Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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SCHOOL MANTRA 2018

"Be a voice, not an echo'

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to a new school year. It is always a joy to watch the children return looking well rested and eager to be back at school. Their banter and squeals of delight are testament to the fact that they are ready to return.

I wish to extend a very warm welcome to our new families. The staff and I look forward to getting to know you better as we work together to educate your children both academically and spiritually. Getting back into routine during our summer is often difficult but remember that we can help our children transition back to school by ensuring they get plenty of sleep at night and arrive at school on time, prepared for the new day.

Beginning the New Year is like turning to the first page of a new notebook. There's a tinge of anticipation about making those first marks on the page and about how the book will finish up. Some of it will hold really important information; other pages will contain unfinished thoughts or ideas; other times it will provide the chance to ponder a thought or an observation which leads to a change for the better. Just like the year ahead, we won't really know how it will turn out but we relish the opportunity to start afresh; to do things better or differently and hopefully enjoy the process along the way. In terms of our faith, the idea of a new start can apply to our relationship with God. The same anticipation and reflection can be used in motivating us to build a stronger relationship with him which is the main focus of the approaching Lenten season.

I extend a very warm welcome to new staff who have joined ou community this year: Miss April Stewart (PPB) Mrs Cassandra Mortimer (Year 2A) Mrs Nicole Nuttall (Year 5B) Mr Nik Hofmeester (Assistant Principal) Mrs Mandy Ikin (Collaborative Learning Support) Mrs Rebekah D'Souza (Administration Officer) We welcome back Mrs Stacey Williamson who is teaching Year 30

together with Mrs Kayla Trimble and Mrs Brooke Giles in 3A (Friday) with Miss Sarah McIntyre.

DATES FOR NEXT WEEK (WK 2)

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	Thursday February 8	
	Friday February 9	
	Saturday February 10 Sunday	
	February 11	
	g with Mater Christi's newest	students:

It is also my pleasure to greet the new kindy families to the school, along with Mater Christi's newest students:

Sienna Thurston, Joshua Di Lazzaro and Frankie Dugga (PPA), Asher Ilyas (PPB), Liam Gill (PPC).

Ella D'Souza (1A) and Connor McKinnell (1A), Heidi Jofirisi (1B), Patrick Colgan (1C), Gianluca Pascuzzi and Zaiyrah Renji Mathew (1C), Lucas Beattie (2A) and Mia Janse Van Resnburg (2C).

Lily Brown (3B), Alleira Risely (3B) and Chirag Verma (3C). Olivia D'Souza (4A), Mia Stonehouse (4B) and Amanda Rivera (4C). Renfred Renji and Isabella Koprowicz (5B). Chloe Cowan (6B) and Cassandra Rivera (6C).

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Parent Information Meetings

This will be held next Tuesday 6 February. Your attendance on this night is a valuable support to the classroom teachers as well as providing an excellent overview of the learning that is in place for your child. This year at our Community Meeting session we will focus on the <u>Keeping Safe Program</u> that will be taught as part of the Health Program throughout the whole school.

Kindy parents will receive a handout about the program during week three. Any children on the school site will be supervised in the Library during the Community Meeting session

Session One:	5.30pm – 5.55pm – Year Level Information Session (In each Year Level Classroom)
Session Two:	6.00pm – 6.25pm – Who School Initiatives and Priorities for 2017 (Undercover Area)
Session Three:	6.30pm – 6.55pm – Repeat of Session One (In each Year Level Classroom)

These are valuable information sessions, made more valuable through your presence.

Student Leaders 2018

Our Year 6 student leaders will be recognised on Tuesday 6 February at the Whole School Mass at 9am. At this Mass, we will acknowledge their role as student leaders in 2018. These students are encouraged to accept the responsibility of servant leadership throughout the school on many levels, acting as Student Representative Councillors (SRC), senior buddies, assembly leaders, Sports Captains, Science, Music and Drama Captains and Head Altar Servers. We can be very proud of our school leaders for 2018! Leadership is doing what is right when no one is watching.

Newsletter

The school newsletter is published each Friday and the link to access the school website is emailed to each family. It is an important form of communication to parents and contains much information about life at school. The staff and I look forward to working in partnership with you throughout 2018.

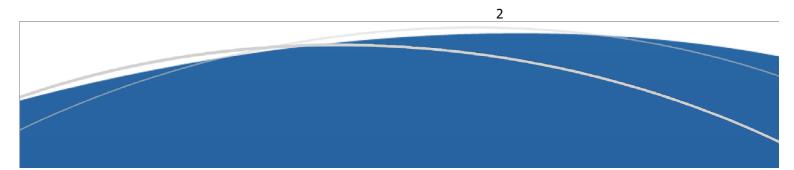
Did You Know That?...

