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St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



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The Vine



Principal's Report

*God, you are the source of all love.
Continue to inspire us to live lives of love.
Where there is temptation to treat those
we come into contact with in a manner
that does not reflect respect for them,
remind us that we are all your children.*

Where there is a lack of love, energise us to love.

Where there is a lack of understanding, energise us to be patient.

Where there is doubt, energise us to have hope.

Amen



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who have been supportive in following the protocols put upon us about parents at school. Just a reminder to parents, at this stage, parents are not permitted in the classrooms, nor can meet face to face with teachers. I ask that if you need to discuss your child or their progress, you do so via phone, email or through an online meeting.

Parents can still come onto the school grounds to drop off/pick their children up and are asked to check in via the Service WA app, or manually in the office. Masks need to be worn if you cannot safely socially distance, even when outdoors.

Thank you all so much for respecting and adhering to these protocols.

Swimming Lessons

Our Swimming Lessons started this week for our Pre-Primary to Year 6 students. The instructors at the pool have commented on how wonderful our students have represented both themselves and the school in their behaviour and attention – so well done! A reminder to parents that the students need to have their name on all items (towels, goggles, clothes) and to wear their bathers under their uniform to school each day. Students must come to school in closed-in school shoes but can bring thongs or sandals to wear when they walk over to the pool.



Parking

It has been raised with the school that parents are parking on the privately-owned block of land next to the school. As this is private property, may I ask parents not to park on this block of land. There is parking available at the Church carpark, or across the road at the Recreation Centre. Alternatively, parents are encouraged to make use of the Drive-Through. We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

P&F

It was wonderful to see so many parents turn up at our first P&F meeting held on Tuesday night with a great mix of some familiar faces and also some new faces. It is always most heartening and encouraging to see new faces coming along to a P&F meeting to listen and contribute their ideas and opinions. Our P&F Association is a vibrant and dynamic group that provides a valuable forum for parents to express their ideas and opinions and have input into various aspects of school life. Our P&F is also fantastic at raising funds to donate to the school.

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I congratulate Kathryn Locke for being voted in as our new P&F President. I am looking forward to working with Kathryn as we work to provide the best resources and opportunities for our students and families. Kathryn is joined by Liz Dawson, who is continuing as Vice President, Bethwyn Lewis who is continuing as Secretary and Darren McIvor, who has stepped into the Treasurer's role. I thank all these parents, plus those members on the committee for their time and dedication for the betterment of our school.

All classes also have a parent representative, whose role it is to strengthen the ties between home and school. At St Thomas More, we hope this provides the best possible opportunities for our children. The Class Parent Representative will be a link between the P&F and School and the families within the school community. Part of their role is to welcome new families to the school; organise small, social, year-level get-togethers; attend P&F meetings (where possible) to stay informed and share relevant information with their year level and provide a point of contact for parents to liaise ideas and information to the P&F.

Thank you to the following parents who have agreed to be the Class Representatives this year:

Class	Representatives
Pre Kindy	Hannah Della Bosca and Sara Bostelman
Kindy	Kathryn Locke and Natalie Marik
Pre-Primary	Jonika Mosedale
Year 1	Amanda Burges
Year 2	Fiona Guise and Nichole McAulay
Year 3	Lauren Laught
Year 4	Kelly Tannock
Year 5	Angela Hickman and Ana Brawls
Year 6	Claire Wylie

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

RUSSELL WYLIE
PRINCIPAL

Thought of the Week



Assistant Principal News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It is great to see our Pre-Primary to Year 6 students enjoying their swimming lessons this week.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

As Catholics, we believe that it is through the sacraments we encounter Jesus, the Living God. Baptism was the gateway to our life of faith when we encountered Jesus for the first time. When we go to Mass, Jesus is not just symbolically present, he is present in the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation isn't just a symbolic forgiveness, we recognise times we have turned away from God's love and ask God's forgiveness to transform our lives and return to His love.

Children who are baptised, are invited to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this term. The dates for this Sacrament are:

- Thursday 24 February at 5.30pm – Parent/Child Workshop
- Sunday 27 February at 10.00am – Commitment Mass
- Wednesday 16 March at 6.00pm – Sacrament of Reconciliation

Whole School Value – COMPASSION

The [Charter for Compassion](#) is a global movement, recognised by Australian Parliament in 2010, that affirms the value for compassion and understanding in our world:

"The principle of compassion lies at the heart of all religious, ethical and spiritual traditions, calling us always to treat all others as we wish to be treated ourselves. Compassion impels us to work tirelessly to alleviate the suffering of our fellow creatures, to dethrone ourselves from the centre of our world and put another there, and to honour the inviolable sanctity of every single human being, treating everybody, without exception, with absolute justice, equity and respect. It is also necessary in both public and private life to refrain consistently and empathically from inflicting pain. To act or speak violently out of spite, chauvinism, or self-interest, to impoverish, exploit or deny basic rights to anybody, and to incite hatred by denigrating others—even our enemies—is a denial of our common humanity. We acknowledge that we have failed to live compassionately and that some have even increased the sum of human misery in the name of religion. We therefore call upon all men and women to restore compassion to the centre of morality and religion to return to the ancient principle that any interpretation of scripture that breeds violence, hatred or disdain is illegitimate to ensure that youth are given accurate and respectful information about other traditions, religions and cultures to encourage a positive appreciation of cultural and religious diversity to cultivate an informed empathy with the suffering of all human beings—even those regarded as enemies. We urgently need to make compassion a clear, luminous, and dynamic force in our polarized world. Rooted in a principled determination to transcend selfishness, compassion can break down political, dogmatic, ideological, and religious boundaries. Born of our deep interdependence, compassion is essential to human relationships and to a fulfilled humanity. It is the path to enlightenment, and indispensable to the creation of a just economy and a peaceful global community."

Peace and best wishes,

Mrs Nicole Achmad
Assistant Principal

Friday 18th February

Merit Assembly over the PA System

Monday 21st February

Swimming Lessons continue

Thursday 24th February

5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation - Parent/Child Workshop

Important Dates

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 tomorrow **Friday 18h February** to gain the Tuition Fee discount.

Forms received after this date may not qualify for discount.

**ATTENTION****School Fees**

If you wish to have a Direct Debit on your School Fee Account please send in the Payment Option form as soon as possible, as deductions will start on March 1, 2022.

Parish Masses**St Thomas More Catholic Church - Margaret River**

- Saturday - 6.00pm
- Sunday - 10.00am

Lumen Christi Catholic Church - Augusta

- Sunday - 8.00am

**UNIFORM SHOP OPEN HOURS - MONDAYS FROM 1.30 - 3.00PM**

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rita.willmott@cewa.edu.au

with details of your order and credit card.

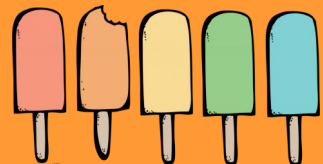
Forms can be downloaded off the school's website.

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.



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Registrations open from
21st February to
31st March 2021

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SEASON 2022**

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U/13
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U/20

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TUESDAYS
WEEK 2 -WEEK 9
YEARS: KINDY - Y6
3.00PM - 4.00PM**

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TUESDAYS
WEEK 2 -WEEK 9
YEARS: KINDY - Y6
4.15PM - 5.15PM**

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OR \$240
FOR THE YEAR**



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- When: Thursday 17, 24 Feb & 3, 10 March
- Time: 4.30 – 6 pm
- Where: Vasse Playing Fields
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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

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*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