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# St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



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# The Vine



## Principal's Report

### A Prayer for a New School Term

*Lord Jesus, I ask for Your help as we begin this new school term.*

*Allow us to experience Your presence in the many blessings*

*You put before us.*

*Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that  
this new school term brings.*

*Open our hearts and minds to new friends and new teachers.*

*Give us a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with our studies and the  
courage to accept new opportunities.*

*Amen*



Dear Parents and Caregivers,



Welcome back! I hope all families had a wonderfully relaxing and fun holidays, ready for the busyness that Term Four always brings! As I visit each of the classrooms, I have already been able to see the way the students are engaging in their learning and getting ready for the end of the year. There are lots of exciting opportunities and fun to be had by our students, with our teachers having been very busy planning fantastic learning adventures for the students to engage in. There is a lot happening this term, including our Book Week celebrations, the Year 6 students attending camp in Rottneest, the Clubs program, Assemblies, Masses and of course the end of year celebrations, including our Year 4 to 6 Music Concert and Year 6 Graduation.

I would like to extend a very special welcome to the new families joining our Tommy More family; Thomas Ranson Cook in Year 2, Isla Roesner in Year 3 and Kai Reuben in Year 5. I am sure our community will make you feel very welcome.

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### Clubs Program

Next Thursday, our Year 3 to 6 students will be involved in our Clubs program. This operates between recess and lunch and allows the children to develop knowledge and skills in an area of their choice, which traditionally falls outside the curriculum. We believe it is important to develop the whole child at St Thomas More, so as a result, these children will be able to participate in activities including Surfing, Mountain Biking, Skateboarding, Cooking, Orienteering and Gardening. The program will run for 4 weeks. The Year 3 to 6 students are invited to wear their sport's uniform on a Thursday for these 4 weeks.

### Book Week

Next week is Book week with the theme *Dreaming with eyes open*. There will be a Book Fair commencing on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October in the Library after school and continue before and after school on Wednesday. There will also be a dress-up Book Week parade on this Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October.



### Congratulations!

I would like to congratulate our Assistant Principal, Nicolle Achmad, who has been offered and has accepted the Short-Term Principal role at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School in Pemberton. Nicolle will take up this role for Semester 1 2023. I know she will do a fantastic job as she leads the community in Pemberton and we will miss her for the first part of next year. I look forward to her return from Term 3 2023. Well done Nicolle!

### Summer Uniform

A big "Thank You" to all the parents and carers who have sent their children back to school this week in the correct summer uniform. While you do have the first two weeks to transition from the winter to summer uniform, your efforts are greatly appreciated and it was terrific to see nearly everyone on over the past few days wearing the correct uniform. A reminder that sports jackets shouldn't be worn with the Summer uniform and that bracelets, rings and more than one pair of earrings should not be worn and long hair needs to be tied up (both boys and girls). Unfortunately we are still waiting on some sports shorts to be delivered in particular sizes. If you are having difficulty in getting the correct uniform, please come and see me. The Uniform Shop is open on a Monday afternoon 1:30 – 3:00pm. All children will be expected to be in correct school uniform from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October. Your assistance and support is greatly appreciated.

### Mango P&F Fundraiser

The P&F are having the Mango fundraiser again this term. For every box of mangoes sold, the school will receive a percentage of the cost. Boxes are \$45 each for 10Kg of mangoes. Visit <https://form.jotform.com/220677367923869> to order online or see further in the newsletter for more details.

### Are You Leaving?

If you are intending not returning to St Thomas More in 2023, we need to know so that we have the most accurate numbers possible to do our budget planning which will be taking place soon. If you could let us know by phoning us or sending though an email it would be greatly appreciated.

### Historical Society Banners

Students from St Thomas More created some banners which were used to celebrate the Group Settlement Centenary celebrations earlier in the year. These banners will be on display at the Margaret River Agricultural Show, but there is also a competition to win the 'favourite banner'. The winning school of this competition will be presented with \$2000, generously donated by Margaret River First National. Students from St Thomas More created the Mowen (Year 4 and 5 classes), Witchcliffe (Year 2 and 3 classes) and Rosa Brook (Year 6) banners. The banners can be viewed at <https://mrdhs.com.au/banners> and banners voted on at the show.

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

**RUSSELL WYLIE**  
**PRINCIPAL**

## Assistant Principal News

### Term 4 Value Focus

Our value this term is generosity. When I think about the word generosity, I immediately think about our community and how generous our parents, family, students and staff are in donating food, clothing or money to others and not expecting anything in return.

At our recent Eucharist Sacramental Mass, Fr Mat discussed the symbol on the Eucharistic host, being the Pelican, which is a fabulous example of generosity. The story goes that for a pelican's young to survive, the mother pelican endures many sacrifices. The adult pelican is so well equipped to catch fish that it catches enough for itself and others. Though other birds steal fish right out of the pelican's mouth, the pelican never complains or seeks revenge. When incubating her eggs, a mother pelican is often attacked by aggressive birds trying to steal material from her nest. The generous pelican, however, stays with her young, giving them first place in her life. This generous behaviour is essential to the survival of the pelican.

