

St Thomas More Catholic Primary School

Principal's Report



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The Vine



Prayer of Consecration

We turn to you, Lord Jesus Christ, Word of God made flesh for us, and we entrust the people of Ukraine to you who once said to your disciples, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you". Hear the cry of your people; change the hearts of those who have unleashed such suffering on the innocent; strengthen the resolve of those who are working to bring the conflict to an end; be close to those who have been driven from their homes and from their homeland; heal the wounds of mind and heart inflicted on the children; comfort the frightened and the lost; strengthen the faith of those who are bereaved; give eternal rest and joy to those who have died.

In your own agony on the cross you entrusted your mother to the beloved disciple, and entrusted him and all disciples to your mother's care. It was through Mary's faith that you, the Word made flesh, came to dwell among us. That same faith strengthened Mary as she stood at the foot of the cross. We pray that your suffering people in Ukraine may know and experience that Mary stands with them, too, in this time of their great distress. You have given Mary to us as the Mother of the Church and the Help of Christians. With great confidence in the power of her prayer, in accordance with the tradition of your Church, and in communion with our bishop and all the Holy People of God, we consecrate and entrust the people of Ukraine to Mary and ask that our prayers might be joined with hers as we come before you now in hope and in trusting faith. Hear our prayers, O Lord, and raise up champions of peace, of justice and of healing, so that the weapons of war may be silenced and the people of Ukraine may know the peace that only you can give.

*Mary, Mother of the Church, Help of Christians,
Mother of the Ukrainian people, pray for us.*

Written by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I hope all families had a wonderful Long Weekend and were able to enjoy some time together as a family. On Tuesday, the staff gathered together to participate in some Wellness activities, which allowed time for meditation, self-reflection, connection with nature and taking time to come together as a staff. We believe providing time for staff to develop their own wellbeing assists them in becoming even better educators for your children.

Thank You!

I would like to say a massive thank you to our amazing parent community for being so supportive and understanding this morning, following the problems we had with the water supply into the school. We understand this unforeseen event caused some difficulties with parents who were working or had plans, but the responsive, flexible and understanding way our parent body dealt with this incident is truly appreciated. The pipe has now been fixed and school will resume as normal tomorrow for the children.

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Covid Update

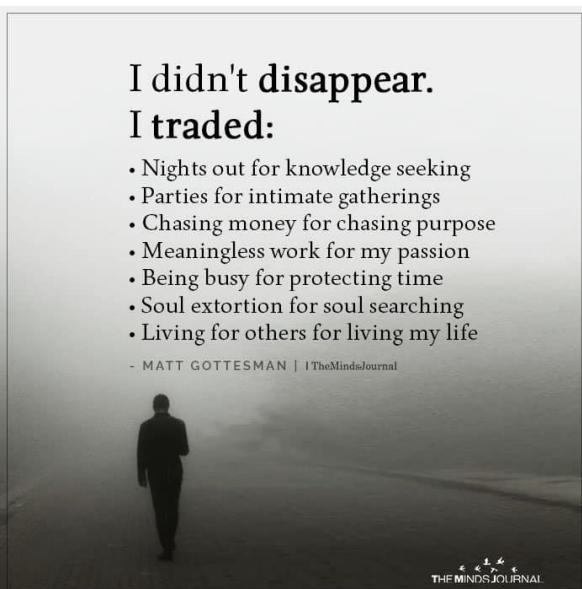
At this stage, there have been no members of our community (that I am aware of), who have tested positive to Covid-19, which has allowed us to continue with relative normality in delivering our educational programs to the children enrolled here. This has allowed your children to remain unaffected in receiving the high-quality face-to-face education we provide. Thank you to parents for their support in sending children to school, in Years 3 -6 with a face mask each day, as mandated by the Minister for Education and WA Health. We do have spare masks available should your child forget. As rules continue to change on a daily basis, should you or someone in your family either test positive to Covid-19 or be identified as a close contact, and you are unsure as to what to do, please do not hesitate to contact us for further advice. Please also remember that if your child is showing symptoms, to follow health advice of not sending them to school and get them tested as soon as possible. Should your child test positive to Covid-19, I ask that you contact me immediately. Children should also not be sent to school if they are showing signs of any illness. We appreciate your support with this matter.

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

RUSSELL WYLIE

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



A Note from the Community School Health Nurse

Welcome to the new school year

Hello. I'd like to introduce myself and my role. My name is Chey Peters and I am the Community School Health Nurse for your school this year. School Health Nurses work with schools to promote healthy development and physical and emotional wellbeing. We are a good contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessments, health counselling, parenting support and referrals as needed. Our service is free and confidential.

