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The Vine



Principal's Report

Prayer for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (15 August)

*Father, you raised the Blessed Virgin Mary, our mother,
body and soul to the glory of heaven.*

*Grant through her our prayers that we may be saved
by the mystery of your redemption.*

Through Christ our Lord,

Amen



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Arrival at School

We have noted that some students are experiencing difficulty arriving at school on time. There are many benefits your child will gain from arriving on time to school and class as we encourage you to ensure that your child is at school before 8:40am if they are in Pre-Primary to Year 6.

Did you know?

- The likelihood of success in learning is strongly linked to strong participation in school programs which is linked to arriving on time.
- It is very important for children to develop habits of arriving on time at an early age, beginning from the time they start school.

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Some Gains for Your Child Arriving On Time for School and Class:

- Makes sure that your child doesn't miss out on the important learning activities that happen early in the day when they are most alert.
- Early morning learning activity is often reading or writing. Your child can lose so many opportunities to learn these critical life skills.
- Helps your child to learn about routines and commitment.
- Gives your child time to greet their friends before class and this can reduce the possibility of disruptions in the classroom.
- Class disruption can make your child feel uncomfortable and can upset other children.
- Arriving on time every day makes children feel good about themselves.

We are also noticing some children arriving very early to school – before 8:00am! Teachers are not on duty until 8:20am, when we expect most children to be arriving. Classroom doors open at 8:30am to allow children to get organised for the day and prepare before the bell goes at 8:40am. Please ensure your child arrives to school between the times of 8:20am and 8:35am to allow them to prepare properly for the day.

2023 Staffing

We have a number of job opportunities available next year, including a Groundsman, as Andy takes a year off next year, a Junior Primary teacher (to replace Mrs Ross who is also taking a year off next year), an Art Specialist teacher and a Middle/Upper Primary Teacher. All opportunities are advertised on our website.

Catholic Day

A reminder to families this Monday 22nd August is the staff's Catholic Day – a day provided to recognise the extra commitments of the staff to Church and extra-curricular activities. The school will be closed on this day. Please ensure you make alternative arrangements for your children. For those families who may use this time for a short holiday, please travel safe!

We invite all families to come along for the Year 3 Assembly extravaganza tomorrow, commencing at 8:45am in the Undercover Area.

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead, and we look forward to seeing the children back on **Tuesday 23rd August**.

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



Please like the St Thomas More Catholic Parish's Facebook page.

Assistant Principal News

SCHOOL VALUE - RESPECT

Children aren't born knowing how to be respectful. From the day they are born, they hear things such as: "You need to respect others, your teachers, your parents." Children learn from everything they feel, see and hear from others and need to learn how to respect others from adults in their life.

This week, could you chat to your child about The Golden Rule? Odds are that they have come across the phrase, "Treat others how you want to be treated" in their classroom discussions. This will give them the vocabulary on respect that is used by many and easy to understand.

CATHOLIC MISSION



We will be participating in Catholic Mission Socktober this term. Socktober is a journey towards and celebration of World Mission Month. It is a comprehensive education, formation and fundraising program that engages the heads, hearts, and hands of entire school communities in the global work of mission. Socktober uses the world game of soccer to form a connection between students in Australia and the children they support with their fundraising, while also incorporating formation and

education components throughout its entire structure. Through Socktober, students are invited to learn about, pray, advocate for, and financially support children and communities in need around the world.

THE SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST

The dates for the Sacrament of Eucharist are:

- Year 4 Retreat – Thursday, September 1 at Lumen Christi Catholic Church, Augusta
- Parent/Child Information Evening – Thursday, September 1 at 5.30pm
- Commitment Mass – Sunday, September 11 at 10.00am
- Sacrament of Eucharist – Sunday, September 18 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

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A reminder that **LUNCH ORDERS** are available for students each **THURSDAY**

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Thought of the Week



Congratulations!



**School Merit Award Winners
Term 3 - Week 4**

Pre-Primary	Levi Tischner
Year 2	Zorawar Arora
Year 3	Lucy Gatto
Year 4	Jimmy Tannock
Year 5	Max Cooke (Friday July 22) The Year 5 Class
Year 6	Morgan Bell

Friday 19 August
8.45am Year 3 Assembly

Monday 22 August
Catholic Day - Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 23 August
11.00am Year 4 Reconciliation

Friday 26th August
8.45am Merit Assembly

Important Dates

SPORTS NEWS



Cross Country Training

Before school Running Club is now happening prior to school (beginning at 8.00am) on Tuesday and Friday mornings. It has been great to see so many students joining in and improving their distance running in the lead up to our school event.

Cross Country - Faction Carnival

Our school Cross Country will take place on Friday, September 9 (Week 8) and will involve all students from Years 3 to 6. Parent help is needed to assist with scoring/marshalling. If you are able to help assist with this event, please contact Mr McRae on 0419 029 646 or at cameron.mcrae@cewa.edu.au

Cross Country - Interschool Carnival

Students who finish in the top 5 for both boys and girls in their year group (Years 3 to 6) will qualify to participate in an interschool event which will take place on Friday, September 16 (Week 9). Traditionally, St Thomas More has performed extremely well at this event, winning the percentage shield for the last three years. Can we do it again?

Free After School Cricket Clinic

Cricket WA has kindly offered to run a cricket clinic at our school! Information is below.

During our visit, we will provide a free Discover Cricket session. We will be in Margaret River on Tuesday, September 13 and would like to offer you, a free cricket clinic, after school (on school grounds). The clinic will allow the students to discover what cricket has to offer and is aimed at Years 3 and 4 students and Years 5 and 6 girls. Our WA Cricket staff will supply all the equipment, run the activities, and provide information of the local cricket blast program and the all-girls options available.

Mr McRae
PE Teacher

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.

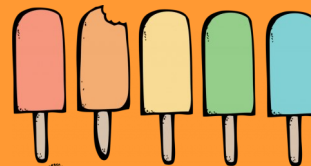
Forms can be downloaded off the school's website.

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

MANGO BOXES



The amazing Jabiru mangoes from Kununarra are now available for order! These 10Kg boxes don't last long, so get your orders in now, before they sell out (or before October 20).

Each box costs \$45 dollars and can be collected from St Thomas More Primary School when they are delivered in November.

\$10 from every box sold goes towards the school P&F projects.

Order via this link:

<https://form.jotform.com/220677367923869>

VacSwim enrolments now open!



Enrolments are now open for VacSwim swimming lessons during the summer school holidays.

VacSwim offers fun lessons at the beach or pool locations.

They are a great school holiday activity and they teach valuable safety skills to help keep your child safe in the water.

Enrol at education.wa.edu.au/vacswim

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Hawks



REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN FOR TRIALS

TRIALS FRIDAY 12TH & 19TH AUGUST 2022

Trials to represent Margaret River Hawks at the South West Slammers Regional Carnival Oct/Nov '22, Country Championships Feb '23 held in Perth, with the possibility of State Championships Nov/Dec '22, in Perth

As well as developing your basketball skills, our teams/players have great fun, making new friendships and creating memories participating at these carnivals.

So come along, show us your talent, take your basketball to the next level.....



Hawks



TRIALS FRIDAY 12TH & 19TH AUGUST 2022

U12 (2012 & 2013) 4pm to 5pm

U13 (2011) 4pm to 5pm

U14 (2010) Girls 5pm to 6pm

U14 (2010) Boys 4pm to 5pm

U15 (2009) 5pm to 6pm

U16 (2008) 6pm to 7pm

U18 (2006/07) Girls 5pm to 6pm

U18 (2006/07) Boys 6pm to 7pm

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