie John** and **Ava Innes** from Year 5, **Tom Miller** and **Laila Townsend** from Year 4 and **Diandrei Langridge** and **Grace Price** from Year 3. Overall, **Richardson** were the winning faction. Well done to everyone who earned points for their faction!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents that helped out in some way during the carnival – whether it be scoring, helping on the course or just cheering on the students. Without your help, events like these can't take place. Many thanks also to Mr Cameron McRae for all his hard work behind the scenes.

We wish 40 of our Year 2-6 students all the very best tomorrow, as they compete in the Interschool Cross Country carnival, held at Gloucester Park. Competing against 8 other schools, the Tommy More students have traditionally done well, so we hope all the training pays off. Good luck!

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Sacrament of Eucharist

Today, our Year 4 students attended a retreat at Lumen Christi church in Augusta to deepen their knowledge of the gift Jesus gave us through the Eucharist, as they prepare to receive this Sacrament on **Sunday, 19 September at 10.00am**. They participated in a number of activities allowing them time to reflect, collaborate and share their understanding. We wish these students all of God's blessings as they come to fully know Jesus for the very first time on Sunday.

Kindy Enrolments

A reminder to families that we are currently taking Kindy enrolments for next year and places are beginning to fill up. If you, or someone you know would like an enrolment package, please visit our website or pop into the office. This includes existing families who wish to enrol a sibling.

Uniform

Thank you to those parents who continue to send their child in the correct school uniform each day. It certainly allows the children to feel a part of something in a respectful way, being able to have pride in the way St Thomas More is represented. Please try to ensure your child does wear the correct shoes to school each day, only one pair of earrings, long hair tied up and the correct school jumper, rather than a sports jackets or raincoat with the Winter uniform. As we move into Term 4, students are required to wear the Summer uniform, so parents may want to start thinking about organising this before the end of term. Order forms are available on our Website or from the office. The Uniform Shop is open on a Monday afternoon from 1.30 to 3.15pm.

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

RUSSELL WYLIE

Parish Masses

St Thomas More Catholic Church - Margaret River

- Saturday - 6.00pm
- Sunday - 10.00am

Lumen Christi Catholic Church - Augusta

- Sunday - 8.00am



IMPORTANT

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

Assistant Principal News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

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

This week, our social justice leaders will be searching for 'Values Ambassadors', where students who are recognised as showing respect for others and themselves will be given a raffle ticket. At our Week 9 and 10 assembly, one or two children from each class will be selected and will receive a RESPECT Badge to wear.



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. All money raised will go to support the important work that Catholic Mission does.



Sacrament of Eucharist

I went on a Sacrament of Eucharist Retreat today with Mr McRae, Ms Knowles and our Year Four students as they prepare to receive the Sacrament for the first time this Sunday 19 September at 10.00am. We keep these students in our prayers: Dominic Brawls, Tom Miller, Elaiza Montalban, Alex Nganga, West O'Brien, Joshua Wynd and Hayden Wynd.

Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

MRS NICOLLE ACHMAD
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Thought of the Week

A PRAYER FOR
FIRST COMMUNION

MAY YOU ALWAYS
know the
PEACE OF JESUS,
the **LIGHT** of
HIS LOVE

& the joy
of His
LIFE
Within You.

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Congratulations!

School Merit Award Winners

Term 3

Week 8



- Year 2 Kitson Bucat
- Year 3 Diandrei Langridge
- Year 4 Rhianna Montalban
- Year 6 Digby Bucat

- Friday 17th September**
8.45am Merit Assembly
- Sunday 19th September**
10.00am Sacrament of Eucharist
- Monday 20th September**
6.30pm School Board Meeting
- Tuesday 21st September**
Recess Year 6 Market Day
- Friday 24th September**
8.45am Merit Assembly
- LAST DAY OF TERM 3**

Important Dates

STMCPS Cross-Country

Our faction Cross-Country event has been run and won! A massive thankyou to all competitors for their amazing effort. I would also like to particularly thank all the parent volunteers who gave up their time to help with marshalling and scoring. Well done to Richardson for winning the event and Sorahan on being runners-up.

Congratulations also to the following winners and runners-up for each event:

- Year 6 Boys: Cahn Sheridan and Harry Scott
- Year 6 Girls: Samara O'Brien and Alba Robins

- Year 5 Boys: Brodie John and Nate Poulsen
- Year 5 Girls: Ava Innes and Edith Davy

- Year 4 Boys: Tom Miller and Josh Wynd
- Year 4 Girls: Laila Townsend and Neve Fox

- Year 3 Boys: Diandre Langridge and Jesse Kucan
- Year 3 Girls: Grace Price and Ila Yee-Wilson

Tomorrow, we will be taking our school Cross-Country team to compete in an interschool event.
Good luck to all involved



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.

