

Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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SCHOOL MANTRA 2017

'Never see a need without doing something about it.'

Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Dear Parents and Caregivers

First Week of Advent

This Sunday we commence the Church's Season of Advent. Whilst there have been Christmas decorations in the shops for weeks now, it is important that we remember why we have Christmas in the first place. Advent is a time of preparation, hope and waiting for the birth of Jesus.

In the readings at Mass during Advent, we will hear of the story of the Annunciation.

It is a story that we know well. Basically, Mary said 'Yes', to the angel Gabriel – but what was she saying yes to?

This is an amazing story of unconditional faith and trust. An angel visits a Jewish girl. She is to be married to Joseph in the near future. The angel comes to her and says that she will give birth to a baby, not any baby, but the Son of God. By saying yes, she is risking becoming an outcast by Joseph and his community. But she says yes – yes to giving birth to Jesus. And as we have said many times in the Hail Mary,

"Blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus"!

This story tells us about faith and trust. With God, all things are possible. God is beyond our understanding and we need to trust in God, and have faith. Mary, who would have been frightened with the angel's appearance, does not totally understand God's ways, but says *"Let what you have said be done"*.

We too do not understand God's ways, but our faith calls us to believe in God.

*Loving God, as we enter this Advent season,
We open all the dark places in our lives and memories
to the healing light of Christ.*

Show us the creative power of hope.

*Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,
That we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen*



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DATES FOR NEXT WEEK (WK 9)

Monday
December 4
Transition Morning
(K-6) 9.00am

Tuesday
December 5
Big Day Out (K-6)

Wednesday
December 6
Kindy Farewell (KA/KC)

Thursday
December 7
Kindy Farewell (KB/KD)
Big Day In
Graduation Mass 9.00am
Picnic on the Oval (BYO) & Food
Trucks 5.00pm
Presentation & Concert
6.00pm
Students released back to
parents 7.15pm

Friday
December 8
**LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS
FREE DRESS DAY
(Christmas Theme – Gold
Coin Donation)**

Saturday
December 9

Sunday
December 10

School Reports

Reports will be available next week on Wednesday afternoon. I thank the teachers who have spent much time in the thoughtful writing of them. This is a long task. The Leadership Team and I have enjoyed reading each child's report and seeing how they have applied themselves over the last six months, and made good and steady progress.

Please view our website <http://www.mcps.wa.edu.au/> and click on the CONEQT link then login to view your child's/ren's report.

Thanksgiving Mass

As a community of faith, it was very fitting that we end our school year with a Thanksgiving Mass, acknowledge our Year Six students and the staff who will be leaving Mater Christi at the end of this year. A lovely morning tea in the Community Centre followed this where we especially acknowledged two beautiful people – Sr Emmanuel and Mrs Dunsire. Thank you to Tina Stevens and her team for coordinating a lovely celebration. Thank you to so many of you who came along to be part of this special event.

School Uniform

At this time of the year, many children are beginning to grow out of their shoes and uniform with parents wisely waiting to buy new ones until the end of January. Coming home next week will be a copy of the Uniform Policy clearly stating the types of black school shoes and predominantly white sport shoes (jogger/sneaker) the children are to wear. Please read the policy carefully and look at the example images, as this will assist you in purchasing the correct shoes and explaining to your child why they can't have certain types of colourful sports shoes. Fad haircuts are best left for the Christmas school holidays including half a side of long hair and half a side short hair. Upon acceptance of enrolment to Mater Christi Catholic Primary School, all parents acknowledged that they would adhere to School Policies. The School Uniform Policy is an important one and I thank you for following this policy.

In 2018, the Uniform Shop will be open on Monday 29 January and Tuesday 30 January from 9am to 1pm.



UNIFORM POLICY

Congratulations

We now have our third staff baby due in 2018. Congratulations to Mrs Kirsty Cunningham and hubby Darren, on the very happy news that they are expecting their first child in May next year. Kirsty's heart is full of joy and the smile is very broad. We all wish them every blessing as they await the arrival of 'Baby Cunningham'.



Parking

We have been notified that the City of Cockburn Ranger has been alerted by residents and police on patrol to the fact that some of our parents have begun using the Yangebup Road section in front of our school and the cul de sac as a parking area. This is a non-parking area for us. Please use the top section of the oval for any overflow of parking, the grassed verge in front of the church and be patient in waiting for one another so that you won't be handed an Infringement Notice by the Ranger.

