

Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers



SCHOOL MANTRA 2018

"Be a voice, not an echo"



Palm Sunday

This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week.

Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the *Triduum*—three days that are the highlight of the Church year. There are two Gospels proclaimed at Sunday's Mass.

The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they blessed God and shouted "Hosanna!" There are always mixed emotions around Palm Sunday, as it is a celebration when the community of His followers rejoiced and sang His praises. Yet, it is a very bittersweet time as we are very aware, as Jesus was, of the journey He is to endure. His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ..."

(John 12:12-19)



Children from Year 4A will be praying the Stations of the Cross Reflection with the Parish, tonight at 6pm and everyone is most welcome. The Stations of the Cross Reflection tell the story of the last few hours of Jesus' life on Earth. The Stations are an ancient tradition dating back to the fourth century when Christians went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Next Thursday 29th March the children will re-enact the events of Holy Week at 9:00am. This is a significant event and we encourage all families to come along and witness such a solemn event.

Harmony Day



Last Wednesday 21st March our Kindy – Year 3 children celebrated Harmony Day with various class activities. We are very fortunate here at Mater Christi to have many families from different cultural backgrounds. Thank you to Miss Paino for coordinating this event and the classroom resources.

DATES FOR NEXT WEEK (WK 9)

Monday March 26	9:00am 6B Class Mass
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Tuesday March 27	9:00am 4C Class Mass
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Wednesday March 28	
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Thursday March 29	9:00am Whole School Easter Reflection EASTER RAFFLE
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Friday March 30	Good Friday (PUPIL FREE DAY)
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Saturday March 31	Easter Saturday
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Sunday April 1	Easter Sunday
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Monday April 2	Easter Monday (PUPIL FREE DAY)
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Tuesday April 3	Easter Tuesday (PUPIL FREE DAY)
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Swimming Carnival

On Wednesday, the Years 4-6 took part in our annual Swimming Carnival. This year we were at Cockburn Arc and the facility was perfect. Parents and family members were pool side to see the many close finishes throughout the day and cheer on all the competitors. Everyone appreciated the commentary of Mr Hofmeester and the hard work and organisation by Mr Donnelly, even his last-minute dash into the pool to try and win the Parent/Teacher race. No carnival would be a success without the great help from parents on the day. Congratulations to all our children who truly tried their very best and it was heartening to hear our children congratulate and encourage each other. This is what true sportsmanship is all about and I know that Mr Donnelly continually models this with the children and sets the standard in doing your best for the team, being supportive of each other and having great fun while doing it.

Was this our best carnival? Thank you to the parents for their very positive feedback!

You can read the results from the Carnival further in the Newsletter.



Dad's Camp Out

The feedback from the children on this P&F Initiative was overwhelmingly positive – 'we loved it', 'it was great fun', ... 'I loved playing spotlight', 'can we please have two nights of camping, not one!' Even though it was a very chilly night, the event was extremely successful and thank you to Trampas Hall and his helpers for coordinating the camp out and bringing together many dads in our community to have some great fun with their children and connect with other dads too.

We wish the Redondo family, every blessing as they set off to the U.S. for medical assessment and possible treatment for their boys' uncompromising anaphylaxis. We look forward in hearing about their journey over the course of this year and hope to have them back with us before the end of the year. We will continue to keep you in our prayers.

At our school, we aim to create a safe and supportive school community for everyone.

Sometimes it can be difficult for parents or carers to know what to do when their child talks to them about bullying. You are an important part of our work to prevent bullying and to respond effectively if it happens. Stopping bullying involves everyone.

BULLYING

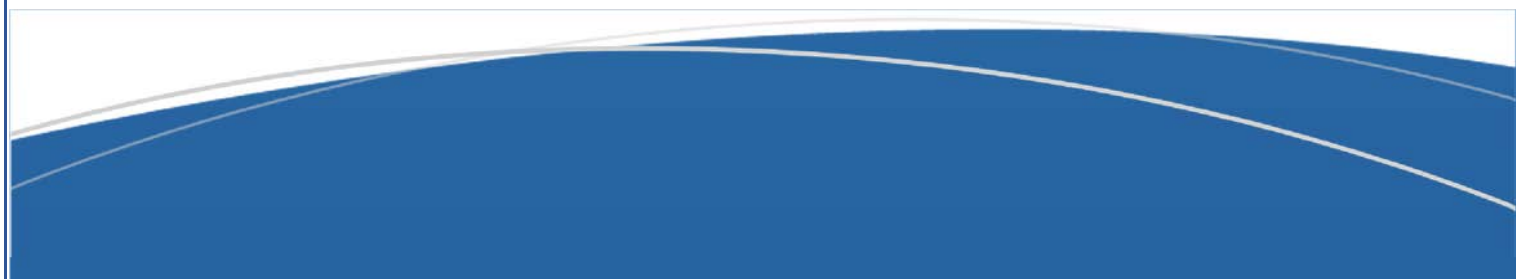
If your child talks to you about bullying:

