

Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Volume 6



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Dear Parents and Caregivers



SCHOOL MANTRA 2018

"Be a voice, not an echo"

The 4th Sunday in Lent John 3: 14 – 21.

This Sunday we will hear a Gospel story where by Jesus being lifted upon the cross at Calvary is compared to Moses lifting the Serpent in the desert. What does this mean? How does this even make a comparison of sense? The Gospel continues to list opposites; light and dark, love and hate, perishing and experiencing eternal life. What does this mean for us as believers of our Faith? If we can take one message from this Gospel, one very important message about our God; a God of good, it might just be that God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that the world might be saved.

Yesterday, Thursday March 8 was International Day for Women. May we keep in our prayers all the women who constantly have an impact on our lives. May we remember and acknowledge those women who have walked this land before us, may they know that their impression is still lingering in our world today. Together we pray for women everywhere.



Year Six Camp

What an exciting week for the Year 6 Class. Camp sounds like it was great fun! They are due back around 2.30pm this afternoon and I'm sure there will be plenty of stories to be told around the dinner table tonight! Thank you to the Year Six teachers and all the staff that went on camp this year. Their generosity of time, lack of sleep and a willingness to give our children the best of experiences is to be applauded. I hope this weekend provides good sleep catch up time for all our campers.

DATES FOR NEXT WEEK (WK 7)

Monday
March 12 1C Class Mass

Tuesday
March 13 4B Class Mass
P&F Meeting 7pm

Wednesday
March 14 Confirmation Parent/Child
Workshops (MCCC)
Session 1: 5:00-6:15pm
Session 2: 6:30- 7:45pm

Thursday
March 15 2A Class Mass
Year 5 Christian Service
Learning
Confirmation Parent/Child
Workshops (MCCC)
Session 1: 5:00-6:15pm
Session 2: 6:30-7:45pm

Friday
March 16 SRC Meeting 8:10am

Saturday
March 17

Sunday
March 18

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Important Notice to Parents and Caregivers – Adherence to the Law

A recent issue has been brought to my attention. Unfortunately, and disappointingly, a select number of parents have been seen driving whilst holding their phone handsets following the pickup of children afterschool. In addition to this I have been informed that parents have been seen consuming alcoholic beverages on school property whilst waiting to pick up children or whilst children are in the car.

I would like to make this matter abundantly clear: Any incidence(s) reported to the school, whereby parents are breaking the law on school grounds will be dealt with accordingly. Schools are alcohol and smoke free zones. Alcohol may be consumed when it is a school function and only when the correct procedures have been followed and adhered to by the School and/or P&F.

As adults, it is our duty to provide safety and guidance to children. As a minimum standard, this includes following the law. I am certain that this message will be received responsibly.

God Bless,
Toni Kalat

Religious Education

Year 6 School Camp

It was wonderful to join our Year 6 students on camp at Forest Edge earlier this week. There are so many benefits of being on a school camp – so many great learning opportunities that contribute to a student's personal growth and social development that you just can't get in a school classroom setting. The children will come home with wonderful stories about their adventures and even some new useful skills they have developed. (Amongst other things, they will all now have fabulous sweeping, dish washing, drying, dinner place setting and serving skills!)

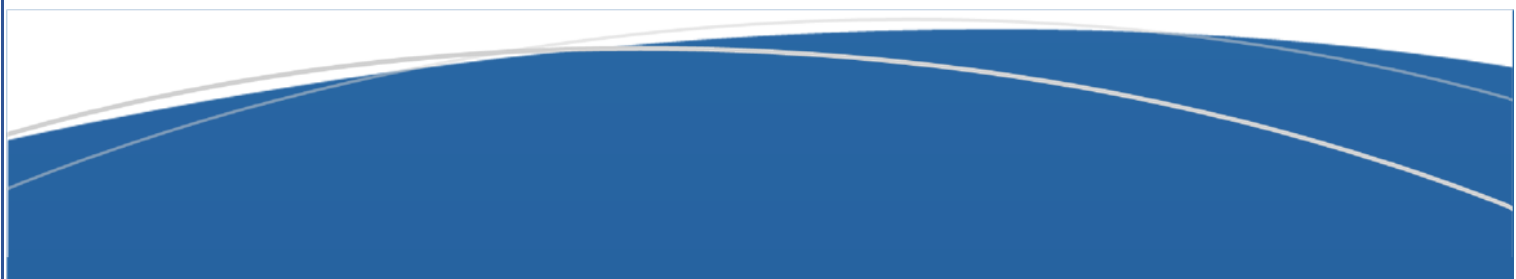


At the end of each day, before they retired to their dorms for the night, the students came together for prayer and the teachers shared with the children some observations of the day. They shared examples of students challenging themselves to step outside their comfort zones, supporting, encouraging and caring for others, making good decisions, collaborating to achieve common goals and developing their own leadership skills. The examples reflected a lot of what our students have been learning in their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation – namely those beautiful gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. It is so beautiful to witness our students being respectful, kind and caring toward each other beyond the gates of our school. A special thank you to Father Joseph who gave our students a special blessing before they left for camp and the teachers who have given up their own time to make the camp a wonderful and memorable experience.

