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# St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



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# The Vine



## Principal's Report

### A Prayer for our Priest Fr Mat on his Birthday

*Gracious and loving God,*

*We thank you for the gift of our priest, Fr Mat.*

*Through him, we experience your presence.*

*Help Fr Mat to remain strong in his vocation.*

*Grant him the wisdom, understanding and strength he needs to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.*

*Inspire him with the vision of your Kingdom.*

*Give him the words he needs to spread the Gospel, and allow him to experience joy in his ministry.*

*We ask this through Jesus Christ,*

*who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.*

*Amen.*



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### **Back to School**

Following a review of the modes of delivery being offered by Catholic Education WA, it has been decided that as of Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May, we will return to our normal modes of instruction. This has mostly been happening in our classrooms over the past week anyway, given we have been back to over a daily attendance of 95%. Although there will be a return to the usual face-to-face teaching, we will still continue to utilise the online apps of Teams (Years 3 - 6) and SeeSaw (Kindy – Year 2) to assist learning and communicate with parents. Further information about this will come from CEWA soon.

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### Drive Through

I would like to thank parents for their patience and understanding as we try to get roughly 100 children into cars after school each day. We try to do this as quickly as possible, but sometimes there can be hold ups. I encourage parents to continue to follow road rules when waiting to enter the Drive Through, including not blocking the entrance to The River, pulling up onto the kerb or blocking the footpath crossings. The Rangers will continue to monitor this situation and I would hate to see any of our parents fined for breaching these laws. I encourage parents to perhaps come a little later if they have a child in Years 1-6, so we can move the Kindy and Pre-Primary children first. Another option could be parking at the Church or Recreation Centre and collecting children from the crosswalk, instead of using the Drive Through. I would like to remind parents that they are required to follow the Government guidelines in relation to not coming onto school grounds. This means parents are required to remain in their cars and only pick up children from the crosswalk. Please do not park your car in the Drive Through to collect children. The staff will continue to collect children in the morning and deliver them to parents in the afternoon to assist with this. This also applies if needing to pick up or drop off at the school during the day. I appreciate your support and assistance with this.

### Happy Birthday

We would like to wish Fr Mat a happy 40<sup>th</sup> birthday. The school community presented him with a beautiful handmade glass cross, crafted by a student from Prendiville Catholic College in Perth.



### Kindy Enrolments for 2021

I am currently taking enrolments for Kindy for 2021. Places are beginning to fill and as we are limited to 20 places, I would hate to have families miss out. If you, or someone you know, has a child who will turn 4 by 30 June 2021, please either contact the office for an enrolment form or visit our website to download the forms and return them to the school.

### Pre-Kindy Opportunity

Our school has been granted the opportunity to offer a 3-Year-Old Kindergarten program. We need to determine the feasibility of offering this service both for this year (with a possibility of commencing either at the start of Term 3 or Term 4) and next year. Only children who have turned 3 may attend this program. Program days and costs are yet to be determined. If you, or someone you know would possibly be interested in attending this service, please either call the office on 9757 3544 or contact me via email on [russell.wylie@cewa.edu.au](mailto:russell.wylie@cewa.edu.au) to discuss further information.

### Uniform

Thank you to all those families who have ensured their children are dressed in the correct school uniform each day. If further uniform items are required, we ask that a uniform order is completed and sent into school. This form can be sent home with your child or downloaded from our website. Items can be delivered to your car or sent home with your child. Due to Coronavirus restrictions, we are unable to allow children to try on clothes or return items that do not fit, so please be careful with your selections.

