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# St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



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# The Vine



## Principal's Report

*God our Father,  
your Word, Jesus Christ, spoke peace to a sinful world  
and brought humankind the gift of reconciliation  
by the suffering and death, he endured.  
Teach us, the people who bear his name,  
to follow the example, he gave us:  
may our faith, hope and charity  
turn hatred to love, conflict to peace, death to eternal life.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord,  
Amen.*



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we come to the final week of this term, the chance to reflect on what we have achieved in some difficult circumstances has shown that we as a community are a really supportive, understanding and resilient school. Dealing with Covid cases, remote learning due to students being in isolation and having to get used to wearing masks has been difficult, but I believe the children have still been able to achieve so much with their learning and progressing with their understanding and skills despite these trying times. As I visit classrooms, I can continue to see the engagement of the students and their willingness to learn – a very special attribute to have, particularly at the end of term!

I would like to acknowledge and thank all families and staff for the wonderful way you have come together to make our St Thomas More community so special and in ensuring the children directly benefit from all your hard work. It has been a great start to the year and I look forward to seeing what the rest of the year may bring.



### Stations of the Cross

Our Year 6 students led each of the classes through the Stations of the Cross, which told the story of the events leading up to Jesus' death on the Cross on Good Friday and his resurrection on Easter Sunday. The Year 6 students did a wonderful job in depicting these final moments and told the story with reverence and solemnity. We were reminded of how Jesus and others felt during this time and reflected on ways that we could live our lives better and treat others with kindness and compassion. Well done to all the students who took part in this lead up to Easter.

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### **Change of Uniform**

A reminder that the students commence wearing their winter uniform from the first day of Term 2 and there will be a 2-week grace period for changeover of uniforms. We appreciate parent's support in ensuring children are dressed in the correct uniform and supporting our School Uniform Procedures. Further information about this can be found on our website.

### **Bluebird Vacation Care**

Bluebird Childcare will be offering a Vacation Care program for interested families. This will commence tomorrow, 8<sup>th</sup> April. Visit [bluebirdchildcare.com.au](http://bluebirdchildcare.com.au) or call 1800 233 188 to book in.

### **Farewell Mrs Stanley**

Mrs Kaye Stanley has decided to retire for the end of the term. Kaye was a foundation staff member, working at St Thomas More when it opened in 1993 under Principal Sr Kathleen Hitchcock. Over the past 30 years, Kaye has touched the lives of so many students, working across many different year levels, implementing support programs, including Toe by Toe and MacqLit as well as in-class support and working with Students with a Disability. We wish Kaye all the very best in her retirement and look forward to having a special school celebration early next term, allowing the community to also farewell her.

### **Pupil Free Day**

A reminder to families that tomorrow is a Pupil Free Day, as the staff participate in the Capes Conference – an online conference of learning with the staff from Our Lady of the Cape, Dunsborough and St Mary MacKillop College, Busselton. I am sure our staff will come away from this conference with new ideas, strategies to implement better wellbeing opportunities for our students and staff and an opportunity to reflect on best teaching practices and learning opportunities for our students.

### **Term 2**

Term 2 will begin for students on **TUESDAY 26 April**. Please look out for a Term 2 calendar attached with the newsletter. However, please note that changes may occur during the term. Our Year 3 students will be presenting an ANZAC Day reflection on this Tuesday at 11:00am.

I wish all families a wonderful holiday break. As Easter falls in the middle weekend of the holidays, I encourage families to reflect on the true meaning of Easter and the sacrifice Jesus made for us. Try to attend one of the Church services and spend some time talking with your children about how we can be better Christians and support those around us, both locally and internationally.

Take care, stay safe and enjoy this special period.

Peace and best wishes,

**RUSSELL WYLIE**  
**PRINCIPAL**



## **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).

## Assistant Principal News



### Project Compassion 2022



As we enter Holy Week, we continue to reflect on the lives of people vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice and how we can respond. This term, we raised approximately \$750 which will be donated to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion appeal.

Your generosity is the pebble that allows Caritas Australia to create the ripples that will improve the livelihoods of vulnerable communities, supporting them to flourish and create opportunities for future generations to live to their full potential and thrive.

Thank you!

