# Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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#### **SCHOOL MANTRA 2020**

"Do small things, with great love". Mother Teresa

#### **Dear Families**



This Sunday we celebrate Mother's Day. Importantly, this day provides us with an opportunity to say 'thank you' to our mothers. The support, guidance, direction and love from our mothers is why we are who we are.

I extend to every Mater Christi Mother and Grandmother, and all those who mother, a warm blessing and best wishes for Sunday. I wish you all a wonderful Mother's Day, hoping you can spend time with family to celebrate. As a school community we appreciate all you do for your children and for our school in so many different ways. Also thinking of and sending prayers to all the families who can't see their nanas and grandmas at the moment due to restrictions.

#### A Blessing of Mothers

Loving God, thank you for the love of my mother and the women who nurture me.

#### Bless her.

Give her patience to listen to me when I find it hard to talk.

Give her gentleness in dealing with me when I am rowdy.

Give her wisdom so that she knows just what to say

Even when I find it hard to listen.

Give her a generous heart even when I am selfish.

Give her strength when I need a firm hand.

Give her a sense of humour in difficult times.

Surround her with people who love her.

Help me to see your love at work in her.

Help me to love as she loves.

We ask this in Jesus name.

Amen.



## **Update on Moving to Face to Face Learning**

On Monday 11 May Catholic Education will be meeting to discuss how schools will continue in their transition to face to face learning. A webinar meeting with all principals will be held on Wednesday 13 May to discuss how and when this transition will occur. As soon as I have any information all families will be notified. **For next week students at home and students at school will continue online learning through HeLP.** We will continue to welcome current and returning students back to school next week. Please ensure all children have their water bottle daily as the drink fountains have been turned off. Students will refill their bottles at the classroom wet areas.

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#### **Mass Online**

Fr Dat and Fr Joe are celebrating Mass on a daily basis for all parishioners and families in our school. The Masses will be live streamed:

Monday-Friday @ 9:00am Saturday @ 6:00pm and Sunday @ 8:00am.

The link to the streamed Masses is available by accessing the parish website <a href="www.materchristiparish.com">www.materchristiparish.com</a> and clicking on the Facebook link on the homepage. It would be lovely for families to join together to give thanks and pray for their mums.

# thankyou!

#### Thank you

Thank you to the Richardson's, McGreavey's, Musulin's for your very generous gifts for our staff and cleaners in appreciation off all that everyone has been doing for the students at home and at school. They have been a tasty addition to our staffroom and a much-valued gesture. Thank you very much!

### **Condolences**

The school community extends their condolences to Jacob M (4C) and Nate M (KB) on the recent passing of their Great Grandfather. We also keep Jason W (6A) and his family in our prayers, on the passing of his Grandfather. We pray God provides peace and comfort to you all at this difficult time.





# **Congratulations**

Congratulations to the Joshua D (2B), Lucas D (PPB) and their family on the recent birth of their baby brother. We wish you all good health, lots of sleep and cuddles at this very exciting time.



**Welcome** to the Aleksander family to Mater Christi. We hope you are settling into school life well!

## What's Happening in Year 3 This Term

In Year Three, we are loving having the classes combined, sharing our amazing talents and skills with each other. We've been preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Religion and exploring the difference between weather and climate in HASS. The students have been working hard on a Paper Plane investigation, designing three planes to find out which design can fly the furthest. In Math, the students are working on a project, designing their own Math game that incorporates multiplication. We can't wait to start playing some of the games in class. In English we are learning the power of persuasion, the students are hoping to convince Ms Kalat that they shouldn't have homework.







### **Changes to Drop Off and Pick Up**

Thank you so much for your patience with drop off and pick up during the first two weeks of school. It is heart-warming to hear acknowledgement from families that in this unprecedented time, with so much beyond our control, we are all doing our very best. We have never been in a situation where parents are unable to park and walk into school with their child/ren and engage with staff and other parents. All staff assisting in drive through have loved this part of our day and I am constantly told via email or in drive through that you also love being welcomed by a cast of thousands each morning and afternoon. So, it has definitely been a win/win for all.

Due to the increased number of students attending school and that parents are still unable to enter the school grounds, the pressure placed on drive through has been immense. Without your understanding, respectful manner in taking turns to enter drive through and your patience, together with the incredible work and support of staff, none of this would have worked. GREAT JOB MATER CHRISTI!!