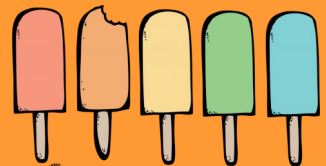
Forms can be downloaded off the school's website.

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.



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 | 0419 323 877

Thanks heaps in anticipation!

New library e-resources: Comics Plus

New e-resource now available with your library membership! Comics Plus – all the manga, graphic novels and comics you've been waiting for. Access the full range, or just the kid-friendly Children's Library (which excludes the adult content).





Children's Library Full range

Access FREE with your library card

Visit the Library website
<https://amrlibraries.com/>

or scan QR code for instant access



CONCERT

Blackwood Valley Voices
a selection of popular Italian songs

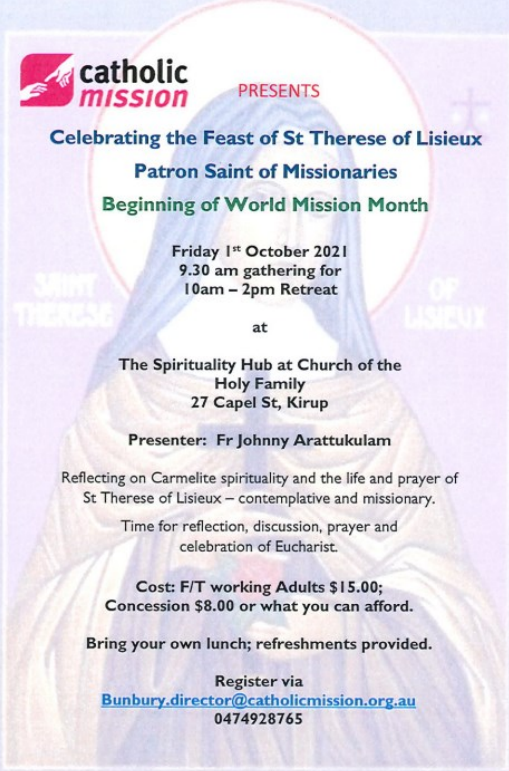
Arrive 3.30pm for 4pm start
Tuesday (after Quiet Day) 21st September

The Spirituality Hub at Holy Family Church
27 Capel Street, Kirup

Cost: Donation toward the upkeep of Holy Family Church Kirup.

Light refreshment provided.

Further details contact Deborah 0474928765



catholic mission PRESENTS

Celebrating the Feast of St Therese of Lisieux
Patron Saint of Missionaries
Beginning of World Mission Month

Friday 1st October 2021
9.30 am gathering for
10am – 2pm Retreat

at

The Spirituality Hub at Church of the Holy Family
27 Capel St, Kirup

Presenter: Fr Johnny Arattukulam

Reflecting on Carmelite spirituality and the life and prayer of St Therese of Lisieux – contemplative and missionary.

Time for reflection, discussion, prayer and celebration of Eucharist.

Cost: F/T working Adults \$15.00;
Concession \$8.00 or what you can afford.

Bring your own lunch; refreshments provided.

Register via
Bunbury.director@catholicmission.org.au
0474928765



LEARN HOW TO SUPPORT SOMEONE WHO IS FEELING SUICIDAL

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training will teach you practical skills to support someone who is feeling suicidal. Make a real difference to people in your community.

MHFA TRAINING BENEFITS

KNOWLEDGE

Improves knowledge of mental illnesses, treatments and first aid actions.

CONFIDENCE

Increases confidence in providing first aid.

DE-STIGMATISING

Decreases stigmatising attitudes.

SUPPORT

Increases the support provided to others.

"A really great course that has given me confidence and practical strategies to support a person with mental health challenges. I have already recommended this course to pretty much everyone I know." - George



LEARN PRACTICAL FIRST AID SKILLS

- Recognise the signs that someone may be suicidal
- Help the person stay safe
- Connect people to professional and other supports, and
- Respond in a crisis situation

This is a 4-hour educational course, not a therapy or support group.



HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Email: libertyartsaustralia@gmail.com

DATES 4th November 2021

TIMES 9am - 1pm approx

COST \$70

VENUE AMRShire Margaret River

FACILITATOR/S
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