1. **Listen** calmly and get the full story. Your calm response is important to allow your child to tell you all about the situation. After they've told you their story, ask questions to get more details if you need to: Who, What, Where, When. Although you may feel some strong emotions about your child's experience, try to keep calm to avoid more distress to your child.
2. **Reassure** your child they are not to blame. Many children blame themselves and this may make them feel even worse. You could say things like 'That sounds really hard to deal with. No one should have to put up with that' or 'I'm so glad you told me. You should be able to feel safe at school; that's not fair at all.'
3. **Ask** your child what they want to do and what they want you to do. A critical part of your response is to avoid jumping in to solve the problem. While it is natural to want to protect your child, helping them to find their own solution is a better option. It helps them feel they have some power in the situation.
4. **Visit** www.bullyingnoway.gov.au to find some strategies. The website has tips and ideas for different bullying situations. One idea is to practice strategies at home to help your child feel more confident.
5. **Contact** the school. Your child may be reluctant for you to do this, so discuss the idea and reassure them that the school would want to know and is able to help. Make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher and, if you need to, ask to talk with the Principal. Contact the school immediately if you have a concern about your child's safety.
6. **Check-in regularly** with your child. Keep the conversation going. It can take time to resolve issues, so check-in regularly with your child about their experiences and their feelings. Your ongoing support is important.

If you are looking for support yourself to deal with a bullying situation, you will find ideas on the Bullying. No Way! Website for parents. As well, please contact the school if you would like to discuss any aspect of our approach to preventing bullying.

Thanks for your support to make our school a great school for everyone.

*God Bless,
Toni Kalat*



Religious Education

Solemnity of St Joseph

A big thank you to our Year 6 classes for organising last Monday's Solemnity of St Joseph Mass. Once again, our students sang and participated beautifully in this very special Mass in honour of the husband of Mary and Father figure of Jesus.

Stations of the Cross

Tonight at 6pm in the Parish church some of our Year 4 students will perform a special dramatic version of the Stations of the Cross. The students have been working very hard with our Drama teacher Mrs Pottier to produce what promises to be a very moving and spiritually stirring rendition of the Stations. All are welcome tonight. The production will be presented for the whole school next Thursday at 9am to conclude Holy Week at Mater Christi.

Holy Week

Next week, is the final week of Lent – Holy Week. It is a time for entering into the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, a time for new life and growth. During this week let us unite in prayer as we pray:

Lord Jesus Christ, in this sacred and solemn week when we see again the depth and mystery of your redeeming love, help us to follow where you go, to stop where you stumble, to listen when you cry, to hurt as you suffer, to bow our heads in sorrow as you die, so that, when you are raised to life again, we may share in your endless joy.
Amen.

Be Good.

Nik Hofmeester

Parish News

HOLY WEEK AT MATER CHRISTI

SATURDAY 24th March
SUNDAY 25th March

PALM SUNDAY
Please bring a branch



MONDAY 26th March

9.00am Mass

TUESDAY 27th March

9.00am Mass
7.00pm **CHRISM MASS** (in St Mary's Cathedral)



WEDNESDAY 28th March

5.00pm Eucharistic Hour
6.00pm Mass

THURSDAY 29th March

HOLY THURSDAY
7.00pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper**



FRIDAY 30th March

GOOD FRIDAY
10.00am **Stations of the Cross**
3.00pm **Solemn Liturgy of the Passion**



SATURDAY 31st March

HOLY SATURDAY
5.00-5.30pm Reconciliation
6.00pm **Solemn Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter**



SUNDAY 1st April

EASTER SUNDAY
Easter Masses 8.00am, 10.00am, 5.00pm
9.30am @ Hammond Park Catholic Primary School

