

# Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers



## **SCHOOL MANTRA 2018**

*"Be a voice, not an echo"*

## **Sunday's Gospel Account**



"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." John 6: 41 – 51. Imagine

someone today saying to our Bishops and Priests that he/she is the living bread that came down from heaven, there would be a fair chance they would question the wellness of that person. Jesus at the time had a fair number of people following him because of his miracles and the parables he was teaching. The chief priests and rabbis were understandably taken aback by his proclamations. Eventually they would kill him for this. The story of Jesus is well over 2000 years old. Jesus is acknowledged by all the major religions, including the Jewish and Islamic faiths. Jesus, made an impact like no other. How many other names throughout history are as famous as his? If his life was for nothing, then why all the fuss and stories about him? Why do we choose to follow him?

**Holy Communion** This weekend our last three groups of children will be receiving their First Holy Communion at either the 6pm, 8am or 10am Masses. Mrs Woodhouse will be joining Mrs O'Donnell, Miss Chamberlain and staff members in support of our children and their families. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

**Year One Assembly** Congratulations to our Year One students and the Year One staff. They were a joy to watch full of confidence and their smiles said it all. It was a FULL HOUSE in our Community Centre today with parents, grandparents and friends coming along to watch our super stars.

## **DATES FOR NEXT WEEK (WEEK 5)**

**Wellness Week!**  
**Science Week**  
**Bishops' Religious Literacy Assessment Year 3**

Monday 13 August	Year 6 Lifeskills Incursion
Tuesday 14 August	Cyber Safety Information Session (MCCC) Yrs 5 & 6: 11:00am – 12:30pm Parent Session 1: 1:20pm Parent Session 2: 5:45pm Year 1 Excursion to Herdsman Wildlife Centre.
Wednesday 15 August	Uniform Shop Open Times: 8:10-10:30am 1:20-3:20pm School Banking 9am Whole School Mass (APRE) <i>Assumption of Mary</i>
Thursday 16 August	Primary Choral Singing Junior and Senior Choir/ Year 6 Vocal Ensemble
Friday 17 August	Year 6 RoboCup Showcase Year 4 Fremantle Prison Excursion
Saturday 18 August	
Sunday 19 August	

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**Feast of the Assumption of Mary** Next Wednesday the Catholic Church around the world celebrate this lovely Feast Day acknowledging how special Mary was and is to everyone. Please join us for our Whole School Mass at 9am.

**Cyber Safety with Paul Litherland** On Tuesday, Paul Litherland from Surf Online Safe will be presenting two Cyber Safety Sessions for parents:

Session One - 1.20pm – 2.45pm

Session Two – 5.45pm – 7.00pm

Paul has served in the WA Police Force as well as the Technology Crime Investigation Unit.

As the parent of a teenager, he has added insight and awareness of the fear and apprehension parents have regarding the internet and the dangers that are out there. He believes, "It is important to take a holistic approach to internet use to make users more aware of risk, rather than simply say "Don't do this" or "Don't do that". Paul is also an ex-Mater Christi parent. Our Year Five and Six students will attend a workshop with Paul on Tuesday from 11am – 12.30pm. I hope that many parents will take this opportunity to attend one of the sessions to help keep themselves informed.



**Wellness Week** - With Wellness Week commencing on Monday it is once again an opportunity to stop and slow down to acknowledge and appreciate family life where homework is replaced with activities that bring everyone together. The staff and students from PP – Yr 6 will enjoy sharing in a variety of activities across the year levels next Thursday afternoon. Photo highlights

will be shared in next week's Newsletter.

**Finals of the Long Bomb, Kwik Kick and Fast Ball competitions** Some of our Mater Christi students have made it to the final of the competition which will be held at the Dockers v Carlton game on Sunday. Congratulations to all of them and we wish them the very best. Let's hope that our children's great skills and passion inspire the Dockers to a win!

