

St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



Principal's Report

*In these days of Lent,
as we prepare to celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection,
let us pray that we will follow Christ more closely.*

*Ever-living God,
may we trust you in the depths of our hearts and serve you
faithfully.*

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Dear Parents and Caregivers,



Faction Athletics Carnival

What a fantastic day we had on Tuesday at our Faction Athletics Carnival. The sportsmanship, friendly competition and determination demonstrated by the students was something I was very proud of. I would like to offer a HUGE thank you to all the parents, grandparents and family members who came along and helped with the judging, marshalling, scoring, cooking sausages, selling of cakes, baking of cakes/slices and just cheering on the students. I think that without the help and support of our parents, days like this couldn't happen. Please however, be mindful of posting other students on social media from this day. I encourage parents to only post photos of their own child.

Over the course of the day, one faction emerged as victors. Congratulations to Richardson (green) faction on winning the carnival for the second year in a row, followed by More (blue), then Sorahan (gold) in third and MacKillop (red) in fourth place. We were all treated to some awesome athletic displays and loved the way the students tried their best and never gave up.

Well done to MacKillop on winning the Meritorious shield. This reflected the way this faction cheered on their friends, supported their competitors and showed great sportsmanship over the course of the day. I would also like to congratulate the champion winners from the year groups. Please read on further for more information about this from Mr McRae.

Speaking of Mr McRae, I would like to thank him on his expert organisation of the carnival. A lot of time went into preparing the students, organising the events and ensuring everything was set up and ready to go on the day. A special mention to our incredible staff who went above and beyond to help make both days run so smoothly. It is very much appreciated!

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The Vine



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The Interschool squad for the Jumps and Throws will travel to Augusta to compete on Monday 3rd April and then we will be hosting four other schools on Wednesday 5th April for those students competing in the running and team events. The P&F are looking for assistance to help with selling food, cooking and distributing lunches and supplying cakes to sell on the day – so if you can help out, it would be very much appreciated! We are also asking for donations of cakes and slices to be sold at the cake stall. Donations can be left at the canteen on the day or dropped off the day before. All assistance is greatly appreciated. Food order slips have been sent home today and are due back by tomorrow. Late orders cannot be accepted.



Holy Week

Next week is Holy Week. We start with Palm Sunday this weekend on Sunday 2nd April - the day that Jesus returned to Jerusalem. The crowds waved palm branches to proclaim him as king.

It would be wonderful to see families sharing this special day by attending one of the Masses over the weekend and collecting their palm frond which will be burnt next year on Ash Wednesday.

We will continue the celebrations of Holy week with the Year 6 students leading us through a reflection of the Stations of the Cross on Tuesday afternoon at 1:20pm and then a Mass led by our Year 5 students on Thursday morning at 9:00am. Both celebrations will be held in the Church.



P&F

Again – a huge thanks to the P&F for their work in offering the students lunch at our carnival and also the lovely cake stall. It was greatly appreciated and raised over \$800 for our school. An amazing effort! The Year 1 class is currently running their Easter raffle – students are asked to bring in an Easter Egg to be donated and tickets were sent home last week. Tickets need to be returned by Wednesday 5th April. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 6th April.

The P&F are still looking for a Vice President to assist the association – if you or someone you know could fill this role, please let me know. It would be greatly appreciated!!!

A reminder that the last day of term will be **Thursday 6th April** and the students will return to school on **Wednesday 26th April**. Students will need to be dressed in their Winter uniform for the start of Term 2. The Uniform Shop will be open on Monday from 1:30 – 3:00pm to assist with this.

I look forward to seeing many parents come along to see our amazing Year 4 class assembly tomorrow morning at 8:45am.

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

RUSSELL WYLIE
PRINCIPAL

School Canteen



School Canteen is on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**.

Orders can be placed online through the QuickCliq website.

The menu is also available through this site.

Assistant Principal News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Project Compassion 2023



This week through Project Compassion we learn about Tereesa, who lives in Western Sydney.

Tereesa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. Through the Baabayn Young Mums and Bubs Group, Tereesa was able to reconnect with her culture and create a better future for her children.

A young Gamilaroi woman born and raised on Darug land, Tereesa felt disconnected from her culture. At just 16 years old, she had to leave school after becoming pregnant with her first child. A single mother struggling with homelessness, Tereesa's only concern was finding stability for her children.

"I was homeless. I didn't have a place to call home...my kids never had a connection to the community," Tereesa said.

Seeking a better future for her children, Tereesa joined Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation's Young Mums and Bubs Group, supported by Caritas Australia. Baabayn helped Tereesa access housing for her family and psychological support.

Thankyou for your support for all the worthy causes that Project Compassion helps make happen. If you have Project Compassion boxes at home, could you please bring these in before the end of term.

Stations of the Cross

Next Tuesday, the 4th of April our Year 6 students will lead our students around Stations of the Cross. The Stations of the Cross are called Stations because the students will stop to look at each station, reflect on the event, say a prayer and think about how this event links to their own life. This will be celebrated at 1.20pm in the Church.



Holy Thursday Mass

Next Thursday, the 6th of April, at 9.00am, Year 5 will be leading our Holy Thursday Mass at St Thomas More Catholic Church. All our welcome to join us this special Mass to mark Holy Week.

Peace and best wishes,

MR CAMERON MCRAE
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Congratulations!