I am part of the Healthy Country Kids Child Development Team, alongside other School Health Nurses and Allied Health professionals, such as Speech Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapists, Dietitian, Social Worker and an Enuresis Nurse.


In response to increasing cases of COVID-19 in WA communities, our services to schools will very likely be disrupted in 2022 and will be delivered according to priorities, and in negotiation with School and Health leaders.

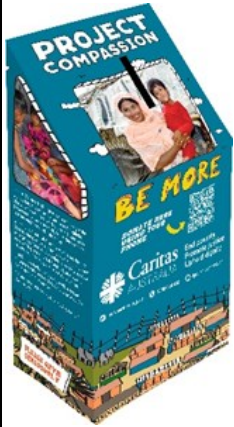
If you have any concerns about your child's physical or emotional health and well-being, or growth and development, please contact me on 9753 6480

or email WACHS-SW.NaturalistePrimarySchoolNurses@health.wa.gov.au

Assistant Principal News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

 **Caritas** **Second Week of Lent**
 AUSTRALIA (school week beginning Monday 29th February)



This week through Project Compassion we learn about 39-year-old Margret, a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands. She was born deaf, so she knows the challenges it poses to education and employment. Apart from the difficulties the students all have, the school also faced water shortages, with not enough to supply staff and students with safe water for drinking, cooking, washing and growing vegetables.

Then Tropical Cyclone Harold damaged the school and its vegetable garden, amidst the threat of COVID-19. Staff and students rely on the vegetable garden to provide food for their meals.

With Caritas Australia’s support, the school installed water tanks, provided cyclone-proof building materials and helped to implement COVID-19 prevention measures. Margret’s school now has enough water for its students and the capacity to cater for more, with plans to boost food security, through increased agricultural production.



- Around 60% of people in rural areas in the Solomon Islands don’t have access to piped water, while about 80% don’t have access to latrines or toilets. ([UNICEF](#), 2019)

Peace and best wishes,

Mrs Nicolle Achmad
Assistant Principal



Congratulations!



School Merit Award Winners

Term 1 - Week 5

Pre-Primary	Scarlett O’Shaughnessy
Year 1	Eva Jakimowicz
Year 2	Luca Laranjeiro
Year 3	Vienne Nguyen
Year 4	Jesse Kucan
Year 5	West O’Brien

Thursday 10th March
 Last day for Book Club orders

Friday 11th March
 Merit Assembly over the PA System

Important Dates

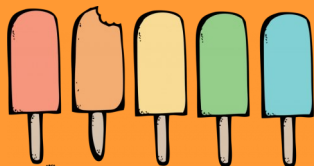
UNIFORM SHOP OPEN HOURS - MONDAYS FROM 1.30 - 3.00PM

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



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

All items are \$1.00

Registrations are now open for the
2022 Netball season.

There are 6 divisions this year:

Under 9s, Under 11s, Under 13s, Under 16s,

Under 18s and Under 20s.

Registrations can be done through PlayHQ and
searching **Margaret River Netball Association**, or by
following the links on our website or Facebook page.

For any queries,
contact margaretrivernetball@gmail.com

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.

REGISTER NOW!
Registrations open from
23rd February to
31st March 2022

NETBALL SEASON 2022

Divisions
U/9
U/11
U/13
U/16
U/20

Visit the MRNA Facebook page for registration links
<https://www.facebook.com/MargaretRiverNetballAssociation>
Email: margaretrivernetball@gmail.com

MARGARET RIVER JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB

Interested in meeting new friends?

Would you like to try a new sport?

Margaret River Junior Gropers Rugby Club

could be for YOU!

Pre-Primary to Year 7.

Training starts: 23rd March

For more info, contact Abi: 0490 764 427

or Stephen: 0422 902 199



Little Wonderers

Nature play for little ones with additional needs



Dates: Wednesdays (16th, 23rd, 30th March & 6th April)

Time: Between 10am - 12pm

**Where: Locations vary.
First session at Memorial Park,
68 Willmott Avenue, Margaret
River, 6285**

No cost: Places are limited.

Registrations are essential, this will ensure activities are suitable for your child. If you would like to join the group or have any queries, please contact Aisling at aisling@nature-nurture.co

The Little Wonderers is a group for children aged 0-4 years with additional medical needs and their parents.

It's a space for children and their carers to be supported to explore nature play and make new friends.



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Aisling Wallace (Occupational Therapist)
and Deb Mitchell (Physiotherapist)
are experienced paediatric therapists in
Margaret River.



Wild Child
PHYSIOTHERAPY