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Issue 16

# St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



## Principal's Report

*Spirit of Christ, stir me;  
Spirit of Christ, move me;  
Spirit of Christ, fill me;  
Spirit of Christ, seal me.*

*Consecrate in me Your Heart and Will, O Heavenly Father.*

*Create in me a fountain of virtues.*

*Seal my soul as Your own, that Your reflection in me may be a light  
for all to see. Amen.*



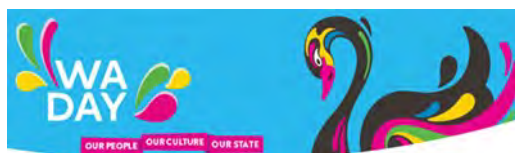
Dear Parents and Caregivers,



Year 4 students learning about Friction.

### WA Day

This coming Monday, we celebrate how fortunate we are to live in a place as wonderful as Western Australia. This day is celebrated for all Western Australians, recognising our Aboriginal history, early European settlers and the many from all over the world who have made, and continue to make, Western Australia their home. It is a day for each of us to reflect and celebrate all the great things about our people, our lifestyle, our culture and our potential. I hope all families find time to relax and enjoy this day together.



A reminder that the school will also be closed on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June, as the staff undertake some professional development around best practices in teaching and how we can refine our practices to be even better for our students.

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### New Chaplain

We welcome to our school a new Chaplain, Mr Chris Johnson, who started today. Ms Laurissa Knowles has requested a reduction in work days, so to continue to support our students, Chris and Laurissa will work alternate weeks on a Thursday. Should families wish to request their child to speak to one of the chaplains, please let your classroom teacher know. I am sure our community will make Chris feel very welcome.

### Interschool Winter Carnival

Next Thursday, the Year 5 and 6 students will travel up to Bunbury to compete against 12 other schools in the sports of Netball and Football. The students have been training really hard and are looking forward to competing against the other schools. Our teams performed exceptionally last year and are looking for some repeated success. We wish all our teams the best of luck.

### Lockdown Drill

Yesterday our school practiced a Lockdown Drill. These incident drills are important to ensure our staff and students know what to do should there be an emergency or incident at our school. They allow opportunities to refine our practices and to ensure that should a real incident occur, our staff and students will be kept safe. We practice evacuation, bushfire, lockdown and shelter-in-place drills every year. Staff are informed of these practices before the drill so there are no surprises for the children.



### National Reconciliation Week

This week is National Reconciliation Week which has the theme 'Be a voice for generations.' This theme is a challenge to all Australians to be a voice for reconciliation in real ways in our everyday lives. This week has helped the children learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and has led to discussions around how we all can contribute to making a difference in achieving reconciliation in Australia.

### 3 Year Old Kindy

We will be offering a second day of our 3 Year Old Kindy program next term, meaning the program will now operate on both a Thursday and Friday. If you, or someone you know would like to access this program on a Friday, please contact the office. Mrs Jane Wolf will be teaching the 3 Year Old Kindy program from next term, as Mrs Brittany Becker goes on maternity leave.

### P&F Ladies Luncheon

Unfortunately the Ladies Luncheon scheduled for 25<sup>th</sup> June has had to be postponed, due to the venue cancelling. The P&F are looking into an alternate date and venue and will communicate this once it is organized.

I wish everyone a wonderful week ahead and look forward to seeing the children's smiling faces on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June.**

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,



### Sacrament of Confirmation

Students in Year 6 are busy preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Information regarding the Commitment Mass, Parent Workshop and Retreat has been sent to parents via email. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday 18th June at 10.00am. We wish those students preparing for this special celebration all of God's blessings.

### Lockdown Drill

On Wednesday, all students practiced a lockdown drill as part of our crisis management planning and preparation. We thank staff and students for their professionalism in ensuring the drill ran smoothly.

### Pupil Free Day

Next Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, is the WA Day Public Holiday. Students will also have a pupil free day on Tuesday June 6<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to welcoming students back to school on Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.

**MRS COURTNEY PISANO**  
**MR CAMERON MCRAE**  
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## St Thomas More Catholic Primary School

Photo Date: Wednesday 13th of September 2023

**School photo day is fast approaching, make sure you place your order.**

1. Visit [www.msp.com.au](http://www.msp.com.au)
2. Select the "Download Portrait or Order Online" portal
3. Use your child's unique shootkey

A Late/processing fee will apply for orders received after Wednesday 13th of September 2023

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Thought of the Week



Parish Masses

St Thomas More Catholic Church - Margaret River

- Saturday - 6.00pm
- Sunday - 10.00am

Lumen Christi Catholic Church - Augusta

- Sunday - 8.00am



*Congratulations!*

School Merit Award Winners  
Term 2 - Week 5



Layla Boyes (Pre-Primary)    Louis Guise (Year 1)    Noah Joyce (Year 2)    Jordan Jones (Year 3)  
 Vienne Nguyen (Year 4)    Diandreil Langridge (Year 5)    Phoebe Hickman (Year 6)    West O'Brien (Year 6)

**Friday 2nd June**  
8.45am      Merit Assembly

**Monday 5th June**  
**WA Day Public Holiday**

**Tuesday 6th June**  
**Pupil Free Day**

**Thursday 8th June**  
Year 5/6 Winter Carnival - Hay Park, Bunbury

**Friday 9th June**  
8.45am      Year 2 Assembly

*Important Dates*

## Sports News

### Winter Sports Carnival

Next Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June, students from Year 5 and 6 will be involved in a Winter Sports Carnival.

This year we will be fielding one Football (AFL) and two Netball teams. We will be competing against several other Catholic and Independent primary schools across the Bunbury area. Both sports will take place within the Hay Park sporting precinct at Bunbury.

Students have been fine-tuning their skills under the watchful eyes of their coaches on Friday afternoons this term and are looking forward to the challenge.

Parents are more than welcome to attend and support our teams on the day.

A big thanks to past students Georgia Ride and Casey Walton for volunteering their time to help umpire netball on the day.

A reminder that the bus will be departing school at **8.30am** and will not return until after **3.00pm**. Therefore students who normally catch busses to school may need to make alternative arrangements on this day.

We are looking forward to a great day of sport and fun!

**Cam McRae**  
PE Teacher



## UNIFORM SHOP OPEN HOURS - MONDAYS ONLY 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!

**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.