

Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers



SCHOOL MANTRA 2019

"Find happiness in making others happy" – Mary MacKillop

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A Good Shepherd thought

"The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice" (Jn 10:27).

Knowing God and one another has a lot to do with listening. Think of all the ways you "listen" to your children, spouse, loved ones - listening with ears, with eyes, with touch, with action, and with the eyes and ears of the heart, listening "beyond words". "Listen" is an important word which we find in the Scriptures. How do I listen best? How do I like to be listened to?

Pray: With your child, light a candle together and listen to it burn. Or: listen to a flower growing. Yes, notice the silence! Pray for the grace to be a good listener.

Act: Today, work at using eye contact and body language as a way of listening better. Try it yourself, and then teach your child.

Remember: As I listen today, what am I hearing "beyond words"?

Mother's Day Mass

Thank you to Fr Dat for celebrating such a special Mass for us this morning. A BIG SHOUT OUT to our Year Two staff who organised the PowerPoint Reflection as well as thoughtful takeaway gift for all the ladies who attended; to Miss Ross for choosing all the songs and recording the music for us to use. We welcomed the Pre-Primary classes to their first School Mass and as always, our children's voices were just beautiful. *We prayed for all the Mater Christi Mums – whether you were able to attend or not. I am sure you are feeling the blessings being sent your way.*



Dates for Next Week (Wk 3)

Monday
13th May Feast of Our Lady of Fatima

Tuesday
14th May NAPLAN Testing
7pm P&F Meeting

NAPLAN Testing

8:30am Board Finance
Meeting

Wednesday
15th May School Banking
Uniform Shop Open
8:00-10:30am
1:20-3:20pm

Thursday
16th May NAPLAN Testing

Friday
17th May 2C Class Mass

Saturday
18th May

Sunday
19th May

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NAPLAN

Next week our Year 3 and Year 5 students will take part in this year's NAPLAN tests and we wish them well. Much has been written in the media about NAPLAN, both positive and negative. As much as we want our students to do as well as they can in these tests, the real value of NAPLAN is as a diagnostic tool to help inform the learning of our students in the areas of literacy and numeracy. There are a host of other skills that we believe our students need to become adept at to support them into the future - skills such as problem solving, teamwork, leadership, entrepreneurship, resilience and emotional intelligence, just to name a few.



Tuesday	14 May	Writing (Year 3 & 5), Reading (Year 5)
Wednesday	15 May	Reading (Year 3), Language Conventions (Year 5)
Thursday	16 May	Language Conventions (Year 3), Numeracy (Year 5)
Friday	22 May	Numeracy (Year 3)

Baby News

Today is Mrs Gowland's last day in the Library. She will be taking parental leave as she awaits the birth of her first baby. We all wish Emily and Matt every blessing. This will be baby number three from our Mater Christi staff this year. Mrs Gladwell will step into the Library Administration role for the remainder of this year.

Mrs Pottier will be taking Long Service Leave for the next three weeks to enjoy time becoming Grandparent again – congratulations Mrs Pottier! She will be back with us in Week Six. Mrs Linda Williams will teach Drama during this time.



P&F Meeting

Thank you to Chiara Clarkson and her team of helpers for organising another successful Mother's Day Stall. The children had a difficult time finding the perfect present for their mum or a significant female in their life. Thankfully, there were great parent helpers who assisted them. Without the generosity of time, support and hard work, events like this would not be possible. *What is your one P&F event this year that you will help out with?* Next Tuesday 14 May at 7pm will be the first P&F Meeting for this term. I hope you will be able to join us.

Yandjet Park - Proposal to Officially Name Park

The City of Cockburn is considering a proposal to name the oval space as Yandjet Park, which is the Nyungar name for the bullrush plant found locally within Lake Yangebup and is in accordance with the City's Reconciliation Action Plan. Please click on the link below to offer your support and/or make a comment.

