

# St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



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# The Vine



## Principal's Report

### Prayer for All Saints Day

*Dear God, thank you for the example of the Saints*

*We desire to join in their company, worshipping you forever in Heaven.*

*Please help us follow their footsteps, and yours, Jesus Christ.*

*Please help us to seek Your will in all things, as the Saints did.*

*Please help us to devote ourselves, and all that we do, to Your glory, and to the service of my neighbours.*

*Amen.*



Dear Parents and Caregivers,



### Year 6 Camp

On Monday, our Year 6 students will be travelling over to Rottnest for their week-long camp. This is a very exciting time in the lives of these young students, as they are away from their families for this extended period of time, but provided with many opportunities to develop leadership skills, resilience and take part in new experiences while developing their knowledge of Western Australia's history. I will be accompanying Mr McDonald, along with our amazing parent volunteers, Sharyn Bennier, Kris Innes, Kim Maguire, Andrea Campbell, Martin Chilton and counselling student Keshi O'Halloran. I am sure we will all have a safe and wonderful time!

### World Teacher's Day

Tomorrow we celebrate World Teacher's Day – a day to recognise the hard work, commitment and love our teachers demonstrate to improving education outcomes for each of our students. As a Principal, I am very blessed to have a staff who are dedicated, caring and really great people to work with...which makes our school such a wonderful place to be. I would like to thank each and every staff member who works at St Thomas More for the way they work so hard to make a positive difference in the lives of every child here. Great job! Thank you too, to the P&F for organising an amazing lunch for the staff to enjoy tomorrow...I know they are very excited!



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### Annual Community Meeting

As parents are aware, each year we are required to have an Annual Community Meeting. This will take place on Wednesday 16 November starting at 5:30pm with a Sundowner in the Undercover Area, followed by the meeting in the Library at 6:00pm. The meeting will comprise a School Advisory Council report, a P&F report and acceptance of nominations for positions on both the School Advisory Council (formally the School Board) and P&F. Finally, I will present a Principal's report about our achievements over the year and announce staffing for 2023. We would love to see lots of parents come along, have some nibbles and drinks and hear all the wonderful things about our school. Nomination forms for the P&F and Advisory Council are attached to the newsletter. Please return these to the Office as soon as possible.

### School Fees

As we near the end of the school year, I would like to remind parents that school fees need to be paid by the end of November. May I ask that if you are not on a Direct Debit, that school fees are paid promptly. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

### Parking

A friendly reminder to parents to not park on the vacant block of land next to the school. This is privately owned land, and the Shire will issue infringements if you park there.



I invite all families to join us for our Mass held tomorrow in preparation for All Saints Day at 9:00am in the Church. Our talented Year 3 students will be leading this celebration.

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

**RUSSELL WYLIE**  
**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



## Assistant Principal News

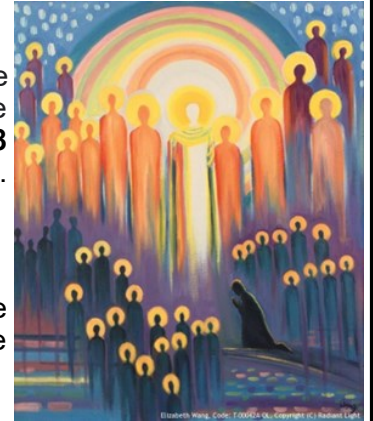
### World Teachers Day!

We are celebrating World Teachers Day tomorrow. Thank you to the P&F for providing lunch for our staff. Our staff work hard all year and have shown great resilience during challenging times so that they can give our students the best future possible.

Take a moment to show your appreciation to our teachers and staff and tell them what they mean to you.

### Tuesday 1 November - ALL SAINTS

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. We will celebrate together this **Friday 28 October** with a Whole School Mass in the Church at 9.00am led by Year 3. We invite all parents and family members to attend.



### Wednesday 2 November – ALL SOULS

On Wednesday 2 November, follows All Saint's Day and is a time when we pray together for our deceased relatives and friends and for those who have no one to pray for them.

**Halloween** (the commercial variety misses the point of the feast) is the **evening before** the Christian holy days of All Saints on 1 November and All Souls Day on 2 November, thus giving the holiday on 31 October the full name of **All Hallows' Eve** - meaning the evening before All Hallows' Day. 'Hallow' is an old word meaning 'to make holy'.

Have a wonderful week ahead.

God bless,

**NICOLLE ACHMAD**  
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

## CLUBS

**We went bushwalking and we loved it!**



**Thought of the Week**



There are the saints of every day, the 'hidden' saints, a sort of 'middle class of holiness'... to which we can all belong.

