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The Vine



Principal's Report

*Dear Lord, we fully trust in Your unending and unfailing love.
we fully trust in the unfailing fulfilment of Your promises.
We surrender to You this day and everything that we do.
Enable us to walk in your goodness,
and may Your gentle hand hold and guide us
as we walk through the journey You have prepared for us today.
Amen*



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

After a wonderful first week, with the students making new friends and being in their new classes, it has been fantastic to see the way they have settled and gotten on with the important job of learning. We welcomed our new group of 3 Year Old Kindy students and those new families into our school community. We got used to wearing masks inside the classrooms and checking in when we came onto the school grounds.

Unfortunately, the goalposts have shifted again, with information being provided to schools from the Minister for Education, the Hon. Sue Ellery regarding protocols at schools. Parents are no longer able to come into the classrooms or gather at the school and should only attend the school office in the event of a significant pastoral or welfare issue related to their child. Parents will be permitted on school sites for drop-off and pick-up in outdoor locations only. This means we will not be having assemblies or parent meetings. Our first P&F meeting, scheduled for next Tuesday will be shifted off-site. More information about this will be sent home once we have secured a venue. Our Beginning of School Year Mass, scheduled for next Wednesday has also been cancelled.

I appreciate your support and understanding during this time. We acknowledge that it is not ideal and will do our best to work with families to support your children when at school.

Parent Information Evening

Thank you to all the parents who came along to our Parent Information evening on Monday night. We hope this was an informative and worthwhile opportunity to find out about what will be happening over the course of the year in the classroom and allow the opportunity for questions to be answered.

Swimming Lessons

Due to the closure of the pool in the coming months, Swimming Lessons will commence for students in Pre-Primary to Year 6 next Monday. Students are asked to wear their bathers under their school uniform each day. Students are not permitted to come to school in thongs – please ensure the children continue to wear correct footwear when they are at school. They may bring thongs or sandals to change into before they walk over to the Rec Centre for their lesson. Please ensure your child's name is on all items. See further in the newsletter for more details.

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Student Medication

If your child requires medication to be taken during school hours, it is important that you complete an 'Student Medication Request/Record' form which is available from the office.

- Medication is to be delivered to the School Office by the parent/guardian in its original pharmacy labelled container. Please be aware that parents are responsible for delivering prescribed medications to the school.
- The label on the original medication or a special letter outlining medication from the doctor must clearly state: (i) the name of the child (ii) the dosage and times required.
- All medications are stored either in the school office/medical room or in a locked cabinet in the classroom, except where either refrigeration is required (e.g. antibiotics) or in the case of self-administered asthma reliever medication.
- Asthma medication (reliever puffers only) may be kept by a child for self-administration, only when parents/guardians have notified the school and given permission via the Student Medication Request/Record form.
- It is the parent's responsibility to collect any 'out of date' medication for safe disposal. It is also a parent's responsibility to collect any unused medication at the completion of treatment.
- Parents/guardians must notify the School Office and complete a new Student Medication Request/Record form if there are any changes to details such as dosage or type of medication

School Fees

School fees were sent home last week and we ask families to complete the form that was attached indicating how fees will be paid over the year, which will assist with our budgeting. We strongly encourage families to set up a direct debit, which spreads the fees out over the course of the year. Please return these forms to the office as soon as possible so Karien can set up these direct debits. We appreciate your assistance promptly paying fees.

I truly wish all families a wonderful week ahead. Take care and stay safe.

Peace and best wishes,

RUSSELL WYLIE
PRINCIPAL

Health Care Card Tuition Fee Discount Scheme - Time to renew your application

Parents/guardians who are responsible for the payment of school fees and hold a current means tested family Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card will be entitled to a discount on tuition fees only. The discounted tuition fee per student for 2021 will be as follows:

- \$300.00 per year for Primary students (Kindergarten - Year 6).

The discounted tuition fee does not cover additional charges such as camps, the compulsory building levy and subject levies. Eligible cards must fit the scheme's means testing requirements, e.g., PP (Parenting Payment (partnered)), FA (Family Allowance), LI (Low Income), NSA (New Start Allowance), PA (Partner Allowance), SA (Sickness Allowance), SL (Special Benefit), WA (Widow Allowance) and MAA (Mature Age Allowance). Application forms are available at the office.

