

Mater Christi Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents & Caregivers

HOLY WEEK DAYS

HOLY THURSDAY: Tonight is the night of the Last Supper. On the Thursday before Good Friday Jesus said, "a new commandment I give to you, that you love one another". Jesus showed His love for them by washing their feet. He wanted to show them that love knows no boundaries, has no hierarchy, and doesn't have the belief that I am more important than you. How am I challenged to love?



GOOD FRIDAY: This is the day on which Jesus was crucified. "Behold", sings the Church in venerating the cross on Good Friday, "by the wood of this tree, joy has come to the world".



HOLY SATURDAY is a time of preparation and of waiting, leading to the striking of the new fire, the light of the Risen Christ, dispelling the darkness of sin and bringing the light of salvation



to the world. The Easter candle is a symbol of the light of Christ.

Holy Week Reflection: Today our Year Five A class and some extra cast members led us in a reflection on the last few hours of Jesus' life. It was a very moving presentation and all who attended were drawn into really imagining that they were there walking with Jesus, helping to carry his cross, experiencing the pain of a mother's loss. Yet despite all the anguish knowing that we are loved. Thank you very much to Mrs Pottier, Miss Ross, Miss Lister and all the children involved.

Parent/Teacher Interviews: Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday 4th May (Term Two). Bookings will be open online from Wednesday 30th March and must be finalised before the 29th April, when bookings for this event will close. **Next Wednesday you will receive an email with the code required to access bookings.** Interviews are strictly 10 mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Edudance: After each of the Edudance Concerts an Ice Cream van named Geraldine from Udderly Scrumptious (ex Mater Christi parents) will be in the car park outside the PP playground and oval. They will be onsite until 4pm. The following ice creams will be available for \$3 a small cup.

Smartie Pants - Vanilla ice cream with smarties on top (- Milk and Milk products)

Caramel Overload - Burnt Caramel ice cream with caramel popcorn and caramel sauce on top (- Milk and Milk products, Soy products, May contain traces of peanuts and tree nuts)

Dirt - chocolate ice cream with chocolate sauce, dirt (crumbed oreo cookies) and witchery grubs (- Milk and Milk products, Soy products, May contain traces of peanuts and tree nuts)

Crunchie Munchie - Caramel and honeycomb infused ice cream with chocolate sauce and honeycomb (-milk and milk products, soy products, may contain traces of peanuts and tree nuts)

Concerts: Wed 30 March 2.15pm B CLASSES; Friday 1 April 2.15pm C CLASSES; Monday 4 April 2.15pm A CLASSES.

I wish every one a very Happy and Blessed Easter and short term break

God Bless.... Toni Kalat

Dates for Next Week

Monday 28th March

EASTER MONDAY

Tuesday 29th March

**EASTER TUESDAY
STUDENT FREE DAY**

Wednesday 30th March

*Online Parent /Teacher
Interview Bookings
Open*

*Booking Code emailed to
Parents*

*2.15pm "B" classes
Edudance Concert
(MCCC)*

School Banking

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

Thursday 31st March

Yr6 Leadership Day

*Yr 5 CSL (Frank
Prendergast)*

Friday 1st April

*2.15pm "C" classes
Edudance concert
(MCCC)*

Saturday 2nd April

Sunday 3rd April

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Religious Education

This week is the final week of Lent – Holy Week. It is a time for entering into the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, a time for new life and growth. During this week let us unite in prayer as we pray:



Lord Jesus Christ, in this sacred and solemn week when we see again the depth and mystery of your redeeming love, help us to follow where you go, to stop where you stumble, to listen when you cry, to hurt as you suffer, to bow our heads in sorrow as you die, so that, when you are raised to life again, we may share in your endless joy.

Easter Reflection

This morning the whole school gathered in the Church to reflect on Holy Week and the Lenten season by focusing on the Stations of the Cross. Thank you to Year Five A, Miss Lister and Mrs Pottier for their effort in organising the reflection.



Year Six Christian Service Learning Project

Today all Year Six students have received a Christian Service Project. This Christian Service Project gives students the opportunity to become more open to growth and committed to doing justice as they attempt to deepen their love for their family and the whole human family. Service experiences allow them to learn and reflect first-hand on how they can respond to the needs of others and of those who may be less fortunate or requiring extra assistance. Students have been asked to use their talents to help others for a minimum of six hours during their own time.

To help them choose some service activities, they have been asked these questions:

1. *What talents, skills and personality characteristics do I possess?*
2. *Can I use these in my service activities?*

Determine WHOM you will help.

WHAT you will do.

