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# St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



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The Vine



## Principal's Report

*God of all,  
you sent your Spirit to be with the disciples,  
filling them with joy, peace and courage.  
May we also be filled with your Spirit  
and have the courage to share your love and peace in our world.  
Amen.*



Dear Parents and Caregivers,



On Friday we farewelled Mrs Kaye Stanley, a foundation staff member of our school. The students presented cards and gifts, along with a big Fiddle Leaf plant to remind her of the growth she helped our students make during her time.

### COVID

We are continuing to experience 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://powerappsportals.com)

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.

### School Climate Survey

We will be undertaking a School Climate survey from next Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May to get some information about how parents think things are going for you and your children. 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 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.

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### 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.

I will be heading up to Perth this afternoon to meet with other Principals from Catholic schools to discuss how the area of wellbeing is being implemented in our schools. I will hopefully return with lots of good ideas for how we can support our students and community members, particularly in the lead up to Wellness Week in Week 9.

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.

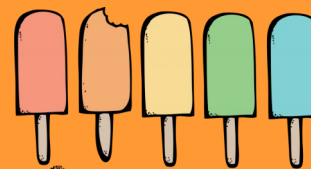
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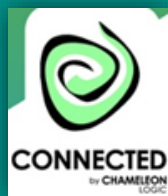
Please email your Order Forms through to [rita.willmott@cewa.edu.au](mailto:rita.willmott@cewa.edu.au) with details of your order and credit card. Forms can be downloaded off the school's website. Uniforms will go home with your children on **Mondays**. Thank you!

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.

## Assistant Principal News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### Sacrament of Confirmation

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

The students and children from the parish with their parents participated in a workshop last Thursday evening in the library. It was a special event that deepened their level of understanding and sacredness towards the sacrament. The children and their parents reflected on their Baptism, the Saint's name and their Sponsor they have chosen for Confirmation and the symbols and their importance in the Sacrament of Confirmation. At our commitment Mass last Sunday, parents and children stated that they believe the children are ready and prepared to receive the Sacrament next Sunday.

Our Year 6 students will attend a Sacramental Retreat at Lumen Christi Catholic Church in Augusta on Thursday 26 May with Ms Laurissa Knowles, Mr Thomas McDonald and myself.

We look forward to celebrating with them next Sunday as they receive a deepening love and understanding of our Catholic faith through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Please keep these children and their families in your prayers at this time.

### Walk Safely to School Day!



We will be participating in the National Walk Safely to School Day tomorrow morning. We will meet in Memorial Park on the corner of Willmott Avenue and Townview Terrace at 8.15am and walk to school.

We look forward to seeing you then.

### Term Two School Value – SERVICE


Our Term Two school value of service is integral in the life of our school. We encourage students to participate in meaningful acts of service towards others, including being there for someone going through a difficult or challenging time, spending time reading with a buddy, and assisting teachers at different times of the day. Students and staff learn about and commit to bettering the St Thomas More Catholic Primary School community through service to others.

### CatholicCare

Our Social Justice committee is inviting all students to dress in their favourite free dress clothing and bring a gold coin donation to raise money for CatholicCare on Friday 10 June. The money raised will make a big difference to those in our Diocese who need our help.

Have a wonderful week ahead.

**MRS NICOLLE ACHMAD**  
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



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A reminder that lunch orders are available for students each **THURSDAY**. The menu is affordable and has many healthy options.

Menu items can be ordered via the QuickCliq website app [quickcliq.com.au](http://quickcliq.com.au)

Thought of the Week



*Congratulations!*

**School Merit Award Winners  
Term 2  
Week 3**



Pre-Primary - Grace Conder    Year 1 - Noah Joyce    Year 2 - Aria Williams    Year 3 - Lucy Gatto  
Year 4 - Grace Price and Mateo Laranjeiro    Year 5 - Will Ryan    Year 6 - Abby Keen

**Friday 20th May**  
8.45am    Merit Assembly

**Thursday 26th May**  
Year 6 Retreat

**Sunday 29th May**  
10.00am    Sacrament of Confirmation

*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.

## 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**

