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Dear Parishioners,

It is with great pleasure that I inform you that I have appointed Martine Verhagen as the new Principal of our wonderful Catholic primary school to commence at the beginning of the 2020 school year. I was advised of the Archbishop of Melbourne's ratification yesterday and have informed the staff of St Thomas More's School.

Martine is currently the Deputy Principal and Maths Leader of St Peter Julian Eymard Catholic Parish Primary School in Mooroolbark and comes to us with a wealth of experience and expertise in leadership and, in leading excellence in teaching and learning. Her deep knowledge and engaging presence in relation to our Catholic faith will ensure our school's commitment to a quality Catholic education is ongoing particularly in forging stronger links with our parish.

I wish to thank the Principal Appointment Panel for their time, thorough attention to the process and for working with me over the past months. I am very grateful for their discernment, wisdom and expertise. I would also like to thank the staff of St Thomas More's School and the Parish Education Board for their valuable insights during the process and, to all of you, who prayed for the panel during this time.

I know you'll make Martine so welcome when she begins her journey with us. Martine is looking forward to meeting you, getting to know you and your family and in working with me to continue the work of Catholic education in our Parish.

Yours in Christ,

(Fr) Joseph Danh Truong  
Parish Administrator  
St Thomas More's Catholic Parish