

# Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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## A Parent's Prayer

*Loving God,  
You are the giver of all we possess, the source of all of our blessings.  
We thank and praise you.  
Thank you for the gift of our children.  
Help us to set boundaries for them, and yet encourage them to explore.  
Give us the strength and courage to treat each day as a fresh start.  
May our children come to know you, the one true God,  
and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.  
May your Holy Spirit help them to grow in faith, hope, and love,  
so they may know peace, truth, and goodness.  
May their ears hear your voice.  
May their eyes see your presence in all things.  
May their lips proclaim your word.  
May their hearts be your dwelling place.  
May their hands do works of charity.  
May their feet walk in the way of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord.  
Amen.*

Dear Parents/Guardians

Today's Year Four assembly was fantastic. Many thanks to the teachers and students in Year Four for all the hard work and effort that went into preparing for this entertaining way to start a Friday. Thank you also to the many parents, grandparents and friends that came to support.

This week our Year Three and Five classes completed NAPLAN assessment in the areas of

- \* Language Conventions
- \* Writing
- \* Reading
- \* Numeracy

It has been a big week of testing for these students and I would like to thank our teachers and families in making sure the students were well prepared for what was a huge week.

With the new website up and running I encourage all families to join the blog. You can do this via the home page and by clicking on the MC blog section in the bottom right hand corner. It is a great way to communicate with other families, ask questions and find out information about what is happening in the school.

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes  
Mark Ryan  
Acting Principal

## Dates for Next Week

**Monday  
18<sup>th</sup> May** 9am Mass (3B)

**Tuesday  
19<sup>th</sup> May** 9am Mass (4A)

Interschool Basketball  
Carnival

**Wednesday  
20<sup>th</sup> May** 3.30pm Confirmation  
Meeting (MCCC)  
6.30 – 7.15pm  
(Church) Sponsor &  
Candidate practice  
(Grp 1)  
7.30 – 8.15pm  
Sponsor & Candidate  
practice (Grp 2)

School Banking

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

**Thursday  
21<sup>st</sup> May** 9am Mass (PPB)  
Confirmation  
Reflection 6.30 -  
7.15pm Sponsor &  
Candidate practice  
(Grp 3)

**Friday  
22<sup>nd</sup> May** 9am Mass (6A)  
Yr 2 Fairytale Day  
Yr 5 Zoo Excursion

**Saturday 16th May /  
Sunday 17th May**

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## Religious Education



### Life Link

All mission money collected this term will be donated to LifeLink in order to support people in need within our community. This year LifeLink Day will be officially launched on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**.

Students are invited to make a gold coin donation for LifeLink Day and will be given a 'paper link' to represent their generous support for people in need in the community. These links will form part of a chain, which each class will produce. We will then join together and 'link' individual class chains, making one long school chain – a powerful example of our students joining together to help people in need within the community and to celebrate LifeLink Day.

For more information about LifeLink Day, visit their website <http://www.lifelink.com.au>

### Giving Day

A gentle reminder, that every Friday at Mater Christi is Giving Day. All donations of non-perishable food items would be greatly appreciated. We look forward to your continued support throughout the term.

Best Wishes  
Courtney Dunsire  
Assistant Principal

## Parish Corner



### Sacramental Program

#### Confirmation Meeting

This meeting will take place in the Mater Christi Church on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> May at 3.30pm. All Confirmation candidates must attend.

#### Confirmation Practice

Confirmation candidates and their sponsors are required to attend a practice in the Church. Please check your Confirmation Mass to ensure you attend the correct practice. Please check details below.

Confirmation Time	Practice Time
Saturday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> May at 6pm	Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> May at 6:30pm
Sunday, 24 <sup>th</sup> May at 10am	Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm
Sunday, 24 <sup>th</sup> May at 3pm	Thursday, 21 <sup>st</sup> May at 6:30pm

## Parking

To ensure that we have a safe and functional carpark it is important that we follow certain rules. Included on our new website under the communications tab, is a full run down of parking and traffic flow rules around the school. Please make sure you familiarise yourself with these rules as the safety of our students is paramount. I have listed below some recent issues that have been brought to our attention,

- **Do not** park in the roundabout next to the church, this must be kept clear at all times.
- Please park within the lines of the marked bays
- **Do not** park on the paving (this can cause the paving to become uneven and may turn into a safety issue)
- Students **must not** be dropped off or picked up outside the administration block (this is what drive through is for)

These rules are there for the health and safety of all members of our school and parish community. If we are all on the same page and using common sense then it goes a long way to keeping our students safe.

Thanks  
Mark Ryan.

## Kindy & Pre-Primary Reading Morning Tea

Venue: Staff Room, Mater Christi CPS

Dates: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May & Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May

Time: 9:15am

The morning will offer parents the opportunity to be exposed to the process of reading. The session will be presented by Paulina Sweeney and Courtney Dunsire and will provide a snap shot of what reading is, pre-reading skills and strategies, modelling reading to engage the child and home readers.

