

Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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SCHOOL MANTRA 2020

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

Dear Families,

These are uncertain times and now more than ever we need to dig deep, be there for each other and show our children that even in adversity we can remain calm, are respectful of others and demonstrate great patience.

There are so many who are working tirelessly behind the scenes to respond to this crisis, others on the frontline especially those in the Health Sector, those in the workplace and at home.



Thank you to the parents who have commented on the school continuing to provide education to the students as normal, the welcome received and smiling staff, the calm and helpful office staff and that there is great sense of routine. We truly appreciate your thoughtful words, gestures of encouragement and the chocolates.

Please be assured that we are taking all reasonable measures to prevent the spread of the virus and maintain a healthy school by continuing to implement a range of strategies to reduce transmission. These include the promotion of personal hygiene measures, frequent hand washing, cough etiquette, reduced school events.

Please see further in the Newsletter the list of COVID-19

School Event Modifications for the rest of this Term and during week one of Term Two. I know that there will be disappointment, however, all decisions made are in line with Catholic Education and Government guidelines.

Starting Monday, I would like to request that parents from Kindy – Year Two practice KISS & DROP at the classroom door each morning. This is to minimise large gatherings of parents and children inside the classroom. For the majority of the students this will be a smooth transition. The teachers will be at the door, to work with any students who may have difficulty separating from parents. Thankfully, as it will be Week 8 most of the students won't experience any difficulty.

Dates for the Week (Week 8)

Monday
23rd March Edudance Year 2, 3(pm)

Tuesday
24th March Edudance PP-6

Wednesday
25th March Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord

Wednesday
25th March **Uniform Shop Open**
8:00-10:30am
1:20-3:20pm

Thursday
26th March Edudance PP-6

Friday
27th March

Saturday
28th March

Sunday
29th March Fifth Sunday of Lent

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The current situation for all schools in Western Australia is for schools to remain open and continue to provide a quality education for students. In other words, it is business as usual with regard to teaching and learning until we hear otherwise.

Classroom teachers, specialists and support staff have been working on our **Curriculum Continuity Plan** Kindy -Year 6 in the event of a temporary school closure. This Plan will be delivered via SeeSaw and you will be able to communicate with your child's teacher via SeeSaw during this time. I am aware that the extent to which this Plan may be used will be determined by each family's context as well as connectivity to the internet at home. The School will continue to communicate with families via SEQTA and email.

In the likelihood of an evacuation and/or early close (e.g. fire not just COVID-19), all students will assemble in the Mater Christi Community Centre (MCCPS). 3-Year-Old students (Tuesday only) will remain in the Early Learning Centre (ELC). Families will receive an SMS via SEQTA.

All families are to adhere to the EVACUATION DRIVE THROUGH PROCEDURES. The map clearly displays the one-way traffic for student/s pick up.

Kindy – Year 6

1. No parent will be able to park or get out of their vehicle.
2. All cars enter via the Main Entry to the School, taking the first right (against the ordinary flow of traffic). Display your family name as per drive through.
3. Students will be called from the Mater Christi Community Centre (MCCPS) and go to the drive through pick up area (see map). There will be 4 points for pick up (1, 2, 3, 4).
4. Once you have collected your child/children, continue around the MCCPS as per the map and take a sharp right into the daily drive through (bollards will be down) and left onto Yangebup Rd.

3-Year-Old Students

1. All cars enter via the Main Entry to the School.
2. Display your BLUE ELC CARD as per drive through.
3. A traffic warden will direct you to park your vehicle in the School Carpark.
4. Once you have collected your child/ren carefully merge into the traffic line take a sharp right into the daily drive through (bollards will be down) and left onto Yangebup Rd.

NAPLAN



Education Ministers met today and decided that NAPLAN will not proceed in 2020. The NAPLAN test window was scheduled to be held from 12 to 22 May.

