

St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



Principal's Report

God of Love,

Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.

He is a sign of your love.

Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent,

As we wait and prepare for his coming.

We pray in the name of Jesus, our Saviour.

Amen



Dear Parents,

Music Concert



The Vine



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WOW! I was blown away from the talent shown at our Year 4-6 Music Concert on Monday evening. The students were amazing, showcasing their musical skills, performing on many different instruments and singing and entertaining the audience. It was a great display of just how special our Tommy More students really are. Well done to Mr Goodwin for his work with the students in preparing them for this concert and all the work he put in setting up and getting everything organised. A special thanks also to the Margaret River HEART for providing a grant to make this possible and to our amazing P&F for also contributing to the costs.

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Kindy and Pre-Primary Concert



Our Kindy and Pre-Primary students entertained us thoroughly on Wednesday morning with some Christmas songs and stories. It was wonderful to watch these students perform. Well done to Mrs Wolf, Mrs Morrison, Mrs Hassall, Mrs Cummins and Mrs Guise for all your hard work in preparing the students and organising costumes and props! Thank you also to all the parents who came along for this and joined us for morning tea.

Season of Advent

Many Christian churches in Australia, particularly Catholic churches, celebrated the start of the Advent season last Sunday. Advent is the period of four Sundays and weeks leading up to Christmas – the birth of Jesus, so its length varies from 22 to 28 days. Advent is a time to reflect and prepare for Christmas in the same way that Lent is in preparation for Easter. The term 'Advent' refers to the period immediately before Christmas, during which time one might prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Contrary to popular culture and advertising, Jesus is the meaning of Christmas and God's gift of love to us. Had that tiny baby not been born in the stable, in poverty and helplessness as God made man, we would not be celebrating Christmas 2000 years later. As we begin this Advent season and prepare for our Christmas celebrations, let us not lose sight of the real reason we have this preparation time and celebration.



Volunteer Morning Tea

We invite all parents and community members who have so willingly given of their time in some capacity over the course of the year to a Thank You morning tea, held in the Library tomorrow morning following the Year 6 assembly. We truly appreciate all the time, dedication and effort our community contributes to making our school such a great one. We hope to see you there!

Semester Two Reports

Next Wednesday, 7 December, the Semester Two reports for all children from Pre-Primary to Year Six will be online on the Seqta Parent Connect portal for all parents to access. Reports provide information to parents about the progress and the achievements that children have made for the year. Parents are encouraged to share the report with their child. Schools follow the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA) Pre-primary to Year 10: Teaching, Assessing and Reporting Policy which communicate the mandatory requirements for reporting. This sets out that we must report using A-E grades, with a 'C' grade meeting the Achievement Standard for their year level. If your child has a 'C' grade on their report, please remember that this means they have met the standard for that year and achieved what they should have.

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Year 6 Graduation and Awards evening

We will be farewelling our Year 6 students at our Graduation and Awards evening held next Thursday 8 December in the Church. All students should attend this celebration in their Summer uniform, with awards being presented to students from Years 1-5 and the presentation of our Year 6 2023 Leadership badges to the chosen Year 5 students. The Year 6 award winners will also be presented with their awards. This combined evening will commence at 5:30pm and all school families are invited to attend.

Thanksgiving Mass

All parents and family members are invited to join the staff and students to our final Praise and Thanksgiving Mass next Thursday 8 December in the Church at 9:00am. We look forward to seeing you there.



End of Year Excursion – Friday 9 December

To finish the year, our Pre-Primary to Year 5 students will be attending an End of Year excursion to the HEART to watch a movie – Minions: The Rise of Gru. As this movie is PG, a permission note has been sent home with your child. Children without permission will remain supervised at school. The P&F will also kindly put on a Sausage Sizzle lunch for the students – so they will not need to bring lunch on this day. Any children who have dietary requirements are kindly asked to bring their own rolls or vegan sausages (if required). The sausages provided will be gluten free. Our Year 6 students will be attending a canoeing excursion together, celebrating their last day as a group.