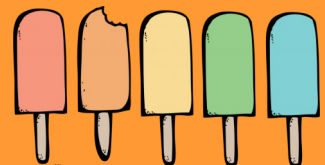
Forms must be completed by **Friday 18h February** to gain the Tuition Fee discount.

Forms received after this date may not qualify for discount.

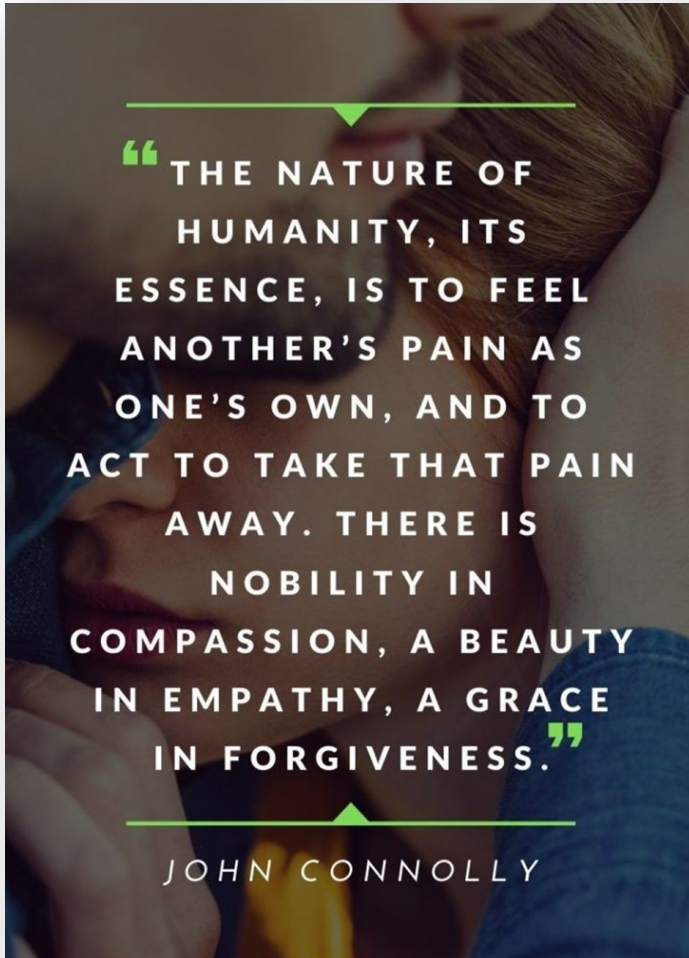
No concession discounts will be applied without submitting your card to the office by Friday 18th February.

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

All items are \$1.00



Thought of the Week



Parish Masses

St Thomas More Catholic Church
Margaret River

- Saturday - 6.00pm
- Sunday - 10.00am

Lumen Christi Catholic Church
Augusta

- Sunday - 8.00am



Congratulations!

School Merit Award Winners Term 1 - Week 2

Year 2	Lachlan McCorkill
Year 3	Sumi Vo
Year 4	Natalie Wolf
Year 5	Benjamin Evans
Year 6	Millie Fairbrass

Important Dates

Monday 14th February
 Swimming Lessons commence

Tuesday 15th February
 5.15pm P&F Meeting - at The River

Assistant Principal News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Beginning of a new school year (Whole School Mass)

We were looking forward to joining together as a community to celebrate our first mass next Wednesday 16 February, but unfortunately due to Covid restrictions, we are unable to do so. I invite you to pray together as your family the general intercessions:

For the leaders of our church and our country: may they govern with compassion, justice and integrity, keeping in mind the welfare of all people. Lord hear us.

For the St Thomas More Catholic Parish and school community: may those called to break the bread of life and to preach the mystery of the cross, be strengthened by Christ to proclaim good news to the poor. Lord hear us.

That we remember to pray often, especially for our family, parents, friends, teachers and those in our community. Lord hear us.

For the families and teachers who are new to our school community of St Thomas More Catholic Primary School. That we make them feel welcome and accept their diversity. Lord hear us.