The link: <https://comment.cockburn.wa.gov.au/Planning-DANumber21?#>

Cockburn Play Spaces

The City of Cockburn is also asking residents to give feedback on what needs to be considered when creating play spaces for children. This is a timely opportunity to provide input into the important elements that make up Play Spaces for the all green areas in the City of Cockburn (including the green space we call our oval). Have your say [here](#).

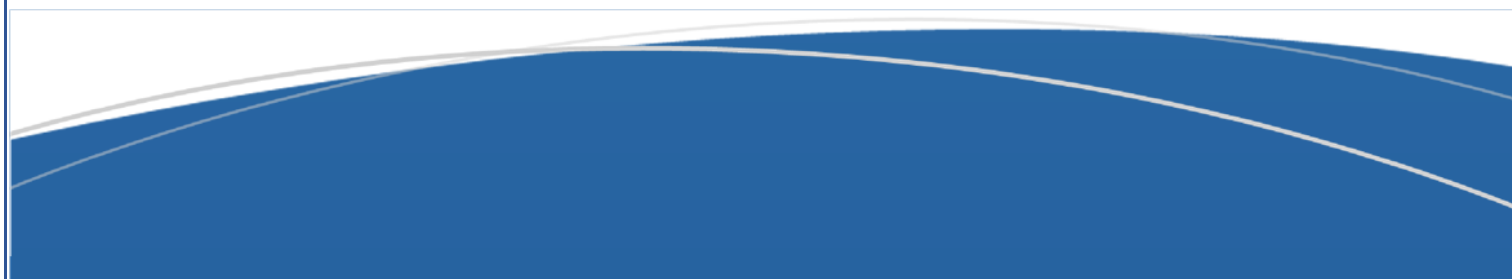
2019 Election

Last week, you were invited to read the Fact Sheet from the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) and Catholic School Parents Australia. School funding can be difficult to understand and sometimes confusing. Understanding a few basic facts can help. Please click on the link to access some answers to commonly asked questions about school funding <https://bit.ly/2VGCXzl>

Happy Mother's Day to all our Mothers, Grandmothers and significant women in the lives of our children. There has been much written and spoken about mothers. Here is a link that speaks about all that mothers do: <https://bit.ly/2PXikcK>. Even though your children may not thank you now, I'm sure they appreciate all that you do. Enjoy your day on Sunday - I hope that your children really spoil you.

God Bless,

Toni Kalat



Religious Education

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink John 6:52-59

Sacrament of Confirmation

Thank you to everyone who attended the Sacrament of Confirmation workshops during the week. For those who were unable to attend due to unforeseen reasons, please contact Mrs Marina Hayward 0412 044 075 (SMS only) or sacraments.mc@westnet.com.au.

Christian Service

In fulfilling Mater Christi Catholic Primary School's Christian Service Policy, students in Year 5 are given the opportunity to participate in community service within the local community. The students visit and spend time in activity with the residents of Frank Prendergast House. This service-learning provides the students with an opportunity to meet and spend time with the elderly residents within our community. On Thursday, twelve students visited with the residents assisting the elderly complete an art and craft activity.

God Bless,
Julie Southwell

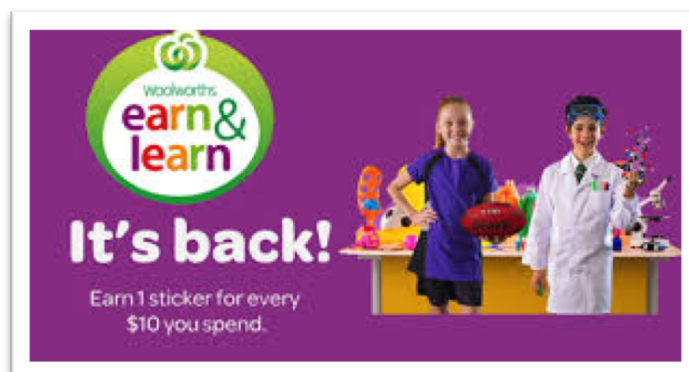


Woolworths Earn & Learn

Mater Christi is collecting Earn & Learn Points for our school through Woolworths. We would greatly appreciate any contributions towards new school equipment!

