

Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Volume 3

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Light And Darkness Do Not Eliminate One Another

German Jesuit Karl Rahner said something like this (this German is hard to translate): "The infinite mystery that you are to yourself and the infinite mystery that God is in God's self proceed forward together as one". In simple English, as you uncover God's loving truth, you uncover your own, and as you uncover your own truth, you fall deeper into God's mercy and love. I've certainly seen this in my own little journey. When I come to a breakthrough in my own shadow work, my own sinfulness, my own self knowledge, or in wonder at my own soul, it invariably feeds and invites the other side, and I want to go deeper with God.

In the same way, when my heart opens up inside the safety and spaciousness of God, it always invites me into deeper and daring honesty, deeper self-surrender, deeper shadow work with my own illusions and my own pretensions. The two will always feed one another, and that's why people who go deeper with God invariably have a very honest evaluation of themselves. They are never proud people. They can't be, because the closer you get to the light, the more you see your own darkness. And the closer you get to your own ordinariness (which sometimes includes darkness), the more you know you need the Light.

+Adapted from Following the Mystics through the Narrow Gate...
Richard Rohr See God in All Things

Dear Parents/Guardians

This week Assistant Principals Courtney Dunsire, Mark Ryan and I attended a training and professional development course called Principals as Numeracy Leaders (PANLS). PANLS, as is Principals as Literacy Leaders (PALLS) which we completed in 2013, is an initiative run through Edith Cowan University's Fogarty Learning Centre. Like PALLS, PANLS is a well-researched, long term strategy to continue to improve the teaching and learning of Numeracy. The course has been both informative and thought-provoking, challenging us to build on our practices here. We look forward to working with our team in this learning area.

Thank you to everyone able to join us for Ash Wednesday Mass this week. The start of Lent marks a time of reflection for us all before Easter, the most important moment in time in the Catholic calendar. I thank Courtney Dunsire for having Mass so well-prepared. Father Bryan spoke beautifully with the children and really proclaimed to them, as he always does. And to Ms Ross and her choir, our thanks to you too for leading the singing in such a beautiful and reverent manner.

Today's assembly was truly a joy to behold. Congratulations to the Year 5 children and their Teachers on such an entertaining event. Congratulations too, to our Student Leaders who were commissioned today. As Leaders in our school they have been elected by their peers, and play a significant role in our community.

This weekend's Fun Day will be just that – FUN! Big numbers have attended in the past and we hope the same will happen again this year. The Fun Day is followed by the Commissioning Mass, where Staff; School Board Members and our P&F Executive are commissioned by the community. As you are part of the community it would be fantastic to see you there!

Best wishes
Mark de Kluyver
Principal

Dates for Next Week

Monday 9.15am Kindy M/Tea
23rd February KA/KC (Staffroom)

Yr 2/3 Numero
Incurion

Tuesday
24th February 2pm Kindy A/Tea
KB/KD (Staffroom)

Wednesday 9am Yr 4 G & T
25th February Testing in Library
School Banking

**Uniform Shop
Open
8am to 10.30am
1.20pm to
3.20pm**

Thursday
26th February **Newsletter
Out Today**

Friday
27th February **Student Free Day
School will be
closed**

**Saturday 28th / Sunday 29th
February**

*Return of Sacramental
Enrolment Forms
(All Masses)*

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Parish Corner

Parish Office:

Our Parish Office is open TUESDAY and FRIDAY 8.30am to 3pm.
If you have any queries please call in and see Marina Hayward.

Weekend Mass:

Saturday 6pm
Sunday 8am, 10am and 5pm

Parish Rep Donna Butt



Sacramental Program 2015

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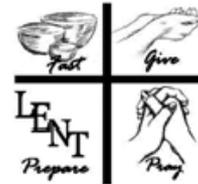
Thank you to the students and their families who collected Sacrament Enrolment Forms at Mass last weekend.

All children wishing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation, in our parish will need to collect an enrolment form at Mass over the weekend. It is imperative that the children are enrolled at the commencement of the year so their Sacramental preparation can be full and complete.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday 21st February at 6:00pm or Sunday 22nd February at either 8:00am, 10:00am or 5:00pm.

Please contact Marina Hayward in the Parish Office if you have any queries.

Religious Education



1st Week of Lent – Project Compassion – brings you Eric & Ma's story

Married couple Eric and Ma had an unprofitable farm and limited diet before training at the Tutu Rural Training Centre, supported by Caritas Australia. Now they have a successful farm, a sustainable income and food for life.

