# Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

## Volume 8



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## Dear Parents and Caregivers



## SCHOOL MANTRA 2019

"Find happiness in making others happy" – Mary MacKillop

### Dear Parents and Caregivers

Dr Debra Sayce, Executive Director of CEWA has requested that I take on the role of **School Improvement Advisor (SIA)** while the current SIA continues her rehabilitation following a stroke. I will take up this part-time role for Term Two on a Wednesday and Thursday only and Mrs Julie Southwell will be Acting Principal on these two days. The SIA role is the link between the Catholic Education Office and schools, providing support to Principals and their Leadership Teams. In my case I am working with 25 other schools in a condensed SIA role, as it is only part-time. My role as Principal and life at Mater Christi continues as usual and I could not have accepted this position without the support of Mrs Nicole Woodhouse, Mrs Julie Southwell and Mr Mark Clayden.

#### Year Five Assembly

Congratulations to our Year Five students and their teachers for a very entertaining Assembly. The students worked together to choreograph their dance moves and other aspects of the Assembly which made it even more impressive as it was not solely teacher led but where all worked together creatively to produce a fabulous show.



## Dates for Next Week (Wk 9)

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April Food Allergy Incursion (MCCC) Session 1: 9:00-9:30am (PP & Yr 1) Session 2: 9:45-10:15am (Yr 2 & 3)

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

3<sup>rd</sup> April

School Banking

Good Cup Café Open 8:30-10am at MCCC

> Uniform Shop Open 8:00-10:30am 1:20-3:20pm

KB/KD Easter Raffle

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April Free Dress Day (Gold Coin Donation) P&F Brainstorming Meeting 8:45- 9:20am (Staff Room)

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 9:45am Easter Reflection 6:00pm Easter Reflection (Church)

> Easter Raffle KA/KC-Year 6

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April Sunday

7<sup>th</sup> April

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

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## Holy Week Reflection

Next Friday 5 April at 9.45am in the Church we will have our Holy Week Reflection led by Year 6B. I invite all parents and family members to attend.

If your family is looking to do something special for prayer during Lent, then also next Friday at 6pm in the Church the Year 6C students will hold the Holy Week Reflection for the Mater Christi Parishioners. Everyone is most welcome and as we are in the second half of Lent the reflection is a good way to contemplate the last few days in Jesus' life.

## **Your Favourite Lenten Memories**

Whether we have decided to do something new this Lent, or have continued our own traditions, our Lenten practices transform us and imprint on us memories that carry deep meaning. Let these stories invite you to consider your life and discover your own powerful and meaningful Lenten Moments.

## **The Power of Symbolic Actions**

My favourite memory and the one that still resounds today, happened when I was in 6<sup>th</sup> grade during the Holy Thursday liturgy. Just watching the Altar as it was stripped bare and realising that Jesus really was dead had a profound effect on me.

Emily, J.

Next week Mr Jenkins our Groundsman will be having surgery on his hip. We wish him a very speedy recovery and look forward in seeing a spring to his step when he returns next term. All the best Anthony!



God Bless, Toní Kalat

## **School News**



Condolences

We extend our deepest condolences to the Treasure family (6B) on the loss of their Grandfather during the week. We pray for peace and comfort over your family at this very sad time.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Jarrett (Isabelle, PPB) on the birth of their daughter, Maddison. We hope you are enjoying lots of cuddles and pray you are all healthy, well and receiving lots of sleep.



## **Religious Education**

The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise." Luke 10:27

## **Sacrament of Confirmation**

Students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation are required to attend either Saturday, 30th March, 6:00pmMass or Sunday 31st March, 10:00am Mass. During this Mass, the students will pledge their commitment to undertaking the Sacrament. Students will need to collect their commitment brochure from the foyer of the church BEFORE they go into Mass. Each child has a named brochure.

## **Project Compassion**

This week, the students were introduced to Peter. Peter is thrilled to now have clean water on tap at his boarding school. Long walks to unsafe water sources were tiring for Peter, who is living with a disability. With more free time and fewer illnesses caused by dirty water, Peter can fulfil his hope of focusing on his studies, providing him with brighter future

Currently, the School has raised \$647 for Project Compassion. **Next Thursday, 4 April, is a free dress day for the students.** To wear free dress a gold coin will be collected from each student. All money collected will be donated to Project Compassion.



## T.I.T.U.S ~ Testament In Teachers Using Script

The T.I.T.U.S project is providing our early childhood educators with the opportunity to develop and nurture their personal, spiritual and faith formation through the experience and exploration of God's Word. The project's aim is to build the confidence of our early childhood educators in their understanding of scripture stories and application in the classroom. This week our educators participated in a range of play-based scripture strategies that accumulated in their own response to the parable of the Good Samaritan. The project is facilitated by the Catholic Institute of Western Australia, supported by the University of Notre Dame Australia.

