

St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



Principal's Report

Prayer for World Mission Month

Dear Lord,

In this Month of Mission, may the lamps of our faith be filled with Christ's light and love. May our reflected light bring hope and joy to all in the darkness of fear and despair. Grant us the faith to proclaim the Love God has for all creation, not only in words but through the witness of our lives.

This we pray through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Dear Parents and Caregivers,



Spring Fair

Wow! What an amazing day it was last Saturday! I was so thrilled with the way our community came together for our Spring Fair. I would like to put out a massive thank you to Catherine Chilton, Elle Lawrance, the P&F and Class Representatives for all their hard work behind the scenes in the lead up to the fair, and also to all the parents, friends, relatives and community members who came along on the day to help out on a stall, made donations or supported our fair in some way. The Spring Fair really was a fantastic event that showcased what an amazing community we have. I was extremely proud and thankful of the way everyone came together and created such a welcoming and wonderful atmosphere and raising some valuable money that will be used in further developing the Nature Play area – a total of \$9,727.00 raised! I feel truly blessed to be part of such a great community and the time, effort and energy given by everyone is really appreciated. A lot of families and businesses supported our fair, so may I encourage you to support them – they are listed further in the Newsletter. Thank you!

Margaret River Show

Come and check out the student's artwork on display at the show this weekend. The school will also have a stall, where we will be selling Berry Farm scones, so feel free to pop by or send any friends or family members who may be interested in finding out more information about our school.

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The Vine



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Congratulations

We send our best wishes and congratulations to Tom McDonald as he marries his fiancé Nicole tomorrow. We wish them both every happiness and for God's love and blessings to be upon them for the rest of their lives.

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.

Kindy Enrolments

Please remember to spread the word that we are currently taking Kindy enrolments for 2022. At this stage, fees will for Kindy work out to be just under \$9 a day (or \$26 a week). Pretty cheap for 3 days of education!

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 all the wonderful things about our school. We will offer a crèche 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.

Remembrance Day

I invite parents and families to join us next week to commemorate Remembrance Day. The Year 5 class will lead us in a special service in the Undercover Area at 11:00am on Thursday 11th November. Our Head Boy, Lenox Hayward and Head Girl, Carla Fox will join Mrs Achmad in representing our school at the service at Memorial Park, also at 11:00am on this day.

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

RUSSELL WYLIE
PRINCIPAL



Important Dates

Friday 5th November

8.45am Pre-Primary Assembly
Margaret River Show

Saturday 6th November

Margaret River Show

Tuesday 9th November

6.00pm P&F Meeting

Thursday 11th November

11.00am Remembrance Day Service

Friday 12th November

8.45am Merit Assembly
11.20am to 12.20pm Swim Fun Day - Pre-Primary to Year 3
1.00pm to 2.30pm Faction Swimming Carnival - Years 4, 5 and 6

Monday 15th November

Year 6s leave for Rottnest Camp

Assistant Principal News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,



SPRING FAIR

Congratulations on a hugely successful Spring Fair. St Thomas More Catholic Primary School is an amazing community to be a part of. Thank you to Catherine Chilton for coordinating the Fair again this year and to all parents for your generous donations and time.

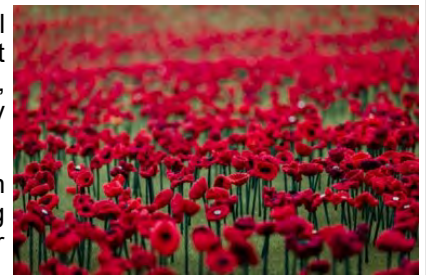
CATHOLIC MISSION AMBASSADORS

Our Year 6 students Ava Yee Wilson, Anthony Achmad, Jacob Galamgam and Rod Railey Montalban will be commissioned at this Friday morning's whole school assembly as Catholic Mission Ambassadors. These four students are the hands, feet, mouth, and eyes of Christ in responding to Catholic mission and will be appealing for support for the important work of Catholic Mission around the world at the 10.00am Mass this Sunday 7 November. We thank Fr Mat and Catholic Mission Diocesan Director, Deborah Robertson for their support.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month marks the moment the guns fell silent on the Western Front of World War I. Each Remembrance Day, we commit to pausing to remember those who gave their lives in service to their country, those who returned home injured or ill, and those who bravely serve our country today.

