



MATER CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As I reflect on my time here over the past six weeks, I am filled with gratitude for the vibrant community that I have the privilege to serve as Principal. The unique spirit of Mater Christi, driven by the dedicated passion of our staff, the enthusiasm of our students, and the tremendous support from our families, is a tapestry woven with love and faith.

The verse from Matthew 18:20, "Where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them," resonates deeply as I observe our community coming together. This foundational belief in collaboration and unity inspires everything we do at Mater Christi. Together, we embark on a beautiful journey of education and growth, living out our mission to provide a "Christ-Centred, Student-Focused" education.

Looking back at 2025, this year has indeed been remarkable, filled with both accomplishments and challenges that have allowed our children to thrive. The unwavering commitment of our exceptional staff to our teaching and learning programs has laid a strong foundation for success, leading to significant recognition for our school:

- Environmental Education Award Winners
- Interschool Basketball Champions
- Lightning Carnival Champions
- Boys Soccer B Division – Second Place
- Girls Netball B Division Champions
- Interschool Spelling Bee Champions
- Interschool Athletics Carnival Overall Shield Winners

These achievements not only highlight our students' capabilities but also reflect the collective effort of the entire Mater Christi community. Our mantra, "Through Charity, Connection, and Community, We Make Jesus Real," resonates throughout our daily school life, evident in our liturgical celebrations, daily class prayers, and community service initiatives. We are dedicated to empowering our students and ensuring that this mantra embodies not just words but living principles.

I would like to express heartfelt gratitude to our parish priests, Fr Peter and Fr Nicholas. Their steadfast support and spiritual leadership play a crucial role in nurturing our faith community. As Father Peter retires, we extend our sincere thanks for his impactful leadership, which has left a lasting impression on our community; he will always be warmly welcomed back among us.

I would like to take a moment to celebrate our incredible staff here at Mater Christi. Beyond parents, our educators have the most significant influence on the education and growth of your children. Their hard work, dedication, and genuine care truly reflect the highest standard of

social activities. I am constantly amazed at their achievements! To Angela Goldsmith (President), Jamie Rose McDonald (Vice President) Renee Conran (Secretary), Jessica Pianta (Treasurer), Class Representatives, and all parents, thank you sincerely for your support this year, which truly makes Mater Christi the special community it is.

To our wonderful parents, THANK YOU for your patience, support, and willingness to assist. Your partnership in nurturing and guiding the children of Mater Christi is invaluable, and we feel blessed to share this journey with such a caring community.

To the families leaving us this year, we wish you the very best for the future and thank you for being a part of our Mater Christi family. We pray your lives continue to be blessed.

To our wonderful children, I am inspired by your enthusiasm, perseverance, and love for life. The smiles and laughter that fill our school warm our hearts. Thank you for making our days rewarding and worthwhile.

As we conclude the year, I extend a special thank you to staff leaving us this year Terry Andrews, Anthony Jenkins and Maddy Dawson who is taking 12 months leave. Your contributions and service have been invaluable, and you will always hold a special place within our community.

We also bid farewell to our Year Six students who will be advancing to various secondary schools. As exceptional leaders, they have significantly contributed to the operation of our school, and we are immensely proud of the fine individuals they have become. We wish them great success in their futures and remind them that they will always be welcome back at Mater Christi.

We welcome Keely Williams as our Drama specialist and Classroom Teacher Makayla Duckworth to the Mater Christi community. We welcome back Alison Ross from Parental leave for 1 day per week and Caitlyn Foster who will also be joining us as an Education Assistant.

As I reflect on this school year and look ahead, I am reminded of a quote from Mother Teresa, *"You can do what I cannot do. I can do what you cannot do. Together we can do great things."* Let us carry this spirit into the future as we strive together to provide an enriched Catholic education for our children.

As we approach the season of Advent, I pray that all families enjoy a joyous Christmas and peaceful holiday break.

Thank you sincerely for a wonderful and productive year and look forward to continue our journey together next year.

Joanne Scouler
Short-term Principal