

# Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Volume 6



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## ***SCHOOL MANTRA 2020***

*"Do small things, with great love". Mother Teresa*

Dear Families

### **The Year so Far**

We are just over half-way through the term. We have a large number of families new to our school. I hope they are all beginning to feel a sense of connection and belonging to our community. Adjusting to new environments takes time and this will be different for all new families. I hope that they feel a spirit of 'charity in our hearts' that extends a warm welcome to all.

### **Swimming Carnival**

Thursday was a truly great day for all the children in Years 4-6 and the families who were able to assist us, or who were able to support their children as spectators during the Carnival. We were blessed with great weather and the fantastic organisation of Mr Donnelly, supported by the staff, made for a smooth-running day. Thank you to the many parents who were officials on the day – we couldn't hold a day like this without you. Most importantly, thank you to the children. They entered into a sense of great sportsmanship and fun throughout the day. As parents, you should be very proud of your children.

### **Parent Faith Formation**

Last Wednesday night, Fr Greg Donovan, explained to those present the connection between the Old and New Testaments in the Bible and how our Seven Sacraments have their beginnings and connection with Moses and the Israelites moving from slavery in Egypt to freedom. This presentation enables us as adults to continuing learning about our faith, growing in knowledge which hopefully will translate to an appreciation and understanding of our Sacraments and how they are integral to our life.

## **Dates for the Week (Week 7)**

Monday  
16th March Interschool Cricket  
Edudance Years 2 & 3 (pm)

Tuesday  
17th March St Patrick's Feast Day  
Kindy B/D Incursion  
Year 1 Incursion  
Edudance PP-6  
7pm Board Meeting

Wednesday  
18th March School banking  
Indy A/C Incursion  
**Uniform Shop Open**  
**8:00-10:30am**  
**1:20-3:20pm**

Thursday  
19th March St Joseph's Feast Day  
Edudance PP-6

Friday  
20th March

Saturday  
21st March

Sunday  
22nd March Fourth Sunday of Lent

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## Overseas Travel

All families received a letter from me yesterday relating to international travel, including Bali. If you have not received this letter, please contact the school to ensure that your contact details are up to date.

Mater Christi teachers are working on designing curriculum lessons for the students, in the very likelihood of school closure to minimise disruption to learning. By the end of this week you will be notified on how this home learning and delivery of curriculum content will be distributed as well as the procedures that will be in place for an early close including how we will communicate with you and how/where you will be able to collect your child/ren from school.

We will continue to monitor upcoming school activities and determine the need for postponement or modification to an event e.g. Year 5 Assembly, Holy Week Reflection, EduDance and the Interschool Swimming Carnival.

Thank you to the parents who have notified the School of their overseas travel during the April School Holidays. I'm also aware that some families have begun to cancel planned/booked holidays during the next three months. Please ensure that you keep us notified of any changes.

Our school is working closely with Catholic Education WA, in consultation with the Health Department and is taking all reasonable measures to prevent the spread of the virus at school.

It is important to acknowledge that it can be normal to feel worried or anxious about this situation, parents and children alike. If your children are worried about this virus, you can help them by providing reassurance and perspective – it is unlikely that they will get sick, but if they do, they will go to the doctor. Most children have mild symptoms and feel well again soon. Also remember that speaking with them about increased handwashing, covering their mouth when coughing, sneezing into their elbow and general good hygiene practices will help them feel empowered in this time.

Please keep in mind that we all have an important part to play in promoting good hygiene and public health messages with our students and families that will help contain the spread of this virus and protect those in the community who are at the greatest risk.

If you would like to talk to your children about coronavirus, here are some useful resources provided by Catholic Education WA. **Please review the resources to determine age appropriateness and if they are applicable to share with your child/ren.**

- **How to talk to your kids about coronavirus**

- <https://www.nbcnews.com/better/lifestyle/how-talk-your-kids-about-coronavirus-ease-their-fears-ncna1129851>

- **This is a comic for children explaining the coronavirus**

- <https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2020/02/28/809580453/just-for-kids-a-comic-exploring-the-new-coronavirus>

- **A 4-minute animated clip for children on coronavirus**

- <https://www.brainpop.com/health/diseasesinjuriesandconditions/coronavirus/>

## Allergy Aware

Please keep at the forefront of your mind and observe at all times that Mater Christi is a nut free school. This is to support and promote the safety of our students suffering from anaphylaxis. No child or adult is to bring nuts and nut products to school for recess, lunch, birthday treats and class parties.