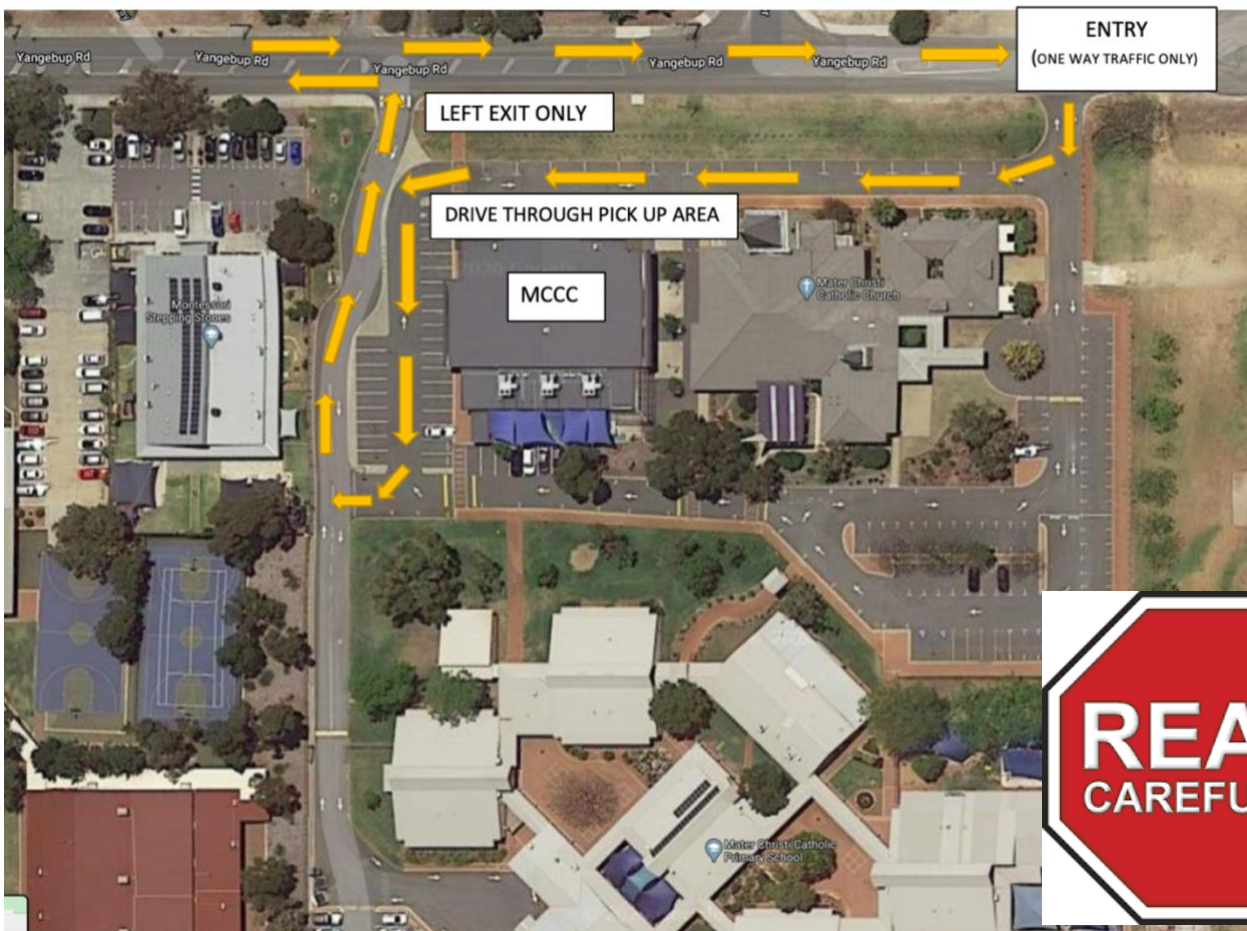
The decision to not proceed with NAPLAN in 2020 has been taken to assist school leaders, teachers and support staff to focus on the wellbeing of students and continuity of education, including potential online and remote learning.

I ask parents to continue to maintain a positive outlook for your children and know that for all staff at Mater Christi, the safety and wellbeing of everyone one of our students is our highest priority. Thank you for your continued support in all that we do and ask of you.

Keep well, keep smiling and God bless.

God Bless,
Toni Kalat

EVACUATION DRIVE THROUGH MAP



Religious Education

Sacramental Program

Please see attached letter from the Mater Christi Parish

<https://bit.ly/3dbGxXY> & <https://bit.ly/2xUf9O4>

Make Jesus Real

Be a giver, not a taker

So many times, we have the opportunity to help other people. This can be in small ways by giving a smile or speaking to people, not the heroics of a big gift. Takers always moan and want more and more. They can never be satisfied.

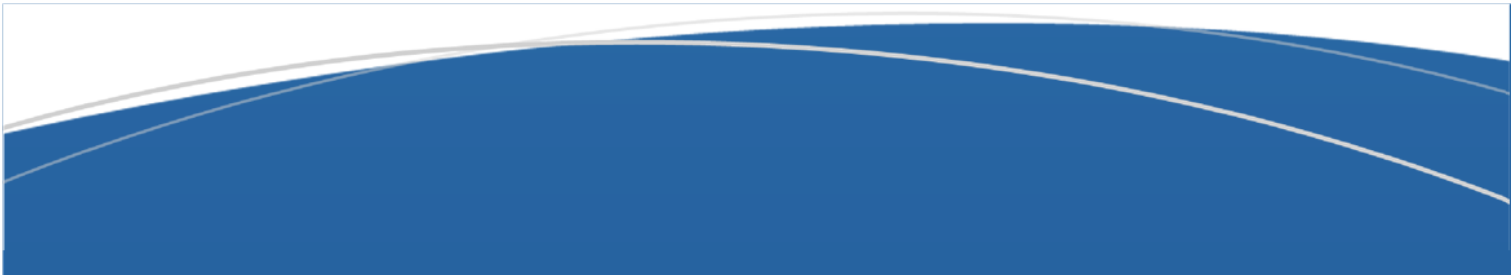
Mater Christi school is filled with givers and increasingly during this time more and more parents and student are reaching out to give to those where they see a need.

