

St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



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The Vine



Principal's Report

A Prayer for Cleo Smith

Heavenly Father,

*We thank you for all children. They are gifts that fill our lives with love and joy.
You entrust them to their parents, family, and teachers to love and protect.
We pray for all those children who are lost or away from their family at this time.
We especially pray for Cleo Smith, her friends, and her family at this time.*

Please grant your peace to her parents.

Protect Cleo from physical, emotional, and spiritual harm.

Deliver her back safely to her loved ones.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

St Anthony, pray for them.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for them.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, pray for them.

St Thomas More, pray for them.



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Spring Fair

Only 2 more sleeps until our Spring Fair day! This Saturday from 10.00am-2:00pm. There will be lots of activities, food and fun to be had – so we hope to see every family coming along! You will even get a chance to try and dunk me in the Dunking Machine (start practicing your throwing now). A huge thank you to Catherine Chilton and Elle Lawrance for leading the charge in organising this great event for our school community. Thank you too, to all the parents and businesses who have made donations, put in time to help or baked cakes, made preserves and are going to volunteer time to man stalls on the day – without our amazing parent community, events like this couldn't go ahead...so THANK YOU! We hope it is a really fun day for everyone who comes along. See you there!

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Swimming Lessons

Our Swimming Lessons started this week for our Pre-Primary to Year 6 students. The instructors at the pool have commented on how wonderful our students have represented both themselves and the school in their behaviour and attention – so well done! A reminder to parents that the students need to have their name on all items (towels, goggles, clothes) and to wear their bathers under their uniform to school each day. Students must come to school in closed-in school shoes but can bring thongs or sandals to wear when they walk over to the pool. Parents who wish to spectate are asked to remain on the top level and not go poolside during lessons.



Annual Community Meeting

As parents are aware, each year we are required to have an Annual Community Meeting. This will take place on Wednesday 24 November starting at 5:30pm with a Sundowner in the Undercover Area, followed by the meeting at 6.00pm. The meeting will comprise a School Advisory Council report, a P&F report and acceptance of nominations for positions on both the School Advisory Council (formally the School Board) and P&F. Finally, I will present a Principal's report about our achievements over the year and announce staffing for 2022. We would love to see lots of parents come along, have some nibbles and drinks and hear about all the wonderful things about our school. We will offer a creche service for those families who may need this. Nomination forms for the P&F and Advisory Council are attached to the newsletter. Please return these to the Office as soon as possible.

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 or contact the office on 9757 3544.

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.

World Teacher's Day



Tomorrow we celebrate World Teacher's Day – a day to recognise the hard work, commitment and love our teachers demonstrate to improving education outcomes for each of our students. As a Principal, I am very blessed to have a staff who are dedicated, caring and really great people to work with...which makes our school such a wonderful place to be. I would like to thank each and every staff member who works at St Thomas More for the way they work so hard to make a positive difference in the lives of every child here. Great job! Thank you too, to the P&F for buying coffees and muffins for the staff to celebrate this day.

I invite all families to join us for our All Saints Day Mass held tomorrow at 9:00am in the Church. Our talented Year 4 students will be leading this celebration.

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

RUSSELL WYLIE
PRINCIPAL

Parish Masses

St Thomas More Catholic Church - Margaret River

- Saturday - 6.00pm
- Sunday - 10.00am

Lumen Christi Catholic Church - Augusta

- Sunday - 8.00am



Assistant Principal News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It's **World Teachers' Day** in Australia on Friday 29 October.

Let's celebrate the important job teachers at St Thomas More Catholic Primary School do each day. It is super easy for you (or your child) to thank a teacher or staff member. A short note, email or drawing from you or your child will be sure to make any teacher or staff member smile. Try thinking of something they might have done recently to make it more personal.

We thank the P&F for providing our teachers and staff with a coffee and morning tea tomorrow morning.



ALL SAINTS DAY MASS

The Solemnity of All Saints is a day that Catholics celebrate all the saints of the church, whether they are known or unknown. Saint Thomas More and Saint Mary, of the Cross MacKillop are two saints revered by our school community. All Saints Day is a holy day of obligation for Catholics and will be celebrated tomorrow at 9am with a whole school mass, led by our Year 4 class.

SPRING FAIR



Final preparations are underway for our Annual Spring Fair on Saturday, which promises to be a fun-filled day for young and old. Thank you to Catherine Chilton for coordinating the Fair again this year and also to all parents for your generous donations and time. The whole community is welcome!

