

Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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SCHOOL MANTRA 2019

"Find happiness in making others happy" – Mary MacKillop

Dear Parents and Carers,

Sunday Gospel

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20



This Sunday we hear a story from the Gospel of Luke. Jesus sends out 72 followers to rejoice and spread the Good News. He asks them to live with the people, talk to the people and eat with people. However, they are not to take anything with them, nor are they to take any payment from the people they meet.

If we step inside this Gospel, do we play the role of Jesus; encouraging others to talk about our faith? Do we play the role of the followers; mixing well with others and talking about the Good News with the guidance of the Holy Spirit? Or do we play the roles of the townsfolk; happily welcoming the Good News from those around us?

The Gospel goes on to tell how the disciples came back rejoicing for they had been able to do great things in Jesus' name. When we work for Christ, He gives us power and grace to do His will. Wouldn't it be wonderful if, in today's world, we could all bestow and carry out the message of God's love and mercy?

Small Projects of Work

During the holidays some paving will be completed near the tree between the basketball courts and the Year 1C classroom. Two new 4 square courts will be created within the new paving zone and limestone blocks will be placed around the perimeter of the tree.

Dates for Next Week (Wk 1)

Monday
22nd July

Student Free Day

Tuesday
23rd July

Start of Term 3

Students Return to School
Koora-Middi Incursion (Yr 2 & 4)

Wednesday
24th July

School Banking

Nutrition Ed Sessions (Yrs 3-6)

Uniform Shop Open
8:00-10:30am
1:20-3:20pm

Thursday
25th July

10am Performing Arts Festival
Opening Mass (St Mary's
Cathedral)

Parent Information Evening:
Family Life (Year 6) 6-7:30pm

Friday
26th July

Feast of St Joachim & Anne

Saturday
27th July

Sunday
28th July

Also, the west facing basketball court fence will be moved onto the other side of the limestone blocks creating some seating for the students during PE classes and at lunchtime. The wiring on this fence will also be replaced. This will create another area for students to play 4 square and the limestone around the tree will create a lovely spot for students and parents to sit and gather.



Mrs O'Donnell

Today is Mrs O'Donnell's last day, as she begins Parental Leave to await the birth of her first baby. We wish Siobhan and Philip every blessing as they await becoming new parents welcoming their bundle of joy. We look forward in meeting Baby O'Donnell soon. Next term, Miss Alysha Hunter will join us as the Year 4A teacher. Welcome Alysha.

iPad Sale

There are many of us, staff and parents who have taken up the offer to purchase end of lease iPads. I know the one I purchased has gone to a good home and already in use. Thank you to Miss McNally for all her hard work in preparing them for sale and our use. I am sure that Katie is happy to conclude this round of sales and as always works to achieve the best outcomes for all.

Cross Country

Wednesday was a very special day – not only was the sun shining but it was our annual cross country event with the Pre-Primary students joining the 'Big School' for their run around the oval. It was terrific to see so many parents encouraging all the children to do their personal best and finish the race. Congratulations to all our children and especially to Mr Donnelly, Mrs Johnson and Mr Calasse for preparing the students so well and creating a fun atmosphere on the day. The Sports Captains were outstanding in the encouragement and support of their peers and in fulfilling their roles throughout the day. Well done to everyone!

As teachers and parents, we continually set our children up for success and support them in this process. For some it may be coming first, second or third. For others it may be finishing the race whether by running, walking or in a wheelchair. We empower our children to have a go – win or lose. We do not empower our children by saying you don't have to take part or you can stay at home. Rather than empowering, we are enabling our children to believe that when things become hard, we don't like something or we can't win then we don't need to take part. Next semester, let's all empower our children towards attaining their personal best, towards giving things a go, towards persevering with a task and towards building resiliency.



University Students

During this term we have had students from Notre Dame University joining our school to work with their mentor teachers and our children during their Practicum Placement. Thank you and best wishes to Miss Spencer, Mr Beins, Mr Armstrong and Mr Calasse. We have enjoyed having you as part of our Mater Christi family.