Stickers and sheets are available from Woolworths Cockburn Gateway. There are collection boxes in both Woolworths and the front administration office.

Thank you.



Library News

Book club is due

Tuesday 14th May 3pm

No cash payments or paper orders please. Please use LOOP on scholastic website.

Any orders placed after the closing date and time will be charged \$4.99 for home delivery.

Information Technology News

Last Call for Expressions of Interest for Purchasing iPads

Dear Parents, as mentioned in last terms final newsletter, our student iPads are coming to the end of their lease and we are offering them to the community to purchase. If you are interested in purchasing an iPad please visit the link below and register your interest.

<https://bit.ly/2VAEUgx>

Please note that there will be a limit of **ONE** device per family and is on a **first in first served basis**. The form will be open until Wednesday 15th May and those that are successful will be notified at a later date once numbers are confirmed. Pick up of the iPad's will be at the end of this term.

Kind regards,

Katie McNally, IT Co-ordinator



What's Happening at School this Term?

Kindy

Welcome back to Term Two. We hope you had a restful holiday and are ready for a very exciting term ahead. Focus Areas for this term will be the topics 'Creepie Crawlies' and 'The Water Cycle'. Social and emotional skill development will be a priority, including developing communication skills, following instructions, how to make good choices and keeping ourselves safe. In addition, we will also focus on several concepts throughout the term. These will include Making Jesus Real through the Spirit of Jesus, learning about initial sounds, developing vocabulary and speaking in short sentences, continuing our Peggy Lego prompts, concepts of print, subitising skills, counting with one-to-one correspondence to ten, comparing quantities and patterning.

The Parent Roster will continue again this term which will start week two. Everything that you do whilst on roster benefits your child and the other children in the room. We appreciate your help. Your assistance is valuable in order to reach our learning outcomes for this term. The children also love having their parents coming in on roster.

We thank you for your continued support as together we embark on the next stage of your child's learning journey!



Pre-Primary

Welcome back to Term Two in Pre-Primary! We have a very busy and exciting term ahead. We are especially looking forward to pampering our Mums this afternoon.

Our theme for this term is 'Community,' where we will explore different people and places within the community. In addition to learning about our community, we will also be learning about the great country we live in - Australia. In Religious Education, we will be focusing on God's love for everyone, as well as

how we can enjoy and care for God's creation. In English, we have some of our favourite storybooks to read and explore: Koala Lou, Wombat Stew and Possum Magic! We are also very excited about taking home reading books. In Mathematics, we will consolidate our understanding of numbers to 20 including reading, writing and ordering them. This term we will explore the concept of measurement, including length, mass and capacity through various hands on tasks.

We look forward to having our parents on roster. You will find the roster outside each Pre-Primary class. Finally, a very big "thank you" to all of our parents for your consistent support.

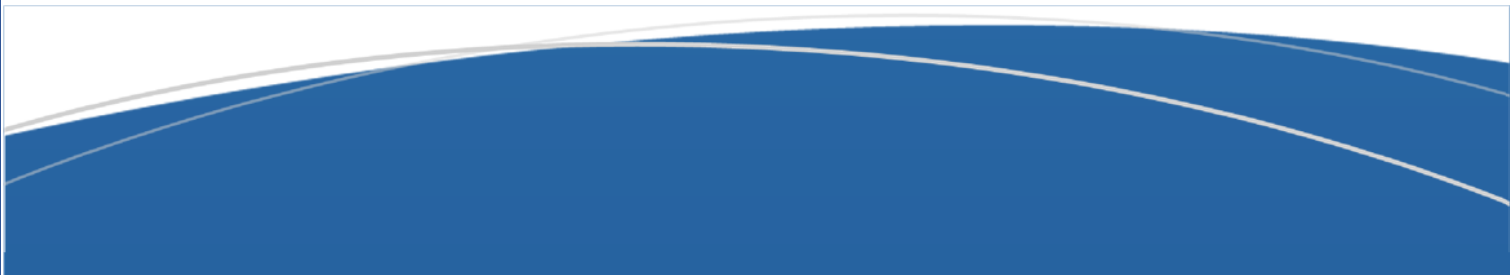


Year One

Big Write & VCOP

What a great start to Term Two. We kicked it off with a celebration of 50 days of school and can't believe we are already halfway to 100! In Religious Education, we are focusing on how we can live like Jesus. We will be learning how to make choices that show love for others. In Literacy, we will be exploring a variety of different text types, including procedures and narratives - strengthening our reading comprehension skills. As well as this, we will continue to use the VCOP

