

# Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Volume 5



March 2, 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers



## ***SCHOOL MANTRA 2018***

*"Be a voice, not an echo"*



### **The 3rd Sunday in Lent** John 2:13-25

In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus acts like a fiery prophet, driving out the money-changers who desecrate the Temple. We are led to consider: How might we 'cleanse' and 'unclutter' the holy temple of our own God-given lives to make room for God's loving presence and action? We might ask ourselves; Are our days being overrun by the busyness of work, material pursuits, addictions or unhealthy habits? This Lent, in reflection, we can call upon the help of the Holy Spirit to assist us in taking a 'cleansing' step. We can begin to reclaim the truth of who we are in all our God-given goodness.

### **Kindergarten 2019**

Whilst the current school year has just begun, we are now taking enrolments and will be conducting interviews for the final places available for Kindergarten 2019. If you know of any family members or friends who would like to have their family be a part of the Mater Christi community please encourage them to visit the school website for an Enrolment Form or come into the Office as soon as possible so they don't miss out.



### **Best Wishes**

We would all like to wish Mrs Laura Barker the very best as she begins her Parental Leave next week. Laura was one of the Year Four teachers last year and for the last five weeks has been relieving teachers for the beginning of the year assessments. Thank you, Laura and enjoy the next few weeks as you and Adam prepare for the birth of your first child.



### **Year Six Camp**



Next Tuesday our Year Six students, their teachers and extra staff will be setting off on our annual school camp. There is much excitement and some nerves too. The children are going to enjoy an action packed four days and three nights with hopefully some sleep in between too. *Happy packing this weekend everyone!*

## **DATES FOR NEXT WEEK (WK 6)**

Monday  
March 5

PUBLIC HOLIDAY  
LABOUR DAY

Tuesday  
March 6

Year 6 Camp

Wednesday  
March 7

Year 6 Camp

Thursday  
March 8

Year 6 Camp

Friday  
March 8

Year 6's return from  
Camp  
9am Assembly

Saturday  
March 9

Confirmation  
commitment Mass

Sunday  
March 10

Confirmation  
commitment Mass

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## Canteen Money

During the last two-three weeks it has come to my attention that some children are bringing large amounts of money to spend at the canteen at recess and lunch time (this does not include money for lunch). Some children bring \$10, \$20 and even \$50 to buy items at recess/lunch. Some have also begun sharing their canteen money with other children.

The teachers and I have spoken to the children reiterating that their money is only for themselves and their sibling/s. Children should only bring up to \$5.00 to spend at the canteen for recess and lunch (excluding lunch order).

If any children bring more, the canteen ladies will advise the classroom teacher so that they are able to speak with the child and communicate with you too.

I encourage parents to access the canteen online orders for recess and lunch as this will help to minimise money issues.

I was reading an article this week by Parent Educator, Michael Grose, who offers some helpful ideas to parents in helping children to have a positive school start and experience. The following points were mentioned:

**1. Be positive about school.**

Children take their cues from their parents. Being confident and positive with them increased the likelihood of them feeling more confident in their approach to school.

**2. Develop your child's independence.**

Children with age appropriate self-sufficiency skills generally find a new situation easier to handle than those that have had everything done for them. Home responsibilities and expecting that they can do things to help others is important here.

**3. Teach social etiquette.**

School is about making friends and working with others. Children learn these skills through activities like play dates, family gatherings and family mealtimes and through parent modelling. Insisting on the use of good manners and respectful behaviour teaches children to value this attitude in life.