Term 3 Commencement Date

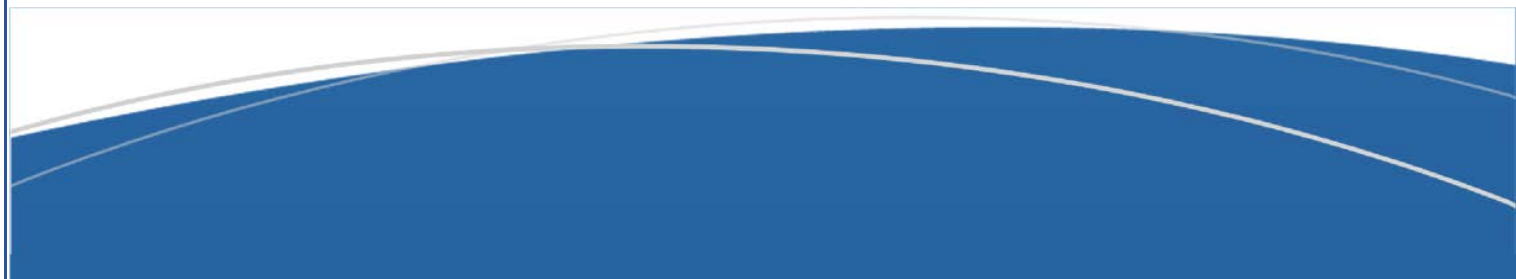
Term 3 commences on Tuesday 23 July. On the Monday before, the staff will be participating in our PD on understanding and working with the CEO Aboriginal Education Improvement Map.

School Improvement Advisor (SIA)

This term in my role as SIA, I was out of school two days a week working with 25 other Catholic Schools and Mrs Southwell was Principal on the Wednesday and Thursday. Thank you very much to Julie for admirably stepping into the role and to Mrs Woodhouse, Mrs Burke and all the staff in supporting her during this term. Although, the SIA role was a very wonderful opportunity, I am very happy to be returning to life as normal. Thank you everyone.

Condolences

We hold in our prayers the Davey (4B), Pendleton (6C) and Erceg (5A) families during their time of sadness with the passing of their Great Grandmothers and Poppy. May God hold them in the palm of His hands.



Thank you

Today, we have reached half way through the year. Term Two was a term full of much learning, both in the classroom, and outside.

Thank you to all parents who take such a keen interest in their child's schooling. Research states that parent involvement and engagement have a positive impact on student academic achievement, social skills and behaviour.

I again thank the Mater Christi staff. These good people come to school each day, taking great care of your children and facilitating their learning with such passion and generosity.

Finally, thank you to the children themselves. As parents, you are doing an excellent job in raising such kind, considerate and engaged children, who enthusiastically embrace all we do at school.

May the holidays be a time to rest, reflect and renew, away from the busyness that school brings. I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 23 July.

*God Bless,
Toni Kalat*



Religious Education

3-Year-Old Kindy's Photo from the Big Book of Love and Hope



Religious Education



Making Jesus Real

We all want happiness and we tend to think that things like toys, computer games, sports gear, etc. will give us happiness. In fact, being grateful for what we have brings happiness. If we are doing the right thing by our parents and teachers we will be happy, as our consciences are clear. As soon as we do negative things we feel guilty. Conscience is our moral mind, inviting us to be grateful and generous people and helping us to make better choices.

Lost Property Fridays

Each Friday in Term 3 the lost property will be displayed on a table outside the office.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

We hold the students in Year 4 who will be undertaking the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in our prayers over the holidays as they continue to prepare for receiving their first Eucharist. The children will receive the Sacrament during one of the Parish Masses during the first three weeks of August. All students have now signed up to their Parish Mass. *Child and Parent/s are to attend a practice session in the Church the Wednesday prior to their Mass. The practice is from 3:30pm-4:30pm. Children are to be collected from school by parents at the end of the school day at 3:05pm.*



Mass: Love and Hope

What a wonderful way to finish the term with a whole school mass. Thank you to the Year 4 classes for preparing the Mass. As Father Joe shared in his homily, every day we all have an opportunity to connection with God and share in God's love and hope for us, we just have to make sure we are 'switched on' to this connect within God's house and in our everyday interactions.

Bishops Religious Literacy Test (BRLA)

The Bishops Religious Literacy Assessment for students in Year 5 and 3 will be held on Wednesday 7 August and Thursday 8 August 2019. The purpose of the BRLA is to measure student learning of the content in the RE curriculum. Further information relating to the BRLA will be sent home early Term 3.

Many blessings for a safe, restful and joyous holiday.

God Bless

Mrs Southwell

Pre-Primary Bush Play

On Tuesday, the PPC children went out to the bush behind the school to soak up the beautiful sunshine. While they were there they went on a bush walk using their senses. They heard bird noises, frogs, planes and the rustle of leaves and they saw lots of little yellow flowers, trees and lorikeets.

Then they used natural materials that they could find on the ground to build something. The children loved working together to build campfires, bridges, tunnels, a mini zoo, houses for ants and a huge hut, all the while developing their team work skills, problem solving, questioning and communication skills. They can't wait to get back into the bush to explore and create some more!



Pre-Primary Incursion

Police Visit

This week, the Pre-Primary students were fortunate to receive a visit from some special members of the Police Force. Some of our Pre-Primary parents, who have a role in the Police Force gave the students a demonstration along with Constable Care, some Police horses and the sniffer dogs.