FINAL SPRING FAIR MEETING

Our final Spring Fair meeting before our big event will be held this afternoon at 3.15pm 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



Government of **Western Australia**
North Metropolitan Health Service
Dental Health Services

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 4th 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 Rapidslandingdte@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

T: 9757 8211 E: Rapidslandingdte@health.wa.gov.au W: www.nmhs.health.wa.gov.au

Our Vision: Excellence in health care for our community

Thought of the Week



Congratulations!

School Merit Award Winners

Term 4

Week 2



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| Pre-Primary | Richmay Alison (not pictured) |
| Year 1 | Mackenzie Koch |
| Year 2 | Will Stewart |
| Year 3 | James Tannock |
| Year 4 | Maximus Cooke |
| Year 6 | Bella Enright |

Important Dates

Friday 29th October

World Teacher's Day

9.00am

Whole School Mass - All Saints Day
- Led by Year 4

Saturday 30th October

10.00am - 2.00pm

Spring Fair

Monday 1st November

Swimming Lessons continue

Friday 5th November

8.45am

Pre-Primary Assembly

SWIM FUN AND FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Dear Parents,

The date has been set for the 2021, St Thomas More Faction Swimming Carnival.

This is a day full of fun that cannot be missed!

WEEK 5

Friday November 12th, 2021

Swim Fun – 11.20am - 12.20pm

The Swim Fun Carnival is for the Pre-Primary to Year 3 students and is an hour of swimming races, relays and novelty events in the lagoon pool. Parents are welcome to come and cheer the students along in their events. The emphasis for this event is “Fun!”

Faction Swimming Carnival – 1.00pm - 2.30pm

This is for Years 4-5-6 and will give the students a chance to show some of their swimming skills. This year’s program will be the same as last year’s and we will continue to run the Championship Events of 50m freestyle, breaststroke, and backstroke plus a 25m butterfly event. Points gained from these events will determine Champion Boy and Girl. Other events will be the 25m freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke and also a fun novelty soft board paddle race. All students will participate in at least one event. A programme will be sent home closer to the carnival day so you are able to see your child’s proposed event/s.

We will also have a teacher/parent v student relay event, so bring your bathers.

Parent Help

We need some extra people to help as scorers/officials for the afternoon carnival. If you are able to help please contact Mr McRae on 0419 029 646 or at cameron.mcrae@cewa.edu.au

Thank you and see you at the pool!

Mr McRae

PE Teacher



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.

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



MISSING PERSON

HAVE YOU SEEN 4-YEAR-OLD CLEO SMITH?

Cleo was last seen at 1.30am Saturday 16 October 2021 in a tent at the Blowholes campsite in Macleod (50km north of Camarvon).

Cleo was last seen sleeping in a red and black sleeping bag and was wearing a pink/purple one-piece sleep-suit with a blue and yellow pattern (both of which are missing). Cleo has honey blonde coloured hair and hazel eyes.

Grave concerns are held for Cleo's safety. If you have any information regarding the whereabouts of Cleo, her sleeping bag or sleep-suit please call 131 444.

Police are also urging anyone who stayed overnight at the Blowholes Campsite on Friday night (15 October) or who were in the vicinity of the campsite or at the campsite itself and did not stay overnight, to contact them on 131 444.

Vision can be uploaded direct to police via this QR code and link: <https://wafau.evidence.com/axon/citizen/public/cleosmith>



CALL CRIME STOPPERS 1800 333 000



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Margaret River

**NOMINATIONS FOR
ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL, 2022
(previously known as the School Board)**

Dear Parents and Members of the St Thomas More Community,

The School Advisory Council (SAC) of St Thomas More seeks competent and dedicated people to serve on it.

Parents and others who have an interest in the welfare of the students and staff and are eager to promote Catholic schooling may seek membership of the St Thomas More Advisory Council as a means of giving valuable service to the school community. Though all SAC members should bring to the Council their own contribution to its work, the most important skill required is the ability to work cooperatively and constructively with all other members for the benefit of the school it serves. **School Advisory Council members must be willing and able to give their time to duties.**

The School Advisory Council invites you to attend the Annual Community Meeting on **WEDNESDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2021**, starting at 5:30pm with a sundowner and the meeting commencing at **6:00pm** in the Library. A report will be given at this meeting on the School Advisory Council's activities during the past year and on the proposed budget for 2022.

To nominate, please complete the form below, mark it for the attention of the Principal, and return it to the office. Nominations close on Friday 19 November, 2021.

The School Advisory Council invites you to nominate yourself for election if you feel you would be prepared to serve the community as a member. Nominees will be invited to make a short presentation in support of their nomination at the ACM.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Joel Lawrance

SAC Chair

St Thomas More Catholic Primary School

CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE SAC:

1. Possession of special skills that will be an asset to the School Advisory Council.
2. A deep interest in the welfare of all students and staff
3. A desire to give service to the Catholic school community.
4. A keenness to promote Catholic schooling.
5. An ability to work cooperatively and constructively with all other members of the School Advisory Council.
6. Sufficiency of time to devote to duties.

