

Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter



April 28 2017
Term 2 Week 1



SCHOOL MANTRA 2017

'Never see a need without doing something about it.'

Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Dates for Next Week

Dear Parents and Carers

Third Sunday of Easter



Gospel Reading

Luke 24:13-35

Jesus appears to two disciples who are walking to Emmaus

Sunday's Gospel shows us how the first community of disciples came to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In these stories we gain insight into how the community of the Church came to be formed.

When we read the Gospel, we may be surprised to learn that these friends of Jesus could walk and converse with him at some length yet not recognize him. Again we discover that the risen Jesus is not always easily recognized. Cleopas and the other disciple walk with a person whom they believe to be a stranger; only later do they discover that the stranger is Jesus. We learn that the first community met and recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread, just as we meet Jesus in the Eucharist.

We can imagine the feelings of the two disciples in the reading. They are leaving their community in Jerusalem. Their friend Jesus has been crucified. Their hope is gone. They are trying to make sense of what has occurred, so that they can put the experience behind them.

Jesus himself approaches the two men, but they take him for a stranger. Jesus asks them what they are discussing. He invites them to share their experience and interpretation of the events surrounding his crucifixion and death. When the two disciples have done so, Jesus offers his own interpretation of his crucifixion and resurrection, citing Jewish Scripture. In that encounter we find the model for our Liturgy of the Word—what we do each time we gather as a community for the Eucharist. We reflect upon our life experiences and interpret them in light of Scripture. We gather together to break open the Word of God.

Monday May 1

Netball program Yrs 2/3
1A Mass

Tuesday May 2

Confirmation
Parent/Child Workshop
Session 1: 5-6pm
Session 2: 6.30-7.30pm

Wednesday May 3

School Banking
Uniform Shop Open
8am to 10.30am
1.20pm to 3.20pm

Confirmation
Parent/Child Workshop
Session 1: 5-6pm
Session 2: 6.30-7.30pm

Thursday May 4

Friday May 5

9.30am Yr 6
Reconciliation in the
Church

Saturday May 6 Sunday May 7

4th Sunday of Easter

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Welcome back to all our students and families! I hope some time during the past two weeks was spent outdoors with family and friends enjoying this beautiful weather. In particular I would like to welcome Miss Sally Chamberlain, who is teaching Year 4C, Miss Sonia Tay Year 5C (Thurs, Friday Wks 1-5) and Mrs Wendy O'Dea in the School Office. We are also happy to have with us three students from Notre Dame - Mr Scott Olsen PPA, Miss Nikayla Besgrove 3C and Miss Madeline McAuliffe 5C. I know all these people will receive a warm Mater Christi welcome and that they will enjoy, learn and grow during their time with us as well as contribute to our community.

ANZAC

This morning our SRC's represented our school by walking in the Anzac March for Schools with the City of Cockburn and the Cockburn RSL. They also laid a wreath during the Service and conducted themselves with respect and dignity.

This afternoon we held our school service where we prayed for peace in our country and all over the world. It was very special to have Mr Malcolm Small from the Cockburn RSL (Vice President) address the assembly and recite the Ode.

Thank you to Miss Cloutt and all the children who were involved in our lovely ANZAC Day Liturgy this afternoon. It was an absolute privilege to witness the reverence and commemorative stature of all our children. Thank you to all the parents who came and were part of the service.

The commemoration of ANZAC Day provides students with an opportunity to learn about Gallipoli and of Australia's involvement in conflict in the years since then. It also builds an appreciation of the contributions of Australian men and women to maintaining the principles of freedom and democracy.



In Flanders fields the poppies grow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place, and in the sky,
The larks, still bravely singing, fly,
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

~ John McCrae ~



Parking on upper section of the oval

It is very pleasing to see parents utilising the opportunity to park on the upper section of the oval closest to Yangebup Rd and opposite the Parish House. A barrier has been placed on the oval to ensure the safety of the students during the School day and so we ask that all drivers adhere to the following:

Enter the upper oval parking area via the school drive way and exit via the gate leading onto the Yangebup Rd Cul-de-sac. This means that there is one way in and one way out.