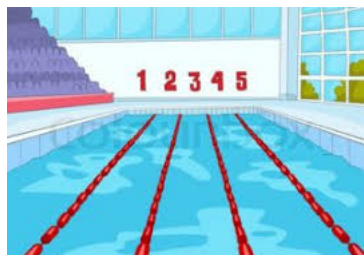
Physical Education



Mater Christi Swimming Carnival

On Wednesday we held our annual Swimming Carnival at the Cockburn ARC. It was hot (38°) and steamy and so were the performances. With over 100 events on the program it was a colossal day. All students participated in a range of events from the traditional strokes to the novelty relays. A MASSIVE thank you to every parent, captain and teacher who helped make the day so fantastic. Most importantly, congratulations to all students for their marvelous performances.

At the end of the day, there can only be one champion team, but everyone who swam can be called a champion. Here are the final standings:



1st - BOBTAILS (332 points)
2nd - HONEYEATERS (317 points)
3rd - BANDICOOTS (288 points)
4th - MAGPIES (277 points)

The Most Cooperative Shield went to the Bandicoots for their sensational sportsmanship and awesome cheering.



We also had some standout swimmers who swam their way to a Champion Boy or Girl medal. They were:

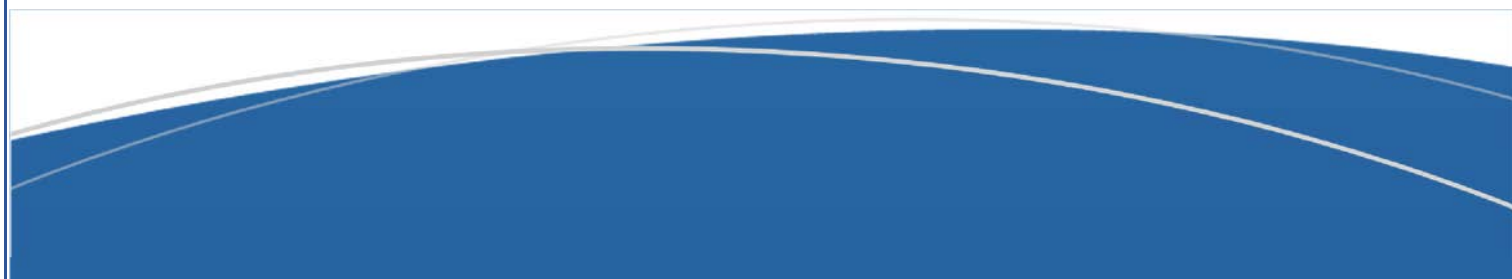


Year 4	Girls	Boys
Champion	Eilidh Milne	Rhys Millington
Runner Up	Tahleisha French	Cole Clayden
Runner Up	Madeleine Dicker-Lee	Tyler Rodden (3 rd)
Runner Up	Alexia O'Neill	
Year 5		
Champion	Madison Hadley	Shay McKenna
Runner Up	Bianca Dias	Peter Wright
Third	Ella Shields	Nathan Taya (Runner Up)
Year 6		
Champion	Maia Clayden	Nicholas Ettridge
Runner Up	Hannah Chamberlain	Jett Harding
Third	Chloe Cowan	Daniel Khan

Well done on a brilliant effort!

Those swimmers that will be required for the Interschool Team will be notified next week.

Ryan Donnelly, PE Specialist.



School News

Year 3 Excursion – Sculpture by the Sea, Cottesloe

sculpture
by the sea

This week our Year 3 students were treated to an excursion in Cottesloe – Sculpture by the Sea. This multi-sensory experience enhanced their understanding the learning outcomes required for geography and visual arts this term. Thank you to all our amazing parent helpers and staff – your assistance was much appreciated.



Harmony Day

On Wednesday, the 21st of March, our students celebrated Harmony Day. Harmony Day originated in 1999 and falls on the same day as the United Nation's International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Harmony Day

The central message to communicate to our students in celebrating this day is that 'everyone belongs'. It's vital to celebrate the cultural diversity of Australia by creating a strong sense of inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for all.



School News

NetSetGO Netball 2018 at Mater Christi



The NetSetGo skills-based netball program will be running at Mater Christi again in Terms 2 & 3. This national program incorporates skills, learning activity and introductory game play. Further information can be found at <http://netsetgo.asn.au/parents/faq/>

We can currently provide this program for Year 2's and 3's (numbers are capped at 10 participants per coach).

