

6th April 2023

Issue 10

# St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



## Principal's Report

*God our Father,*

*Your Word, Jesus Christ, spoke peace to a sinful world  
and brought humankind the gift of reconciliation*

*By the suffering and death, he endured.*

*Teach us, the people who bear his name,*

*to follow the example, he gave us:*

*May our faith, hope and charity*

*turn hatred to love, conflict to peace, death to eternal life.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord,*

*Amen.*



Dear Parents and Caregivers,



### **Holy Thursday Mass**

This morning, the Year 5 students led us through a very reverent Mass celebrating the Last Supper and when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples. Fr Mat re-enacted this by washing 12 of the student's feet. The children were asked to remember the importance of the upcoming Easter celebrations and the sacrifice Jesus made for us.

### **Stations of the Cross**

On Tuesday our Year 6 students led the school through the Stations of the Cross, which told the story of the events leading up to Jesus' death on the Cross on Good Friday and his resurrection on Easter Sunday. The Year 6 students did a wonderful job in depicting these final moments and told the story with reverence and solemnity. We were reminded of how Jesus and others felt during this time and reflected on ways that we could live our lives better and treat others with kindness and compassion. Well done to all the students who took part in this lead up to Easter.

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*The Vine*



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### Interschool Carnival



Yesterday, our school hosted the Interschool Athletics carnival, following our own successful Faction carnival last Tuesday. Four other schools joined us in the LISA (Leeuwin Interschool Athletics Association) competition which was held over two days. On Monday, our athletes travelled down to Augusta to compete in the first day of competition, which included Jumps, Throws and the 400m running. Our students performed fantastically, and by all reports, these students demonstrated great sportsmanship, behaviour and determination over the course of the day.

We welcomed to our school Margaret River Independent, Augusta, Karridale and Rapids Landing Primary Schools for the second day of competition. Again, our students were brilliant in the way they continued to try their best, not give up and treat others with respect, kindness and great sportsmanship. Well done to all students who represented our school and a special congratulations to Tom Miller, Paige Hayward and Will Stewart for being the Champion in each of their divisions and to Ebony Woodhouse for Runner-up winner in her division. I would also like to give a special mention to Max Cooke and Laila Townsend for being awarded the Spirit of Sport awards. Well done to all these students and to all those who represented our school so well. I would like to thank Mr McRae for all his work in training the students and the work behind the scenes to get these types of events happening. Without this assistance, these types of days may not be possible or run so smoothly. Thanks to Mr Goodwin for his expert announcing and entertainment. I would also like to thank our tireless and amazing P&F for organising the lunch orders and running the cake stall and all the parents who came along to help out or cheer on the students. What a great community we have!

I think events such as these are important and worthwhile because they allow us to test ourselves against the best from other schools. Sometimes we win and sometimes we lose, and both are equally important and valuable and help us to grow and learn.

### Project Compassion

As we come to the end of the Lenten period, hopefully many Project Compassion boxes have been filled during this time. Boxes can be returned to the office next term to be donated. Thank you to all families who have supported this cause.

### Change of Uniform

A reminder that the students commence wearing their winter uniform from the first day of Term 2 and there will be a 2-week grace period for changeover of uniforms. We appreciate parent's support in ensuring children are dressed in the correct uniform and supporting our school Uniform Procedures. Further information about this can be found on our website.

### ANZAC Day

Students are invited to march with the school during the ANZAC Day parade on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April. We will meet at Reuter Park at 11:00 to begin marching at 11:30. Our student leaders will lay a wreath on behalf of our school at the service following the parade. We look forward to seeing lots of children come along on this special day.

### Term 2

Term 2 will begin for students on **Wednesday 26 April**. Please look out for a Term 2 calendar in this newsletter. However, please note that changes may occur during the term.

I look forward to seeing all students return safe and rested for next term. The Year 2 class will be leading the school in a reflection for ANZAC Day at 11:00am on Wednesday.

