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Issue 7

# St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



## Principal's Report

### Prayer for Lent

*Guide me as I humbly seek to repent and return to your love.  
May humility guide my efforts to be reconciled with you and live  
forever in your abundant grace.  
Transform me this Lent, heavenly Father.  
Give me the strength to commit myself to  
grow closer to you each day.*



Dear Parents and Caregivers,



### Clubs

Clubs kicked off today with our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 students participating in a range of different activities, including Surfing, Skateboarding, Gardening, Cooking, Dancing, Mountain Biking, Knitting and Bushwalking. Unfortunately many of the programs couldn't run as planned due to the rain, but the students still had a wonderful time learning about the different clubs they had chosen and are looking forward to the next three weeks where they get to continue with these activities.

### NAPLAN

Our Year 3 and 5 students commenced the 2023 National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy yesterday with the Writing assessment. The kids did a great job and I was able to reinforce with them 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. The remaining assessments will be completed next week with Reading on Tuesday, Language Conventions on Wednesday and Numeracy on Thursday

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Next Tuesday, some of our students will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This very special time is particularly important for these children, as it begins a time where they can turn back to God and say sorry for the times they have forgotten to act the way Jesus taught. Everyone is most welcome to attend this liturgy commencing at 5:30pm in Church. There will be an opportunity for adults to go to Confession as well as the children. Please keep these children in your prayers as they strengthen their relationship with God. Special thanks to Mrs Rowe for her work in so carefully preparing these students and to Fr Mat and Mr McRae for their work in organising this special celebration.



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The Vine



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### Harmony Week

Next week is Harmony Week. This is an opportunity to recognise our diversity and bring together Australians from all different backgrounds. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. The children will participate in a number of activities where they will reflect on their culture, heritage and the multiculturalism of Australia. The children are invited to dress in traditional clothing or wear orange next Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March to celebrate this day.



### P&F Footy Tipping

Thank you to those who have joined our Footy Tipping competition. With the first game scheduled for tonight, there is still time to join. \$50 entry with lots of great prizes to be won!

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>

### P&F Sundowner

We invite all families to come along to our P&F sundowner tomorrow afternoon behind the canteen. BYO drinks and food. The P&F will be selling raffle tickets to a win a hamper. We look forward to seeing lots of families come along and join as one community.

I also look forward to seeing lots of parents come to witness our amazing Year 6 students perform their assembly tomorrow morning from 8:45am.

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

**RUSSELL WYLIE**  
**PRINCIPAL**

### Assistant Principal News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

#### Third Week of Lent



We are now in the third week of Lent with Project Compassion we here about the story of Priscilla from Zimbabwe. Priscilla lives in the Hwange district in Zimbabwe, where the impacts of climate change are exacerbating food insecurity in vulnerable communities. This can be seen in the erratic rainfall patterns, prolonged dry spells, poor agricultural soils and high temperatures in the region.

Priscilla joined the Zimbabwe Integrated Community Development Program, implemented by our partner Caritas Hwange and funded by Caritas Australia. Through the program, Priscilla and her community learnt conservation farming techniques to grow drought-resistant crops to help mitigate the effects of climate change.

Priscilla was able to produce a bumper harvest in her first year of practicing in conservation farming.

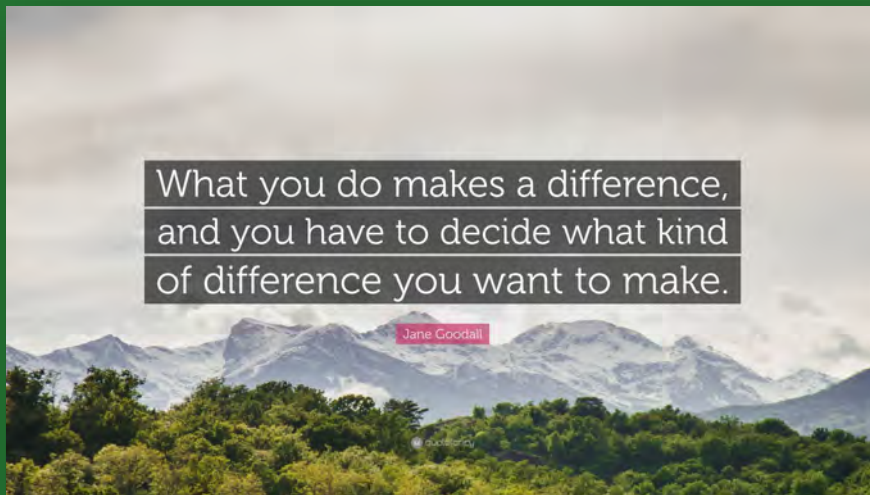
#### First Reconciliation

We keep in our prayers the students who will be undertaking the Sacrament of First Reconciliation next **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March** at 5.30pm. We thank Mrs Marian Rowe for all the work she has done to help prepare the students for this important occasion and Father Mat for the support and guidance he has offered.

