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Principal's Report

A Prayer for a New Term

We thank you Lord for our holidays and for the good times that we had.

*We thank you for the break from school,
for the sleep-ins and the family and friends.*

We ask your blessing on all that we do in this coming term.

*Help us to know that you are with us always,
celebrating with us when things are great
and comforting us when things are not so great.*

*With the guidance of your Holy Spirit,
may we strive to do our best throughout this term,
using the gifts that you have given us.*

Amen.



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A very warm welcome back to all our students and families for our last term of the year. As I visit each of the classrooms, I can already see the students engaging in their learning and getting ready for the end of the year. As always, this term will be an incredibly busy and industrious time of the year for staff, students, our P&F and School Board. There is lots of learning, exciting opportunities and fun to be had by our children, with our teachers having been very busy planning fantastic learning adventures for the students to engage in. I would like to offer a very special welcome to new families joining the Tommy More community for the very first time and welcome back the Hurle family from their travels. I hope that all families have a positive experience for this last term of the year. As I reflect back on what has happened this year, I am amazed at all the wonderful things we have managed to accomplish. This term is packed full of many varied learning opportunities for the students and looks to be no less busy than any other term – in fact, traditionally, it is one of the busiest terms of the year! The students will participate in Swimming Lessons, our Year 6 students will head off to Rottneest for their camp and we will be having numerous incursions, including Constable Care, to support the learning that will be taking place in the classrooms.

Spring Fair

One of the biggest and most special upcoming events is our Spring Fair held on **Saturday 26 October** from **10:00am - 2:00pm**. Catherine Chilton and her band of tireless and amazing helpers have put together what looks to be a great community event. Thank you to all those parents who have made donations, volunteered to help and are spreading the word about this fantastic event. Please make sure you continue to bring in Surprise Jars and pop your name on a roster to help man one of the stalls. See your class representative for more details. Spread the word of this event to your family and friends!

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Principal's Report continued

School Climate Survey Data

On Tuesday, Mrs Achmad and myself travelled to Bunbury to analyse data that was collected from the School Climate Survey that was completed by staff, parents and students back in Week 3 of last term. A huge thankyou to the 33 families who shared their thoughts and completed this survey. From this data, it was very evident that there is a strong sense of community in our school and strong, positive relationships between our staff and parents. Parents generally seemed happy with the level of education that was being provided to the students, which was wonderful to see. This data has given us a few areas for improvement too, which we will work through with the staff in implementing. As always, if parents ever have any concerns, complaints or suggestions, we are always happy to take this feedback.

Enrolments

We all place a high value on recommendations from friends and family members that we trust and choosing a school for your children is no different. If you know of someone who is interested in our school or even someone who is thinking about sending their children here but has not done anything about it yet, please encourage them to contact us now. We are beginning some planning for next year and would like to start formalising school numbers. Enrolment forms are available to download on our website or you can contact the office for an Enrolment package.

Are You Leaving?

If you are intending to not return to St Thomas More in 2020, we need to know so that we have the most accurate numbers possible to do our budget planning which will be taking place soon. If you could let us know by phoning us or sending though an email it would be greatly appreciated.

Summer Uniform

A big "Thank You" to all the parents and carers who have sent their children back to school this week in the correct summer uniform. While you do have the first two weeks to transition from the winter to summer uniform, your efforts are greatly appreciated and it was terrific to see nearly everyone on Tuesday in the correct uniform. Please do not hesitate to drop in and see Mrs Willmott for all your uniform needs for this term and for next year on a Tuesday afternoon from 1:30 – 3:00pm.

Margaret River Show

Come and check out the student's artwork on display at the show this weekend. The school will also have a stall, so feel free to pop by or send any friends or family members who may be interested in finding out more information about our school.

I wish everyone a fantastic week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

RUSSELL WYLIE
PRINCIPAL



**Please note that there will be
NO lunch orders available
tomorrow (Friday).**

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 app or website!

There is an easy online form that can be completed and it is directly emailed to the school. Too easy! Either download our school app – **Connected** (password is **Wisdom19**) or visit our website <https://stmcps.wa.edu.au/> and go to the Communication tab to select Online Absentee.