Mrs Eileen Giles (wife of our Finance Officer, Robin) has been awarded the Rockingham Community Citizen of the year – in recognition of her work in the community helping the disadvantaged through the Soul Soup Patrol and her work with the Village Women Program.

Please keep in your prayers:

For those who have lost a loved one – Kim Edwards lost her Mother and Lorcan (2B) his Grandmother this week. Our prayers are with her and her family along with those in our community who are in need.

God Bless, Toni Kalat



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

New Assistant Priest

A big welcome to Father Joseph Laundy to our Mater Christi community! We look forward to celebrating Mass and his visits to our classes this year.

Giving Day

A friendly reminder that every Friday is Giving Day. All donations of non-perishable foods are given to St Vincent de Paul and are greatly appreciated. Donations can be dropped off in the red basket in the school office.

Whole School Mass

On Tuesday 6 February we will celebrate our first whole school Mass for 2018 at 9am. During the Mass Father Joe will welcome all our new students and staff to our community and also bless our Year 6 student leaders, as they take on their newly elected roles in our school. All are welcome - see you there!

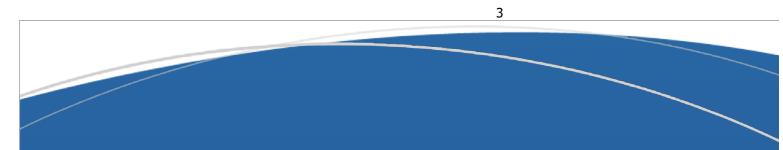
Bumper sticker: "Honk if you love Jesus, text him if you want to meet him." – don't text and drive.

Kind regards Be good, Nik Hofmeester, Assistant Principal

PARISH				
17/18 February 2018	Collection of Sacrament Enrolment forms – ALL CHILDREN, ALL SACRAMENTS – any Mass this			
	weekend.			
24/25 February 2018	Sacrament Enrolment Masses – ALL CHILDREN, ALL SACRAMENTS – any Mass this weekend.			
28 February 2018	General Sacrament Meeting – PARENTS of ALL CHILDREN RECEIVING A SACRAMENT this year.			

CONFIRMATION ONLY

10/11 March 2018	Commitment Masses – Saturday 6pm or Sunday 10am ONLY
14/15 March 2018	Parent & Child Workshops – 5pm or 6:30pm both days – attend only one workshop
16/17 May 2018	Sponsor & Candidate practices – date and time dependent on which Mass being Confirmed at.
19/20 May 2018	Sacrament Masses
	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
13/14 June 2018	Parent & Child workshops – 4:30pm or 6:00pm both days – attend only one workshop.
16/17 June 2018	Commitment Masses – Saturday 6pm or Sunday 10am ONLY
28/29 July 2018	Sacrament Masses
4/5 August 2018	Sacrament Masses
	RECONCILIATION
12/13 September 2018	Parent & Child Workshops – 4:30pm or 6:00pm both days – attend only one workshop.
15/16 September 2018	Commitment Masses – Saturday 6pm or Sunday 10am ONLY
20 / 27 October 2018	Sacrament reception
3 / 10 November 2018	Sacrament reception



SCHOOL NEWS

PUNCTUALITY

For Pre-Primary to Year Six students class and lobby doors open at 8.30am. Please make every effort to have children in class on time ready to start the day by 8.45am. Being settled can and does make a significant difference to what your child gets out of their day. It is also important in order that the teaching and learning programme for the children already there is not disrupted.

AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP

All children who are not walking, cycling or being picked up at the classroom at 3.05pm will need to go to the undercover area where they will be supervised by the teachers on duty. Other arrangements with after school care providers are fine. Please do not ask your children to wait for you in a different location.

If you do not wish to use the drive through area, please park your vehicle and collect your children from the undercover area.

All children must be collected from the school grounds by 3.30pm.

If you are running late, please make alternative arrangements to have your child collected.

ALLERGY AWARE

In 2018, we have students in our school with severe nut allergies. Touching these items, as well as ingestion, may provoke a reaction. Due to the seriousness of this allergy, we are asking you to refrain from sending nut based products to school for recess, lunch and birthday treats.

Appropriate steps have been put in place to ensure Mater Christi is a safe place for all our students. We ask that you also take the time to talk to your child about the following tips to help decrease the risk of any student having an allergic reaction. These include:

not sharing food

• washing their hands before and after eating since some students can have reactions on contact (such as a doorknob, playground equipment, computer etc).

