

Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Volume 3



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Dear Parents and Caregivers



SCHOOL MANTRA 2018

"Be a voice, not an echo"

Ash Wednesday's Gospel Matthew 6: 1 – 6, 16 – 18

"When you give alms, do not blow a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win the praise of others. "When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on street corners so that others may see them. "When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites. They neglect their appearance, so that they may appear to others to be fasting."

On Wednesday, we celebrated the start of the great season of LENT. The Gospel spells out what we are asked to do this Lenten season. Please reinforce the three focus points we want the children to know and do this season of LENT. Children are asked to give ALMS, PRAY for those less fortunate and to FORGIVE others.

Kindy Morning & Afternoon Tea

On Tuesday 20 February at 9.15am and Wednesday 21 February at 2.00pm (in the staffroom) Kindy parents are able to gain very valuable information about how best to support their child's learning, and the work that the Occupational and Speech Therapists can provide. It is also a nice opportunity to gather together and meet other parents too.

School Assembly

Next Friday the Year Four classes will host our first Assembly for 2018 with their special assembly item and our Merit Award recipients will also be acknowledged. We are all looking forward to our very first whole school gathering and will be welcoming our Pre-Primary children to their first Assembly.

DATES FOR NEXT WEEK (WK 4)

Monday
February 19

5C Mass
G&T Testing:
Year 4 Students

Tuesday
February 20

3C Mass
Kindy Morning Tea at
9:15am
Numero Incursion
Years 3-6
Board Meeting

Wednesday
February 21

SRC Meeting 8:10am
Kindy Afternoon Tea at
2:00pm
Numero Incursion
Years 3-6

Thursday
February 22

Friday
February 23

Year 4 Assembly
P&F Sundowner 7:00-
10:00pm

Saturday
February 24

Return of Sacramental
Enrolment Forms
(Years 3, 4 and 6)
Mater Christi Parish
Mass at 6pm

Sunday
February 25

Return of Sacramental
Enrolment Forms
(Years 3, 4 and 6)
Mater Christi Parish
Mass at 8am, 10am or
5pm

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Your child's teacher

Sometimes your child's teacher may be away. As with most professions, teachers need to continually update their knowledge, and courses are sometimes run on school days. Teachers also participate in professional learning after school, on weekends and during school holidays. Currently, many junior teachers are having one to one time with their children as they carry out the beginning of year assessments. Similarly, your child's teacher may be sick themselves, or need to care for a family member who may be unwell. The relief or casual teacher, will follow the usual teaching program for the day. If your child's teacher is away for a number of days, then we try to have the same casual teacher for the whole time.

Mater Christi's Car Park/Drive Thru Guidelines

Please ensure that you share these with any friends/family that may drop off or pick up your children.

C – Can you please ensure that you continue to drive all the way to the fire hydrant when you drop off/pick up the children? Even if there is no one behind you, please go to the very end to ensure that we maximize this space.

A - Accept that we reverse park at all times for the safety of our children and adults in the carpark.

R - Raise your family name signs so that the teachers can see your name clearly. This then enables them to call the children to the pick-up line quicker. Teachers cannot always identify parents through tinted windscreens. The office will organise a new sign if required.

P - Please always stay in your car during drop off and pick up times and never overtake another car.

A – Avoid the rush! Remember that you can pick up your children up to 3.30pm. Take some extra time and you'll have a smoother pick up. Are you driving all the way to the fire hydrant?

R - Respect all other drivers at all times and make sure that we aren't parking over our neighbour's driveways, on footpaths or on paved areas within the school.

K – Know that doing these very simple steps will help make it work more efficiently.