If you are interested in attending please email the school on [admin@mcps.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@mcps.wa.edu.au) and pop into the subject line: **Attending Reading Information Morning on (date).**



## Lost and Found Items

We currently have several items in the lost and found without names and unclaimed.

All lost items will be on display in front of the Administration office from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May until Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May during the times of 8.30am until 3.15pm each day for you to reclaim what belongs to you.

**We ask if all Parents would please ensure the child's name is clearly written on all school uniform items to enable return of item to your child /ren.**

## P E News

The annual Long Bomb Competition will be held at lunchtimes during Week Five.

This is a great opportunity for all Year Four to Six students to show the world their great kicking skills.

Which supporters can kick the ball the longest? Come down and give it a go. Meet down the car park side of the oval as soon as the second bell goes.

DAY	YEAR	WHEN
Monday	Year Six	Lunch
Wednesday	Year Four	Lunch
Thursday	Year Five	Lunch

**Ryan Donnelly (HPE Specialist)**



**Mothers Day Stall**

## BATTERY RECYCLING BIN

Hello Parents

Well, it's been a long time coming but we finally have a Mater Christi Battery Recycling Bin located outside the Library for our use. Currently, batteries can NOT be placed in your green or yellow-topped bins at home and need to be taken to the Cockburn Library Battery Bin, so this will make the correct disposal of these items much more convenient.

Unfortunately, when these are placed in the bins at home, they end up in landfill. The chemicals inside the batteries can leach from their casings and pollute land and water with heavy metals that are toxic to life.

You may discard any regular dry-cell household batteries- just not mobile phone or car batteries!

They will be sent to Henderson Waste Recovery and then transferred interstate for recycling, as there is currently no provision for recycling in WA.

This is one small thing we can do, to sustain our environment for our children.

Charmaine Savy

## Parent & Friends Federation of WA

With the Parents and Friends Federation of WA AGM / Mini Conference fast approaching on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May, we would like to take the opportunity to remind parents in schools that are affiliated with PFFWA that you are eligible to nominate for the Federation Council.

PFFWA Council are keen to recruit two to three new council members this year and are particularly interested in hearing from parents with experience in the following areas:

- Post school pathways
- Vocational Education & Training (VET)
- Accounting
- Students with Disabilities

However as always we are keen to hear from committed and enthusiastic parents who have skills or experience that may contribute to the ongoing work of the Federation.

To find out more about this opportunity please email [execoff@pff.wa.edu.au](mailto:execoff@pff.wa.edu.au) or call the office on 9271 5909 for an information pack or a chat.



## Class Rep Events

- **KA – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May – 10am-12noon**  
*Playground near Surfing Lizard Café, Coogee*
- **KC – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June – 3.30pm,**  
*Lollipops Playgym, RSVP to your Rep by 17<sup>th</sup> June*
- **KD – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May – 1.00pm,**  
*Grilled Cockburn, RSVP to your Rep*
- **1C – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May – 7pm**  
*The Mantle, 1 James Street, Fremantle, RSVP to Class Rep*
- **3C – Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May – 3pm**  
*High Tea Esplanade, Fremantle, RSVP to your Rep by 20<sup>th</sup> May*
- **4A, 4C – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – 7.30pm**  
*Dragon Palace, Cockburn, RSVP to your Rep by 19<sup>th</sup> May*

## Mercedes College Open Day

Due to the extreme weather conditions forecast for this weekend (Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2015 / 11.00am – 1.30pm) the College has made the decision to postpone this Sunday's Open Day.

It is unfortunate but the forecast is for a storm to come through with heavy rain, strong winds and the possibility of thunderstorms.

Given our young students are given the task of escorting families around the College on tours, and the fact that some of the activities are outside, we feel this is going to be too difficult to manage.



**Behaviour Tonics** are running the following course in BEACONSFIELD.

### **1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching Parent Course**

To help manage difficult behaviour in children 2 to 12yrs.  
Tue 23<sup>rd</sup>, Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> & Tue 30<sup>th</sup> June, 7 to 9pm.

\$140pp or \$220 per couple.

To enquire/register call 9382 1182 or go to [www.behaviourtonics.com.au](http://www.behaviourtonics.com.au)

## The Gilbert & Sullivan Society of WA presents

### **Pirates of Penzance, May - June 2015**

Starring our very own Toby Millar  
(Aboriginal Teacher Assistant)

The venue is the Dolphin Theatre, on the University of Western Australia's Crawley campus,

### **Performance dates and bookings**

Evenings 7.30pm Thursday 28th to Saturday 30th May,  
and Wednesday 3rd to Saturday 6th June  
Matinees 2.00pm Saturday 30th May and Saturday 6th June

Book by email at [ticketswa.com](http://ticketswa.com), or by telephone 6488 2440 between 12 noon and 4pm, Monday to Friday.