

Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents

As another term comes to a close today, I thank all the Parents, Students and Staff for all your hard work, enthusiasm and energy over the past ten weeks. As a Catholic School, it is easy to see the hand of God at work in the generosity and support of many people. I am grateful for the caring actions and commitment of Staff and Parents who volunteer so generously in so many ways to make our school such a wonderful place. Thank you Father Bryan for your support of the school, along with Darren Cutri (Board Chair) and Joh Perez (P&F President). I think we are fortunate to be a member of such a great community.

So as we come to the end of the term and reflect on the many things that we have accomplished, we realise we have a lot for which to be grateful.

Gratitude is a simple word and a simple concept. Better still, it requires little time and even less money. However, sometimes in the busyness of our lives this little concept is taken for granted. We have all heard the saying, "Every dark cloud has a silver lining". Be grateful for the opportunities and experiences we are given, we may not always like them, but they give us the chance to learn new ways of doing things.

Gratitude is a "great attitude" I'd like to challenge you with the following activity; Each day wake up and think of five things for which to be grateful – this is a wonderful way to start the day with a smile on your face! ***365 Grateful is an inspiring film about a woman who "uncovers remarkable powers of gratitude." I encourage you to go to the following website to watch her story; <http://365grateful.com>***

Take time these holidays to be grateful. Spend time with families and friends, rest, rejuvenate, laugh and enjoy life! Be grateful for all you have! Be mindful of those whose life may not be as fruitful or as rewarding as your own. It is also a time to reflect on the refugee crisis throughout the world. The images we see daily on our screens and in our newspapers, however confronting are real. Please pray for them.

Portfolios: On Wednesday Portfolios went home with the children. Please take the time to look through with your child/ren and ask them to share their learning with you. Remember to celebrate the hard work and their learning.

Dates for Next Week

**Monday
12th October** **Student Free Day**

**Tuesday
13th October** **Students
Commence Term
Four**

7pm P&F Meeting

**Wednesday
14th October** *Yr 6 Dance Practice
1.30-2.15pm
(MCCC)*

School Banking

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

**Thursday
15th October**

**Friday
16th October**

**Saturday 17th October
Sunday 18th October**

Staffing: I would like to congratulate Mr Geordie Thuijs on his new appointment of Assistant Principal at Holy Rosary Catholic Primary School, Doubleview. Geordie will take up this position at the beginning of 2016. Whilst a great loss to Mater Christi, I know that Geordie is very excited and grateful for this tremendous opportunity and I know that you will join with me in wishing him well.

Today is also the last day for Mrs Stacey Williamson (Yr One) as she looks forward to the birth of her little bundle of joy. We all wish Stacey and Mark every blessing as they embark on being new parents. All the very best Stacey and thank you for everything – keep smiling!

I would also like to acknowledge our student teachers who also complete their practicums today. To Rebecca McMahon (Yr Six C); Jessica Klessens (Yr Two B); Alisha Norden (Yr Four B); and Haythem Fouda (PE)

Athletics Carnival: This week we celebrated two terrific carnivals – Junior (Monday); Senior (Wednesday). Both carnivals were a great success where everyone had fun, participated to the maximum and the sportsmanship of our children was impressive. The Sports Captains were the stars of the carnivals in the way they led, assisted with the activities, and encouraged their teams. The weather made the two days exceptional. These days would not have been possible without the tremendous organisational skills and good humour of Mr Donnelly. Congratulations to Mr Donnelly, and his assistant this term Mr Haythem Fouda, as well as the staff and parents who assisted on the days.

Happy Holidays and see you all next Term on Tuesday 13 October.

God Bless... Toni Kalat

Nicholas Goodin

This term in Extension the students have composed a fiction book based on an Australian Animal.
The story is aimed at a Year One or Two students.
Nicholas Goodin has worked extremely hard and has produced a fantastic fiction book. With the help of his Parents he has produced his book on material and hand painted illustrations.
Next term we will have ten more books to admire.
Well Done Nicholas!



happy
holidays!

Religious Education



Whole School Mass

On Friday 6th November Mater Christi Catholic Primary School will be celebrating our 25th Anniversary. We will celebrate this special occasion with a whole school Mass at 9am. All Parents, Family members and Friends are welcome to attend.

Free Dress for Catholic Mission

Today all of our students were encouraged to wear free dress for a gold coin donation. All money raised today and throughout the term will go towards Catholic Mission.

Christian Service

This week another group of Year Five students attended Christian Service at Frank Prendergast House, Southern Cross Village, Success. Once again, this was an amazing experience for both the elderly and our students. Everyone at Frank Prendergast House thoroughly enjoyed the wonderful talents that Mater Christi had to share.



Parish Corner



The Way Forward

Last week, Archbishop Timothy Costelloe launched his new initiative "**The Way Forward**" which outlines his vision and priorities for the church into the future. You are most welcome to participate in the survey on the new Archdiocesan website at www.perthcatholic.org.au. If you would like to complete the questionnaire on paper, you will need to access it via the website to print, or contact the parish office for assistance (9417 4763).

