

Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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

Dear Families,

These incredible times call for great adaptability and flexibility. There are no words to express how incredible the Mater Christi staff have been and will continue to be in these challenging times for the good of all. I am so humbled, together with Mrs Julie Southwell and Mrs Nicole Woodhouse, to be leading our amazing school. My heartfelt gratitude to YOU, our parents, for your words of affirmation, recognising how blessed we are to have such dedicated, generous and pastoral educators who are teaching and looking after the students. Yesterday, the Premier of WA made an important call in asking parents who do not work in essential services to keep their children at home.

At Mater Christi, we are very conscious of how important it is for parents that can keep working to do so. Not everyone is able to work from home or have extended family to care for and supervise the children.

Therefore, learning continues next week for all students whether at home or at school. This afternoon between 3:05pm-3:30pm the teachers will post onto SeeSaw (K-Yr 4) and SeeSaw/OneNote (Yrs 5-6) the Home Learning Program (HELP) for Week Nine. All students at home and those attending school will access this learning for the whole week. Teachers will explain how the learning will work for their year level and how/when they will communicate with you at designated times during the day. Please look out for this.

Parents who are unable to provide care/supervision next week for their child/ren are able to send their children to school as normal whether for the for week or a few days. We are here to work with and support you.

I know that you can also appreciate that not all staff will be attending school during the next two weeks due to their own family situation and/or medical concerns. They will be working from home and will continue to support their students as they undertake the HELP.

Our prayers are with the many, many families within our community who are working incredibly hard to keep our services going, shops open, providing medical care, and assisting all members of society in a variety of ways.

You are our heroes and we sincerely thank you.

Keep well and safe.

God Bless,
Toni Kalat

Congratulations

Congratulations to Faith (KA), Annabelle (2B) and Summer (3C) on the recent addition to their family. Their family welcomed a new sister earlier in the week. We wish you all an abundance of sleep, good health and lots of cuddles at this beautiful time.



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Library News

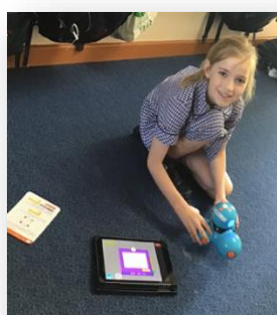
Thank you to all the children who have been making the virtual Easter Hats. The due date has now been extended to the 2nd April. The result will be published in Friday's newsletter. Thank you to Mrs De Souza Torres for all the wonderful assistance you have provided to Mrs Gladwell in the library! So many books have been covered ready for borrowing.



Digital Technologies in Year 4!

Thanks to Mrs de Bes, Year 4 have been very lucky to have a set of robots called Dash on loan to us from the University of Adelaide's CSER Lending Library. We have been using our friendly Dash Robots to create programs to support our learning area of coding within Digital Technologies.

Dash is smart enough to respond to voices and sounds and Dash can dance and sing, which makes it a fun and interactive learning experience. The Year 4 classes have watched their virtual coding turn into tangible learning experiences in real time as Dash, with its performance and multiple sensors, interacts with and responds to their commands. These commands are programmed and given by the children. They have been focusing on the fundamental coding of sequencing and loops.



A Note from Mrs Austin

In these uncertain times, I continue to work with parents and staff in supporting our students' emotional and mental health. Through teachers, I will be sending weekly information about ways you are able to incorporate and model good mental health practices at home. I am available via the school phone number 6173 9000, on my email (which I check daily) rebecca.rowland@cewa.edu.au, and meeting in person (if appropriate and safe), for parents and carers to discuss their child's needs. This is done confidentially, at no cost to families, and regardless of whether the child is learning at school or from home.

Physical health and safety must be the highest priority but mental wellbeing, social connection and enhancing children's natural optimism and resilience are also of upmost importance. The role of parents and carers in maintaining this support is vital, so I am also available to discuss options for maintaining their own self-care. Wishing you all love and health, Mrs Rebecca Austin



Uniform Shop News

The Uniform Shop is closed until further notice. Online orders can be completed via the school website and pick up dates will be advised at a later date.

Thank you, Simone Douglas, Perm-a-Pleat.

Parent Social Events

Due to the current climate, parent social events have been cancelled until further notice.

