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The Vine



Principal's Report

Lord,

I give you all that I am this day.

*Please brush away my weariness,
so that I may be inspired in my work.*

Help me to discover new ways to reveal your love to all I meet.

*Keep my mind clear and focused on all I need to achieve,
and give me the wisdom to overcome difficulties and find solutions.*

Amen.



Dear Parents,

Year 5 Leadership Speeches

Yesterday morning, along with the Year 3, 4 and 6 classes, I listened to the Year 5 students present their Leadership speeches. I was extremely impressed with the time and effort these students put into sharing why they think they would make a great leader in our school next year and congratulate them on putting themselves forward for these roles. I know many of them felt nervous, but I was tremendously proud of the way they showed persistence and determination to still present this. I look forward to meeting with the Year 5 students individually and discussing why they feel they would be a good leader in our school next year. 2023 Leaders will be announced at our Year 6 Graduation and School Awards night on 8th December in the Church.

Music Concert

Our Year 4 to 6 students have been madly rehearsing in preparation for their Music Concert which will be held on Monday 28th November at the Margaret River HEART. Starting at 5:30pm, the students will be showcasing some of what they have learnt during their Music lessons over the year. Each year level will present a number of songs in their class band. All parents and family members are invited to come along and be entertained by the wonderful talents of our students.

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Fee Payments

Thank you to all the parents who have finalised their fee payments over the last couple of weeks. We really do appreciate your efforts, as it certainly makes our task that little bit easier. A final reminder that all outstanding school fees should have been paid by the end of November, so I ask families to please attend to this if there are still amounts owing. As always, please contact me if you are experiencing difficulties.

End of Year Events

There are a number of events coming up as we move towards the end of the year that I would like to make parents aware of:



Volunteer Thankyou Morning Tea: We invite all parents who have volunteered their time in some capacity over the course of the year to come along to a Thankyou Morning Tea at **9:30am** on **2nd December** in the Library.

Music Concert: The Year 4 - 6 students will be performing a range of songs on **Monday 28th November** commencing at **5:30pm** at the Margaret River HEART. All parents and family members are invited to come along and watch our amazing students showcase some of what they have learnt this year in Music.

Whole School Thanksgiving Mass: We will conclude our year with a Praise and Thanksgiving Mass on **Thursday 8 December** at **9:00am** in the Church. We invite all families to come along and celebrate the end of the year with us at this Mass.

Year 6 Graduation and Awards Celebration: We will farewell our Year 6 students and present the Year 1 to 5 class awards and the Year 6 awards on **Thursday 8 December** at 5:30pm. The Year 6 leaders for 2023 will also be recognised and presented with their badges. All families are invited to attend this Graduation and Awards evening.

End of Year Excursion: Our Pre-Primary to Year 5 students will come together and celebrate the end of the year with an excursion to the HEART to watch a movie, while our Year 6 students will head to the Rivermouth and go canoeing up the Margaret River. This will all take place on the last day of school 9th December.

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead and invite families to join us for the Year 2 Assembly on Friday from 8:45am.

Peace and best wishes,

RUSSELL WYLIE
PRINCIPAL

Assistant Principal News

Term 4 Value Focus

Our value this term is generosity. As we wind down towards the end of the year, we are starting to focus on Christmas and what gifts to get our loved ones. Our children especially are excited with anticipation for Christmas. The generosity we experience and give this time of year is shown mostly through the giving of physical items such as gifts, but maybe this Christmas you might like to discuss with your child how to be generous to others through acts of love and service.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