## Dogs at school

All schools are DOG FREE ZONES. Please do not bring your dogs onto the school grounds.

## Carpark procedures

Mater Christi has a very impressive Drive Through Procedure and it works brilliantly when we all attend to it for the safety of all, especially the children. Sometimes, it may take little people a few more seconds to alight from the car in the morning. Please be patient and at no time drive out from the line to by-pass a car or two.

God Bless,  
Toni Kalat



## Religion News

### Making Jesus Real

Last week as a part of Project Compassion Appeal students learnt about Phany (pronounced Parn-ee). In Cambodia, 1 in 8 people live below the poverty line. Struggling to earn a living as a farmer in Cambodia, Phany was forced to leave her daughter behind in the village to take up construction work in the city.

Thankfully, through a Caritas funded program, Phany learnt new farming techniques which enabled her to get a better yield from her vegetable crops and to conserve water in her drought-stricken region. Phany's community also took part in training in health, nutrition, hygiene and disaster preparedness, arming them with better strategies to cope with environmental changes.

Let's Go Further, Together! Please support the Project Compassion through donating your loose change into the classroom boxes.

## Harmony Week

Mater Christi's Harmony Week celebrations began at Friday's assembly by sharing a video of some of our classmates speaking in different languages. The harmony.gov website defines Harmony Week as a "time to celebrate Australia's multiculturalism...Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and ... is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values."

Each class will receive a paper crane that will be placed on their prayer tables as a sign of peace. On **Friday the 20th of March** students are invited to wear the colour orange to school. This could be as small as a scrunchie or pair of socks with their sports uniform or they may choose to wear an orange top with their sports shorts or orange shorts. Sport shoes must be worn.

On this Harmony Day, we ask the students to donate a gold coin to their class Project Compassion box. Money collected through Project Compassion is one way the children can assist helping those in our community belong and be empowered with the help they need through Caritas.

Why the colour orange? The colour is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Week. Traditionally the colour orange signifies social communication, meaningful conversation, freedom of ideas and mutual respect. Wearing something orange during Harmony Week shows our support for cultural diversity and inclusivity.

Time will be allocated for children to work with their buddy class to create a badge that promotes the importance of Harmony Week and to get outside to play some different games from around the world. We will share some of the creations and highlights in next week's newsletter!

Here are some interesting facts about Australia's cultural diversity:

- nearly half (49 per cent) of Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was
- since 1945, more than 7.5 million people have migrated to Australia
- 85 per cent of Australians agree multiculturalism has been good for Australia
- apart from English, the most common languages spoken in Australia are Mandarin, Arabic, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Italian, Greek, Tagalog/Filipino, Hindi, Spanish and Punjabi
- more than 70 Indigenous languages are spoken in Australia



## School News

### Congratulations

Well done to ex-Mater Christi students, Callum P and Charlize B (both pictured) for their fantastic results with their ATAR.



### Congratulations

Ella M (3B) was on the radio during the week! She gave a special shout out to Mater Christi!

### Library News

Book Club is due Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm. No cash payments or paper orders please. Orders are through **LOOP** on the Scholastic website. Any orders placed after the closing date and time will be charged \$4.99 for home delivery.



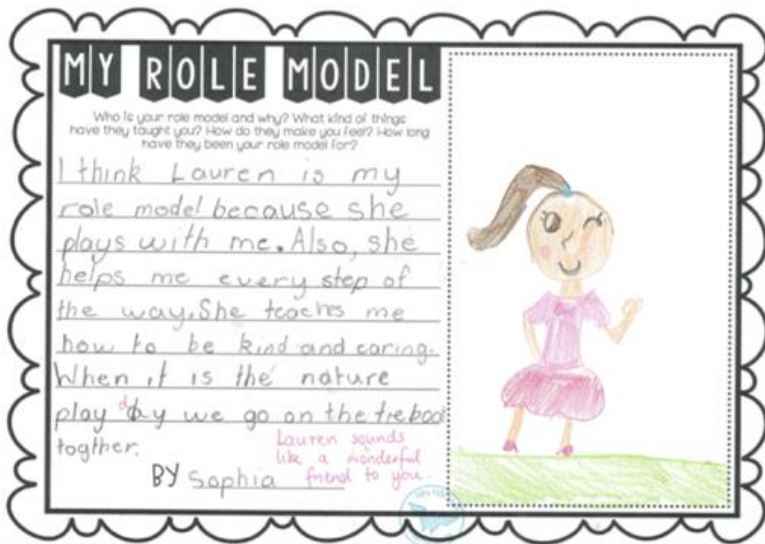
### What's Happening in Year 3

The Year Three students have been racing full steam ahead with an exciting and busy term.

