

Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Volume 1

6th February 2015



School Prayer:

(Try and learn this for our next assembly!)

Lord bless our school
Bless all the children
Bless our families
Bless our teachers
And all who work with them.

Lord teach us to care for others
So that we can be a good friend
To those who need us
to those who feel left out
or are lonely

Always ready to share everything that we have.
Help us to be like Jesus
A friend to anyone who needs us.

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome to 2015! We are delighted to have commenced school in such a productive and enjoyable fashion. Certainly on Monday morning, children dived straight in to their classes. As always I had the opportunity to visit every class and that was truly a pleasure.

Welcome to our new staff, Megan Hardie PPB, Courtney Edmondson 3A, Emily Roche 6B, Sally Van Pelt in the Front Office and Deborah Carr as a Teacher Assistant. Welcome also to our new families. Compared to the beginning of 2014, taking in to account the students who left at the end of 2014, we have had a nett increase of over thirty students, meaning that we are close to being full again! And the only reason for that is because of what you have had to say about our school. There is no substitute for word of mouth recommendation, and that support is never taken for granted. Thank you so much.

Welcome to Father Joe Cardoso. Father Joe will be assisting Father Bryan in his parish work, and will be focussing his care on our school. We look forward to his presence.

To our new students, priest and staff we are delighted to have you join our community, and hope that your association with us is long, a rewarding and life-giving one.

The year has started really well. Long may it continue!

Sincerely
Mark de Kluyver
Principal

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Dates for Next Week

Monday
9th February

Tuesday
10th February *Swimming Trials*
Years 4 to 6
(Riverton Leisureplex)

Parent Info Night
(PP – Yr 6)
6 – 6.30pm
6.30 – 7pm

7pm P&F Meeting

Wednesday
11th February *School Banking*

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

Thursday
12th February

Friday
13th February *Book Club Due*

Saturday 14th / Sunday 15th
February

Collection of Sacramental Forms
(All Masses)

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Absentees Email: absentee@mcps.wa.edu.au

Website: www.mcps.wa.edu.au

Vision & Mission Statement

Mater Christi Primary School, in the name of Mary, Mother of Christ, exists to give witness to the love of Jesus Christ.

Faith Community:

We seek at all times to make Jesus real in the lives of our students, our families and our staff by modelling gospel values in our daily work. We strive to demonstrate deep respect for the people we encounter. We have a close and supportive connection with our Parish. Our liturgies are dynamic and sacred opportunities to further strengthen each person's relationship with Christ.

Educational Community:

We nurture in our students a belief in their individual potential and we commit ourselves to helping them achieve this while respecting and protecting the rights of each other. Students are at the centre of all our educational endeavours and are encouraged to be open to new learning experiences.

Professional Community:

We are determined to make a difference to each student. We strive to provide a safe and nurturing environment for our students, marked by the active presence of Jesus. Relationships with families are marked by respect, courage and integrity. As a staff, we are supportive of each other and conscious that our professional lives set the tone for the school. We are clear in our purpose and priorities and each person takes personal responsibility for their unique role to ensure that we continue to grow in the love of Jesus.

School Board News

Significant financial investment has been made in school infrastructure over the break. We have a new Drama room at the rear of the Undercover area, Kindy and Preprimary have new kitchens, new flooring has been laid in the Kindy and Preprimary lobbies, Learning Hub and Year One classes, new toilets and tiling in Preprimary, new furniture and class set-ups in Year Six, and student work areas extended in to the Kindy and Preprimary/Year One lobbies. The old Drama room has been reconfigured in to four smaller rooms to make space for student group work that currently takes place in different places around the school, and our library has a new service desk. And it all looks just amazing!! Feel free to take a walk around.

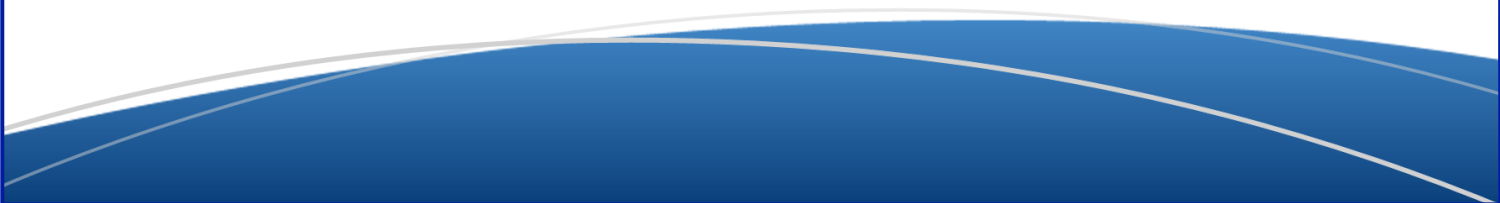
Parent Information Night

Tuesday 10th February - Parent Teacher Information Sessions for parents of children in Preprimary to Year 6 (**the first session at 6.00pm, which is repeated at 6.30pm**, so if you have more than one child you can get to more than one presentation). These are popular meetings, for you get to see and hear teachers outline plans for 2015.

