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St Thomas More Catholic Primary School

ST THOMAS MORE

Principal's Report

Loving God,

Be with us at St Thomas More Catholic Primary School;
Open our ears that we may hear Your word.
Open our hearts that the teachings of Jesus will grow within us.
Open our hands to one another in peace.

Amen

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Wellness Week and St Thomas More Feast Day







It was wonderful to see the way the children interacted in our Wellness Week and Feast Day celebrations last week. I hope this week was able to provide each child with an opportunity to reflect on their own wellness and take some steps to make improvements in this area or continue some great practices. A special thank you to the teachers for organising such fun and engaging activities for the children to participate in on Friday and to our Year 3 students for leading us in a reverent and reflective Mass to celebrate our Feast Day. I hope everyone enjoyed celebrating on this day.









Reports

Parents and Caregivers would have received an email yesterday regarding accessing Mid-Year reports. Please follow the instructions to sign up on SEQTA so you can access these. From this site, parents are able to save and print this semester report. If you have any difficulties or issues, please contact Courtney Pisano – courtney.george@cewa.edu.au

I would encourage all our parents and carers to make time over the next two weeks to not only read your child's report, but equally importantly, to sit down and have a conversation with your child about their report. This presents a valuable opportunity to discuss with them how they felt they went, what they did well in, where they improved and most importantly what areas are they aiming to improve in next semester. Should you have any queries relating to your child's report, please feel free to make an appointment with your child's teacher.



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Drive Through Etiquette

This is a reminder for parents to exercise patience and respect when using the school Drive-Through. As this is a single-lane Drive-Through, drivers are not permitted to overtake in this lane and are asked to observe the Stop/Go sign near the cross walk. Please drive slowly through this area and exercise caution. Your cooperation is appreciated.

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.

Staffing

We officially farewelled Mrs Sue Arthur on Tuesday. Sue has been teaching the Year 6 class for the past 6 months and has made a strong positive impact on each of these children. I wish Sue all the very best in her future and am sure we will see her back to undertake some relief teaching in the very near future.

Tomorrow will be Mrs Eliza Keet's last day in Year 4. Eliza has already been working at Vasse Primary School and will move into a full-time role next semester. I also wish Eliza all the very best for her future career and thank her for the time and dedication she gave while working here.

We welcome Mrs Achmad back to the role of Assistant Principal next term.

From all of the staff of St Thomas More, we wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable two-week holiday. Enjoy this time with your children, travel safely if you are doing so and we look forward to your return in Term Three. Monday, 17th July is a pupil free day as the St Thomas More staff will be attending a professional development day in Bunbury. Students will return to school on **Tuesday 18th July.**

Peace and best wishes.

RUSSELL WYLIE PRINCIPAL

Assistant Principal News

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for another wonderful term of learning at St Thomas More Catholic Primary School.

St Thomas More Feast Day

We had a wonderful day on Friday celebrating St Thomas More Feast Day. The students celebrated mass in the morning before participating in a range of activities such as biscuit decorating, yoga, board games and a quiz.

NAIDOC Week

The theme for this year's NAIDOC Week is *For Our Elders*, and will be celebrated nationally next week. Students will participate in a range of NAIDOC activities when we return next term.

Mid-Year Reports

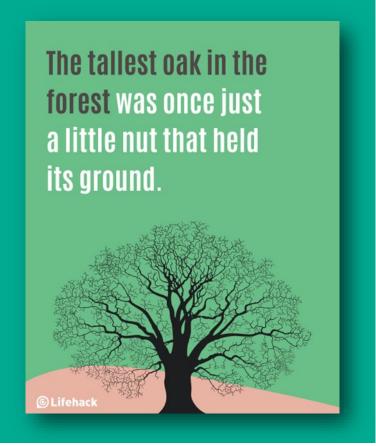
Mid year reports were released yesterday via the SEQTA Engage Platform. Please come in to the office if you are having difficulty accessing your child's report or contact Mrs Pisano at courtney.george@cewa.edu.au

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Nicolle Achmad back next term in the role of Assistant Principal. Thank you for all your support throughout the semester and we look forward to seeing you all next term!

MRS COURTNEY PISANO MR CAMERON MCRAE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

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Thought of the Week



Parish Masses

St Thomas More Catholic Church Margaret River

- Saturday 6.00pm
- Sunday 10.00am

<u>Lumen Christi Catholic Church</u> <u>Augusta</u>

Sunday - 8.00am



Please like the
St Thomas More Catholic Parish's
Facebook page.

Friday 30th June LAST DAY OF TERM

8.45am Merit Assembly

Tuesday 18th July STUDENTS RETURN FOR TERM 3

5.30pm P&F Meeting

Monday 24th July

5.30pm School Advisory Council Meeting



Absentees



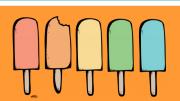
A reminder to parents that there is a simple way to let us know your child is absent from school, while providing a note at the same time. Jump on our website!

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.

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

All items are \$1.00



UNIFORM SHOP OPEN HOURS - MONDAYS FROM 1.30 - 3.00PM



Please email your Order Forms through to admin@stmcps.wa.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



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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 3^{rd} to the 11^{th} of July please call 0417 269 232, if an emergency occurs between the 12^{th} and 14^{th} 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

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

T: (08) 9757 8211

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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.



BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES

8 week term

PP - Year 1 30 minutes \$100

Year 2 - Year 6 45 Minutes \$130

<u>Timetable and bookings online</u>

Now open weekdays 9am to 5pm and Saturday 10.30am to 3.30pm

ninjasinmocean.com.au

(08) 9757 9075









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

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