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St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



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The Vine



Principal's Report

*Loving God,
please grant us peace of mind and calm our troubled hearts.
With all that is going on in the world we feel as though our souls are like
a turbulent sea.
We can't seem to find our balance, so we stumble and worry constantly.
Give us the strength and clarity of mind to find our purpose
and walk the path you've laid out for us.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Covid Update

As we move towards the end of the term, I would like to thank parents for being so vigilant in testing regularly and ensuring children are not coming to school when they are sick. We have unfortunately had a bit of a spread happen in our Pre-Primary classroom, with 8 children now testing positive to Covid-19 and 2 staff members. We also have one student in Year 4 and in Year 6 test positive, along with myself. As a result, I will not be returning to school until the last day of the term. In my absence, Mrs Achmad will be Acting Principal.

It is a timely reminder to remember to wear a mask outdoors if you cannot socially distance and to continue good hygiene practices.



Faction Athletics Carnival

On Monday, we managed to run our Faction Athletics Carnival for the children. This was a fantastic event that allowed the children to showcase their athletic skills and compete in a safe way, separated from other classes. The Junior carnival, held in the morning, included running races, relays and some team games. It was really wonderful to see the smiles on the children's faces when they finished their event!

The Senior carnival also allowed children to participate in running events, team games and some relays. Congratulations to Richardson faction for winning the carnival! I would also like to acknowledge those children who won Runner-up or Champion for their division. Activities like this cannot take place without the organisation and behind the scenes work by someone – so a huge thank you to Mr McRae for this and also to all the classroom teachers and Teacher Assistants for their help on the day. You really made this special for the children! Hopefully all parents were able to watch the recorded videos of their child's event.

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Dogs on School Grounds

I would like to remind parents to please leave dogs at home as they are not allowed on the school grounds. We do have some children with a strong fear of dogs, and following a dog bite to a child a few years ago at school, we want to ensure all children remain safe. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Stations of the Cross

Next week, in the lead up to the celebration of Easter and the resurrection of Jesus, the Year 6 students will be leading classes in the story of the Station of the Cross. This will take place next Thursday morning.



A reminder to families that next Thursday 7th April, is the last day of school for the students for Term 1. On Friday 8th April, our staff will be joining with the staff from Our Lady of the Cape, Dunsborough and St Mary MacKillop College, Busselton for an online day of learning, including Staff Wellbeing and Mental Health, Mathematics and personal development as part of the Capes Conference.

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

RUSSELL WYLIE
PRINCIPAL

St Thomas More Faction Sports Carnival 2022

On Monday, all students took part in a modified Faction Carnival. All students were involved in most events and it was fantastic to see such enthusiastic participation. A big thanks to classroom teachers for filming and sharing footage of events online. Thank you also to the Margaret River Senior High School students for their help in running the days events. Also, a big thanks to all other staff, especially Andy our groundsman who prepared our oval perfectly for the day's activities. After the event, points were tallied up for Champion and Runner-up boys and girls and the details are as follows:

Junior Boy

Runner-Up: Jack Moke
Champion: Lachie McCorkill

Junior Girl

Runner-Up: Margaux Lewis
Champion: Roxanna Schumann

Intermediate Boy

Runner-Up: Arki Innes
Champion: Maxime Lewis

Intermediate Girl

Runner-Up: Abbey Woodhouse
Champion: Paige Hayward

Senior Boy

Runner-Up: Riley Johnson
Champion: Brodie John

Senior Girl

Runner-Up: Ava Innes
Champion: Edith Davy



Congratulations to the overall winning Faction, Richardson (Green) and a big thankyou to all the students who took part for their wonderful effort and attitude.