Please return all Project Compassion boxes and envelopes to the school office by Friday 27th May or donate online via the Caritas website at [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au)



### Lent / Stations of the Cross

Today, our Year 6 students led our class groups of students around the Stations of the Cross. The 14 Stations of the Cross were visually represented with images and our amazing Year 6 students depicted the events of Jesus' final hours as freeze frame drama. I thank all students for their prayerfulness and reverence during the Stations of the Cross today.

### ANZAC DAY Commemorative Service



We have been invited by the Margaret River RSL to participate in the ANZAC Day parade on Monday 25 April 2021 from 11.30am.

If you would like your child to participate in the march along Bussell Hwy from Reuther Park to Memorial Park, we will be meeting in Reuther Park at 11.00am to gather and march at 11.30am. The students need to wear their full summer school uniform, please. If applicable, they are also encouraged to wear any relative's medals. According

to the Australian War Memorial, "medals should be worn on the right-hand side of the chest over the heart."

Following the march, we will assemble with the Margaret River community in Memorial Park to participate in a reflective service. Our head boy Ollie Webb and head girl Alexis Kikeros will lay a wreath on our school's behalf. The service usually lasts an hour.

We hope we see many students showing their support for our ANZAC heroes, both past and present by marching in the ANZAC Day parade. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.



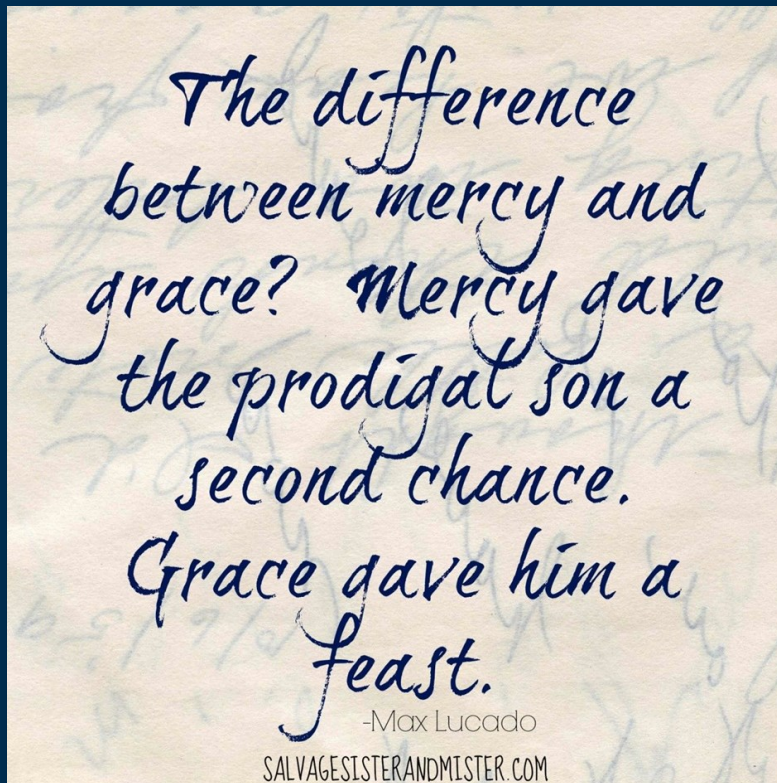
Finally, as we head into Holy Week, we are reminded of the great joy and hope that awaits us on Easter Sunday. If we see as God sees, we come to appreciate the dignity of all people and the love of God who desires the full flourishing for each one of us. I wish all students and their families a very Happy Easter and a restful term break.

Peace and best wishes,

**Mrs Nicolle Achmad**  
Assistant Principal



Thought of the Week



# Congratulations!

## School Merit Award Winners Term 1 - Week 9

Year 1	Piper Clarke
Year 2	Archie Townsend
Year 3	Mara Laught
Year 5	Laila Townsend Joshua Wynd
Year 6	Katie Campbell

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

**Tuesday 26th April**  
**First Day of Term 2**

**Tuesday 26th April**  
ANZAC Day Reflection  
6.00pm P&F Meeting

## Important Dates

## Easter Egg Raffle

Thank you to our P&F for supporting our Easter Egg Raffle.

