

St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



Principal's Report

*Gracious God,
on this Remembrance Day,
we pray for all those who have served
and continue to serve in our Defence Forces.
We remember and give thanks for their service to our country.
We pray for all those who suffer in war
and continue to suffer from the trauma of war.
We pray for your comfort in their grief.
We pray for supportive communities to journey with them
in their struggles, healing, and recovery.
We pray for all those who are negotiating for peace
in situations of war and conflict throughout our world.
Bless them with wisdom, strength and resolve to find ways
we can live together in harmony and respect for one another.
We pray that we might be bearers of your peace.
Amen.*



Dear Parents and Caregivers,



Remembrance Day



Our Year 5 students led us in a reflective and reverent service for Remembrance Day this morning. Every year on Remembrance Day we remember all the men and women who have served our country, in the Army, Navy and Air Force. At 11.00am on 11 November 1918 the guns on the Western Front fell silent after more than four years of continuous warfare. We remember, all who served, and in particular those who died or suffered for Australia's cause in all wars and armed conflicts and those who continue to serve and peace keep across our world. We give thanks for all these men and women. It is their courage and service that is an example for us, so that we too will value and work towards peace. A special mention to Lenox Hayward and Carla Fox for representing our school so well at the Remembrance Day service held at Memorial Park this morning. Well done!

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Swimming Carnival



Tomorrow is our Faction Swimming Carnival. The Pre-Primary to Year 3 Swim Fun Carnival will be held from 11:20am – 12:30pm and then the Year 4 to 6 carnival will be held from 1:00pm – 2:30pm. Both carnivals will be held at the Margaret River Recreation Centre. We invite all family members to come along and cheer on the swimmers as they participate in the different events. If there are parents who are able to help out – please contact Mr McRae. We will also have a Parents/Staff v Student relay race – so bring your bathers! We look forward to a great day of competition, fun and sportsmanship!

Year Six Camp

On Monday, our Year 6 students will be setting off for their week-long camp at Rottnest. During this camp, the students will be provided with many opportunities to develop their leadership skills, take part in new experiences and develop further their knowledge of Western Australia's history. I will be accompanying Mr McDonald, along with our amazing parent volunteers, Mrs Andrea Campbell, Mrs Mia Fox, Mr Idris Achmad and Mr Jay Wynd. I am sure we will all have a safe and wonderful time!

Margaret River Show

Thank you to those families who stopped by the Tommy More stall at the show over last Friday night and Saturday and bought scones, tea-towels or bags. It was really wonderful to see you supporting our school. A huge thank you to Emma O'Brien for organising such a wonderful donation of scones from the Berry Farm.

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 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.

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,

REMEMBRANCE DAY



Today, on Remembrance Day, we paused 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.

Thank you to our Year 5 students for leading our Remembrance Day service this morning.

YEAR 6 CAMP

Wishing our Year 6 students, teachers, parents, and staff going on camp next week a wonderful time on Rottnest Island. I hope that the experience leads you in to a deeper understanding of your gifts and talents and how you share these with others.

YEAR 3 CLASS LITURGY

Our Year 3 class will be holding a Year 3 Class Liturgy next Wednesday at 11am in the library. All parents, friends and family are welcome to attend.

PRE-PRIMARY ASSEMBLY

Pre-Primary will be leading our assembly next Friday 19 November at 8.45am. All parents, friends and family are welcome to attend.

Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

Mrs Nicolle Achmad

Assistant Principal



Congratulations!

School Merit Award Winners



Term 4

Week 4



Year 1	Caleb Fairbrass
Year 3	Billy-Jack Lawrance
Year 5	Matthew Craggs Archer Roberts
Year 6	Riley Dodd

Important Dates

Friday 12th November

8.45am

11.20am to 12.20pm

1.00pm to 2.30pm

Merit Assembly

Swim Fun Day - Pre-Primary to Year 3

Faction Swimming Carnival - Years 4, 5 and 6

Monday 15th November

Year 6s leave for Rottnest Camp

Wednesday 17th November

Year 3 Class Liturgy

Friday 19th November

8.45am

Pre-Primary Assembly

Year 6s return from Rottnest Camp

Thought of the Week



To me, being Australian is about looking after your mates, taking care of the less fortunate, supporting the underdog and enhancing the spirit that makes all Australians unique.

— Steve Waugh —

AZ QUOTES

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.



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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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.

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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

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Signature: _____

Name: _____ Year: _____ 2021

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.

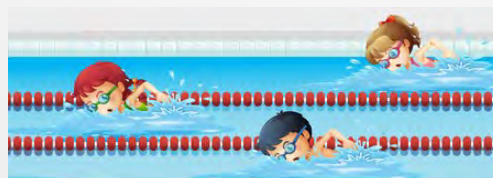
We will also have a teacher/parent v student relay event, so bring your bathers.

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



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:

FINE WOOD
TEXTILES
PHOTOGRAPHY
ART METAL
FINE ART

All attendees must register for contact tracing.





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.