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# St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



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# The Vine



## Principal's Report

### Blessed Edmund Rice Prayer

Feast - 5 May

*Edmund Rice, the founder of the Christian Brothers, opened schools for poor children.*

*O God we thank you for the life of Blessed Edmund Rice.*

*He opened his heart to Christ present in those  
oppressed by poverty and injustice.*

*May we follow his example of faith and generosity.*

*Grant us the courage and compassion of Blessed Edmund Rice  
as we seek to live lives of love and service.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.*

Dear Parents and Caregivers,



### P&F Mother's Day Event

The Kindy students treated their mothers and grandmothers to a lovely Morning Tea yesterday morning. The Kindy students made cake and biscuits from the Margaret River Historical Society cookbook and shared this with their mums and grandmothers, along with some tea and milo. What a lovely way to start the morning!

The P&F will be holding a Mother's Day event from 4:00pm – 6:00pm on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May at The River. Mums will receive a free glass of bubbles on arrival and a small gift from the P&F. Please rsvp to [pf.stmcps@gmail.com](mailto:pf.stmcps@gmail.com).

I do wish all mothers, grandmothers and significant women in the lives of our children a wonderful day on Sunday – I hope you get spoilt rotten and are provided with hot breakfasts and coffee in bed and no washing or cooking to be done! Thank you for all that you do!

### Covid Update

The Premier announced on 13 April 2022 that the Western Australian close contact definition will now align with the National Cabinet's definition.

This means that a close contact is now defined as:

- a family or household member of a person with COVID-19 who has had contact with them during their infectious period;
- someone who has had close interaction with a person with COVID-19 during their infectious period, where they spent more than 4 hours with them in a single day, in a residential setting, where masks have not been worn; or
- someone who is directed by WA Health that they are a close contact.

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Schools are no longer considered close contact venues. A child who attends class with a peer or staff member who later tests positive to COVID-19 will no longer be identified as a close contact.

Any child who becomes symptomatic should stay home and be tested for COVID-19. Please continue to refer to [healthy.wa.gov.au](https://healthy.wa.gov.au) for information on close contact definitions, testing and isolation requirements.

Any positive COVID-19 result should be reported on the school's COVID-19 Self-Reporting Portal

(<https://cewa-collections.powerappsportals.com/COVID-19-Self-Reporting-Form/>)

and positive COVID-19 RAT results must also be reported on the WA Health RAT Register, as required by the WA Government.

The easing of restrictions has meant a lot of our school activities can resume this term, including assemblies, carnivals, Masses and parent meetings.

### Uniform

A reminder that students need to be dressed in the correct Winter uniform as of next week as our grace period is ending and Uniform Infringement notices will be sent home should your child come to school in the incorrect uniform next week. Please complete a uniform order form if you need to purchase any items. This Uniform order form can be sent home with your child or downloaded from our website. Items can be sent home with your child or be ready in the office to be picked up.

### NAPLAN

Our Year 3 and 5 students will be participating in the 2022 National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy beginning on Tuesday with the Writing assessment to be completed first. I would like to reiterate with parents that this is not a test that students need to become anxious or worried about and is only assessing one thing on one day. It does not give us information about how well some of our students can surf, sing or dance. How kind, generous or thoughtful our students are or their knowledge about the arts, sport or science. We will of course still look at the data we get from this assessment and particularly the progress our students have made since Year 3 and use it to inform our future planning.

### Kindy Enrolments For 2023

I am currently taking enrolments for both 3 Year Old and Kindy for 2023. Places are beginning to fill and as we are limited in places, I would hate to have families miss out. If you, or someone you know, has a child who will turn 4 by 30 June 2022, please either contact the office for an enrolment form or visit our website to download the forms and return them to the school.

### Election Update

As we move toward the Federal election on May 21, it is important to consider what the political candidates' stance is on a number of issues. One of these is education and in particular, for us, is Catholic education. St Thomas More is represented under the Federal Electorate of Forrest, which is currently held by Nola Marino. It is important our parents campaign for fairer and equitable funding for our students – because you choose to send your child to a Catholic school, should not mean your child attracts less funding than if they attended a government school. The unfortunate reality is that Catholic school students receive significantly less government funding than students in public schools. This funding is provided through infrastructure, school psychologists, management of Covid-19. I encourage you to contact our local candidates regarding these issues.

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead (and particularly the mums on Sunday!).

Peace and best wishes,

**RUSSELL WYLIE**  
**PRINCIPAL**



### Parish Masses

#### St Thomas More Catholic Church - Margaret River

- Saturday - 6.00pm
- Sunday - 10.00am

#### Lumen Christi Catholic Church - Augusta

- Sunday - 8.00am



**Please like the St Thomas More Catholic Parish's Facebook page.**

Thought of the Week



# Congratulations!

## School Merit Award Winners Term 2 - Week 1

Pre-Primary	Teddy Bahen
Year 2	Peter Wolf
Year 3	Ted Chilton
Year 4	Hunter Mann
Year 5	Tom Miller
Year 6	Matthew Craggs

### Friday 6th May

8.45am

4.00pm - 6.00pm

Merit Assembly

Mother's Day Function at The River

### Sunday 8th May

Mother's Day

### Monday 16th May

Pupil Free Day

## Important Dates

## Assistant Principal News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Happy Mother's Day! I hope all mothers and mother-figures have a wonderful day on Sunday.

### When God Created Mothers

When God was creating mothers, He was into His sixth day of overtime, when an angel appeared and said, "You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one."

And the Lord said, "Have you read the specs on this one? She has to be completely washable, but not plastic; have 180 moveable parts, all replaceable; run on black coffee and leftovers; have a lap that disappears when she stands up; a kiss that can cure anything; and six pair of hands."