• avoid bringing foods to school that most often cause an allergic reaction eg: nuts and nut based products.

We thank you in advance and we appreciate your cooperation in making our school a happy and safe environment for everyone.

SCHOOL ABSENCES – ATTENDANCE

If your child will be absent or late to school, it is important to ring the school office on 9417 5756 or email **absentee@mcps.wa.edu.au** before 9am. All messages or emails should include the child's full name, class and reason for absence. Any student arriving after 8.45AM must come to the office to sign in before going to class.

If the school has not been contacted by 9.30am an SMS will be sent to your mobile number requesting you to contact the school to explain the absence.

It is a legal requirement that the school receives a signed note for all student absences, therefore if an email has not been sent we will require a note upon your child's return to school. For extended absences such as holidays, please visit the office to complete a pink Leave of Absence Form.

COLLECTING STUDENTS DURING SCHOOL HOURS

If you need to collect your child during school hours to attend an appointment, you need to go to the office first to sign out the child/ren. The Student Release Form then needs to be given to the class teacher before the child will be released. If you are arranging for someone other than a parent/authorised guardian to collect the student, this person needs to come into the school office with a signed note that states they are authorised to collect the student. If you know in advance that you will be collecting your child, please let the class teacher know in the morning.

LIBRARY

Book Club

Mater Christi School participates in the Scholastic Book club. Catalogues are distributed to the students about 8 times a year. This is a great way to purchase books for your children and earn points for our school which are used to obtain books for the library.

If you wish to order from an issue please follow the listed procedures:

- Log-in to <u>www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP</u> or download our NEW iPhone and iPad app from the App Store!
- For a quick start, just click on **ORDER** in the top menu or **REGISTER** first to save your details for next time
- Select your school and your child's class
- Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for) i.e. John S.
- Enter the item number from the Book Club brochure
- You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school

• All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date

• Do not return paper order forms, cash or payment receipt details to your school!

• No late orders will be accepted. If you order after the due date you will need to pay a delivery fee to have the order delivered to your home.

• For a quick how-to-order video, log-in to **www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP** and click on **HELP** in the top menu.

Please feel free to come and see me in the Library if you have any queries.

Kind Regards,

Emily Gowland, Library Officer

READING RECOVERY

This year, is the ninth year Reading Recovery has been in operation at Mater Christi. It comes under the banner of RAISe (ie helping your child get a good start in literacy and numeracy with structured dedicated time in these areas).

Reading Recovery was developed as a result of extensive research into literacy education and the trailing of teaching procedures by Marie Clay, a professor of Education at the University of Auckland, New Zealand.

Reading Recovery is a research-based intervention program with the prime goal of accelerating literacy learning for struggling students. Research evidence supports that Reading Recovery is a means of accelerating the development of early reading and writing.

Reading Recovery provides early literacy intervention to promote reading and writing competency, by fostering a development of these skills. This is achieved by tailoring individualised lessons for each student, where the child receives intensive teaching for half an hour each day on a one-to-one basis, during school time for a 12 - 20-week period. Children's progress is tracked daily using a variety of means that inform each day's lessons to maximise achievement and accelerate literacy learning.

Young children (Year 1) are best suited for the program because Reading Recovery relies on the teacher hearing what the children do with their reading to provide the most appropriate intervention before reading becomes a silent process. Early intervention is also important because the young brain can be rewired before neural networks become cemented. Tracy Duffy & Paulina Sweeney

Reading Recovery Teachers

PS: Looking for tips to encourage and instil a love of reading? Click on this link! http://susanstephenson.com.au/encouraging-kids-read/



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2018 Instrumental Program

2018 Instrumental Program Forms are **now due.**

If your child would like to learn an instrument in 2018, please fill out an Instrumental Form found in the office.

The cut-off date for Term 1 enrolments is Friday 9th February, Week 2.

Lessons will now begin on Monday of Week 3.

If you have any questions, please feel free to come and see me in the Music Room.

Ms Alison Ross

Music Specialist, Performing Arts and Instrumental Program Coordinator.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Unfortunately, due to Mr Donnelly's injury the swimming trials planned for Wednesday will be postponed until further notice.

Swimming Carnival (Outdoor Swimming Pool)

The Swimming Carnival will be held on Wednesday 21st March (Week 8) at the Cockburn ARC (31 Veterans Parade, Cockburn Central). This is a 50m pool. More information will follow.

URGENT MORE PARENT HELPERS REQUIRED

Parent help is essential to conduct events of this size. If you are available to help at the Trials and/or the Swimming Carnival please indicate this below.