For all those who are sick, suffering or oppressed. That they may feel the warmth of your love and be reminded of the special gifts they possess. Lord hear us.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Children, in Year 3, who are baptised Catholic are invited to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this year. The dates for this Sacrament are:

Parent/Child Workshop - Thursday 24 February at 5.30pm

Commitment Mass - Sunday 27 February at 10.00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Wednesday 16 March at 6.00pm



Whole school value – COMPASSION



Our whole school value that we will be focusing on this term is **COMPASSION**. The Covid-19 pandemic has brought with it tremendous and abrupt changes to our daily lives. Together, we are experiencing isolation, fear, and the unknown about what life will look like in the future from school and work to family and relationships. Compassion for oneself and for others at this time is paramount in dealing with the adjustments faced and enhance the possibility of fostering resilience.

Being compassionate is not just about giving to others. We need to be compassionate to ourselves too. This is a time to appreciate our strengths and accept our common humanity. We are all doing the best we can in the circumstances we find ourselves in.

We are so blessed to have our school chaplain, Laurissa Knowles available to speak to students and parents. We want our community to know that it is safe to speak openly and honestly about how they are feeling and to ask for help and know they will receive it.

Peace and best wishes,

Mrs Nicolle Achmad
Assistant Principal

UNIFORM SHOP OPEN HOURS - MONDAYS FROM 1.30 - 3.00PM

Due to Covid restrictions please email your Order Forms through to me at rita.willmott@cewa.edu.au or alternatively complete an Order Form and send it in with your child 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



2022 In-Term Swimming Lessons

Dear Parents,

Our annual swimming lessons begin in Week 3 on Monday the 14th of February and will continue through to Friday 25th of February. A timetable of lessons and details of the procedures are included below. Can you please fill in the enrolment form below and return to school by Friday 4th February. No payment is needed with the form.

Points to remember:

- All items of clothing, including towel, need to have children's name clearly marked.
- Children are to bring a waterproof pair of shoes (eg: thongs) to school that can be worn over to the Recreational Centre so their uniform, sports shoes and socks remain dry at school.
- Children may choose to wear bathers under their uniform and bring a change of underwear in their plastic bag for after their lesson.
- If your child has long hair, it should be tied back.
- No jewellery is to worn on swimming lesson day.
- The use of swimming goggles is encouraged.
- All students are ambassadors of their school and families. While attending swimming lessons, the highest standard of behaviour and manners is expected.

If students arrive late, it is the parent's responsibility to escort them over to the pool.

SWIMMING TIMETABLE – Term 1, 2022

Every day in week 3 and 4		
	TIME	CLASS
SESSION 1	9:20	Pre-Primary/ Year2
SESSION 2	10.05	Year 1, 3 and 4
SESSION 3	10:50	Year 5/6



SOCCER SCHOOLS

TERM 1 REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

\$79

AGE 5-9 WEDNESDAYS 3-4PM
ST THOMAS MORE OVAL/UNDERCOVER AREA

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**AFTER SCHOOL
MULTI SPORTS
TUESDAYS
WEEK 2 - WEEK 9
YEARS: KINDY - Y6
3.00PM - 4.00PM**

**AFTER SCHOOL
MULTI SPORTS
BASKETBALL SKILLS
TUESDAYS
WEEK 2 - WEEK 9
YEARS: KINDY - Y6
4.15PM - 5.15PM**

**\$70
FOR THE TERM
OR \$240
FOR THE YEAR**

**All Kindy & Pre-Primary
children will be collected
from their classrooms**

**Sessions are action-packed
full of fun and games
every week,
covering many sports & skills
each term.**



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GIRLS ONLY CRICKET BLAST BUSSELTON



Are you the next Perth Scorchers
to win the WBBL Trophy?

Sign up for our Term 1 **GIRLS ONLY** Cricket Blast Program

This GIRLS ONLY Cricket Blast program is the perfect opportunity to discover cricket with your friends, in a safe and fun environment, while developing your cricket skills.

- Ages; 5-12 years old
- When: Thursday 17, 24 Feb & 3, 10 March
- Time: 4.30 – 6 pm
- Where: Vasse Playing Fields
- Cost: \$40 (Inc insurance & program wind up)
- No experience necessary
- All equipment provided

FREE Come and Try
on the 17 Feb

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

Kristy Lind

kristy.lind@wacricicket.com.au
or Phone 0439 725 914

Register at:

www.play.cricket.com.au

Search for – WA Cricket Blast Center –
Busselton & Margaret River

*Registrations open Thursday 10 Feb



*With COVID 19 recommendations changing regularly, registrations will open closer to the start date, to allow for any changes which may affect this program