St Thomas More School Advisory Council Nomination Form 2022

I have read the letter of invitation and wish to offer myself as a candidate for election to the
School Advisory Council.

Name: _____

Students at St Thomas More:

Phone: _____

Name: _____ Year: _____ 2021

Name: _____ Year: _____ 2021

Signature: _____

Name: _____ Year: _____ 2021



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NOMINATIONS FOR ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL P&F, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The AGM of the P&F Association will be held on **Wednesday 24th October 2021** starting at 5:30pm with a sundowner and the meeting commencing at **6:00pm** in the Library. A report will be given at this meeting on the P&F's activities during the past year and how money that has been raised was spent.

The P&F Association is an essential part of the school and serves an important role in supporting the St Thomas More community and students. You are invited to consider serving on the P&F committee in 2022.

P&F Executive roles will be elected at the next P&F meeting after the AGM.

Four Executive positions (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) and six committee members make up the P&F committee. All other parents are welcome to attend P&F meetings and contribute to decisions made.

To nominate, please complete the form below, mark it for the attention of the Principal, and return it to the office. Nominations close on Friday 19 November, 2021.

Nominees may be invited to make a short presentation in support of their nomination at the AGM.

I thank you for your consideration to be part of this wonderful parent body.

Yours sincerely,

Russell Wylie
Principal

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Name: _____

Students at St Thomas More:

Phone: _____

Name: _____ Year: _____ 2021

Name: _____ Year: _____ 2021

Signature: _____

Name: _____ Year: _____ 2021



**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

FREE ENTRY
FUN FOR EVERYONE



HELLO POSSUMS! COMMUNITY RINGTAIL DAY

SATURDAY 13 NOVEMBER
Margaret River Community Centre
EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE DAY FROM 10AM

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



This project is supported by the South West Catchments Council, through funding from the Australian Government's National Landscape Program.

Writing Workshops with Dianne Wolfer



Shire of Augusta Margaret River Libraries welcome much-loved WA author Dianne Wolfer for a series of free writing workshops.

Animals Who Talk

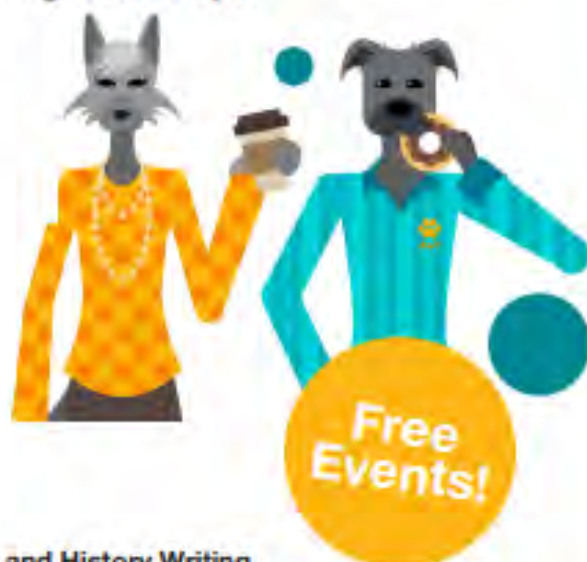
In this interactive session, Dianne will share practical tips about writing from diverse animal viewpoints. If you love *Animal Farm*, *Call of the Wild*, *The Art of Racing in the Rain*, *Black Beauty* or *Pig the Pug*, this workshop is for you.

Date: Tue 9 Nov 2021

Time: 5pm - 6.30pm

Venue: Margaret River Library

RSVP: www.amrlibraries-animalswhotalk.eventbrite.com.au



Memoir and History Writing Workshop

Everyone has a story to tell. What's yours? Join Dianne Wolfer as she shares writing skills to help you develop an anecdote, create a memoir and explore history writing methods and techniques.

Date: Wed 10 Nov 2021

Time: 10am - 1pm

Venue: Margaret River Library

RSVP: www.amrlibraries-memoirwriting.eventbrite.com.au



Meet the Author and after school Book Signing Session

Come with your grandchildren for the opportunity to have your books signed by Dianne Wolfer. The Margaret River Bookshop will join us with a selection of Dianne's books for purchase on the day.

Date: Wed 10 Nov 2021

Time: 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Venue: Margaret River Library

RSVP: amrlibraries-meetdiannewolfer.eventbrite.com.au

