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The Vine



Principal's Report

*God you are the source of all love.
Continue to inspire us to live lives of love.
Where there is temptation to treat those
we come into contact with in a manner
that does not reflect respect for them,
remind us that we are all your children.
Where there is a lack of love, energise us to be love.
Where there is doubt, energise us to have hope.
Amen*



Dear Parents and Caregivers,



Parent Information Evening

Thank you to all the parents who came along to our Parent Information evening on Monday night. We hope this was an informative and worthwhile opportunity to find out about what will be happening over the course of the year in the classroom and allow the opportunity for questions to be answered. I encourage those parents who were unable to attend this night to make contact with your child's teacher to find out any important information.

Ash Wednesday Mass

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our parents, carers and grandparents to join with us as a Catholic school community to celebrate the Eucharist and receive the Ashes on Ash Wednesday, 22 February at 9.00am. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a time of repentance and renewal, of prayer and reflection, of seeking to renew and restore our relationship with Jesus and of striving to follow more closely in His footsteps. Receiving the Ashes signifies to one and all our intention to repent, to make sacrifices and changes in our lives in order to become better Christians. We would really love to see the church packed with as many parents as possible, so that you can not only share this Lenten journey with your children, but also set an example for them to follow.

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Term Focus - Compassion

As a school, we have a focus each term to help us think about others and our duty to show compassion, understanding and grace. We then try to link this focus to an outreach program to assist others in our community. This term's focus is Compassion. We encourage the students to show this to each other, to forgive and try to understand different points of view, circumstances and backgrounds. Often there is a lot more to someone's story than is visible on the surface and we encourage the students to try to remember and accept this.

Next week, Project Compassion boxes will be sent home with each child and we encourage families to fill these boxes over the Lenten period and donate to help not only people within Australia, but also those struggling in other countries.

P&F

It was wonderful to see so many parents turn up at our first P&F meeting held on Tuesday night with a great mix of some familiar faces and also some new faces. It is always most heartening and encouraging to see new faces coming along to a P&F meeting to listen and contribute their ideas and opinions. Our P&F Association is a vibrant and dynamic group that provides a valuable forum for parents to express their ideas and opinions and have input into various aspects of school life. Our P&F is also fantastic at raising funds to donate to the school.

We are currently seeking a new P&F President. If you feel this is a role you would be able to assist with, please contact the office. This person will be supported by the P&F committee, with Roxanne Moke as Vice President, Darren McIvor as Treasurer and Clare Innes as Secretary. Special thanks to Sharna Keogh for agreeing to be the P&F Representative to the School Advisory Council. I thank all these parents, plus those members on the committee for their time and dedication for the betterment of our school.

All classes also have a parent representative, whose role it is to strengthen the ties between home and school. At St Thomas More, we hope this provides the best possible opportunities for our children. The Class Parent Representative will be a link between the P&F and School and the families within the school community. Part of their role is to welcome new families to the school; organise small, social, year-level get-togethers; attend P&F meetings (where possible) to stay informed and share relevant information with their year level and provide a point of contact for parents to liaise ideas and information to the P&F.

Thank you to the following parents who have agreed to be the Class Representatives this year: We are still looking for representatives for the Pre-Kindy and Year 1 classes.

We are also looking for parents who would be willing to assist on two separate committees – the Yearbook committee and the Spring Fair committee. If you are willing to assist in either of these committees, please let us know.

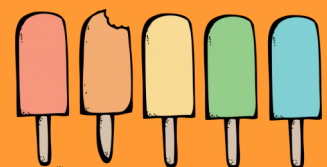
Class	Representative
Pre-Kindy	
Kindy	Mel Giles
Pre-Primary	Kathryn Locke and Chelsea Hardy
Year 1	
Year 2	Kim Cooper
Year 3	Lauren Townsend
Year 4	Lauren Laught
Year 5	Natasha Schumann
Year 6	Lauren Townsend

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead. I look forward to seeing you at our assembly tomorrow morning.

Peace and best wishes,

RUSSELL WYLIE
PRINCIPAL

**The School Canteen is open on
Fridays at Lunchtimes selling Icy Poles.
All items are \$1.00**



Assistant Principal News

Sacrament of Reconciliation

As Catholic, we believe that it is through the Sacraments that we encounter Jesus, the Living God. Baptism was the gateway to our life of Faith when we encountered Jesus for the first time. When we go to Mass, Jesus is not just symbolically present, he is present in the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation isn't just a symbolic forgiveness, we recognise times we have turned away from God's love and ask God's forgiveness to transform our live and return to His love.