I wish all families a blessed and holy Easter period and an enjoyable holiday.

Peace and best wishes,

**RUSSELL WYLIE**  
**PRINCIPAL**

**Assistant Principal News****Project Compassion 2023**

As we enter Holy Week, we continue to reflect on the lives of the vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice and how we can respond through supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion appeal.

Your generosity is the pebble that allows Caritas Australia to create the ripples that will improve the livelihoods of vulnerable communities, supporting them to flourish and create opportunities for future generations to live their full potential and thrive.

**Please return all Project Compassion boxes and envelopes to the school office as soon as possible or donate online via the Caritas website at [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au)**

**Anzac Day Commemorative Service**

We have been invited by the Margaret River RSL to participate in the ANZAC Day Parade on Tuesday 25th April 2023 from 11.30am.

If your child would like to participate in the march along Bussell Hwy from Reuther Park to Memorial Park, we will be meeting in Reuther Park from 11.00am to gather and march at 11.30am. The students need to wear their full winter uniform. If applicable they are encouraged to wear any relatives' medals. According to the Australian War Memorial, "medals should be worn on the right-hand side of the chest over the heart".

Following the march we will assemble with the Margaret River community in Memorial Park to participate in a reflective service. Our Head Boy and Head Girl will lay a wreath on the school's behalf. The service usually lasts an hour.

We hope to see many students showing their support for our ANZAC heroes, both past and present by marching in the parade.

**Holy Week****Stations of the Cross**

On Tuesday, our Year 6 students lead our students for Stations of the Cross. They did a wonderful job and helped students reflect on each station and think about how these events link to their own life.

**Holy Thursday Mass**

Today, at 9.00am, Year 5 lead our Holy Thursday Mass at St Thomas More Catholic Church. Thank you to those who attended and thank you to Mr. McDonald and Year 5 for leading this Mass.

Finally, as we head into Holy Week, we are reminded of the great joy and hope that awaits us on Easter Sunday. If we see as God sees, we come to appreciate the dignity of all people and the love of God who desires the full flourishing for each one of us.

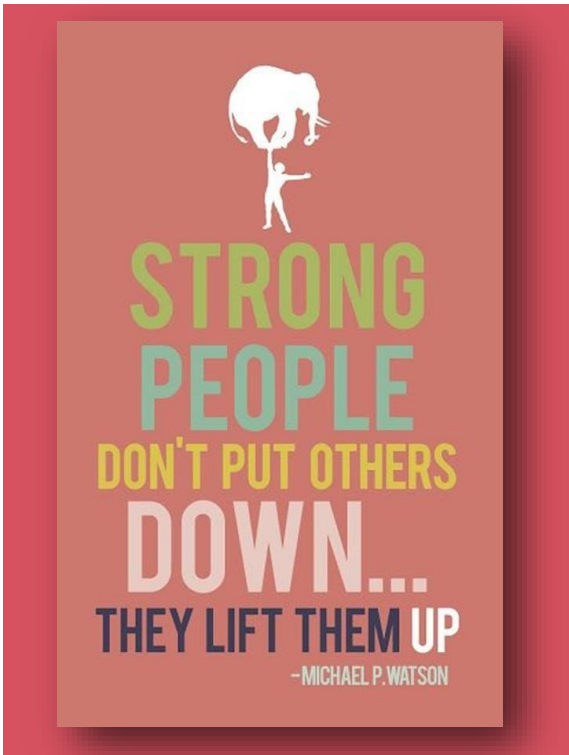
I wish all students and their families a very Happy Easter and a restful term break.

