

Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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*"Prayer is first of all listening to God. It's openness.
God is always speaking; he's always doing something.
A spiritual life without prayer is like the Gospel without Christ.
The real 'work' of prayer is to become silent and listen to the voice
that says good things about me.
Prayer is not what is done by us, but rather what is done by the
Holy Spirit in us. To pray is to walk in the full light of God and to
simply say, without holding back, 'I am human and you are God'."*
Henri Nouwen

Dear Parents/Guardians

It has been a very big and very enjoyable week. Edudance concerts, and assembly to name just two! I am not too good at farewells and was truly moved by the farewell afforded me at the assembly - for which all involved should be congratulated - it was remarkable - thank you all very very much.

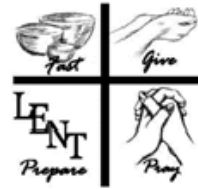
Best wishes to our intrepid swimmers at Tuesday's Interschool Carnival. We know that you will do your best!

Sincerely
Mark de Kluyver

Dates for Next Week

Monday 30th March	9am Year 6 Assembly 2.15pm "C" Classes Edudance Concert (MCCC)
Tuesday 31st March	Interschool Swimming Carnival Rockingham Aquatic Centre
Wednesday 1st April	9am Whole School Easter Reflection 12noon Early School finish No Canteen at lunch time Parent / Teacher Interviews 12.30 – 7pm Last day Term One Free Dress Day Project Compassion School Banking Uniform Shop Open 8.00 until 12 noon only
Thursday 2nd April	Student Free Day
Friday 3rd April	Good Friday
Saturday 4th / Sunday 5th April	

Religious Education



6th Week of Lent – Project Compassion – brings you Vinsen's story

To combat the variable weather patterns affecting farmers in Vinsen's village, a local community program supported by Caritas Australia, is teaching farmers how to terrace land and grow sustainable crops for life, regardless of the changing weather.

Vinsen is a farmer living in West Timor, Indonesia. While poor soil quality and erosion meant farming was always difficult for Vinsen, at least the weather was predictable. However, in recent years, weather patterns have become increasingly erratic in Vinsen's region. In 2010 and 2011, Vinsen's village was hit by heavy rains and strong winds, which destroyed crops and killed livestock. Incomes plummeted and famine spread throughout the area.

Wanting to protect his family's future, Vinsen enrolled in the Sustainable Agriculture Program– an initiative supported by Caritas Australia and run by local partner Yayasan Mitra Tani Mandiri (YMTM). Respecting the environment and our role as Stewards of Creation, the YMTM Program provides training for farmers and a YMTM representative in each village helps and advises farmers on challenges.

The farmers in Vinsen's village learnt to terrace their land, helping them to stabilise land against landslide, combat erosion and harness valuable rainfall. They also learnt how to plant long-term crops in addition to short life-span crops like vegetables, which allows them to build a stable livelihood and survive crop fluctuations and unexpected weather changes.

Since the YMTM Program, Vinsen's income has increased by 25 percent and his family now lives without fear of food insecurity. Vinsen is now passing on his knowledge by training others in his community and encouraging others to take part in the program.

Your donation to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion provides support to programs such as the YMTM Program. www.caritas.org.au

Easter Reflection

On **Wednesday, 1st April at 9am** we will be gathering on the grass area in the middle of the front office and the library to reflect on Holy Week and the Lenten season by focusing on the Stations of the Cross. Friends and family are welcome to attend.

Best Wishes

Courtney Dunsire

Assistant Principal

Farewell Mr D!

On Friday 20th March the school community said goodbye to Mr D with a whole school Mass followed by a morning tea prepared by the P&F. Also, today at assembly the Year 6 students presented an item to farewell Mr D and Darren Cutri said goodbye on behalf of the Board.

We thank Mr D for a wonderful 6 years at Mater Christi and wish him all the best for his future endeavors!



St Vincent de Paul 2015 Easter Appeal

Easter is just around the corner and we would like to start collecting donations for the St Vincent de Paul Easter Appeal.

We are requesting specific items from each class.

It would be gratefully appreciated if each student could bring in an item

The Food Drive will be held on Wednesday, 1st April.

All items should be taken to your class lobby where there will be a box for the collections.

All donations will be collected and given to needy families in our area.

CLASS	ITEMS REQUESTED
Kindy A/B	Pasta Sauce
Kindy C/D	Tinned Fruit
Pre Primary A	Custard
Pre Primary B	Rice
Pre Primary C	Pasta
1A	Tea
1B	Tinned Soup
1C	Long Life Milk
2A	Pancake Mix
2B	Toothbrushes
2C	Toothpaste
3A	Tinned Soup
3B	Biscuits
3C	Coffee
4A	Tinned Soup
4B	Jam
4C	2 Minute Noodles
5A	Long Life Milk
5B	Juice
5C	Vegemite
6A	Milo
6B	Deodorant
6C	Cereal

Thank You for your Generosity

Music

Would your child like to learn Violin?