— Pope Francis —

AZ QUOTES

# Congratulations!

**School Merit Award Winners  
Term 4 - Week 2**

Year 2	Quinn Brett
Year 3	Jax French
Year 5	Tom Miller
Year 6	Connie Chilton



**Friday 28th October**

World Teacher's Day  
9.00am Whole School Mass led by Year 3

**Week 4**

Years 6s on Rottnest Camp - Monday to Friday

**Wednesday November 2nd**

Year 2 Class Liturgy

**Thursday November 3rd**

11.00am - 12.40pm Clubs - Years 3 to 6

**Friday November 4th**

8.45am Merit Assembly

**Wednesday November 16th**

5.30pm Annual Community Meeting

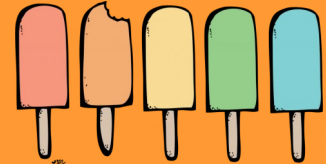
## Important Dates

**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.**

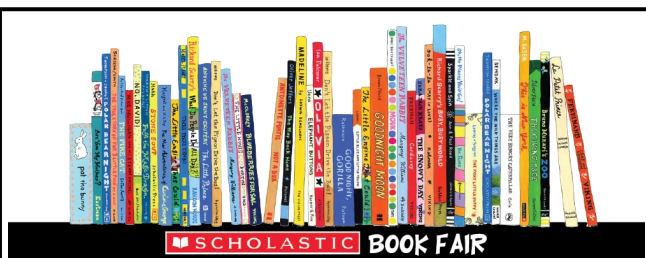
**All items are \$1.00**

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



A BIG THANK YOU to the St Thomas More families who supported this year's **Book Fair**.

With the points we received we were able to purchase over \$300.00 worth of books for our School Library.

Thank you!

**Parish Masses****St Thomas More Catholic Church - Margaret River**

- Saturday - 6.00pm
- Sunday - 10.00am

**Lumen Christi Catholic Church - Augusta**

- Sunday - 8.00am



Tomorrow, Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October, Jen Morrison and Jemma Shoppee will be walking 35km, from Hamelin Bay to Prevelly to raise money for Beyond Blue. You can support their cause by clicking here and donating to 'Cowie Cruisers'. Every little bit helps!

<https://www.coastrek.com.au/fundraisers/cowiecruisers>





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**NOMINATIONS FOR  
ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL, 2023  
(previously known as the School Board)**

Dear Parents and Members of the St Thomas More Community,

The School Advisory Council (SAC) of St Thomas More seeks competent and dedicated people to serve on it.

Parents and others who have an interest in the welfare of the students and staff and are eager to promote Catholic schooling may seek membership of the St Thomas More Advisory Council as a means of giving valuable service to the school community. Though all SAC members should bring to the Council their own contribution to its work, the most important skill required is the ability to work cooperatively and constructively with all other members for the benefit of the school it serves. **School Advisory Council members must be willing and able to give their time to duties.**

The School Advisory Council invites you to attend the Annual Community Meeting on **WEDNESDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2022**, starting at 5:30pm with a sundowner and the meeting commencing at **6:00pm** in the Library. A report will be given at this meeting on the school's activities during the past year and on the proposed budget for 2023.]

To nominate, please complete the form below, mark it for the attention of the Principal, and return it to the office. Nominations close on Friday 11 November, 2022.

The School Advisory Council invites you to nominate yourself for election if you feel you would be prepared to serve the community as a member. Nominees will be invited to make a short presentation in support of their nomination at the ACM.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Joel Lawrance  
SAC Chair  
St Thomas More Catholic Primary School

**CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE SAC:**

1. Possession of special skills that will be an asset to the School Advisory Council.
2. A deep interest in the welfare of all students and staff
3. A desire to give service to the Catholic school community.
4. A keenness to promote Catholic schooling.
5. An ability to work cooperatively and constructively with all other members of the School Advisory Council.
6. Sufficiency of time to devote to duties.

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**St Thomas More School Advisory Council Nomination Form 2023**

I have read the letter of invitation and wish to offer myself as a candidate for election to the School Advisory Council.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Students at St Thomas More:

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ 2022

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ 2022

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ 2022



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## **NOMINATIONS FOR ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL P&F, 2023**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The AGM of the P&F Association will be held on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022** starting at 5:30pm with a Sundowner and the meeting commencing at **6:00pm** in the Library. A report will be given at this meeting on the P&F's activities during the past year and how money that has been raised was spent.

The P&F Association is an essential part of the school and serves an important role in supporting the St Thomas More community and students. You are invited to consider serving on the P&F committee in 2023.

P&F Executive roles will be elected at the next P&F meeting after the AGM.

Four Executive positions (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) and six committee members make up the P&F committee. All other parents are welcome to attend P&F meetings and contribute to decisions made.

To nominate, please complete the form below, mark it for the attention of the Principal, and return it to the office. Nominations close on Friday 11 November, 2022.

Nominees may be invited to make a short presentation in support of their nomination at the AGM.

I thank you for your consideration to be part of this wonderful parent body.

Yours sincerely,

Russell Wylie  
Principal

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### **St Thomas More School P&F Nomination Form 2023**

I have read the letter of invitation and wish to offer myself as a candidate for election to the School P&F.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Students at St Thomas More:

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ 2022

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ 2022



## MAGGIE DENT - REAL KIDS IN AN UNREAL WORLD



Known as the 'queen of common sense', Maggie Dent! This ticketed event booked for Wednesday 2nd November @4pm hosted by Augusta P.S P&C

Maggie will present, REAL KIDS IN AN UNREAL WORLD Building Resilience & Self-esteem in Today's children (10 Resilience Building Blocks)

Book tickets @[humanitix.com](http://humanitix.com) - "Maggie Dent"



## COMMUNITY DINNER HEALTHY FOOD DESIGNED BY OUR STUDENTS

Why not hang around and enjoy dinner?

Students at Augusta Primary School are designing Healthy Lasagna Options for a Community Dinner.

Our Canteen will be a hive of healthy energy in preparation to bring families together one tasty plate at a time.



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