gang to make our writing sound exciting. Our key focus for Mathematics will be time and money. Mental strategies, number sequences and place value will also be taught throughout the term. In History, we will be rolling back the clock to explore what life was like in the past and how things have changed. On top of all this, we are so excited to showcase our amazing talent in Week 4 at our assembly! We are looking forward to the coming term. Thank you for your ongoing support.



Year Two

Welcome back everyone to what will be another eventful and animated term. In English, we will explore fairy tales - learning how to write narratives and expositions. We will start the term off learning about multiplication and division in Math, then we will be covering Shape in the second half of the term. In our inquiry program, students will have the opportunity to investigate communities and how they shape our society. During Religion, we will be doing the unit "Joining in the Lord's Meal". This unit explores the human soul and the sacrament of the Eucharist. We will then work on the unit "Gathered Together" which teaches us about the importance of Church and coming together as a Community of Faith.



Year Three

Term Two is the time for our Year 3 students to cook up a storm as they discover how to write procedures and develop description. They will continue to build their knowledge of reading comprehension skills through guided reading activities. Religious Education this term takes students on a discovery of the meaning of Penance and how we can show love to others, along with understanding why we receive Communion. In Math we will continue to work on number and our times tables. Money, time and measurement will also be a focus this term. We look forward to a thrilling term ahead!



Year Four

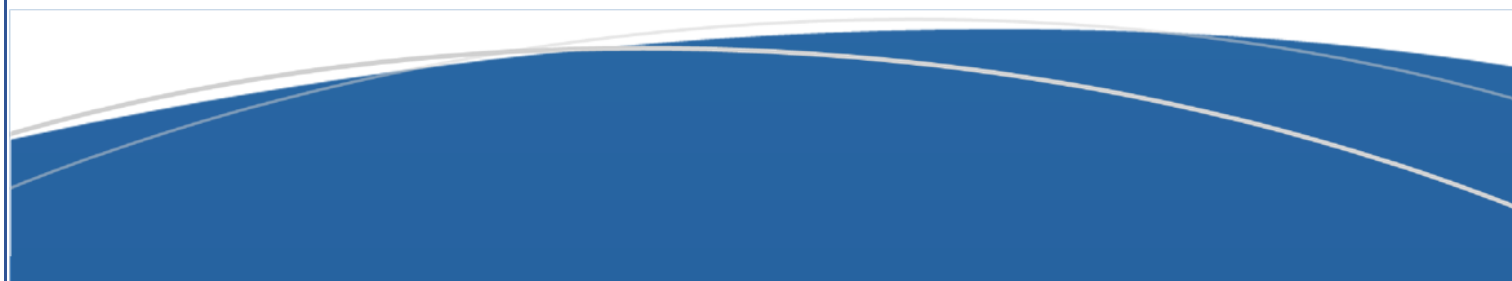


As we prepare for our First Holy Communion in Term Three, we are covering Creator of Human Life and Coming to Your Table in Religious Education. In English we will develop our writing procedures and descriptive writing skills. In Mathematics the topics of division, angles, measurement, area and perimeter, fractions and equivalent numbers. For Health Education, Ms Rebecca Rowland will come in for a couple of lessons to teach the students about resiliency and handling our emotions. We will also be teaching the students about positive and negative ways to deal with change.

In HASS we will be looking at Civics and Citizenship - exploring how and why rules and laws differ, how laws are made and the various levels of Government.