Assistant Principal News

Welcome Back to Term Four!

As we enter this new term, things begin to get busy as we start to finalise our teaching and learning for the year and head towards Christmas. This term is already proving to be busy with our Spring Fair next Saturday, Music Concert, Awards Evening and Year 6 Graduation. This can be a time of great stress and uncertainty, especially for our Year 6 students and their families as decisions for the future loom over them. Although this is a challenging and important time, it is a comfort to know that through these pressures we are not alone. We are blessed with a God who loves us and supports us. John 14:27 says, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.' God's love for us does not change and we don't have to do anything to earn it. We can face anything because God is on our side to support us. So when you pray, be filled with confidence that God hears you, he loves you and he is faithful to you.

Rosary

The month of October is a time that we focus on praying the Rosary. The rosary is a form of meditative prayer. Maybe you could commit to praying a decade of the rosary with your children this month. If you don't have any rosary beads at home, I have some that you are welcome to have. Please come and see me. If you haven't prayed the rosary before, here's how to say the rosary:



Have a wonderful week.

Warmest regards,

NICOLLE ACHMAD

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Friday 18th October

8.45am Assembly
Year 4s visit to St Mary MacKillop College

Tuesday 22nd October

Book Fair
1.30pm Margaret River Senior High School visiting Year 6
6.30pm P&F Meeting

Wednesday 23rd October

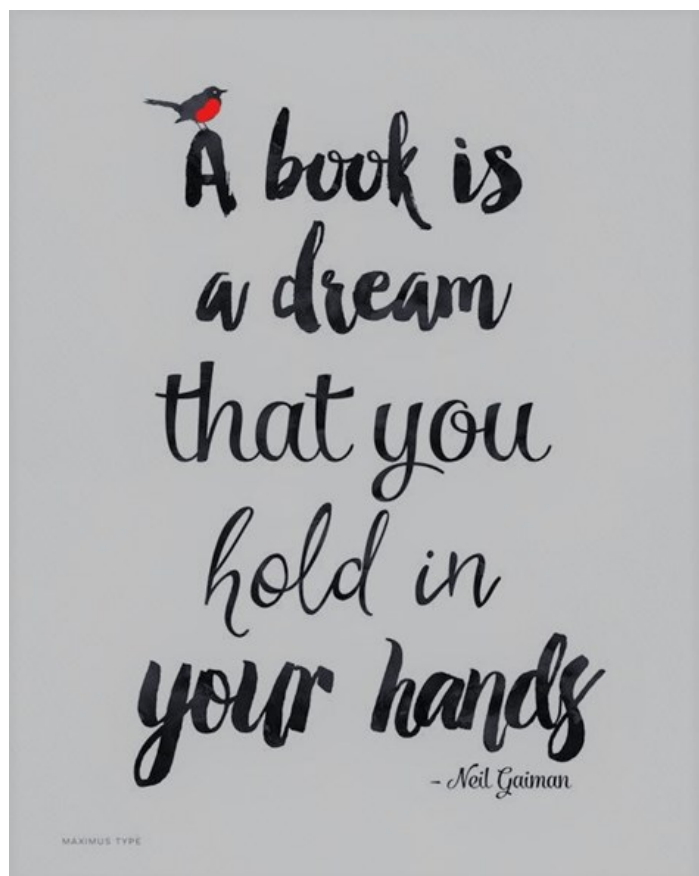
Book Fair
Indonesian Cultural Dance Incursion

Thursday 24th October

Book Fair
Constable Care Incursion

Important Dates

2019 Scholastic Book



Come along to the Book Fair and discover some hand held dreams.

The Book fair will be held from 22nd October to 24th October in the

School Library

from 3:30pm to 4:00pm.