**4. Be aware of what is happening at school.**

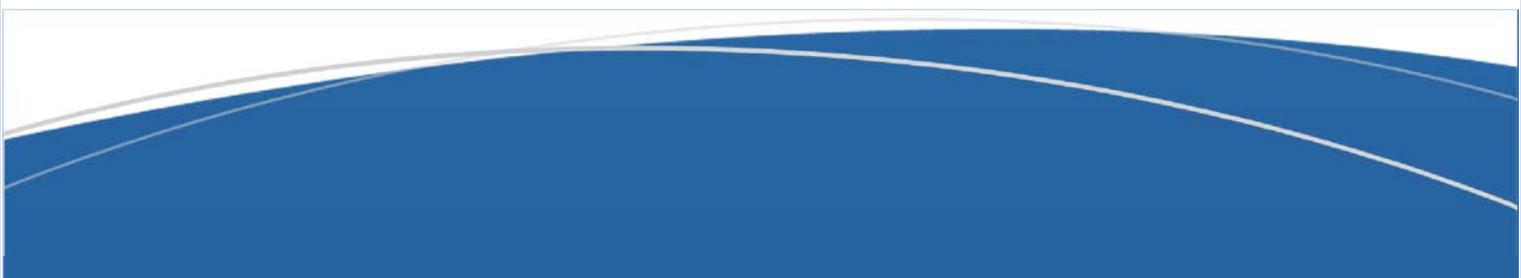
Take the time to know what is happening at school through the communications offered, so that you are able to take an interest in your child's school life and be engaged where you can. If you convey that being connected to the life of our school is important, your child will see this as important too.

*(Adapted from 'Helping Children Make a Bright Start to School' in INSIGHTS, [www.parentingideas.com.au](http://www.parentingideas.com.au))*



*I hope everyone has done something special during our  
Wellness Week  
and wish everyone a very pleasant long weekend.  
See you all on Tuesday.*

*God Bless,  
Toni Kalat*



## Religious Education

Thank you to those parents who attended the General Sacramental Meeting on Wednesday night. Father Dat and Marina from our Parish presented a very informative session highlighting the meaning and the reasons for the sacraments and important "housekeeping" matters.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent – Project Compassion – brings you Martina's Story

For Martina, an East Timorese mother of eight, escaping domestic violence was the first step in her journey to a new life. But at first, her future seemed very uncertain. Timor-Leste is one of the least developed countries in the world, with extremely low levels of basic health, literacy and income. Most East Timorese live in rural areas, with very limited access to basic services or livelihood training and many households don't have enough food year-round.

The shelter where Martina sought refuge, Uma PAS, offered her many ways to transcend these challenges. Uma PAS is a partner in Caritas Australia's Protection Program, a holistic community-wide program in Timor-Lest that offers women like Martina economic empowerment and a life of safety in a supportive community.

Through the program, she was linked with a network of support services, and this enabled her to undertake livelihood training and start a small business to support her children. The program also linked her with a supportive community.

"Martina is a person who did not want to give up, but wanted to be able to support her family," her counsellor at the shelter says. Through the Protection Program, Martina says, "I have learnt how to change my life to support myself, and my children."

Your donation to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion provides support to programs such as Uma PAS.

[www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au)

Be good.

Nik Hofmeester, Assistant Principal

## Physical Education

### SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2018

(Year 4 - 6)



#### Important Reminders

Date - Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> of March 2018

Venue - Cockburn ARC



Time - 9:00pm to 2:15pm. (Lunch at approximately 11:40am - 12:00pm)

- **STUDENTS NEED TO BE AT SCHOOL AT 8:15am. BUSES WILL LEAVE AT 8:35am SHARP!**
- **Spectators are \$2.50. All students need a swim cap that can be purchased for \$3.00 (Office)**
- Parents please join in the fun and support your team. Students would love to share lunch with you!
- **A draft program has been pinned up in the undercover area. Please check it out and make sure your children have too. They need to know what races they are in.**
- Please ensure children wear their sports uniform on top of their bathers and have warm clothing available. **When children are not racing they should be covered up.**
- Children should have a towel or two, swimming cap, water, healthy snacks for lunch, sun screen and a hat.
- **Important - Children should listen to the teachers in the bay carefully so they don't miss their races.**
  - **Parents must stay in the spectator area (seating provided), not near the finish line.**
  - The chief judges decision is final.
- **The swimming carnival is a normal school day. No one should leave until after the presentations unless permission has been sought.**
  - If you are collecting your child please inform your child's class teachers after the carnival.
- Parent Help is required. We would love to offer half day (rather than full day) positions if we get enough helpers.

# MISS MAC'S IT CORNER

# ROBLOX

Keeping up with the latest in online gaming can be a multi-level challenge for parents - especially when what's 'cool' seems to change at the speed of a mouse-click. One of today's most popular games is also one of the most dangerous.