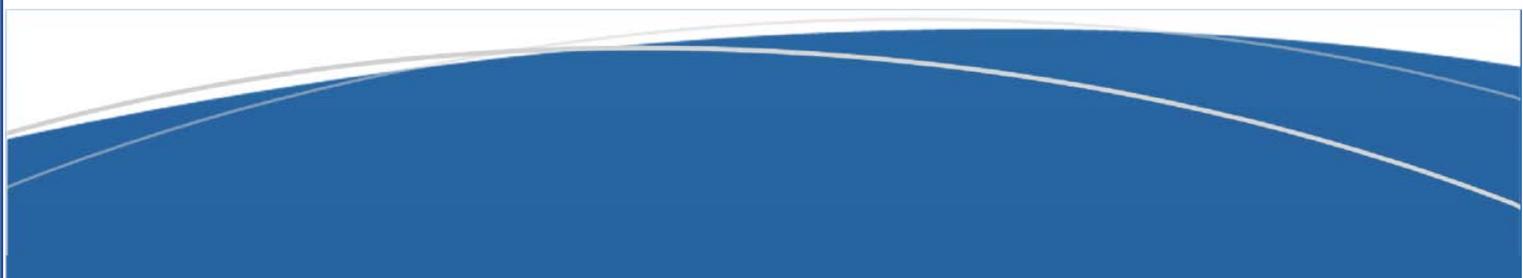
**League Tag Competitions** Mater Christi students continue to put every effort into representing our school with enthusiasm, exemplary sportsmanship and in doing their best. Last Tuesday at the League Tag Interschool Competition both teams gave it their all and we have been invited to the State Finals. Congratulations to the Year 5 & 6 students who represented our school. We are very proud of you.

### **Congratulations**

Well done to our Liturgical Dancers who performed in the Catholic Performing Arts Festival. They were awarded a Merit Award in the Christian Dance category.

On Monday, two students represented Mater Christi in the City of Cockburn's Tree Planting Day, commemorating the anniversary of Hiroshima.

*God Bless,  
Toní Kalat*



## Religious Education

### The Feast of Mary MacKillop

Last Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> of August was the Feast of Mary MacKillop. Mary MacKillop is Australia's first and only Saint and to celebrate her Feast Day, our classes held prayer services for her. Our Year 3 and Year 4 classes buddied up and held their services together in the church, which was led by the Leadership Team. After the service the classes completed a tour of our magnificent church. They were educated on the wonderful artwork, sculptures and symbolism within the church and with a special emphasis on the Mary MacKillop Shrine. Our Year 1A class joined their buddy class and celebrated together as pictured below. Thank you to all our teachers who prepared and celebrated this great day for our great Australian Saint.

### Sleeping Bag Drive

At assembly this morning we were joined by Mrs Amanda Dunlop who spoke to us about the work of her community, The Holy Spirit of Freedom and how they support the people who live on the streets of Perth. She along with others, actively meet and work with these people who are from all different backgrounds, providing them with food, clothing, blankets and a friendly chat. Our donated sleeping bags will support her community's cause and provide some warm bedding for those who are in need on these cold nights. We have now around 70 donated sleeping bags in our trailer. Thank you to those who have already donated and those who are planning to in the future – Once again this is evidence that our Mater Christi community works hard to "walk the talk" and put faith into action and live our motto of "Charity in our Hearts". A very big thank you to Getaways Camping on Armadale Road. They have kindly offered to sell good quality sleeping bags at cost price.

### Holy Communion

The last of our Year 4 students will receive their First Holy Communion this weekend. We support them with our prayers and hope they have a wonderful experience when they receive this very special Sacrament and then enjoy some quality time celebrating with family and friends.

### Bishop's Literacy Assessment

Congratulations to our Year 5 students who completed the assessment on Thursday. Next week our Year 3 students will be participating in the assessment. We wish them all the best.

God Bless,

Mr Hofmeester – Assistant Principal, Religious Education



# Safeguarding Matters



**Safeguarding Project** Director, Andrea Musulin, refers to the three ingredients in the recipe for crime: Motivation, knowledge and opportunity. The Safeguarding Project targets opportunity through Safeguarding Officers and through educational programs such as Protective Behaviours.

**Protective Behaviours** acknowledges children are vulnerable as they don't have the knowledge and skills to defend themselves. *"They lack knowledge on sexual issues (but it is not about) ... learning about sex, ... it is to ... (provide) a range of strategies to increase ... personal safety ... (while) not giving them sexual knowledge beyond their years."* It involves ... (so called) 'Baskets of Knowledge'. A child of six would have a full basket of knowledge about stealing but an empty basket about sex. *"If asked to steal a chocolate bar they could draw on their basket to "push back" against doing that, ... (but) if asked to take part in a sexual "game" they wouldn't have anything to draw on."* Protective Behaviours provides the "pushback" by teaching how *"it's not okay to play games with your private parts ... or to touch it ... or touch others' ... or to have it photographed"*.<sup>(1)</sup>

