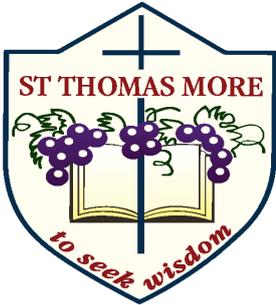


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Principal's Report

Dear Lord Jesus,

Right before your Ascension into heaven you told your apostles to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth upon receiving the Holy Spirit.

May we be similarly inspired to spread your Gospel message in word and deed, according to your will for us.

And may we do so prudently and joyfully, with your help, your guidance, and your grace!

And remembering this glorious event of your Ascension into heaven, help us to seek what is above, Heaven, where you are seated at the right hand of God the Father!

Amen.



Dear Parents and Caregivers,



Sacrament of Confirmation

Last Sunday, we were privileged to witness 13 of our Year 6 students receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Gerard reminded the students not to have fear in their decision to become adults in the Catholic faith and asked the community to always support our youth in their spiritual development. I encourage each of these students to open the gifts they received from the Holy Spirit and to try and use them each day and pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide and protect each of these students throughout their lives. A special thank you to Mr McDonald, Mrs Achmad, Fr Mat and the St Thomas More staff for their assistance in making this day so special for the Confirmands and their families. What a special day!

National Reconciliation Week

This week is National Reconciliation Week which has the theme 'Be Brave. Make Change.' This theme is a challenge to make a change for the benefit of all Australians. This week has helped the children learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and has led to discussions around how we all can contribute to making a difference in achieving reconciliation in Australia.

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Year 6 Leaders Conference

Tomorrow, Mrs Achmad will travel to Bunbury with our Year 6 leaders so they can be part of the Grip Leadership Conference. This day allows our school leaders to mix with students from other schools and further develop their leadership skills. We look forward to seeing these students demonstrate what they have learnt.

Interschool Carnival

Next Thursday, The Year 5 and 6 students will travel up to Bunbury to compete against 12 other schools in the sports of Netball and Football. The students have been training really hard and are looking forward to competing against the other schools. Our teams performed exceptionally last year and are looking for some repeated success and whilst we don't want to flog the other teams, I am sure the sportsmanship and determination of our students will shine through. Good luck!

WA Day



This coming Monday, we celebrate how fortunate we are to live in a place as wonderful as Western Australia. This day is celebrated for all Western Australians, recognising our Aboriginal history, early European settlers and the many from all over the world who have made, and continue to make, Western Australia their home. It is a day for each of us to reflect and celebrate all the great things about our people, our lifestyle, our culture and our potential. I hope all families find time to relax and enjoy this day together.

School Climate Survey

All parents have been sent a link to complete a survey about St Thomas More and your feelings about how things are going for both yourselves and your children. It is important that we have a good response to this to gauge the level of satisfaction of our families and make plans for improvement if it is needed. Click on the 'Start Questionnaire' tab located at the top of the page and enter the code **STMPACS**. This survey is completely confidential, and the school will be provided with a de-identified collated summary. If you have any questions or difficulties in accessing the link, please contact Nicolle Achmad – nicolle.achmad@cewa.edu.au

HEART Community Survey

The Margaret River HEART are asking community members to have their say about this facility. Complete the confidential, independent survey at <https://yoursay.amrshire.wa.gov.au/HEARTsurvey> before it closes on 10 June.

COVID

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. Please remember that while RATs can be a convenient and efficient method of testing, a PCR test continues to be the preferred method of COVID-19 detection, due to its clinical accuracy.

Also remember to monitor for symptoms and if your child is unwell, do not send them to school.

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.

There are also still a few places available for the 3 Year Old program for both this year (2 places left) and next year.

I wish all families a wonderful week and long weekend ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

RUSSELL WYLIE
PRINCIPAL

Assistant Principal News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

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 long weekend ahead.

MRS NICOLLE ACHMAD
ASSISTANT 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.