2015 School Leaders

This week our new school leaders started their new roles. They have started very enthusiastically and I have no doubt this will continue for the rest of the year. The leaders will be formally inducted at our first assembly of the year, which is on Friday 20th February. We invite all family members of our new school leaders to attend this assembly.

Thank you
Mark Ryan
Assistant Principal



Parish Corner

Parish Office:

Our Parish Office is open TUESDAY and FRIDAY 8.30am to 3pm.
If you have any queries please call in and see Marina Hayward.

Weekend Mass:

Saturday 6pm
Sunday 8am, 10am and 5pm

Altar Servers:

Altar Serving meeting Saturday 7th February 2015.
All Altar servers are asked to come along and meet new Altar servers.
Commencing 4.30 – 5.30pm

Parish Rep Donna Butt



Sacramental Program 2015

In keeping with the Archdiocesan Policy for the proper preparation of children for the Sacraments of Initiation, our Parish implements the policy for the Sacraments of Initiation being **Family Focussed, Parish Based** and **School Supported**. The need for these experiences is important for catechesis.

Family Focussed: The responsibility for this preparation belongs firstly with parents. This reflects the teaching of the church, which is, that children being initiated into the Church should be able primarily, to look to their parents and family for the necessary nurturing of their faith.

Parish Based: It should be noted "the pre-eminent place for catechesis" is the Parish (Catechesi Tradendae 67). The Parish is the place where people learn to live as a faith community.

School Supported: The role of the Catholic schools in supporting Sacramental programmes for young people is to nurture strong partnerships between family and parishes (Catholic School Mandate para 80). In the same way the Parish Religious Education Programme (PREP) is designed to support children who attend non-Catholic schools with their preparation.

Generally children in Year 3 make their **First Reconciliation**, children in Year 4 receive their **First Holy Communion**, and children in their final year of primary school, receive the Sacrament of **Confirmation**.

Therefore, **all children wishing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation, in our parish will register with the Parish at the start of the school year.** It is imperative that the children are enrolled at the commencement of the year so their Sacramental preparation can be full and complete. Sacramental dates for 2015 are as follows:

Collection of **ALL** Sacrament Enrolment Forms:

14/15 & 21/22 February

Return of Sacrament Enrolment Forms for **ALL** Sacraments:

29/1 & 7/8 March

Sacrament Meeting **ALL PARENTS** of **ALL** Sacramental Candidates:

11th March

	Sacrament Date	Commitment Mass	Parent/Child Workshop
CONFIRMATION	23rd & 24th May	21st / 22nd March	29th April
FIRST COMMUNION	1st & 2nd August 8th & 9th August 15th & 16th August	6th / 7th June	24th June
RECONCILIATION	24th & 31st Oct, 7th & 14th November	29th / 30th August	9th September

*You and your child's presence at these Masses and Parent/Child Workshops form an **important part of your commitment to Sacramental preparation** and as such are NOT OPTIONAL. There will be NO LATECOMERS MASS opportunities for people not present at their allocated Masses and the workshops will only be conducted on the given date.*

**** These dates are published in good faith, however, due to unforeseen circumstances, may change. In this event, as much notice as possible will be given. ****