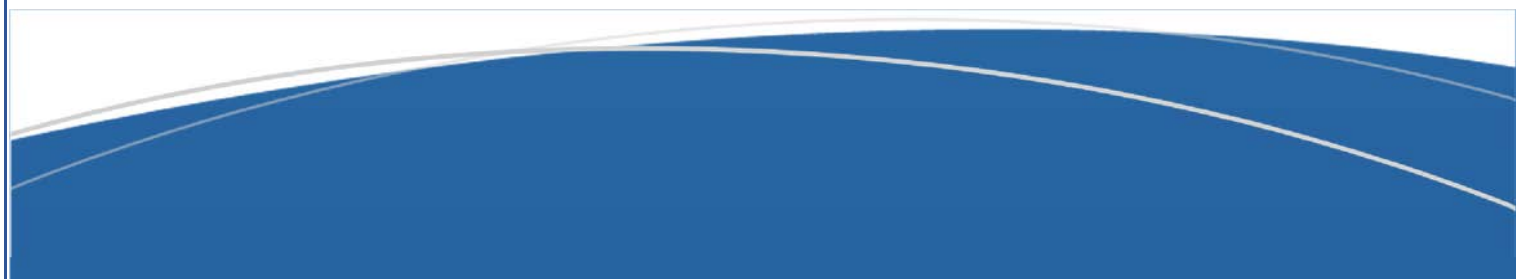
HOW WAS YOUR DAY?

If you are one of the many parents who receive a monosyllabic response to this question, why not try some more specific questions? Here are some more examples to commence the conversation:

Try printing them out, cutting them up and getting your child to pull a question out of the box each day.

- Was there an example of kindness? How did you respond?
- What was the book about that your teacher read?
- What's the word of the week?
- Did you tell anyone "thank you?"
- Who did you sit with at lunch?
- What made you laugh?
- Did you learn something you didn't understand?
- Who inspired you today?
- What was your least favourite part of the day?
- What is something you heard that surprised you?
- What is something you saw that made you think?
- Who did you play with today?
- What is something that challenged you?
- Did you like your lunch?
- Tell us your top two things from the day (before you can be excused from the dinner table!).
- What are you reading?
- If you could change one thing about your day, what would it be?
- What made you feel happy?
- What made you feel proud?
- What made you feel loved?
- Did you learn any new words today?
- If you could switch seats with anyone in class, who would it be? And why?
- If you switched places with your teacher tomorrow, what would you teach the class?

*God Bless,
Toni Kalat*



Religious Education

Ash Wednesday

Last Wednesday Father Joseph celebrated his first whole school Mass with us. Our Ash Wednesday Mass was a beautiful way to welcome in this year's Season of Lent. Lent is the penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. At our Mass the students, staff and parishioners were marked with a cross of ashes and were reminded to "turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel". This reminder was also to reflect on how we might live Lent this year by making an extra effort to pray, take up or take on something new that will help others and give something up to make room for Jesus in our hearts.

Commissioning Mass

The school staff, School Board and P&F Executive of Mater Christi Catholic Primary school will be commissioned at a special Mass on Saturday evening. The Staff, Board and P&F Executive will pledge their commitment to ensuring the decisions and actions that we make are always in the best interest of our students and families and that Christ is at the centre of all that we do.

Sacramental Enrolment

Students who are in a Sacrament year level this year are required to attend one of the Enrolment Masses this weekend. Enrolment forms will be available after each Mass. If you are unable to attend a Mass please contact the Parish Office on 9417 4763.

Be good.

Nik Hofmeester, Assistant Principal

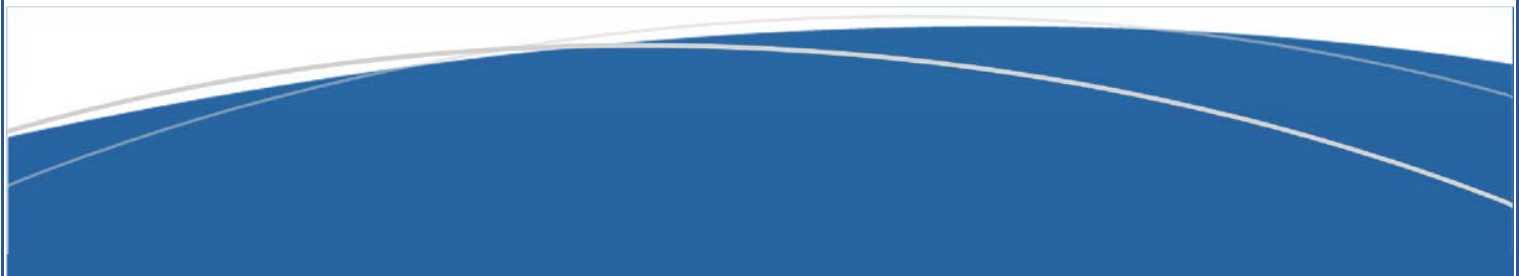
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Rainbows

When something significant happens in the family, the whole family is affected. Even though death and divorce appears to be a grown-up problem, it does have a profound effect on the children it touches. Rainbows is a program designed especially for children who are living in single parent families, or families going through significant transitions.

