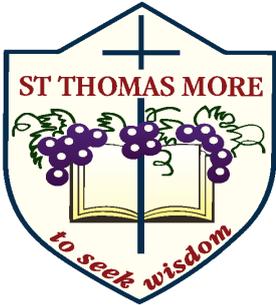


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The Vine



Principal's Report

Easter Prayer

Love overcame

Emerging from a cold tomb

All the truth, majesty and creativity of a living God

Transforming a broken heart

Making a quiet return, in a still and sorrowful garden

The gravestone rolled away, to release redemptive love

Jesus resurrected and restored

Comforts a weeping woman

Speaks with travellers on a journey

Meets with his faithful friends

And they bow down before Christ alive

And acknowledged that the saviour has arrived

That the word of God has come alive

*And that the extraordinary transformation of heaven and earth is
complete. Amen*



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday and a blessed and holy Easter. It was really wonderful to see each child's happy, smiling face as they walked into school on Tuesday morning and watch them catch up with friends and share many stories about what they got up to during the holidays. We also welcome some new families into our Tommy More community with Cecilia and Fiona Byrne starting in Year 2 and Kindy and Aria Williams also starting in Year 2.

Covid Update

As you may have heard, restrictions will be eased from tomorrow. Masks are no longer mandatory and parents will once again be able to come into classrooms, meet at school and if your child is in a classroom with a child who tests positive, they will no longer be identified as a close contact. So it looks like things are moving back to normal!

Please continue to inform us if your child does test positive to Covid, as we need to have the following form completed for each child:

<https://cewa-collections.powerappsportals.com/COVID-19-Self-Reporting-Form/>, along with the normal reporting procedures to the HealthyWA website.

ANZAC Day Reflection

Our Year 3 class led the school in an ANZAC Day reflection on Tuesday morning, held over the PA system, due to poor weather and the inability to gather as a whole school. They did a terrific job in helping us reflect on the significance of this day and the sacrifices many men and women made to fight for the rights of our country, but also protecting those in others.

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I was also super blessed to march alongside 29 of our students on ANZAC Day down Bussell Hwy to Memorial park. I was extremely proud of the students who came along to represent our school and the way they represented us. We by far outnumbered any other schools and it was very noticeable to those attending just how great our St Thomas More community is. A special thank you to our Head girl Alexis Kikeros and Social Justice leader Millie Fairbrass for the wonderful way they represented our school in their official capacity and in laying a wreath on behalf of us all.



Car Parking

I have been approached by the Rangers from the Shire to inform me they will be targeting parents parking on the vacant block of land and in front of our school on the verge, following a complaint from the owner and other community members. If you wish to avoid being fined, we recommend parents either use the Drive Through or park at the Church or Recreation Centre.

Peer Support Training



This morning, our Year 6 students began training as Peer Support Leaders in preparation with implementing our Peer Support program later this term. The Peer Support program places children from Year 1 to Year 5 in a group which is led by two Year 6 students and teaches them about developing optimism and positivity, resilience and building friendships. The sessions are held each fortnight and assist in the development of friendships being built across the school.

Staffing

I would like to let you know that Mrs Leeanne Russell has resigned from her position here at St Thomas More. Mrs Russell has worked with a number of students over the years and we wish her all the very best in her future. We are fortunate to have Mrs Bianca Harding continue to replace Mrs Russell's position and Ms Taryn Bradford be able to continue in Year 2 for the remainder of the year.

Wastewise Accredited School

St Thomas More has been recognised as a Wastewise school, receiving accreditation for the work we have done in recycling, promoting sustainable practices and supporting the environment. It's great to see the Year 6 Environmental Committee leaders promote such positive actions in this area.

Winter Uniforms

A reminder to families that we have moved to wearing the Winter uniform as of this term. It has been fantastic to see so many students presented over the past couple of days in the correct uniform. By the start of Week 3, it is expected that all children will be wearing the correct Winter uniform. The Uniform shop is open on Mondays from 1:30pm to 3.00pm.

