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St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



Principal's Report

We thank you, Lord, for this term.

For our challenges, our successes, and the mistakes from which we have learned.

Be with us on our break from school as we spend our time with family and friends.

Give us strength and courage to do what is right and to be witnesses of our faith.

Amen



Absentee Number: 9758 8042



Dear Parents and Caregivers,





30th Anniversary Celebrations

Last Friday, the school gathered to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of St Thomas More Catholic Primary School. Opening in 1993, the school catered for students from Pre-Primary to Year 5. Over the years, we have had students from 3 Year Old Kindy through to Year 7 attend St Thomas More and a range in school size, peaking at 215 students. Over the years, one thing that is apparent, is the consistency of the community and their dedication to supporting our school. This was evident on Friday night, when the P&F hosted a Sundowner to celebrate this. I would like to offer a huge thank you to P&F President Kat Devine and her amazing group of helpers for making such a wonderful night! A special thank you also to Silas Mountford for taking our 30th photo with his drone…looks great!









Wellness Week and St Thomas More Feast Day

It was wonderful to see the way the children interacted in our Wellness Week and Feast Day celebrations last week. I hope the week was able to provide each child with an opportunity to reflect on their own wellness and take some steps to make adjustments in this area.

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A special thank you to the teachers for organising such fun and engaging activities for the children to participate in on Friday and to our Year 1 (and 5) students for leading us in a reverent and reflective Mass to celebrate our Feast Day. I hope everyone enjoyed celebrating on this day.









Reports

Parents and Caregivers would have received an email yesterday regarding accessing Semester 1 reports. Please follow the instructions to sign up on SEQTA so you can access these. From this site, parents are able to save and print this semester report.

If you have any difficulties or issues, please contact Nicolle Achmad - nicolle.achmad@cewa.edu.au

I would encourage all our parents and carers to make time over the next two weeks to not only read your child's report, but equally importantly, to sit down and have a conversation with your child about their report. This presents a valuable opportunity to discuss with them how they felt they went, what they did well in, where they improved and most importantly what areas are they aiming to improve in next semester. Should you have any queries relating to your child's report, please feel free to make an appointment with your child's teacher.









Year 6 Asia Expo

I was privileged enough to visit our Year 6 students Asia Expo yesterday afternoon. The students had researched a country in Asia and had to present information about it demonstrating a good understanding of that country. Luckily for me, there was lots if tasty samples of food from the different countries to try. Yum! I was impressed with how confidently the students spoke and the way they engaged the visitors with their interesting presentations. Well done Year 6 students!







3 Year Old Kindy

We are now 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, there are spots available on both the Thursday and Friday for them to attend this program. Please contact the office for further information.

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Kindy 2022

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 2022, please contact the office.

End of Term Two

I would like to inform you that I will be taking some leave for the first three weeks of Term 3. During my absence, Mrs Nicolle Achmad will be the Acting Principal. Mrs Kristie Chapman will fill the Assistant Principal role during this time.

From all of the staff of St Thomas More, we wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable two-week holiday. Enjoy this time with your children, travel safely if you are doing so and we look forward to your return in Term Three. Monday, 18th July is a pupil free day as the St Thomas More staff will be attending a professional development day. Students will return to school on **Tuesday 19th July**.

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



Assistant Principal News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

SEMESTER ONE REPORTS

Your child's Semester 1 Report is now available on SEQTA Engage. You can access our school's SEQTA Engage through the following URL: https://stmcps.coneqt-p.cathednet.wa.edu.au/

If you require any assistance accessing your child's report, please contact me.

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 the Sacrament, please fill in the enrolment form and return it to school or see Fr Mat for more information.

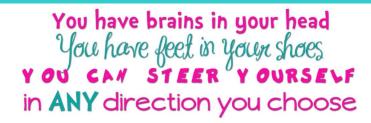
Have a wonderful holiday break with your family.

God bless,

Nicolle Achmad Assistant Principal

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Thought of the Week



If things Start happening, Don't worry, Don't stew, Just go Right along and You'll start happening too -Dr. Seuss



Friday 1st July

Students Last Day for Term 2 8.45am Merit Assembly



TUESDAY 19TH JULY
STUDENTS COMMENCE TERM 3

STMCPS SWIM FUN AND FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Week 2, Term 3 Thursday 28th 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 <u>afternoon carnival</u>. If you are able to help please contact Mr McRae on 0419 029 646 or at cameron.mcrae@cewa.edu.au

Thank you and see you at the pool!

Mr McRae PE Teacher



School Advisory Committee

We as the School Advisory Committee have been working in conjunction with Russell to secure the Bluebird After and Before School Care for another year, which has been beneficial financially and in promoting the school's profile.

Also along with Russell and Andy we are looking at continuing works around the front of the school to help with its visibility from the road.

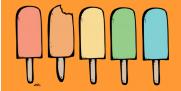
I would also like to thank my fellow Committee members for their ongoing support.

Joel Lawrance Chairperson

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 lcy 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 CONNECTED our website https://stmcps.wa.edu.au/ and go to the Communication tab to select Online Absentee.





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Cape to Cape

About:

Cape to Cape Therapy is a paediatric occupational therapy service, providing assessment, intervention and support to children aged 2-18 years with learning challenges, sensory and developmental disabilities including ASD and ADAH, and emotional regulation difficulties.

I am a mobile service in and around Margaret River and provide assessments and interventions in the school setting. I provide interventions for a wide range of deficits including gross motor development, fine motor development, sensory processing, emotional regulation and behavioural management.

I have been an AHPRA registered occupational therapist since 2016 (OCC0002076167). I have experience in various setting including private pediatric practices, Department of Communities Child Protection and Family Support, hospital wards and aged care. I have a passion for paediatric occupational therapy and strive to provide the latest evidence based practices to enable all children to achieve their potential.

Referral System:

- Clients are able to self refer if they have concerns regarding their child's development or teachers have raised concerns
- I have a Medicare provider number. Clients are able to claim rebated Medicare services if a GP has provided a referral via a healthcare plan if recommended
- Currently in the process of becoming an NDIS provider and will inform when this has been provided. Currently able to provide services for privately managed NDIS packages

Services

- Occupational Therapy Developmental assessments
- Sensory assessments
- Classroom observations and support
- Behavioural management
- Individual occupational therapy sessions
- Group occupational therapy sessions

Contact Details:

Occupational Therapist: Courtney Thompson

Email: admin@c2ctherapy.com.au

Phone: 0466 478 348







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



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