

# St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



## Principal's Report

*Lord God, we thank You for giving us St. Thomas More as an example of holiness in everyday lay life.*

*Help us to follow his holy example.*

*May we model his virtue and piety as we live out our own lives.*

*Amen.*

*St Thomas More pray for us.*



Dear Parents and Caregivers,



### Wellness Week

This week, the students have been participating in some sessions focusing on wellbeing. This has included spiritual, mental, physical and emotional wellbeing. On Monday, we had Kinesiologist Jess Koontz talk to the students about breathing and she utilised some sound bowls, on Tuesday Sean Allen, a local Martial Arts instructor spoke with our Year 5 and 6 students about the Rock and Water program which works with the students to develop Body Awareness, Emotional Awareness and Self Awareness. The Pre-Primary to Year 4 students also worked with Mrs Achmad to make Meditation Jars. On Wednesday, the children worked with me to create Personal Gift handprints, which will be used to create a 'Gift Tree' and will be displayed in the Library. This morning, the children also worked with Ms Knowles to do some meditation and reflection on our connection to others and to our environment. We also had a disco in the Undercover Area and the students have enjoyed participating in daily fitness, led by our Year 6 students and having daily meditations in class, using the Smiling Mind app. The winner of the healthy lunchbox competition will be announced tomorrow at our afternoon assembly. I really hope all students have enjoyed this week and have been able to take away lots of different ideas and strategies to help them in their lives.

### St Thomas More Feast Day

Tomorrow, we will celebrate St Thomas More Feast Day. We will begin the day with a Whole School Mass, giving the students an opportunity to be one with God. We acknowledge St Thomas More and the way he lived his life as the King's good servant, but God's first. He was a man of tremendous integrity and was steadfast in his beliefs. Following the Mass, led by our Year 1 class, the students will be put into groups to participate in a number of different activities including cooking, craft and sport.

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### 30th Anniversary of St Thomas More Catholic Primary School

We will also be celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St Thomas More Catholic Primary School tomorrow. We will join together for an assembly at 2:30pm and the P&F are hosting a Sundowner in the Library from 5:00pm, with some drinks and nibbles provided. A display has been set up with old photos. Come and check out the board of past students who are now parents in the school! A crèche is organised and the children will be provided with some pizza. We encourage all families to come along and be part of this event!

### Margaret River Recreation Centre

As you may be aware, the Margaret River Recreation Centre will be closing the pool and part of this facility as renovations are carried out. As a result, the car park will be closed for a 12 month period meaning there will be no parking for parents. Please be aware this will impact our families next term, so alternative parking or arrangements may need to be made.

This will also affect the Canteen service, as the Recreation Centre will no longer be able to provide student lunches on Mondays and Fridays. However, the canteen service provided by Margaret River Primary School on a Thursday will continue.

### Reports

End of Semester One reports will be made available to parents via the SEQTA Parent-Connect site next Wednesday. Please ensure you are able to access this site so you can retrieve your child's reports. If you are having any difficulty with this, please contact Nicolle Achmad for further assistance. It is important for parents to remember that if your child receives a 'C' grade, they are achieving at the standard they should be and are progressing well. A 'C' grade is the required level for their year.

### Kindy 2023

We only have a few spots left for our Kindy program next year. This is a last call for anyone who would like their child to attend our Kindergarten program next year. If you know of someone who has a child of Kindy age for 2023, please contact the office as soon as possible.

### 3 Year Old Kindy

We are considering offering a second day for our 3 Year Old Kindy program on a Friday. If you, or someone you know has a child aged 3 and would be interested in attending the program on a Friday, please contact the office for further information.

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

**RUSSELL WYLIE**  
**PRINCIPAL**

**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)**

### 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.**

## Assistant Principal News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This week, the students have participated in a range of activities centered around wellness, such as mindfulness, stretching, dancing, healthy eating, and meditation.

I felt honoured to lead the Kindy to Year 4 students in a Meditation Jar mindfulness activity which taught the students how to handle strong emotions when they take hold and how to find peace when these strong emotions feel overwhelming.

We thank our teachers and staff for accommodating the Wellness Week activities into their busy schedules. It was a wonderful week that I'm sure will live in the memories of all our students.

### FEAST OF ST THOMAS MORE/30TH ANNIVERSARY

Wednesday 22nd June is the Feast Day of St Thomas More, the patron saint of our Catholic School, whose values 'to live with courage' and 'always seek wisdom' we try to emulate in our daily words and actions. Thomas More was a lawyer and the son of a judge. He was convicted of treason for refusing to accept the king as the head of the Church. He went to his execution in 1535 telling spectators that he was, "the king's good servant – but God's first". He is known as the patron saint of adopted children, civil servants, politicians, and difficult marriages.