God Bless Julie Southwell

## **School Banking**

As from the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April the school banking tokens will change slightly. When a student has reached 10 silver tokens they will be given a reward slip to choose a prize and will be given a gold token as a keepsake achievement. Parents please note there is a CommBank Youth App where you can track your child's balance and Dollarmites tokens.

This is an update from the Commonwealth Bank.



Thank you, Mel Babich (School Banking Coordinator)



## **Physical Education**

#### Interschool Swimming Team

All the swimmers selected for the Mater Christi Interschool Swimming Team are required to come to training which will be held at the Cockburn ARC (off Poletti Road) next week

# TRAINING WILL BE HELD BEFORE SCHOOL ON MONDAY (1/4), WEDNESDAY (3/4) AND FRIDAY (5/4) FROM 7:15AM – 8:00AM.

See you all there! Mr Donnelly, Physical Education



### **Football Donation**

A big thank you goes out to Mrs Jensen's Dad who donated some ripper Footballs to the school. The footys will be enjoyed by everyone at Mater Christi. Hopefully it will help the Eagles supporters with their skills (they need it) and no doubt keep going through for goals when kicked by a Dockers supporter. Pictured are the Di Silvio boys enjoying the fruits of generosity.

## Sustainability Corner – Worm Juice for Sale!

Worm leachate, or "worm juice" is a highly nutritious and organic food for plants. Thanks to the school worm farm, worm juice is now for sale from the Science classroom before school. The cost is \$1 per litre, with most bottles being 2 or 3 litres in size. It is an excellent fertiliser for pot plants and vegetable gardens!



## **Allergy Awareness Incursion**

On Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> April, we will be having a school incursion to promote allergy awareness throughout the school. Parents, please feel free to join us for this informative event.

## Edu Dance Costume Information for Pre-Primary to Year 6

## PP - "Jitterbug"

Plain bright coloured t-shirt with horizontal stripes across the front and school shorts. (Stripes made from black duct tape) *NO headbands or accessories* 

## Year 1 - "Let's Get Loud" Plain red t-shirt and school shorts. Black bandana tied around either head or neck

Year 2 - "Play That Sax" Plain blue t-shirt with school shorts. Wooden spoon

**Year 3 - "Hammer and The Frog"** Plain green t-shirt with school shorts. Cap worn backwards (any colour)

**Year 4 - "Do Your Thing"** "Teacher" clothes ... shirts, ties etc. If girls choose a skirt or dress, they MUST wear leggings underneath

## Year 5 - "Funk Soul Brother"

Plain white t-shirt with dark shorts. Tie a flannel shirt around your waist (any colour)

## Year 6 - "Hair Up"

Plain black t-shirt and long black pants. Horizontal strip of yellow cloth/duct tape across chest, and a vertical stripe down left thigh. Tape available at Bunnings

## <u>All students must wear sneakers. Please no sandals or thongs – THANK YOU</u>

## **Uniform Shop**

Upon return to school in Term 2, Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April, your child will be required to wear their full winter uniform.

For those in Pre-Primary, Year 1 and any students new to the school, I have scheduled some dates for winter uniform fittings.

- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 8:00-1:00pm
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 9:30-12:00pm and 1:30pm-2:30pm
- Tuesday 9th April 8:00am-1:00pm
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 9:30am-12:00pm and 1:30pm-2:30pm.

http://materchristicps.permapleat.com.au/schoolbookings

Please use the link above to book your child's fitting. If you can't make your appointment time, please delete your booking to create space for another student as bookings are limited. Thank you, Simone Douglas (Perm-A-Pleat)









## An Important Reminder for Kindy and Pre-Primary Parents

For parents who have yet to return their Occupational Therapy screening forms, please take this opportunity to bring them to the front office. Thank you.



#### WHO WE ARE

#### **AREAS WE SUPPORT**

Lil Peeps is a highly specialised Occupational therapy service that provides assessment, support, advice and intervention in a range of areas. We liaise closely with schools and teachers to ensure the best outcome for your child and family.

### WHAT WE DO

Lil Peeps provides services in a variety of ways, including assessment and consultation, direct individual therapy with an OT, groupbased consultation and parent and teacher workshops. You may be able to claim a rebate for the OT services from private health insurance and other agencies

## FURTHER I NFO

Contact Lil' Peeps for pricing details and advice on whether Occupational Therapy may benefit your child. *Fine motor skills* The way we use our hands and fingers help us to be efficient in everyday tasks including dressing, eating, unwrapping a

sandwich and writing our name.

#### Technology

Some children may need support in producing work in the classroom and technology can be a valuable tool when the physical act of hand writing is proving to be a significant barrier.

#### School Readiness

Starting school is always a little confronting – for both the child and the parents! When children are physically ready for the demands of the classroom, it can make the learning journey a great deal smoother!