Should you wish to complete the survey over the phone, there is a dedicated number for you to speak with a Way Forward Consultant: 9422 7986, this service is available Monday-Friday 9:30am-4:00pm.

The Archbishop is very keen to have as many people as possible provide input so as to ascertain a clear picture of where 'the people' see the Church in the future. The survey is available for completion until 16th October.

Parish Events

Back by Popular Demand - **Take-Away Asian Cuisine Weekend**

Order Forms on the Church Foyer bench and payment by cash or cheque must be in by 6pm 27th September 2015

Hollywood Dance Night Saturday 10th October 2015 at Mater Christi Community Centre Tickets \$20 per person

Pre Primary A

On Tuesday 22nd September, Pre Primary A were lucky enough to have Sr Janet from Caritas Australia visit us. This term we have been busy selling our vegetables to our Parents and Staff to help raise money for Caritas. We raised \$120 and we presented the monies raised to Sr Janet. It was really interesting to find out that the money would go to help communities in countries like Fiji, so they could grow their own vegetables and even sell the vegetables they didn't need. Thank you to the Parents in Pre Primary, as well as the Staff, that have helped us raise this money.

Mrs Cosnett



Term Four Library

Wednesday 28 October-30 October 2015

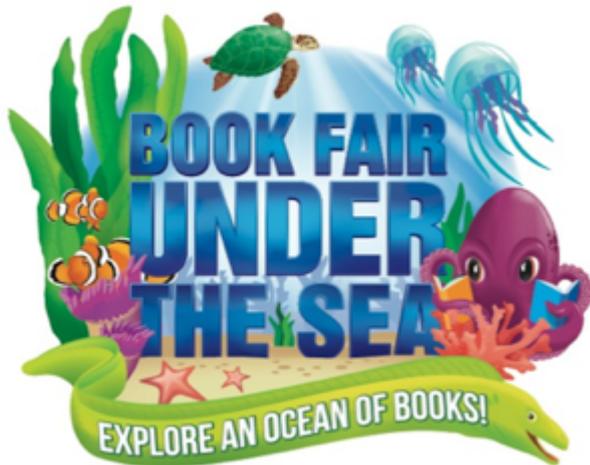
(Possible extension to Monday 2 November depending on stock levels)

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.

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.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our Annual Athletics Carnivals were held earlier this week. Both carnivals were held in glorious conditions. What a turn out! There must have been more than 1000 spectators over the two days. It was great to see the high level of participation and the fantastic spirit that all events were contested in. Both junior and senior students competed in a plethora of challenging team game events. On top of all this action we witnessed the students run like mad in all the varied sprint and relay races. It was a massive programme and everyone should be proud of their efforts. I can imagine that all students and teachers had no trouble going to sleep after their carnivals. I know I sure did!

After two days of intense competition, everyone had given their all. But at the end of the day there can be only one winner. The results were as follows:

1st – HONEYEATERS (1147 pts)
2nd – BOBTAILS (1116 pts)
3rd – BANDICOOTS (1073 pts)
4th – MAGPIES (1040 pts)

The most co-operative team winner was the MAGPIES.

Our Champion Boy and Girl Results

Year	Place	Boys	Girls
3	1 st	Lucas Artemis	Madison Hall
	2 nd	Nicholas Ettridge	Maia Clayden
	2 nd	Zachariah Zammit	Micaela Palmela (3 rd)
4	1 st	Jacob O'Brien	Alicia Savy
	2 nd	Aaron Clarke	Hannah Collins
	3 rd	Kyle Malone	Sofia De Bernardis
5	1 st	Riley Lawton	Tijan McKenna
	2 nd	Charles Betts	Chantel Zumerle
	2 nd	Braxton-Lee Henri	Emily Watson (3 rd)
6	1 st	Luke Lamport	Chelsea Taylor
	2 nd	Callum Milne	Georgia Ettridge
	3 rd	Bailey Miller	Olivia Sweetman

Thank you to the parents that have helped out in anyway. You were sensational. Congratulations must also go out to the intrepid teachers. Without everyone's help the carnival would not be such a spectacle. Well Done!

Students who will be required for Interschool duties will be notified very soon. Check your notes for training times.

Bring on the Interschool Challengers!

A special Thank you to the P&F for their donation of \$1,500 towards our new tents. They not only looked great, they also provided much needed shade from the hot sun.

Ryan Donnelly (HPE Specialist)



Athletics Carnivals 2015



MATER CHRISTI MINI-MARATHON 2015

Friday 23rd October

On Friday 23rd October we will be having a Mini-Marathon where the children will walk around all, or part of Lake Yangebup. Parents are warmly invited to join us and help with supervision on this walk.