## **What is it?**

Roblox is a vast online platform where kids can create and interact in what its makers describe as "immersive 3D worlds." Players are given the opportunity to create an avatar (player) for themselves and allotted a small amount of digital money to rent a house.

## **Why is it such a risk to children?**

The social interaction amongst players is the biggest issue. The purpose of Roblox is for players to interact and make friends. This is achieved by wandering around the online world and stopping to talk with other players within an unmoderated chat feature. Like any online multiplayer game, there is little to no control over the types of people or age limits of those playing the game. Despite the fact that strict chat filters can be activated - blocking inappropriate words and phrases - children are still susceptible to being targeted by online predators.

## **How can you protect your kids?**

- Users, both under and over the age of 13, have the ability to limit or disable entirely who can chat with them both on the site or in-game, who can send them messages, and who can follow them into games or invite them to [VIP Servers](#).
- These settings can be adjusted from within the Privacy Tab of the [Account Settings](#) page, accessed by clicking on the gear icon in the upper right corner of the site. Players age 12 and younger can select either **Friends** or **No one**, while players age 13 and older have additional options on who can interact with them.
- Users also have the option to add a four-digit [Parental PIN](#) to help ensure that the desired account settings are locked in place. Once a PIN is added, it will be needed to make changes to the account info, and security and privacy settings.

**Miss Katie McNally**

*IT Co-ordinator*

Sourced from

<https://www.familyzone.com/blog/roblox-parents-review>

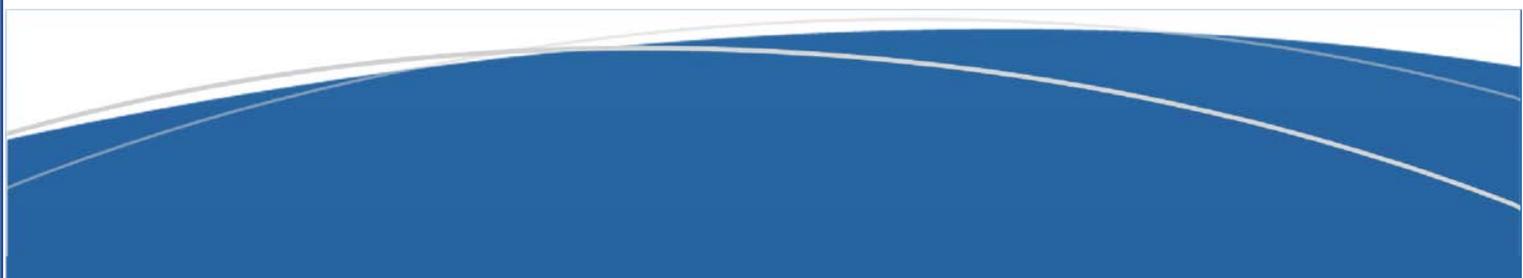
<https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent>

Helpful Websites

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent>

<https://corp.roblox.com/parents/>

<https://corp.roblox.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Connect-Safely-Roblox-Parents-Guide.pdf>





### Year 6 Leadership Day

On Monday, the 26<sup>th</sup> February, Mr Clayden ran a Leadership Day with the Year 6's to teach them about what it means to be a leader, the importance of self-belief and trust. His helpers, Evie and Aaron, came in for a block to teach us about how to live a balanced life and the importance of teamwork. In the final session, all of the MCPS Year 6 Captains learnt more about teamwork and how to plan an event. Throughout the day, we participated in spectacular activities to help us build a positive team environment.

All the Year 6's would like to thank Mr Clayden and his team for teaching us that anyone can be a leader as long as you try.

*Written by our Year 6 Student Leaders (SRC's)*



## Condolences



We extend our condolences to the Rijavec family (Tayla, Year 6 and Olivia, Year 4) on the sad passing of their Great Nanna. We pray for peace and comfort during their time of such loss.