Peace and best wishes

**MR CAMERON MCRAE**  
**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

**Thought of the Week**



# Congratulations!



**School Merit Award Winners**

**Term 1**

**Week 6**



Pre-Primary	Huon Joyce
Year 1	Nathan Green
Year 4	Ebony Woodhouse
Year 5	Paige Hayward
Year 6	Saskia Holland Floyd Cooper

**Friday 17th March**

8.45am Year 6 Assembly  
3.30pm P&F Sundowner

**Tuesday 21st March**

5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Thursday 23rd March**

Clubs - Week 2

**Tuesday 28th March**

Faction Sports Carnival

**Monday 3rd April**

Interschool Jumps, Throws and 400m

**Wednesday 5th April**

Interschool Sports Carnival

## Important Dates



## Relief Education Assistants

St Thomas More Catholic Primary School is looking for Education Assistants to join us for relief work.

Please contact Mrs Courtney Pisano for further information

[courtney.george@cewa.edu.au](mailto:courtney.george@cewa.edu.au)

9757 3544

## UNIFORM SHOP OPEN HOURS - MONDAYS FROM 1.30 - 3.00PM



Please email your Order Forms through to [rita.willmott@cewa.edu.au](mailto: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**.

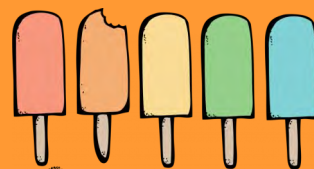
Thank you! Rita Willmott

**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.**

**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.

## Parish Masses

### St Thomas More Catholic Church - Margaret River

- Saturday - 6.00pm
- Sunday - 10.00am

### Lumen Christi Catholic Church - Augusta

- Sunday - 8.00am



**Winter is just around the corner - if you are looking to re-stock your fire wood supply, the Parish has wood for sale - \$150.00 per trailer load.**

**For more information please contact Fr Mathew after Mass or call the Presbytery on 9757 9500.**

## Sport News

### Athletics Carnival Dates and Information

- STM CPS Faction Carnival **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March**
- Interschool Jumps, Throws and 400m (Augusta) **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**
- Interschool Sports Carnival (at STM CPS) **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 is on tomorrow, Friday at 8.00am and will 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 28<sup>th</sup> March or at the Interschool Carnivals on the 3rd and 5th April please get in touch at [cameron.mcrae@cewa.edu.au](mailto:cameron.mcrae@cewa.edu.au) or on 0419 0296 46.

Kind regards

**Cam McRae (PE Teacher)**



# MULTI SPORTS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB 2023



**\$80**  
PER TERM



## ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Fun, Healthy  
& Inclusive

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**3-4pm**  
**Term 2**  
**WEEKS 2-9**

### SPORTS INCLUDE:

**SOCCER, NETBALL, TENNIS**  
**HOCKEY, KINGBALL, CRICKET,**  
**CAPTURE THE FLAG,**  
**VOLLEYBALL, DODGEBALL,**  
**GLADIATORS,**  
**JAIL BREAK, BASKETBALL,**  
**HEAD CATCH, AFL**

**PLEASE NOTE:** There are limited spaces available so book ahead to ensure your spot

Prizes & Awards  
to be won!



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# MARGARET RIVER HOCKEY



**REGISTRATIONS OPEN  
YEAR LEVEL TEAMS**

**3-5, 6-8, 9-12**

**Great fun, proud history,  
family friendly club**

Find all the details

[www.margaretriverhockey.org.au](http://www.margaretriverhockey.org.au)

Or call 0439 311 063



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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



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

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



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## 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](mailto:auskick@mrjfc.com.au)

[play.afl/auskick](https://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.

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Registration is this simple!

- 1 **WWW.**  
Visit [play.afl](https://play.afl)
- 2   
Select "Where to play"
- 3   
Enter your suburb
- 4 **REGISTER**  
Find your local club and register!

[play.afl/auskick](https://play.afl/auskick)

**Online REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN**

# FOOTBALL MARGARET RIVER

2023 Soccer Registrations  
Register online [www.playfootball.com.au/register](http://www.playfootball.com.au/register)  
Enquiries [registrar.fmr.6285@gmail.com](mailto:registrar.fmr.6285@gmail.com)

2023 Junior Fees  
Miniroos - \$175  
FIFA - \$225  
Registrations close 10 March

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Is your child eligible for up to \$150 towards club fees?  
Find out and apply online [www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/kidsport](http://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/kidsport)

[www.footballmargaretriver.org](http://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 & Illiya Hastings

Y10-Y12 AMR Hawks – Chloe McGill



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