2018 IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES

Term Dates

TERM ONE WEDNESDAY 31 JANUARY – THURSDAY 12 APRIL

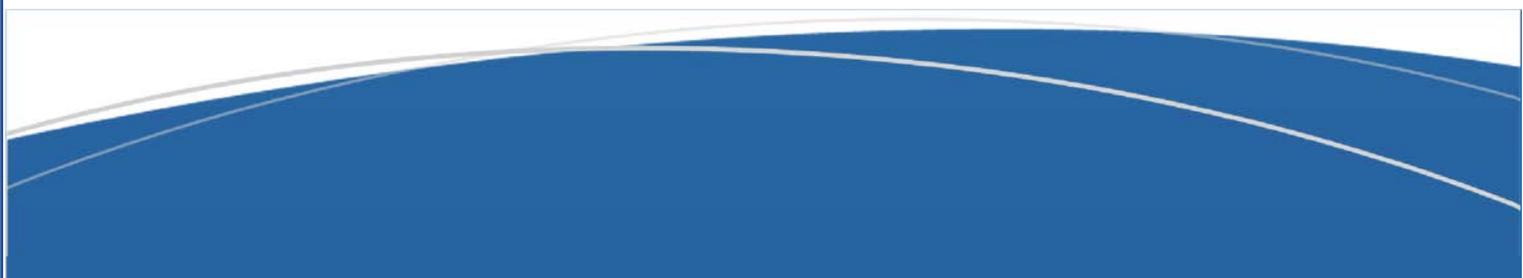
TERM TWO TUESDAY 31 APRIL – FRIDAY 29 JUNE

TERM THREE TUESDAY 17 JULY – FRIDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

TERM FOUR TUESDAY 9 OCTOBER – THURSDAY 13 DECEMBER

2018 Student Free Days & Public Holidays

Term One	Monday 5 March Easter - Friday 30 March, Monday 2 April & Tuesday 3 April Friday 13 April
Term Two	Monday 30 April Monday 4 June
Term Three	Monday 16 July Monday 20 August
Term Four	Monday 8 October



Wednesday 31 st January	Students Commence	PP-Yr 6, KA/KC
Thursday 1 st February	KB/KD Students	
Monday 5 th February	9am Whole School Mass/Blessing of Student Leaders and distribution of badges	
Tuesday 6 th February	Swimming Trials	Yrs 4-6 9.45am – 3pm
	Parent Info Night	Session 1 5.30pm-6pm
		Session 2 6.30pm -7pm
	Community Meeting	6-6.30pm



God Bless. Toni Kalat

Religious Education

Christmas Food Appeal

Once again, we have had an overwhelming response to the Christmas Food Appeal. It is heartening to see the giving spirit shared amongst our students. Helping those in need has enabled our students to experience Gospel values in a beautiful manner. Thank you for your generosity and support. We look forward to your continued support in 2018.



Mass



On **Thursday 7th December** at 9am we will be celebrating our Year 6 Graduation Mass. Family and friends are welcome to attend.

Term 4 Free Dress Day



Please bring in a **gold coin donation** for our final free dress day for the year on Friday 8th December, with everyone being encouraged to come dressed in a Christmas theme. All money raised will be donated to Caritas.

Parish

Advent

Advent is the liturgical season that precedes and prepares for Christmas. It is a season of hope and of longing, of joyful expectation and of peaceful preparation. Many symbols and traditions are associated with Advent, especially the Advent Wreath with its four colored candles (three purple and one pink). This Sunday 3rd December is the first Sunday of Advent.



School News

Our Soccer Stars

Thomas Rich and Daniel Khan have been selected to participate in the Juventus Academy World Cup held in Italy in 2018. Juventus run academies all over the world and they came to Australia for the first time in September. As a result of that academy, the camp was asked to participate in the World Cup. They had the first round of trials on Sunday and both boys received an acceptance letter this week.



Basketball Championships

Congratulations to Millar Rank, Koby Arnold, Gabriel Colborne and Troy Pelliccione for playing in their first Basketball State Championships last weekend with the Cockburn Cougars in the Under 11 Boys division. They have trained so hard and it was a great experience for them all! Well done boys!