Comprised of over 300 islands, life in Fiji's rural communities can be isolated. Throughout the country youth unemployment is high, nutritious food is in short supply, and life expectancy is much lower than in Australia.

Eric and Ma credit the Married Couples Course at the Tutu Rural Training Centre for changing the direction of their lives and giving them the personal and agricultural skills they needed to raise a healthy, happy family and grow food for life. Tutu runs courses to teach people from the remote northern islands of Fiji the skills they need to build strong relationships, maintain healthy families and become successful farmers.

After their training at Tutu, the farm now flourishes. Most of the family's daily food is grown in their own fields. Growing their own food helps the family avoid the serious health problems that many Fijians experience due to a lack of fresh fruit and vegetables in their diets.

Your donation to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion provides support to programs such as the Tutu Rural Training Centre. www.caritas.org.au

Caritas – Project Compassion

Each year Lent offers the opportunity to share what we have with those who have less. This year's theme is 'Food For Life.' Every classroom has a small Project Compassion money box. Money boxes will be collected towards the end of Lent and we ask that all families contribute to this worthy cause.

Giving Day

A gentle reminder that every Friday at Mater Christi is Giving Day. All donations of non-perishable food items would be greatly appreciated.

Best Wishes
Courtney Dunsire
Assistant Principal

Italian Language Classes

Funding for the Italian Language Classes that runs in many schools in WA, including ours, is set to conclude at the end of 2015. This program has run for a total of 36 years in mainstream Western Australian Schools. There is a petition in the school office which is asking the state government to reverse its decision to cut funding. If you could make time to sign this petition it would be very much appreciated by the Italo-Australian Welfare and Cultural Centre and the many schools across WA who they provide Italian language classes for.

Thanks
Mark Ryan
Assistant Principal

Kindy Morning & Afternoon Teas

We invite all Kindy KA / KC Parents to join us for morning tea at 9:15am on Monday 23rd February or afternoon tea at 2pm on Tuesday 24th February for KB / KD Parents.

Thank you to our P&F who will be hosting these gatherings in the **staffroom**. If you have a child in Kindy, please come along and hear from your P&F as well as members from our leadership team about the plans for 2015.

This year we are having one morning tea and one afternoon for the first time, in an attempt to provide a suitable time for everybody. Younger siblings are also welcome to come along. We hope to see you there!

Class Contact Lists 2015

At the start of the new school year, the Class Representative Coordinator compiles a Class Contact List for each class in our school.

Information on each list is for the exclusive use by parents in that particular class only and is not to be shared. The sole purpose of the List is for your Class Representative to better facilitate communication between parents, P & F and classroom teachers.

Each list contains details such as student name, Mother's mobile number and email address and Father's mobile number and email address. Your family details are collected from administration records.

In Week 1 you would have received a *Full Family Details* form containing all your family's personal details and an accompanying letter from school.

Final Reminder - To ensure that your details are accurate on your child/ren's Class Contact List(s), I ask that you please check your details on the *Full Family Details* form to ensure all the information is correct, sign the form and return it to the front office by the deadline of **Monday 23rd February 2015**.

Class Contact Lists will be distributed in Week 5.

If you require any further information regarding Class Contact Lists, please contact Cheryl Cutri, Class Representative Coordinator at ckcutri@iinet.net.au.

2015 Class Representatives

Not sure who your Class Representative is? Look out for the gold coloured signs displaying your Class Representative's name which have been placed outside each class room.

A complete list of all Class Representatives for 2015 are displayed on the P & F noticeboards located in the junior and senior courtyards.

P & F News

Are you wondering whether or not to put up your hand to join the P&F at Mater Christi?

Wondering what the benefit to your child might be?

Significant research over the past 40 years shows clearly and consistently that if you are involved/engaged in your child's education, that the benefits will include:* Improved school readiness

- Higher academic achievement
- Higher graduation rates
- Greater ability for your child to self-regulate their behaviour
- Better social skills
- Enhanced student wellbeing
- More consistent completion of homework
- Better transitions to high school and beyond
- More realistic planning for the future
- Better attitude towards school
- Better attendance
- Higher retention rates

Hopefully you will agree that even one of these outcomes is worthwhile attending a meeting for.

Come along and help to build a positive, vibrant community at Mater Christi and watch your child reap the benefits!

Don't forget about the Family Fun Day and Commissioning Mass this Saturday! See the poster later in this newsletter with all the details. There is sure to be lots of fun for everyone.