We'd like to also offer the program to Year 1's, however, at present, we don't have a coach.

As our Year 1 Program (capped at 8 participants per coach + an assistant) is dependent upon a suitable coach being willing to volunteer their time, we are keen to hear from anyone interested.

Coaches will have all session planning done for them, but they must be able to commit their time each week for the duration of the program.

We are also keen to hear from anyone who is willing to assist with the coaching of the Year 2's or 3's, as this would enable more children to participate. Please contact me if you are willing and able to join us or if you'd like more information.

Term 2 NetSetGo will run from 7th May to June 25 2018, 3:15-4:15pm on Mondays (8 sessions). The cost is \$70. Netball Australia will send all participants a pack which will include a size 4 netball and a NetSetGo T-shirt. For those who have participated in Term 2, the Term 3 is offered at a discounted rate.

Once I've received adequate numbers, I can then forward the registration links.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.



Leeanna Rodden, MCCPS NetSetGO Centre Coordinator
0427 145 121 || admin@um-aus.com

Winter Uniforms

Winter uniform is compulsory from the commencement of Term 2. Full winter uniform is also required for the school photos (including jumper) for Wednesday to Friday of week 1.

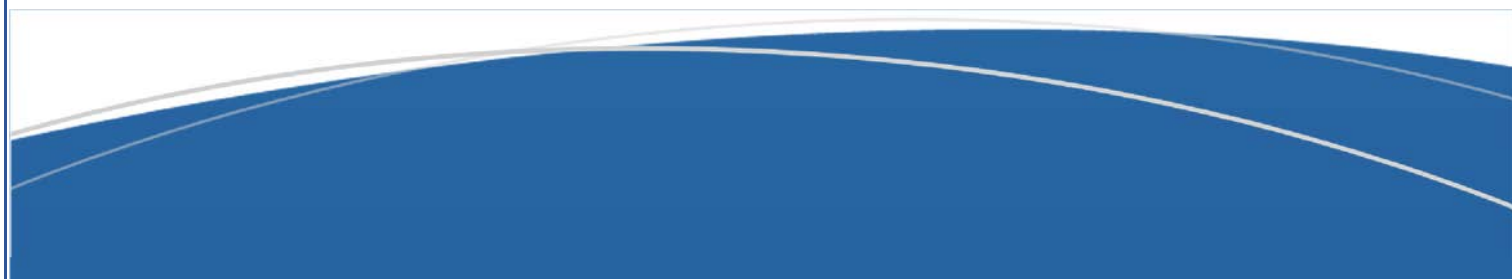
The Uniform Shop will be open on Wednesday 11th April as per usual. It will also be open for bookings only on Thursday 12th April for fitting of the Winter Uniform.

It is vital that your child is prepared with the correct uniform as I won't be there on the first week of the term on the Wednesday and the uniform shop will be open with a casual staff member. You may experience longer than usual wait times.



Please follow the link to book your online fitting appointment on the 12th April and if you experience any problems with the link or any other issues please email me at materchristi.uniforms@permapleat.com.au

Many Thanks
Simone Douglas
Permapleat Uniform Shop





THE EASY WAY TO BOOK SCHOOL INTERVIEWS



Dear Parents

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Monday 9th April and Wednesday 11th April (Week 11), as well as a number of additional bookings in Week 10. Bookings are now open and must be finalised before the 29th of March, when bookings for this event will close. ***You should have received an email on the 22nd March, with the code required to access bookings.***

Interviews are strictly 10 mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

BOOKINGS CLOSE THURSDAY 29th March.

To make a booking, complete the following instructions:

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au

This link will be available on your child's class blog/seesaw page for ease of access. The unique code will be sent via email on Thursday 22nd March.



Enter your details (including your email if you wish to receive confirmation of your booking).



Select the teachers you wish to see.



Select the appointment times that best suits your family.



When you click **FINISH**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately – **Check your junk mail folder AND make sure you have typed your email address correctly**

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time and change your interviews - until the bookings close on 29th March (Thursday, Week 9- Term 1).

You may change your bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 9417 5756



Mater Christi Catholic Primary School

2019 ENROLMENTS

Applications for enrolment into Mater Christi Catholic Primary for 2019 are now due.