To learn how parents can teach their children Protective Behaviours, refer to the Safeguarding page on the Parish website, the Parent handbook on "Protecting God's Children" or the workshop during **Child Protection Week**. Workshops include: "Protecting God's Children"; "Cyber Safety"; "Love, Sex and Relationships for Teenagers". **The Child Protection Breakfast** is on Tuesday 4 September at 7:30am at the Duxton Hotel and don't forget **the Safeguarding Competition** for school children. The overall winner receives a \$500 gift voucher. Entries due Sunday August 19. Entry forms are available in the Church Foyer or from the school.

1. Quotes from the Protective Behaviours video at <http://www.materchristiparish.com/Content/safeguarding>

## Rainbows

When something significant happens in the family, the whole family is affected. Even though death and divorce appear to be a grown-up problem, it does have a profound effect on the children it touches. Rainbows is a program designed especially for children who are living in single parent families, or families going through significant transitions. Rainbows fosters emotional healing among children grieving a loss from a life-altering crisis or other significant changes in their life. Rainbows provides a safe, confidential and caring environment for children to sort through their pain and confusion, build self-esteem and learn coping tools to deal with their change, loss and grief. The goal is to assist participants in expressing feelings, understand and talk about these feelings and to learn to let go of them and get on with living. The facilitator assists the participants in expressing feelings. The program consists of twelve weekly sessions conducted during school hours. This year the staff member trained to facilitate the Rainbows Program is Michelle Romano. If you are interested in your child participating, please email [admin@mcps.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@mcps.wa.edu.au) or speak to your child's classroom teacher.



## School News

### Congratulations

Congratulations are in order for Mr and Mrs Bolton! They have just welcomed a new brother for Mason (1B) and Mateo (3A). Mater Christi welcome your new son to the community and pray for good health and much sleep over this joyous time!



### Lost Property

If anybody finds a gold ring with a little bow on the school grounds, its owner would greatly appreciate its return. Please hand in to the school reception if found! Thank you kindly.

**Congratulations** to Emily Swann (6B) on receiving a sports scholarship to Darling Range High!

### Congratulations



Well done to Chloe Cowan (6B) and Daisy Gadsden (5B) for their wonderful achievements at 'Star Struck'. This is a new Dance Challenge which is held at the Kalamunda performing Arts Centre. Chloe achieved 1st in under 12 Lyrical, Contemporary, Hip Hop and under 14 Hip Hop Troupes and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Jazz Troupe. For her solo performances in her age category Chloe achieved 1st for Hip Hop, Contemporary, Jazz and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Lyrical. Chloe then topped it off with the highest score Intermediate Dancer for the challenge.

Daisy achieved 1<sup>st</sup> in under 12 Lyrical Troupe and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Jazz Troupe. For solo performances in her age category, Daisy achieved 1<sup>st</sup> for Neo Classical, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Lyrical and a Special Mention for her Jazz.

Ex Mater Christi Student, Max, who also currently dances in a part-time dance program during the day, came 1<sup>st</sup> in under 14 Hip Hop Troupe and received an Honourable Mention in his age category for his Contemporary solo. Well done to the three of them for their top efforts. They all study at Eclipse Dance and Performing Arts School in Jandakot.



## Library News



### Book Week Parade!!

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August

Come dressed as your favourite book character OR get creative and follow this year's theme: 'Find Your Treasure'. Prizes will be awarded for best dressed!



**A Scholastic Book Fair is a fun event at your school that will enable a hands-on experience where children can discover a love of books and ignite a life-long passion for reading. After all, children read more, understand more, and are more likely to continue reading when they have access to many books, and have the opportunity to choose what they read.**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September (before school only)**

**Before school: 8:00-9:30am**

**After School: 2.30-3.30pm**

**Picture Books, Novels, Activity Books, Fiction, Non-Fiction and more!!!**  
**Eftpos and cash will be accepted on site.**

**'My Wish List' forms are available for parents that can't make the book fair. Children will be able to view books on sale during their library time. They can fill out their 'Wish list' form to bring home and discuss. Credit Card payments can be made online and then children can bring in the receipt number to collect their purchase.**

***Issue 6 of Book Club will not be handed out to classes as the dates coincide with our Book Fair. If you would still like to order from the issue please do so online. Orders will be processed on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.***

