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St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



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The Vine



Principal's Report

*Gathered this day in the mercy of God,
let us pray for the needs of the world.*

For those who feel isolated or unwelcome,

For hearts that accept and forgive others,

For cheerful hearts to be friendly to others,

For the ability to see the good in people,

For the prayers in our hearts today

We pray as one. Gracious God, hear our prayer.



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I hope all families had a wonderful Long Weekend and were able to enjoy some time together as a family. On Tuesday, the staff gathered together to participate in some Wellness activities, which allowed time for meditation, self-reflection, connection with nature and taking time to come together as a staff. We believe providing time for staff to develop their own wellbeing assists them in becoming even better educators for your children.

NAPLAN

Our Year 3 and 5 students will be participating in the 2023 National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy beginning next Wednesday 15th March with the Writing assessment to be completed first. The remaining assessments will be completed in Week 8 from 21st March. I would like to reiterate with parents that this is not a test that students need to become anxious or worried about and is only assessing one thing on one day. It does not give us information about how well some of our students can surf, sing or dance. How kind, generous or thoughtful our students are or their knowledge about the arts, sport or science. We will of course still look at the data we get from this assessment and particularly the progress our students have made since Year 3 and use it to inform our future planning.

Clubs Program

Next Thursday, our Clubs program will kick off for our Year 3 to 6 students. This program will run between recess and lunch and allows the children to develop knowledge and skills in an area of their choice, which traditionally falls outside the curriculum. We believe it is important to develop the whole child at St Thomas More, so as a result, these children will be able to participate in activities including Surfing, Mountain Biking, Skateboarding, Cooking, Orienteering, Knitting, Dancing and Gardening. The program will run for 4 weeks. The Year 3 to 6 students are invited to wear their sport's uniform on a Thursday for these 4 weeks.

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P&F

I would like to congratulate and thank Nick Byrne who has agreed to take on the role of President of our P&F committee. I am sure the P&F will achieve great things under his strong leadership.



Thank you to those who have joined our Footy Tipping competition. It's not too late to enter – check out the P&F Facebook page for more information.

Link is <https://www.footytips.com.au/competitions/?ff=settings&competitionId=807210>
\$50 entry and a great chance to have a bit of fun and maybe win some money.
The competition kicks off on Thursday 16th March.

Our next P&F meeting will be held at The River at 5:30pm next Tuesday 14th March. I encourage parents to come along and be a part of this fantastic group who are doing great things for our kids.

The P&F will also be hosting a Welcome to 2023 Sundowner on the 17th March. We look forward to welcoming families behind the canteen. BYO food and drinks.

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead. Parents are invited to our Merit assembly tomorrow morning at 8:45am.

Peace and best wishes,

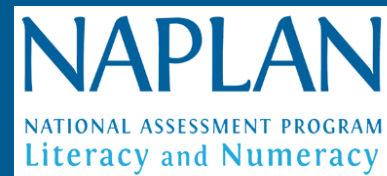
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PRINCIPAL

NAPLAN 2023

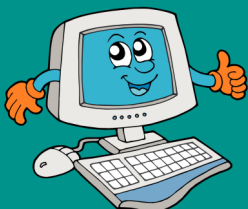
NAPLAN for students in Year 3 and 5 will commence in Week 7.

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



Absentees



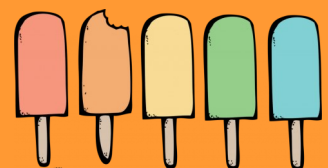
A reminder to parents that there is a simple way to let us know your child is absent from school, while providing a note at the same time. Jump on our website!

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.

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

All items are \$1.00



Thought of the Week

*Education breeds confidence.
Confidence breeds hope.
Hope breeds peace.*

— Confucius



LanguageTies.com/wall

Assistant Principal News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**Second Week of Lent**

This week through Project Compassion we learn about Laxmi.

Laxmi lives with her mother and siblings in Jajarkot, (Nepal) one of the least developed districts with almost half of the population living below the poverty line.

Tragedy struck when Laxmi was 10-years-old. Her father, who worked hard to pay for his children's education, passed away. Laxmi was devastated. She used to love to go to school but for the first time she stopped attending her classes.