I would like to wish Miss Nicole Miller 2A and Mr Brad Miller every blessing as they celebrate their wedding this weekend. We all look forward in welcoming Nicole as Mrs Russell when she returns next week.



Some parents have made mention in how wonderful the school grounds looked upon our return this term. Thank you to Anthony Jenkins who takes great pride in his work and ensures that our school grounds are the best that they can be.

Our children started the term confidently and looking very smart in their winter uniform. Please ensure that your child's name is on their school jumper, hat and sports jacket as these items are costly and it is unfortunate when lost property comes to the Office with no name.

Thank you parents for ensuring your child/ren were well prepared for the first few days of this term. There were many smiling faces around the school of children who were happy to be back and parents who were also happy to bring their children back to school.

I wish everyone a most enjoyable weekend and a great game for the Derby between the Eagles and Dockers.



God bless

Toni Kalat

NAPLAN

Dear Parents



NAPLAN ONLINE 2017

You may have heard that the implementation of NAPLAN **Online** has now been deferred to 2018, with an aim for all schools to be administering NAPLAN **Online** by 2019.

It was recently determined that the technical systems required for NAPLAN Online testing were not yet ready and there was a risk that problems could arise during the assessment period.

The decision was made with the best interests of students in mind.

We value and appreciate the efforts of our teachers and support staff in preparing our students for the online transition. This leaves us well prepared for the 2018 implementation of NAPLAN Online.

NAPLAN 2017 tests will be carried out with pen and paper as they have been in previous years.

If you are interested, you can still access the ACARA public demonstration site for an overview of how the online platform will work:

<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site>

The scheduled dates for NAPLAN 2017 May 9 -11.

Thank you for your continued support.

Toni Kalat & Nicole Cloutt

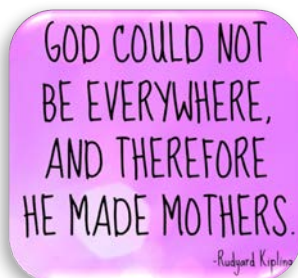
Religious Education

Thank you

Throughout last term we raised \$1100.00 for Caritas. Thank you for your kind donations. It is wonderful to see the students putting others first and making such a wonderful effort to raise money for those less fortunate than themselves.

Mother's Day Mass 2017

In Week Three, we will be celebrating our Mother's Day Mass on **Friday May 12** at 9am in the Church. We would like to conclude the Mass by sharing a powerpoint of all the wonderful mothers in our school. If you have a nice photo of you and your child/ren, we would love you to email it to us at admin@mcps.wa.edu.au by **Wednesday May 3**. Thank you!



Parish News

Sacramental Program

Confirmation Parent/Child Workshops

The four Confirmation Parent/Child Workshops will take place next week:

Tuesday May 2 – 5pm **OR** 6:30pm

Wednesday May 3 – 5pm **OR** 6:30pm

We look forward to seeing you and your child at one of the above workshops.



Confirmation Masses

Online bookings for Confirmation Masses opened on Monday April 24, 2017. For log-in details please refer to the Parish website: <http://www.materchristiparish.com>

Safeguarding Protective Behaviours – Parent Workshop

The Perth Catholic Archdiocese Safeguarding Project is child focused and informed by a fundamental belief that children have the right to physical and psychological safety at all times.



One way in which parents can assist in increasing their child's safety is by teaching them in the Protective Behaviours Program. This workshop has been designed to teach parents and carers how to increase the personal safety of their children. Whilst there are many ways of talking to children about their personal safety, it is important that we do not leave them feeling unsafe or afraid. Teaching the Protective Behaviours Program provides children with strategies to keep themselves safe and cope with situations that may threaten their personal safety and wellbeing. This program empowers the individual with the right to feel safe and sets out ways in which they can gain the appropriate help when they are not feeling safe. Purpose of the workshop is to: 1) Provide parents and carers with a basic understanding of child sexual abuse and other unsafe situations. 2) Provide specific personal safety training skills, techniques and examples to use with children. 3) Lessen anxiety about your children's safety so you can allow them freedom of movement as they grow up.