Parking

The time has come! To protect the oval it will no longer be open. We encourage many families as possible with Children in Years 1 – 6 to use the Drive - Through

Class Rep Events

- **KC – Friday 20th March – 7pm**
CY O'Connor, RSVP to your Rep by 13th March
elizaf@iinet.net.au
- **YR6 – Saturday 28th Feb – 7pm**
The Quarie, RSVP to your class Rep by 25th Feb

Canteen News

Banana flavored milk now available
Price increase as of Wednesday 25th February due to a price increase from our suppliers.
Ice Creams will now be \$2.00
Strawberry & Mango Frozen Yoghurt \$1.50
Vanilla Ice Cream Tub \$1.50
Also we are looking for volunteers to help us in the canteen. If you are available, please come and see us on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday – Any help is greatly appreciated.
Thanks Heidi and Joh

Maggie Dent

Building Resilience and Self Esteem in Today's Children

Where: Mater Christi Community Centre, 340 Yangebup Rd, Yangebup
When: Tuesday 3rd March
Time: Doors open 6.30pm for a 7pm-9pm seminar
Cost: \$25
Who to RSVP to: Beverly Sweetman, P&F Treasurer, sweetos37@gmail.com

Uniform Shop

Important Notification Out of Stock

Sorry for any inconvenience but we are currently out of the following stock.

I will post here as soon as stock arrives.

- Lemon shirts size 10,12,14
- Faction Shirts: Magpies size 6, Honeyeaters size 4
- White sport socks size 13 – 3
- Navy school socks size 5 – 8 (smallest)

Thank You
Ilonka Heinzle
Perm-A Pleat

FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday 21st February 2:30pm - 5:30pm
Commissioning Mass 6:00pm

Sausage Sizzle \$2

Bouncy Castle

Toddler Play Area

Disco

Slushies & Drinks \$2

Racing Simulator

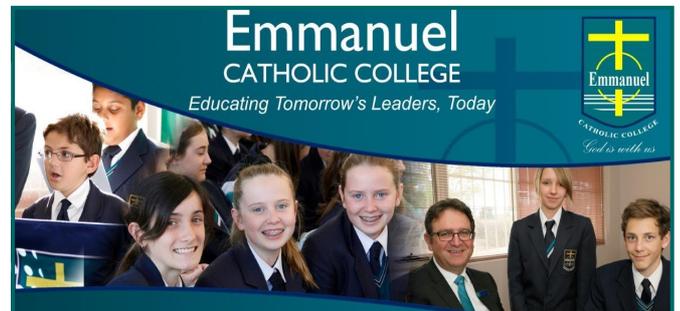
Face Painting

Sumo Suit Wrestling

Fairy Floss \$2

Giant Inflatable Soccer Field

All activities FREE



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For further information and bookings please contact our Registrar on 9414 4055 or email: lister.kelly@emmanuel.wa.edu.au

www.emmanuel.wa.edu.au

Current Emmanuel Enrolment Opportunities

Have you enrolled your child at Emmanuel yet?

It is not too late to do so, as there are limited places still available in our 2016 Year 7 intake which is currently being finalised.

We have also commenced our

2017 Year 7 Enrolment Interviews

so now is the time to act.

For further information please contact our Registrar

Mrs Kelly Lister on 9414 4055

or email lister.kelly@emmanuel.wa.edu.au



Skoolbag

Skoolbag Smartphone App for Parents and Students

Skoolbag is a mobile app that communicates directly to parent smartphones. It allows the school to keep you up to date with the latest news, notices, alerts, newsletters etc. Parents can check Skoolbag at any time to see the latest updates and information. It is FREE for parents to use.

How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

iPhone Users

Simply search for "Mater Christi Catholic Primary School" in the App Store on your phone, PC or Mac, and install.



Android Users

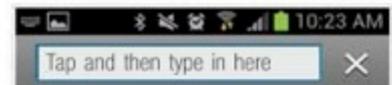
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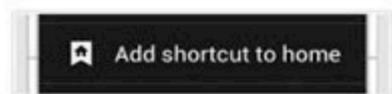
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Type www.skoolbag.com.au/mccpswa into the address bar.



Step 3

Once loaded you can save the Skoolbag icon to your home screen for easy access every day. For example with a Samsung Galaxy S2 & S3 phone, tap the menu button, then tap the "Add Shortcut to Home".



Step 4

The Skoolbag icon will then show on your home screen. This provides a shortcut to make it easy to view updates each day.



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