We will be celebrating St Thomas More's Feast Day tomorrow morning with a Whole School Mass at 9.00am, led by our Year 1 students. All parents are invited to attend.

On returning to school, we will acknowledge our school's 30th Anniversary by students forming the number 30 on the oval for a drone photo. We thank Silas Mountford, father of Byron in Year 2, for taking the photo for us.

After morning tea, the students will be divided into multi-age groups to participate in a variety of fun activities organised by the teachers. The students will have a sausage sizzle lunch and an icy pole, and we thank the P&F committee for organising this.

After activities are finished, there will be a whole school assembly in the undercover area at 2.30pm to commemorate our 30th Anniversary. Each student will be given a St Thomas More cross as a token of our anniversary to take home.

After school, we will continue with a celebration in the Library with parents and ex-staff members, beginning at 5.30pm. We are looking forward to a great day tomorrow.

### SACRAMENTAL DATES

Next term, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of Eucharist (First Holy Communion) will be celebrated. The dates are as follows:

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

- Parent/Child Information Evening – Wednesday 3 August at 5.30pm
- Commitment Mass – Sunday 7 August at 10.00am
- Sacrament of Reconciliation – Wednesday 10 August at 5.30pm

#### Sacrament of Eucharist

- Parent/Child Information Evening – Wednesday 1 September at 5.30pm
- Commitment Mass – Sunday 11 September at 10.00am
- Sacrament of Eucharist – Sunday 18 September at 10.00am

If you wish for your child to receive either of the Sacraments, please fill in the enrolment form and return it to school or see Fr Mat for more information.

Have a wonderful week ahead.

God bless,

**Nicolle Achmad**  
**Assistant Principal**



Thought of the Week



TODAY WE CELEBRATE

St. Thomas More

June 22



*Congratulations!*

**School Merit Award Winners  
Term 2 - Week 8**

Pre-Primary	Thomas McCurry
Year 1	Darcy Burges
Year 2	Kallum McIvor
Year 3	Preston Kikeros
Year 4	Mikah Bien
Year 6	Oliver Webb

**Friday 24th June**  
 9.00am St Thomas More Feast Day Mass  
 - led by the Year 1s in the Church  
 5.00pm - 7.30pm 30th Anniversary of STM CPS  
 - in the School Library

**Wednesday 29th June**  
 Reports available online

**Friday 1st July**  
 Students Last Day for Term 2  
 8.45am Merit Assembly

*Important Dates*

## Wellness Week 2022

Today I was honoured to present a nature meditation to our students from Years 1 to 6. We entered the room to the beat of a drum and centered ourselves. Then we chose a piece of nature to reflect on and gave thanks for the gift that it brings us. We finished with a native Australian dance. The students were very present to the moment. It was beautiful.

**Laurissa Knowles**  
**School Chaplain**



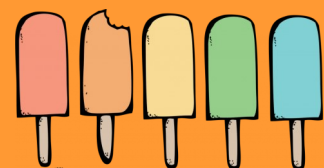
### UNIFORM SHOP OPEN HOURS - MONDAYS FROM 1.30 - 3.00PM



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





# STMCPs SWIM FUN AND FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

**Week 2, Term 3**  
**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> of July, 2022**

Hi Parents,

Due to the forthcoming pool closure, the St Thomas More Faction Swimming Carnival will be held next term!

## Swim Fun – 11.20am - 12.20pm

The Swim Fun Carnival is for the Pre-Primary to Year 3 students and is an hour of swimming races, relays and novelty events in the lagoon pool. Parents are welcome to come and cheer the students along in their events. The emphasis for this event is "Fun!"