Rainbows fosters emotional healing among children grieving a loss from a life-altering crisis or other significant changes in their life. Rainbows provides a safe, confidential and caring environment for young people to sort through their pain and confusion, build self-esteem and learn coping tools to deal with their change, loss and grief. The goal is to assist participants in expressing feelings, understand and talk about these feelings and to learn to let go of them and get on with living. The facilitator assists the participants in expressing feelings.

The program consists of twelve weekly sessions conducted during school hours. This year the staff member trained to facilitate the Rainbows Program is Mrs Michelle Romano. If you are interested in your child participating, please email admin@mcps.wa.edu.au or speak to your child's classroom teacher.





School Fees

School fees for 2018 were posted yesterday. Please be sure to check your mail. Should you wish to apply for the 5% discount of tuition fees, payment needs to be received by **Friday 16th March.**

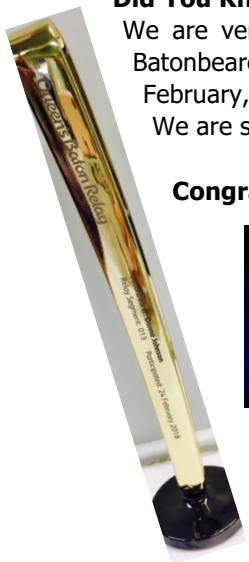
Kindy Morning Tea



Did You Know??

We are very excited to congratulate Mrs Donna Johnson (Year 1) on her successful nomination and selection as Batonbearer 013 for the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games. She will be running in the relay on Saturday 24th February, at 1:11pm. Her start point is at 65 Marine Terrace, Fremantle and ending at 10 Norfolk Street, Fremantle. We are so proud of her involvement at such an honourable event and wish her every success for a triumphant run!

Congratulations



Congratulations to the Bright family (Ayden, KA) on the safe arrival of their beautiful baby boy, Oliver. Our school community wishes an abundance of cuddles and sleep at this exciting time!



Congratulations!

MERIT AWARDS for 23rd February 2018

PPA	Joshua Di Lazzaro and Annabelle Anderson
PPB	Brock Basilio and Ethan Morris
PPC	Isla Botica and Seth Hearn
1A	Ella Maschette and Anya Hall
1B	Heidi Jofirisi and Liam Thomas
1C	Ryan Nicholson and Derick Joseph
2A	Miguel Revelo-Galvez and Kara Terribile
2B	Michael Raffaele and Leah Heeps
2C	Erin Brinkley and Reid Hall
3A	Jesse Barron, Nevaya Yovich
3B	Jake McGivern and Esta Oteri
3C	Azlyn Craven, Jacob Lorenzo
4A	Alessandro De Bernardis and Lucas La Macchia
4B	Mia Stonehouse and James Artemis
4C	Esperance Toh and Jack Haley
5A	Johnathan Luong and Ruby Dobson
5B	Korey Sweetman and Mitchell Bradford
5C	Jiyah Rioli and Dylan Ierino
6A	Hannah Sheehy and Liam Elliott
6B	Thomas Rich and Emily Haley
6C	Lucas Artemis and Zoe Kennington

School Community and P&F News

P&F

The P&F 2018 Welcome Sundowner is on Friday 23rd February at 7pm in the Mater Christi Community Centre from 7-10pm. All Mater Christi parents and staff are invited and encouraged to attend what is sure to be a fantastic night.

The P&F are providing live music, finger foods, soft drinks and a limited bar of 2 drinks per person. Please BYO extra drinks. We would like to remind all parents and staff to drink responsibly and drive safe.