Confirmation Commitment Masses

This weekend is the commitment Masses for the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is expected that students who will be receiving this Sacrament will either attend the Saturday 6pm or Sunday 10am Mass.

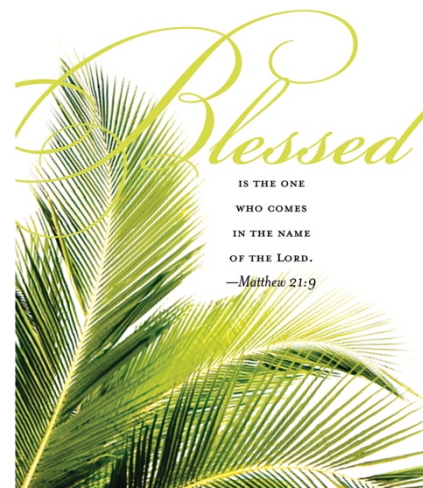
Be Good.
Nik Hofmeester



Parish News

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Sister Emmanuel is looking for very long fronds of palms for the Palm Sunday Mass(es). If any members of the school community have access to these plants, and can assist with donating, please contact Sister Emmanuel at the Parish.



Physical Education

A gentle reminder to all parents to order a swimming cap for their correct faction colour. These can be purchased from the office for \$3.00



SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2018

(Year 4 - 6)



Important Reminders

Date - Wednesday 21st of March 2018

Venue - Cockburn ARC



Time - 9:00pm to 2:15pm. (Lunch at approximately 11:40am - 12:00pm)

- **STUDENTS NEED TO BE AT SCHOOL AT 8:15am. BUSES WILL LEAVE AT 8:35am SHARP!**
- **Spectators are \$2.50. All students need a swim cap that can be purchased for \$3.00 (Office)**
- Parents please join in the fun and support your team. Students would love to share lunch with you!
- **A draft program has been pinned up in the undercover area. Please check it out and make sure your children have too. They need to know what races they are in.**
- Please ensure children wear their sports uniform on top of their bathers and have warm clothing available.
When children are not racing they should be covered up.
- Children should have a towel or two, swimming cap, water, healthy snacks for lunch, sun screen and a hat.
- **Important - Children should listen to the teachers in the bay carefully so they don't miss their races.**
 - **Parents must stay in the spectator area (seating provided), not near the finish line.**
 - **The chief judges decision is final.**
- **The swimming carnival is a normal school day. No one should leave until after the presentations unless permission has been sought.**
 - If you are collecting your child please inform your child's class teachers after the carnival.
- Parent Help is required. We would love to offer half day (rather than full day) positions if we get enough helpers.

Friendly Schools Plus - Resilience

Our school is continuing to create a friendly and supportive culture. The resources we are using are based on evidence from 12 years of empirical research from the Child Health Promotion Research Centre. The resource materials aim to help schools to encourage positive social behaviour and reduce bullying behaviour.

Our goals for a supportive school culture:

- To continue to provide all students with opportunities to develop and practise getting along with other children through classroom learning activities
- Create a positive social environment within our school which actively discourages bullying.
- Continue to encourage staff, students and parents to treat all school community members with respect, care and compassion

Families' role in creating a supportive school culture

Research demonstrates that efforts to change the attitudes and behaviour of students are more likely to be successful if families are actively involved and share a sense of ownership over the process.

- Talk regularly with your children about what might be happening at school
- Encourage your children to 'ask for help' if they are being bullied at school or someone is being unkind
- If your children are fighting at home, help them discuss their problem and come to a mutual solution
- Encourage your children to be assertive by helping them to practise speaking in a firm but friendly way, making eye contact, looking calm and smiling and feeling good about themselves

Our Resiliency programme is a priority and we will continue to help students develop strategies to prevent bullying as well as developing social skills and resiliency factors.

Pat Pottier (Drama Specialist)

Library News

A huge thank you to Michelle Hall for our beautiful new cushions in the library. They are bright, colourful, the perfect size for sharing and the children have not stopped commenting on them!
Thank you!

Mrs Emily Gowland, Library Officer



School News

Merit Award Recipients

Congratulations to all the students below who were fortunate to be awarded a Merit Certificate at today's assembly. My sincere apologies for not advertising the names in last Friday's newsletter (as per the usual process). Please refer to next week's newsletter to see the Week 8 Merit Award recipients for the assembly held on Friday 23rd March.