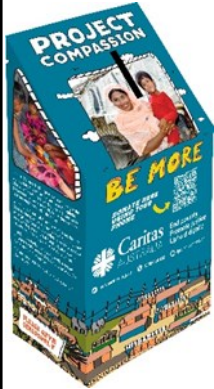
Cam McRae
Specialist Teacher - Phys Ed

Assistant Principal News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,



Project Compassion 2022



This week through Project Compassion we learn about Rosalie, who lives with her husband and seven children in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Forced to join the army when she was just 15 years old, Rosalie experienced significant trauma and hardship during her years in the military. After she was demobilized from the army, Rosalie, like other ex-combatants, was left to fend for herself in the community.

With your generous support and through Caritas Australia's partners, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD) and Caritas Bukavu, Rosalie was able to connect with other members of her community and participate in business skills training to help her to reintegrate into society.



She joined a savings group which helped her with a loan to start her own small business selling second-hand shoes and natural remedies.

"I can eat, dress, maintain my health and help others. My children study and manage to eat twice a day. I have learnt to work together with other members of the community. Really, there is more joy in sharing with others." - Rosalie

Lent / Stations of the Cross

Next Thursday, 7 April, our Year 6 students will lead our students around the Stations of the Cross. The 14 Stations of the Cross will be visually represented with images as well as the Year 6 students depicting the events of Jesus' final hours as freeze frame drama. The Stations of the Cross are called stations because the students will stop to look at each station, reflect on the event, say a prayer and think about how the event links to their own life.

Easter Egg Raffle

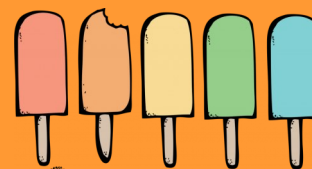
The P&F are organising an Easter Egg Raffle. Parents are asked to please donate one Easter Egg per child for the Easter Egg basket prizes to be created. Tickets for the prizes can then be purchased for \$1.00 each or 3 for \$2.00.



Peace and best wishes,

Mrs Nicolle Achmad
Assistant Principal

**The School Canteen is open on
Fridays at Lunchtimes selling Icy Poles.
All items are \$1.00**



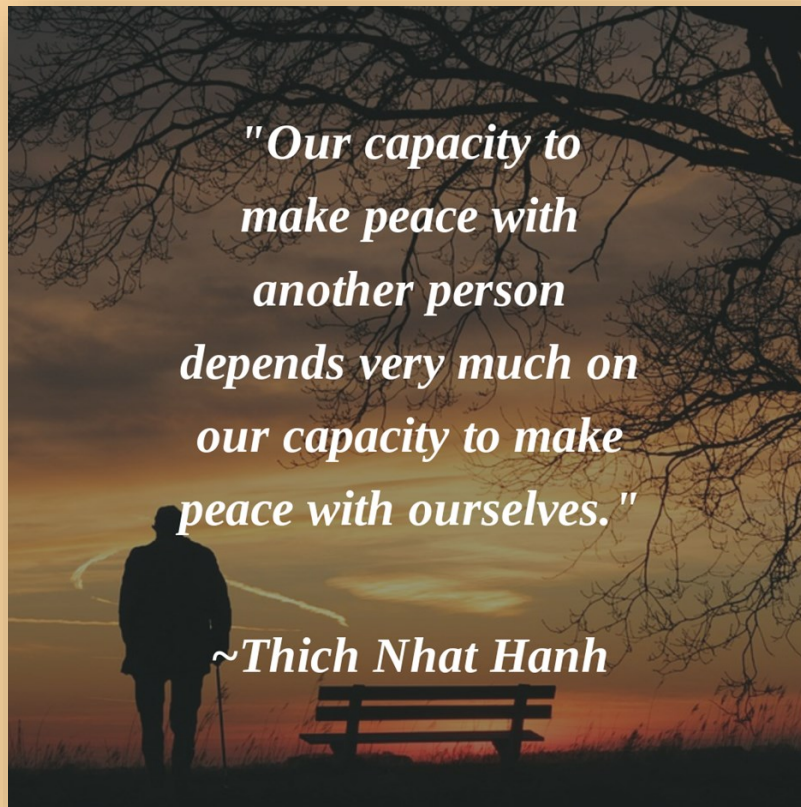
Absentees



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.