## Faction Swimming Carnival – 12.30pm - 2.30pm

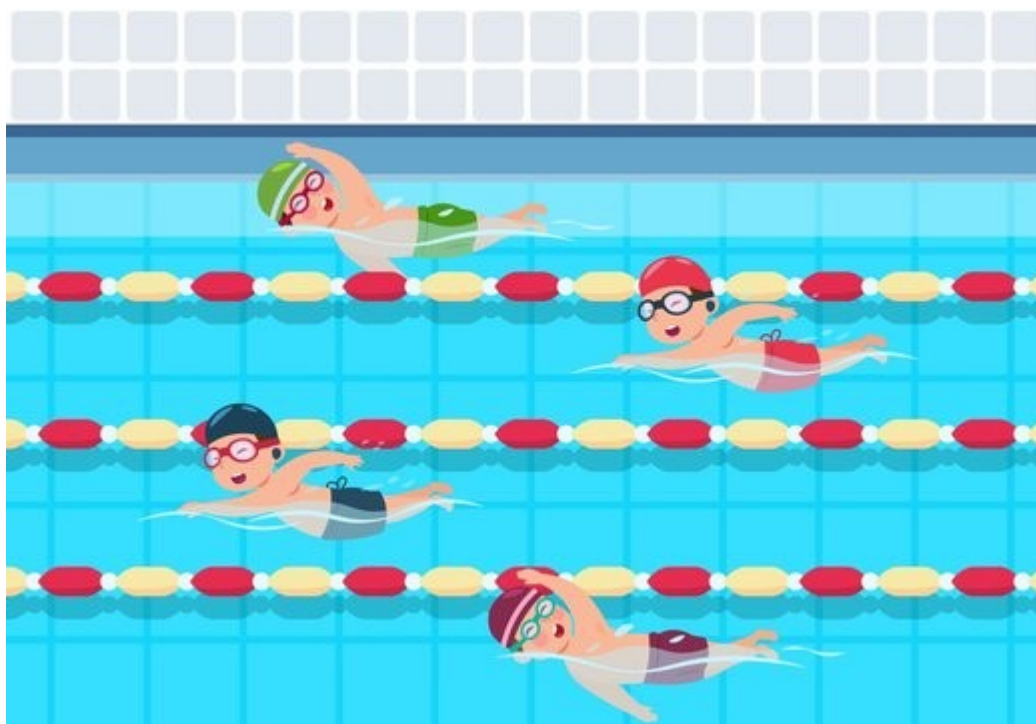
This is for Years 4, 5 and 6s and will give the students a chance to show some of their swimming skills. This year's program will be the same as last years and we will continue to run the Championship Events of 50m Freestyle, Breaststroke, and Backstroke and 25m Butterfly. Other events will be the 25m Freestyle, Breaststroke, Backstroke and also a fun novelty soft board paddle race. All students will participate in at least one event. A programme will be sent home closer to the carnival so you are able to see your child's proposed events.

## Parent Help

We need some extra people to help as scorers and officials in the afternoon carnival. If you are able to help please contact Mr McRae on 0419 029 646 or at [cameron.mcrae@cewa.edu.au](mailto:cameron.mcrae@cewa.edu.au)

Thank you and see you at the pool!

**Mr McRae**  
**PE Teacher**





*30th Anniversary of STM CPS*

IT'S TIME TO  
CELEBRATE

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A SUNDOWNER ON  
FRIDAY 24 JUNE 2022 • 5:00 PM - 7.30PM  
SCHOOL LIBRARY

DRINKS AND NIBBLES PROVIDED

CRECHE AVAILABLE.



Kindly organised by STM CPS Parents and Friends Committee

# SCHOOL HOLIDAY

# FUN FOR KIDS

## PREHISTORIC ANIMALS ACTIVITIES



**WEDNESDAY**  
**6 & 13 JULY 2022**

**10.30AM - 12PM**  
**(AGES 5 TO 8 YEARS)**  
**2PM - 4PM**  
**(AGES 9 TO 12 YEARS)**

**MARGARET RIVER LIBRARY**

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FREE attendance but bookings essential.  
Parents must be in attendance.

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# SCHOOL HOLIDAYS CINEMA



Jurassic World: Dominion

Friday 1 July | 7pm



Lightyear

Thursday 14 July | 11.30am

Friday 15 July | 2pm



Minions: The Rise of Gru

Thursday 14 July | 2pm

Friday 15 July | 11.30am



# KIDS WORKSHOPS, ART & MORE



We Can Sing World Music! with Andrea Frances Manners (7-16 years)

Monday 4 July | 10:30am - 11:30am

Monday 11 July | 10:30am - 11:30am



CLOUD NINE by The Giovanni Consort

Wednesday 6 July | 11am - 11.45am School Ages

Wednesday 6 July | 6pm - 6.50pm (Families + Adults)



Dreaming Stories by Tamara Jarrahamarri

Exhibiting until August 2

Monday to Friday | 10am - 4pm



Artist Talk for Kids: Dreaming Stories with Tamara Jarrahamarri

Thursday 14 July | 1pm - 2pm

MARGARET RIVER

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