

Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Volume 4

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A prophet is one who keeps God free for people and who keeps people free for God. It is a two-sided task. He or she is committed to the covenant love between humanity and the Divine at all costs and keeping God totally free for people.

The other half of the prophet's job is to keep people free for God. People get trapped in chains of guilt and low self-esteem.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This shorter newsletter reflects the shorter week for you. Our staff will still be in action tomorrow however.

Thank you for your support of the Fun Day and the Commissioning Mass. Both were fabulous! To Fun Day organizer Nicoletta Nici, and to Father Bryan thank you very much indeed.

Our Year Six students head south on Camp on Tuesday and we wish them a safe, happy, life-giving, challenging experience. This camp takes a lot of work to prepare. To their teachers Emily, Geordie and Nicole, thank you for all the work you have done in preparation for a wonderful week.

Some three hundred people are scheduled to attend next Tuesday's presentation by Maggie Dent. Sincere thanks to Beverly Sweetman and our P & F for hosting this fabulous event.

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday!

Mark de Kluyver
Principal

Dates for Next Week

**Monday
2nd March** **Public Holiday**

**Tuesday
3rd March** *Yr 1 Constitutional
Centre Incursion*

*Yr 6 Camp
7pm MCCC
Maggie Dent guest
speaker*

**Wednesday
4th March** *Yr 6 Camp*

**Thursday
5th March** *Yr 6 Camp*

**Friday
6th March** *Yr 2 AQWA
Excursion*

*Yr 6 Camp
Return*

**Saturday 7th / Sunday 8th
March**

*Return of Sacramental
Enrolment Forms
(All Masses)*

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

Parish Rep Donna Butt



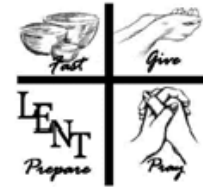
Sacramental Program 2015

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The collection of Enrolment forms for the Sacramental program occurred over the past two weekends. It was wonderful to see so many families there. If you did not attend Mass over the last two weekends and you would like your child to be part of the program (Year 3, 4 and 6 students) it is **essential** that you and your child come to Mass this **Saturday 28th February at 6pm** to collect an enrolment form.

Thank you to the students and their families who collected Sacrament Enrolment Forms. We now invite you to join us at a Parish Mass this weekend to return your completed Enrolment Forms. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday 28th February at 6:00pm or Sunday 1st March at either 8:00am, 10:00am or 5:00pm.

Religious Education



2nd Week of Lent – Project Compassion – brings you Mariama's story

Mariama is raising her daughter in a country that suffers widespread poverty and inequity. When her little girl becomes malnourished, she receives life-saving food and care at a Nutrition Centre supported by Caritas Australia.

Mariama's mother tries to support the family by selling vegetables on the side of the road. But her tiny, inconsistent income often means the family doesn't have enough money to buy food. As a result, Mariama's young daughter, Fati, is often sick and recently became malnourished.

Thankfully, Mariama found life saving help at a Nutrition Centre run by Caritas Australia's local partners in Niger CAFOD (UK Caritas) and CADEV (Caritas Niger). The Nutrition Centre cares for malnourished children like Fati, and provides them with medical care, nutritional supplements and essential food so they can recover from malnutrition.

The program of food and care that Fati is currently receiving at the Nutrition Centre has given the young girl a second chance at life. As Fati recovers physically, Mariama is strengthening her spirit and sense of hope with the help of counselling received through the Nutrition Centre. Mariama has also taken a sewing course that means she will be able to earn an income and secure a better future for them both. Mariama is filled with hope and gratitude.

Your donation to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion provides support to programs such as the Nutrition Centre. www.caritas.org.au

Caritas – Project Compassion

Each year Lent offers the opportunity to share what we have with those who have less. This year's theme is 'Food For Life.' Every classroom has a small Project Compassion money box. Money boxes will be collected towards the end of Lent and we ask that all families contribute to this worthy cause.

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.

Best Wishes
Courtney Dunsire
Assistant Principal

PARKING, DRIVING, PATIENCE, PLANNING

- Now that the oval is closed, to be rehabilitated from being used for parking, we remind everyone to keep a clear head. When exiting the drive-through, if it is clear to turn right, then do so, but only if it does not hold up traffic behind you. If you can't get out, you will have to turn left.
- Arriving at 3.20 to the drive-through usually sees the way clear. I would recommend it to everyone who does not want to queue.
- If you want to park and collect your children when the bell goes, you may have to park or queue further away from the school. We do not have room for everyone to park. Nor does any other school we know !
- This is the safest set-up most of us have ever seen, with separate drive-ways for a drive-through, and parking and getting out of the car. Timing is everything. Choose yours well!