Details of the workshop are as follows: DATE: **Friday May 21** 2017 TIME: **6.30pm-9.30pm** VENUE: **Meeting Room** (below ground floor) **St Mary's Cathedral**, Victoria Square, Perth COST: **Free** RSVP by May 5 CONTACT: **Mary Mantle** TELEPHONE: **9221 7762** or register via email safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au

Light refreshment and notes supplied. *THIS WORKSHOP IS NOT SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN TO ATTEND.*

Mothers' Day Stall

If any Dads would like to volunteer one or two hours of their time on Friday May 12 to serve at the Mothers' Day Stall in the undercover area, please contact Karen Simons on 0400 859 091 or tassie47@hotmail.com

SEQTA Engage Parent Log-in

Dear Parents,

It is important that you please check your log in for SEQTA Engage as early as possible so that you will be able to access your child's report at the end of this term.

To do this you need to go to the following site:

<https://mcps.coneqt-p.cathednet.wa.edu.au/> and use your current username and password credentials.

If you have remembered your username but have forgotten your password, please click on the Forgot your password? link and an immediate email will be sent to you. The email will expire within one hour, so please action this immediately.

If you forgotten both of these, then please contact the school and we can remind you of your username.

If you are new to using SEQTA Engage then you will receive an email to set up a new log in account. This email will expire within 7 days so please, action this as soon as possible.

If you have any issues, please contact the school.

Paula Nichols

Enrolments Officer/Office Finance

ANZAC Day Reflection



Class Rep Event

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Last Drop, Beeliar

Saturday May 6, 7pm

RSVP – to Class Rep by May 4

After School Sport

The **Sporting Schools** program will commence in Week 3 of Term 2, and run for four sessions. AFL will be the Terms focus for both Junior and Senior sessions, with the Seniors also participating in 'Circus' activities.

Year 4-6 Monday 3:15-4:15	Year 1-3 Thursday 3:15-4:15
May 8	May 11
May 15	May 18
May 22	May 25
May 29	June 1



There is no cost for this program as it is fully funded by the Federal Government. Before each activity children will meet the supervising teacher on the grassed area outside the library at 3:10pm where the roll will be taken. Parents are to pick their child up from the school oval at **4:15pm. Please be on time.** Students are required to bring a drink bottle, hat, joggers and sports clothing. Inclement weather will not force the cancellation of the Club, as it will be held undercover in those circumstances. In the event of rain, please pick up your child from the hall.

Permission notes are to be collected from classroom teacher and returned to **Mrs Williamson in 6C**. Please do not return notes to classroom teacher or the office.

After-School Soccer Coaching Clinics (Term 2)



All Pre-Primary to Year 3 children were given a registration form for an After-School Soccer Coaching Clinic starting Wednesday May 10 (3.25pm – 4.25pm). We will conduct it on the school grounds. The activity is co-ordinated and run by Physical Education and/or Soccer Specialists; all with their Working With Children Checks. The Clinic focuses on **Maximum Participation** during **Organised** and **Fun 8 x 1 Hour** sessions. The cost for the clinic is \$80.00 per child.

If you are interested in letting your child learn and play this World Game in fun sessions and you have not yet registered, then please register online at www.play4life.com.au or complete the registration form and return it to reception by Tuesday May 9 (Spare registration forms are available at reception). If you have any queries, please call Jacob Aquino on 6162 0932.

SunSmart Policy Update

Mater Christi continues to be a SunSmart school through the cooler months of the year. In Perth the UV index is greater than 3 between the months of August through to May which mean sun protection is still required. Children are required to have a hat on for outdoor play all year round and sunscreen is to be applied before school. Sunscreen pumps are provided by the P&F for children to access in each classroom. It is recommended that you encourage your children to independently apply their own sunscreen before school and staff will direct children to reapply sunscreen at the end of recess, which ensures it has been applied in sufficient time before the lunch break.