State School Sport Teams

Please be aware that School Sport WA sends teams interstate for a number of sports. If you are interested in trialling for these teams please access the website below. Below is a list of sports and their travel dates. Nomination details can be found on the same website.

If any student born in 2006 or 2007 is interested in trialling for the state schoolboys AFL team please read the following. Please note that only players turning 11 and 12 years of age in 2018 are eligible to nominate.

This year's team will be travelling to Canberra in ACT from August $10^{th} - 18^{th}$. The trial dates can be found on the School Sport WA website (<u>www.schoolsportwa.com.au</u>).

In order to nominate for the trials go to the School Sport WA website where you need to locate the 'Interstate' menu button which is located at the top of the page. All relevant details can be found on this website. If you have any queries please don't hesitate in making contact with me or the School Sport WA office.

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Basketball	10 - 17 Aug	Darwin	
Cricket	Jan 2019	TBC	
Cross Country	23 - 28 Aug	Sunshine Coast, Q)ld
Football (Soccer)	15 - 21 Sept	Sydney	
Golf	10 – 17 Nov	Bellarine Peninsul	a, Vic
Hockey	11 - 17 Aug	Newcastle, NSW	
Netball	15 - 21 Sept	Darwin	
Rugby League	11 - 18 Aug	Adelaide	
Swimming	25 - 31 Aug	Hobart	
Diving	8 - 14 Sept	Perth	
Tennis	20 - 28 Oct	Adelaide	
Touch Rugby	21 - 26 Oct	Hobart	
By all means	make contact	with Alex McLenn	an
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(Alex.McLennan@education.wa.edu.au) if you have any queries.

Ryan Donnelly, PE

SKOOLBAG APP

The "Skoolbag" App is a tool that the school uses to remind parents of important events and to convey last minute messages such as "the swimming bus has been delayed."

It sends an alert directly to your smartphone in real time. It is also commonly used by parents to advise the school of a student's absence. The Skoolbag App can be easily downloaded to your smartphone using the instructions that follow.



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

For iPhone and iPad users:

- 1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
- 2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
- 3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
- 4. The app is FREE to download.
- 5. When installed click "Open"
- 6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
- 7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
- 8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

For Android users:

- You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.
- 1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
- 2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
- 3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
- 4. Click the "Install" button.
- Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
- 6. Click "Open" when installed.
- 7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
- 8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch. Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone

must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

For Windows 81 Phone and Windows 81 or 10 device users:

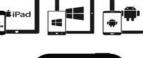
- 1. Go to the Windows Store on your 81 Windows Phone or Windows 81/10 Device
- 2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
- 3. Install the Skoolbag app
- 4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
- 5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
- 6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
- 7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 81 version Windows Phones, or Windows 81 and 10 devices.

Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au

Don't forget to like us on Facebook!

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PARKING

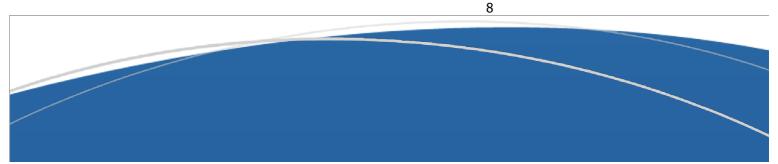
Below is a reminder about our parking and traffic rules to ensure the safety of our children at all times. We ask that you exercise patience and caution.

DRIVEWAY MAPS

- Yellow arrow This is 'drive through' and is for pick up and drop off only.
 Overtaking in this area to get to the back of the school is potentially dangerous. If drivers need access to that area, they must wait in the queue.
- Blue Arrow This driveway is for parking. It is also for getting out of the car to walk into the school to collect children. The speed limit is 8km/hr.
- Please be courteous to others, allowing them to 'reverse park'
- Stopping or double parking is not permitted.

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. The top oval will be open for any overflow. Please do not park on any paving areas around the school.





P&F NEWS P&F Meeting

Office bearers for 2018 are:

- Michelle Hall (President)
- Michelle Pelliccione (Vice President)
- Leah Rheinberger (Secretary)
- Rebecca Exham (Treasurer)
- Tina Stevens-Galipo (Food Coordinator)
- Vanessa Martins (Communication Coordinator)
- Michelle Hall (Class Rep Coordinator)
- Kate Godwin-Johnston (SunSmart Rep)
- Helen Kruh (Parish Representative)
- Linda Corlett (Community Appreciation Officer

All parents and friends are warmly welcomed to attend P&F meetings and become involved any of the numerous event that the P&F host throughout the year.

The first P&F meeting for the year will take place on Tuesday, February 13. Everyone is most welcome to come along and be part of the great community spirit. See you there.