In Religious Education the students have been focusing on the season of Lent, as well as exploring making the right choices by following the Two Great Commandments and how Jesus taught of God's love and forgiveness through Parables. In Writing this term the students have been working on exploring the structure of narratives by following the Narrative Rollercoaster and incorporating the VCOP strategies. The students have been working hard to use exciting openers and expand their vocabulary.

In Numeracy the students have been learning how to identify place value and use this knowledge to assist them in solving double- and triple-digit sums!

Another focus has been defining identity and exploring what makes us 'us'. The students have made collages that represent their identity, identified positive role models within their lives and explored physical, social and emotional changes we go through in life. We are looking forward to another fun filled four weeks of Term 1.



## Swimming Carnival

On Thursday we held our annual swimming carnival at the Cockburn ARC. It was chilly early, but things soon heated up - as did the performances. With over 100 events on the program, it was a colossal day. All students participated in a range of events from the traditional to the novelty relays. A massive thank you to every parent, captain and teacher who helped make the day so fantastic. Most importantly, congratulations to all students for their marvellous performances. At the end of the day, there can be only one champion team, but everyone who swam can be called a champion. Here are the final standings: **1<sup>ST</sup> BOBTAILS (391 Pts), 2<sup>ND</sup> BANDICOOTS (349 Pts), 3<sup>RD</sup> MAGPIES (315 Pts), 4<sup>TH</sup> HONEYEATERS (292 Pts).**

The Spirit Shield went to the Bandicoots for their sensational sportsmanship and awesome cheering! We also had some standout swimmers who swam their way to a Champion Boy or Girl medal. They were:

Year 4	Girls	Boys
<b>Champion</b>	Stella A	Jacob M
<b>Runner Up</b>	Genevieve E	Patrick D
<b>Third</b>	Amira M	Lewis P
Year 5		
<b>Champion</b>	Mila M	Jack S
<b>Runner Up</b>	Ella R	Jacob L
<b>Third</b>	Azlyn C/Jacinta L	Adam L
Year 6		
<b>Champion</b>	Eilidh M	Rhys M
<b>Runner Up</b>	Alexis O	Cole C
<b>Third</b>	Lily E/Tia A	Riley G

Well done on a brilliant effort! Congratulations also must go to Eilidh M who left the adult field in her wake by beating them convincingly in the Parent/Teacher/Captains race. Those swimmers that will be required for the Interschool Team will be notified during the week. **Ryan Donnelly (PE Specialist)**

## P & F News

### Easter Colouring-In Competition & Easter Raffle (sponsored by Mater Christi's P&F)

The Colouring-in Competition is proudly sponsored by Leah and Mark Rheinberger of Inspirations Paint (Melville & Canning Vale). A prize will be awarded to the best entry in each year level from 3-year-old Kindy to Year 6. Completed entries must be returned to School Admin by Friday 27th March.

Each child will also be entered in a random draw to win 1 of 2 additional prizes given out to each classroom. Prizes will be distributed, and the list of winners published here in the school newsletter on 3rd April.

### 2020 AFL Footy Tipping Competition

We are excited to announce the P&F are running a footy tipping competition this year! Get in quick- Round 1 starts Thursday! Entry fee is \$50 per entry. Cash prizes at the end of the season for the three highest tippers! Check out the link for all the info: [https://www.footytips.com.au/comps/Mater\\_Christi\\_P\\_and\\_F](https://www.footytips.com.au/comps/Mater_Christi_P_and_F)

### We Need You!

Can you do "Just One Thing" to assist the P&F this year? We are currently seeking volunteers for the following events: Mother's Day Stall, Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, Quiz Night, Colour Run, and a new look Fair/Fete! Please email [materchristipandf@cewa.edu.au](mailto:materchristipandf@cewa.edu.au) if you would like to be involved! We are all busy and we appreciate your assistance!