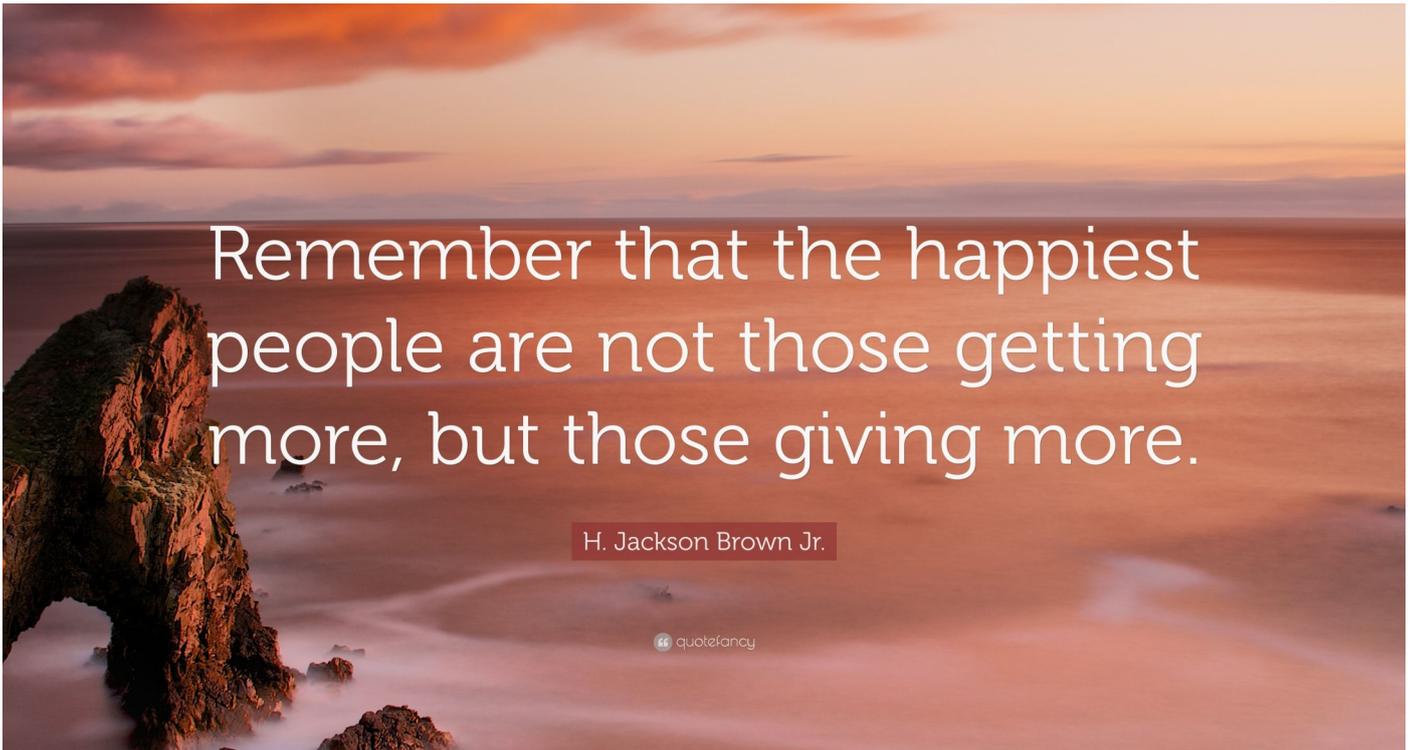
St Mary MacKillop College - Enrolment into Year 7 - 2024

- 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.

Thought of the Week



Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more.

H. Jackson Brown Jr.

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Congratulations!

School Merit Award Winners

Term 2

Week 5

Pre-Primary	Knox Shepherd
Year 2	Bayden Marik
Year 3	Max Evans
Year 6	Mason Samantila

Friday 3rd June

9.00am Pentecost Whole School Mass
 - led by Year 6
 - in the Church

Year 6 Student Leaders attending GRIP Leadership Conference in Bunbury

Monday 6th June
WA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

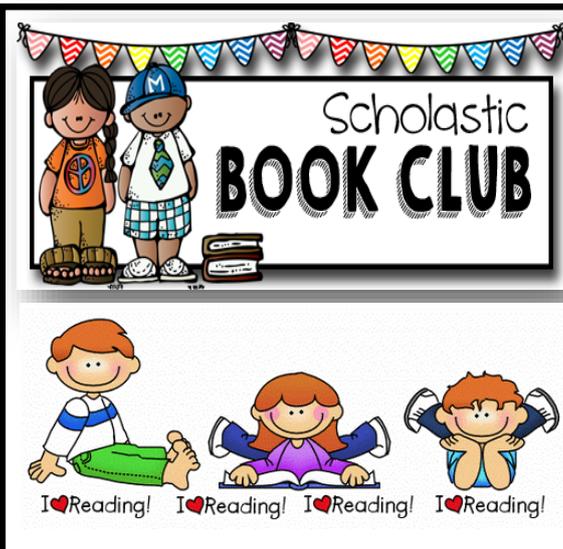
Thursday 9th June

AFL/Netball Interschool Carnival in Bunbury - Year 5 and 6s

Friday 10th June

8.45am Year 1 Class Assembly
 Casuals for Catholic Care - Free Dress Day - Gold Coin Donation

Important Dates



Issue 4 of Book Club was sent home last week! Your orders and payments need to be returned to the school no later than **Tuesday June 7.**

You can pay by either Cash or Cheque or you can use Credit Card through the LOOP online system.

Orders received after this date will **NOT** be processed. If you are paying by cheque please make all cheques payable to Scholastic Australia.

The next Issue of Book Club will be Issue 6 in Term 3.

Thanking you for your co-operation.

Rita Willmott

Book Club Organiser

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.

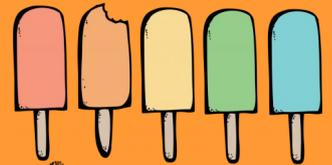
Forms can be downloaded off the school's website.

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



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A reminder that lunch orders are available
for students each
THURSDAY.

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