

# St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



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# The Vine



## Principal's Report

*Lord I give you my mouth, help me to speak from the heart  
Lord I give you my hands, help me to give, receive and build  
Lord I give you my eyes, help me to see what is going on  
Lord I give you my ears, help me to listen for cries of help  
Lord I give you my feet, help me to make the effort to get to people  
Lord I give you my heart, help me to show love  
Lord you love us so much, help us to remember that  
by using our heart it keeps others heart's alive with love.  
Amen*



Dear Parents and Caregivers,



### Book Week

It was so wonderful to see the children dressed up as characters from their favourite books on Tuesday. I was super impressed with how many students (and teachers) got involved with this. With the theme of 'Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds', it was wonderful to see so many students think about the importance of reading books and the places reading a book can take you. Our Book Fair was a great success, and I thank both parents and students in supporting this. The sale of these books helps the school to purchase new books for our library.

### Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons will commence for students in Pre-Primary to Year 6 next Monday. Students are asked to wear their bathers under their school uniform each day. Students are not permitted to come to school in thongs – please ensure the children continue to wear correct footwear as they arrive and depart school. They may bring thongs or sandals to change into before they walk over to the pool for their lesson. Please ensure your child's name is on all items, including all clothing items and goggles. See further in the newsletter for more details.

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## Spring Fair

Hopefully you have all blocked your diaries out for Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October between 10:00am and 2:00pm to come along to our Spring Fair. We look forward to seeing many of our families, parishioners and community members coming along to support this great event. The Fair committee and P&F have been working tirelessly to ensure our fair is successful in not only raising some money for our school but in encouraging a sense of community within the Margaret River area, all the while promoting our school. Remember to tell your friends or people you bump into on the street to come along. We are still accepting donations of wine and Surprise Jars for our stalls. This can be left at the office. Other donations that can be used for raffle prizes can also be left at the office. We thank you for your support!!

### Uniform

As we are about to enter Week 3 of the term, I would like to remind parents that the grace period for students to be wearing the correct uniforms will end. Please ensure your children are dressed in the correct Summer Uniform each day. The Uniform shop is open on Mondays from 1:30 – 3:00pm or orders can be placed on a form and handed into the office. Order forms can also be emailed through to Rita Willmott on [rita.willmott@cewa.edu.au](mailto:rita.willmott@cewa.edu.au) We appreciate parents supporting our Uniform Policy and ensuring your child is dressed correctly each day.

### Kindy Enrolments

We are currently accepting applications for Kindy next year. If you, or someone you know has a child who should be enrolling in Kindy for 2022, please download an application form from our website: [www.stmcps.wa.edu.au](http://www.stmcps.wa.edu.au) or contact the office on 9757 3544.

### Are You Leaving?

If you are intending not returning to St Thomas More in 2022, we need to know so that we have the most accurate numbers possible to do our budget planning which will be taking place soon. If you could let us know by phoning us or sending through an email it would be greatly appreciated.

### School Fees

As we near the end of the school year, I would like to remind parents that school fees need to be paid by the end of November. May I ask that if you are not on a Direct Debit, that school fees are paid promptly. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead and invite you to come along to our Year 2 Assembly tomorrow morning at 8:45am.

Peace and best wishes,

**RUSSELL WYLIE**  
**PRINCIPAL**



### Dental Screening

Dental screening of all Pre-Primaries, Years 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 students will be carried out by the Area Dental Officer and her staff on Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> of November at the school. This is a very simple check of the growth and development of the jaws and identifies urgent cases. This is only for children enrolled with our service.

If you have any queries please email [Rapidslandingdttc@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:Rapidslandingdttc@health.wa.gov.au) or call 9757 8211 between 8.00am and 4.00pm Monday to Friday.

### Rapids Landing DTC Dental Health Services

C/- Rapids Landing Primary School, 42 Tonkin Boulevard, MARGARET RIVER 6280

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*Our Vision: Excellence in health care for our community*

## Assistant Principal News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you for supporting the Book Fair this week. Your purchases will support building our library resources. We had so much fun at the Book Fair parade on Tuesday morning. It was great to see most students dressed as their favourite character from a book. The variety of characters too, was incredible. It just goes to show that the love of reading for our students is certainly alive!



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

This term, instead of offering rewards for being generous, there will be an appreciation station set-up outside the staffroom where students will be encouraged to write notes to teachers, staff and other students expressing their gratitude to them. We will give the notes to the teachers and staff at our **World Teacher's Day Morning Tea on Friday 29 October**.

### **SWIMMING LESSONS**

Our annual swimming lessons will begin on Monday 25 October and will continue to Friday 5 November. Our Faction Swimming Carnival and Swim Fun Day will be held on **Friday 12 November**.

