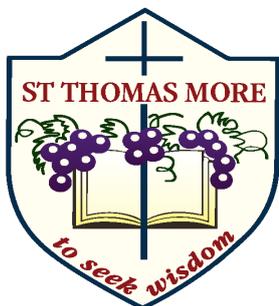


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Issue 13

# St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



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# The Vine



## Principal's Report

In these Easter days, let us pray that we will be protected  
by Christ the Good Shepherd.

*Lord God, our help and guide,  
may we keep our eyes on Christ our Shepherd  
and follow his teachings in our lives.*

*Through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen*



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### **NAPLAN**

This week, our Year 3 and 5 students have been completing the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) in a number of areas including Writing, Reading, Mathematics, Language Conventions and Spelling. The data collected from these tests helps to inform our school on how our teaching programs are going and areas we could improve in. It is important to remember that whilst these government-mandated tests do give us some valuable information, what they don't tell us is the effort students put into their work over a period of time, progress in other learning areas and the way a child shows kindness and respect to others. These also form part of a child's learning journey and should also be acknowledged and celebrated.

### **Sacrament of Confirmation**

As our Year 6 students begin their preparation to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation, they will gather together with their parents for the Parent Information workshop tonight. There will be 14 Year 6 students receiving this special Sacrament on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May. Please keep these students in your prayers.

### **Kaye Stanley Farewell**

Tomorrow morning, our school community will farewell Mrs Kaye Stanley, as she begins her retirement. Kaye was a foundation staff member, working with students for nearly 30 years! Each class has prepared a short farewell for her, commencing at 10.00am. We wish Kaye all the very best in this new chapter of her life.

### **School Photos**

Next Wednesday, MSP photographers will be visiting our school for our School Photos. Information about this can be found later in the newsletter and will also be sent home separately today. Family photos will commence before school.

### **COVID**

We are experiencing some more cases within our school, so a reminder to parents to continue to monitor for symptoms with your child/ren and if they appear sick to please keep them home and get tested. We would appreciate parents informing the school if your child is a close contact and while there is no requirement for parents to report to a school that their child has tested negative to COVID-19, we would appreciate if you could do so. The easiest way for this is to send a photo via email to your child's classroom teacher, or even send in the negative RAT with your child, or upload information onto the COVID-19 school portal: [COVID-19 Self Reporting Form \(powerappsportals.com\)](https://www.powerappsportals.com)

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The school has RATs available for students - so should you require some to do the daily test, please come into the office to collect them. Please be mindful that while these RATs are safe for use by children, they should only be administered under the supervision of an appropriate adult.

**Election**

As we move towards the Federal election on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May, it is important families are aware of the responses from the major political parties on educational priorities. The responses are attached to this newsletter for your information. A report card compiled by the National Catholic Education Commission is below for your information.

**FEDERAL ELECTION 2022**  
**Major Parties Report Card**

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION PRIORITIES**

Priority	
<p><b>Supporting school choice</b>                      Catholic school parents on average contribute 26% to the cost of their child's education.</p> <p>Genuine school choice relies on governments to provide fair funding, maintain the current level of indexation, bring forward the review of parent contributions, and continue the Non-Government Reform Support Fund for priorities like supporting students with disability.</p>	<p>Liberal Democrats: 4 stars</p> <p>Labor: 3 stars</p> <p>The Greens: 1 star</p>
<p><b>Early Childhood Education</b>                      Every child needs affordable access to high quality early childhood education in the first two years of school to give the best start to learning.</p> <p>Catholic schools need capital funding and support to provide onsite quality early childhood centres.</p>	<p>Liberal Democrats: 4 stars</p> <p>Labor: 3 stars</p> <p>The Greens: 1 star</p>
<p><b>Enabling faith-based education</b>                      Protect the right of parents to choose a faith-based education for their children.</p> <p>Genuine school choice relies on governments to protect religious freedom.</p>	<p>Liberal Democrats: 4 stars</p> <p>Labor: 3 stars</p> <p>The Greens: 1 star</p>
<p><b>Capital Funding</b>                      Catholic schools pay 90% of the cost of building and maintaining their schools – governments pay 10%.</p> <p>Genuine school choice relies on governments to improve capital support for Catholic schools.</p>	<p>Liberal Democrats: 4 stars</p> <p>Labor: 3 stars</p> <p>The Greens: 1 star</p>
<p><b>Mental Health &amp; Wellbeing</b>                      More young people are experiencing mental health and wellbeing challenges than ever before.</p> <p>Catholic schools are an important partner in identifying, supporting and monitoring student wellbeing, and need better access to mental health and wellbeing programs and services to support students and families.</p>	<p>Liberal Democrats: 4 stars</p> <p>Labor: 3 stars</p> <p>The Greens: 1 star</p>
<p><b>Aboriginal &amp; Torres Strait Islander Students</b>                      Catholic schools are focused on Closing the Gap targets, cultural, learning and wellbeing initiatives to respond to the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.</p> <p>To support these initiatives Catholic schools need better access to national initiatives.</p>	<p>Liberal Democrats: 4 stars</p> <p>Labor: 3 stars</p> <p>The Greens: 1 star</p>