Peace and best wishes,

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



**Thought of the Week**



**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



# Congratulations!

**School Merit Award Winners**

**Term 1**

**Week 9**

Pre-Primary	Fiona Byrne
Year 1	Anna Nguyen
Year 2	Bodhi Thomson
Year 3	Caleb Fairbrass
Year 4	Alex Price
Year 5	Maurice Samantila
Year 6	Charlie Quaife Sam O'Beirne



**Thursday 6th April**  
**LAST DAY OF TERM**

**Monday 24th April**  
Catholic Day - Pupil Free Day

**Tuesday 25th April**  
ANZAC DAY - Public Holiday

**Wednesday 26th April**  
**TERM 2 COMMENCES**  
11.00am ANZAC Day Reflection

## Important Dates

## Parish Masses

### St Thomas More Catholic Church - Margaret River

- Saturday - 6.00pm
- Sunday - 10.00am

### Lumen Christi Catholic Church - Augusta

- Sunday - 8.00am



## Parish Masses

### HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Date

Augusta

Margaret River

	Date	Augusta	Margaret River
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			

## Sports News

This week, many of our students participated against other local schools in a range of athletic events.

On Monday we participated in Jumps, Throws and 400m at Augusta Primary School. We had many students gain a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place in their event (too many to mention here). A huge congratulations to not only them but the whole team for the way you participated.

A special note of recognition for Lucy Gatto who broke a longstanding record in the Year 3/4 Throw, with a huge throw of 24.2m. Well Done!

A huge thankyou to Dave La Fontaine and Bruce Stewart for helping in the jumps pit along with Karen Twomey, Jaimie Drysdale and Amber Pearce. Thanks also to Mrs Arthur and Mrs Harding for helping organise the students on the day.

Yesterday students took part in Sprints, Ball-Games and Relays. Once again, we had many successful efforts from St Thomas More students across a wide range of events.

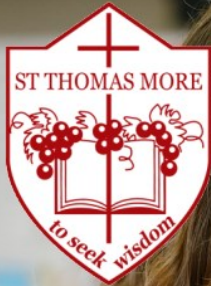
Special mention must go to the following students for the following achievements:

- Tom Miller Senior Champion Boy
- Paige Hayward Senior Champion Girl
- Will Stewart Intermediate Champion Boy
- Ebony Woodhouse Runner-Up Intermediate Girl

Again, many thanks to all parents who helped to make the event run smoothly and staff who assisted on the day.

We look forward to next term in which our Year 5 and 6 students will be involved in a Winter Carnival for Football and Netball.

**Cameron McRae**  
(PE Teacher)



### 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

### School Canteen

**QuickCliq**  
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 Online ordering for school lunches.  
 Sign up for free today!  
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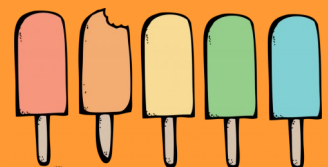
School Canteen is on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**.

Orders can be placed online through the QuickCliq website.

The menu is also available through this site.

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.



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- FOOTBALL ACADEMY -

# SOUTH WEST PRE SEASON HOLIDAY CAMPS



## DUNSBOROUGH + MARGARET RIVER



**30**

**Places Only  
Per Camp**

**\$120 per child**

### DUNSBOROUGH

11-15 YEAR OLDS

APRIL 11-12 (8.00AM-11.00AM)

### MARGARET RIVER

8-11 YEAR OLDS

APRIL 11-12 (2.00PM-5.00PM)

ONLINE REGISTRATION

[winningedgeacademy.com.au](http://winningedgeacademy.com.au)



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- ACADEMY -

# 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?**

**Sign them up for an after school club!  
NOW \$80 per term**

PLEASE NOTE: There are limited spaces available, book ahead to secure your spot.



**SECURE A SPOT**

[www.mbasportscoaching.com](http://www.mbasportscoaching.com)  
0467 180 535  
[bookings@mbasportscoaching.com](mailto:bookings@mbasportscoaching.com)







# Government of Western Australia North Metropolitan Health Service Dental Health Services

Rapids Landing DTC is closed from Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of April and will re-open on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> of April  
In the event of an emergency from the 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> of April between 8.00am and 4.00pm you may call 0409 935 793

After hours emergencies please call: 1800 098 818

Alternatively please contact your local dentist and if you receive the Child Dental Benefit Schedule ensure you use this as all our local dentists in Margaret River accept this.