Please ensure:

- All items of clothing, including towel have your child's name clearly marked.
- Children are to bring a waterproof pair of shoes (e.g. thongs) to school that can be worn to the Recreation Centre so their uniform, sports shoes and socks remain dry at school.
- Students can wear their sport uniform to school each day if they choose to.
- Children are to wear bathers under their uniform and bring a change of underwear in a plastic bag for after their lesson.
- The use of swimming goggles is encouraged.
- All students are ambassadors of our school, so the highest standard of behaviour and manners is expected.
- Pre-Primary and Year 2 students depart school for their lesson at 8.50am sharp. Students must be at school on time. If students arrive late, it is the parent's responsibility to escort them to the pool.
- It is advised on swimming days to ensure that your child has a hearty breakfast to ensure they have enough energy to last them the day.

### **SWIMMING TIMETABLE – Term 4, 2021**

Every day in Week 3 and 4			
	Class	Time	Depart School
SESSION 1	Pre-Primary/Year 2	9.00am	8.50am
SESSION 2	Year 1	9.45am	9.35am
SESSION 3	Year 3/Year 4	10.30am	10.20am
SESSION 4	Year 5	11.30am	11.20am
SESSION 5	Year 6	12.15pm	12.05pm

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### **CONSTABLE CARE**



Constable Care delivered two performances to our students today. The first performance was for Pre-Primary to Year 3 students, written in partnership with St John Ambulance WA, titled First Aid Heroes. Students explored the topic of First Aid, introduced to DRSABC and were taught how to help in an emergency. The other performance was for Year 4 to Year 6 students, titled Frenemies. This was an interactive Forum Theatre session for students to explore bullying and developing healthy friendships.



### **FINAL SPRING FETE MEETING**

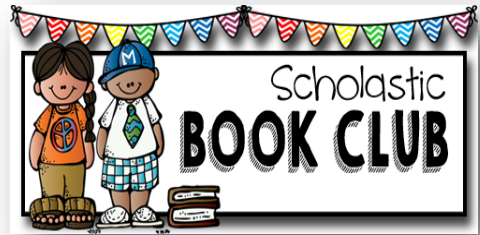
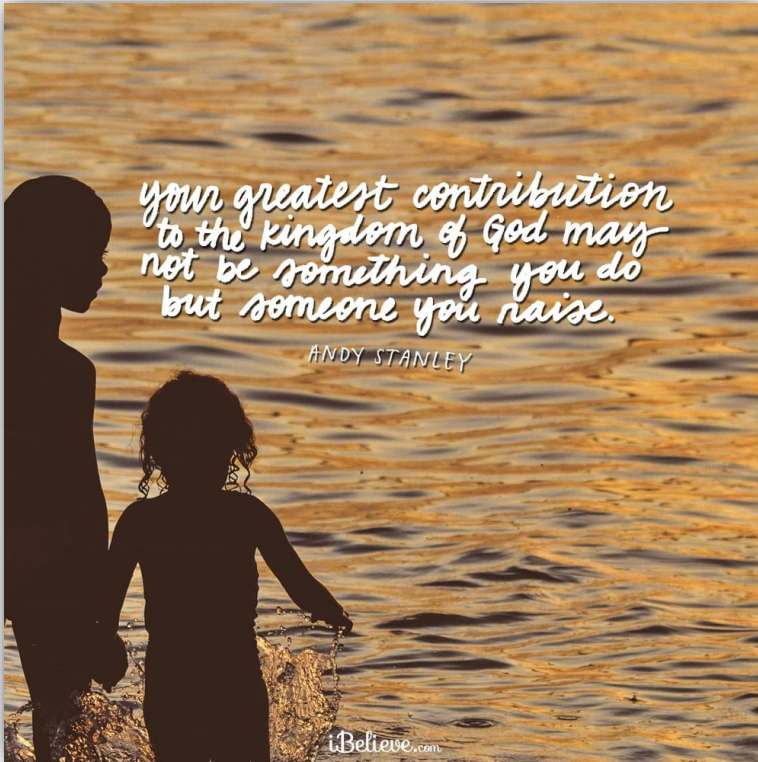
Our final Spring Fair meeting before our big event will not be held this afternoon but will be held next Thursday 28 October at 3.00pm in the library. All class representatives are asked to attend this meeting please.

Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

**Mrs Nicolle Achmad**  
**Assistant Principal**

**Thought of the Week**



**Issue 7** of Book Club was sent home earlier this week! Your orders and payments need to be returned to the school no later than **Friday October 22. (Tomorrow)**

**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

# Congratulations!

**School Merit Award Winner**  
**Term 4 - Week 1**



Year 6      Jed Bucat

**Parish Masses**

St Thomas More Catholic Church - Margaret River

- Saturday - 6.00pm
- Sunday - 10.00am

Lumen Christi Catholic Church - Augusta

- Sunday - 8.00am



**Friday 22nd October**  
 8.45am      Year 2 Assembly

**Monday 25th October**  
**Swimming Lessons Commence**

**Tuesday 26th October**  
 11.00am      Year 6 Reconciliation

**Wednesday 27th October**  
 10.00am      Year 5 Liturgy - in the Library

**Friday 29th October**  
**World Teacher's Day**  
 9.00am      Whole School Mass - All Saints Day - Led by Year 1

**Saturday 30th October**  
 10.00am - 2.00pm      Spring Fair

## Important Dates

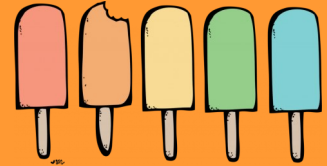
## UNIFORM SHOP OPEN HOURS - MONDAYS FROM 1.30 - 3.00PM



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.