The winners were:

Kindergarten:	Rose McGowan (1 <sup>st</sup> ) Cooper Franca (2 <sup>nd</sup> ), Connor McIvor (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
Pre-Primary:	George Walsh (1 <sup>st</sup> ), Max Currell (2 <sup>nd</sup> ), Euann Aviso (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
Year 1:	Archie Campbell (1 <sup>st</sup> ), Richmay Alison (2 <sup>nd</sup> ), Jake Drysdale (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
Year 2:	Jordan Jones (1 <sup>st</sup> ), Lachie McCorkill (2 <sup>nd</sup> ), Taj Harding (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
Year 3:	Kitson Bucat (1 <sup>st</sup> ), Archie Clarke (2 <sup>nd</sup> ), Alex Price (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
Year 4:	Zaneveer Arora (1 <sup>st</sup> ), Diandreil Langridge (2 <sup>nd</sup> ), Mr McRae (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
Year 5:	Laila Townsend (1 <sup>st</sup> ), West O'Brien (2 <sup>nd</sup> ), Mrs Teague (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
Year 6:	Hugo Enright (1 <sup>st</sup> ), Kingston Nguyen (2 <sup>nd</sup> ), Mr McDonald (3 <sup>rd</sup> )



### 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.

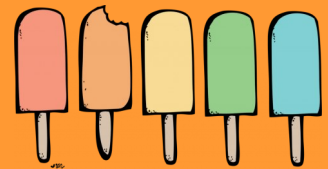
Forms can be downloaded off the school's website.

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://stmcps.wa.edu.au/> and go to the Communication tab to select Online Absentee.



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LUMEN CHRISTI, AUGUSTA

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

	AUGUSTA	MARGARET RIVER
<b>PALM SUNDAY VIGIL MASS</b> Saturday 9th April		6.00pm
<b>PALM SUNDAY MASS</b> 10th April	8.00am	10.00am
<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b> 14th April (Mass of the Lord's Supper)	5.00pm	7.00pm
<i>Stations of the Cross</i> <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> 15th April	10.00am	3.30pm
<b>Our Lord's Passion</b> Friday 15th April	2.00pm	4.00pm
<b>EASTER VIGIL</b> Saturday 16th April	5.00pm	7.30pm
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> 17th April	8.00am	10.00am and 6.00pm
<b>Leeuwin Estate Mass</b> (Please bring your own picnic lunch)	12.00pm (noon)	

*For more information, please call the presbytery:*

**08 9757 9500**





**FRIDAYS**  
**8 WEEK PROGRAMME**  
**YEARS: KINDY - Y6**  
**3.05PM - 4.05PM**

**ALL BOOKINGS TO BE MADE THROUGH:**  
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**WEEK 1**



**SPIDERMAN TAG & MORE TAG GAMES**

**WEEK 2**



**DODGEBALL SUPERHERO TAG**

**WEEK 3**



**DODGEBALL CAPTURE THE FLAG**

**WEEK 4**



**SOCCER BATTLESHIPS**

**WEEK 5**



**SOCCER POWERBALL**

**WEEK 6**



**BASKETBALL GLADIATORS**

**WEEK 7**



**BASKETBALL JAILBREAK**

**WEEK 8**



**PLAYERS CHOICE STAR OF THE CLUB AWARD**



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# SKATE & SOCCER CAMP



AGE 6-9 APRIL 12TH  
AGE 9-12 APRIL 13TH  
09:00AM - 15:00PM

## SKATE, SOCCER & GAMES

MARGARET RIVER SKATE PARK  
MARGARET RIVER RECREATION CENTRE

[LJSOCCER.COM.AU/HOLIDAYS](http://LJSOCCER.COM.AU/HOLIDAYS)



# REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!!!



GRADINGS 23/3 AND 30/3  
TEAM TRAINING 6/4  
GAME 30/4



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FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK



# Register Now!



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**Auskick**

## *Friyay!!!*



## *4pm - 5pm*

AGES KINDY, PP, YR1 & YR2



# MARGARET RIVER

## APRIL HOLIDAY FOOTBALL CAMP



Wed 13th-Thurs 14th April  
Gloucester Park Oval  
2,00pm-5.00pm  
\$120.00 (covers both days)

April Camp Squads  
Under 9 | Under 11  
Under 13 | 13-15yrs

Online Registration  
[winningedgeacademy.com.au](http://winningedgeacademy.com.au)