Thought of the Week



Congratulations!

School Merit Award Winners

Term 1

Week 8

Pre-Primary	Willow Harding
Year 1	Archie Campbell
Year 2	Byron Mountford
Year 3	Summerveer Boparai
Year 4	Ila Yee Wilson
Year 6	River Petterson

Friday 1st April

Merit Assembly over the PA System

Thursday 7th April

Last Day of Term 1

Tuesday 26th April

First Day of Term 2

Important Dates



St Mary MacKillop College - Enrolment into Year 7 - 2024

Did you know?

- Enrolment into Year 7 from St Thomas More Catholic Primary School is NOT automatic – you still need to **submit an application form** which you can [download](#) from their website.
- St Mary MacKillop College have commenced interviews for Year 7 2024, and they will be conducted in the following order (as per Catholic Education guidelines):
 1. Catholic students
 2. Siblings of St Mary MacKillop College students
 3. Students from 'feeder schools' - Our Lady of the Cape Primary School and St Thomas More Catholic Primary School
 4. All other students

Have you enrolled your child? If not:

- Download and complete and [application form](#) and gather all the documentation required (see the checklist on page 2 of the application).
- Submit your application to [Natalie Gordon](#), Enrolments Officer at St Mary MacKillop College.

To be included in the 'first round interviews' applications with all required documentation must be received by **29 April 2022** (the end of the first week of Term 2).



TERM 2 SWIMMING LESSONS 2022

Get in quick as the pool is closing next term

STAGES 1 - 15

Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday afternoons

BREAKFAST SWIM SQUAD (SWIMMING FOR FITNESS) Breakfast included
Tuesday - Stage 7+ (7.00 - 8.00AM)

PARENT & CHILD CLASSES
(6 months to 3 years)
Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday

DUO & TRIO CLASSES: 3 to 4 years
(2 to 3 CHILDREN PER CLASS)
Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday

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WOMEN WITH A MISSION WEEKEND

21ST AND 22ND MAY 2022
A LIFE FOR LOVE RETREAT

to

Commemorate the 31st Anniversary of the
Martyrdom of Sr Irene McCormack



and

Celebrate the Beatification of Pauline Jaricot,
foundress of Catholic Mission



St Joseph's Parish Centre, 25 Moore St, Manjimup

Saturday 21st May - 12.30pm Gathering for 1pm start:
Reflections on Mission and the meaning of giving your life for love.
Sharing by people who knew Sr Irene and her work.
Finish with 6pm Mass.

Sunday 22nd May - 8.30am Sunday Mass
followed by retreat on the Life and Work of Pauline Jaricot. Finish by 1pm.



Adults \$20; Conc \$15 or what you can afford.
Light lunch and refreshments provided.
Further information: Deborah 0419 939 864
bunbury.director@catholicmission.org.au





Augusta Roller Disco

Tuesday 12th April
2pm to 4pm
Augusta Rec Centre
(basketball courts)

BYO Skates or Rollerblades - Skate Hire: \$5 (limited sizes)

Please register to ensure you do not miss out on this FREE event

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/augusta-roller-disco-tickets-305264633737>

<https://www.facebook.com/augustacrc>



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UPDATE



NEW ALL GIRLS teams! Playing in the SWJFL. The Y6/Y7 AMR Hawks team is going ahead! The support and numbers are there. The Girls Y6/Y7 Coach is Steven Utting. This is in addition to the Y8/Y9 and Y10-Y12 ALL Girls AMR Hawks teams. GO HAWKS!

Girls Interested? Register Now!

<https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/3ef893>

Come along to a pre season training, bring a friend. Friday's 4pm, Gloucester Oval meet the Coaches (Y6/Y7 & Y8/Y9). Come and give footy a try, it's loads of fun!

Any girls wanting to transfer from the mixed junior competition of U13s or U11s get in contact and we can assist with this process, email - amrjuniorfooty@gmail.com