P & F News

Traffic Issue #2 there has been some discussion about turning right when coming out of drive-through. The school has advised that it is allowed but with consideration for others and common sense. If it's really busy and you're holding up the queue and you can't get across, please turn left and go round the roundabout.

The next P&F event is Maggie Dent speaking about "Building Resilience and Self Esteem in Today's Children" from 7-9pm on Tues 3rd March in the Community Centre (doors open from 6.30pm, wine and cheese to be served). Cost is \$25, tickets will still be available at the door on the night.

The next P&F meeting is on Tues 10th March, 7pm in Staffroom, please come along if you can.

Kate Godwin-Johnston, P&F



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Swimming Carnival (16th March) Years 4 to 6

Don't forget that the Mater Christi Swimming Carnival is fast approaching. It will be held at the **Warnbro Aqua Jetty on Monday 16th March**. A draft program has been pinned up undercover for all students and parents to view. If there are any mistakes or omissions please come to the lobby next to my office and write on the clipboard provided any changes you would like to make.

Caps (Compulsory)

The Swim caps have just arrived in! Each student will **need** a cap for the upcoming Swimming Carnival. These caps are available from the office for \$3. The caps are a fantastic way for the spectators to know who is racing and for the judges to award positions at the end of the race. So get in as fast as you can and get your team cap.

Ryan Donnelly (HPE Specialist)

Occupational Therapy Kindergarten Screen

Aim: See how your child is developing the skills required for Kindergarten.

Price: \$60 (Payment made through Total Health Reception)

Rebate: You may be eligible for a rebate from your private health insurance, depending on the level of cover.

Days Available: Tuesday (Possibility of Monday if required)

Contact: Anelle Young (Occupational Therapist):
ayoung.th@outlook.com
Leeanne Van Mansum (Occupational Therapist):
Lvanmansum.th@outlook.com

Total Health Cockburn:
(08) 9494 3760

Class Rep Events

- **KB – Wednesday 4th March – 9.15am**
Surfing Lizard Café Coogee Surf Lifesaving
- **KC – Friday 20th March – 7pm**
CY O'Connor, RSVP to your Rep by 13th March
elizaf@iinet.net.au
- **PPA – Tuesday 3rd March –**
Coffee catch up at the Dome Port Coogee after drop off
- **2A – Wednesday 23rd March – 7.30pm**
Dragon Palace, Gateways, RSVP to your Class Rep 23rd March
- **YR3B – Thursday 12th March – 6.30pm**
The Quarie, RSVP to your Rep by 9th March
- **YR6 – Saturday 28th Feb – 7pm**
The Quarie, RSVP to your class Rep



CITY OF COCKBURN 2015 JETTY TO JETTY SWIM

COME ALONG AND ENJOY A SWIM IN...

"The most enjoyable family-oriented open water swim in Western Australia"

on Sunday 8th March 2015 at John Graham Reserve, Woodman Point

(all swimmers to check-in between 645am – 745am)

Cash & Other Prizes
Free Aqua Shop Mesh Bag & Product Samples

Special Event Shirts & Towels

Yummy Full Cooked Breakfast (\$15)

Wetsuit Category for Triathletes & Others (with Prizes)

Early Bird Discounts

Choose a 1,500 or 750 metre swim and ...



CHALLENGE YOURSELF ...

CHALLENGE YOUR FRIENDS ...

CHALLENGE YOUR PARENTS ...

CHALLENGE YOUR KIDS ...

CHALLENGE YOUR SCHOOL MATES ...



Entry Fees

	1500m	750m
Early Bird	\$30*	\$25*
Standard	\$35*	\$30*
Late (race day only)	\$45	\$45

*Further \$5 discount to HBF members available online

ENTER ONLINE AT WWW.COCKBURNMASTERS.ORG.AU

Age Group Prizes 10-14, 15-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75 & over

Minimum age of 10 (race day) and last year's oldest swimmer was 85 !!

Wave Starts
Water Safety
100+ Volunteers

<Part proceeds from this event are used to benefit local community projects>



This event is part of the **2014/15 HBF Masters Open Water Swim Series**.
HBF Members receive discounted entry to this event, as well as a range of other healthy events. Visit hbf.com.au/events for more information.



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