The Mini-Marathon involves ALL children Kindy – Year Six. Junior classes (PP-Year One) will do a return walk to and from the fence at the end of Cooper Road (15-20 minutes) and Year Two – Three will walk along the left side of the lake to where the path veers from the lakeside towards Osprey Drive (30 mins). Senior classes will walk the track around the lake (50-60 minutes). Kindy children will do a walk around the school grounds.

Your support in gaining donations/sponsorship from family and friends is encouraged. Please accompany your child on any visit to gain donations or sponsorship and feel free to take the form along to your workplace. **The money raised will be used to subsidise the significant costs incurred by the graduating Year Six students next year. At some stage all children in the school will benefit from this fundraising.**

A prize will be awarded to the highest fundraiser in the school and to four other lucky students who have raised money from sponsors. If your child did not receive a sponsorship form please ask at the school office immediately. We ask that all completed sponsorship forms are returned to school by Thursday 22nd October. The forms will be signed by class teachers and returned to the students after they have completed the Mini-marathon. Sponsorship forms and money should be returned to the office in a clearly labelled envelope as soon as possible after the 23rd October. The final date to have money back is Wednesday 4th November. Prize-winners will be announced via the newsletter on Friday 6th November.

We hope that as many parents as possible will join us on the day. All that is required of you is that you join a year group (as extra supervision). We would like three or four extra adults with each year level. Volunteers should be down at the oval by 8.50am on Friday 23rd October where you will join your chosen year group. Those walking with Pre-Primary or Kindy can join the classes in the classroom.

Please ensure your child has a water container and that asthmatic children have their up-to-date Ventolin inhalers with them.

We look forward to good weather and an enjoyable walk!

Thank you for your support
Mark Ryan

P & F

Congratulations to the winners of the Car Bay Raffle –

Mrs Rebecca Novelli and Mrs Heema Doshi (Patel).

Total raised from the raffle was \$596.

Please note that our next meeting will be held on the first day back for Term Four, Tuesday 13th Oct. The meeting will be held as usual in the staffroom at 7pm, we hope to see you there!

Have a Happy and Safe Holiday,
Kate Godwin-Johnston, P&F

Happy Holidays



City Of Cockburn October School Holiday 2015

No need to get bored these school holidays! From Science and Swimming lessons, to Wildlife and Ice Skating, we have it all! Just take take your pick!

Please contact each of the areas separately to enquire or book!

Outrage Program – Youth Centre

Holiday Program for 12 – 16 Year Olds
For more information phone Steve Atherton 9411 3884

Vacation Swimming Lessons – South Lake Leisure Centre, 90 South Lake Drive South Lake
Telephone (08) 9411 3355

Azelia Ley Museum

Wednesdays Only 10am – 1.00pm,
30th September & 7th October Entry \$2.00 per head

Science of Fun - Cockburn Libraries –

Coolbellup Public Library – 944113830
Spearwood Public Library – 9411 3800
Success Public Library 9411 3840
Visit library.cockburn.wa.gov.au for further details.

Cockatoo KIDS Club

Living with Turtles
Friday 9th October 10am – 12.30pm
Native ARC, 172 Hope Road, Bibra Lake
Free for club members, Non members \$15
RSVP required 9417 7105
Visit nativearc.org.au for further information

CrocFun

First week of the school holidays - 1.00pm-3.00pm
Inflatable Crocodile (CrocFun)
South Lake Leisure Centre

Wildlife Education and Encounters

Wildlife Trackers & DREAMTIME Stories
Tuesday 6th October 10am -12noon (age 5-12) \$5.00

Junior Wildlife Rehabilitators
Wednesday 7th October 10am-12noon (age 12–15)
\$15.00

All sessions take place at Native ARC, 172 Hope Road, Bibra Lake
Registration and session details admin@nativearc.org.au
For more information about Native ARC visit:
nativearc.org.au

Cockburn Youth Centre

The programs run during school terms and holidays are available for young people aged 10-17 years only. Young people are able to start using the Cockburn Youth Centre the month they are turning 10 and no earlier.
For more information phone 9411 3888

*A reflection on the loss of life among
displaced people in our world as they seek asylum*



Requiem

 BY KARL JENKINS
Sunday 11 October 2015
2.30pm | St Mary's Cathedral, Victoria Square, Perth
\$35 (\$25 conc) - Seating Unreserved
FEATURING: Lux et Veritas & Camerata 1685
CONDUCTOR: Jango Chapkhana

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No online booking charges
or call 6488 2440 (noon-4pm weekdays)
info@ticketswa.com
<http://ticketswa.com/event/requiem-karl-jenkins>

Relationships Australia

Parenting Courses – September

WEST LEEDERVILLE

Mums Raising Boys	Wednesday 14 th Oct
Parent Teen Connection	Tuesday 20 th Oct
Building Stronger Families	Thursday 22 nd Oct

**For further information and to enrol
please phone 9489 6322.**