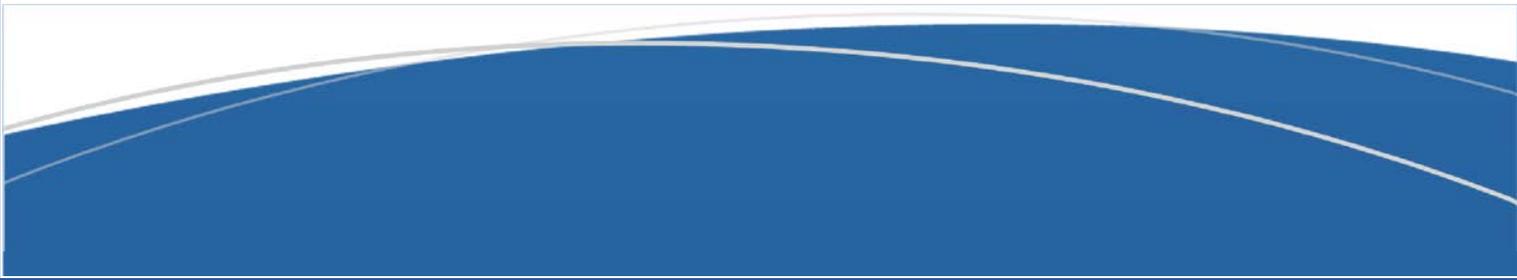
## Congratulations

Last weekend, Mrs Donna Johnson (Year 1) was a baton bearer for the Commonwealth Games. Here are some exciting pictures from her involvement in the event. It was wonderful to see so many people from our school community support her and we're sure it will be a treasured memory for all involved!



## Welcome!

Congratulations to the Rioli family on the birth of their beautiful baby girl Remy Belle Rioli. She was born Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> of February weighing 8lb,15oz. We warmly welcome her to our community and wish their family many wonderful moments, much sleep and cuddles!



## Board Newsletter Report – February 2018

The Board met for the first time this week in preparation for an exciting 2018.

Your board members for the 2018 school year are

**PRINCIPAL  
CHAIRPERSON  
TREASURER  
SECRETARY  
P&F BOARD REPRESENTATIVE  
PARISH PRIEST  
MEMBERS:**

**Miss Toni Kalat  
Mr Mark Clayden  
Mr Luke Zammit  
Mrs Jodi Hampel  
Mrs Leonie Jones  
Fr Dat Vuong  
Mrs Karen Simons  
Mr Dinny Kutty  
Mr George Grasa**

### **WOW week 5 already!!**

A huge thank you to all the teaching staff, teacher assistants and administration staff for their efforts in getting the school year up and running. Every year our staff at Mater Christi go above and beyond to make sure that our children transition into the new year quick and easy. Events such as the Parent Information Evening, Commissioning Mass, Swimming trials and in class assessment all require a great deal of work outside the class room and the board acknowledges the efforts of all involved.

### **Oval development**

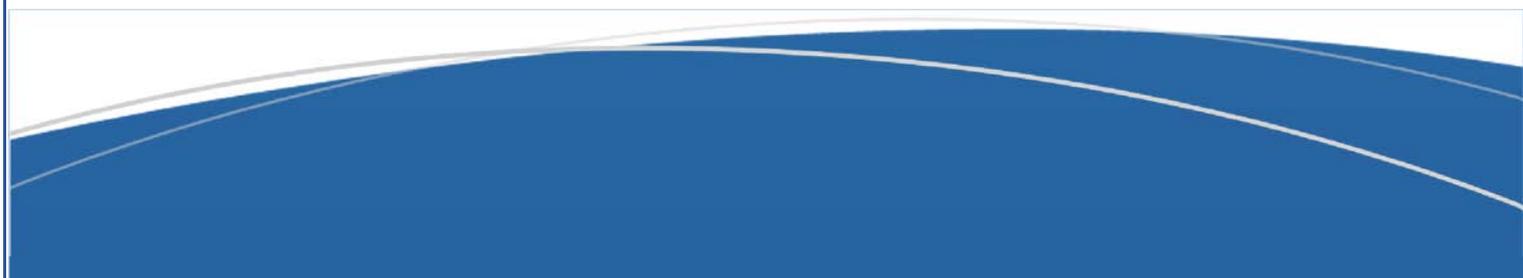
Discussions with the Cockburn Council will continue in the early part of the year as we look to work together in establishing a project plan for the future.