### Next P&F Meeting

Thank you to all who were able to attend Friday's meeting. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th May at 7pm in the staff room. Stephanie Gill, President

## Parent Social Events

### Kindy A Catch Up

**When:** Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 10:00-12:00pm

**Where:** Botany Park, Macquarie Boulevard, Hammond Park. No RSVP required.

For further information please call Brooke Velterop on 0408 910 961

### PPA Holiday Play Date

**When:** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April from 9:30am

**Where:** Woodman Point (John Graham Reserve)

No need to RSVP. For further information contact Sinéad Chidlow on 0424 120 440.

### PPC Coffee Catch Up

**When:** 26<sup>th</sup> March at 9am

**Where:** Roar Café and Fitness, Bibra Lake

Please RSVP to Emily Russell on 0432 951 859 by 23 March.

### 1B Parent Catch Up

**When:** Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March (after drop-off) at 8:45-9am.

**Where:** Roar Bar N Grill. No RSVP required.

Contact Michelle Pozzi 0405 202 804

### 1C Parent Dinner

**When:** 28<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7:30pm

**Where:** Io è Tè Restaurant

**RSVP:** to Rebecca Exham on 0422 096 580

### Year One Holiday Play Date (All Year One Classes)

**When:** Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April from 10:30-1:30pm

**Where:** Manning Park

No need to RSVP. Please contact Michelle Pozzi on 0405 202 804 for further information.

### 2A Coffee Catch Up

**When:** 31<sup>st</sup> March at 9:15 (after school drop-off)

**Where:** Surfing Lizard Café

**RSVP:** Please contact Barbara Thurston on 0404 847 607.

## Community News



**Cockburn Junior Football Club** Est.1954

**Registrations are now open!**  
Cockburn Junior Football Club is now taking registrations for the 2020 AFL season; this is your chance to join our family friendly club.  
Players from Auskick to Yr12 are invited to register - new members welcome!

Register NOW at [cockburnjfc.com.au](http://cockburnjfc.com.au)

Cockburn JFC are urgently seeking players from Year 3 to join our Pups Team in Season 2020. Girls and boys are welcome.  
If you are interested please contact us via the email address or phone numbers below.

Join us for Auskick (PP-2)

Auskick: Sunday Mornings 9.00 am in Terms 2 & 3.

For further information please contact:  
Mark (President) 0430 088 111  
Schiana (Registrar) 0482 138 992  
Or email [registrar.cockburnjfc@gmail.com](mailto:registrar.cockburnjfc@gmail.com)  
More club information at [cockburnjfc.com.au](http://cockburnjfc.com.au)  
Club Rooms located at Cor Lucius St & Buckingham Rd, Hamilton Hill

We are a Good Sports Club

GOODSPORTS



**nab AFL Auskick**

**IGNITE A PASSION FOR THE GAME!**

**Jandakot Jets JFC**  
Atwell Reserve

Rikkj Jacob - [jetsauskick@gmail.com](mailto:jetsauskick@gmail.com)

Training Starts Friday 01.05.2020 4:30pm to 5:30pm  
Games Start Sunday 03.05.2020 8:00am to 9:00am

[play.afl/auskick](http://play.afl/auskick)



**nab AFL Auskick**

NAB AFL Auskick is one of the best, first experiences kids aged 5-12 will have learning Australian Football. In weekly sessions, Auskickers and their families will run, jump, kick, laugh and create their own special moments playing footy. No matter their skill level, ability or knowledge of the game, Auskick is for everyone!

Registration is this simple!

- 1 **WWW.**  
Visit [play.afl](http://play.afl)
- 2 **SELECT**  
Select 'Where to play'
- 3 **ENTER**  
Enter your suburb
- 4 **REGISTER**  
Find your local club and register!

[play.afl/auskick](http://play.afl/auskick)

## Community News



**IONA**  
PRESENTATION COLLEGE

TUESDAY 31 MARCH 2020  
THURSDAY 2 APRIL 2020  
TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2020  
9.30AM - 11.00AM  
Palmerston Street, Mosman Park  
[www.iona.wa.edu.au/openmornings](http://www.iona.wa.edu.au/openmornings)

Senior School Open Mornings  
**IONA**



Music On The Terrace  
presents  
**The Little Mermaid**  
An opera for children  
Adapted from Dvořák's Rusalka by Freeze Frame Opera  
Proudly supported by the Government House Foundation  
and the Stan Perron Charitable Trust  
Government House Ballroom 28th and 29th of March 2020  
Tickets - Children \$20, Adults \$35, Members \$30, Families of 4 \$90.  
Tickets at [perthconcerthall.com.au/music-on-the-terrace-2020](http://perthconcerthall.com.au/music-on-the-terrace-2020)