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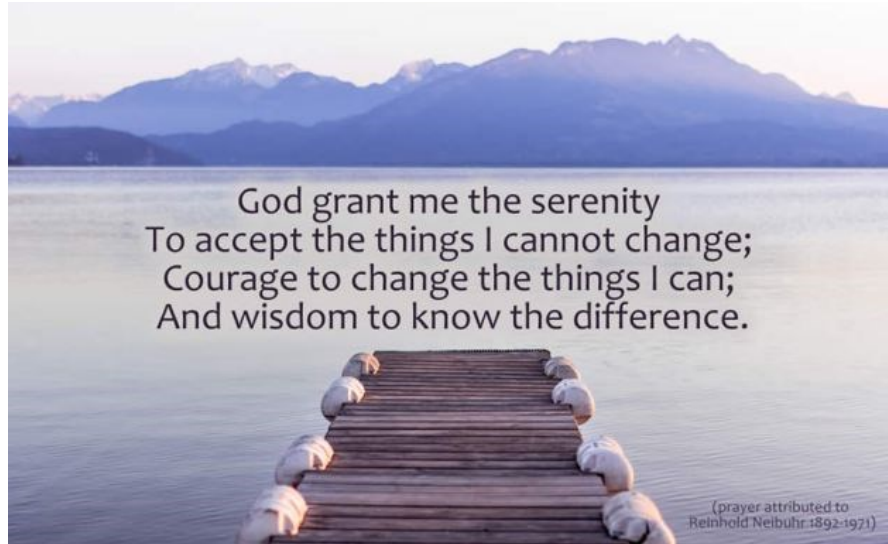
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Principal's Report



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Sacrament of Reconciliation



On Tuesday evening, some of the Year 3 parents joined with their children to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation workshop. The children did a great job of responding to questions and completing the different activities. We join in praying that these group of students are able to turn back to God and reflect on the times they had not made such great choices and how, moving forward, they could change their lives. The Sacrament will be celebrated on Tuesday 21st March.

P&F

We are still looking for a P&F President. Without this role, it makes it very difficult to fundraise for our students and provide the best learning opportunities for them (our big focus for this year was going to be replacing the Adventure playground). It also makes it difficult for any social events to occur, creating a disconnect within our community. I strongly urge anyone who has a bit of time to consider taking on this role. It needs to be someone who can organise the helpers, delegate tasks and liaise with the school. Please let me know if this is something you think you can help with. If you are a bit unsure and would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact me or speak with Kathryn Devine (children in Pre-Primary and Year 3) or Elle Lawrance (child in Year 5) as they have been our previous Presidents.

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I do thank those parents who have already put up their hands to help – Roxy Moke Vice President, Darren McIvor Treasurer, Clare Innes Secretary, Sharna Keogh P&F Representative to the School Advisory Council and the other Committee members. Thank you also to the Class Representatives:

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

All classes 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.

P&F Sundowner

On Friday March 17th, we will be hosting a Sundowner to welcome everyone back for the year. Starting from 3:30pm, we invite all families to come along, catch up with some old friends and make some new ones. Bring your own food, drinks and picnic blankets. We will host this out the back of the canteen. We look forward to seeing lots of families come along!

Pupil Free Day

A reminder to families that next **Tuesday 7th March**, will be a **Pupil Free Day**, as the staff undertake some professional development. Monday 6th March is also a Public Holiday for Labour Day, so we look forward to seeing the students return on **Wednesday 8th March**. Bluebird will be offering day care for this pupil free day, so please contact outofschoolhourscaremr@bluebirdchildcare.com.au or phone on 0409 986 663 to book in.

Mrs Pisano, Mr McRae and myself will be heading up to Perth next Wednesday to participate in the Fogarty EDvance program for two days. This professional learning will help identify areas for improvement for our school and specific strategies that will help our staff. Mrs Arthur will be in charge during our absence.

Our Year 5 assembly will be on this Friday and I invite all parents to come along to witness this.

Peace and best wishes,

RUSSELL WYLIE
PRINCIPAL

Assistant Principal News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Project Compassion

As the season of Lent continues, we encourage students to reflect on others around the world whose circumstances are less fortunate than our own.

Through the *Project Compassion* website (<https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/>) students can discover how money raised has helped create a better life for many.

Below is a snapshot of some of these stories.

Project Compassion Stories



Laxmi, Nepal

Laxmi joined a child's club, became a leader in her school and is now a mentor to other girls in her village.

LAXMI'S STORY



Priscilla, Zimbabwe

Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops and started poultry farming to support her family during the current food crisis.

PRISCILLA'S STORY



Thu, Vietnam

Thu can now earn extra income and care for his wife as she recovers from a stroke.

THU'S STORY



Tereesa, Australia

Through the Baabayn Young Mums and Bubs program, Tereesa was able to reconnect with her culture and create a better future for her children.

TEREESA'S STORY

If you visit the site you can find out more about these stories and others, highlighting the fantastic work being done through this organisation.

First Reconciliation

Thank you to the students and their families who attended our workshop on Tuesday night. This was a valuable evening where the meaning and importance of Reconciliation was discussed and examined further. Thankyou also to Mrs Marian Rowe and Father Mat for their input and to the students for their wonderful presentation of the parable of The Lost Son.