Please contact the Parish Office if you have any queries

Mater Christi Staff List for 2015

Principal	Mark de Kluyver	Support Assistants	Tracy Duffy, Jessica Fic
Assistant Principals	Mark Ryan Courtney Dunsire	A.T.A Admin	Karina Minervini, Deborah Gladwell, Stacey Harding, Deborah Carr, Eileen Erzay Toby Millar Robin Giles, Amanda Burke, Sally Vanpelt, Paula Nichols, Sr Emmanuel
Science Library Music Drama LOTE Phys Ed Literacy	Brendwyn Ziegelaar Emily Richards Alison Clunies-Ross Pat Pottier Linda Piacente Ryan Donnelly Paulina Sweeney	Canteen Gardens	Heidi Mann, Joh Perez Anthony Jenkins
CLASS	TEACHER	ASSISTANTS	
ELC	Christina Baldry	Karina Minervini	
KINDY	A&B C D	Jo Jensen Christina Baldry Mandy Jeffrey	Donna Johnson Barbara Ludley Barbara Ludley
PRE. PR.	A B C	Kate Cosnett Megan Hardie Donna Ward	Diana Wake Lisa Collins Miriam Gough
YR 1	A B C	Kayla Trimble Kirsty McCluskey Stacey Williamson	Karen Pitcher
YR 2	A B C	Lauren Boland Amanda Kelly Danielle McEwen	
YR 3	A B C	Cathy Moran Courtney Edmondson Siobhan O'Gara	
YR 4	A B C	Katie McNally Katie Meyerkort Jacob O'Reilly	
YR 5	A B C	Sarah Lister Claire Nunes David Edwards	
YR 6	A B C	Nicole Cloutt/Linda Williams Emily Roche Geordie Thuijs/Linda Williams	

* Mrs Kate Payze is on long service leave for Term One.



Allergy Aware

In 2015 we have students in our school with severe 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.

Rainbows

When something significant happens in the family, the whole family is affected. Even though death and divorce appears to be a grown up problem, it does have a profound effect on the children it touches. Rainbows is a program designed especially for children who are living in single parent families, or families going through significant transitions.

Rainbows fosters emotional healing among children grieving a loss from a life-altering crisis or other significant changes in their life. Rainbows provides a safe, confidential and caring environment for young people to sort through their pain and confusion, build self-esteem and learn coping tools to deal with their change, loss and grief. The goal is to assist participants in expressing feelings, understand and talk about these feelings and to learn to let go of them and get on with living. The facilitator assists the participants in expressing feelings.

The program consists of twelve weekly sessions conducted during school hours. This year the staff member trained to facilitate the Rainbows Program is Michelle Romano. If you are interested in your child participating, please email admin@mcps.wa.edu.au or speak to your child's classroom teacher.

Michelle Romano

Class Representatives 2015

Are you interested in being a Class Representative in 2015? Class Representatives are needed for the following classes.

CLASS	2015 TEACHER
Year 3B	Courtney Edmondson
Year 3C	Siobhan O'Gara
Year 5A	Sarah Lister

Class Representatives play a vital role supporting parents in our Mater Christi Community. If you are interested in taking up this rewarding role or you simply would like further information, please contact Cherryl Cutri, Class Representative Coordinator, at ckcutri@iinet.net.au.

Class Contact Lists 2015

At the start of the new school year, the Class Representative Coordinator compiles a Class Contact List for each class in our school.

Information on each list is for the exclusive use of parents in that particular class only and is not to be shared. The sole purpose of the List is for your Class Representative to better facilitate communication between parents, P & F and classroom teachers.

Each list contains details such as student name, Mother's mobile number and email address and Father's mobile number and email address. Your family details are collected from administration records.

This week you would have received a *Full Family Details* form containing all your family's personal details and an accompanying letter from school.

To ensure that your details are accurate on your child/ren's Class Contact List(s), I ask that you please check your details on the *Full Family Details* form to ensure all the information is correct, sign the form and return it to the front office by 23rd February 2015.

Class Contact Lists will be distributed in Week 5. If you require any further information regarding Class Contact Lists, please contact Cherryl Cutri, Class Representative Coordinator at ckcutri@iinet.net.au.

Library News

**Book club is due back at school by
FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY
PLEASE GIVE ORDERS TO THE FRONT OFFICE**

Late orders will not be accepted.

No cash Payments please.

Credit Card (on Scholastic website) or cheque only

Please make sure orders are added up correctly. Incorrect orders will be returned and not processed.

School Attendance - Absentees

If your child will be absent or late to school, it is important to ring the school office on 9417 5756 or email us 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 8.45 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 school. For extended absences please visit the office to complete a pink leave of absence form.

State Sports Trials 2015

Football - Any Student born in 2003 that may be interested in trialling for the State Schoolboys AFL team are asked to go to the School Sport WA website. Please note that only players turning 12 years of age in 2015 are eligible to nominate.

This year's team will be travelling to Geelong in Victoria from July 17th - 26th. The trial dates can be found on the School Sport WA website: www.schoolsportwa.com.au

Other Sports - In order to nominate for these trials or others please 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.