#### Handwriting

The bread and butter of OT in the school... being able to produce work through writing in an efficient and effective way is crucial to all areas of performance in the classroom.

### Sensory Processing

The way we take in sensory information from our environment can have a significant impact on our attention, emotion and behaviours.

#### Formal Assessment

Assessment of motor coordination and visual perception skills can be beneficial in determining specific areas of difficulty and provide insight into strengths and barriers to your child's participation at school.

#### Gross motor skills

Being physical active is a lifelong skill that we all need. When children have challenges with their motor skills they are less likely to be physically active, and this can have an impact on both their physical health and emotional wellbeing



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## Occupational Therapy services, Especially for kids!

## **P&F** News

#### GOOD CUP CAFE

#### WEDNESDAY 3RD APRIL

In the Mater Christi Community Centre from 8:30 am to 10:00 am Gold coin donation Pop in for a tea or coffee and a treat!



#### **Good Cup Cafe**

The Good Cup Café is back and it is open Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 8:30-10am at MCCC.

Start your day on a good vibe with a morning catch up with friends or a chance to meet new people after you have dropped the kids in class. Toys and a play area are available for non-school age children.

Rebecca Rowland, Toni and Father Joe will be popping in for a chat.

#### **P&F Brainstorming Meeting**

We will be hosting a brainstorming meeting to look at ways we can use P&F Funds.

It will be held in the staffroom from 8.45am-9.25am on 5th April in the staffroom prior (to the whole school Easter Reflection).

#### **Easter Colouring-In Competition and Raffle**



This is proudly sponsored by Leah and Mark Rheinberger of Inspirations Paint (Melville & Canning Vale) and Mater Christi P&F. Entry forms have been distributed to all children and will be judged across 4 age categories (Kindy/Pre-Primary, Year 1/2, Year 3/4 and Year 5/6). A prize will be awarded to the best entry in each year level from Kindy to Yr6. Completed entries must be returned to School Admin by Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Each child will also be entered in a random draw to win 1 of 2 additional prizes given out to each class room. Prizes will be distributed and the list of winners published here on Friday 5th April.

#### **P&F Volunteer Needed**:

The Food Coordinator position is currently vacant. This is a great opportunity to be involved in both P&F and school activities, which involves emailing parents to seek donations of food for masses, morning teas and functions, and assisting at these events as your time permits. Please email the P&F for a more detailed description.

A volunteer or two is required to coordinate the Father's Day Breakfast on Friday 31st August. If you are interested in doing this, please contact the P&F. Contact the P&F by email at materchristipandf@cewa.edu.au

### **Entertainment Book Pre-Order**

2019-2020 Entertainment Book available for pre-order. Bonus Early Bird Offers end soon, pre-order now! Both digital and book versions are available.

https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/8q6017





## **Parent Class Representative Social Events**

Kindy B Catch Up	
Where: Chipmunks, Cockburn	
When: 5 <sup>th</sup> April at 9am	CHIPMUNES Province & Call
<b>RSVP:</b> to Kylie Galipo on 0410 329 853 by Thursday, 4 <sup>th</sup> April	
Pre-Primary A Mums Get Together	
Where: The Berrigan Bar & Bistro	-1
When: Saturday, 6 <sup>th</sup> April at 2pm	BERRIGAN
RSVP: Sarah Lentz on 0405 520 431 by Thursday, 4 <sup>th</sup> April	
Pre-Primary B Play and Picnic	
Where: Honeywood Playing Fields (Opposite Honeywood Primary School)	
When: Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> March at 10:30am	
RSVP: For further information, contact Michelle Pozzi on 0405 202 804	
Pre-Primary A, B & C School Holiday Catch Up	
Where: Manning Park	
When: Tuesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> April at 9:30am	
<b>RSVP:</b> No need to RSVP. For further information, please contact your Class Representative.	
Year 1B Picnic in the Park with the Family	
Where: Bibra Lake Regional Playground	
When: Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> March at 12pm	
RSVP: Sarah Morris on 0405 343 611	
Year 3C Parents Catch-up Drinks and Dinner	
Where: The Quarie Bar and Brasserie, 2 Macquarie Blvd, Hammond Park.	- 4
When: 4 <sup>th</sup> April at 7pm	Y
<b>RSVP:</b> Mel Babich on 0402 233 708.	

## **Community News**



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## **Triple P Positive Parenting Program**

You are invited to attend a Group Triple P. Triple P teaches positive, practical and effective ways to manage common issues which most parents will face.

Parents will learn effective parenting strategies such as ways to encourage behaviour you like, how to promote your child's development and how to prevent or manage common child behaviour problems.

The next **FREE** 8-week group is held:

When:	Starting Thu 9 May 2019
Location:	Coolbellup Community Centre
RSVP:	Bookings are essential and places are limited.

To book online www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/parentgroups

> Unable to book online? Please call 1300 749 869

To find other available programs visit our website www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/parentgroups