I have a special 'Gotcha' card out this week to the lovely Mater Christi family who generously dropped a bag of chocolates off for the staff. The chocolates were gifted in gratitude for all the work the staff is doing in continuing to create a calm, welcoming learning environment for their children during this difficult time.

Gotcha cards were also given out to the following students for making Jesus real in our school through their actions and words; James D (1A), Emersyn C (1B), Isabella B (3A), Olivia Z (3A), Annabelle G (3A), Ella S (3A), Patrick C (3B), Asha W (3B), Ella C (3C), Ben I (3C), Daniel L (5A), Ella R (5B), Krystof C (5B), Jessica R (6A), Olivia D (6C), Keiran T (6B), Hudson A (6B) Joel M (6B).

Project Compassion

Thank you to all children and families who have donated thus far to Caritas this LENT. To date, we have raised \$736.90 (\$555 from today).



MATER CHRISTI CPS

COVID-19: SCHOOL EVENT MODIFICATIONS



| ITEM/EVENT | DATE | STATUS | DETAILS |
|---|-----------------|-----------|--|
| EduDance lessons | Term 1 | Continued | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small group size is low risk. |
| School attendance at Parish Masses | Term 1 | Suspended | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As per the request of the Archbishop. |
| Liturgical Singing & Junior/Senior Choir | Term 1 | Postponed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whole school event: group size too large. Recommence once restrictions have been removed. |
| School Banking | Term 1 | Cancelled | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following the directive of Commonwealth Bank. |
| Parent Helpers and Volunteers | Term 1 | Continued | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents volunteers are asked to use hand sanitizer when signing in and out of the office. |
| Health Nurse Kindy Screenings | Term 1 | Postponed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awaiting information from the Health Nurse. |
| Year 5 Christian Service Learning | Term 1 & Term 2 | Postponed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following the directive of Frank Prendergast House. Potentially restarting in Term 3. |
| Staff Meetings | 24/03 & 31/03 | Modified | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leadership to present information via online portals. Teachers to work in clusters on remote curriculum. |
| Year 5 Assembly | 27/03 | Postponed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whole school event: group size too large. A new date will be determined later in the year. |
| Confirmation Commitment Masses | 28/03 & 29/03 | Suspended | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As per the directive from the Archbishop. |
| IP Meetings | 31/03 & 02/04 | Continued | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small group size is low risk. Meetings will continue in the Reading Room. |
| EduDance Concerts | 02, 07 & 08/04 | Modified | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No parents to attend. Performances will be filmed & shared with families. |
| Stations of the Cross: Easter Reflection | 03/04 | Cancelled | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whole school event: group size too large and increased student absences. |
| Parent-Teacher Interviews | 06/04 & 08/04 | Cancelled | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following increased uncertainty over school closures, restrictions to group gatherings and increased student absences. |
| Interschool Swimming Carnival | 08/04 | Postponed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Event looking to be rescheduled to Term 4 |
| Staff Faith Retreat | 09/04 | TBA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awaiting confirmation from facilitator. |
| Kindy Speech Screening | 28/04 to 08/05 | TBA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Depending on government restrictions on schools during Term 2. |
| School Photos | 29/04 to 01/05 | Postponed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rescheduled to Term 3, Week 10 (Monday 21st – Wednesday 23rd Sept). |
| ANZAC Youth Parade | 29/04 | Cancelled | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Event cancelled by Cockburn Council. |
| Confirmation Parent-Child Workshops | 06/05 | Suspended | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As per the directive from the Archbishop. |
| Mother's Day Mass & Stall | 08/05 | TBA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Depending on government restrictions on schools during Term 2. |
| Australia's Biggest Morning Tea | 27/05 | Cancelled | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Priority placed on the health and safety of the wider community. |

School News



Due to the precautions being taken concerning the Corona Virus, the Emmanuel Environmental Club will be cancelled for the remainder of the term. Advice will be issued when we are aware of a recommencement date. Thank you.