The angel shook her head slowly and said, "Six pairs of hands...no way."

"It's not the hands that are causing me problems," said the Lord.

"It's the three pairs of eyes that mothers have to have."

"That's on the standard model?" asked the angel. The Lord nodded.

"One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks, "What are you kids doing in there?" when she already knows. Another here, in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn't, but what she has to know, and of course the ones here in front that can look at a child when he goofs up and say, "I understand and I love you,"

without so much as uttering a word."

"Lord," said the angel, touching his sleeve gently, "Rest for now. Tomorrow..."

"I can't," said the Lord. "I'm so close to creating something close to myself. Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick, can feed a family of six on one kilo of mince and can get a nine-year-old to stand under a shower."

The angel circled the model of the mother very slowly. "She's too soft," she sighed.

"But tough!" said the Lord excitedly. "You cannot imagine what the mother can do or endure."

"Can she think?"

"Not only think, but she can reason and compromise," said the Creator.

Finally the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek. "There's a leak," she pronounced. "I told you, you were trying to put too much into this model."

"It's not a leak," said the Lord. "It's a tear."

"What's it for?"

"It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness and pride."

God created Mothers, in His image.

### Service

Our school value this term is service. What does it mean to 'be of service' to others and why is it an important value to develop and encourage in our children?

We remind children that the amazing thing about being of service to others is that it positively affects the giver. You can't give to others without also reaping benefits yourself.

When we think of being of service to others, we assume that it must be some huge act, but something as simple as a gentle word, a smile, or a small token can dramatically impact another person in a positive way. No matter how it may seem on the outside, we're all dealing with something. Your kindness may make all the difference to someone who is suffering or going through a difficult time. Service is not about the size of the gift you give. Rather, it's about your intentions and the ripple effect of doing good.

Take a moment and think about what you can do each day to be of service to others. Before you begin each day, ask yourself, "How will I serve another today?"

### Sacrament of Confirmation

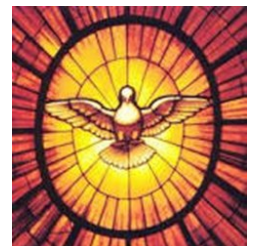
The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in the St Thomas More Catholic Church on **Sunday 29 May at 10.00am**, officiated by Bishop Gerard Holohan.

Important dates for the Sacrament of Confirmation are:

- 12 May at 6.00pm - Parent/Child Workshop (School Library)
- 22 May at 10.00am - Commitment Mass

Have a wonderful week ahead.

**MRS NICOLLE ACHMAD**  
**ASSISTANT 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.



**BUY YOUR TEA  
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TOTE BAGS  
NOW!**

Wouldn't you like to send a personal present to a loved one - whether they are here, interstate or overseas?

Now is your chance...we still have some tea towels and tote bags for sale!

**Tea Towel \$10.00**

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## 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.

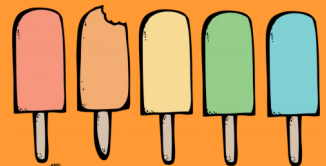
Forms can be downloaded off the school's website.

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.



# MBA

SPORTS COACHING

**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**  
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## A FUN-FILLED WAY TO LEARN HOCKEY!

Hockey WA's grassroots participation program – Goldstix, provides the opportunity to learn hockey in a fun, safe and inclusive environment.

**\*Learn hockey skills and build fundamental motor skills\***

**\*Players learn the game in a safe environment with modified equipment\***

**\*Develop skills at your own pace\***

**\*Its inclusive! - everyone is welcome to get involved\***

**LOCATION:** Western Oval, Gloucester Park, Margaret River

**DAY & TIME:** Every Tuesday 4-5pm

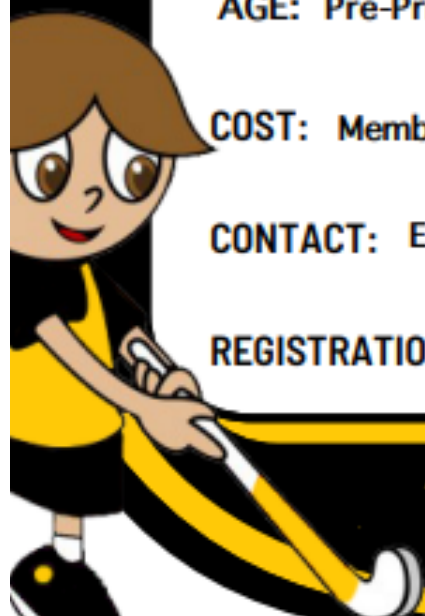
**START DATE:** Starts 10th May (runs for 9 weeks)

**AGE:** Pre-Primary to Year 2

**COST:** Membership fee \$52.50 (optional extra \$32.50 for Goldstix pack)

**CONTACT:** Erin - [info@margaretriverhockey.org.au](mailto:info@margaretriverhockey.org.au)

**REGISTRATION LINK:** <https://revolutionise.com.au/margaretriver/registration>



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# KIDSPORT



UP TO **\$150** TOWARDS CLUB FEES FOR KIDS!

Eligible kids aged 5-18 years can access financial assistance to contribute towards club membership.



#### DETAILS

**MARGARET RIVER HOCKEY CLUB  
2022 SEASON IS STARTING!**

We are looking for

- Girls in year 6-8
- Girls in year 9-12

MRHC is friendly, fun and inclusive  
Want more info?

[info@margaretriverhockey.org.au](mailto:info@margaretriverhockey.org.au)

<https://www.margaretriverhockey.org.au>

You can apply for KidSport online at  
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