Look out for more information coming home this week

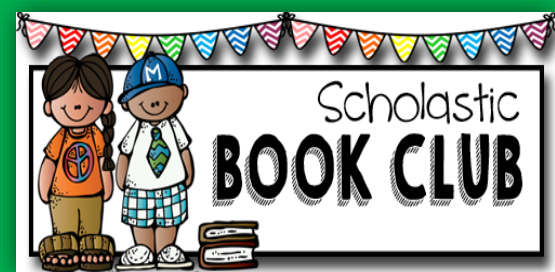
and we hope to see you at the Fair!

Thought of the Week



Cape Creatures Veterinary Hospital is hosting this years **Margaret River Children's Pet Show** at the Margaret River Agricultural Society Show on Friday 18th October at 5.00pm, with check in at 4.30pm. Entry forms are available in the Margaret River Agricultural Show catalogue and at Cape Creatures Veterinary Hospital. All entry forms need to be handed in to Cape Creatures by **4.00pm on Thursday 17th October** and the entry fee is a Gold Coin donation per child, (one entry per child), which will be donated to F.A.W.N.A.

The categories include Best Kept Cat, Best Kept Rodent and Rabbit, Most Like Pet and Owner, Most Colourful Pet, Cutest Baby Animal, Best Kept Dog, Best Fancy Dressed Pet, Best Performing Pet, Best Rescue Dog, Wiggliest Rear End.



Issue 7 of Book Club was sent home earlier this week! Your orders and payments need to be returned to the school no later than next **Tuesday 22nd October**.

Orders received after this date will **NOT** be processed. If you are paying by cheque please make all cheques payable to Scholastic Australia.

Thanking you for your co-operation.

Rita Willmott - Book Club Organiser



VACSWIM

2019-2020
ONLINE
ENROLMENTS
NOW OPEN

www.vacswim.com.au

Enrol now for **VacSwim** summer holiday swimming lessons!

With swimming pools and beaches a big part of the Western Australian lifestyle, it's essential that your children learn how to swim and stay safe in the water.

VacSwim is for all children - from beginners to more advanced swimmers. Your children can start as young as five years old.

There are over 180 VacSwim locations around Western Australia, so wherever your family is spending these summer holidays, there will be lessons near you.

Enrol your children in VacSwim now at education.wa.edu.au/swimming.



We would like to formally invite students to join in the fun of **Junior Survivor** – a 4km super fun running and obstacle adventure challenge designed especially for children aged 4 to 13 years of age.

The event is part of the last-ever **Augusta Adventure Fest** in Augusta over the weekend of 2-3 November 2019, and is designed as a healthy and inclusive activity for all children.

AUGUSTA JUNIOR SURVIVOR:

What: 4km obstacle and adventure challenge that involves water activities in a bush and beach environment.

When: Sunday 2 November 2019

Where: Turner Caravan Park, Augusta (start line is on Albany Tce)

Cost: \$37.00 entry includes event t-shirt, finisher medal, race plate and fruit at the finish.

How: We strongly encourage that you enter online at www.augustaadventurefest.com.au

Do you have small children that love music, stories and craft?

Join us for our 3rd **FREE**

Community Intercultural event

Promoting a sense of belonging for all cultures and backgrounds

Come and enjoy a FREE family literacy **story time** that focuses on cultural awareness and Interculturalism, followed by **music, snacks and craft**. It is being run by Margaret River Community Centre for Children in partnerships with local providers.

When: Sunday 27th **October** 11am – 1.00pm

Where: Margaret River Community Centre
33 Tunbridge St



Don't forget your picnic blanket & come dressed in your **favourite fancy dress** ready for the parade, around the grounds, to close the event.



This year we are featuring
'Johnno B Biscuit' (Ukelele and juggling), **Laura Briones** (guitar), **Capoeira dancing** with Dan & Jess, Tamara African drumming and food by **'Conscious Catering'**



2019/20 Race Season

Friday 25th October

New Riders Welcome

Kids from 2 up to 12 years of age

Make it a fun family night out

Canteen serving home-made burgers, hotdogs, drinks, icy poles and treats

To sign up visit www.bmxaustralia.com.au to complete the online registration for Margaret River BMX Club

All riders must be registered with BMX Australia to be eligible to race

Kidsport subsidies are also available

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