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The Vine



Principal's Report

Prayer for Mary Help of Christians Feast Day

Loving God, you place deep in our hearts the love of Mary, Help of Christians. Through her prayers grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens. Under her protection may Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our Lady Help of Christians Liturgy

Yesterday morning the Year 4 class led us through a very prayerful and reverent liturgy celebrating the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, the patroness of Australia. They did a wonderful job in helping us to reflect on this important day and the special part Mary plays in our lives.



Simultaneous Storytime



National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools and other institutions around the country at the same time. It aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes. This year's book, *The Speedy Sloth*, is a story about a sloth that loves to run around FAST! He goes on an adventure in the rainforest, challenging other animals to a race. He learns some important lessons along the way.

National Sorry Day

Tomorrow, we will recognise National Sorry Day – a day that remembers and acknowledges the mistreatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were forcibly removed from their families and communities, which we now know as 'The Stolen Generations'. This day provides an opportunity for us to reflect on how we can all play a part in the healing process for our people and nation. The students will complete a range of activities to acknowledge and further understand this day.

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Place Based Learning



On Tuesday afternoon, the staff met with Leon Ridgeway, the Aboriginal Education consultant from the Catholic Education Bunbury office. He worked with the staff to help further develop an understanding of the importance of incorporating the local environment and history into our everyday lessons and helping our students better understand connection to country and how we can continue to respect the land we live on. Already our students are learning some great things, including local Noongar words, the history of the Margaret River and local area and planting Indigenous plants both in our own Indigenous Garden and at the Rivermouth.

Pentecost

This Sunday we celebrate Pentecost – the conclusion to the Easter season and the day that celebrates the beginning of the Church – the Church's birthday! Pentecost occurs 50 days after Easter Sunday and is celebrated to acknowledge when the Holy Spirit descended onto the Apostles and Mary, which effectively started the beginning of the Church, as the Apostles then went out to preach the Good News and about 3000 people were baptised. I encourage families to come to Mass this Sunday at 10:00am to celebrate the Church's birthday.



I wish all families a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

RUSSELL WYLIE

PRINCIPAL

School Canteen



School Canteen is available 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 Guardians,

Mary Help of Christians Liturgy

Thank you to our Year 4 students and staff for leading us so beautifully yesterday morning in our Mary Help of Christians Liturgy. Thank you also to the parents and parishioners who attended.

**Water Bottles**

We encourage all students to ensure they bring a water bottle to school each day. This is particularly important on PE and Sport days.

School Photos

School photos have been rescheduled to Wednesday, 13th September. MSP Photography have asked that families who have ordering slips please hold on to them until photo day.

Uniform

We ask that all students ensure they are wearing the correct uniform each day. Our school Uniform Policy states that students are required to wear black leather shoes with their uniform.

Year 6 Confirmation Parent Workshop

Students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to attend the Parent Workshop next Tuesday at 5.30pm in the School Library.

MRS COURTNEY PISANO
MR CAMERON MCRAE
ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Parish Masses

St Thomas More Catholic Church - Margaret River

- Saturday - 6.00pm
- Sunday - 10.00am

Lumen Christi Catholic Church - Augusta

- Sunday - 8.00am



Thought of the Week



Congratulations!



School Merit Award Winners
Term 2
Week 4



Pre-Primary	Alana Marik
Year 1	Hugh Andrews
Year 2	Sunny Cooper
Year 3	Archie Townsend
Year 4	Tia La Fontaine
Year 5	Elizabeth Lutton

Friday 26th May
8.45am Year 3 Assembly

Tuesday 30th May
5.30pm Confirmation Parent Meeting - in the School Library

Friday 2nd June
8.45am Merit Assembly

Monday 5th May
WA Day Public Holiday

Important Dates

School Fees

School Fee Statements were emailed out last week.
Please check your billing email address Inbox.
Thank you!

**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.

Rapids Landing Dental Therapy Centre

The Rapids Landing Dental Therapy Centre provides free dental treatment to children from age 5 to 17 or Year 11 (which ever comes first). We are located at Rapids Landing Primary School 42 Tonkin Boulevard, Margaret River. Our current opening hours are 8.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday. Enrolment forms for all new students have been sent through to the schools. Please return your dental enrolment form through to the school administration as soon as possible.

If you have not received an enrolment form or unsure if your child is enrolled please email:
Rapidslandingdtc@health.wa.gov.au



ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
P AND F INVITES YOU TO OUR...

Ladies Luncheon

Sunday 25th June
The Scullery, Margaret River
11am til 2pm

Come and join us for a beautiful 2 course lunch, sip on some local wine and
mingle with new friends and old.

Door prizes, raffle, silent auction

Tickets \$80 each
(\$15 from every ticket sale and all proceeds from the raffle and auction going
towards a new playground for our primary school)

Tickets available to purchase on Wednesday and Friday afternoons 2:45-3:15.
We will be set up near the year 2 classroom/carline.

Limited numbers available. Get in early to avoid disappointment.
On sale until Friday 9th of June unless sold out prior

