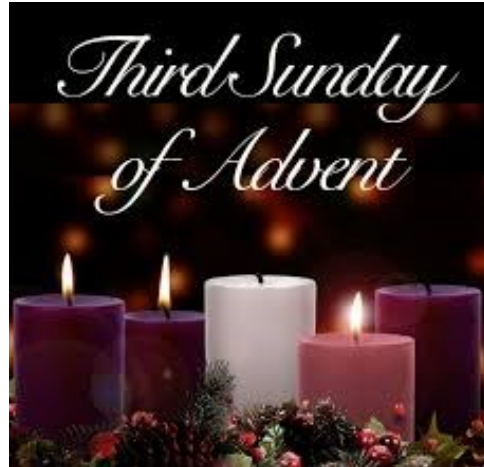


St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



Principal's Report



*O Almighty God, gracious provider
and giver of life,
we await the celebration of your birth.
Like the people of long ago,
our ancestors in faith,
we, too, are in need of light,
in need of direction,
in need of your Word,
to show us the way.
Our busy lives and the consumerism
that surrounds us make it
difficult to recognise your kingdom
and to hear your voice.
Help us Lord, to focus on you.
Amen*



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As another year comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our amazing community for all your continued support and care over the past year. St Thomas More is a pretty special school and this comes down to you as parents, your children and the relationships you develop with others. This supportive environment allows our students to grow, develop and flourish as young individuals with amazing opportunities. When I reflect back on all we have achieved this year, despite the challenges of a new landscape, I truly think our students are blessed. So much learning, growth and development has taken place, creating students who I believe, will be valuable assets to our world. I truly thank all of our community members – our students, parents, family members and dedicated staff for all they have done over the year to not only support our school but myself as well.

Praise and Thanksgiving Mass



This morning we celebrated a wonderful end to our school year by giving praise and thanks for all our blessings over the course of the year. The Year 2 students presented the Year 6 students with a farewell blessing and we were able to reflect on the friendships that have been formed over the year and why it is important to show love to one another. Thank you to all those parents and parishioners who came along to celebrate with the school community. Also a special thank you to Mrs Achmad for her work in preparing this celebration.

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Graduation and Awards Night



Tonight, we will be farewelling our Year 6 students at our Graduation and Awards ceremony. Commencing at 5:30pm in the Church, it will be an opportunity for our school community to offer our Year 6 students our best wishes as they move to Secondary School next year. We have no doubt that they have been very well prepared and we ask for God's blessings on each of these students. Our Year 6 leaders for 2022 will be announced and we will also present the Year 1-5 class awards – one for Christian Living and one for Consistent Effort; the Year 6 awards and our Whole School awards – the Anne Power award and the Daniel Botha award. We look forward to all families attending this celebration.

Staff Farewells

I would like to take this opportunity to thank and farewell Mrs Alice Tippett as she leaves our community at the end of this year. Alice commenced with us in 2019, making a positive impact on two classes of Year 3s, before moving to Year 6. Due to personal circumstances, she was unable to continue in this role, but we wish her all the very best in her future. I thank Alice for her energy, dedication and positivity during her time with us, and wish her every success in her future.

I would also like to acknowledge Mrs Sarah Ryan who will also be leaving our school. Sarah has been working in our Year 1 classroom on a Fridays this year. It has been wonderful having Sarah's knowledge and passion for teaching and we wish her all the best as she returns to the classroom as a teacher next year.

I thank both these staff members for their energy, dedication and the positive impact they had upon so many while at Tommy More. May God's blessings continue to remain upon you.

End of Year Excursion – Friday 10 December

To finish the year, our Pre-Primary to Year 5 students will be attending an End of Year excursion tomorrow to the HEART to watch a movie – Tom & Jerry: The Movie. The P&F will also kindly put on a Sausage Sizzle lunch for these students – so they will not need to bring lunch on this day. Any children who have dietary requirements are kindly asked to bring their own rolls or vegan sausages (if required). The sausages provided will be gluten free. Our Year 6 students will be attending a canoeing excursion together, celebrating their last day as a group.

Term Dates for 2022

Please find below the listed Term Dates for St Thomas More Catholic Primary School for 2022. Included with these are the scheduled Pupil Free Days for the year.

