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# St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



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# The Vine



## Principal's Report

*Dear Lord, we fully trust in Your unending and unfailing love.  
we fully trust in the unfailing fulfilment of Your promises.*

*We surrender to You this day and everything that we do.*

*Enable us to walk in your goodness,  
and may Your gentle hand hold and guide us  
as we walk through the journey You have prepared for us today.*

*Amen*



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### Sacrament of Reconciliation



Congratulations to the 16 students from Year 3, 4 and 6 who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation last night. I was so pleased to see the way these children were able to turn back to God and reflected on the times they had not made such great choices and how, moving forward, they could change their lives. A big thank you to Mr O'Brien in his careful preparation of the students and along with Mrs Achmad in their assistance in organising the Sacrament. Also a big thank you to Father Mat for his work helping the students to receive this Sacrament.



### Crazy Hair Day

Thank you to all those children who got into the spirit of Crazy Hair Day today. It was great to see the effort so many put in. All money raised from this will be donated to Catholic Missions.

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### Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop



On Monday, our Year 4 students led our Year 3, 5 and 6 classes in a Liturgy of the Word in celebration of Australia's saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. They shared some information and prayers about Mary MacKillop and helped us remember why she became Australia's first saint. Mary MacKillop founded the Order of the Sisters of St Joseph, the founders of our school, when it was known as St Joseph's Convent School, back before we became St Thomas More Catholic Primary School in 1993. Mary MacKillop had a saying – '*Never see a need without doing something about it*', which features in our school prayer. This certainly still stands true today, and something we continually try to reinforce with our students.

### Assumption of Mary Mass

Next Monday, our Year 5 students will lead the school in a Liturgy, as we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. This Holy Day of Obligation is an important feast day to honour the day that Blessed Virgin Mary was taken up to heaven, body and soul. This liturgy will be held in the Church commencing at 9:00am and all parents and family members are invited to attend.



### Catholic Day

A reminder to families that Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August is the staff's Catholic Day – a day provided to recognise the extra commitments of the staff. The school will be closed on this day.

### RAT Packages

All children have been provided with 20 free RATs by the Government. As we are not able to send these home directly with students, parents will need to collect these from the child's teacher.

### Staffing Changes

Mrs Nicole Teague has made the decision to take her career in a different direction, and as a result has tendered her resignation at St Thomas More. I thank Mrs Teague for the many lives she has touched during her time teaching here, making a positive impact on so many young students. We truly wish Mrs Teague all the very best in her new adventures and pray for she continues to remain healthy and well. Mrs Sue Arthur will replace Mrs Teague in Year 5 for the remainder of the year. We welcome Sue and look forward to the many gifts she has to bring to this class.

Mrs Meg Ryan has also made the decision to resign, taking up a position with John Curtin University School of Education. I believe the experience and expertise Meg has to offer will greatly assist the Pre-Service teachers she will work with. I thank Mrs Ryan for her 23 years of service at St Thomas More and the many students and families she has worked with during this time – certainly making a positive difference in the learning of many children. I also wish Mrs Ryan all the very best as she journeys on a new adventure. Mrs Ryan will be replaced by Mrs Brittney Becker for the remainder of the year.

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

**RUSSELL WYLIE**  
**PRINCIPAL**

### Thought of the Week



**Assistant Principal News****SCHOOL VALUE - RESPECT**

Our whole school value this term is RESPECT.

Here are some ways to teach and encourage respect:

- **Model respect.** Children look to adults for clues about behavioural expectations. If they see their parents and teachers treating others with respect and compassion, they're more likely to do the same. Children are master imitators. When we expect them to show kindness or say please and thank you, we must act as role models and do the same.
- **Discuss respect with your child.** Use age-appropriate language to let children know how they should treat others. Teach your child to use respectful words and phrases, like "Yes, Miss/Mrs. Smith," and say please and thank you. Explain that respect is visible in behaviour, attitude, and actions toward others. Make sure kids know that it's not okay for anyone to use disrespectful behaviour, including adults.
- **Praise respectful behaviour.** Recognize children when they demonstrate kindness, good manners, empathy, and respect for others. This intentional acknowledgment leads to positive outcomes.

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Congratulations to our students who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation last night: **Kitson Bucat, Jimmy Campbell, Ted Chilton, Enya Dupuy, Rose Drysdale, Lucy Gatto, Arki Innes, Ava Innes, John Jakimowicz, Preston Kikeros, Mara Lought, Vienne Nguyen, Alexander Price, Estela Robins, Will Stewart, and Sumi Vo.**

May this Sacrament lead you to a deeper and closer relationship with God.

**THE SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST**

The dates for the Sacrament of Eucharist are:

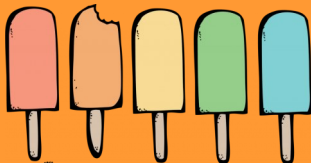
- Sacrament of Eucharist Retreat - Thursday, 1 September
- Parent/Child Information Evening - Thursday, 1 September at 5.30pm
- Commitment Mass - Sunday, 11 September at 10.00am
- Sacrament of Eucharist - Sunday, 18 September at 10.00am

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 week ahead.

Nicolle Achmad

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



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

**All items are \$1.00**

**Parish Masses**

**St Thomas More Catholic Church - Margaret River**

- Saturday - 6.00pm
- Sunday - 10.00am

**Lumen Christi Catholic Church - Augusta**

- Sunday - 8.00am



**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!

**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.

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 [www.quickcliq.com.au](http://www.quickcliq.com.au)

**Friday 12 August**

8.45am Merit Assembly

*Important Dates***Saturday 13 August****Silent Disco**

12.45 to 1.45 pm Lower Primary Rec Centre (exercise room)  
 1.45 to 3.00pm Upper Primary

**Monday 15 August**

9:00am Whole School Liturgy - Assumption of Mary St Thomas More Church  
 Led by Year 5

**Tuesday 16 August**

5:30pm P&F Meeting The River

**Friday 19 August**

8.45am Year 3 Assembly

**Monday 22 August**

**Catholic Day**  
**Pupil Free Day**