Year Five

Welcome back to Term Two. We have another busy term ahead of us and we are looking forward to Market Day. The children will be working in groups to design, make and sell a product. Market Day will be held on the 27th June (during recess and lunch). A future entrepreneur may lie within!! In Religious Education, the units of work we will be covering are Confirmation and Eucharist. Student will explore the Gift of the Holy Spirit and how Communion strengthens links within the community. This term, we will have a particular focus on Making Jesus Real, identifying God moments and the Spirit of Jesus. In Mathematics, we will be learning about financial plans in preparation for Market Day. We will explore the concepts of area and perimeter, volume and capacity. Problem solving will continue to be a strong focus. In English, we will be creating reviews of multi-modal texts. We will further our understanding of sentence structures with an emphasis on compound and complex sentences. will continue to look at Margaret Menner reading strategies in reading, with a particular focus on oral language. Within the Keeping Safe program, students will have the opportunity to discuss the rights and responsibilities of the child, including: power, bullying and networks. In Art, we will be exploring the style and history of cartooning. We have Jason from Kaboom Toons, a Perth based freelance artist coming in on Monday, 10th June to explain how shapes, planning, proportions and positing are all skills needed in creating a good illustration. NAPLAN testing starts in Week 3 with Writing, Reading, Language Conventions and Mathematics. It all makes for a busy term but amazing term!





Year 6

Welcome back to school for Term Two. We hope everyone is refreshed and ready for what promises to be an engaging and full term. In Religious Education, we will explore Confirmation and Eucharist. Many Year 6's will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this term, please keep them in your prayers. During Literacy dedicated time, we will examine narrative features and poetry. This will see us writing some captivating short stories and a variety of poems. In Reading, we are focusing on making connections and inferences in both shared and independent reading. Our Numeracy dedicated time will see the Year Six students exploring the Measurement and

Geometry Strand, with a focus on the Cartesian Coordinate System, Angles and Transformations. Additionally, in Health, we will learn about our rights and relationships. In Humanities and Social Sciences, the focus is migration and democracy. We are all very excited to continue exploring coding, using scratch to make our own games. This term is jam packed with events! We have Confirmation to look forward to, along with the Lightning Carnival. Hold on tight – it's going to fly by!

Drama

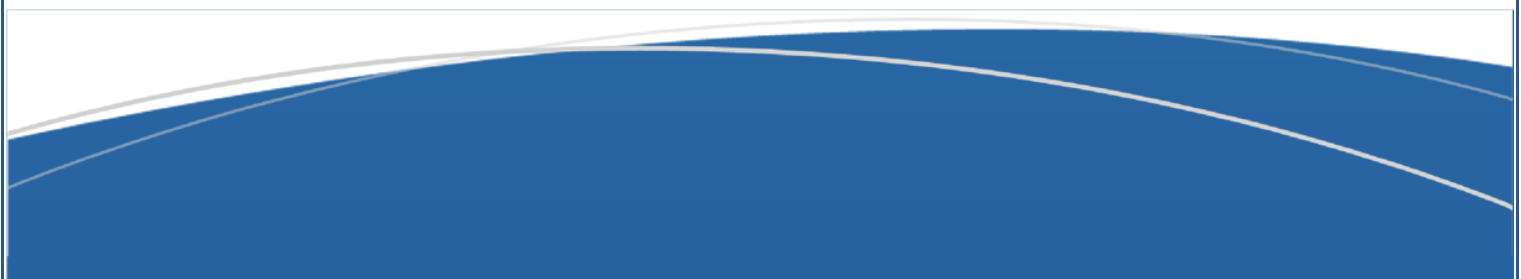
The juniors will continue with the focus of "Creative Play and using our Imagination". The students enjoy and feel very comfortable in the world of make believe! The development of their confidence is certainly evident. Along with this there will be some classes that will have a focus on choral speaking in preparation for the Performing Arts Festival. The senior focus is on "Readers Theatre", the emphasis is on reading aloud with expression. It builds oral fluency and strengthens reading and language arts skills. It also promotes team work and the group support in this situation is often enough to develop confidence.

This can then lead onto staged performances with props and costumes within the classroom setting and even the stage! It is in this situation where we then develop the skills of performance.

