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St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



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The Vine



Principal's Report

*Dear Lord, we fully trust in Your unending and unfailing love.
We fully trust in the unfailing fulfilment of Your promises.
We surrender to You this day and everything that we do.
Enable us to walk in your goodness, and may
Your gentle hand hold and guide me as walk through the journey
You have prepared for me today.*

Amen



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Chickens



We now have 6 new chickens joining our family. They're only 12 weeks old, so no eggs yet, but I am sure the children will be super excited to begin feeding them and looking after them. Each class will get to name one of the chickens

Parent Welcome Morning Tea

We invite all families to come along after our assembly tomorrow for our 2023 Parent Welcome Morning Tea. This is a great opportunity for new parents to make new friends, meet other parents in the school and come together as one community. We look forward to seeing lots of parents come along at 9:15am in the Library.

Parent Information Evening

Next **Monday 13th February**, we will be holding our Parent Information Evening. This is a great opportunity for parents to find out about how the year will run in your child's class, find out about whole school procedures and answer any questions you may have – along with meeting your child's class teacher. The first meeting will begin at **5:30pm** and a second meeting held at **6:20pm**. A crèche for children attending St Thomas More will be available in the Library if needed.

P&F Meeting

Next Tuesday will be our first Parents and Friends meeting for the year at The River at 5:30pm. Come along to hear about the plans for 2023 and have your say as to how we will support our students, parents and school over the course of the year. All parents are welcome to attend.

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Student Medication

If your child requires medication to be taken during school hours, it is important that you complete a 'Student Medication Request/Record' form which is available from the office.

- Medication is to be delivered to the School Office by the parent/guardian. Please be aware that parents are responsible for delivering prescribed medications to the school.
- All medications are stored either in the school office/medical room or in a locked cabinet in the classroom, except where either refrigeration is required (e.g. antibiotics) or in the case of self-administered asthma reliever medication.
- Asthma medication (reliever puffers only) may be kept by a child for self-administration, only when parents/guardians have notified the school and given permission via the Student Medication Request/Record form.
- It is the parent's responsibility to collect any 'out of date' medication for safe disposal. It is also a parent's responsibility to collect any unused medication at the completion of treatment.
- Parents/guardians must notify the School Office and complete a new Student Medication Request/Record form if there are any changes to details such as dosage or type of medication.

Allergies and Anaphylaxis

As there are children enrolled at St Thomas More who have allergies to a variety of substances, we ask that children do not share food at school. We appreciate your support in avoiding sending any foods that contain NUTS and foods that individual class teachers may have highlighted. A few children may experience very serious and even life-threatening symptoms if exposed to these foods.

Also please do not bring in dogs or other pets to the school. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Ways to Assist Your Child to Succeed at School

A new school year means a fresh start for students. Regardless of your child's performance or experience last year, they start school with a clean slate. A break offers students the chance to begin new habits and adopt new behaviours. Here are seven ideas from Michael Grose to help you make the most of the fresh start and make this year your child's best year ever at school.

7 Ways to Make a Sensational Start to the School Year

1. Commit to your child going to school every day on time.
2. Help kids start each day well. A healthy breakfast can assist with this.
3. Establish good work and study habits. Set time each evening to positively complete homework.
4. Make sure your child gets enough sleep. Don't allow devices in bedrooms at night.
5. Get your kids outside more for good physical and mental health. Schedule time after school each day.
6. Focus on being friendly and kind. Ask your child "Who did you show kindness to today?"
7. Develop self-help skills and help them build resilience.

I look forward to seeing lots of parents come along to our morning tea tomorrow after our first assembly of the year.

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

RUSSELL WYLIE
PRINCIPAL



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

All items are \$1.00

Assistant Principal News

It has been fantastic to see such a positive and enthusiastic beginning to the school year from both staff and students. We would like to extend a warm welcome to new families to join us for morning tea after assembly tomorrow in the Library.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Children in Year 3, who are baptised Catholic are invited to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this year.

The dates for this Sacrament are:

- **Parent/Child Workshop:** Tuesday 28th February
- **Commitment Mass:** Sunday 12th March
- **Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Tuesday 21st March (changed from 28th March)

Have a wonderful week ahead.

MR CAMERON MCRAE
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

School Canteen



The Margaret River Primary School will continue to offer a canteen service on

Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Orders can be placed online through the QuickCliq website.

The menu is also available through this site.

NO 
PARKING

Parents are reminded not to park on the vacant block next door to the school. This is privately owned land and driving over the footpath and curb is not permitted. The Shire has also indicated to the school that parents parking here will be fined.

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://stmcp.s.wa.edu.au/> and go to the Communication tab to select Online Absentee.

Thought of the Week



Parish Masses

St Thomas More Catholic Church - Margaret River

- Saturday - 6.00pm
- Sunday - 10.00am

Lumen Christi Catholic Church - Augusta

- Sunday - 8.00am



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

Friday 10th February

- 8.45am Merit Assembly
- 9.15am Parent Welcome Morning Tea
- in the Library

Important Dates

Monday 13th February

- 5.30 - 6.15pm Parent/Teacher Information Evening
- 6.20 - 7.05pm Parent/Teacher Information Evening

Tuesday 14th February

- 5.30pm P&F Meeting - at the River

Tuesday 28th March

Faction Sports Carnival

Monday 3rd April

Interschool Jumps, Throws and 400m

Wednesday 5th April

Interschool Sports Carnival

Health Care Card Tuition Fee Discount Scheme - Time to renew your application

Parents/guardians who are responsible for the payment of school fees and hold a current means tested family Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card will be entitled to a discount on **tuition fees only**. The discounted tuition fee per student for 2023 will be as follows:

\$300.00 per year for Primary students (Kindergarten - Year 6)

The discounted tuition fee does not cover additional charges such as camps, the compulsory building levy and subject levies. Eligible cards must fit the scheme's means testing requirements, e.g., PP (Parenting Payment (partnered)), FA (Family Allowance), LI (Low Income), NSA (New Start Allowance), PA (Partner Allowance), SA (Sickness Allowance), SL (Special Benefit), WA (Widow Allowance) and MAA (Mature Age Allowance).

Application forms are available at the office.

Forms must be completed by **Friday 10th February** to gain the Tuition Fee discount.

Forms received after this date may not qualify for discount.

No concession discounts will be applied without submitting your card to the office by Friday 10th February.

UNIFORM SHOP OPEN HOURS - MONDAYS FROM 1.30 - 3.00PM

Please email your Order Forms through to

rita.willmott@cewa.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!



Margaret River
Scout Group

Scouts are here in Margaret River!
Do you want your kids out of doors,
being active and keeping fit?
Scouts is about having fun, learning
new skills, going on adventures and
making new friends.

Joeys and Cubs on Mondays.

Scouts on Thursdays.

Contact Group Leader Libby Dawson
0400735899



2023 NETBALL REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

REGISTER VIA PLAY HQ

SEASON STARTS
TERM 2, 2023

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE:
FRIDAY 17TH MARCH, 2023

Divisions:

U8's – born 2015 & 2016

U10's – born 2013 & 2014

U12's – born 2011 & 2012

U14's – born 2009 & 2010

U18's – born 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008



BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES

8 Week Term -

PP - Year 1 30 minutes \$100

Year 2 - Year 6 45 Minutes \$130

Timetable online

Now open weekdays 9am to 5pm and

Saturday 10.30am to 3.30pm

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