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St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



Principal's Report

God the Father,
In you is tranquillity,
As well as peace and harmony.
In the spirit of your peace,
Heal our divisions
And restore us to the unity of love.
Amen

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Sacrament of Confirmation



Last Sunday 18th June, five of our Year 6 students received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Gerard reminded the parents and students of some of the important Gifts of the Holy Spirit and how they need to use them in their lives. He asked the parents and parish community to continue to support our youth in their spiritual development. I encourage each of these students to open the gifts they received from the Holy Spirit and to try and use them each day and pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide and protect each of these students throughout their lives. A special thank you to Mrs Pisano and Mrs Arthur, Fr Mat and the St Thomas More staff for their assistance in making this day so special for the Confirmands and their families. What a special day!

Casuals for CatholicCare

Tomorrow, the students are invited to wear Free Dress for a gold-coin donation and raise money for Bishop Holohan's CatholicCare charity. CatholicCare supports individuals and families in the Bunbury Diocese.

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Wellness Week







This week, the students have been participating in some sessions focusing on wellbeing. This has included spiritual, mental, physical and emotional wellbeing. On Monday, Mrs Pisano ran Gratitude activities with the Year 3 and 6 classes and a Mindfulness colouring activity at lunchtime, on Tuesday Luke Johnson ran a soccer clinic with the Year 1 and 2 classes. On Wednesday, the children in Years 4 and 5 completed a Gratitude activity with Mr McRae. This morning, the children also worked with Miss Knowles to do some meditation and reflection on our connection to others and to our environment. We also had a disco in the Undercover Area and the students have enjoyed participating in daily fitness, led by our Year 6 students and having daily meditations in class, using the Smiling Mind app. I really hope all students have enjoyed this week and have been able to take away lots of different ideas and strategies to help them in their lives.

St Thomas More Feast Day

Tomorrow, we will celebrate St Thomas More Feast Day. We will begin the day with a Whole School Mass, giving the students an opportunity to be one with God. We acknowledge St Thomas More and the way he lived his life as the King's good servant, but God's first. He was a man of tremendous integrity and was steadfast in his beliefs. Following the Mass, led by our Year 3 students, the students will be put into groups to participate in a number of different activities. We will finish the day with a staff v Year 6 students Netball game. If there is a volunteer to umpire this, please let me know!



Reports

Mid-year reports will be made available to parents via the SEQTA Parent-Connect site next Wednesday. Please ensure you are able to access this site so you can retrieve your child's reports. If you are having any difficulty with this, please contact Mr Pisano for further assistance. It is important for parents to remember that if your child receives a C grade, they are achieving at the standard they should be and are progressing well. A C grade is the required level for their year.

3 Year Old Kindy

We are now offering a second day for our 3 Year Old Kindy program on a Friday. If you, or someone you know has a child aged 3, there are spots available on both the Thursday and Friday for them to attend this program. Please contact the office for further information.

Kindy 2024

We only have a few spots left for our Kindy program next year. I will be conducting formal interviews shortly for those who have put in an application. This is a last call for anyone who would like their child to attend our Kindergarten program next year. If you know of someone who has a child of Kindy age for 2024, please contact the office.

P&F Meeting

The next P&F meeting will be held at school on **Tuesday 27th June** at **5:30pm** in the Library. All parents are invited to come along and be part of this wonderful group who do so much for our school.

I invite all families to come along to our Feast Day Mass tomorrow in the Church at 9:00am.

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

RUSSELL WYLIE PRINCIPAL

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Assistant Principal News

Dear Parents and Guardians,

What a wonderful week of wellness we are having!

Wellness Week

Students have enjoyed participating in a range of activities throughout the week. Weather permitting, our Year 6 students have been facilitating morning fitness for all students. Our Year 1 and 2 students completed a soccer workshop on Tuesday with Luke Johnson, while our older students have been reflecting on gratitude.

St Thomas More Feast Day

Although today is the Feast Day of St Thomas More, we are looking forward to celebrating St Thomas More Feast Day with the students tomorrow. We invite all families to join us for Mass at 9.00am. Mass will be led by the Year 3 class. Please be reminded that students are asked to bring in a gold coin donation this Friday and to wear casual dress. We will be raising funds for CatholicCare.

Year 6 Confirmation

On Sunday, our Year 6 students celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation. It was a lovely mass, celebrated by Bishop Holohan. Thank you to all those who attended.

P&F Meeting

Last week's P&F Meeting has been rescheduled to this coming Tuesday, June 27 at 5.30pm in the 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



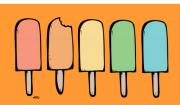
UNIFORM SHOP OPEN HOURS - MONDAYS FROM 1.30 - 3.00PM



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!

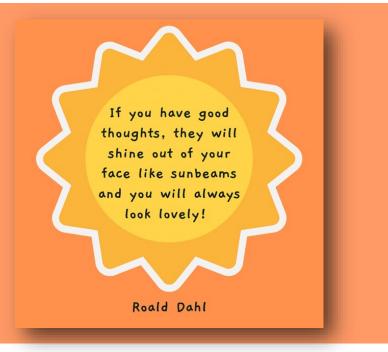
The School Canteen is open on Fridays at Lunchtimes selling lcy Poles.

All items are \$1.00



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Thought of the Week





Congratulations!

School Merit Award Winners

Term 2

Week 8

Pre-Primary Eliza Devine

Year 1 Scarlett O'Shaughnessy

Year 2 Charlotte McKillop

Year 3 Anna Devine

Friday 23rd June

Free Dress Day for a Gold Coin Donation to Catholic Care

9.00am St Thomas More Feast Day Mass - Led by Year 3

Monday 26th June

5.30pm School Advisory Council Meeting

Tuesday 27th June

5.30am P&F Meeting in the Library

Wednesday 28th June

Reports sent out

Friday 30th June

LAST DAY OF TERM

8.45am Year 1 Assembly



Government of Western Australia North Metropolitan Health Service Dental Health Services

Rapids Landing Dental Therapy Centre is closed the duration of the school holidays, except on Thursday the 6th of July when we will be open from 8.00am to 4.00pm.

In the event of an emergency between 8.00am and 4.00pm from the 3rd to the 11th of July please call 0417 269 232, if an emergency occurs between the 12th and 14th of July you may call 9754 4460.

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; <u>Rapidslandingdtc@health.wa.gov.au</u> and we will respond once we re-open.

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

Spit DON'T rinse

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

Have a great break!

THE DENTAL TEAM

Rapids Landing Dental Therapy Centre

South 6 Busselton/Margaret River

Dental Health Services

Mental Health, Public Health and Dental Services

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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.



MARGARET RIVER OFF ROAD CYCLING ASSOCIATION

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

REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW

THURSDAYS 4.15-5.15PM | GIRLS AGED 7-16 | \$75 PER TERM

www.mrorca.org.au/kids-coaching







