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St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



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The Vine



Principal's Report

Dear Lord,

*Thank you for the holiday times,
for freedom, family and friends.*

Help us to keep these happy times in our heart.

*We are excited to start a new term
with our teachers and friends.*

*Help us to learn, to grow in confidence
and to have lots of fun!*

Amen.



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to a new term! Our Principal Russell Wylie has taken some well deserved Long Service Leave for the first three weeks of this term, we welcome Mrs Kristie Chapman as Acting Assistant Principal during this time.

There are many things to look forward to this term. We will be having our school and Interschool Cross Country carnivals, Father's Day Colour run and sundowner, Year 5 camp, Learning Journey night, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of Eucharist throughout the term, just to name a few. Our Year 2, 3, 4, and 5 classes will all be preparing and leading Whole School Masses and Prayer Services for our school community over the course of the term.

Next week, our Year 3 and 5 students will complete the Bishops Religious Literacy Assessment (BRLA) as well as a NAPLAN Item Trial. The BRLA assesses students' knowledge and understanding of the Religious Education curriculum. The purpose of the NAPLAN Item Trial is to evaluate potential NAPLAN tests questions for use in future NAPLAN tests.



We welcome Mrs Danielle Noble for the remainder of the year as our Art Specialist, replacing Ms Flic Pascoe. Danielle has made a wonderful contribution in Semester One and we look forward to seeing students' creativity continue to be developed in Semester Two.

As we begin this new semester, I encourage all students to continue to try their very best over the term, consistently attempting new challenges and developing their problem solving skills to achieve their truest potential.

I look forward to working closely with our parent community to ensure we achieve the best outcomes for the students at our school. I wish all of our students a very happy, busy, creative, industrious, imaginative and engaging term.

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3 Year Old Kindy 2022

Our 3 Year Old Kindy program has increased to two days a week this semester, Thursday and Friday. Our program provides children with meaningful experiences that promote spiritual, social, emotional, language, creative and physical development. If you have any questions or wish to enrol your child, please phone 9757 3544.



Best wishes,
Nicolle Achmad
 Acting 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,

This term, our focus is on Respect. Our Year 6 Social Justice Leaders will work with the school community to help demonstrate ways we can continue to show this to one another and provide examples and strategies for the children to further develop this value. As we always want what is best for the children - positive experiences, healthy relationships, opportunities to learn - we want them to develop respect for others, respect for themselves, respect for God and to be respected. This will also be picked up through our Religious Education program and in the Keeping Safe program as part of the Health curriculum and our Peer Support program. We encourage parents to have conversations with your children about what respect means and ways they can show this. A simple example is using someone's name, looking at them when speaking to them and using manners.

SACRAMENTAL DATES

This 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.

Kristie Chapman
 Acting Assistant Principal

Thought of the Week

DON'T START YOUR DAY WITH THE
BROKEN PIECES OF YESTERDAY.
EVERY MORNING WE WAKE UP IS THE
FIRST DAY OF THE REST OF OUR LIFE.

*Important Dates***Tuesday 26 July**

P&F Meeting at 5.30pm at The River

Thursday 28 July

Faction Swimming Carnival at Margaret River Recreational Centre

STM CPS 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 afternoon carnival. 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





Congratulations!

School Merit

Award Winners

Term 2, Week 10

Ruby Jones (PP), Noah Joyce (YR1), Estela Robins (YR3), Billy-Jack Lawrance (YR4), Cooper Whareaitu (YR6)

UNIFORM SHOP OPEN HOURS - MONDAYS FROM 1.30 - 3.00PM



Please email your Order Forms through to

admin@stmcps.wa.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**.



Canteen

Our canteen service will continue to be provided on Thursday each week. To order lunches, parents need to place an order through QuickCliQ and pay online. Visit www.quickcliq.com.au and sign up so you can place orders if you wish to use this service.

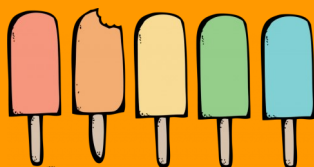
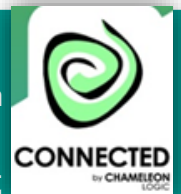
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Absentees

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.



The School Canteen is open on
Fridays at Lunchtimes selling Icy Poles.

All items are \$1.00