The P&F are excited to introduce some new initiatives into our community for 2018. A Welcome Sundowner will be held on Friday 23rd February as the Term 1 social event, providing and an opportunity for all parents to catch up after the school holidays and welcome new parents to the school.

A Dad's campout will be held within the school grounds on Saturday 17th March. More details will follow. This is an opportunity for Dads to spend time with their children and meet other Dads within the school. If a child does not have a father, uncle or grandfather who can take them on the campout, the mother is welcome to take their place.

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

These will be announced next week

COMMUNITY NEWS TENNIS

Do you want your child to become the next Roger Federer or Caroline Wozniacki?

Jim Guilfoile, a Tennis Australia Junior Development Coach, is offering tennis lessons at Mater Christi in Term 1 on Thursday mornings from 7:40 to 8:25, starting on the 8th of February.

The cost for the 8-week term is \$130, and all eligible students will receive a free ANZ Hot Shots T-shirt! Contact Jim **now** to register your interest at jimmystennisau@gmail.com or ring 0403 743 147.



Early in 2018, Mercedes College will commence interviewing Year 5 students who are due to start Year 7 in 2020. If you are considering enrolling your daughter at Mercedes College and have not yet requested a Prospectus, please contact Mrs Julie Lamb on 9323 1340 as soon as possible. Further information about the enrolment process is available on our website at www.mercedes.wa.edu.au.





ONE NIGHT ONLY!

Changing the Game Parenting Through Sport

RIVERSIDE THEATRE, PERTH | WEDNESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2018 | 6.30PM - 8.30PM PERTH CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE - 21 MOUNTS BAY ROAD, PERTH

Wednesday 21 February 2018 6.30pm – 8.30pm, Riverside Theatre

Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre 21 Mounts Bay Road, Perth

Unlock the secrets to giving your kids positive, healthy and rewarding experiences while playing junior sport.

For one-night only, join international best-selling author John O'Sullivan and local parenting commentator and educator Clark Wight to explore how sport is game-changing for parents. You'll discover how to keep the fun in the game and support your kids to get the most out of sport – no matter whether they're part of the team or striving for gold.

More than just fun and physical activity, sport encourages our kids to work together, be healthy risk-takers, show determination and courage and look at ways to overcome challenges.

Alongside the experts we'll explore:

- How life skills learnt in sport prepare your kids for future challenges.
- · How active kids get a brain boost at school.
- Keeping fun in the game.
- · A new approach to post-match conversations.
- Why playing a variety of sports helps kids develop better skills and physical literacy.
- Helping kids stay engaged and enjoy the sports you've paid for.

To close the evening, join an audience Q&A with our expert panel including Sydney 2000 Olympic Games water polo gold medallist Simone Fountain OAM (née Hankin) who will speak of her experience as an athlete and now as a mother of three.

This landmark event is a must for any parent, educator, coach or sport administrator already on the junior sport journey or considering sport for your kids.

You'll leave with:

- A fresh approach.
- · Reinforcement that sport is a game-changer for kids.
- Positive ways to have better conversations around sport and participation.
- Tips and tricks to better enjoy the sporting journey with your kids.

FREE event – registration essential to secure your ticket.

Questions or further information: SR_events@dlgsc.wa.gov.au





Changing the Game

RIVERSIDE THEATRE, PERTH WEDNESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2018 6.30PM - 8.30PM

About the speakers





John O'Sullivan Founder and CEO Changing the Game Project

John O'Sullivan is an internationally known TEDx Speaker and the founder of the Changing the Game Project, which he started in 2012 to better educate parents, coaches and youth sports organisations and put more 'play' in playing sport.

John is a former professional soccer player who coached for 20 years at youth, high school and college level in the US.

He has been an advisor and presenter for numerous sporting organisations across the globe, including US soccer, Football, Lacrosse, Swimming and Hockey, and he sits on the National Advisory Board for the Positive Coaching Alliance and the National Association for Physical Literacy in the US.

John is the author of two #1 bestselling books and his blog gets nearly 5 million visits a year. His goal is to keep more kids active, healthy and involved in physical activity.

Clark Wight

Conscious parenting advocate, educator and presenter

Clark Wight's desire to share his experiences as an educator, school administrator and parent has led to numerous conference presentations, articles and seminars around raising children, developing our conscious parenting skills and engaging adolescent children. He's also passionate about taking the mystery and fervour out of media-driven, assessment-focused and societal driven expectations around the perfect child and the perfect parent.

Clark speaks alongside conscious parenting advocate Maggie Dent and works with schools and parent communities on further developing our understanding of our children. His seminars are known for their humour, sincerity, real-life solutions and the perspective he brings around schools, education and parenting.