Interviews have commenced, please submit your application now to avoid missing out on a place. This is especially important for any families who have siblings at school now.

Applications can be downloaded from our website www.mcps.wa.edu.au or come into the front Office.

If you know of any families interested in applying, please encourage them to do so straight away.



Dads and Kids Campout

The first Dads and Kids Campout has been hailed a huge success – with 52 families camping out on Saturday night, some getting woken by the sprinklers during the night and others slept right through! A big thanks to all of the Dads who brought their kids along. It was fantastic to have so many willing helpers throughout the whole event – there was never a job without one or two blokes stepping in to get it done. Thank you to the P&F subcommittee – who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to get this event up and running. A special mention to Karl Foster and Family, the Spud shed, Malone's Butcher and Coles Beeliar for their support and donations to our event. We hope all of the Mums enjoyed their annual night off!





P&F Easter Raffle and Colouring Competition

Don't forget! Completed entries for the colouring in competition can be emailed to tanya@semplepg.com.au or returned to school administration by Tuesday 27th March. That is only 4 days away!!

Best wishes to everyone,
Parents and Friends Committee.

Pre-Primary B

Coffee Catch-up

Monday, 26th March 9:00am at Sul Lago Café, Beeliar Lakefront

No need to RSVP!

Please phone Class Representative, Louise McEntee: 0431 262 262 for enquiries.



Kindy D

Playground Catch-Up

Saturday, April 28th 9:30am at the Playground at Lakefront Avenue, Beeliar

No need to RSVP!

Please phone Class Representative, Rachel Rawlins: 0421 706 767 for enquiries.

Recording of Edu-Dance Concerts



This year as a trial, the school has approached a professional recording company Muse Media to record our Edu Dance concerts and make the videos available for parents to purchase on DVD or USB. Each session will be recorded separately and the cost to parents will be \$20 per DVD or \$25 per USB device with a discount for those families who have children in 2 or more concerts. Please look out for a separate email next week with details of how to pre order your copy and view the offers. Parents will also be given the opportunity to purchase a copy by completing an order form on the day of the concerts.

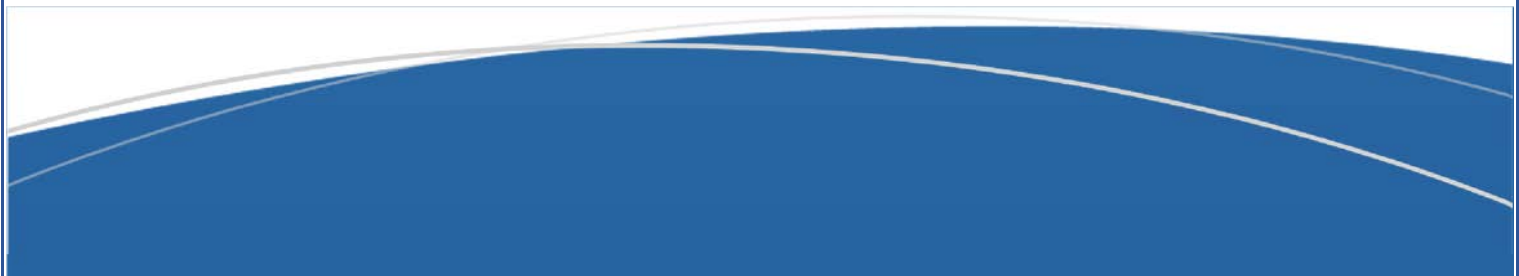
This P&F initiative will enable parents to sit back and fully enjoy their child/ren's concerts knowing that a memory of the event has been captured for them. It is hoped that if there is a good response to this initiative that it may be considered for future events.

The Edu Dance Concerts will be held in the Community Centre on the following dates:

"C" Classes – 2:15pm Thursday 5th April

"A" Classes – 2:15pm Monday 9th April

"B" Classes – 2:15pm Wednesday 11th April



Community News



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Cockburn Little Athletics Club

WINTER SEASON: CROSS COUNTRY RUN/ROAD WALKS



Cockburn Little Athletics Club would like to extend an invitation to young athletes from the ages of 7 to 17 to come join us for our 2018 Winter Season.

Athletes run/walk age appropriate distances and course at various locations around the Perth metro area.

This is a great way to keep fit, have fun and be competitive over the winter months.

For all enquiries please contact dacwinter18@outlook.com OR call Susan on 0433 918 007