Canteen

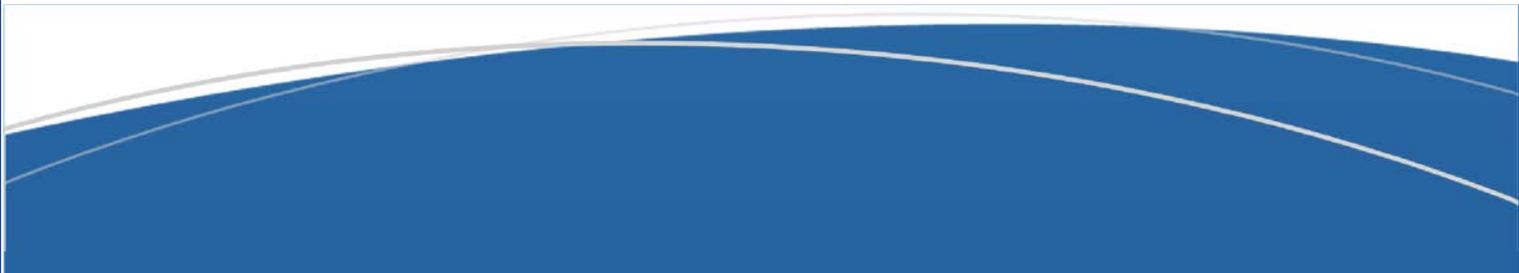
The canteen will be open as per usual on Wednesday 6th December, Thursday 7th December & Friday 8th December for recess and lunch.



ALL LIBRARY BOOKS DUE BACK NOW!!!

I hope you all have a happy and safe Christmas and New year!

Thank you,
Mrs Gowland ☺

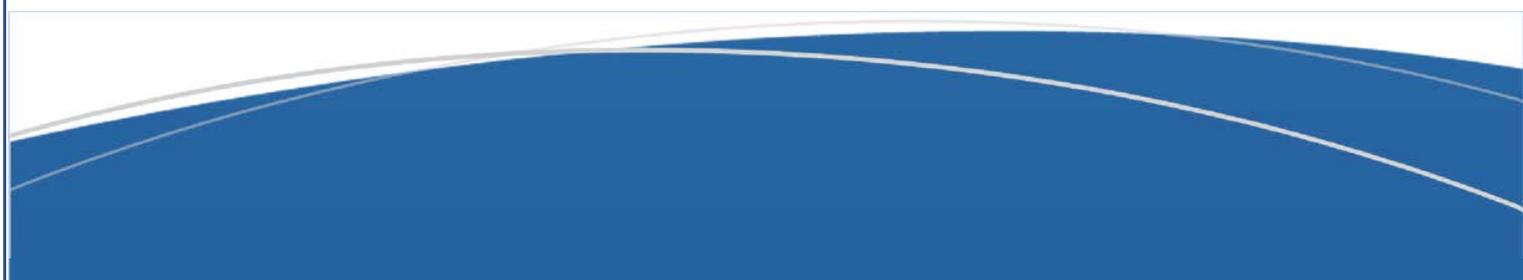


SCHOOL FEES

As of the 31st December our School BPay number is changing.

Please do not use the current number after this date.

The new number will be advertised in the February newsletter.



End of Year Concert

At the End of Year Concert, the P & F have organised the following food trucks to be available for those families wishing a 'cooking free evening'. Meast - Middle Eastern Food truck, The Pasta Truck, Miss Lucy Delicious Foods, Mr Mocha, That Food Truck.

The food trucks will operate from 4pm – 6pm. No orders will be taken after 6pm to ensure a prompt start to the evening. There will be no dessert trucks at the event as the children will already be highly excited to perform before their family and friends.



MATER CHRISTI FAMILY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**FOOD VENDORS
TRADING FROM
4PM – 6PM**



An Afternoon on the Green Feedback

The P&F are seeking feedback from An Afternoon on the Green 2017. We would appreciate your time to complete a short 2-3 minute survey, which will enable us to provide better future events for our school community.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/78J2HPS>

Class Rep News

Class Representatives 2018

Are you interested in being a Class Representative in 2018? Class Representatives are needed for the following classes however nominations will still be accepted for all classes up until Monday 4th December.

Class	2018 Teacher
Kindy A	Mrs Donna Ward
PPA	Mrs Kirsty Cunningham
Year 1B	Miss Hannah Kolbusz
Year 2A	Mrs Cassandra Mortimer
Year 2B	Miss Sarah Cooke
Year 3A	Miss Sarah McIntyre
Year 3B	Mr Nicholas Magry
Year 3C	Mrs Kayla Trimble/Mrs Stacey Williamson
Year 4A	Mrs Siobhan O'Donnell
Year 4B	Mr Jacob O'Reilly
Year 5A	Mrs Tamara Yock/ Miss Katie McNally
Year 5B	Mrs Nicole Nuttall
Year 5C	Ms Rachel Sita
Year 6A	Miss Rebecca McMahan

Class Representatives play a vital role supporting parents in our Mater Christi Community. If you are interested in taking up this rewarding role or you simply would like further information, please click on the link below to contact Michelle Hall, Class Representative Coordinator michellehall080@gmail.com

For those classes that have more than one person offer for the role the decision will be made by a "name in the hat draw" on Monday 4th December in 2017 to make it completely fair.



