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Issue 24

# St Thomas More Catholic Primary School

## Principal's Report



*Almighty Ever-living God,  
who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary,  
the mother of your Son, body and soul into  
heavenly Glory, grant, we pray that, always  
attentive to the things that are above, we may  
merit to be sharers of her glory.*

*Amen*



Dear Parents and Carers,

### School Climate Survey

A reminder to families that this year, we are participating in a system-wide school climate survey. The information provided through the results of this survey will assist us to ensure we are meeting the needs of the community we serve. I invite all parents and caregivers to complete a short online survey to give us your thoughts. The survey is completely anonymous. We strongly value the feedback received and will use it towards our future planning. The survey can be accessed through the website: [www.NSIPartnerships.com.au](http://www.NSIPartnerships.com.au) and use the code **STM19P**. Go to the Login tab and click on START QUESTIONNAIRE. I thank you in advance for taking the time to complete this.

### P&F Trivia Night

A huge thank you to Jen Murphy and her team in organising this year's Trivia Night. There are still a couple of spaces available, so jump onto [trybooking.com](http://trybooking.com), search Tommy More Trivia Night and book your tickets! There will be lots of great fun, prizes and dancing with Mike Goodwin's band playing. Held on the 24<sup>th</sup> August at the Margaret River Footy Club, the quiz starts at 7:00pm. See you there!

### Spring Fair

The Fair Committee has been working tirelessly to ensure we have a wonderful community event on Saturday 26 October. They are still seeking donations from families for the Chocolate Wheel and Raffle, as well as donations for stalls, such as plants and Surprise Jars. Please bring any donations into the office or let your class rep know how you can help out.

### Catholic Day

A reminder to families that this Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August is the staff's Catholic Day – a day provided to recognise the extra commitments of the staff. The school will be closed on this day.

I wish everyone a wonderful long weekend ahead!

Peace and best wishes,

**RUSSELL WYLIE**  
**PRINCIPAL**

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*The Vine*



## Assistant Principal News

### The Assumption of Mary



Year 3 led us in a reverent and reflective Mass this morning, celebrating The Assumption of Mary. The Assumption of Mary celebrates the day that Mary was taken up into Heaven following her death. God gave Mary the special privilege of the assumption into heaven because of her sinless life. Mary, who we should try to imitate, is a model of faithfulness to God. The Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary is held each year on the 15<sup>th</sup> August. Thank you to all those families and parishioners who celebrated with us. Also, a special thank you to the Year 3 students and Mrs Tippett and Mrs Ryan for beautifully leading us in this Mass.

Following the Mass, the school joined together with the Parish for the installation of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima in the Grotto. The statue of Mary will remain in the Grotto, which you can visit at any time. It is believed that if you ask intercession through Mary, she will intercede to God for your sake.

Grotto →



### Book Week – READING IS MY SECRET POWER

Next week, we join with other schools across Australia to celebrate Australian children's literature. The theme for Book Week this year is 'Reading is my Secret Power.' Students are invited to come dressed to school as a book character from their favourite book on Thursday 22 August. A parade will be held at 9.00am in the undercover area. All parents, family and friends are welcome to attend.

### Heritage and Cultural Experience – Friday 23 August

Next Friday 23 August at 11.45am to 12.40am, the students in Pre-Primary to Year 6 will enjoy a heritage and cultural incursion held at school. They will learn about local Aboriginal culture and customs and be involved in activities that celebrate our local heritage.

Have a wonderful week ahead.

Best wishes,

**NICOLLE ACHMAD**  
**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**



### Coding with the Year 5s

The Year 5 students have been working in groups to program and code the Sphero robots. With a lot of problem solving and team work, the students were able to successfully navigate a course using their iPads to program the Spheros to travel in straight lines, make right hand turns and stop on command.



The school has a dedicated line for absence notification.

This number is 9758 8042.

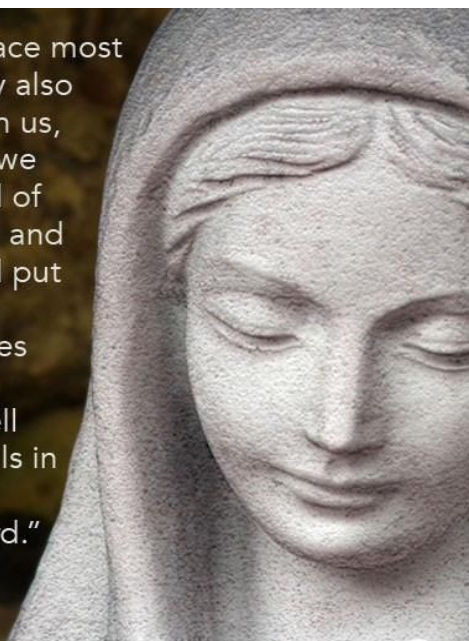
The line will not be answered, please leave a message of the child's name and class.



**Thought of the Week**

"But what took place most singularly in Mary also takes place within us, spiritually, when we receive the Word of God with a good and sincere heart and put it into practice. It is as if God takes flesh within us; he comes to dwell in us, for he dwells in all who love him and keep his word."

—Pope Francis



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.



### School Merit Award Winners Term 3 - Week 3

Year 2	Rhianna Montalban
Year 3	Dulcie Morrison
Year 6	Sawyer Bailey



#### Friday 16th August

8.45am Merit Assembly

#### Monday 19th August

**Catholic Day - Pupil Free Day**

#### Tuesday 20th August

11.15am Year 3 Reconciliation  
6.30pm P&F Meeting

#### Thursday 22nd August

9.00am Book Week Parade

*Important Dates*



# **St Thomas More Catholic Primary School**

## **Father's Day Colour Run**

We invite ALL Dads to join in our Colour Run  
for Father's Day

**FRIDAY 30 AUGUST 2019**

**2.00 TO 3.00PM**

**Free Sausage Sizzle / Sundowner to follow  
at 3.00PM**

**BRING WHITE / LIGHT COLOURED CLOTHES, WINGS, TUTU,  
CAPE, SUNGLASSES, GOGGLES**

**BRING A CHANGE OF CLOTHES OR TOWEL FOR THE CAR**



A Tear Off Slip for a  
Free Sausage Sizzle was sent home earlier this week.  
Could we please have all orders for the Sausage Sizzle returned to  
school no later than Monday August 26. Thank you!