**Book Fairs are rewarding for our students and our School. It is a great way to celebrate reading and earn valuable resources for our school through the rewards earned from sales.**

SCHOLASTIC  **Book Fairs**

# JOIN THE FUN

PLAY CRICKET AT YOUR LOCAL CLUB AND LEARN NEW SKILLS WHILE PLAYING AUSTRALIA'S FAVOURITE SPORT



## JUNIOR BLASTERS AGES 5-7 | 60 MINS

- Learn new skills including catching, throwing and teamwork
- Make new friends or organise a group to learn together
- Wear the colours of your favourite Big Bash heroes in a personalised t-shirt
- All equipment supplied, parents join in the fun

### SIGN UP NOW TO GET YOUR JUNIOR BLASTERS PACK!

Includes t-shirt with your name on it and bucket hat in your choice of Big Bash team colour, bat & ball, personalised bat sticker sheet & progression tracker.



## MASTER BLASTERS AGES 7-10 | 90 MINS

- For kids with basic cricket skills
- Every kid gets a chance to bat, bowl and field
- Wear the colours of your favourite Big Bash heroes in your choice of coloured player cap
- Make new friends or organise a group to play together
- All equipment supplied, parents join the fun

### SIGN UP NOW TO GET YOUR MASTER BLASTERS PACK!

Includes player cap in your choice of Big Bash team colour & progression tracker.



## JUNIOR CRICKET AGES 9-17 | 2-4 HOURS

- Play junior cricket at your local club
- Short, action-packed games
- Enhanced game formats allowing for greater skill development
- Develop teamwork in a fun and competitive environment
- Join an existing team or join with a group of friends

### SIGN UP NOW TO ALL-GIRLS LEAGUES

FREE cricket clinic at Mater Christi !!!!

DAY : Tuesday, 14th August (school oval)

TIME : 8:15am - 8:45am bring your parents and friends !

\*\* SIMON MACKIN (Warriors) &

EMILY SMITH (Perth Scorchers) will be there \*\*

JOIN THE FUN AT YOUR LOCAL CLUB  
REGISTER AT [PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU](http://PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU)

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## School News

The ***Sporting Schools*** program will commence in Week 6 of Term 3 and run for four sessions. Athletics will be the terms focus for both Junior and Senior sessions.

Years 1-3 3:15-4:15pm	Years 4-6 3:15-4:15pm
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> August (Week 7)	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August (Week 6)
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September (Week 8)	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> August (Week 7)
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> September (Week 9)	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September (Week 8)
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> September (Week 10)	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September (Week 9)

There is no cost for this program as it is fully funded by the Federal Government. Before each activity children will meet the supervising teacher on the grassed area outside the library at 3:10pm where the roll will be taken. Parents are to collect their child from the **school oval at 4:15pm. Please be on time.** Student are required to bring a drink bottle, hat, joggers and sports clothing. Inclement weather **will not** force the cancellations of the session, as it will be held in the Mater Christi Community Centre in those circumstances. In the event of rain, please pick your child up from the Mater Christi Community Centre.

Permission notes are to be returned to **Miss Chamberlain in 4C**. Please do not return notes to your child's classroom teacher or the office.

Kind regards,  
Sally Chamberlain.

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## App of the Month – Music.ly



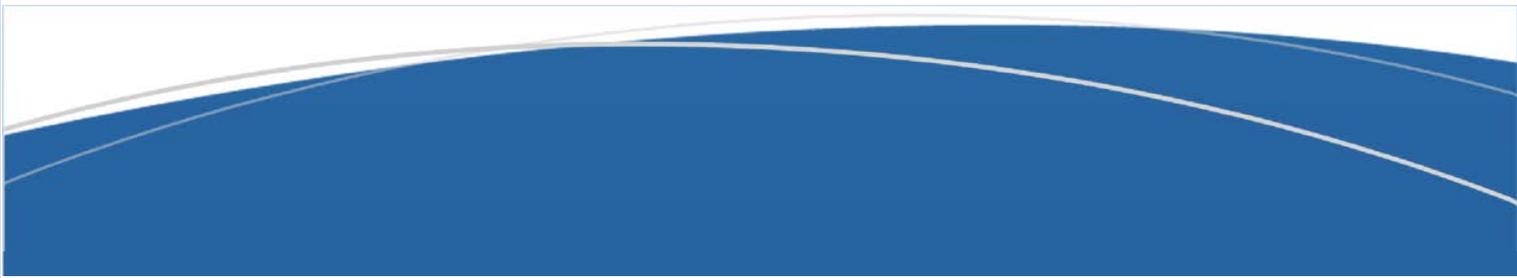
Musical.ly is a social media platform for creating, sharing and discovering short music videos. The app allows you to record and edit a 15 second music clip and share it with other users. It is important to remember that this app is intended for people over the age of 13, based on content warnings from the Office of the eSafety Commissioner.