Term 1: Monday 31 January – Thursday 7 April; Pupil Free Day Friday 4 March and Friday 8 April

Term 2: Tuesday 26 April – Friday 1 July; Pupil Free Day 16 May

Term 3: Tuesday 19 July – Friday 23 September; Pupil Free Day 18 July & 22 August

Term 4: Monday 10 October – Friday 9 December

Christmas Wishes

As the school year concludes, and everyone prepares for some rest and family time, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support this year. I pray that God blesses you and your family this Christmas, and that it is a joyful time spent with your loved ones. May the love, joy and hope of our newborn Saviour, Jesus Christ, be yours over the course of this Advent and Christmas Season. I hope that 2022 is a year filled with much love, joy and happiness.



We will look forward to welcoming you all **back to the start of school on Monday 31 January 2022**. Have a safe and relaxing holiday with your loved ones and may the love of Jesus remain with you over the Christmas period.

Peace and best wishes,

RUSSELL WYLIE
PRINCIPAL

Assistant Principal News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,



This Sunday is the **Third Sunday of Advent**, traditionally called **Gaudete** Sunday. Gaudete is the Latin word for joy or rejoice. If you have an advent wreath, this is the week to light the pink candle. Pink is a symbol the joy we have because we're halfway to Christmas.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Thank you to our families for generously supporting our community through the donation of non-perishable food items to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. We have been able to create eight large hampers to donate from our school and John from St Vincent de Paul will pick them up at tomorrow's assembly. These are sure to help the families and individuals who turn to St Vincent de Paul share in the joy of Christmas.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

We joined together as a school community this morning in celebration and thanks for the many blessings we have been given this year. We celebrated the many friendships we have developed, the knowledge we have received and the spirituality we have nurtured as a result of being a part of this special community.

I specifically wish to thank all those who have contributed to our school this year – our Principal Russell, our teachers, staff, parents, Fr Mat, the School Advisory Council and the P&F for the time and resources they have generously given, the love we have shared, the trust we have placed in one another and the way we have grown together.

We think of our Year 6 students and all those who are leaving our school community at the end of this year and send our best wishes with them as they move into the future. We pray that they will be blessed in everything they do and know that God is with them to lead, encourage, protect and love them, now and always.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable Christmas.

Peace and best wishes,

Mrs Nicolle Achmad
Assistant Principal



Parish Masses

St Thomas More Catholic Church - Margaret River

- Saturday - 6.00pm
- Sunday - 10.00am

Lumen Christi Catholic Church - Augusta

- Sunday - 8.00am



Christmas Mass Times

Friday 24th December:

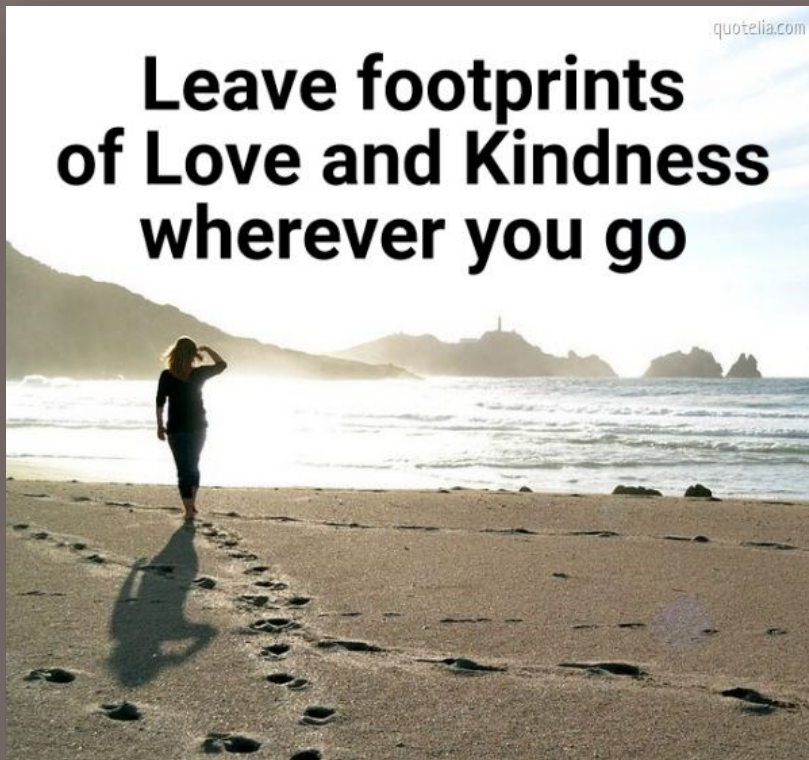
- 6.00pm Family Mass
- 11.30pm Midnight Mass

Saturday 25th December

- 8.00am *Christmas Day Mass (Augusta)*
- 10.00am Christmas Day Mass



Thought of the Week



Congratulations!

