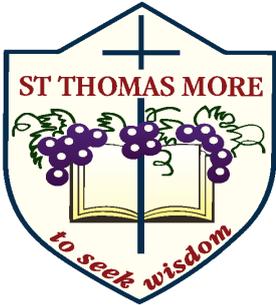


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Principal's Report

Prayer for the Nativity of Mary

*Hail Mary, full of grace.
 The Lord is with thee.
 Blessed art thou among women
 and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,
 Jesus.
 Holy Mary, Mother of God,
 pray for us sinners,
 now and at the hour of our death.
 Amen*

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The Vine



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Learning Journeys



Thank you to all those parents and family members who came along to our Learning Journey afternoon. It was wonderful to see so much engagement between the children and their parents, explaining the learning that has been taking place over the term. We feel it is a great opportunity for parents to see their child's work and for the children to really begin to take responsibility for their learning. I appreciate the work the teachers put into their rooms to ensure the children's work was displayed so creatively.

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Father's Day Colour Run



What a wonderful afternoon we had, as the Dads, Granddads, Uncles and some Mums came along to join with their children in our annual Colour Run! It was great to see so many families get into the spirit of things and embrace having colour thrown at them. A huge thank you to our amazing P&F, who once again created a fantastic event for all. Thank you also to the parents who stayed afterwards for the Sundowner. These events really help to bring our community together and showcase just how special Tommy More is.

Andrew Chinn



Last Friday, Christian singer-songwriter Andrew Chinn visited our school. He spent time with each of the classes, teaching them songs and getting them involved in lots of actions. The students had a wonderful time singing songs they already knew and learning some new ones.

Mater Dei Music Performance



Today, students from Mater Dei college in Edgewater, Perth, came down to visit and perform for us. Their performances included a Concert Band, Choir, Instrumental Ensemble and a Rock and Jazz band! What a performance! It was really inspiring for the children to see how they can still be involved in music when they get older. It was great to see Jake from Year 1 get up and conduct the band too!

School Cross Country

Tomorrow, our Year 3-6 students will be participating in our Faction Cross Country carnival. The children have been practising for this and we look forward to seeing them in action. The event kicks off at 1:25pm with our Year 6 Boys event and should conclude by about 2:30pm. We invite parents and friends to come along and cheer the students on in this carnival. The top 5 students from each event will then go on to represent our school at the Interschool Carnival on Friday 16th September.

Year 5 Camp

On Monday, our Year 5 students will be travelling to Busselton for their 3-day camp. During this time, they will develop leadership skills, experience new activities that may challenge them and learn about the local history. A huge thank you to Mrs Arthur and Ms Shoppee for their organisation of this camp along with the assistance of Mrs Achmad and Mr Jon Miller. We wish all our Year 5 students a wonderful time!

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

RUSSELL WYLIE
PRINCIPAL

Assistant Principal News

Last Friday, we were fortunate to have Andrew Chinn visit our school. If students and staff smiles were not enough, I asked them for feedback, and they reported that they loved it and wish all church music was this engaging. We thank Andrew for his visit, which was vibrant, engaging and helped us connect and respond to the Gospel message.

His team at Butterfly House sent me an email this morning reminding me that it is R U OK? day today. They have written and produced a song, based on the Walk to Emmaus, a Christian perspective on R U OK? Day, called 'Walk Each Other Home' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=egJX6yfE-W8> by Timothy Hart, which is a beautiful song to promote awareness of mental wellbeing and the importance of checking in with friends and colleagues to see if they're ok.

Here at St Thomas More Catholic Primary School, we are passionate about supporting staff and student wellbeing. Often when we're asked, "How are you?" We say we're ok but we're actually not. R U OK? Day takes the initiative to encourage attentiveness to others through authentic conversation – one that opens up the space to really be present to one another as we listen to how others are feeling and how they are coping with life. Here are four steps we can follow to start a conversation:

1. Ask R U OK?
2. Listen
3. Encourage action
4. Check-in

While RUOK day is not part of the liturgical year, the values it upholds are consistent with that of the Christian faith. As Christians we are called to be loving neighbours. We are called to be companions on the journey offering our service, understanding, compassion, support and love to the broken, lost and poor. Including those poor in spirit and mental wellbeing.

The message of RUOK day is paralleled in the story of the disciples walking to Emmaus. As the disciples were making sense of their lives, Jesus appeared to them and asked, "what has been happening for you?" He listened as they shared their story. Then Jesus offered his own words of encouragement, and after they shared a meal, the disciples were compelled to take action. And then on the day of Pentecost Jesus checked-in, so to speak, when he sent the disciples the Holy Spirit, to reassure them and encourage them to continue once again.