Before her father's passing, Laxmi joined a child's club at her school that was run with the support of Caritas Nepal. Child's clubs support students to develop their speaking, writing and leadership skills through extracurricular activities.

Thanks to the support of her child's club, Laxmi was encouraged to resume her education. She became an active member of her child's club, where she developed the skills and confidence to become a leader, advocating for clean water taps at her school. Laxmi is now excelling in her studies and working towards her dream of becoming a civil engineer.

Since 2018, Caritas Nepal has supported more than 5,000 children through the child's clubs.

**First Reconciliation Commitment Mass**

The First Reconciliation Commitment Mass will be held at St Thomas More Catholic Church, this Sunday 12th March at 10.00am.

Peace and Best Wishes

**MR CAMERON MCRAE
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

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 5

Pre-Primary	Jasmin Buchanan
Year 2	Jamella Bautista
Year 3	Archie Townsend
Year 4	William Stewart
Year 5	Arki Innes

Friday 10th March

8.45am Merit Assembly

Sunday 12th March

10.00am Reconciliation Commitment Mass

Tuesday 14th March

5.30pm P&F Meeting - at the River

Wednesday 15th March

NAPLAN commences

Thursday 16th March

Clubs - Week 1

Friday 17th March

8.45am Year 6 Assembly

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

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.

School Canteen



The Margaret River Primary School offers a canteen service on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**.

Orders can be placed online through the QuickCliq website.

The menu is also available through this site.

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.

There will be no training tomorrow, Friday March 10, but will be continuing on Fridays from next week.

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)





**VOLUNTEER NOW TO
BECOME PART OF OUR
AWESOME CLUB**

MRJFC

still need coaches for all
grades:

U9, U11, U13

Register on CoachAFL or email the club today!
<https://www.play.afl/coach>

**REGISTRATIONS
ARE NOW OPEN!**

Become a Hawk in 2023

Click on the PlayHQ link below or scan the
QR code to register
Registrations close 5th April



SCAN ME



- *Grading 22/03 & 29/03*
- *Team Training 05/04*
- *First Game 29/04*



<https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/a55d6a>

Email: mrjuniorfootball@gmail.com
Follow us on Facebook for more Information



IGNITE A PASSION FOR THE GAME!

Margaret River Auskick Centre

Nippers Oval every Friday 4-5pm

First Session 28th April 2023

Click link below to register or for more information
email: auskick@mrjfc.com.au

play.afl/auskick

nab AFL Auskick

NAB AFL Auskick is one of the best, first experiences kids will have learning Australian Football.

In weekly sessions, Auskickers and their families will run, jump, kick, laugh and create their own special moments playing footy.

No matter their skill level, ability or knowledge of the game, Auskick is for everyone!

Registration is this simple!

- 1** **WWW.**
Visit play.afl
- 2**
Select "Where to play"
- 3**
Enter your suburb
- 4** **REGISTER**
Find your local club and register!

play.afl/auskick

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.digsc.wa.gov.au/kidsport

www.footballmargaretriver.org

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

ALL GIRLS AFL REGISTRATIONS



ALL GIRLS
TEAMS



GO HAWKS! AMRJFC 2023

<https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/1be>

\$230 INCLUDES PLAYERS POLO SHIRT
ALL GIRL TEAMS Y6/Y7, Y8/Y9 & YOUTH GIRLS Y10-Y12
AUGUSTA MARGARET RIVER JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB
EMAIL ENQUIRES AMRJUNIORFOOTY@GMAIL.COM



ALL GIRLS AFL

Girls OPEN Training Sessions

Targeting all Girls **Y6 to Y12**, whether it will be your first time trying Footy or you might have played a little footy in juniors and are interested in an all girls training experience to build on your footy skills and have some fun! No footy boots, no problem, runners are fine.



This Thursday 9th March & next 16th March

5pm-6pm, meet at Nippers Oval. No need to register, just come along and feel free to bring a friend.



Meet the 2023 AMR Hawks Girls Coaches

Y6/Y7 AMR Hawks – Andrew Smith

Y8/Y9 AMR Hawks – Tim Byrne & Iliya Hastings

Y10-Y12 AMR Hawks – Chloe McGill



AMRJUNIORFOOTY@GMAIL.COM

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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