Children who are baptised, are invited to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this term. The dates for the Sacrament are:

- Tuesday 28th February at 5.30pm – Parent/Child Workshop
- Sunday 12th March at 10.00am - Commitment Mass
- Tuesday 28th March at 5.30pm – Sacrament of Reconciliation



Peace and Best Wishes,

MR CAMERON MCRAE
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

School Canteen



The Margaret River Primary School
 Is offering a canteen service on
Tuesdays and Thursdays.
 Orders can be placed online through
 the QuickCliq website.
 The menu is also available
 through this site.

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.

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!

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 1 - Week 2



Pre-Primary	Reese Noakes
Year 1	Blake Harrison Grace conder
Year 2	Koa Emmett
Year 3	Thomas Ranson Cook
Year 4	Hyrum Jenkins
Year 5	Grace Price
Year 6	Sophia Burges

Friday 17th February

8.45am Merit Assembly

Wednesday 22nd February

9.00am Ash Wednesday Mass
- Led by Year 6

Tuesday 28th March

Faction Sports Carnival

Monday 3rd April

Interschool Jumps, Throws and 400m

Wednesday 5th April

Interschool Sports Carnival

Important Dates



2023 NETBALL REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

REGISTER VIA PLAY HQ

SEASON STARTS
TERM 2, 2023

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE:
FRIDAY 17TH MARCH, 2023

Divisions:

U8's – born 2015 & 2016

U10's – born 2013 & 2014

U12's – born 2011 & 2012

U14's – born 2009 & 2010

U18's – born 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008



BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES

8 Week Term -

PP - Year 1 30 minutes \$100

Year 2 - Year 6 45 Minutes \$130

Timetable online

Now open weekdays 9am to 5pm and
Saturday 10.30am to 3.30pm

ninjasinmocean.com.au

(08) 9757 9075



Margaret River
Scout Group

Scouts are here in Margaret River!
Do you want your kids out of doors,
being active and keeping fit?
Scouts is about having fun, learning
new skills, going on adventures and
making new friends.

Joeys and Cubs on Mondays.

Scouts on Thursdays.

Contact Group Leader Libby Dawson
0400735899



Online
REGISTRATIONS
NOW OPEN



FOOTBALL MARGARET RIVER

2023 Soccer Registrations

Register online www.playfootball.com.au/register

Enquiries registrar.fmr.6285@gmail.com

2023 Junior Fees

Miniroos - \$175

FIFA - \$225

Registrations close 10 March

EAT
SLEEP
SOCCER
REPEAT

Is your child eligible for
up to \$150 towards club fees?

Find out and apply online
www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/kidsport



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www.footballmargaretriver.org

PRESENTED BY MARGARET RIVER BOOK SHOP

MARTIN RINGER

THE COLLECTIVE SPARK
BOOK LAUNCH



\$10

March 2, 5.30pm

Margaret River HEART

47 Wallcliffe Rd, Margaret River

Includes a glass of wine (red/white) or soft drink. Margaret River Book Shop will kindly donate \$5 from every book sold to Mindful Margaret River.

Tickets: artsmargaretriver.com



Fundraiser event for Mindful Margaret River.

Hosted by Rosi-Moore-Flander. Held in the Foyer, Margaret River HEART.

Doors 5.30pm, Talk and Q&A from 6.00pm. Talk is followed by book sales and signings.

Putting together a collection of clever people does not guarantee the creation of a clever team, group or committee. That's because there are many layers to thinking-together that are in addition to the processes involved in thinking as individuals.

On the other hand, humanity has achieved amazing advances in medicine, literature, the arts and many other fields through collaboration. That is through thinking together. How then can we understand this apparent contradiction?

Join lead editor and contributing author, Martin Ringer as he discusses his book, *The Collective Spark* which explores the fascinating and sometimes complex dynamics that underpin the capacity of groups of people to think together. Some practical principles are also outlined that can be used to help guide and increase group liveliness, productivity, effectiveness and of course, maybe help find that ever elusive 'collective spark'.