School Merit Award Winners

Term 4

Week 8



- Year 1 River Mackie
- Year 2 Sumi Vo
- Year 3 Xanthia Schumann
- Year 4 Dominic Brawls
- Year 5 Riley Johnson
Morgan Bill
Max Wolf
- Year 6 Cahn Sheridan



Thursday 9th December
5.30pm Year 6 Graduation and Awards Night

Friday 10th December
8.45am Merit Assembly
Student's Last Day

Monday 31st January
Students Commence Term 1, 2022

Important Dates



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

Rapids Landing Dental Therapy Centre is closed from Friday the 16th of December and will re-open on Tuesday the 21st and Wednesday the 22nd of December at 8.00am.

In the event of an emergency on Monday the 20th of December please call – 0409 935 793 between 8.00am and 4.00pm.

23rd December through to the 28th January please call – 9313 0552 between 8.00am and 4.00pm.

27th January to 30th please call –0409 935 793 between 8.15am and 4.15pm

After hours emergencies please call. 1800 098 818

Alternatively please contact your Local dentist and if you receive the Child Dental Benefit Schedule ensure you use this as all our local dentists in Margaret River accept this.

If it is not an emergency you may email us at: rapidslandingdtc@dental.health.wa.gov.au and we will respond in February.

Remember to be brushing 2x daily with fluoride toothpaste and floss daily.

Keep sugars and snacks to a minimum and drink lots of water.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

SEE YOU ALL IN 2022

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!

Rita Willmott



For your convenience the Uniform Shop will be open before school commences in 2022 on the following days:

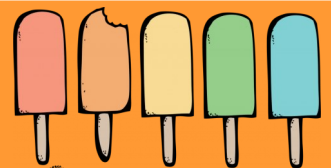
Monday 24th January from 9.00am to 2.00pm

Thursday 27th January from 9.00am to 2.00pm

You can also email through your orders to rita.willmott@cewa.edu.au anytime beforehand.

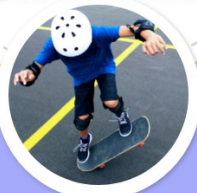
**The School Canteen is open on
Fridays at Lunchtimes selling Icy Poles.**

All items are \$1.00





SKATE & SOCCER CAMP



AGE 6-9 JANUARY 11TH & 18TH
AGE 9-12 JANUARY 12TH & 19TH
09:00AM - 15:00PM

SOCCER, SKATE & GAMES

MARGARET RIVER RECREATION CENTRE
MARGARET RIVER SKATE PARK

LJSOCCER.COM.AU/HOLIDAYS



TENNIS HOLIDAY CLINIC

We are running a Tennis Holiday Clinic at the Margaret River Tennis Club for children 6+ years old during the school holidays. The Holiday Clinics are a good way for children to learn the skills of tennis and at the same time to meet new friends. We will teach basic skills and do fun games from 9am till 12pm.

Dates:

11 - 12 - 13 of January
18 - 19 - 20 of January
24 - 25 - 27 of January

Prices:

1 DAY \$30
3 DAYS \$80

All kids welcome, there is no need of tennis experience. We can provide tennis racquet. Each children need to bring their own morning tea.

NOTE: If the weather is wet, we will cancel for the day.

To enroll contact Pablo at:

Email: mrtennisacademy@gmail.com
Phone number: 0478773520



Alexandra Bridge Christmas Tree

Where: Alexandra Bridge Hall, 1252 Brockman
Hwy, Courtney

When: Friday the 17th December

4.30pm Free Craft tables for kids

5pm Firey's BBQ!!! Hamburgers \$10, hotdogs \$4,
soft drink \$2

5pm Special visit from the man in red with lolly
bags

5.30pm Free Bouncy castle and bucking bull ride
(prize for longest rider!!!)

6pm Free Live music from Faz and Mickey
Raffle with amazing prizes donated from our
beautiful community

Free Christmas movie on the bean bags
Only cash!!!

Present drop off at Nillup Store, Brockman Hwy or
Karridale Agencies, Bussel Hwy by
Thursday the 16th December

Please put your child's full name and age on
presents

RSVP Caroline Noakes 0433 578 193

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