If it is not an emergency you may email us at: [rapidslandingdtc@dental.health.wa.gov.au](mailto:rapidslandingdtc@dental.health.wa.gov.au)

And we will respond once we re-open.

Remember to be brushing 2x daily with fluoride toothpaste and floss daily.

Spit DON'T rinse

Keep sugars and snacks to a minimum and drink lots of water.

Have a great Easter Break

THE DENTAL TEAM

**Rapids Landing Dental Therapy Centre** | South 6 -Busselton/ Margaret River  
**Dental Health Services**

**Mental Health, Public Health and Dental Services**

Rapids Landing Dental Therapy Centre/ 42 Tonkin Blvd, Margaret River WA 6285

T: (08) 9757 8211

E: [RapidsLandingDTC@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:RapidsLandingDTC@health.wa.gov.au)

[nmhs.health.wa.gov.au](http://nmhs.health.wa.gov.au)



We acknowledge the Noongar people as the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we work, and pay respect to their elders both past and present. North Metropolitan Health Service recognises, respects and values Aboriginal cultures as we walk a new path together.



## 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 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](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)

# Lil' Miss MRCA

...another awesome community initiative from

## MARGARET RIVER OFF ROAD CYCLING ASSOCIATION

A MENTORING AND COACHING GROUP TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG GIRLS INTO MOUNTAIN BIKING

### REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW

THURSDAYS 4-5PM | GIRLS AGED 7-16 | \$50 PER TERM  
For more information head to [www.mrorca.org.au](https://www.mrorca.org.au)

See what we've been up to! Contact us through messenger!

## MARGARET RIVER JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB

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 5<sup>th</sup> April at 4:30pm

Lower Western Oval (Next to BMX track)

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

or **Stephen: 0422 902 199**



MARGARET RIVER  
**HOCKEY**



MRH 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

# Relationship Education: Bunbury

## Term 2: April-June 2023



Face-To-Face	Date	Time	Cost
Understanding Angry Emotions	Wed 3 May	6pm-8.30pm	\$30
Introduction to Managing Anger- For Men 4wks	Wed 10-31 May	6pm-8.30pm	\$95
Parenting After Separation - An Introduction	Thur 11 May	6pm-8.30pm	\$30
Mums Raising Teen Girls	Tues 16 May	6pm-8.30pm	\$30
Emotion Coaching Your Child	Thur 25 May	9.30am-12pm	\$30
Managing Anger & Stress for Women 4wks	Tues 6-27 June	6pm-8.30pm	\$95
Dads and Sons	Thur 22 June	6pm-8.30pm	\$30
Dads and Daughters	Wed 28 June	6pm-8.30pm	\$30

Bookings, registrations and payment prior to the session are required.

For more information about our courses and workshops, please call **6164 0566** or visit [www.relationshipswa.org.au](http://www.relationshipswa.org.au)

#### Course Location

- Bunbury Family Relationship Centre,  
Corner of Molloy & Symmons Streets,  
Access Symmons Street side of the building.



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# Relationship Education: Online

## Term 2: April-June 2023

Online	Date	Time	Cost
Dads and Daughters	Wed 10 May	6.30pm-9pm	\$30
Healthy Conflict in Relationships	Wed 17 May	6.30pm-9pm	\$30
Fathering After Separation	Wed 24 May	6.30pm-9pm	\$30
Parenting Adolescents 5wks	Thur 1-29 June	6.30pm-9pm	\$75
Introduction to Managing Anger- For Men 4wks	Wed 7-28 June	6.30pm-9pm	\$95
Emotion Coaching Your Child	Tues 27 June	9.30am-12pm	\$30

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