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

**RUSSELL WYLIE
PRINCIPAL**

Christmas Mass Times

ST THOMAS MORE CHURCH - MARGARET RIVER

Children’s Mass	24th December	6.00pm
Midnight Mass	24th December	11.30pm
Christmas Day	25th December	10.00 am
Christmas Day	25th December	6.00pm
New Year’s Eve	31st December	6.00pm
New Year’s Day	1st January	10.00am

LUMEN CHRISTI CHURCH - AUGUSTA

Christmas Day	25th December	8.00am
New Year’s Day	1st January	8.00am



Assistant Principal News

Term 4 Value Focus

Our value focus this term is generosity.

“Generosity is giving good things to others freely and abundantly. Generous behaviours are intended to enhance the well-being of others. However, the giver can benefit, which distinguishes generosity from ‘pure’ altruism. Generosity can be actualized through various forms of giving. Generous activities include: monetary donations, volunteering, political action, blood donation, estate giving, lending possessions, sustainability giving, [and] relational generosity.”

- Patricia Snell Herzog and Heather E. Price. 2016. American Generosity: Who Gives and Why. New York: Oxford University Press, p. 2

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Thank you for kindness and support with our St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. The pick-up day is tomorrow **Friday 2 December** so please ensure all donations are brought into the classroom prior to this date.

Below is a hamper suggestion list that may be of help when organising donations:

Christmas Pudding	Custard	Tinned Fruit
Bon Bons	Tea	Coffee
Milo	Long Life milk	Cereal
Dried fruit	Fruit Mince Pies	Sweet biscuits
Savoury biscuits	Candy Canes	Jelly
Jams	Long life juice	Christmas Cake
Christmas napkins	Christmas tablecloth	Pancake mix
Tinned vegetables	Confectionery	Muesli bars
Pasta	Pasta sauce	Vegetemite
Soft drink	Cordial	

Please ensure all items are in date and in good condition.

Please do not include any items which require refrigeration or may melt.

Praise and Thanksgiving Mass

All parents and families are warmly invited to attend our Praise and Thanksgiving mass next **Thursday 8th December at 9.00am** at St Thomas More Catholic Church. This is a fabulous opportunity for our school and parish community to join in celebration. We do hope you can join us.

Have a wonderful week ahead.

God bless,

NICOLLE ACHMAD
ASISTANT PRINCIPAL



Thought of the Week



Congratulations!

**School Merit Award Winners
Term 4 - Week 7**

Pre-Primary	Knox Shepherd
Year 2	Nathaniel Conder
Year 3	Sienna Walker
Year 4	Arki Innes
Year 5	Charlie Quaife
Year 6	Digby Bucat

Friday 2nd December

8.45am Year 6 Assembly
9.30am Volunteer Morning Tea

Monday 5th December

10.00 to 10.40am Class Transitions

Tuesday 6th December

5.30pm P&F Meeting at The River

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
End of Year Excursion - Year 6s are heading to the Rivermouth to go canoeing

Important Dates

P&F have confirmed the mangoes are now on their way down to Margaret River and will let parents know when we get a confirmation date of arrival.



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.

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.

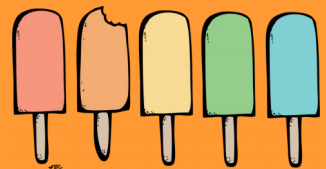
Uniforms will go home with your children on **Mondays**.

Thank you!

Rita Willmott

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.

Alexandra Bridge

CHRISTMAS TREE

FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2022

Alexandra Bridge Hall
1252 Brockman Hwy, Courtenay

COMMENCING AT 4.30PM



FREE FACE PAINTING
FIREY'S BBQ - HAMBURGERS, HOTDOGS
& SOFT DRINKS - CASH ONLY PLEASE
**5:30PM VISIT FROM
THE BIG MAN HIMSELF**
FREE BOUNCY CASTLE AND BUCKING BULL
RAFFLES - LOTS OF AMAZING PRIZES
FREE CHRISTMAS MOVIE

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Present drop off at Nillup store or Karridale Agencies
by Thursday 15th Dec.

Please put your child's name on presents

Christmas Carols *in the Park*

Friday 9th December 2022, 7pm - 8.30pm

Margaret River High School Oval
Bussell Hwy, Margaret River

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT
Everyone is welcome!

Please bring a rug.

Candles available for sale on the night.

*Featuring: The Margaret River Concert Band,
Margaret River Community Band, Community
& School Choirs.*



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THIS IS A DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE EVENT