### **Capital Development Plan**

In 2018 the school will embark on Stage 1 of the Capital Development Plan (CDP), which was presented at last years AGM. The CDP has many objectives for the future however in the early stages we are looking to:

- Provide physical changes to the school environment (toilets) to make our children feel safe when using these facilities.
- Improve the efficiency for staff and students in using these facilities in their day to day operations.
- Provide staff with facilities that allow them to provide innovative and contemporary teaching in the class rooms.
- Provide staff with facilities that promote a positive work environment.

Wishing you all a wonderful long weekend and some quality family time together after wellness week.



## School Community

### P&F News

Many thanks to the parents who supported the P&F's Sundowner last Friday. It was very well attended, with parents making the most of an opportunity to get together early in the year and to welcome new parents to the school. The remarkable spirit of our community was highlighted during the tragic event that took place on the night and we thank all parents who selflessly responded to the emergency.

Congratulations to Karen Simons who won the \$100 Board prize and to Nell Gibson who won the door prize of a \$50 Target Voucher.

### 2018 Dad's and Kids Campout – **STOP PRESS!!!!**

SOLD OUT!!! Please email [leahrheinberger@hotmail.com](mailto:leahrheinberger@hotmail.com) to be put on the waitlist.

The oval is not being utilised for this event for the safety and security of the families and the school.

## 2018 Dads and Kids "Camp Out"

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March 4pm - Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March 10am Camp fee  
\$10 per family

Hey kids, grab your dad or father figure and come down to the school for a campout at Mater Christi!

### Important information

- The campout is on the grassed areas *within the school grounds*, starting from 4pm on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March. There will be no camping on the oval.
- A suggested timetable is shown as much as possible with your dad
  - plan together
  - shop together
  - pack together
- Families are invited to bring their own camp gear. If you don't have gear, you can hire it from the P&F, in addition to the camp fee. Bottled water will be available for dinner and breakfast. A general first aid kit will be available.
- This is an open event.
- Please bring any medications required including Ventolin or Epipens. A general first aid kit will be available.
- Open to all families with school aged children currently attending Mater Christi Catholic Primary School. Children can attend with one parent or an adult guardian. If Dad isn't available then please come along with Mum.

### Suggested Timetable

#### SATURDAY

##### Morning / afternoon

- Take the kids shopping for your snacks
- Pack your camping gear i.e. tent, swags, sleeping bags, pillow, torch, extra snacks/soft drinks, mozzie repellent
- Please BYO plates, cups and cutlery
- Please ensure you bring warm clothes
- Please bring money for the coffee van

##### Evening

- 4pm - Arrive at school
- 4pm - Set up your camp
- 5pm - Dinner and safety briefing
- 6pm - Dinner together
- 7pm - Lights out for kids
- 8pm - Bed

#### SUNDAY

##### 7:00am

- Breakfast underway BYO plates and cups (food supplied, cooked by Dads)
- Coffee Van

##### 10.00am

- Pack up and head off

##### At home

- Kids help Dad unpack the car, clean and put away your camping gear.

EVENT CONTACT  
Trampas Hall  
a/h 0417 952 003

## Community News

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**SPORTS for SCHOOLS**  
2018

**SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL AND GET COLLECTING**

**coles**

### Coles Sports for Schools

Mater Christi is registered for **Coles Sports for Schools** this year. Any collected tokens can be placed in the Mater Christi boxes in Coles stores at Beeliar, Gateways and South Lake or Mater Christi admin. Online shoppers can also accumulate digital tokens by selecting Mater Christi in the shopping/checkout process.

**EXPLORE EMMANUEL**  
2018

**20**  
EMMANUEL  
CATHOLIC COLLEGE

**14 March - 4PM**  
**COLLEGE TOUR**

RSVP: [emmanuel.wa.edu.au](mailto:emmanuel.wa.edu.au)  
Registrar Enquiries: 9414 4055  
Email: [enrolments@emmanuel.wa.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@emmanuel.wa.edu.au)

Applications for Enrolment for Year 7 2020 are now due and available on our website. Interviews have commenced and we envisage all places will be filled by the end of Semester 1 2018. Catholic students and siblings need to enrol now, as late applications will be placed on a waiting list.