Uniform Shop

Winter Uniforms

We will be open on:

Monday 30th March 8am – 11am

Tuesday 31st March 8am – 11am

Wednesday 1st April 8:00-10:30am & 1:30-3:20pm



Should the school close due to COVID-19 before these dates, an alternative arrangement will be made and advised through the school.

Alternatively, you may wish to order uniforms via the school website under the "Our Community" tab.

All orders placed while school is open will be delivered to your child's class. Please email me for alternative arrangements or if you have any other questions.

Thank you, Simone Douglas, Perm-a-Pleat

Library News

VIRTUAL EASTER HAT

Make your hat at home, send a photo of you wearing it to admin@mcps.edu.au. Then let the Easter Bunny and his team choose the winner. Entries close 26/3. Winners announced 27/3. There will be a winner from each year group.

Mrs Gladwell



Physical Education News

Interschool Cricket Carnival

The annual C.P.S.S.A Interschool Cricket Carnival was held on Monday 16th March this week. Mater Christi had four teams competing: two girls' teams and two boys' teams. There was a different feeling to things this year as the Carnival had been moved from its normal Term 4 timeslot and we had not been able to train as much as we would have liked due to distractions such as camp, public holidays and the swimming carnival. We were still ready for action! The tournament consisted of three round robin games. Places were determined by win/loss and the overall aggregate of runs.

All the Mater Christi teams ended up playing the same three schools. We played against Star of the Sea, our cross-town rivals St. Jerome's and new opponents in South Coast Baptist College. The girls started in a blaze of glory winning a close one by 5 runs against derby rivals St. Jerome's. The other two games were blow outs, with the girls showing some real talent to win them both with some big scores. The three wins gave the girls a shot at the title. No other school won all three games, so the A Girls won the silverware, backing up the title they won last year.

B Girls

Despite the lack of experience playing cricket, these girls showed some real pluck. They were unlucky to be beaten in their first game by nine runs after restricting St. Jerome's to a gettable total. The girls were fired up to win the next one but came up short by nine runs again. This was a tough loss to take. So close, yet so far. The third game proved to be the toughest. The girls from South Coast put on an absolute clinic with a massive score. The girls toiled away but couldn't put the runs on the board. They did however, have a ball during the day.

A Boys

The boys were confident of a good showing against all comers after doing well last year. The boys batted first and put a respectable 124 runs on the board. They seemed to be cruising to a victory until a few brain fades and some sloppy bowling meant their opponent snuck in to win by three runs. It was déjà vu in the next game which the boys should have won only to be heartbroken. They lost a thriller by a single run. The boys were breathing fire for the last game and smashed the opposition to finally have a win and ponder what could have been.

B Boys

This team had a few Year 5 boys so will be well placed for next year too. The St Jerome's team proved to be a bogy team again for the MC Marvels. They slashed and bashed a big score that we just couldn't reign in. The next two games though, showed what the boys were made of. We shut down the overly confident Star of the Sea and we blitzed the South Coast newcomers to finish the day in style to come a very pleasing third place.

All students did a fantastic job, and all enjoyed the day! Thanks to Mr O'Reilly who coached the B Teams. You did them proud.

Ryan Donnelly (PE Teacher)





Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

A decision has been made by the P&F executive to cancel this event. This decision has not been made lightly as we know fundraising for The Cancer Council is extremely important to lots of families within our school, but with current restrictions in place regarding events we just don't think this will be feasible. We are however going to organise a raffle, with all money raised going to The Cancer Council. We will have tickets available to purchase shortly and more information will follow.

Easter Colouring Competition

All students should now have received their colouring sheet for entry into the Easter colouring competition. If your child wishes to take part these need to be back to the school admin office by Friday 27th March. Prize winners will be published in the school newsletter. Thanks to Leah and Mark Rheinberger of Inspirations Paint, Melville & Canning Vale for sponsoring this competition.

Mater Christi Footy Tipping Competition

The P&F this year had organised a footy tipping competition. Due to the uncertainty surrounding the AFL season and how many games may be played we have decided it is probably best to cancel our fundraising competition at this stage and be ready to go for the 2021 Season. So be watching all the teams closely this year to get you ready to be a footy tipping legend next year. Go Dockers!!!!

Next Meeting Tuesday 5th May, 7PM, Staff Room

Louise McEntee
Vice President
Mater Christi P&F 2020

Parent Social Events

Kindy A Catch Up

When: Sunday 22nd 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 16th 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: 26th March at 9am
Where: Roar Café and Fitness, Bibra Lake
Please RSVP to Emily Russell on 0432 951 859 by 23 March.

1C Parent Dinner

When: 28th 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 15th 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: 31st March at 9:15 (after school drop-off)
Where: Surfing Lizard Café
RSVP: Please contact Barbara Thurston on 0404 847 607