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Issue 8

# St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



## Principal's Report

*Knowing God's care for us, let us pray for the needs of the world:*

*For the people in the Ukraine in this time of peril: We pray for peace.  
Gracious God, hear our prayer.*

*For people who feel unloved or excluded: We pray for them to know  
God's love. Gracious God, hear our prayer.*

*For people who don't have enough to eat: We pray for sustenance for all.  
Gracious God, hear our prayer.*

*For people who work for justice: We pray they have the courage to  
continue God's work. Gracious God, hear our prayer.*

*For the prayers in our hearts today: We pray as one. Gracious God, hear  
our prayer.*

*May God bless us and protect us and bring us to eternal life.*

*Amen.*



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### Harmony Day



Last Friday, the school came together to celebrate Harmony Day. It was wonderful to see so many students thinking about how we can be inclusive, respectful of others and accepting of different cultures in our community. Thank you to those students who dressed in traditional clothing or wore orange to commemorate this day.

### Canteen

We are pleased to announce that Margaret River Primary School have kindly offered to provide a lunch service for our school on a Thursday. We are excited about the menu being provided and that orders will be able to be easily placed using our current online system of Quickcliq. A menu and further information will be sent home tomorrow.

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The Vine



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### Recycling Incursion



On Wednesday, our Kindy and Pre Primary students participated in an Incursion called *Patti the Pig: It's Not All Rubbish*, which taught the children about the 'Three Bin system' and encouraged children to recycle and help in looking after our environment. This fits well with the work our Year 6 Environmental committee is doing, trying to encourage less waste going into landfill and becoming a WasteWise school.

### Code of Conduct and Parent Charter

In 2016, all Catholic Schools were required to follow a Code of Conduct, which sets out the expectations of all those who interact within our school community. Hopefully many parents are already aware of this and have seen the 12 statements which apply to our school. Our parent community are pretty fantastic in the way they interact with others within our school, but it is always good to remind ourselves of the expectations set out. Coming home today is a copy of the statements, along with a Parent Charter, which sits alongside the Code of Conduct to assist parents to become more aware of their obligations as members of the St Thomas More Catholic Primary School Community, giving examples of how to follow the Code of Conduct and providing advice on appropriate behaviours that should be modelled to others at our school.

I am always happy to discuss with parents any questions which may arise from this.

### Athletics Carnival

We will be moving ahead with our Faction Athletics Carnival next Monday. Although parents will be unable to attend this due to regulations restricting gatherings at the school, the children will still be able to compete in their different events. We will begin with a Junior carnival in the morning and then have the Year 3 to Year 6 classes compete after recess. Teachers will film the events and share them with parents. We suggest parents could watch the events together as a family later. Further information about this carnival can be found later in the newsletter.

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

**RUSSELL WYLIE**  
**PRINCIPAL**



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## Assistant Principal News



### Project Compassion 2022



This week through Project Compassion we learn about Biru who lives in a rural village in India's east. He lost mobility in one of his legs, after contracting polio as a child. Biru worked as a shepherd, looking after other people's cattle, to support his wife and four daughters. Keeping up with the cattle was a challenge.

Biru taught himself how to repair bicycles by watching other people, but he never dreamed of using those skills to start his own business. With your generous support, Biru was able to access an entrepreneurship and livelihoods training program, run by Caritas Australia's partner, Caritas India. He gained the support and skills he needed to start his own bicycle repair business. Now, Biru earns enough money to support his family.



We have been raising money this term for Caritas Australia with our weekly 'Hump Day Cheesies', our Cake Stall and our Easter Egg guessing competitions. We have so far raised \$400. With only two weeks to go, we aim to donate \$500 to Caritas Australia by the end of the term. Thank you to our Year 6 student leaders for establishing these fundraising initiatives and to our parents/guardians for your generous support of these projects.

### Margaret River and Districts Historical Society

We were invited to be involved in the Margaret River and Districts Historical Society Centennial of Group Settlement Event by creating banners for the group settlements of Rosa Brook, East Witchcliffe and Mowen. Our Art teacher Danielle Noble was enthusiastic to involve the students in this project during Art lessons this term. Our students have created three amazing banners to contribute to this event.



### Harmony Day

Last Friday, 18 March, our staff and students were invited to come to school dressed in cultural dress or the colour orange for Harmony Day. They were also encouraged to bring a plate of food to share with their classmates if they were able to. Each class completed activities that focused on unity, inclusivity, respect and belonging with the message that everyone belongs regardless of cultural or linguistic background. We thank the staff and students for embracing this day and for celebrating our school's cultural diversity.