# Commencing Monday 11 May, the following Before and After School Pick up/Drop Off arrangements for families will be in place:

### FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN in **Kindy, Pre-Primary and Year One**:

- Turn into Pelican Ramble from Osprey Drive then on to Pioneer Drive and left into Yangebup Road
- Enter main car park of the school
- Drive past Pre-Primary and Administration Office
- Pick up child/ren from grassed area outside of the Year Six classrooms
- This will be conducted as per our normal drive through with children directed to pick up points 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 marked by orange cones. A staff member will be at each cone.
- Once children are collected, drive around the Community Centre and out the front gate
- Turn right into Pioneer Drive

#### PLEASE SEE THE MAP BELOW

Please be advised that access to Osprey Rd directly via Yangebup Rd will not be possible during these times.

If it is raining, the procedure above will be adjusted for pick up to occur outside the Community Centre as children will be assembled inside the Centre. Cars are to continue around to the front of the Community Centre and collect your child/ren from pickup points 1,2,3,4,5 and 6 marked by orange cones.

Siblings of children in Kindy, PP and/or Year One will also assemble for pickup on the grassed area outside the Year 6 classrooms.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN in **Years 2-6 ONLY** will be asked to use the normal drive through as follows:

- Enter Yangebup Road
- Turn right into Drive Through (normal drive through procedure)
- Exit drive through onto Yangebup Road

#### **PLEASE SEE THE MAP BELOW**

#### FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN in 3-Year-Old Kindy (Tuesdays ONLY):

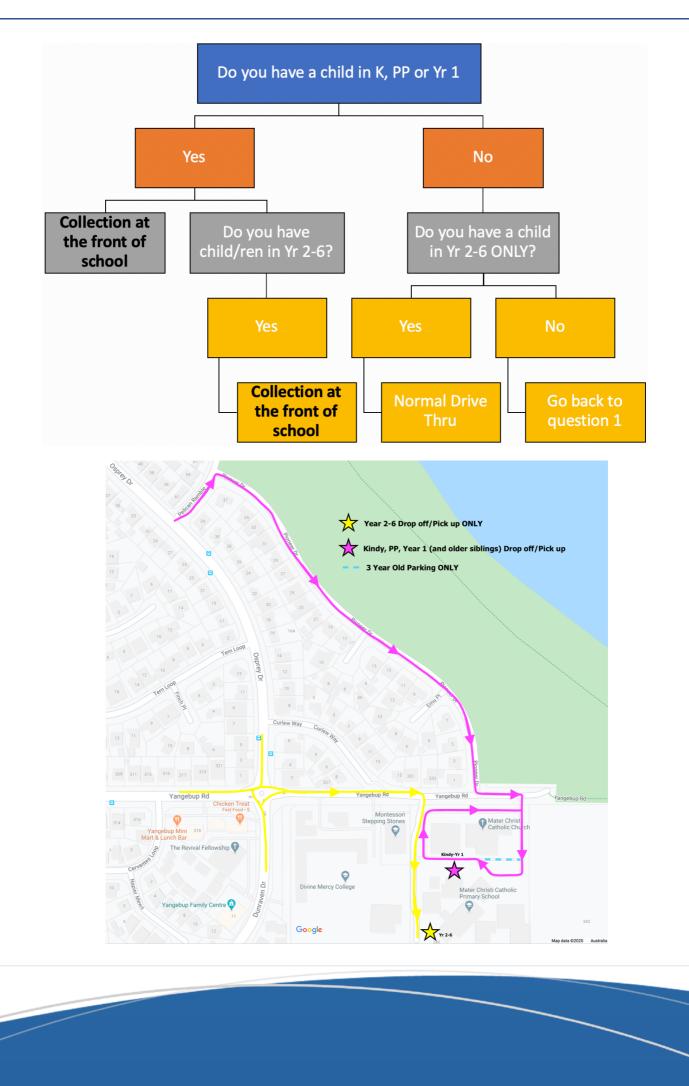
- Turn into Pelican Ramble from Osprey Drive then on to Pioneer Drive and left into Yangebup Road
- Enter main car park of the school
- Drive past Pre-Primary
- Park outside the Pre-Primary on the Church side
- Walking across to drop off/collect their child from the gate at 3-Year-Old Kindy
- Parents remember to maintain social distancing
- Exit main carpark
- Turn right into Pioneer Drive

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It is important that if you have arranged for a grandparent or alternative person to drop off/pick up your child/ren that they are aware of these changes.

First day changes always take a little more time. So, continue to pack PATIENCE in the car for each trip. Thank you everyone.

God Bless, Toní Kalat



# **Community News**



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