Dear Parents and Carers

School Mantra 2017

'Never see a need without doing something about it.' Mary, of the Cross MacKillop

This mantra is based on St Matthew’s Gospel 5:1-14

My thanks to all the parents who were able to attend the important Parent Information Sessions held last Tuesday. It was fabulous to see the attendance of so many families and your support was very much appreciated by the teachers and the Leadership Team. Our school mantra, Board Priorities, Educational Priorities and The Code of Conduct were explained at the Community Information Meeting. Parents were given handouts explaining the strategies that students, teachers and the Leadership Team will be adopting this year to achieve our school goals. Every parent also received a copy of the Parent Handbook (which is also available on our School Website) that includes all the general information parents need to be aware of. If you were unable to make the Community Meeting Session, a copy of these handouts is available from the Office.

Thank you also to the Year Level Teachers for their informative sessions, handouts and powerpoints, which all contributed to everyone being well informed and better able to support their child/ren.

Parent Information nights also emphasise the fact that the relationship between home and school is a tremendously important one and Mater Christi parents are very much valued as the primary educators of their children.

Thank you very much for your feedback regarding the Community Information Session. As we reflect on these we will be able to tweak some of the little things and definitely build upon the good work and the open, informed communication already begun.

Kindy Morning & Afternoon Tea On Monday 20 February at 9.15am and Tuesday 21 February at 2.00pm (in the staffroom) Kindy parents are able to gain very valuable information about how best to support their child’s learning, and the work that the Occupational and Speech Therapists can provide. It is also a nice opportunity to gather together and meet other parents too.

Dates for Next Week

**Monday 20th February**
- 9am Mass (3A)
- 9.15 Kindy M/Tea
- G&T Testing (Yr4) & New Yr 5/6 students

**Tuesday 21st February**
- 9am Mass (3B)
- 2pm Kindy A/Tea
- 7pm Board Meeting

**Wednesday 22nd February**
- 9am Mass (3B)
- 2pm Kindy A/Tea
- 7pm General Sacramental meeting (MCCC)
- School Banking

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

**Thursday 23rd February**
- 9am Mass (2A)

**Friday 24th February**
- 9am Item Assembly (Yr 4)

**Saturday 25th February**
- Return Sacramental Enrolment Forms

**Sunday 26th February**
- Return Sacramental Enrolment Forms
Religious Education

Ash Wednesday

This year Lent begins on Wednesday 1st March. Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self denial and helping others. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. On Ash Wednesday, we will celebrate Mass, be marked with a cross of ashes and be reminded to “turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.” This reminder is also an invitation to reflect on how we might live Lent this year. Mass will be celebrated at Mater Christi Church at 9am. All are most welcome.

Best Wishes
Courtney Dunsire
Assistant Principal

Parish News

Sacramental Dates for 2017

All children wishing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation, in our parish will need to collect an enrolment form at either 6pm or 10am Mass this 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 18th February at 6:00pm OR Sunday 19th February at 10:00am.

School Assembly

Next Friday the Year Four classes will host our first Assembly for 2017 with their special assembly item and our Merit Award recipients will be acknowledged. We are all looking forward to our very first whole school gathering and will be welcoming our Pre Primary children to their first Assembly.

Commissioning Mass
On Saturday 18 February at the 6pm Mass, Fr Dat will commission the Mater Christi Staff, School Board and P&F Executive. Many families will also be attending as part of their child’s enrolment into the Sacramental Program. I look forward in seeing many of you there.

God bless
Toni Kalat

Parking

Thank you for remembering to reverse park! It is the safest option.

Parking information is on the school website. If you have a towbar, please try to reverse park short of the brick paving on the oval side, so that walkers can get safely past your vehicle. Please do not park on the grass or paving around the school.

Please be mindful of the signs at the end of the cul du sac asking you not to park in front of the gates entering the reserve and remember to park only in designated parking bays.

2nd P&F Meeting 2017

When: Tuesday 14th March 7.00pm
Where: Mater Christi Staffroom
Join us have your say and see what the P&F is doing for your community.
**Merit Awards 24th February 2017**

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**P&F News**

The P&F office bearers for 2017 are:
- Teresa Lawson (President)
- Marina Hayward (Vice President)
- Leah Rheinberger (Secretary)
- Rebecca Exham (Treasurer)
- Tina Stevens (Food Coord)
- Deborah Horton (Communication Coordinator)
- Michelle Hall (Sun Smart Rep)
- Marina Hayward (Parish Rep)

Any comments, suggestions or queries are warmly welcome.