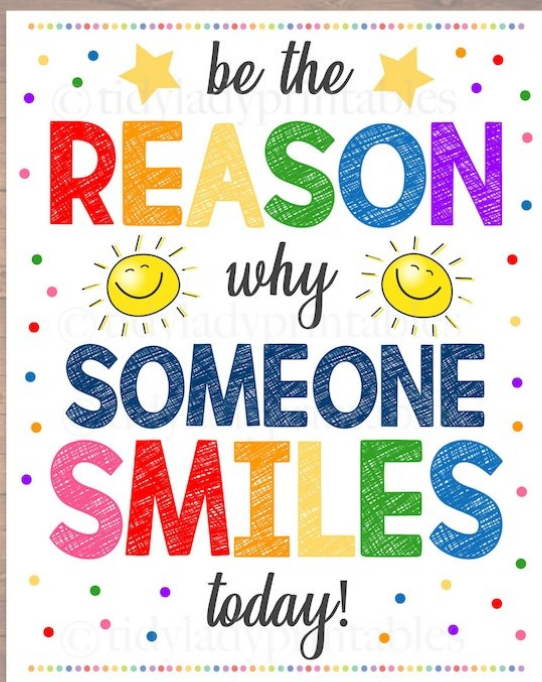
The cost-of-living increases are pushing tens of thousands of Aussie families over the edge, into poverty and risk of homelessness. They desperately need support to put food on the table, keep the lights on and keep a roof over their heads. Will you please help?

Please donate non-perishable food items to our St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal. Your donation will help families have food on the table so that their children don't go to bed hungry.

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 4 - Week 6**

Pre-Primary	Remi Keen
Year 2	Margaux Lewis
Year 3	Rose Drysdale
Year 4	Maxime Lewis
Year 5	Elaiza Montalban
Year 6	Alexis Kikeros Edith Davy

**Friday November 25th**

8.45am Year 2 Assembly

Monday 28th November

5.30pm Year 4 - 6 Music Concert at the HEART

Friday 2nd December

8.45am Year 6 Assembly

Thursday 8th December

9.00am Whole School Thanksgiving Mass in the Church

5.30pm Year 6 Graduation and Awards Night

Friday 9th December

Last Day of the Term for Students

End of Year Excursion - at the HEART for Pre-Primary to Year 5 Students

Important Dates

From the Music Room

Hi everyone,

Just a reminder that our Music Concert is on **Monday 28th of November** at the HEART starting at 5:30pm sharp. The bands are sounding great and the children are very excited to show you what they have been working on.

I have also been thinking about next year and would very much like to incorporate more piano and keyboard lessons into our daily music activities. With this in mind I will be looking to increase the number of keyboards that we have in the Music Room.

If anyone has a portable keyboard going unused in the family or extended family, we'd love it to be donated to (invested in) our young musicians at Tommy More. Bear in mind that almost all our kids have some experience with piano and may make use of a keyboard at home. So perhaps looking further afield to friends or family is best.

If you think you may be able to help please contact me through the school.

See you at the concert.

Mr Goodwin



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.

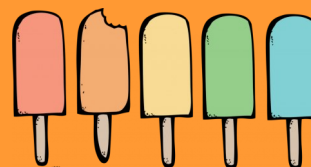
Forms can be downloaded off the school's website.

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.



*Say goodbye to summer boredom
- and win great prizes!*

Head in to your local library to collect your Summer Reading Quest booklet and get reading during December and January.

Give what you can, receive what you need.

The Margaret River Community Pantry Inc is a not-for-profit committed to improving food security and reducing food waste in our local community.

We accept **donations** of fresh and dry goods **every THURSDAY 3.00 to 5.00pm.**

We **re-distribute** all food received to those who need it every **FRIDAY at our Pantry Day 10.00am to 1.00pm.**

Many people experience food insecurity throughout different times in their life.

If you need a little help putting food on the table, please visit us on Friday Pantry Day 10.00am to 1.00pm. Everyone is welcome.

A suggested donation of \$10.00 gives you a bag full of food – typically containing carrots, onions, potatoes, rice or pasta, fruit, veg, beans, bread, and an assortment of other food donated to us by supermarkets and small businesses. We also regularly receive eggs, meat, and fresh seasonal fruit and veg.



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