Being generous is also essential to our own survival. When we give to other people and causes, always making the best use of our time, talent and resources without expecting anything in return, we invest in others. By being generous, we know that our own lives are positively enhanced in various ways when we give to others. Practising generosity promotes greater happiness, health, emotional wellbeing and a sense of purpose in life.

### Book Fair and Book Fair Parade

The Scholastic Book Fair will be open next Tuesday 18 October from 2.30pm - 4.00pm and next Wednesday 19 October from 8.00am - 9.00am and 2.30pm - 4.00pm in our School Library. We encourage you to please support our Book Fair as a percentage of all books purchased will go towards purchasing new books for our School Library.

Our Book Fair Parade will be next Wednesday 19 October at 9.00am on the basketball court (weather permitting) or the undercover area. Your child is encouraged to come to school dressed as their favourite book character and bring their sports uniform to change into afterwards. All parents and family members are invited to watch the parade if they wish.

### All Saints Mass

Our first whole School Mass for Term 4 will be held on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 9.00am in the church for All Saints Day, led by our Year 3 students. All Saints' Day **celebrates all the Christian saints**. Saints are holy people who are believed to be very close to God. Catholics believe that saints have special powers to help people. All parents and families are invited to attend our whole School Mass.

Have a wonderful week ahead.

God bless,

**NICOLLE ACHMAD**  
**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

## Parent Volunteers Required - Lions Shed and Ag Show Parking November 4th and 5th

The P&F have secured a community grant from the Lions in return for assisting with the Lions Garage Sale on Friday 4th and Saturday 5th November. Friday 4th is the set up for the sale, Saturday 5th is the actual sale day. We are also holding the Sausage Sizzle on the Saturday morning! We require four people Friday morning (8.00am - 12.00pm), five people Saturday morning (8.00am to 12.00pm, to include two strong heavy lifters both days), and three to run the Sausage Sizzle.

That weekend we will also be providing paid parking for the Ag show, also requiring two volunteers for approximately 2 hours on the afternoon of Friday 4th and on the Saturday morning of the 5th.

This weekend will require lots of parent to assist, and as it is such a busy weekend, we wanted to get this information out to everyone before the end of term so people can put it into their diaries. Ideally we are looking for two to three volunteers per class.

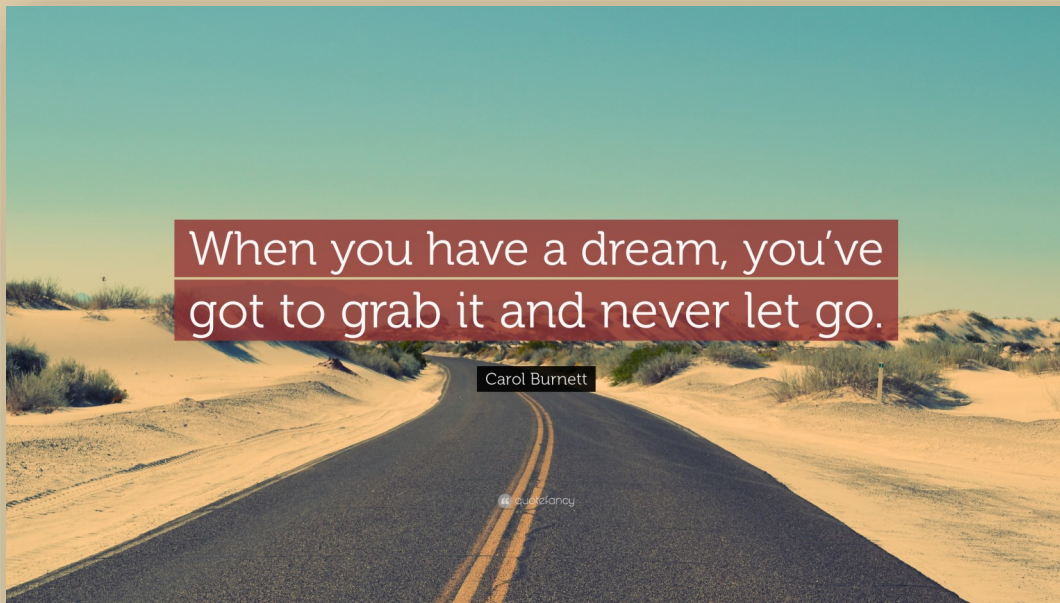
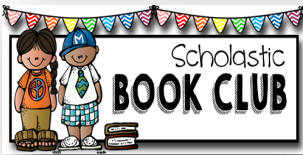
Class representatives will be putting up a Roster on classroom doors towards the end of this week, and at the beginning of Term 4. Please put your name down asap, so the P&F can firm up a roster. Alternatively you can [email pf.stmcps@gmail.com](mailto:email_pf.stmcps@gmail.com) to register your interest or if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support. It's going to be a big, fun weekend! All the money raised is for our beautiful school.