*Note: Ratings are determined by responses to policy questions and public statements.*

**Make education a priority this federal election - Vote for a party that does too.**

www.ncec.catholic.edu.au  
 www.cspa.catholic.edu.au

Authorised by J Collins, National Catholic Education Commission, Level 3, 156 Gloucester Street, Sydney.

**School Climate Survey**

We will be undertaking a School Climate survey from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May to get some information about how parents think things are going for you and your children at St Thomas More. All parents will be given the opportunity to participate in this survey and provide feedback. All information that is provided in the survey is confidential and the report does not include responses from individuals. We look forward to going through this feedback to make sure our school is the best it can be.

**Kindy Enrolments For 2023**

I am currently taking enrolments for Kindy for 2023. Spots 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.

**Pupil Free Day**

A reminder to families that this **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May** is a **Student Free Day** as the staff undertake some professional development around managing behaviours within our school. This day will be led by a CEWA School Psychologist Fiona Currans and our school Psychologist Stuart McKenzie.

Bluebird will be offering Long Day care for this day. Please book this in with Bluebird if required.

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead.

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.**

**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.

**A Note from the Community School Health Nurse**

Hello.

My name is Chey Peters and I am the Community School Health Nurse for your school this year. School Health Nurses work with schools to promote healthy development and physical and emotional wellbeing. We are a good contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessments, health counselling, parenting support and referrals as needed. Our service is free and confidential.

I am part of the Healthy Country Kids Child Development Team, alongside other School Health Nurses and Allied Health professionals, such as Speech Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapists, Dietitian, Social Worker and an Enuresis Nurse.

In response to increasing cases of COVID-19 in WA communities, our services to schools will very likely be disrupted in 2022 and will be delivered according to priorities, and in negotiation with School and Health leaders.

If you have any concerns about your child's physical or emotional health and well-being, or growth and development, please contact me on 9753 6480 or email

[WACHS-SW.NaturalistePrimarySchoolNurses@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:WACHS-SW.NaturalistePrimarySchoolNurses@health.wa.gov.au)

## Assistant Principal News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

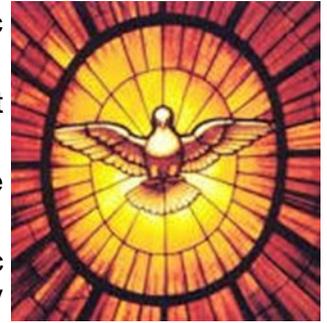
### Sacrament of Confirmation

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.

The Commitment Mass for the Sacrament of Confirmation has been brought forward from Sunday 22 May to Sunday 15 May at 10.00am.

Our Parent/Child Information Evening will be held this evening at 6.00pm in the School Library.

All Year 6 students will attend a Sacramental Retreat at Lumen Christi Catholic Church in Augusta in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday 26 May.



### Walk Safely to School Day!



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**FRIDAY 20 MAY 2022**  
 National Walk Safely to School Day



On Friday 20 May, we will be participating in the National Walk Safely to School Day. We will meet in Memorial Park on the corner of Willmott Avenue and Townview Terrace at 8.15am.

We encourage all students to participate by walking with their parents and carers to school to raise awareness of the health, road safety, transport and environmental benefits that regular exercise can provide to the long-term wellbeing of children.

### 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?"

Have a wonderful week ahead.

**MRS NICOLLE ACHMAD**  
**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**



**Monday, May 16**



Thought of the Week

Thought for the day:

A person who feels appreciated will always do more than is expected.



