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The Vine



Principal's Report

Loving God,

May we come to know that you love us unconditionally.

May your unending kindness and love touch our hearts

so that we may share your love with others.

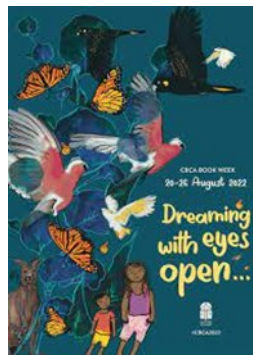
We ask this through Christ the Lord.

Amen



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Book Week



This week is the Children's Book Council of Australia Book Week with the theme of 'Dreaming with eyes open'. While many schools are celebrating this with a Dress-Up this week, we will hold off a little until next term, when we have our Book Fair in Week 2 – so you have a lot more time to organise a dress-up! But this is a good reminder of the importance of reading each day. Researchers have discovered that one of the best ways to manage anxiety, boredom and other mental issues is through the development of curiosity. And one of the best ways to build curiosity is through reading. It is important that we continue to encourage children to read each day and take the time to read to them too. We now have a new Library system, so the children should be bringing home books from our Library each week that they can engage with. Some of my favourite books to read to children include: The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt, Oh the Place You Will Go by Dr Suess, Where is the Green Sheep by Mem Fox, The Key to Rondo by Emily Rodda, The Enchanted Forest by Enid Blyton and Hating Alison Ashley by Robin Klein. What's your favourite children's book?

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Colour Run/Father's Day Sundowner

We are looking forward to the Colour Run next Friday 2 September at 2.00pm with our dads for Father's Day. Following this, there will be a sundowner for all parents and children. BYO everything. We look forward to seeing lots of families come along to support this.

Connected App

We have recently been informed that the Connected App, which many use to complete online absentee forms has been retired by the company and is no longer useable. Please delete this app and use the school website to complete the online absentee form.

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.

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

RUSSELL WYLIE
PRINCIPAL

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

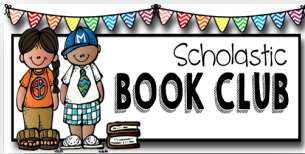
Cricket WA has kindly offered to run a cricket clinic at our school! Information is below.

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



Thought of the Week



Issue 6 of Book Club was sent home today! Your orders and payments need to be returned to the school no later than **Thursday September 1.**

You can pay by either **Cash or Cheque** or you can use **Credit Card** through the **LOOP** online system.

Orders received after this date will **NOT** be processed. If you are paying by cheque please make all cheques payable to **Scholastic Australia.**

Thanking you for your co-operation.

Rita Willmott - Book Club Organiser

Parish Masses

St Thomas More Catholic Church - Margaret River

- Saturday - 6.00pm
- Sunday - 10.00am

Lumen Christi Catholic Church - Augusta

- Sunday - 8.00am



Congratulations!

School Merit Award Winners

Term 3

Week 5

Pre-Primary	William Watson
Year 1	Beau McCorkill
Year 2	Francis Guise
Year 3	Tia La Fontaine
Year 4	Enya Dupey
Year 5	Elaiza Montalban
Year 6	Ava Innes



Friday 26th August

8.45am Merit Assembly

Thursday 1st September

5.30pm Parent/Child Eucharist Workshop

Friday 2nd September

8.45am Year 5 Assembly

2.00pm Father's Day Colour Run and Sundowner

Important Dates

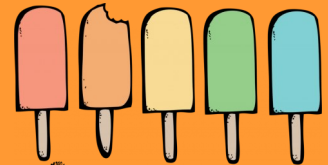
UNIFORM SHOP OPEN HOURS - MONDAYS FROM 1.30 - 3.00PM



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 website! There is an easy online form that can be completed and it is directly emailed to the school. Too easy! Visit our website <https://stmcps.wa.edu.au/> and go to the Communication tab to select Online Absentee.

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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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>