This app has been very popular with our students recently. In order to encourage the students using this app to use it in a safe and appropriate way, please see a list of tips below that you may wish to discuss with your child.

- Make sure your security settings are enabled. Go to the 'Settings' tab and click on 'hide location'. This means that another user close by cannot search for you, and you aren't identifying your location via GPS.
- For the highest protection click on 'private account'. Go to your profile and click on the gear icon in the upper right-hand corner. Select 'settings' and scroll down to the 'private account' function. Private account means you will have to approve anyone who wishes to see your musicals and follow you.
- When creating a video, be vigilant about the information you share—for example, wearing your school uniform will indicate what school you attend.
- Think about what you want share on your account. Is it something you would want to say/share with someone in person? Is it appropriate for everyone to see?
- The only people who should be viewing your musicals are people you know. Do not accept requests from people you do not know.
- To block a user/" fan", go to their profile, press on the "... " in the upper right corner, and select "block this user." You can unblock a user on the same menu.
- If you see something that makes you uncomfortable, speak to a trusted adult.

For further information please visit <https://www.esafety.gov.au/esafety-information/games-apps-and-social-networking/musically>

Thank you,  
Katie McNally IT Coordinator | Class 5A & Enrichment Teacher



## P&F News

### P&F Meeting

Thank you to all of the parents who stayed after the Year One assembly to attend our daytime P&F meeting. With a great turnout, alternating the meeting format to a day will be considered for 2019.

### The Good Cup Cafe

Thank you to the parents who volunteered to run the Cafe again this week, which saw us gather inside on another chilly winter morning. It was great to see the regulars along with some new faces enjoying a cuppa and a chat with the Year 5 teachers. Our new Lavazza coffee machine worked a treat!



### An Afternoon on the Green

Can you help? We are seeking parents or anyone in your extended family and who have some skills and talents to help on the day! Are you:

- a DJ
  - musician
  - sports talent
  - face painter
  - florist
  - crafty crochet and knitter
  - dunk tank participant (spots filling fast!)
- ... or anything else that you could would be entertaining on the day!!

We will require many parent volunteers on the day for one to two hours to assist at the P&F stall and various activities. If you would like to be involved, please email Michelle Hall [michellehall080@gmail.com](mailto:michellehall080@gmail.com).

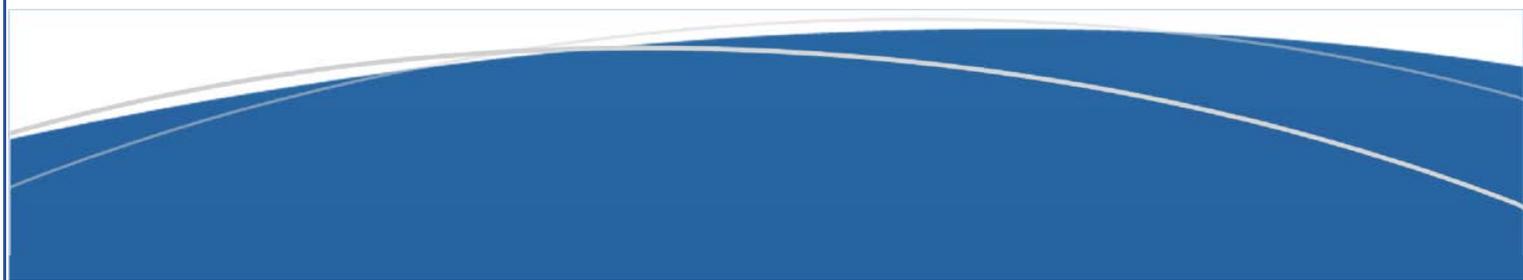
The P&F encourages all families to come along and enjoy these activities and events within our school community.

### Indoor Football News

Mater Christi dads, a couple of friends and our own Fr Dat kicked off our first indoor 5-side social football on Wednesday evening at Emmanuel Catholic College.