Our SunSmart Policy was recently reviewed, updated and approved by the school board. It will be available via the school website and a hard copy is available in the parent resources section in the library.

SunSmart Representative,

Michelle Hall

Allergy Aware

In 2017 we have students in our school with severe nut allergies. Touching these items, as well as ingestion, may provoke a reaction. Due to the seriousness of this allergy, we are asking you to refrain from sending nut based products to school for recess, lunch and birthday treats.

Appropriate steps have been put in place to ensure Mater Christi is a safe place for all our students. We ask that you also take the time to talk to your child about the following tips to help decrease the risk of any student having an allergic reaction. These include:

- not sharing food
- washing their hands before and after eating since some students can have reactions on contact (such as a doorknob, playground equipment, computer etc).
- avoid bringing foods to school that most often cause an allergic reaction eg nuts and nut based products.

We thank you in advance and we appreciate your cooperation in making our school a happy and safe environment for everyone.

School Attendance - Absentees

If your child will be absent or late to school, it is important to ring the school office on 9417 5756 or email us absentee@mcps.wa.edu.au before 9am. All messages or emails should include the child's full name, class and reason for absence. Any student arriving after 8.45 must come to the office to sign in before going to class.

If the school has not been contacted by 9.30am an SMS will be sent to your mobile number requesting you to contact the school to explain the absence.

It is a legal requirement that the school receives a signed note for all student absences, therefore if an email has not been sent we will require a note upon your child's return to school. For extended absences such as holidays, please visit the office to complete a pink Leave of Absence Form.

Punctuality

For Pre Primary to Year Six students school lobbies open at 8.30am. Please make every effort to have children in class on time ready to start the day by 8.45am. Being settled can and does make a significant difference to what your child gets out of their day. It is also important in order that the teaching and learning programme for the children already there is not disrupted.

Collecting Students During School Hours

If you need to collect your child during school hours to attend an appointment, you need to go to the office first to sign out the child/ren. The Student Release Form then needs to be given to the class teacher before the child will be released. If you are arranging for someone other than a parent/authorised guardian to collect the student, this person needs to come into the school office with a signed note that states they are authorised to collect the student. If you know in advance that you will be collecting your child, please let the class teacher know in the morning.

After School Pick Up

All children who are not walking, cycling or being picked up at the classroom at 3.05pm will need to go to the undercover area where they will be supervised by the teachers on duty. Other arrangements with after school care providers are fine. Please do not ask your children to wait for you in a different location.

If you do not wish to use the drive through area, please park your vehicle and collect your children from the undercover area.

All children must be collected from the school grounds by 3.30pm.

If you are running late, please make alternative arrangements to have your child collected.

Parking

Thank you for remembering to reverse park! It is the safest option. Parking information is on the school website. If you have a towbar, please try to reverse park short of the brick paving on the oval side, so that walkers can get safely past your vehicle. The oval will be open next week as well, until more people start using the drive through. Please do **not** park on the grass or paving around the school.





Mater Christi PS Before School Tennis Term 2 2017

Wednesday afternoons from 3:15 to 4:15 starting on the 3rd of May

Cost: \$140 for 8 weeks

Free ANZ Hot Shots T-shirt for all eligible participants!

Racquets available for purchase at \$25.00 each

Payment methods: Cash or cheque

EFT (James Guilfoile, ANZ Bank, BSB 016 268, Acct. # 563472407)

Please complete and return the attached registration form along with payment by the start of the first lesson. You can contact Jim Guilfoile on 0403 743 147 or at jimguilfoile@gmail.com if you have any queries. Kindly advise if your child has any medical conditions on the back of the form.

Child or Children's Names _____

DOB _____

Address _____

Contact Phone No. _____

Email _____

Parent or Guardian Name(s) _____

Parent or Guardian Signature _____

Date Signed _____

