

# Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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## SCHOOL BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Parents/Guardians

It is with great sadness that I announce to our school community, that Mr Mark de Kluyver, our Principal, has tendered his resignation. Mark has accepted a Principal's position with Holy Rosary School in Doubleview.

Over the last seven years we have seen Mark transform Mater Christi into a strong Catholic Primary School which is the envy of so many other schools throughout Western Australia. Some of Marks' significant achievements have included:

- promoting a student focused primary school;
- the strong support of the Making Jesus Real and Quality Catholic schooling programs;
- providing unwavering support for the Parish based sacramental program;
- improved Naplan results across the school population each year;
- recruiting and challenging a very impressive list of assistant principals, teaching, support and administration staff;
- guiding/supporting staff and students through the implementation of a new IT strategy with Apple computers;
- maintaining student numbers in the face of strong competition from other schools;
- prudently managing the school's finances to ensure students have every possible resource available and that the school has adequate cash reserves for the future
- advocated for and built the Mater Christi Community Centre
- supervised the upgrading of the computing labs and drama/speech pathology areas.

Mark is currently the President of the Catholic Primary Principals Association of WA, which we as a school community have all been very proud.

Mark has indicated he will finish with Mater Christi at the end of term one in order to commence his new role at the start of term two. I'm sure each of you will join me in thanking Mark for his hard work, support, and dedication to our children over more than six years. The Parish, School Board, teaching, support and administration staff wish him every success for his new and exciting role.

In terms of recruiting a new Principal, the board will provide updates via the newsletter over the coming weeks.

**Darren Cutri**  
**School Board Chairman**

## Dates for Next Week

**Monday**  
**9<sup>th</sup> March**      *9am 1C Class Mass*

**Tuesday**  
**10<sup>th</sup> March**      *9am 3B Class Mass*  
  
*Yr 4 Kings Park  
Excursion*

**Wednesday**  
**11<sup>th</sup> March**      *7pm P & F Meeting*  
  
*7pm General  
Sacrament Parent  
Meeting (MCCC)*

**Thursday**  
**12<sup>th</sup> March**

**Friday**  
**13<sup>th</sup> March**      *9am 5B Class Mass*

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> / Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>  
March**

## 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

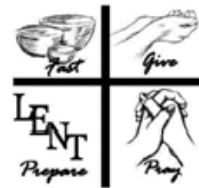


## Sacramental Program 2015

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We invite all families to join us at a Parish Mass this weekend to return your completed Enrolment Forms. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 6:00pm or Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March at either 8:00am, 10:00am or 5:00pm.

## Religious Education



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent – Project Compassion – brings you Karen's story

Karen is a First Australian living in a remote rural community. Like many she can't always afford or access healthy food. At the Centacare Wilcannia-Forbes Manage Your Income, Manage Your Life Program, supported by Caritas Australia, Karen gained the skills she needed to budget and choose healthy food for her family.

For the majority of Australians, good health and great food are part of everyday life. But the story is starkly different for First Australians living in rural communities, where low incomes, limited access to nutritious, affordable food, and poor food choices (due to lack of education) are severely compromising the health and well-being of families.

In Central New South Wales, sole mother-of-six Karen had limited education in life-skills such as money management, cooking, nutrition and health. Food and groceries in remote communities like Karen's are expensive due to freight costs and limited local competition. As a result, it was very hard to stretch her Centrelink payments to afford essentials like food and rent.

Karen had never linked good budgeting habits to good food, good health and a better (less stressful) life. So, two years ago, when she enrolled in the Centacare Wilcannia-Forbes Manage Your Income, Manage Your Life Program supported by Caritas Australia, a new world opened up to her. Through a series of budgeting workshops and monthly budget planning sessions, combined with nutrition workshops and cooking activities, Karen gained the tools she needed to take control of her money and budget so she could provide regular, healthy food for her family.

Centacare also introduced Karen to the Food Support Program, where people on low incomes can buy affordable groceries and make their dollars go further. Taking control of her finances, and learning a new range of life-skills has given Karen the ability and confidence to choose foods for a healthier life that will lead to a better future for her family.

**Your donation to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion provides support to programs such as the Centacare Wilcannia-Forbes Manage Your Income, Manage Your Life Program. [www.caritas.org.au](http://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

## Library / Book Club

Dear Parents,

Our school has signed up to LOOP, the NEW Scholastic Book Clubs Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for Parents.

Please note that this will now be the only way to order book club through our school.

If you want to pay by credit card for your online Book Club order, our new platform makes it easy! It eliminates the need for paper order forms plus your online order is submitted to the school safe and sound.

Log-in to [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or download the 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 (all classes can be found on the drop down list Kindy and PP are down the bottom of the list)
- Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- 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
- There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school!

For a quick how-to-order video, log-in to [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) and click on HELP in the top menu.

Emily Richards  
Library Officer

## P & F News

Maggie Dent's talk on Tuesday night was an informative and successful event that was very well attended. Many people agree it was well worth the two year wait to have her speak at our school! Maggie donated some books and resources for our parent resource centre in the library. They are for everyone to use so please feel free to see Miss Richards in the library to hire them out. Beverly Sweetman would like to thank everyone who helped her with the event.

Another one of Maggie Dent's popular presentations is called 'Boys, Boys, Boys'. The P&F will be screening this presentation in the MCCC in Term 2, further details to follow. Also stay tuned for further details about an Easter event coming up at the end of March.