Please contact us on: pandf@mcps.wa.edu.au

**Class Rep Event**

- **Year KB** – Tuesday 28th February
  - Morning Tea
  - Dome Café Cockburn, Beelar Road, Success
  - RSVP Class Rep by 27/2

- **Year KC** – Saturday 18th February
  - Meet n Greet / Playdate
  - Playground near Surfing Lizard Café, Coogee
  - RSVP Class Rep by 17/2

- **Year 2A** – Monday 27th February
  - Coffee Catch up after school drop off
  - Moomba Café, Cockburn Central
  - RSVP Class Rep

- **Year 6** – Sunday 12th March
  - Lunch
  - Raffles Hotel, Canning Beach Road, Applecross
  - RSVP Class Rep by 3 March

**KINDY MORNING & AFTERNOON TEA**

When:
- Monday 20th February
  - 9.15am
- Tuesday 21st February
  - 2.00pm

Where: Mater Christi Staffroom

Come and join us for an informal information session, what to expect from Kindy, how am I involved and guest speakers on Speech and Occupational Therapy.

**EASTER RAFFLE**

Each Student will be entered into the Easter Raffle

Two prizes drawn per class

Thursday 6th April
Charity Collection

My name is Linda Marriott.
I am a parent at the school and I have created a not for profit initiative to provide help and give hope to children in desperate situations overseas.

I am collecting used shoes & clothing in good condition, age ranges 2-12 that can be re-used. If you have anything that you would like to donate a red bin will be placed outside the administration block in which the items can be dropped off from the 13th-24th of February 2017.

Thanking you all in anticipation for your support.
Warm regards Linda
Good Morning and Welcome to the New School Year!

The Occupational Therapist who attends Mater Christi this year is Stephanie Aylmore from Total Health Cockburn.

Stephanie will be at the school Mondays and Tuesdays, for both individual and small group therapy.

As an Occupational Therapist, Stephanie will work together with teachers and parents to determine if your child may benefit from Occupational Therapy.

An Occupational Therapist can help your child, if they are having any difficulties in the following areas:

- Getting motivated to get up and ready for school
- Following a morning routine to get ready for school on time
- Dressing, including tops, pants/shorts/skirts, socks and shoes (and tying laces)
- Playing with friends or making new friends
- Joining in on recess and lunch time activities
- Participating in class
- Paying attention in class
- Following instructions
- Holding a pencil appropriately
- Hand writing
- Fine motor skills (playing with small items, doing up buttons)
- Fine and gross motor strength
- Eating (including difficulty with hand-eye coordination and fussy eaters)
- Gross motor skills (including running, jumping, hopping, throwing and catching a ball)

Please don’t hesitate to contact Stephanie if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child. She is able to be contacted on 9494 3760 or totalhealth.ot@outlook.com. Alternatively, have a chat to your child’s teacher about your concerns, and the teacher can pass it on to Stephanie.

Stephanie is a registered provider with Medicare, Better Start, DSS and My Way/NDIS, along with private funding.

I hope you and your child have a had a lovely start to the new school year!

Stephanie Aylmore
Occupational Therapist

OPEN MORNING
14 March 9am – 12noon

Please join us for a personalised tour of the College. Bookings are essential and can be made by visiting the College website.

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FREE COME AND TRY CLINICS

22 FEBRUARY 4:30 - 6:30PM
Scott Reserve, High Wycombe

23 FEBRUARY 4:30 - 6:30PM
Ellenbrook District Open Space

27 FEBRUARY 4:00 - 5:30PM
Rushton Park, Dower St Mandurah

1 MARCH 4:30 - 5:00PM
Barrabool Park, Alkimos Pass

5 MARCH 4:30 - 5:00PM
Rushton Park, Dower St Mandurah

7 MARCH 4:30 - 5:30PM
Anning Park, South Lake

7 MARCH 4:30 - 6:00PM
HBF Arena, Joondalup

15 MARCH 4:00 - 6:30PM
Pat Goodridge Reserve, Floreat

An opportunity for girls in pre-primary through to year 12 to try football in a fun and safe environment!

To register for the FREE Clinic near you visit www.aflauskick.com.au/freeclinics/

Meet the players from the Fremantle Dockers Women’s Team

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MANNING PARK
TRAIL RUN 2017

9AM SUNDAY 21ST MAY

MANNING PARK AZELEA SPEARWOOD

Choose to run/walk the 5km or 10km lake, stairs and bush track or a family and disability friendly 5km run/walk around the lake.

Join the fun! Scan the QR code or visit the website to register now!

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!

fen@friendsofthecommunity.org
13 Herd Street, Spearwood 0428242021
@friendsofthecommunity

manningparktrailrun.com

Coogee Jetty to Jetty 21st Birthday Swim Sunday, 12 March 2017 John Graham Reserve

New to open water swimming? Ever wanted to ‘Try It’?
Now there’s a 250m swim distance for you.
As long as you’re 8 years of age or older, you can ‘Try It’.

The event also includes:
- Additional choice of regular 750m and 1500m swim distances
- Discounted entry rates
- City of Cockburn Community Big Breakfast
- Beach walk to the start line
- Kidszone with bouncy castle, face painting, SS breaky bag and ice cream van

Registrations: www.jettytojetty.org.au