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead.

RUSSELL WYLIE
PRINCIPAL

If there is a builder who may be available to assist Fr Mat at the St Thomas More Catholic Parish, please contact him on 9757 9500. Any help would be greatly appreciated!

Assistant Principal News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A warm welcome back to Term Two.

Our Values Focus this term is **SERVICE**. This term, we specifically promote in students a spirit of Christian service and foster in them an understanding of the responsibilities they have to the common good of our community and wider society.

CatholicCare

Message from Bishop Gerard

CatholicCare was established in 2003 and has provided funds to other Catholic apostolates such as the St Vincent de Paul Society, Stella Maris (formerly known as Apostleship of the Sea), CentreCare, Pregnancy Assistance and the St John of God Social Outreach Program for the purpose of helping those in need in the Bunbury Diocese. CatholicCare's motto is

'People Helping People'

This year funds raised will go to St John of God's Community and Social Outreach Program.



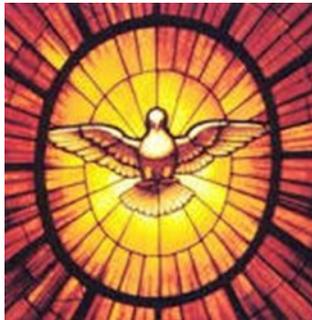
Over past years CatholicCare has provided more than \$300,000 to assist those in need in the Diocese of Bunbury. On the Feast of Christ the King each year, parishes participate in the CatholicCare Christmas Appeal. In addition, Catholic schools throughout the Diocese are encouraged to participate in 'Casuals for CatholicCare Day'; a free dress day usually held on or near to the 10th of May, which is the Feast day of St Damien of Molokai, the Patron of CatholicCare. Funds directed to the Apostolates are made on the condition that they are extra to budgeted funds and grants ensuring that they do make a difference.

Thank you most sincerely to students and families for your continued support of CatholicCare through the students Casuals for CatholicCare Days. Your donation does make a difference.

God bless

Bishop Gerard J Holohan

Sacrament of Confirmation



The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in the St Thomas More Catholic Church on Sunday 29 May at 10.00am, officiated by Bishop Gerard Holohan. Confirmation is one of seven Holy Sacraments of the Catholic Church, an integral part of the three Sacraments of Initiation, which also include baptism and Holy Eucharist, and serves to "confirm" a baptised person in their faith.

Confirmation candidates are currently preparing to be a true witness of Jesus Christ by reviewing the presence of God's gifts in his/her life, studying and actively living the Gospel by serving others and willingly embracing the presence of the Holy Spirit in their life. Soon, they will choose someone in their life to be their spiritual mentor or sponsor and they will select a Saint's name that resonates with the values they wish to instil in their own life.

During the Sacrament of Confirmation ceremony, Bishop will anoint the forehead of the confirmands with the sacred oil of chrism and with the laying of the hands. The candidates will be asked to go out into the world, just as the Apostles did, with the Holy Spirit in their hearts.

Important dates for the Sacrament of Confirmation are:

- 12 May at 6.00pm Parent/Child Workshop
- 22 May at 10.00am Commitment Mass

Caritas Australia Project Compassion



A friendly reminder to please return your Project Compassion boxes to school as soon as possible. Your support is truly appreciated.

Have a wonderful week ahead.

MRS NICOLLE ACHMAD
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Thought of the Week



Friday 29th April
Merit Assembly over the PA System

Friday 6th May
4.00pm - 6.00pm Mother's Day Function at The River

Sunday 8th May
Mother's Day

Monday 16th May
Pupil Free Day

Important Dates

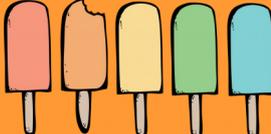
UNIFORM SHOP OPEN HOURS - MONDAYS FROM 1.30 - 3.00PM



Please email your Order Forms through to 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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