WHEN will you do this.

WHERE you will work.

WHY you want to do this and not something else.



"Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?" Jesus replied: " You must Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'You must Love your neighbour as yourself.' Matthew 22:36-39

Best Wishes
Courtney Dunsire
Assistant Principal

Year Five B brainstormed the topic 'Students Should Only Go To School Three Times A Week'. The class was divided into five groups, each being responsible for a different paragraph of the Persuasive Text. Each group shared the Google Doc where they were all able to work on and edit the same document at the same time. After 25 minutes of great engagement and hard work this was their final product. They have written some very good and credible arguments as to why, 'Students Should Only Go To School Three Times A Week'. What do you think? Should we only come to school three times a week?

Students Should Only Go To School Three Times A Week.

By Five B



Introduction

I strongly believe the children should only go to school three times a week, because we don't spend enough time with our family, we get too tired and it affects our mental health. Put yourself in our shoes. Do you really think that we can handle all of this pressure? Read this and I'm sure you'll agree with me!

Reason One

It is obvious that, children do not spend enough time with their family because they are at school way too much. Have you ever gone a long period of time without seeing your children? How did that make you feel? I bet not very good! These days children spend 6.5 hours at school, five days a week, totalling a whopping 32.5 hours a week! Bearing in mind, every night children are in bed at around 7:30pm that only leaves four hours a night for family time resulting in a mere 20 hours a week. On top of all of this it is also expected that children take part in after school activities and complete their homework. This means that even less time is spent with their families. How can a family be a proper family if they don't spend time together?

Reason Two

It is clear that we can get very tired from school work. By the end of the week, we are dizzy and we are tired from all the work we have done. Have you ever felt like that before? If you haven't, I won't recommend it. As I see it children would be a lot more cheerful and happy on the weekends if they had a break, which in my opinion would be helpful for our parents. It is obvious that children should have a break during the week. It seems to me that this will also help the teachers because this will give them more time to get organised and when we are at school, we will be better behaved. Is it any wonder that you will like better-behaved children if you were a teacher?

Reason Three

There is no doubt that children need a break from school as they might get mental health issues by stressing out at school. Do you really want that happening to your child? Have you noticed that your child is stressed out or not acting like themselves at the end of the day? Well they need a well-deserved break. We think that it will affect them with less stress, which will lead to a happy and healthy child. For example my aunty said that her child gets home every day from school and is stressed out from schoolwork. This is ridiculous! Children should not feel this way.

Counter Argument

Some people may think that children should go to school for five days a week because they will get educated and a good job. This is completely ridiculous because if children only go to school three days a week they will be more engaged in their work and have more fun because they haven't been at school so much.

Conclusion

To summarise it is clear that children should go to school three times a week. The reasons why we should go to school three times a week, are that children do not have enough time to spend with their family, children get very tired and children's mental health is affected. By far my final point is that we should go to school three times a week.

Mater Christi Swimming Carnival

On Wednesday we held our annual Swimming Carnival at Warnbro Aqua Jetty. It was chilly early but things soon heated up and so did the performances. With nearly 100 events on the programme it was a colossal day. All students participated in a range of events from the traditional strokes to the novelty relays. A MASSIVE thank you to every parent, captain and teacher who helped make the day so fantastic. Most importantly, congratulations to all students for their marvellous performances.

At the end of the day, there can be only one champion team, but everyone who swam can be called a champion. Here are the final standings:

- 1ST – BANDICOOTS (323 Pts)
- 2ND – HONEYEATERS (293 Pts)
- 3RD – MAGPIES (266 Pts)
- 4TH – BOBTAILS (234 Pts)



The most cooperative shield went to the Bobtails for their sensational sportsmanship and awesome cheering!

We also had some standout swimmers who swam their way to a Champion Boy or Girl medal. They were:

Year 4	Girls	Boys
Champion	Maia Clayden	Nicholas Ettridge
Runner Up	Georgia Rooney	Jett Harding
3rd	Grace Barraclough (Equal Runner Up)	Liam McAleer
Year 5		
Champion	Tahlia Shields	Aaron Clarke
Runner Up	Sophia De Bernardis	Kyle Malone
3rd	Alicia Savy (Equal Runner Up)	Connor Newbound-Wood
Year 6		
Champion	Tijan McKenna	Christian Silas
Runner Up	Chantel Zumerle	Jack Hadley
3rd	Emily Watson	Owen Rooney

Well done on a brilliant effort!

Those swimmers that will be required for the Interschool Team will be notified next week.

Have a Sensational Easter Weekend!