School Merit Award Winners

Term 1 - Week 8

Pre-Primary	Rosie Young
Year 1	Florence Hardaker
Year 2	Piper Clarke
Year 3	Francis Guise
Year 4	Mara Laught
Year 5	Lenni Cooper
Year 6	Sam O'Beirne

Parish Masses	Date	Augusta	Margaret River
HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE			
Palm Sunday - Vigil Sunday	1st April		6.00pm
Palm Sunday	2nd April	8.00am	10.00am
Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper	6th April	5.00pm	7.00pm
Good Friday Stations of the Cross	7th April	10.00am	3.30pm
Good Friday Our Lord's Passion	7th April	2.00pm	4.00pm
Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil	8th April	5.00pm	7.30pm
Easter Sunday Mass	9th April	8.00am	10.00am and 6.00pm
Easter Sunday Mass at Leeuwin Estate 12.00noon			

Thought of the Week

**It always seems
impossible until it's done.**
- Nelson Mandela

Friday 31st March

8.45am Year 4 Assembly

Monday 3rd April

10.00am Interschool Jumps, Throws and 400m at Augusta Primary School

Tuesday 4th April1.20pm Stations of the Cross
- led by Year 6 in the Church**Wednesday 5th April**

10.00am Interschool Sports Carnival at St Thomas More CPS

Thursday 6th April9.00am Holy Thursday Mass - led by Year 5 in the Church
Clubs - Week 3**LAST DAY OF TERM****Wednesday 26th April****TERM 2 COMMENCES***Important Dates***P&F Tupperware Raffle**

- 1st Prize Amanda Burges
2nd Prize Catherine Chilton
3rd Prize Roxy Moke



Total raised: \$601.30 - this was raised at our P&F Sundowner on 17th March and car line sales during the week.

A big thank you to all who supported the raffle including our parent sponsors - Rowena Metcalfe for donating the Tupperware and Sarah Morris and Iwo Jakimowicz for the bottles of beautiful Si Vintners wine.




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
 9757 3544

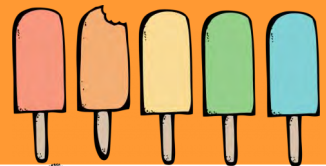
UNIFORM SHOP OPEN HOURS - MONDAYS FROM 1.30 - 3.00PM



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!

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.

St Thomas More Faction Athletics Carnival

Our carnival has been run and won! A huge thanks to parents for their great help, high-school students for their assistance and teachers for their support.

Most importantly a massive congratulations to all students for their excellent participation, in particular the Year 6 students for their help and leadership.

After an outstanding day's action, the results were as follows:

Meritorious Award: Mackillop

Champion Faction: Richardson

Runners Up: More

Third: Sorahan

Fourth: Mackillop

Age Group Champions and Runners-Up:

- Junior Boy Champion: Jake Drysdale
- Junior Boy Runner-Up: Bodhi Thomson

- Junior Girl Champion: Arlie Whareiatu
- Junior Girl Runner-Up: Jamella Bautista

- Intermediate Boy Champion: Will Stewart
- Intermediate Boy Runner-Up: Alby Cooke

- Intermediate Girl Champion: Ebony Woodhouse
- Intermediate Girl Runner-Up: Tia La Fontaine

- Senior Boy Champion: Tom Miller
- Senior Boy Runner-Up: Max Cooke

- Senior Girl Champion: Paige Hayward
- Senior Girl Runner-Up: Elaiza Montalban

Teams will be selected to represent our school in the following events:

- Jumps, Throws and 400m at Augusta - Monday 3rd April
- Sprints, Relays and Ball Games at STMCPS – Wednesday 5th April

Students and parents will be notified prior to these events.

Kind regards

Cameron McRae
(PE Teacher)



MULTI-SPORTS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB 2023

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PS

TERM 2 | WEEKS 2 - 9

WHEN?

Thursdays

3.00 pm - 4.00pm

WHERE?

Undercover Area

Sports can include:

AFL, Basketball,
capture the flag, cricket,
dodgeball, gladiators,
head catch, kingball,
netball, soccer, tennis,
Volleyball






IS YOUR CHILD IN YEAR 1 - 6?

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Interested in meeting new friends?

Would you like to try a new sport?

Margaret River Junior Gropers Rugby Club could be for YOU!

Pre-Primary to Year 7

Training starts: Wednesday 5th April at 4:30pm

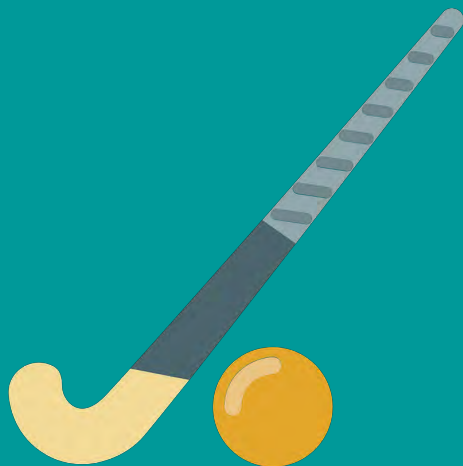
Lower Western Oval (Next to BMX track)

For more information, contact **Abi: 0490 764 427**

or **Stephen: 0422 902 199**



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For more information head to www.mrorca.org.au



See what we've been up to!



Contact us through messenger!





IGNITE A PASSION FOR THE GAME!

Margaret River Auskick Centre

Nippers Oval every Friday 4-5pm

First Session 28th April 2023

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- 3
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- Team Training 05/04
- First Game 29/04



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