Further dates for First Reconciliation:

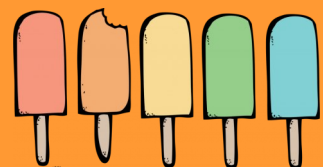
- **Sunday 12th March** Commitment Mass 10.00am
- **Tuesday 21st March** Sacrament of First Reconciliation 5.30pm

Peace and Best Wishes

MR CAMERON MCRAE
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

The School Canteen is open on
Fridays at Lunchtimes selling Icy Poles.

All items are \$1.00



Thought of the Week



Congratulations!

School Merit Award Winners

Term 1
Week 4



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|-------------|--------------------------------|
| Pre-Primary | Harrison Dazley |
| Year 1 | Chantelle Wylie |
| Year 2 | Max Currell Archie Campbell |
| Year 3 | Taj Harding |
| Year 4 | Sienna Walker |
| Year 5 | Enya Dupey |



Friday 3rd March
8.45am Year 5 Assembly

Monday 6th March
Labour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 7th March
Staff PD Wellness Day - Pupil Fee Day

Friday 17th March
3.30pm P&F Sundowner

Tuesday 28th March
Faction Sports Carnival

Monday 3rd April
Interschool Jumps, Throws and 400m

Wednesday 5th April
Interschool Sports Carnival

Important Dates

NAPLAN 2023

NAPLAN for students in Year 3 and 5 will commence in Week 7.

Dates for NAPLAN tests have been scheduled for:

- Wednesday March 15: Writing
- Tuesday March 21: Reading
- Wednesday March 22: Language Conventions
- Thursday March 23: Numeracy

St Mary MacKillop College - Enrolment into Year 7, 2024

Did you know?

- Enrolment into Year 7 from St Thomas More Catholic Primary School is NOT automatic – you still need to **submit an application form** which you can **download** from the MacKillop website.
- St Mary MacKillop College have nearly finished the interviews for Year 7 2024, and are conducted in the following order (as per Catholic Education guidelines):
 1. Catholic students
 2. Siblings of St Mary MacKillop College students
 3. Students from 'feeder schools' - Our Lady of the Cape Primary School and St Thomas More Catholic Primary School
 4. All other students



Have you enrolled your child? If not:

- Download and complete and **application form** and gather all the documentation required (see the checklist on page 2 of the application).
- Submit your application to **Natalie Gordon**, Enrolments Officer at St Mary MacKillop College

We hope to have all Interviews will be finalised by the end of Term 1 2023, so please apply now if you would like your child to attend St Mary MacKillop College for Year 7 2024.

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

Just letting you know that we now have the Unisex Polo Shirt back in stock. Because of price rises and change of supplier, these are now selling for \$28.00 each.

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.

Sport News

Athletics Carnival Dates and Information

- STMCPs Faction Carnival **Tuesday 28th March**
- Interschool Jumps, Throws and 400m (Augusta) **Monday 3rd April**
- Interschool Sports Carnival (at STMCPs) **Wednesday 5th April**

Students are currently practising and fine-tuning their skills in preparation for our Athletics carnival. Jumps and Throws are being conducted and measured during PE lessons. Winners of these events will be recognised and awarded, prior to our Faction Athletics Carnival. These results will count towards Individual Championship and Faction points.

This year our carnival will be organised into two sections:

From 9.00am: Pre-Primary, Year 1 and Year 2 will be involved in events focused on fun and participation, with sprint events still counting towards Individual Championship and Faction points. Kindy will be joining us to participate in at least one event!

After Recess: Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 students will be participating in 400m (optional), flag relay, ball games, individual sprints and relays. These events will count towards Faction and Individual Championship points and help decide who will be representing our team in the Interschool Carnival.

All students will return for presentation of awards and trophies at the conclusion of all events.

Before school training will begin next Friday at 8.00am and continue in the lead-up to our carnival. All students from Year 1 to 6 are welcome to join in. Year 6 sports leaders will assist with running activities.

Parent Help

Thank you to the parents who have already indicated that they are able to assist on our sports day. We will also need a couple of helpers for the interschool events. If you are able to help out at our Faction Athletics Carnival on Tuesday 28th March or at the Interschool Carnivals on the 3rd and 5th April please get in touch at cameron.mcrae@cewa.edu.au or on 0419 0296 46.

Kind regards

Cam McRae (PE Teacher)



Bluebird OSHC Free Day Program!

March 7, 2023 (Tuesday)

Bluebird OSHC centre – St. Thomas
More, St. Thomas More Catholic
Primary School,
30 Wallcliffe Rd. Margaret River

Open from 6:00am until 6:30pm

Sushi Making, Incursion activities and
movie afternoon.

Booking will end on March 3, 2023 - 12noon

For bookings and inquiries, please contact: outofschoolhourscaremr@bluebirdchildcare.com.au,
2icmroshc@bluebirdchildcare.com

Phone: 97852848 or 0409986663

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**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

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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



KIDSPORT



www.footballmargaretriver.org



REGISTER VIA PLAY HQ

**SEASON STARTS
TERM 2, 2023**

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE:
FRIDAY 17TH MARCH, 2023



2023 NETBALL REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

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



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 9.00 to 11.00am.**

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 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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