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The Vine



Assistant Principal's Report

Loving God,

Bless my life with the gift of friendship.

For those who have chosen to be my friends,

I am grateful.

Let our love, respect, and affection for each other flourish.

Make me a good friend,

One who is loyal and caring and ready to forgive.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Russell and I gathered with over 480 CEWA Principals and Assistant Principals from across the State on Monday 29 July at Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre to explore the Catholic Education Strategic Directions, as promulgated by the Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia (CECWA). We began with prayer that was led by Servite College students and a Welcome to Country with a Whadjuk Wardandi Noongar man.

We were led through a presentation by Lana Turvey-Collins from Plenary Council on the process of Phase One: Listening and Dialogue. Many of you were involved in the process of 'listening to what the Spirit is saying' survey and the final report for Phase One: Listening and Dialogue is now complete and is available at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports/>.

On Tuesday, I was fortunate to join Russell at the Catholic Primary Principals Association Conference in Joondalup for a Professional Development Opportunity with Tracey Tokuhamma-Espinosa. Tracey is the author of eight books on mind, brain, and education science, and conducts educational research with Harvard Extension School. She led us through facts and myths about the learning brain. In the coming weeks, we will be passing these facts and myths on to teachers to help develop their understanding on brain development in children.

100 Days of School

Our Year One students had a blast yesterday when they all came dressed as 100-year-olds for the 100th day of school.

Mrs Brittany Becker had fun "acting" really old for the students and the children completed lots of fun activities linked to the theme.



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Garden Guardians

Our veggie garden and chicken coup are taking great shape. A big thank you firstly to Jane Wolf for coordinating helpers and to parents and families who have donated materials and their time to establish the garden. Thank you also to the Year 5 and Year 6 Garden Guardians for giving up their valuable lunch time to help weed and plant the veggie garden. We are looking to establish a roster for helpers, especially during the school holidays. If you would like to be on this roster, please see Jane Wolf in Kindergarten.

National School Improvement Surveys

Beginning next week, as Russell mentioned in last week's newsletter, St Thomas More Catholic Primary School will be conducting its annual School Improvement surveys. Completion of the survey is voluntary. We encourage you to complete the survey as it is an opportunity for parents to tell the school staff how things are going for you and your children. Individual responses are completely confidential and anonymous. Your participation in this feedback process is very much appreciated.

Kindergarten Enrolments - 2020

Kindergarten enrolments for 2020 are now open. If you have a child that was born after June 2015 and before June 2016, they are eligible to be enrolled in Kindergarten for 2020. Please see the office for an enrolment package.

Class Reconciliation

On Tuesday 6 August, our Year 6 students will be receiving Reconciliation at 11.15am in the church. Parents and families are invited to join them.

Whole School Mass

The Feast of St Mary of the Cross is on Thursday 8 August. We will be having a whole school mass in the church, led by our Year 4 students, beginning at 9.00am. All parents and families are invited to attend.

The Bishops' Religious Literacy Assessment (BRLA)

Our Year 3 and Year 5 students will be involved in The Bishops' Religious Literacy Assessment (BRLA) next week on Thursday 8 August and Friday 9 August. This standardised assessment consists of a series of Religious Education (RE) tests developed by the Office of Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA) that students in Years 3, 5 and 9 participate in from Catholic schools across Western Australia. The purpose of the BRLA is to measure student learning of the content in the RE curriculum. The BRLA provides a 'point in time' snapshot of student performance in RE across three-year levels. Students' knowledge and understanding of the content of the RE curriculum is assessed using a combination of multiple choice, short and extended test items. Students' faith is not assessed. The use of the BRLA complements the school-based assessment programs in RE.

Catholic Identity

This term we are focusing on the value of **RESPECT** and fundraising for Catholic Missions. To raise money for this charity, we will be holding a school-based 'Colour Run' on our school oval on Friday 30 August from 2.00pm. This will coincide with our celebration for Father's Day. We are inviting our Dads to join us in the Colour Run with a sausage-sizzle sundowner to follow.

P&F Quiz Night

Don't forget to get your tickets for the P&F Quiz Night being held on Saturday 24 August from 6.00pm in the Margaret River Footy Club. It is shaping up to be a great night out, with lots of fun, prizes and a special performance by MG and the Kicks. Tickets are \$30 each with tables of 8. Secure your tickets at: www.trybooking.com/508534. See you there!

Have a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and Best wishes,

NICOLLE ACHMAD
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Thought of the Week

RESPECT**RESPECT FOR YOURSELF****RESPECT FOR OTHERS****RESPECT FOR PROPERTY**

The School Canteen
is open on Fridays
at Lunchtimes selling Icy Poles.
All items are \$1.00

**Happiness is...
Hot Chocolate!**

**Hot Chocolates and Choc Chip Cookies**

Hot Chocolates are available
each Tuesday Recess

\$3.00 which includes a Choc Chip Cookie.

Children are reminded to provide their own Keep
Cup with their name and year written on it.

Congratulations!

**School Merit Award Winners
Term 3 - Week 1**

Year 4	Manning Cartell Smith
Year 5	Louise Home
Year 6	Alisha Ryan

**Friday 2nd August**

8.45am Merit Assembly

Monday 5th August

Book Club Orders Due - no late orders accepted.

6.00pm Year 2 Parent Meeting

7.00pm Board Meeting

Tuesday 6th August

11.15am Year 6 Reconciliation

Important Dates

Parish News

Masses

St Thomas More Catholic Church, Margaret River

- Saturday 6.00pm
- Sunday 10.00am

Lumen Christi Catholic Church, Augusta

- Sunday 8.00am



RCIA

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a faith journey for people wishing to become Catholic. Their journey is supported by the Parish RCIA Team whose faith too is deepened by sharing in how Gospel lessons pertain to today. There are set Catechumenal questions to ponder, discussions to have and reflections for ongoing consideration. The program also includes the history of the Catholic church as well as the history and laity service in our own parish.

If you know someone who wishes to become Catholic,
or someone who is interested in the Catholic Church,
please chat to Father Mat

or contact the RCIA Co-ordinator, Pam Tuffin by email: pamtuffin@yahoo.com

Organise
a Team
6-8 per table



TOTALLY AWESOME 80s TRIVIA NIGHT

3rd Annual Tommy More

Saturday 24 August 2019
 6pm arrival – Quiz begins at 7pm sharp!
 Margaret River Footy Club
 BYO Dinner - bar available @ cheap club prices

\$30 per head - Organise a team - 8 per table
 Tickets on-line: www.trybooking.com/508534



Join in the fun & games at the
2019 Trivia Night... and after
the quiz, hit the dance floor
with the Mike Goodwin Band!



Need more info?
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The school has a dedicated line for absence notification.

This number is 9758 8042.

The line will not be answered, please leave a message of the child's name and class.



Department of
Education

VACSWIM OCTOBER 2019

**Enrol your children in
swimming lessons during the
October school holidays.**

Choose from two programs:

9 Days

1 – 11 October

40 minute lessons

Prices:

\$30 per child / \$20 concession
\$81 for a family of three or more /
\$54 concession
(plus pool entry).

Enrolments close 25 August.

5 Days

7 – 11 October

35 minute lessons

Prices:

\$16 per child / \$10.50 concession
\$41 for a family of three or more /
\$27.50 concession
(plus pool entry).

Enrolments close 1 September.

Enrol now

Visit education.wa.edu.au/swimming or call 9402 6412.