Cross Country Carnival

The annual Cross Country Carnival was held during the week in magnificent conditions. The Carnival proved to be a great success with all the students putting on a great show in front of a record crowd. In fact, all the runners must be congratulated for putting in a sensational effort. It's hard yakka running that far. Thanks to all the parents that came down to cheer on our champions. There was a last-minute change to the end result due to some scores being missed in the rush to announce the results on Wednesday. The correct results are as follows:

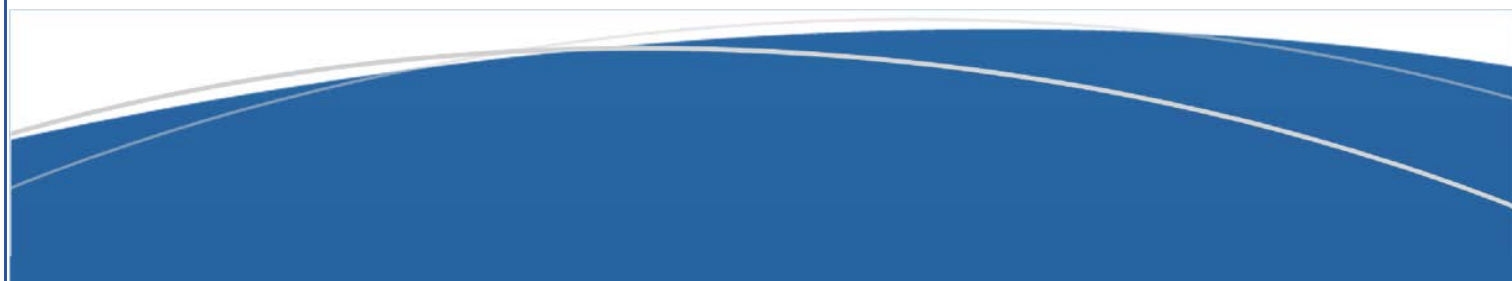
1ST – HONEYEATERS

2ND – MAGPIES

3RD – BOBTAILS

4TH – BANDICOOTS

Best Class (Golden Runner Trophy) – 3B (Mrs Prka)



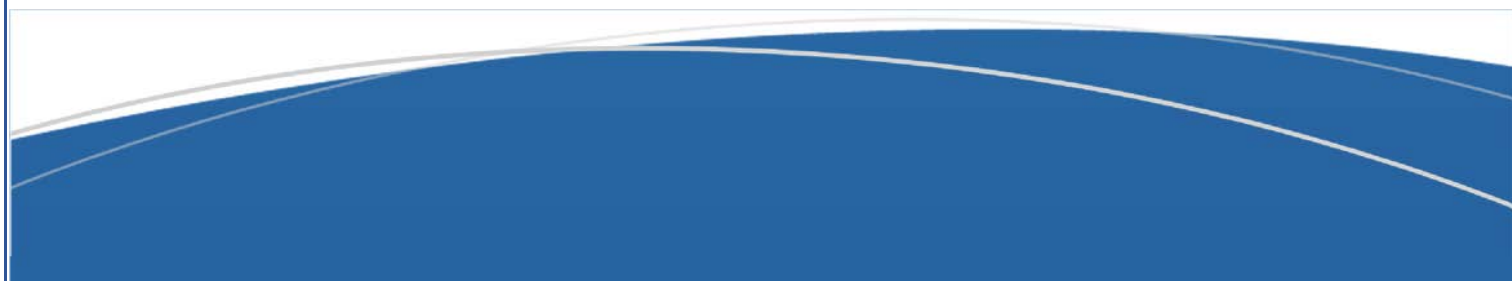
Cross Country Carnival

We had some stand out performers during the day. Here are the first three home from each year:

Year	Place	Girls	Boys
PPA	1 st	Alia D	Onyx C
	2 nd	Ellie Z	Preston G
	3 rd	Saoirse O	Elijah M
PPB	1 st	Abigail B	Cooper S
	2 nd	Millie W	Orlando S
	3 rd	Taylah B	Xavier R
PPC	1 st	Niamh L	Aiden R
	2 nd	Lucy E	Hudson R
	3 rd	Zara A	Oliver C
1	1 st	Millie T/Isla C	Cooper K
	2 nd	Sienna M (3 rd)	Jack A
	3 rd	Jenna F (4 th)	Kobe B
2	1 st	Sophie C	Hudson A
	2 nd	Imogen D	Isaac F
	3 rd	Asha W	Liam B
3	1 st	Naomi H	Patrick D
	2 nd	Zoe E	Hamish B
	3 rd	Genevieve E	Connor D
4	1 st	Shea C	Jayden P
	2 nd	Isabelle S	Josh L
	3 rd	Mila M	Oisin O
5	1 st	Olivia Mc	Alfie H
	2 nd	Ayvah R	Lucas C
	3 rd	Shenae R	Tomas Mc
6	1 st	Madison H	Nathan L
	2 nd	Emily Mc	Shay Mc
	3 rd	Ella S	Liam M

The first five place getters in each year (Year 3 – 6) will now look forward to the Interschool Cross Country Championships that will be held towards the end of Term 3. Notes will go out to those who are involved.