*Congratulations!*



School Merit Award Winners

Term 2 - Week 2

Pre-Primary	Georgia Styles
Year 2	Cecilia Byrne
Year 3	Tia La Fontaine
Year 5	Rhianna Montalban

**Thursday 12th May**

6.00pm Sacrament of Confirmation  
- Parent/Child Workshop (School Library)

**Friday 13th May**

8.45am Merit Assembly

**Sunday 15th May**

10.00am Commitment Mass for the Sacrament of Confirmation

**Monday 16th May**

**Pupil Free Day**

**Tuesday 17th May**

5.30pm P&F Meeting at the River

**Wednesday 18th May**

School Photos

*Important Dates*

## 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.

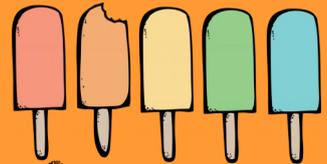
Forms can be downloaded off the school's website.

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

## MARGARET RIVER JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB

**Calling all YEARS 1 - 3 (7 and 8 year old's)**

Interested in meeting new friends?

Would you like to try a new sport?

**Margaret River Junior Gropers Rugby Club could be for YOU!**

**Training Every Wednesday 4:30pm – 5:30pm**

**For more information, contact Abi: 0490 764 427**

**or Stephen: 0422 902 199**



## ONLINE ORDERING SYSTEM

### St Thomas More Catholic Primary School

Your School Photos will be taken on:

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> of May 2022

#### □ Class Photos/Portraits:

- Every Student will have their photo taken, whether they are purchasing photos or not.
- The school has chosen to use the online ordering system. Your child will be given an online ordering instruction slip and a unique student shootkey.
- Log onto [www.msp.com.au](http://www.msp.com.au) and follow the prompts to place your order.
- If you lose your shootkey the school reception will have a copy to quote back to you.
- The expiry date for online ordering is the **Tuesday 31st of May 2022** Any orders received after this date will incur a \$30.00 archive fee.
- Spare envelopes (green) are available at school reception should you wish to pay via cash.

#### □ Family Photos:

- Envelopes can be obtained from Administration.
- Family photos are taken each morning before school.
- Please ensure that your family envelope and payment are handed to the Photographers on photo day.
- If you do not have the correct money, we will provide any change needed when photos are delivered to school.
- Family photos cannot be ordered online.
- Once school has received photos, family photos will remain at reception for parents to collect.

#### Please Note:

Individuals and Family Images are not available to view online for Students' Security

If for any reason you need to contact MSP regarding your child's photos you will be asked to provide your child's shootkey.

PHOTOGRAPHY

PROMOTION

PRINTING

YEARBOOKS



CAPTURING  
SCHOOL  
MOMENTS



# MBA

SPORTS COACHING

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

**ALL BOOKINGS TO BE MADE THROUGH:**  
[www.mbasportscoaching.com](http://www.mbasportscoaching.com)

## ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

**FUN  
HEALTHY &  
INCLUSIVE**

**\$70  
FOR THE TERM**

### 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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tel: 0467 180 535





## 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

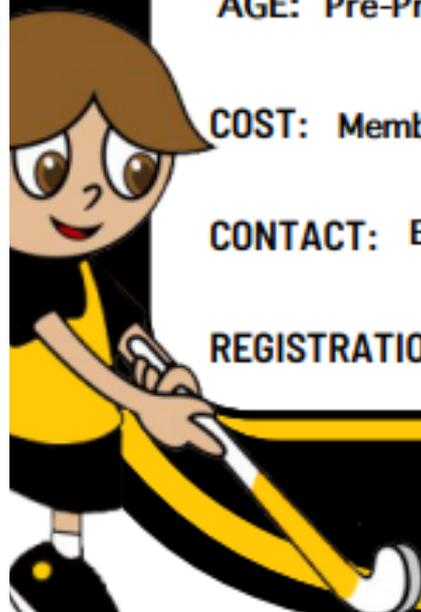
**START DATE:** Starts 10th May (runs for 9 weeks)

**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>



**MARGARET RIVER  
HOCKEY**





Department of  
**Local Government,  
Sport and Cultural  
Industries**

# 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  
**[dlgsc.wa.gov.au/kidsport](https://dlgsc.wa.gov.au/kidsport)**