

St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



Assistant Principal's Report

*O Lord Jesus Christ,
our King and Saviour,
may we never forget
your love for each one of us,
a love that led to death on a cross.*

We praise you always.

Amen.



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Mr Wylie is with our Year 6 students, Mr McDonald, and some Year 6 parent volunteers on camp this week at Rottnest Island. The students were very excited on Monday morning as they left school just before 7.30am. They were all still full of energy after the long trip to Perth and the ferry ride to Rottnest Island and commenced activities immediately with an amazing race which involved bike riding, fishing, snorkelling, putt-putt golf and swimming. They spent Tuesday and Wednesday visiting many of the historical sites on Rottnest Island to learn about Australian war history, such as Oliver Hill Battery and Signal Station. They had a MasterChef cook off, with the students developing cooking skills for their return home. Today, they celebrated mass together at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. They will return home tomorrow and I'm sure after such a busy week, they will all be exhausted but full of wonderful memories made.



YEAR THREE LITURGY

It was wonderful to celebrate with our Year 3 students and listen to their amazing reading and beautiful singing at their Liturgy on Wednesday morning. Thank you to Mr O'Brien for preparing the students so well and to the family members who were able to attend.

PRE-PRIMARY ASSEMBLY

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

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SWIMMING CARNIVAL

There was high excitement last Friday as students in Pre-Primary to Year 3 participated in a Swim Fun Carnival and then students in Years 4 – 6 participated in their Faction Swimming Carnival. Both carnivals were held at the Margaret River Recreation Centre, and we thank all family and friends who came along to cheer on their child as they swam in the different events. Our special thanks and congratulations to Mr Cameron McRae on organising excellent carnivals for our students that allowed all children to participate at a level appropriate to their swimming ability. Congratulations to MacKillop for winning the Faction Swimming Carnival.



ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING

On Wednesday 24 November 2021 starting at 5.30pm with a Sundowner in the Undercover Area, St Thomas More Catholic Primary School will have our Annual Community Meeting at 6.00pm. During the meeting, the School Advisory Council will give a report, the P&F will present a report and then all nominations for positions on both the School Advisory Council (formally the School Board) and the P&F will be presented. Finally, our Principal Russell Wylie will present a principal's report about our school achievements and announce staffing for 2022. We would love to see lots of parents come along, have some nibbles and drinks, and celebrate the wonderful year we have had. We have a crèche service available for those families who may need this. Nominations forms for the School Advisory Council and the P&F are attached to this newsletter. Please return these to the Office as soon as possible.

SEMESTER TWO REPORTS

Our teachers are busy writing their end of year reports for all students. The Semester Two reports will be available via SEQTA Engage on Thursday 9 December at 3.00pm.

PARKING

I kindly ask parents to refrain from parking on the verge out the front of our school, as it is very dangerous for pedestrians with cars reversing across the footpath.

DOGS

A reminder that dogs are not permitted on school premises. Potentially any dog can be a risk to children and some children experience fear and anxiety around dogs. Please do not bring your dogs onto the school property.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Christmas for many of us is a time of happiness and celebration as we gather with our family and friends sharing meals, laughing, and chatting as we open presents, however for people experiencing poverty and disadvantage Christmas can be a challenging time. The St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal encourages us to rethink our priorities at Christmas time by helping to give joy and hope to those who need it most. We are seeking the support of our community through the donation of non-perishable food items. This will enable St Vincent de Paul to provide the families and individuals who turn to them with quality hampers so they too can share the joy of Christmas.

Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

Mrs Nicolle Achmad
Assistant Principal

Thought of the Week

One of the things I learned the hard way was that it doesn't pay to get discouraged. Keeping busy and making optimism a way of life can restore your faith in yourself.

LUCILLE BALL



Congratulations!

School Merit Award Winners

Term 4

Week 6



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| Pre-Primary | Jake Drysdale |
| Year 2 | Hunter Petterson |
| Year 3 | Zaneveer Arora Singh |



Friday 19th November

8.45am Pre-Primary Assembly
Year 6s return from Rottnest Camp

Tuesday 23rd November

11.00am Kidsafe Incursion - Years 1, 2 and 3
11.00am Reconciliation - Years 4 and 5

Wednesday 24th November

5.30pm St Thomas More Annual Community Meeting

Friday 26th November

8.45am Year 1 Assembly

Important Dates

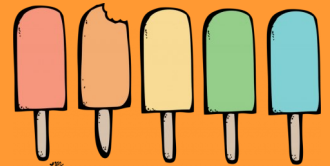
UNIFORM SHOP OPEN HOURS - MONDAYS FROM 1.30 - 3.00PM



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 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**



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.





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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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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