Resiliency

1. **The Friendly Schools Plus** resource will continue to be a focus as we teach the students about being resilient. A reminder that our aim is to develop the student's social and emotional intelligence and this fosters the prevention of bullying behaviours. 'Self -Management' is the focus for this term (Emotional regulation, resilience and self-motivation).
2. **M.J.R. (Making Jesus Real)**. This will continue to be a focus throughout the school. MJR has a simple message – Jesus is part of our lives and can change the way we live, we can make Jesus real through our daily actions and words. Students learn about having a positive attitude and that their actions, attitudes and behaviours have an impact on their relationships. MJR provides students with a language that allows them to evaluate their thoughts and behaviours and provides strategies for alternative actions. It teaches them about being a welcoming person who encourages others, a person who can say sorry and thank you. Students learn about including people, making eye contact and the importance of forgiveness and gratitude. An important aspect of MJR is learning how to recognize 'The Spirit of Jesus' in our daily life!

Mrs Pottier, Drama Specialist





Mater Christi Science

Welcome to Term 2 Science! This term the whole school will be exploring different aspects of Chemical Science.

Pre-Primary are exploring the materials that can be used to make different objects in their school and classroom environment. They are learning to observe and describe these materials using the senses they learned about in Term 1.

Year 1 students are developing the ideas learned in Pre-Primary and are exploring how different materials can be changed in a variety of ways, including bending and stretching. They will also be comparing how changing the type of material impacts how they are able to physically alter it.

Year 2 students are investigating how different materials and substances can be mixed together for various uses. They are also exploring how some mixtures can be more easily separated into their original parts than others.

Year 3 students are exploring solids and liquids as they begin to investigate different states of matter this term. Specifically, students will be considering how changing the temperature affects different types of known solids and liquids, such as by melting or freezing.

Year 4 students are investigating how natural and processed materials have a range of physical properties. Students will then be working to link these properties to how it affects an object's use.

Year 5 students will be learning about how matter can be solids, liquids or gases. They will be focusing on describing these states of matter based on their properties and reflect on how these properties cause the matter to behave in certain ways.

Year 6 students will be exploring the concept of reversible and irreversible changes. This includes studying the solubility of materials under different temperatures, what happens when different substances are mixed and how materials change between different states of matter. I am looking forward to an enjoyable and exciting term!

Haylee Klup, Science Specialist



Music

Welcome back to another term of Music with Ms Ross. This term, students will continue to learn about a variety of musical elements and skills. Pre-Primary and Year 1 will focus on beat, rhythm, pitch and dynamics. Year 2 and 3 will focus on beat, rhythm, pitch, tempo and reading notation. Students in Year 4, 5 and 6 will continue to read, compose and perform songs using our percussion instruments. Each year group will also listen and respond to a range of musical pieces from different genres.

Performing Arts Festival

Preparations for the 2019 Catholic Performing Arts Festival have started and it looks to be another exciting year for the Arts Department at Mater Christi. Many of our students will be involved in various categories including Choral Singing, Dance, Drama, Choral Speech, Bible Reading, Instrumental Solos and Ensembles. The Festival will take place at various venues in Perth in July and finish at the end of August. Information regarding performance dates and venues will be posted in the newsletter at the end of Term 2.

Instrumental Program

Our instrumental program has now begun. If your child has not been taken for a lesson in week 2, please contact me as soon as possible. Learning an instrument is a wonderful way to teach children discipline, responsibility and can also help boost confidence and self-esteem. There are still spaces available to learn the guitar and drums.

Choir Rehearsals

Monday	8.15-9.00am	Year 6 Vocal Ensemble	Music Room
Thursday	2.15-3.00pm	Senior Choir	Music Room
Friday	10.00-10.30am	Junior Choir	Music Room

MD Dream Team (PAF Dance) Rehearsals

Monday	3.15-4.15pm	in the MCCC
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**Performing Arts Festival
for Catholic Schools and Colleges**

If you have any questions, please come and see me in the Music Room

Ms Alison Ross, Music Specialist

Instrumental Program & PAF Coordinator

Class Representative Events

Kindy A Playdate

When: Saturday 8th June at 10:30am

Where: Coogee Beach Surf Lifesaving Playground

RSVP: No need to RSVP. For further information, contact Nakita Tuffin on 0429 140 026.