Our Remembrance Day service will be held on the upper playground at 11.00am on Thursday, November 11 led by our Year 5 students. I will be accompanying our Head Boy Lenox Hayward and Head Girl Carla Fox as representatives of our school at the Margaret River RSL Remembrance Day Service at Memorial Park.

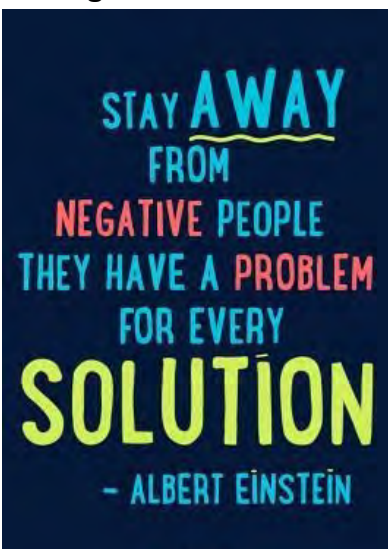


Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

Mrs Nicolle Achmad
Assistant Principal

Thought of the Week



VacSwim

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



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

Parish Masses

St Thomas More Catholic Church - Margaret River

- Saturday - 6.00pm
- Sunday - 10.00am

Lumen Christi Catholic Church - Augusta

- Sunday - 8.00am



MARGARET RIVER SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

INVITES YOU TO OUR 2021
ART EXHIBITION

MARGARET RIVER HEART (FOYER GALLERY)

47 WALLCLIFFE RD, MARGARET RIVER

NOVEMBER 12 TO 25

OPENING - 6PM-8PM
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 12 2021

GUEST SPEAKER - IAN THWAITES

*Exhibition opening will showcase
MRSHS Greenheart Ridge wine and
catering prepared by students*

INCLUDING WORK FROM:

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All attendees must register for contact tracing.



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





St Thomas More Catholic Primary School
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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Margaret River

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

St Thomas More School P&F Nomination Form 2022

I have read the letter of invitation and wish to offer myself as a candidate for election to the School P&F.

Name: _____

Students at St Thomas More:

Phone: _____

Name: _____ Year: _____ 2021

Name: _____ Year: _____ 2021

Signature: _____

Name: _____ Year: _____ 2021



ST THOMAS MORE PRIMARY SCHOOL

SPRING FAIR

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KARIEN ROLLINGER & BAND
WALK TALK TASTE MARGARET RIVER
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DAWSON WINES
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WILLESPIE WINES
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THE DRYSDALE FAMILY
ANDREW LINDSAY
ST THOMAS MORE PARISH
ON SIGHT FINANCE
LAZARUS
THE DAVY FAMILY
CATHERINE CHILTON**

THANK YOU !



Hard Talk Helps

Parents and community members who support young people are invited to this free event to discuss the 'hard to talk about' topics of death, suicide and mental health.

Hard Talk Helps is a collaborative project between YouthCARE AMR Chaplains and Laurissa Knowles. Join us for a facilitated discussion with Laurissa, a passionate and experienced grief counsellor, psychologist and educator and Jacquie Tarrant, the Suicide Postvention Coordinator for St John of God South West Community Alcohol and Drug.



Laurissa Knowles
CEREMONIES & COUNSELLING

Get support with:

- Talking safely with children about suicide.
- Supporting children through grief.
- How to identify if you need more help.

Date: Thursday 11 November 2021

Time: 6pm to 7.30pm (doors open at 5pm)

Venue: Margaret River HEART. 51 Wallcliffe Rd, Margaret River.

RSVP: Get free tickets online from

bit.ly/hardtalkhelps

or call Marg on 0417 176 756 to find out more.

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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



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



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

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