EDUCATING TOMORROW'S LEADERS, TODAY



### Open Mornings 2018

Tuesday 13 March  
Thursday 22 March  
Monday 10 September



**CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE**  
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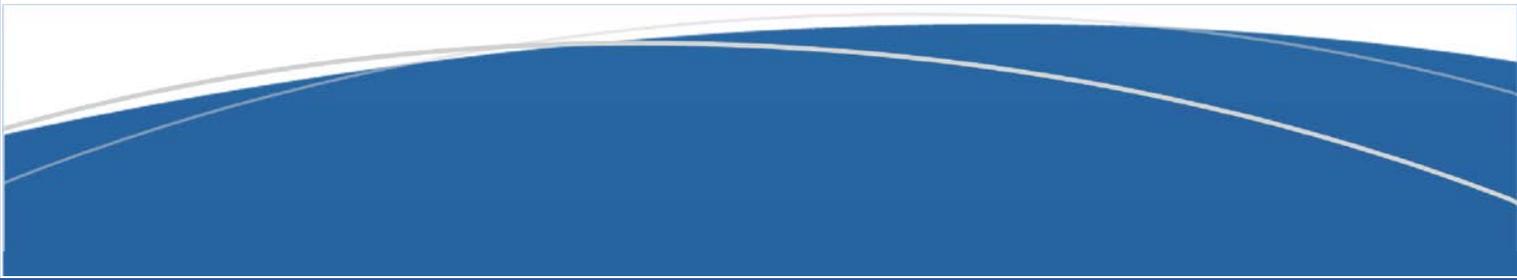
**OPEN DAYS**

WEDNESDAY MARCH 14 or  
MONDAY MARCH 26  
9AM - 11AM

Corpus Christi College will be hosting two open days this term.

We would like to invite prospective families and students to join us by registering your attendance at:

[www.corpus.wa.edu.au/opendays](http://www.corpus.wa.edu.au/opendays)



# ROCK+WATER

- Are you...* the parent or caregiver, of a child aged eight to 14 years?  
*Do you...* want to enhance your child's self-confidence, and self-awareness and self-regulation abilities?  
*If so...* this activity-based workshop is for you, and your child!

The Rock & Water program leads from simple self-defence, boundary and communication exercises; aiming to create a strong notion of self-confidence.

The program offers a framework of exercises that enables young people to become more aware of the purpose and motivation in their life; in-particular how to deal with power, strength and powerlessness.

## *This workshop will explore:*

- communication skills and interpretation of body language cues;
- grounding, centredness and mental strength;
- Practical anti-bullying strategies;
- basic self-defence skills; and
- positive feelings, thoughts & visualisation.

**Where:** Relationships Australia West Leederville – 22 Southport Street, West Leederville

**When:** Saturday 24 March 2018 **Times:** 8:30am – 12:30pm

**Fee:** \$70.00 per pair

Places are limited - please contact (08) 6164 0200 to register today!

For more detail about our courses and seminars, click [here](#) or visit [www.relationshipswa.org.au](http://www.relationshipswa.org.au)

*It would be great to see you!*



*Relay*

## *What's on... in West Leederville?*

- Are you...* experiencing challenges in one, or some, of your relationships?  
*Do you...* want to strengthen, nurture and sustain the relationships you share with those special to you?  
*If so...* these seminars are for you, and being offered in West Leederville!

We, at Relationships Australia, are proud to offer the following parenting courses and seminars, to the community of West Leederville, and surrounds!

### ONE-NIGHT SEMINARS:

<i>Mums Raising Boys</i>	Thu 08 Mar - 6:30pm - 9:00pm
<i>Dads Raising Teenage Boys</i>	Thu 15 Mar - 6:30pm - 9:00pm
<i>Mums Raising Teenage Boys</i>	Thu 15 Mar - 6:30pm - 9:00pm

### LONG COURSES:

<i>Parent Child Connection</i>	Mon 12,19,26 Mar & 09 Apr - 6:30pm - 9:00pm
<i>Understanding Stepfamily Relationships</i>	Fri 16 Mar - 6:30pm - 9:00pm, Sat 17 Mar - 1:00pm - 5:00pm, Sun 18 Mar - 10:00am - 1:00pm

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