Basketball	20 - 29 Nov	Adelaide	Trial = June
Cross Country	28 - 31 Aug	Melbourne	Trial = May
Football (Soccer)	20 - 29 Nov	Adelaide	Trial = May
Hockey	2 - 7 Aug	Perth	Trial = April
Netball	29 Aug - 4 Sept	Perth	Trial = TBC
Rugby League	8 - 16 Aug	Darwin	Trial = April
Swimming	20 - 29 Nov	Adelaide	Trial = May
Tennis	16 - 25 Oct	Hobart	Trial = June
Touch Rugby	20 - 29 Nov	Adelaide	Trial = TBC

Ryan Donnelly
PE Teacher

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.

After School Pick Up

All children who are not walking, riding 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.

Punctuality

School lobbies 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.

Parking

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 oval will be open next week as well, until more people start using the drive through. Please do **not** park on the grass or paving around the school.



CATHOLIC EDUCATION
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Welcome to the start of 2015 academic year.

I would like to offer a very warm welcome to the many families who are joining our system for the very first time.

In 2015 we are witnessing exciting signs of continued growth and renewal within the Catholic Education system. Two new schools have opened in term 1, taking the total number of Catholic Schools in WA to 163. I wish the students, parents, principals and staff of St John Bosco College in Piara Waters, St Francis' School in Maddington and the new Bunbury Catholic College Mercy Campus at Australind all the very best as they open their doors for the very first time. These new facilities are a tangible reminder of the value that the community continues to place on a Catholic Education right across the state.

To all who are returning to Catholic schools, welcome back. In 2015 all Year 7 students will be located within secondary settings right across the state. This important shift has already been in place in metropolitan settings for a number of years and regional schools have been planning for this transition for an extended period. I am certain that the students will find this new chapter in their schooling lives an exciting time with many opportunities for personal growth.

To our Year 11 and 12 students who are embarking on this important phase of your secondary schooling, I wish you all the best and encourage you to work hard and make the most of every opportunity presented to you.

Last year our system achieved our best WACE results of the last five years. Whilst we are very pleased with that performance, there is no room for complacency as continuous improvement requires an ongoing effort at all levels of the system and remains my clear priority for 2015 and beyond.

We are all part of a dynamic Catholic education community that promotes the mission of the Church with Jesus Christ at its heart. All 163 of our schools rely on the contribution of the parish, staff, students and parents working in partnership to build a successful Catholic community. Within the limits of your busy family and working lives, I encourage you to share your time and talents with your school community. You can contribute by nominating to become a member of the Board, joining the P&F, volunteering to be a class representative, helping out at the annual sports carnival, doing a shift at the canteen or helping with school reading rosters. Every contribution makes a difference to your child's education.

I once again wish to acknowledge the critical role that you as parents and caregivers play in the education of your children. Your involvement combined with the efforts of more than 10,000 dedicated school staff and principals, means that children educated in Catholic schools have the very best chance of reaching their potential.

I wish you all the best for 2015.

Regards

Tim McDonald

Executive Director

Jimmy's Tennis

Jimmy's Tennis is back at Mater Christi!

Jim Guilfoile, a Tennis Australia accredited Junior Development Coach, is offering ANZ Hot Shots tennis lessons on Thursday mornings starting the 12th of February, from 7:30 to 8:15 on the school courts next to the staff carpark.

Every new player will receive a free t shirt.

The term fee is \$90 for 7 weeks' tuition. Spaces are limited, so register NOW by ringing Jim on 0403 743 147, or email him at jimmystennis@iprimus.com.au.



FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday 21st February 2:30pm - 5:30pm

Commissioning Mass 6:00pm

Sausage
Sizzle
\$2

Bouncy
Castle

Toddler
Play
Area

Disco

Slushies &
Drinks
\$2



Racing
Simulator

Face
Painting

Sumo Suit
Wrestling

Fairy Floss
\$2

Giant
Inflatable
Soccer
Field

All activities FREE

Use of Student Images/Names

With the increasing use of ICT at Mater Christi, student images and/or names may appear on class websites, in the school newsletter or on class made DVD's. **If you DO NOT wish your child/ren's names or images to appear, please return the notice below to the front office by Friday 27th February 2014.**

I _____ parent/guardian of _____ (name all children)

in class/es _____

I DO NOT give permission for the names or images of my children to appear in any school newsletters, DVDs or on their class website.