1C Mum's Drinks

When: Sunday 26th May at 4pm

Where: The Vale, Beeliar

RSVP: Please let Corey Neira know by the 24th May on 0422 529 884.

2A Parent's Dinner

When: 24th May 2019.

Where: Venue to be confirmed.

RSVP: Please let Kristie Ainsworth know by the 17th May on 0408 934 399.

2B Parent's Dinner

When: Friday, 31st May at 7pm.

Where: Io è Te Pizzeria Ristorante – 8, 660 Beeliar Drive, Success.

RSVP: Tanya Forzatti on 0417 131 841

PPC Morning Catch up

When: Thursday, 23rd May 2019 at 9am

Where: Mooba, Calleya Estate, Treeby

RSVP: Please let Jennifer Cotton know on 0430 398 677

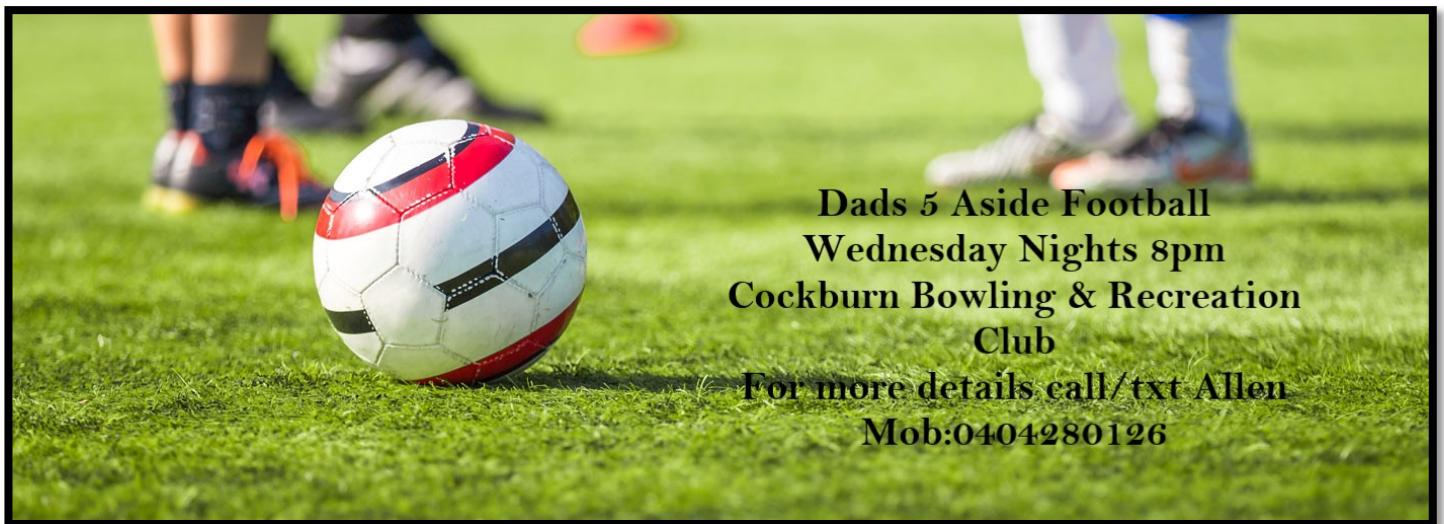
Year 5 Parents Combined Dinner

When: Friday 10th May at 7pm

Where: Joy Kitchen, 72 Marine Terrace, Fremantle

RSVP: to either Linda Miguel (0407 192 879) or Rachel Millington (0447 912 023).

P&F News



P&F News

Hi Parents,

We would like to thank all parents who assisted this week with the morning tea after the Mother's Day Mass with time and food donations and also all of the parents (Dads and Mums) who helped at the Mother's Day stall on Wednesday and Friday. Big thanks to Chiara Clarson and Alissa Fazio for organising this year's stall.