Interschool Swimming Team

Don't forget swimming training after the Easter break on Wednesday 30th March at South Lake Leisure Centre. 7:15am start.

Ryan Donnelly (HPE Specialist)

Parish News



Holy Week at Mater Christi

Holy Thursday 24 th March	9am	Easter Reflection
	7pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday 25 th March	10am	Stations of the Cross
	3pm	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
Holy Saturday 26 th March	5-6:30pm	Reconciliation
	7pm	Solemn Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter
Easter Sunday 27 th March	8am	Easter Mass
	10am	Easter Mass
	5pm	Easter Mass

We encourage all families to attend as many Holy Week Liturgies as possible.

Confirmation Parent/Child Workshops

The four Confirmation Parent/Child Workshops will take place in Week Ten:

- ❖ **Tuesday 5th April** – 3:30pm **OR** 5pm
- ❖ **Wednesday 6th April** – 5pm **OR** 6:30pm

All children with (at least) one parent are required to attend the workshop.

The following message was received in a card from a Parishioner

The Principal, Staff and Students of Mater Christi Primary School.

I was present at the Mater Christi Church last Friday evening to enjoy the tableau put on by students to reflect "The Way of the Cross"

"Congratulations" to all involved in this wonderful presentation. It must have included many professionals, and of course, the children who were so confident, and seriously intent on the spiritual content.

Special mention, for the young man who played the part of "Jesus" so convincingly. You all must be very proud, and I wish you well and look forward to seeing you again.

P&F News

AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

On behalf of the P&F, Karen Simons is organising this year's 'Australia's Biggest Morning Tea' at Mater Christi for Friday 10th June (Term Two). Please contact Karen on 0400 859 091 or at tassie47@hotmail.com if you can help with donations for raffle prizes.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Are you wanting to have your car seats checked or installed by a professional installer?

The P&F will be hosting Kidsafe on the 5th & 6th April 2016.

Bookings are essential and can be made at <http://www.trybooking.com/186597>



CLASS REP EVENTS

- **KA – Tuesday 5th April – 7.30pm**
Parents Dinner, Sorano Restaurant, Lyon Road Aubin Grove . RSVP to your Class Reps
- **KC – Friday 1st April – 7pm**
Quarie, 2 Macquarie Bld, Hammond Park RSVP to your Class Rep by Wed 30th March
- **2B – Saturday 2nd April – 7pm**
All Parents welcome, Glen Iris Bar and Bistro RSVP to your Class Reps by 20th March
- **Yr4 – Thursday 31st March – 7pm**
Parents Dinner, The Quarie, Hammond Park RSVP to your Class Reps
- **6A – Friday 1st April – 7pm**
RSVP to your Class Reps by 24th March

The P&F office bearers for 2016 are:

Teresa Lawson (President),
Karen Simons (Vice President and Board Rep),
Belinda Weeks (Secretary),
Belinda Stokes (Treasurer),
Leonie Jones (Class Rep Coord),
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





On Monday we celebrated Harmony Day. Harmony Day celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. The central message for Harmony Day is that 'everyone belongs', reinforcing the importance of inclusiveness to all Australians.



The Lucky Winners of the Mater Christi Canteen Easter Colouring In Competition

Thank you to everyone who took part in the competition. We had a very difficult time choosing just three winners.



Prizes

First prize – Free lunch and Easter Egg

Second Prize – Free ice cream of your choice and Easter Egg.

Third Prize – Free icy pole and Easter Egg

Congratulations to the following winners.

PP – Year Two

1st Alexis – 2A; **2nd** Tayla – PPC; **3rd** Miranda – 2A

Year Three/Four

1st Charlotte – 4B; **2nd** Joshua F – 3A; **3rd** Ruby – 3A

Year Five/Six

1st Isabella L – 6B; **2nd** Alicia T – 5A; **3rd** Annabelle – 6B

The following people will also receive an Honourable mention and received an Easter Egg as their prize.

Danielle B - 6A; Jack – 3A; Diego 2C.

Old Stock (Brand New) Uniform 1 DAY SALE

On Friday 1st April (8.15-9.00am) outside the office, we will be selling our old stock of brand new uniforms at second hand prices.

Stock Available

Sports Skirts sizes 10,12	\$10
Lemon shirts sizes 4,14	\$10
Navy Trousers Sizes 5,14	\$10
Winter Skirts Sizes 10,12,14	\$20
Summer Dress Sizes 7,14	\$20
Navy Boys Shorts Size 4	\$7

As these are at second hand prices there will be no exchanges. Payment must be made at the time of purchase. EFTPOS is available