The next P&F meeting is next Tuesday 10th March, 7pm in the staffroom, we hope to see you there.

Kate Godwin-Johnston

## Friendly schools Plus - Resilience

Our school is continuing to create a friendly and supportive culture. The resources we are using are based on evidence from 12 years of empirical research from the Child Health Promotion Research Centre. The resource materials aim to help schools to encourage positive social behaviour and reduce bullying behaviour.

### **Our goals for a supportive school culture:**

- To continue to provide all students with opportunities to develop and practice getting along with other children through classroom learning activities
- Create a positive social environment within our school, which actively discourages bullying.
- Continue to encourage staff, students and parents to treat all school community members with respect, care and compassion

### **Families' role in creating a supportive school culture**

Research demonstrates that efforts to change the attitudes and behaviour of students are more likely to be successful if families are actively involved and share a sense of ownership over the process.

- Talk regularly with your children about what might be happening at school
- Encourage your children to 'ask for help' if they are being bullied at school or someone is being unkind
- If your children are fighting at home, help them discuss their problem and come to a mutual solution
- Encourage your children to be assertive by helping them to practice speaking in a firm but friendly way, making eye contact, looking calm and smiling and feeling good about themselves

**Our Resiliency programme is a priority and we will continue to help students develop strategies to prevent bullying as well as developing social skills and resiliency factors.**

Pat Pottier  
Drama Specialist

## Introducing **Book Clubs LOOP** for Parents

**LOOP** is the **NEW** Scholastic Book Clubs  
**Linked Online Ordering & Payment** platform for parents.  
To order and pay for Scholastic Book Clubs by credit card visit:  
**[www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)**

Now available for your iPad or iPhone



## PHYS ED

### **SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2015 (Year 4 - 6)**

Date – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2015

Venue – Warnbro Aqua Jetty,

Time – 9:45pm to 2:15pm.

- STUDENTS NEED TO BE AT SCHOOL AT 8:30am. BUSES WILL LEAVE AT 8:45am SHARP!
- **Spectators are FREE. All students need a swim cap that can be purchased for \$3.00**
- Parents please join in the fun and support your team. Students would love to share lunch with you!
- **All events have been pinned up in the undercover area. Please check it out and make sure your children have too. They need to know what races they are in.**
- Please ensure children wear their sports uniform on top of their bathers and have warm clothing available.
- Children should have a towel or two, swimming cap, water, healthy snacks for lunch, sun screen and a hat.
- **Important** - Children should listen to the teachers in the bay carefully so they don't miss their races.
- **Parents please stay in the spectator area. No parents should be near the finishing line.**
- **The chief judges decision is final.**
- **The swimming carnival is a normal school day.** No one should leave until after the presentations unless permission has been sought.
- If you are collecting your child please inform your child/s class teachers after the carnival.

Ryan Donnelly (HPE Specialist)

## Uniform Shop

Good News from the uniform shop!

The Lemon shirts in size 10, 12 and 14 has arrived.

Sorry to let you know the White Socks in size 13-3 and Navy Socks in size 5-8 will only be available early May.

Honeyeater polo shirts in size 4 will only be available end of May unless otherwise advised.

Thank You  
Ilonka Heinzle  
Perm-A Pleat

## CBC Fremantle Open Day

CBC Fremantle invites Parents and their sons to attend our **Open Day on Tuesday 17 March 2015**. To register, visit the College website [www.cbcfremantle.wa.edu.au](http://www.cbcfremantle.wa.edu.au):

## DEALING WITH ISSUES

Two matters regarding issues between children have recently come to my attention. Our response has always been that, if an issue between children takes place at school, that school staff deal with it, and contact parents/guardians if they believe it needs to be followed up.

Our children know that they need to tell us on the day if there is an issue, in order for staff to address the issue and get the full picture, which only comes from speaking to all parties concerned.

I believe that most people really get that, and respect the process. However, in these two recent issues, despite staff addressing matters very effectively and keeping them in perspective, outside of school blame has been apportioned, with texts and emails flying about between parents, with the result that the issues have become distorted, become bigger than Ben Hur, made a mess of friendships, and made children more anxious.

Please - it is not worth it. Stick to the process. Trust the process. It works. It is honourable, it is Making Jesus Real.

## Class Rep Events

- **KA – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March – 9.30am** (after school drop – off) *Beeliar Oval Playground,*
- **KC – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March – 7pm**  
*CY O'Connor, RSVP to your Rep by 13<sup>th</sup> March [elizaf@iinet.net.au](mailto:elizaf@iinet.net.au)*
- **KD – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March – 9.30am**  
*Dome Cockburn, RSVP to your Rep by 10<sup>th</sup> March*
- **KD – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March – 7.30pm**  
*Venue TBA, RSVP to your Rep by 19<sup>th</sup> March*
- **1B – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March – 7.15pm**  
*Dragon Palace Cockburn, RSVP to your Rep by 16<sup>th</sup> March*
- **1C – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March – 9am**  
*Surfing Lizard Café, Coogee, RSVP to your Class Reps*
- **YR3A – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Save the Date Lunch**
- **YR3B – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March – 6.30pm**  
*The Quarie, RSVP to your Rep by 9<sup>th</sup> March*
- **YR4A – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March – 7pm**  
*Café Royal Cockburn, RSVP to your Rep by 16<sup>th</sup> March*