Entertainment Book: 2019-2020 Entertainment Book available for pre-order. Bonus Early Bird Offers end soon, pre-order now! Both digital and book versions are available.

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/8q6017>

P&F Volunteer Needed: The *Food Coordinator* position is currently vacant. This is a great opportunity to be involved in both P&F and school activities, which involves emailing parents to seek donations of food for masses, morning teas and functions, and assisting at these events as your time permits. Please email the P&F for a more detailed description.

Father's Day Breakfast Volunteers: A volunteer or two is required to coordinate the Father's Day Breakfast on Friday 30th August. If you are interested in doing this, please contact the P&F.

Contact the P&F by email at materchristipandf@cewa.edu.au

Seeking a Graphic Designer: Are you a graphic designer or do you know of one that would donate their time to assist us in making a flyer for our upcoming quiz night?

Please contact Giulia on 0403489252.

Next Meeting Date Tuesday 14th May 7pm, Staff Room.

Louise McEntee

Vice President

Mater Christi Running Club

What a great turn out for the first 2 weeks of the MCRC!

It's great to see such enthusiasm from all the runners and their parents and grandparents too. Some kids have already run 6km! Keep it up everyone! Join the club anytime. Bring a friend and start the day with some exercise. Send an email to sarahsfitness20@gmail.com to register your child. Then just turn up and start clocking km's to earn your reward! See you every Tuesday morning 8am – 8:20am. Sarah



Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

We would love to see you at Mater Christi P&F's Australia's Biggest Morning Tea this year to help raise money for Cancer research and support. Our morning tea will be a sit-down high tea style event with music, a raffle with great prizes and a cupcake competition. This will definitely be an event not to miss!



Australia's
Biggest Morning Tea
Hosted by Mater Christi's P&F

TREAT YOURSELF TO A DELICIOUS HIGH TEA WHILE RAISING MONEY FOR THE CANCER COUNCIL

TASTY FOOD AND HOT DRINKS, MUSIC, PRIZES, CUPCAKE COMPETITION

TICKETS ONLY \$5 (KIDS FREE)

Mater Christi Community Centre
Friday 31st May 2019 | 9:00AM - 10:30AM

ENTRY AND RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE IN THE SCHOOL COURTYARD FROM MONDAY 20TH MAY

If you can help with this event or for more info, contact:
leahrheinberger@hotmail.com

How can I buy an entry ticket or raffle ticket?

Tickets will be on sale in the school courtyard from Monday 20th May and will be available at the door. Anyone who pre-purchases their ticket will go into the draw to win a very special prize. We will also have raffle tickets and a "Guess the lollies in the Lolly Jar" game.

Can I Donate a Prize for the Raffle?

We would greatly appreciate any prize donations from parents and/or family businesses. This is a fantastic opportunity to promote local businesses and create an exciting prize pool for the raffle. Donations can be dropped off to the front office by Tuesday May 28th at the latest. Please remember to fill in the donations form so we know who to donate the prize. For further queries contact Vicky Hartill at

How can I help with this event?

We need your help to make this event a success! If you can help with wrapping prizes, setting up, helping out on the day or making a morning tea plate, please get in touch with Leah at leahrheinberger@hotmail.com.

What if I can't make it – can I still contribute?

If you can't make it to the morning tea, you can still help us reach our fundraising goal by donating a prize, purchasing a raffle ticket, putting coins in the donation box in the School Office.

Alternatively, you may donate directly online at <http://wa.cancercouncilfundraising.org.au/MaterChristiPF>.

Community News



After-School Soccer Coaching Clinics

All Pre-Primary to Year 3 children were given a registration form for an After-School Soccer Coaching Clinic starting Monday the 13th of May (3.20pm – 4.20pm). We will conduct it on the

school grounds. The activity is coordinated 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 by Sunday 12th May or complete the registration form and return it to reception by Friday 10th May. (Spare registration forms are available at reception). If you have any queries, please call Jacob Aquino on 6162 0932.



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