Thanking you,
Mrs Rebekah D'Souza, Office Administrator

P&F News

Dads and Kids Campout - SOLD OUT!

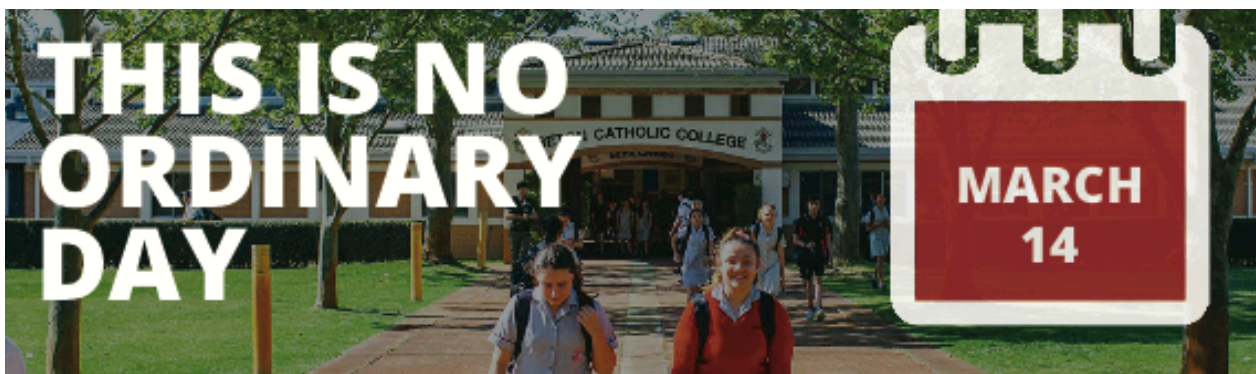
The response to this event has been amazing and we apologise that the limited number of campsites available within the school was exceeded by demand! Bookings were limited to 50 families due to the space available within the school grounds. The oval is not being utilised for this event for the safety and security of the families and school.

Please email leahrheinberger@hotmail.com to be added to the waitlist or if you wish to be advised if more places will be made available, pending space within the school grounds. If you have booked a spot and are no longer unable to attend, please email leahrheinberger@hotmail.com.

Next P&F Meeting

Tuesday 13th March 2018 at 7pm in the Staff Room

Community News



It's a day that should matter a lot to any parent who wants the best for their child. Not just educationally, but mentally, physically, emotionally and spiritually too. On March 14, Seton is opening its doors to show you what makes us like no other secondary college. But really, it's not about us. **It's about you.**

Guided by our College staff and Year 9 Leaders, we see it as the first of hundreds of opportunities we'll seize over the course of your child's time at Seton to ensure they leave us happier, healthier, smarter and stronger. So mark this date – in six years time, you'll look back on it as the catalyst for the person they've become.

At Seton, every interaction matters.

**SETON OPEN DAY | 9AM
WEDNESDAY 14 MARCH
GUIDED COLLEGE TOUR**

Register your interest at
seton.wa.edu.au/book-a-tour

Additional tour dates and times are also available after our Open Day. Some tours offer a taste of an ordinary College day, while others showcase special events.



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HARMONY EVENT

Legacy Park – Veterans
Parade, Cockburn Central
Saturday, 17 March
11am to 2pm

Celebrate cultural and religious diversity with FREE entertainment and activities for the whole family including:

- » Face painting & Henna
- » Cultural performances
- » Info stalls
- » Guided meditation
- » Arts & crafts

For further info, contact communitydevelopment@cockburn.wa.gov.au or call 08 9411 3444.

Brought to you by the City of Cockburn in partnership with local cultural and religious groups.

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This information is available in alternative formats upon request

CBC Fremantle Old Boys' Association

ALL AGES REUNION

AND ALUMNI RECOGNITION AWARDS

All CBC Fremantle Old Boys and their partners are invited to register to attend an All Ages Reunion and Sundowner in the College Cloisters.

Tickets are \$25/person and include refreshments and entertainment. Visit the www.cbcfremantle.wa.edu and click on Events to purchase tickets.

17 MARCH 2018 5.30PM TO 7.30PM

SAVE THE DATE

EATS AT EMMANUEL

FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY

4 May 5.30PM - 8.30PM

Today's boys...tomorrow's gentlemen

CBC Fremantle invites you to attend our

Open Day on Tuesday 13 March 2018

Tours commence at 2.00pm and 4.00pm and provide a unique opportunity to see the College and meet some of the staff and students. To register visit the College website and click on the Open Day Quick Link

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