The STMCPs P&F



**Thought of the Week**

**Issue 7** of Book Club was sent home this week! Your orders and payments need to be returned to the school no later than **Thursday October 20.**

**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

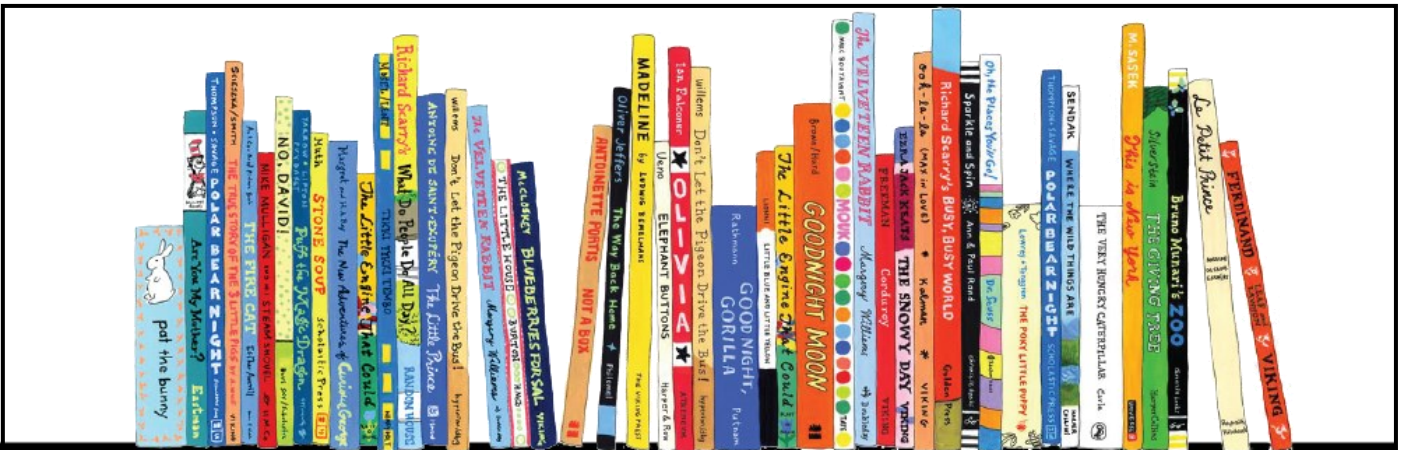
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- Sunday - 8.00am

# Important Dates

<p><b>Friday 14th October</b> 8.45am Merit Assembly Year 4 visit to Mary MacKillop College</p> <p><b>Tuesday 18th October</b> Book Fair</p> <p><b>Wednesday 19th October</b> Book Fair 9.00am Book Week Dress-Up Parade 11.00am Year 6 Class Liturgy (Time TBC) 5.00pm Year 6 Camp Meeting</p> <p><b>Thursday 20th October</b> 11.00am - 12.40pm Clubs - Years 3 to 6 5.00pm Year 2 iPad Meeting</p> <p><b>Friday 21st October</b> 8.45am Merit Assembly</p>
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**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

**Our Scholastic Book Fair 2022**

Tuesday October 18 - 2.30pm to 4.00pm  
 Wednesday October 19 - 8.00am to 9.00am  
 Wednesday October 19 - 2.30pm to 4.00pm  
 at our School Library

All purchases benefit our School Library.

*Dreaming with Eyes Open*  
*Dress Up Book Parade*

Wednesday October 19 at 9.00am

*Come dressed as your favourite book character - Kindy to Year 6*

**UNIFORM SHOP OPEN HOURS - MONDAYS FROM 1.30 - 3.00PM**

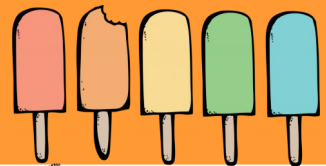


Please email your Order Forms through to  
[rita.willmott@cewa.edu.au](mailto:rita.willmott@cewa.edu.au)  
 with details of your order and credit card.

Forms can be downloaded off the school's website.  
 Uniforms will go home with your children on **Mondays**.  
 Thank you!

**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.

# 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>



**"My Favourite Group Settlement Banner"  
Competition**

for the Margaret River & Districts Historical Society



**first  
national**  
REAL ESTATE

Margaret River

is generously sponsoring this event and will be awarding

**\$2,000**

**to the school with the winning banner!**

All banners will be on display in the Pavilion Hall at the Margaret River River Ag Show on Friday 4/11 and Saturday 5/11, **so make sure you go to the Show and cast your vote!**

SCHOOL SOCCER CLUBS

**TERM 4  
REGISTRATIONS  
NOW OPEN**

AGE 5-9 WEDNESDAYS 3-4PM

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