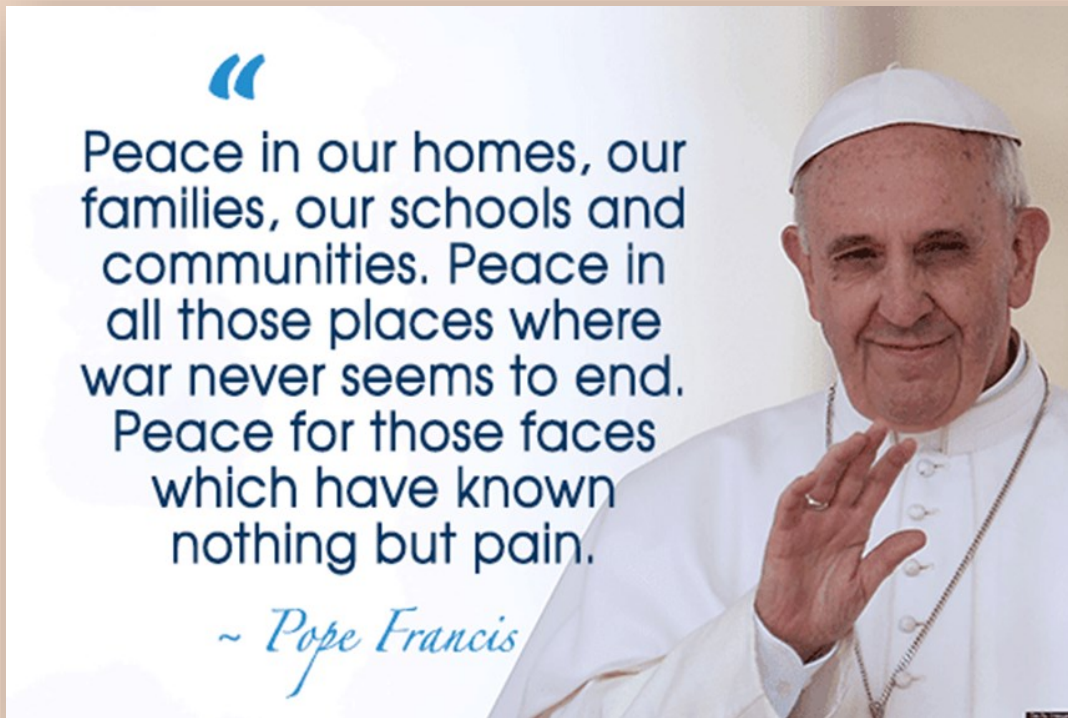
### Student Free Day

Due to the uncertainty surrounding students returning to school and the travel restrictions put in place, we were unable to earlier inform parents of a planned Student Free Day. On **Monday 15 June**, the staff will be undertaking some Professional Development and students will not attend school on this day. Please mark this date in your calendars.

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

**RUSSELL WYLIE**  
**PRINCIPAL**

**Thought of the Week****Assistant Principal News**

I hope all our Mums had a fantastic day for Mother's Day last Sunday.

**FR MAT'S BIRTHDAY – TUESDAY 12 MAY**

We celebrated Fr Mat's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday on Tuesday 12 May. We are fortunate to have Fr Mat as our Parish Priest at St Thomas More. We appreciate how often he visits our school to share with our staff and students the message of God's kingdom. Did you know that Fr Mat is a keen cricket player? Maybe next time you have a chat you can ask him about it.

**MONTH OF MAY – MARY OUR MOTHER**

Last week, I mentioned that the month of May is an opportunity to continue, or take up the practice of saying the rosary. What does this mean? The Rosary is a way of praying and remembering the various episodes or 'mysteries' in the life of Jesus.

'In celebrating the annual cycle of Christ's mysteries, the Church honours with special love Mary, the Mother of God, who is joined by an inseparable bond to the saving works of her Son. In her the Church holds up and admires the most excellent effect of the redemption and joyfully contemplates, as in a flawless image, that which the Church itself desires and hopes wholly to be.' Document on the Liturgy from Vatican II – par 102, 103, about the liturgical year.

Go to this Vatican site to learn more about the way of 'saying' or praying the rosary. [http://www.vatican.va/special/rosary/documents/misteri\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/special/rosary/documents/misteri_en.html)

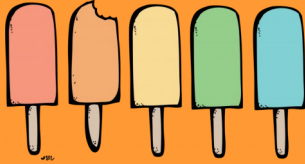
Keep safe and well.

God bless,

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

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

**All items are \$1.00**



### Uniform Shop

For the next few weeks please email your Order Forms through to [rita.willmott@cewa.edu.au](mailto:rita.willmott@cewa.edu.au) with details of your order and credit card. Forms can be downloaded off the school's website. I will send the uniforms home with your children on **Tuesdays.**

Thank you!  
Rita Willmott

**Friday 29th May**  
Casuals for Catholic Day - Gold Coin Donation

**Monday 1st June**  
WA Day Public Holiday

**Monday 15th June**  
**Pupil Free Day**

*Important Dates*

### Absentees

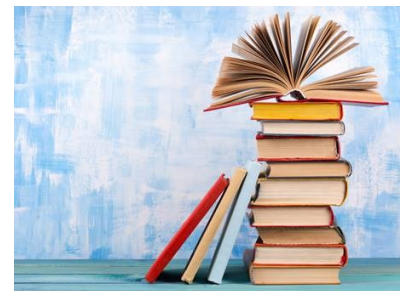


A reminder to parents that there is a simple way to let us know your child is absent from school, while providing a note at the same time. Jump on our app or website!

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 **Wisdom6285**) or visit our website <https://stmcp.s.wa.edu.au/> and go to the Communication tab to select Online Absentee.

You can also ring the school on the Absentee line on 9758 8042 and leave a message of the child's name, class and reason for absence and then send a note in with your child when they return to school.

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We hope to make this a monthly event while the library is closed, and look forward to seeing your reviews.

If you would like a copy of the Book Chat activity booklet, feel free to download a copy here: [book club note book 2020](#)

Please contact Rachael at the library on 9780 600 or email [rdurmond@amrshire.wa.gov.au](mailto:rdurmond@amrshire.wa.gov.au) and she will help you if you need assistance writing your review.

Happy reading and reviewing Book Chatters!

Kind Regards

**Rachael Drummond**  
**Librarian - Youth and Children**