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The Vine



Principal's Report

*We give our thanks for the fathers in our lives.
Fatherhood does not come with a manual,
and We ask for Your blessings for them all
and forgiveness where it is needed.*

This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways--both big and small--they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach. So too, we remember all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent; grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers, priests and coaches and the women of our families.

For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting.

*Give them the strength to do well by their children and by You.
In Your Holy name, Lord, we pray. Amen.*



Dear Parents And Caregivers,

Sacrament of Eucharist



Today, our Year 4 students travelled to Augusta for a retreat to learn more about the Sacrament of Eucharist. They completed many different activities which helped strengthen their understanding of this special meal Jesus gave us, before they receive the Sacrament on Sunday 18th September. A special thank you to Mrs Achmad, Mrs Chapman, Mr McRae and Ms Knowles for their work in preparing this for the students.

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Father's Day Colour Run and Sundowner

Tomorrow afternoon we will be having a Colour Run followed by a Sundowner to celebrate Father's Day. All dads/ significant men/grandads/uncles/older brothers etc are encouraged to come along and run alongside the children and embrace the colour that is thrown upon them by the spectators. The children may change into light coloured clothes for this run, but I strongly encourage them to bring along a towel to use after so they can get changed back into their Sport's uniform before going home, particularly those children catching busses. Children who remain in their school uniform will not be permitted to run. The Colour Run will commence at 2:00pm on the oval.

Following the Colour Run, the P&F will be holding a Sundowner to celebrate all fathers and father figures. Parents may bring their own drinks and food. We look forward to seeing lots of families come along to celebrate this event for Father's Day.

Learning Journey and Open Night

We will be having a Learning Journey and Open Night on Tuesday 6 September from 3:05 – 5:00pm. This is an opportunity for parents to come in and talk with their child about the learning that has been taking place and look at some of the work produced this term. It is also a great opportunity to pop into other classrooms and see what has been happening. We look forward to seeing lots of families coming along to this night.

Andrew Chinn Visit

Tomorrow, Christian singer/songwriter Andrew Chinn will be visiting our school and working with the children to learn some new songs and then put on a concert. Andrew is an ex-school teacher and has worked with many children across the world, getting them excited about singing and performing actions to his songs.

Uniforms

A gentle reminder to families to please ensure your children are dressed in the correct uniform each day. This includes correct shoes and socks, no jewellery and hair that is longer than shoulder-length tied up. There is a lot of lost property with no names on it at the moment (including 12 jumpers!). To save money, please ensure your child's name is clearly written on uniform pieces to facilitate an easy return to your child.



National Child Protection Week

Next week is National Child Protection Week. We all have a role to play in protecting children from harm and creating a safe and supportive community for children and young people. The theme for Child Protection Week is 'Every child, in every community, needs a fair go'. The little things we do every day can help to create safer environments for children. For instance:

- Stop and listen to children when they are talking to you
- Be an advocate for children if necessary or help them share their views
- Be a good role model around children
- Stand up for children if you see that they are not being heard
- Look out for signs of abuse or neglect; if you suspect something is wrong talk to an expert
- Always take reports of abuse seriously
- Avoid blame and don't judge; instead, ask yourself what you can do to help
- Listen to the needs of children and spend time with them
- Be aware of the United Nations Conventions on the Rights of the Child and help to implement these.



We invite families to join us tomorrow morning for the Year 5 Assembly, commencing at 8:45am. I wish all Fathers, Grandfathers, Uncles and Significant men in the lives of the children a wonderful Father's Day on Sunday. Have a fantastic week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

**RUSSELL WYLIE
PRINCIPAL**

Assistant Principal News

Sacrament of Eucharist

Today, the Year 4 children travelled to Augusta to the Lumen Christi Church for a retreat about the Sacrament of Eucharist. The children spent time reflecting on the importance of the Eucharist, meditation and creating a candle. The children were able to learn more about this special Sacrament and its importance in the lives of Catholics around the world.



Tonight, the Parent Information and Input workshop will be held in the Library for the parents and children who will be receiving this Sacrament. It begins at 5:30pm in the Library.

The Commitment Mass for this Sacrament will be held on **Sunday 11 September at 10:00am**. All children receiving this Sacrament are required to attend.

The Sacrament of Eucharist will be celebrated on **Sunday 18 September at 10:00am** in the St Thomas More Church. All families are invited to attend this special celebration and give witness to the children receiving this Sacrament.



Andrew Chinn



Christian singer/songwriter Andrew Chinn will be visiting the classes tomorrow, spending time with the children to teach them songs that we can use in our Liturgies and Masses. Andrew incorporates lots of movement into his songs, so it will be great to see the children getting up and singing along. There will be a concert starting at 1:20pm that parents are more than welcome to attend.

Father's Day

As this Sunday is Fathers' Day, we remember all the special Dads, Grandads, Uncles and significant men in the world. We wish all dads a special Father's Day and hope you feel spoiled! We look forward to seeing many families attend Mass on Sunday to celebrate this special day.

Season of Creation

The Season of Creation begins today with the World Day of Prayer for Creation and concludes on 4th October (the Feast of St Francis of Assisi). This season is a special time of prayer and action in caring for our common home. "Listen to the voice of creation" is the theme and invitation of this year's Season of Creation. In his message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 2022, Pope Francis calls on us to use the season to "cultivate our ecological conversion" and to pray together in "the great cathedral of Creation".



Listen to the
Voice of creation
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

Nativity of Mary

Next Thursday 8 September, the Year 2 class will lead the whole school in a Prayer Service to celebrate the Feast Day of the Nativity of Mary. This is the day we celebrate the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the child of Saints Joachim and Anne. We will hold this service in the Church and invite all families to come along and celebrate with us at 9:00am.

Have a wonderful week ahead.

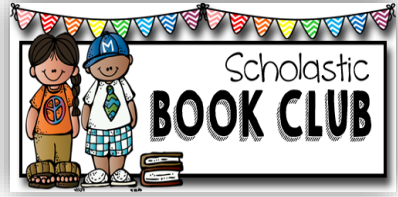
NICOLLE ACHMAD
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Thought of the Week



“Dads are most ordinary men turned by love into heroes, adventurers, story-tellers, and singers of song.”

PAM BROWN



Issue 6 of Book Club closes today.

Your orders and payments need to be returned to the school no later than this afternoon.

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

Orders received after today 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

Congratulations!



School Merit Award Winners

Term 3 - Week 6

Pre-Primary	Kalani Bailey
Year 2	Anna Devine
Year 3	Jimmy Campbell
Year 4	Zaneveer Arora
Year 5	Phoebe Hickman
Year 6	Riley Johnson

Friday 2nd September

8.45am Year 5 Assembly
2.00pm Father's Day Colour Run and Sundowner

Sunday 4th September

Father's Day

Tuesday 6th September

3.05 - 5.00pm Learning Journey ad Open Night

Thursday 8th September

9.00am Nativity of Mary Mass - Led by Year 2
2.00pm Mater Dei Music Performance

Friday 9th September

8.45am Merit Assembly

Sunday 11th September

10.00am Eucharist Commitment Mass

Important Dates

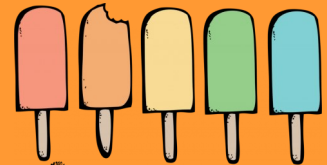
UNIFORM SHOP OPEN HOURS - MONDAYS FROM 1.30 - 3.00PM



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://stmcp.s.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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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.

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



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>