**WE NEED
YOU
TO BE A
CLASS
REP**

SING A SONG OF CHRISTMAS!

Monday 18th December 10-11am

Mary Davies Library & Community Centre,
Baldivis

Singing a selection of warm ups, Christmas fun songs, action songs, Grand Parachute games, Echo songs. A great opportunity to see what we do at

Choirs4kids ready for 2018!

\$10 per child

CHOIRS4KIDS

Booking essential:

Choirs4kids.com.au/events

SING A SONG OF CHRISTMAS!

Friday 22nd December 1.30-2.30pm

Kadidjiny Park Hall, Melville

Singing a selection of warm ups, Christmas fun songs, action songs, Grand Parachute games, Echo songs. A great opportunity to see what we do at

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KIDS HEALTHY XMAS COOKING CLASSES

Xmas is a crazy time that often sees lots of high sugar treats handed out in schools and shops and by family and friends.

Send your kids to us so they can learn how to cook and eat healthy food that will be enjoyed by everyone.

On the menu:

- Cranberry Cupcakes (Veg)
- Choc Orange Bliss Balls (GF, LF, V, Veg)
- Santa Fruit Kebabs (LF, Veg)
- Xmas Pizza Scrolls (LF)

Call us today to secure your place (08) 9385 7755 or book online

NUTRITION FORCE LEADING NUTRITION EDUCATORS

3 Hours of fun in the Holidays

Hands on Cooking

Low sugar Xmas treats

For kids aged 7-16

\$75.00

Mon 18th Dec or
Wed 20th Dec
9.30 - 12.30

NUTRITION FORCE

Suite 1, Level 1
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Be the star! Boost Your Voice and Confidence Workshops

Session 1: Jan 2nd-4th

Session 2: Jan 9th-11th

9.30-11.30am

Kadidjiny Park Hall Melville

Learn powerful techniques to boost your confidence in singing!

Project your voice, Power circles, song arranging and so much more

for ages 7 to 12

More info and booking:

Choirs4kids.com.au/events

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MercyCare is a leading not-for-profit Catholic provider of aged care, family, health, disability and community services. We understand how important it is for people to remain independent in their own home, and with the many changes that have occurred in aged care over the past few years, we know that this can be a very confusing, overwhelming time for everyone. Our Community and Home Support services are here to simplify the process. We have a range of flexible services, and can even help individuals over the age of 65yrs to access Government funded assistance.

Support can include everything from social activities, keeping up with household tasks, and even in-home nursing and medication management. Support is also available to carers when the time comes to take a break. Please contact **Samantha** from MercyCare to discuss the options that are available to help you and your loved ones. T: **6228 1537** E: sspiro@mercycare.com.au

MercyCare thanks our dedicated volunteers

To join our team

CLICK HERE

Every person matters



Fremantle Port Swimming Club

Fremantle Port Swimming Club is holding a 'Welcome' swim meet on Sunday 10th December at 3.15pm, to re-launch the Club at Fremantle Leisure Centre. Junior swimmers are encouraged to participate in this swim meet and find out about our new swimming club! If you are interested in entering your children in any events for the meet, please contact fremantleportswimmingclub@gmail.com with details of the name and age of your child and which strokes and distances they would like to swim. All swim entries for the meet must be submitted by Friday 8th December to ensure they are included in the events. We would like to see as many families as possible at this event. The only cost for this welcome event is your pool entrance fee. For further news about the club, follow our social media accounts: @fremantleportswimmingclub on Facebook and Instagram, and @FreoSwim on Twitter.

Net Set Go



Seeking Expressions of Interest: NetSetGo Centre Coordinator & Coaching Coordinator for 2018

The NetSetGo program at Mater Christi has been very popular throughout Terms 2 & 3 of the past two years. To enable the program to continue in 2018, the roles of Centre Coordinator and Coaching Coordinator need to be filled.

If you are interested in taking on either or both of these rewarding roles, I am happy to meet with you to run through the logistical and admin side of running the program, and hand over my planning documents, etc.

Please make contact if you'd like more information.

Rebecca Wright
MCCPS NetSetGo Centre Coordinator & Coaching Coordinator 2016-2017