All attendees receive a door prize raffle ticket, plus additional \$5 per ticket raffles are for sale on the night.

This is a free, parent only event but registrations are required before Wed 21st Feb for catering purposes.

Register at <http://tix.yt/sun>



Class Rep Events

Please Note: Mater Christi Parish is also having their Sacrament meeting on the 28th Feb at 7pm in the Mater Christi Community Centre, for all parents whose child is receiving a sacrament this year.

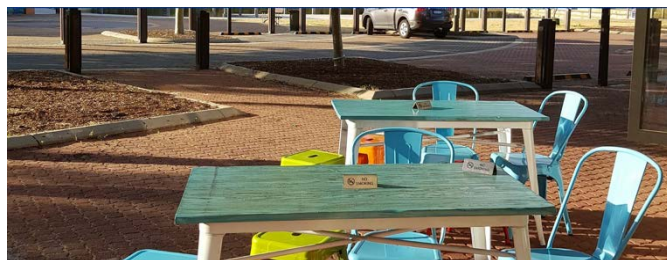
Kindy A

COFFEE MEET & GREET

19th February 9:00am

Sul Lago Café, Beeliar Lakefront

RSVP either to Laura Anchor (0422 970 557) or just turn up!



Pre-Primary A

COFFEE MEET & GREET

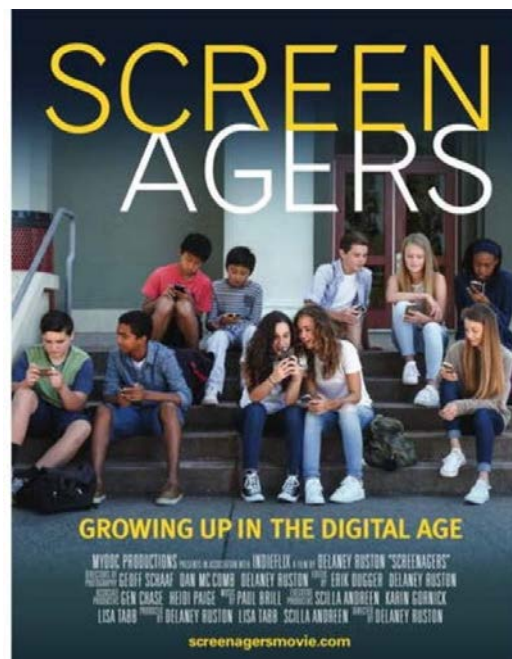
2nd March 9:00am

Sul Lago Café, Beeliar Lakefront

RSVP by 27th February to either Jessica Hicks – 0425 741 598 or Corey Neira – 0422 529 884

Coles Sports for Schools

Mater Christi is registered for **Coles Sports for Schools** this year. Any collected tokens can be placed in the Mater Christi boxes in Coles stores at Beeliar, Gateways and South Lake or Mater Christi admin. Online shoppers can also accumulate digital tokens by selecting Mater Christi in the shopping/checkout process.



Screenagers:

Host: PALMYRA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Wednesday 28th February 7:00pm, Palmyra Primary School
60 McKimmie Road, Palmyra WA 6157

\$8.00 AUD Admission + **\$2.00** booking fee = **\$10.00**

<https://fan-force.com/screenings/screenagers-palmyra-primary-school-wa/>



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Applications close
Saturday 24 February 2018

Iona Presentation College

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South Coogee Football Club

South Coogee Football Club would like to invite as many young children to enrol and play football both girls and boys of all ages. South Coogee Junior Football Club will also be aiming to field a girls league this year from Y3-Y12. We would encourage all children to participate in a fun environment and learn the skills of the game.

Register online at <http://www.scif.com.au>

South Coogee Junior Football Club
REGISTRATION DAY



February 25th
10am - 1pm

Santich Park
Asquith St Munster

Register online at www.scifc.com.au

St Mary's Leederville
Centenary Celebration

Mass of Thanksgiving
Sunday 4th March, 10:30am
Celebrant Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB

Refreshments will follow after Mass
Aranmore College Centre for the Arts, Sports Science
Corner of Franklin and Oxford Street, Leederville