Next Event: Interschool League Tag Carnival (Tuesday 13th August) Mr Donnelly (PE Specialist)



School News

Running Club Update

Well done to all those who participated this term in the MCRC! There were a total of 2084 laps run, that's a huge 694km!! What an effort! Congratulations to the 31 runners who managed to reach the first milestone of 30 laps (10km) to receive their wristband, with many more runners getting very close, to Xavier and Shea who reached 75 laps (25km) already receiving a key ring to add to their collection. It's great to see everyone trying so hard to reach their goals.

If you're interested in joining, send me an email at sarahsfitness20@gmail.com to register your child. Running Club will continue next term, every Tuesday morning 8am. Hope to see you there!
Sarah

Chess at the Library

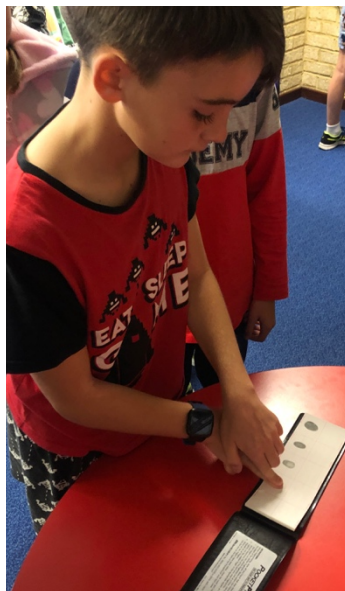
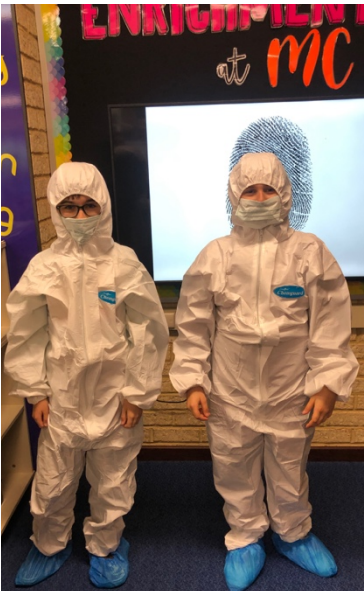
Roll up, Roll up

Do you love chess and would you like to come to the library at lunchtime on any day to teach interested children to play chess? Please come and visit me in the Library.

Mrs Gladwell
Library Officer



Enrichment News



Forensic Science

On Friday, we had Dr Garth Maker visiting the Enrichment group and running a small incursion on Forensic Science. He is a Lecturer in Forensic Science at Murdoch University and a parent at our school too! He spent an hour with the students. It was definitely a highlight for the students this year.



P&F Quiz Night Saturday 24 August, 7.30pm

Doors open at 7pm.

Book tickets @ www.stickytickets.com.au/86763 tables of 8-10 for \$80.

Keen to help out? Join our quiz committee or simply let us know what skills you have to offer before or on the night!

Donations - we are seeking donations for the prizes and auctions. If you know a local business that would be keen to donate to our night please let us know. We appreciate any donations.

Next P&F Meeting: 9am Friday 9th August, Staff Room.

Entertainment Books:

Yesterday notes went home to activate Digital Memberships for the Entertainment Book. There is a free membership trial being offered to Mater Christi families valid until the 31st July. After the first month, there will then be the option to purchase a full Entertainment Digital Membership. 20% from every membership supports the P&F.

Parent Social Events

PPA Parents Dinner

When: Saturday, 6th July at 7:30pm

Where: The Vale

RSVP: Please RSVP to Sarah Lentz on 0405 520 431 by 1st July.

Pre-Primary A, B and C Catch up

When: Thursday 11th July at 10am

Where: Carawatha Park, Archibald Road, Willagee

RSVP: No need to RSVP. For further information, please contact Michelle Pozzi on 0405 202 804 or Sarah Lentz on 0405 520 431

Kindy A/Kindy C Mum's Big Night Out

When: Saturday 3rd August at 7pm

Where: Sweetwater Rooftop Bar, East Fremantle

RSVP: Nikita Tuffin (KA) 0429 140 026



Community News

The City of Cockburn is providing many activities for children these school holidays. Please click on the following link if you are looking for something to keep your children busy.

<http://bit.ly/2YxfvT0>