Various levels of skill and enthusiasm were on display on the night, with a closely contested hour of football leading to the "Grey" team beating the "light" team 5 – 4. The game was enjoyed so much by all who participated that it was agreed to do it all again next week, same time, same place.

If you are interested in playing contact Allen on 0404 280126 for more details.



**The Fathering Project**

Attention Dads and Father Figures - Please join us at Mater Christi for beer and pizza on Wednesday 29th August at 6.30pm. We will have a speaker from the Fathering Project coming to speak about the important role of Dads, what the Fathering Project is and how they can help us start a group at Mater Christi. A Fathering Project Dad's Group provides an opportunity to have fun with your kids and become part of a strong and supportive network of Dads connected to your school. We hope to see you there. All enquires can be directed to the P&F email [mcpandf@outlook.com.au](mailto:mcpandf@outlook.com.au)



You are invited to join us for **BEER** and **PIZZA** to hear how you and your school could benefit from forming a

## **Fathering Project Dads' Group**

**Enjoy a fantastic opportunity for dads and father-figures to meet up, chat and be encouraged.**

**It WILL be** an informal yet informative event for Dads, Father Figures and school leaders. It will provide you info about the important role of Dads, what The Fathering Project is and how they can help us in starting a group at Mater Christi.

**It WON'T be** someone lecturing you on what you're doing wrong or trying to get you to do something you don't want to do.

**What is a Fathering Project Dads' Group:**

An opportunity to have fun with your kids and become part of a strong and supportive network of Dads connected to your school.



**Date:** 29<sup>th</sup> August 2018

**Venue:** Mater Christi PS Staff Room

**Time:** 6.30pm

**RSVP:** [allen.duffin@yahoo.com.au](mailto:allen.duffin@yahoo.com.au)

[www.thefatheringproject.org](http://www.thefatheringproject.org)

## Community News



### Kindy A Playdate Catch Up

**When:** 7<sup>th</sup> September

**Where:** Crocs Playcentre, Armadale road.

**Time:** 9:00am

**No need to RSVP. All queries to Laura Anchor on 0422 970 557**

### PPC Class Dinner

**Date:** Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August from 7pm

**Where:** The Meatball Bar in Fremantle.

**RSVP:** Please contact Karen Hearn on 0423 857 794 or email [kjhearn3@gmail.com](mailto:kjhearn3@gmail.com) by the 7<sup>th</sup> August.

If we have 10 or more attend, there will be a set menu for \$50 per head (which includes entrée, main and a dessert). A discount on drinks will be also be offered.

### 2B Coffee Catch Up

**When:** Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> August

**Where:** Sul Lago Café, Beeliar

**Time:** 9:15am

**RSVP:** 17<sup>th</sup> August 2018 to Adele Hugo on 0404 040 189

### Year 5's Rolloways

**When:** August 31<sup>st</sup>

**Where:** Rolloways

**Time:** 7:00-10:00pm

**No need to RSVP. All queries to Sarah on 040 675 459.**

## Community News



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

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### Real Kids in an Unreal World

with Maggie Dent



Building Resilience and Self-Esteem in Today's Children (10 Resilience Building Blocks)

Children need to have certain basic experiences to build the competencies that will help them manage life – the good, the bad and the ugly. Popular Australian parenting author and educator Maggie Dent published her bestselling book, *Real Kids in an Unreal World*, to help guide parents in raising children who are happy, healthy, strong, kind and resilient. In this seminar, Maggie will explore her common-sense, practical model of 10 building blocks for children birth-12.

She will present practical, common-sense ideas and strategies to make small changes in your home or classroom/centre, which will make a big difference to your children's cognitive, physical, psychological, emotional and social health later in life.

**Date:** Tuesday the 28th of August 2018  
**Time:** 6.30pm  
**Venue:** Salvado Catholic College  
115 Abernethy Road Byford (entry off Warrington Road)  
**Cost:** \$15  
**Tickets:** <https://www.trybooking.com/384591>  
**Inquiries:** fos@salvado.wa.edu.au



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**LITTLE ATHLETICS**

Jandakot Flyers Little Athletics Club  
**REGISTRATION DAY**  
Saturday September 1st 2018  
10am - 2pm  
Botany Park  
Macquarie Blvd, Hammond Park  
Enquiries to [jflacregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:jflacregistrar@gmail.com)