### VacSwim enrolments now open!



Enrolments are now open for VacSwim swimming lessons during the 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)

The Tribute Tree is now taking bookings for our October workshop.

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October reptile expert and educator Phil Schenberg from S/W Reptile Rescues and Education will be talking to kids about our native reptiles, their behaviours and their habitats, and he will be bringing with him some of those reptiles to display and for hands-on experience. At S/W Reptile Rescues and Education they rehabilitate sick and injured reptiles, conduct K9 reptile avoidance training, run educational programs, and public displays at shows and events. And in this workshop Phil is offering kids in Margaret River the opportunity to learn about our native reptiles and experience them up close.

As usual in our workshops, Phil's presentation will be followed by a craft activity. This will be suitable for children ages 7 and up.

Venue: Chapel Gallery, Community Centre

Time: 9.30 to 11.30am

Cost: Free but donations very welcome

Bookings are essential.

Contact Georgina at [georginakelly@westnet.com.au](mailto:georginakelly@westnet.com.au)





**ST THOMAS MORE PRIMARY SCHOOL  
INVITES YOU TO THEIR**

# **SPRING FAIR**

**30 OCTOBER 2021 | 10:00 AM - 2.00PM  
30 WALCLIFFE ROAD, MARGARET RIVER**

**ROCK CLIMBING WALL / TRAMPOLINES /  
BOUNCY CASTLES / FACE PRINTING /  
DISCO TENT / CAKES / BBQ / COFFEE /  
ICE CREAM / LIVE MUSIC / HOLE IN  
ONE + LOTS MORE STALLS !!**

**ADMISSION: FREE**



# MBA

SPORTS COACHING

## ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL MULTI SPORTS

FUN  
HEALTHY  
&  
INCLUSIVE

PRIZES  
& AWARDS  
TO BE  
WON!

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

TUESDAYS 19TH OCT - 7TH DEC  
YEARS: PP - Y6  
3.00PM - 4.00PM  
UNDERCOVER AREA

\$70  
FOR THE TERM



### GAMES & ACTIVITIES WILL BE BASED AROUND THE FOLLOWING SPORTS

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

*and many more!*

**PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE  
LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE SO BOOK  
AHEAD TO ENSURE YOUR SPOT**

ALL BOOKINGS TO BE MADE THROUGH:  
[www.mbasportscoaching.com](http://www.mbasportscoaching.com)

**tel: 0467 180 535**

email: [southwest@mbasportscoaching.com](mailto:southwest@mbasportscoaching.com)







## Busselton Margaret River Junior Cricket Association Cricket Blast



With programs to suit all ages, all abilities, mixed teams, and all girl's options, there are programs to suit everyone.

### Discover how cricket has changed to include

- ✓ Shorten game times
- ✓ Weeknight options
- ✓ Modified ground sizes
- ✓ Everyone gets to bat, bowl and field
- ✓ Play with your friends
- ✓ Being active and developing your skills

Visit [www.play.cricket.com.au](http://www.play.cricket.com.au) and search for your local club and discover the programs they offer.

Cowaramup Cricket Club
Dunsborough Cricket Club
Georgiana Molloy Anglican School
Margaret River Cricket Club
St Mary's Cricket Club
Vasse Cricket Club
YOBS Cricket Club

### JUNIOR BLASTERS

#### AGES 5-7 | 60 MINS | 6+ WEEKS

- Learn ball skills, including catching, throwing and teamwork, through fun game-based activities.
- Sign up now for your Starter Kit.
- Returning Junior Blasters score a Returner Kit with a ball, a backpack + one free add-on.



STARTER KIT



RETURNER KIT

### MASTER BLASTERS

#### AGES 7-10 | 90 MINS | 6+ WEEKS

- Everyone gets a chance to bat, bowl and field in short, modified games of cricket.
- For kids with basic cricket skills.
- Sign up now for your Master Blasters Kit featuring a drink bottle and cap!



MASTER BLASTERS KIT

FREE ENTRY  
FUN FOR EVERYONE



# HELLO POSSUMS! COMMUNITY RINGTAIL DAY

**SATURDAY 13 NOVEMBER**  
Margaret River Community Centre  
EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE DAY FROM 1PM

Discover more about these fascinating creatures.  
How can we co-exist with possums and how  
can we protect them?

**CULTURAL STORY TELLING**  
**EDIBLE ART**  
**POSSUM NIGHT STALKS**  
**CITIZEN SCIENCE**  
**COMMUNITY ART**

For event timetable and registration details go to:  
[www.natureconservation.org.au](http://www.natureconservation.org.au)



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