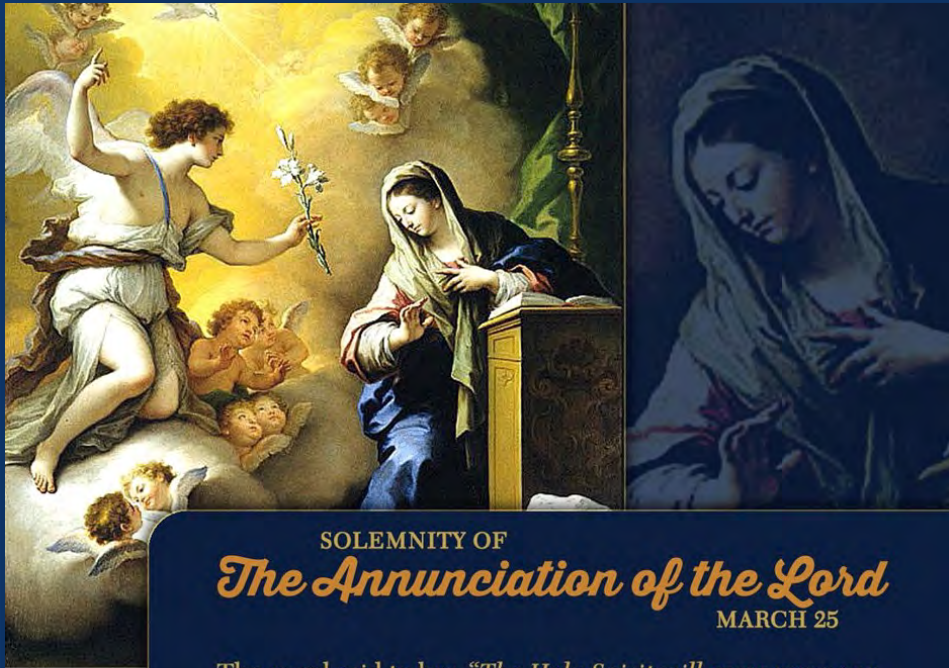
### Easter Egg Raffle

The P&F are organising an Easter Egg Raffle. Parents are asked to please donate one Easter Egg per child for the Easter Egg basket prizes to be created. Tickets for the prizes can then be purchased for \$1.00 each or 3 for \$2.00.

Peace and best wishes,

**Mrs Nicolle Achmad**  
Assistant Principal

Thought of the Week



SOLEMNITY OF  
*The Annunciation of the Lord*  
MARCH 25

The angel said to her, *“The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.”* LUKE 1:35



*Congratulations!*

**School Merit Award Winners  
Term 1 - Week 7**

Pre-Primary	Florence Hardaker
Year 1	Joshveer Boparai
Year 2	Taj Harding
Year 3	Ebony Woodhouse
Year 4	Xanthia Schumann
Year 5	Dominic Brawls
Year 6	Coco Nicholls

**Friday 25th March**  
Merit Assembly over the PA System

**Monday 28th March**  
Sports Carnival Day

**Thursday 7th April**  
Last Day of Term 1

*Important Dates*

## Sports Carnival Day - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Our Sports Day will be held next Monday. This will be a modified version of our normal sports carnival due to Covid restrictions. Unfortunately, one of the major changes is that parents will be unable to attend. Classroom teachers will be encouraged to video as many of their classes' events as possible to share with parents online.

A Junior event (K-2) will run from 9.00am - 10.30am with a focus on all students participating in as many events as possible.

The Senior event will run from 11.00am which will also focus on participation but also allow students gain points for their faction and age championship.

Many of the championship events will need to be timed - therefore age champions and faction winners will take some time to determine. As a result, age champions, and the Faction winner will be announced at "Assembly" on Friday.

Throws and Jumps events have been run and won and students will be presented with their ribbons for these events in class this week.

Students will need to remember water bottles for the day and please wear FACTION coloured shirts.

We are looking forward to a great day.



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



Please email your Order Forms through to

[rita.willmott@cewa.edu.au](mailto: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://stmcpes.wa.edu.au/> and go to the Communication tab to select Online Absentee.

Thinking about playing hockey?

# Come and Give Hockey A Go! FREE SESSION!

Equipment provided if you haven't got a stick!

Come to the Lower Western Playing Field  
Cloucester Park, Margaret River

4.00 pm - 5.30 pm - Tuesday 29 March

Pre-Primary - Year 2

Boy/Girls Years 3-5

Years 6-8/ Years 9-12

Senior Men / Senior Women

All Abilities

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**DUNSBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
WEEK 1  
MON 11th APRIL - THURS 14th APRIL  
WEEK 2  
TUES 19th APRIL - FRI 22nd APRIL  
9AM - 3PM

**SPORTS INCLUDE:**  
SOCCER, NETBALL, TENNIS, HOCKEY, KINGBALL, CRICKET, CAPTURE THE FLAG, AFL, VOLLEYBALL, DODGEBALL, GLADIATORS, JAIL BREAK, BASKETBALL, HEAD CATCH

*and many more!*

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**WEST BUSSELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
WEEK 1  
MON 11th APRIL - THURS 14th APRIL  
WEEK 2  
TUES 19th APRIL - FRI 22nd APRIL  
9AM - 3PM

**SPORTS INCLUDE:**  
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# Too shy to share your singing voice?

"I love to sing but I get really nervous when I have to do it in front of others!"



"I want to be more confident in singing but I don't know where to start!"

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Monday April 11th, 1pm - 3pm



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  - Goal setting

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