In Term 2, Mr Richard Price our Violin Tutor will be offering a 4 week **'Introduction to the Violin'** class.

The cost of the introductory class will be **\$36.00 for 4 weeks**. Each lesson will go for **30 minutes**.

Mr Price will provide each student with a Violin to use during the lesson.

A minimum of 6 students is needed for the class to go ahead.

If your child is interested in this introductory class, please fill out an Instrumental form from the office and label the top of the form with 'Introduction to Violin' and hand it in to the office.

If you have any questions, please feel free to come and see me!

Ms Alison Clunies-Ross
Music Teacher

Canteen

On Wednesday 1st April the canteen will be open for the students to purchase items at recess but will not be taking lunch orders due to early school finish at 12 noon

Thank You
Heidi and Joh

Library

ALL LIBRARY BOOKS MUST BE RETURNED BY FRIDAY 27 MARCH 2015.

CHILDREN IN YEAR 4-5 ARE ALLOWED TO KEEP LEXILE BOOKS OVER THE HOLIDAYS.

HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!
Miss Richards

School Photos

A reminder the school photos are being taken on Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd April (Week 1 of Term 2). The photograph schedule is attached.

Online order forms were sent home with the students this week. These forms outline the ordering procedure and have a unique code associated with each student. Please keep this in a safe place. If you did not receive this form contact the school office. If you would like a family photo see the ladies in the office to collect an order form, family photos will be taken over both days. Can you please ensure all students are in correct winter uniform from the start of Term Two

Thanks
Mark Ryan
Assistant Principal

PHOTOGRAPHY SCHEDULE 2015

Wednesday 22nd April	# Students	Thursday 23rd April	# Students	Wednesday 22nd April	# Students
8.15am	STAFF	54	8.45	GRADUATION SENIOR CHOIR JUNIOR CHOIR	85
8.30	SRC ARTS, SPORTS, SCIENCE CAPTAINS HEAD ALTAR SERVERS		9.30	KB	20
8.50	3C	26	9.50	KD	23
9.05	3B	28	10.10	2C	30
9.20	PPC	30	10.30	FAMILY PHOTOS	
9.40	PPA	30	10.50	2B	29
10.10	PPB	30	11.10	1B	30
10.30	FAMILY PHOTOS		11.25	1C	31
10.55	1A	31	11.40	3A	28
11.15	KA	22	11.55	2A	28
11.40	KC	22	12.10	5B	27
11.55	4B	27	12.30	FAMILY PHOTOS	
12.10	4C	29	1.15	5A	28
12.30	FAMILY PHOTOS		1.30	5C	26
1.15	4A	28	1.45	FAMILY PHOTOS	
1.30	6B	27			
1.45	6C	29			
2PM	6A	29			
2.15	FAMILY PHOTOS				



Uniform Shop

Due to unforeseen circumstances we have no Winter Cotton Jumpers available.

Perm-a-Pleat apologise for any inconvenience and assured me they will arrive mid May.

Mean time if you do not have a Winter Cotton Jumper, you will be allowed to wear your sports Jacket with your winter uniform.

Uniform shop will be closing at 12 noon on Wednesday 1st April (last day of term).

Thank you
Ilonka Heinzle
Uniform Shop Coordinator
Perm-a-Pleat

Interschool Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all the students in Year 4, 5 and 6 who have qualified for the Interschool Swimming Carnival next Tuesday 31st March.

It will be held at the Rockingham Aquatic Centre.

If your son/daughter is participating, please pick up their Interschool Shirt from the Uniform Shop on Monday from 8:30 am. A \$10 deposit is required to make sure that shirts come back.

Ryan Donnelly
PE

P & F News

Mater Christi P&F is affiliated with the Parents and Friends Federation of WA (PFFWA) which is the voice for parents with children in WA Catholic Schools. Useful information can be found at the PFFWA website (<http://pff.wa.edu.au/>) particularly under Resources | Help Sheets (Affiliated Schools). Helpful info on Parent-Teacher Interviews – primary as well as other subjects can be accessed from here after entering the password (Parents1954). If you prefer, here is the direct link to this Help Sheet: <http://pff.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/Parent-teacher-interviews-primary.pdf> which might prove useful reading prior to our parent-teacher interviews next week. Hard copies of this brochure can also be obtained from the school office.

As advised in last week's newsletter, items for the Easter Appeal should now be taken to the classroom lobbies. For the P&F's Easter Raffle, every student from Kindy to Y6 will be included (so no need to buy tickets) and there will be ONE winner per class.