As communities across Australia participate in R U OK? DAY, we are reminded that every day is R U OK? DAY. We are called every day to love our neighbours back into fullness of life. And so we pray that on this day, and every day, we might be there for one another as we walk each other home.

Sacrament of Eucharist



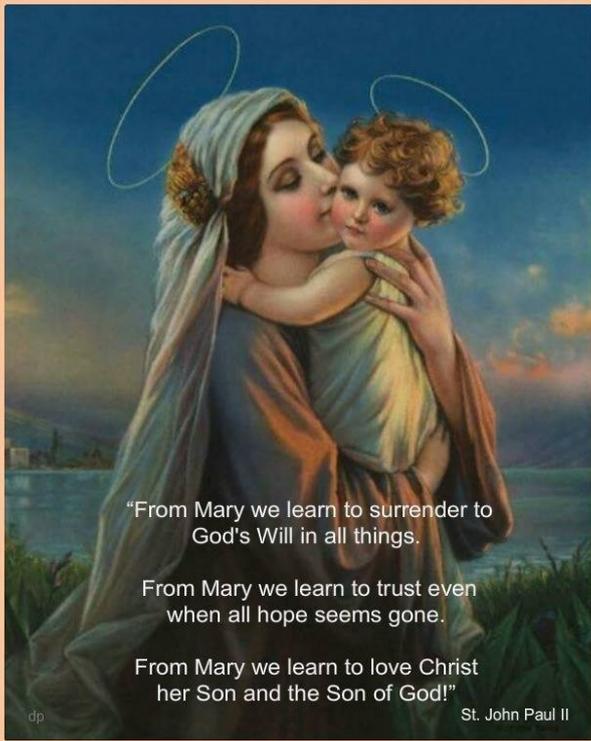
Children, with their parents, wishing to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist participated in a Parent/Child Workshop at school last Thursday, which followed a Year 4 Retreat to Lumen Christi Catholic Church in Augusta. The children are now fully prepared to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist at St Thomas More Catholic Church on **Sunday 18 September at 10.00am**. The commitment mass is this Sunday 11 September at 10.00am. We look forward to celebrating this important Sacrament with the children.

Have a wonderful week ahead.

God bless,

NICOLLE ACHMAD
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Thought of the Week



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.



Congratulations!

**School Merit Award Winners
Term 3 - Week 7**

Pre-Primary	Max Currell
Year 1	Jonny Balabanian
Year 2	Dominic Comrie
Year 3	Hunter Petterson
Year 5	Dominic Brawls



Friday 9th September

8.45am Merit Assembly
1.25pm School Cross Country

Sunday 11th September

10.00am Eucharist Commitment Mass

Week 9

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday - Year 5 Camp

Tuesday 13th September

5.30pm P&F Meeting

Friday 16th September

8.45am Pre-Primary Assembly

Sunday 18th September

10.00am Sacrament of Eucharist

Important Dates

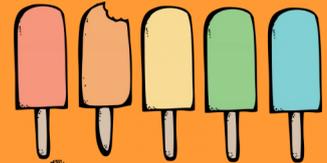
UNIFORM SHOP OPEN HOURS - MONDAYS FROM 1.30 - 3.00PM



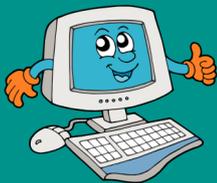
Please email your Order Forms through to rita.willmott@cewa.edu.au with details of your order and credit card. Forms can be downloaded off the school's website. Uniforms will go home with your children on **Mondays**. Thank you!

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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STMCPS CROSS COUNTRY THIS FRIDAY!

All students from Year 3 to 6 will be involved in our Faction Cross-Country event on Friday afternoon.

ALL TIMES MAY CHANGE – GUIDE ONLY

After Lunch move to area behind Music Room

- 1.25pm Year 6 Boys
- 1.30pm Year 6 Girls
- 1.40pm Year 5 Boys
- 1.45pm Year 5 Girls
- 1.55pm Year 4 Boys
- 2.05pm Year 4 Girls
- 2.15pm Year 3 Boys
- 2.25pm Year 3 Girls
- 2.30pm Presentations/Pack Up

Uniform: Students will wear Sports Uniform (faction shirts) and running shoes (no bare feet), Coat/Jacket to keep warm.

First and second from each race will receive a medal which will be presented at the end.

The first four placegetters will receive ribbons when they finish.

The first five from each race will be make up our Cross-Country team to participate in interschool event next Friday.

We are still needing some extra parent help!
If you are available please contact Mr McRae
on 0419 029 646 or at cameron.mcrae@cewa.edu.au

FREE AFTER SCHOOL CRICKET CLINIC TUESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER (WEEK 9) NEXT WEEK!

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 13th September 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 Year 3 and 4 students and Year 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.



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>