A very big thankyou goes out to all those who donated food and helped with Mr D's farewell morning tea last Friday. It was a successful event, although a little sad as we said goodbye and good luck to Mr D.

Kate Godwin-Johnston, P & F

Class Rep Events

- **PPA – Friday 10th April – 10.30am**
Pirate Ship Playground (next to Surfing Lizard Cafe, Coogee)
- **1A – Friday 27th March – 7.30pm**
The Gate, Cockburn RSVP to your Rep by 25th March
- **3A – Sunday 29th March – 1pm**
Salt on the Beach, North Fremantle, RSVP to your Rep by 27th March
- **4C – Monday 30th March – 6.30pm**
The Gate Bar & Bistro, Success, RSVP to your Rep by 23rd March
- **5A, 5B, 5C – Tuesday 14th April – 10am**
Woodman Point (school holiday catch up)
- **5A, 5B, 5C – Saturday 9th May – 7pm**
Dragon Place, Cockburn






protective behaviour workshop

Protective Behaviours Education is a proactive, holistic, whole community approach to teaching life skills to children.

Children are taught language and principles of protective behaviour, which helps them identify unsafe situations and arms them with the tools to seek appropriate assistance or to protect themselves.

We are offering a FREE workshop for parents

Beeliar Community Centre
33 Lakefront Ave, Beeliar
» Thursday 23 April 2015
» 7pm – 9pm

RSVP essential for catering purposes to 9411 3444



cockburn.wa.gov.au | 9411 3444



SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful experience of having an international 'big brother' or 'big sister' by hosting one of our exceptional, carefully-screened international students for a 3, 5 or 10 month program. We have students aged 15-18 arriving from France, Germany, Italy, Spain and Scandinavia in July 2015 seeking welcoming families all over Australia, in both rural and urban communities. They will live like a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Capture the spirit of family and friendship - visit us on Facebook or at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501 to request a booklet of international students.

Holiday Activity Camp

Looking for something to occupy the kids this coming Easter holiday? Cockburn Basketball Association's Children's Activity camp will include fun activities such as Basketball, Kwik Cricket, Soccer, Volleyball, and Dodge Ball, whilst also offering arts and crafts activities. Bring the children down to Cockburn Basketball Stadium to join in the fun, in a safe and supervised environment.

Monday 13th April – Friday 17th April
9am – 12 noon \$20 per day
School ages Year 1 – Year 7

For further details or to register please email
development@cockburncougars.com

Cockburn Basketball Association Inc.
Starling Street, Hamilton Hill WA 6163



The 2015 Easter 3on3 Tournament

Team Registration Form: Teams require 4 players; only registered players can play for nominated team. Players can only play for one team per division. Payment: \$15 per team: Team registrations required by 4pm Monday 13th April. Late / on day registrations for teams are not guaranteed a position to play.

Date: Wednesday 15th April Time : 5pm onwards
Where: CBA Canteen & Bar open

Please wear matching singlets, and bring an alternative with you, i.e. if playing in a dark singlet, bring a light singlet in addition. Teams will not be able to step on court unless team payment has been received. Payment taken on day.

For further details or to register please email
development@cockburncougars.com

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Parish Corner

Sacramental Program 2015

Confirmation Parent/Child Workshops

Online booking for Confirmation Masses are available from **Monday 23rd March**.

Online booking for Confirmation Parent/Child Workshops are available from **Monday 30th March**. Four workshop choices are available:

- ❖ **Wednesday 29th April** – 3:30pm **OR** 5pm
- ❖ **Thursday 30th April** – 5pm **OR** 6:30pm

All children with (at least) one parent are required to attend the workshop. www.trybooking.com/GYJT

Parish Rep Donna Butt



HOLY WEEK AT MATER CHRISTI

Saturday 28TH March PALM SUNDAY

Sunday 29TH March Please bring a branch

Monday 30th March 9.00am Mass

**Tuesday 31st March 9.00am Mass
7.00pm Chrism Mass
(in St Mary's Cathedral)**

**Wednesday 1st April 5.00pm Eucharistic Hour
6.00pm Mass**

**Thursday 2nd April Holy Thursday
7.00pm Mass of the Lord's
Supper**

**Friday 3rd April Good Friday
10.00am Stations of the Cross
3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of the
Passion**

**Saturday 4th April Holy Saturday
5.00-6.30pm Reconciliation
7.00pm Solemn Easter Vigil
& First Mass of Easter**

**Sunday 5th April Easter Sunday
Easter Masses 8.00am,
10.00am, 5.00pm**

Sunday 5th April 9.30am Mass Hammond Park