

Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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SCHOOL MANTRA 2017

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

Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Dear Parents and Carers

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER3

John 10:1-10

Jesus is the gate for his sheep

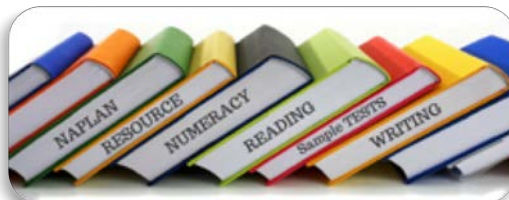
In the gospel, the relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognise their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all of the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd.

Jesus, the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him.

NAPLAN

Students in Years 3 and 5 will sit for the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) test on May 9th/10th/11th this year. Students will complete four tests covering numeracy, reading, writing and language conventions (spelling, punctuation and grammar). The NAPLAN test results and the student reports are released late Term Three.

The results provide information about student achievement that is used to inform teaching and learning programs. NAPLAN tests provide point-in-time information regarding student progress in literacy and numeracy and are intended to complement the wide range of formal and informal assessments that the teachers already use.



Dates for Next Week

Monday May 8	1pm Dental Screening (Yrs PP, 3,6)
Tuesday May 9	4B Parish Mass NAPLAN Testing 7pm P & F Meeting
Wednesday May 10	NAPLAN Testing 1.30pm Yr 4 Emmanuel Talk
Thursday May 11	NAPLAN Testing KB/KD Mother's Day Stall
Friday May 12	9am Whole School Mass Yr 1 – Mother's Day Mother's Day Stall 1.30pm Pre Primary Mother's Day Spa
Saturday May 13	
Sunday May 14	5 th Sunday of Easter

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How best to support your child/ren during NAPLAN-

Ensure they have a good night's sleep.

Give them a solid healthy breakfast - but don't overload them.

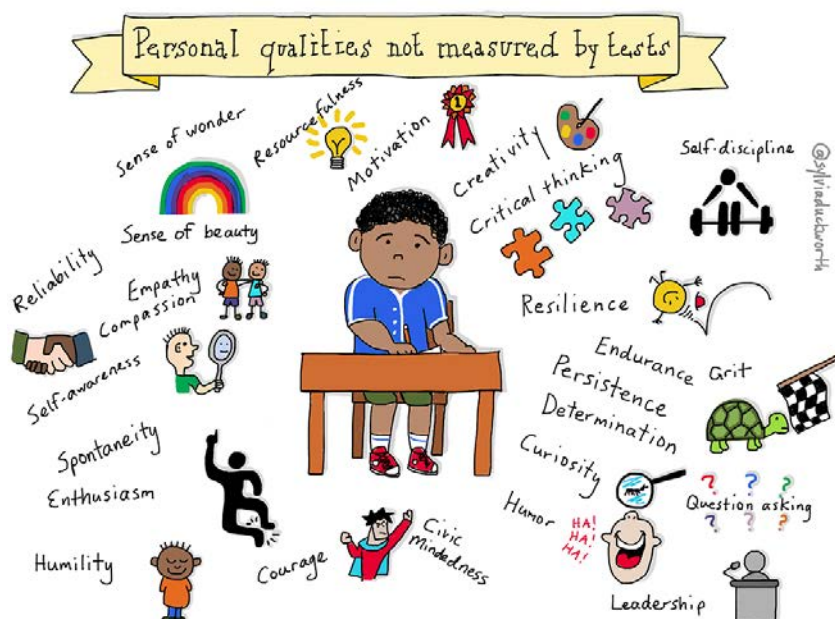
Encourage fresh air and fun play after school.

Children pick up cues from us - so keep it low key. The test will cover normal classroom/curriculum learnings acquired over a period of time.

Encourage your child to do their best. Emphasise that this is one of many tests they will have during their schooling, and is designed to help them learn more effectively.

Most of all, reassure them that you are proud of them for who they are and not what they can do. No test can ever measure a person's worth.

The following graphic reminds all of us, especially when we hear and read discussions and articles about testing children, there are many important qualities that standardised testing cannot measure.



P&F MEETING

Next Tuesday at 7pm in the staffroom we will have our first meeting for Term Two. Everyone is most welcome to come along to hear about all the events the P&F will be supporting this term. Each year the P&F ask the classroom and specialist teachers to put forward any resources that they would like the P&F to purchase for their year level or area. You will be able to hear what these resources are and will be asked to approve the allocation of P&F funds. We hope to see you there.

MOTHER'S DAY

Everyone is looking forward to our annual Mother's Day Mass next Friday and also the Mother's Day Stall where a great variety of new and different gifts will be on offer for the children to select for their mum and even grandmother. I know that mums will really appreciate the quality and variety of gifts this year. Thank you very much to Karen Simons and her helpers.

OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHIES TO



Mr and Mrs Harding, Jett (5B) and Miles (3C) on the loss of their Father, Father in law and Grandfather. We pray the love of God enfolds you during your journey through grief.

**God Bless
Toni Kalat**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Life Link

All mission money collected this term will be donated to LifeLink in order to support thousands of people in need throughout Western Australia each year. This year Life Link Day will be officially launched on **Wednesday June 7**.



Students are invited to make a gold coin donation for LifeLink Day. All students will be given a 'LifeLink Day Heart' to represent their generous support. The students will write a personal message or draw a picture on the heart, for people in need within our community.

For more information about Life Link Day, visit their website <http://www.lifelink.com.au>

Mother's Day Mass



On **Friday May 12 at 9am** we will be gathering in the Church for our Mother's Day Mass, prepared by the Year Ones. Friends and family are welcome to attend.

If you would like to sit with your child/ren for the Mass, please collect them from class at 8:45am (prior to Mass) and there will be an allocated section for you to sit together. Students with parents who are unable to attend the Mass, will sit with their class and classroom teacher.

PARISH

Sacramental Program

Confirmation

Thank you to all the parents and Year Six students who attended the Confirmation Parent/Child workshops on Tuesday and Wednesday evening. It is wonderful to see the Parish, teachers and parents working together to prepare the children for their Sacrament this year.

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>

Bookings will be open for 2 weeks.



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*

CONGRATULATIONS

Past student, Talliah Galindo, is to be congratulated on her recent academic achievements at Iona Presentation College. After just one term, Talliah has managed to complete the entire Year 8 curriculum; and next week, will be talking about gifted education from a student's perspective at a seminar aimed to help parents and teachers support bright children. We wish Talliah continued success in the future!



KINDY

This term our main focuses are:

- Developing vocabulary and speaking in short sentences
- Continuing name identification and name writing
- Improving our Peggy Lego Pre Writing Patterns
- Awareness of print concepts
- Learning about initial sounds
- Reinforcing one to one correspondence
- Introducing subitising skills
- Investigating size
- Making Jesus Real in our lives through explorations of the topics 'Creepy Crawlies' and 'Looking after God's World'
- Exploring our five senses and learning about ourselves



Parent Roster

Thank you very much to all the parents who have added their name to our parent roster. There are still plenty of spaces available. We would love to have helpers for our literacy groups, which will begin in Week Three.



We look forward to another wonderful term with you and your child.

Regards
Kindy Staff

PRE-PRIMARY

Welcome back to Term Two in Pre-Primary! This term is going to be an exciting time for everyone. In Week Three we are looking forward to pampering our mums at school to celebrate Mother's Day. In Week Eight we are going to be the star attraction at assembly!!

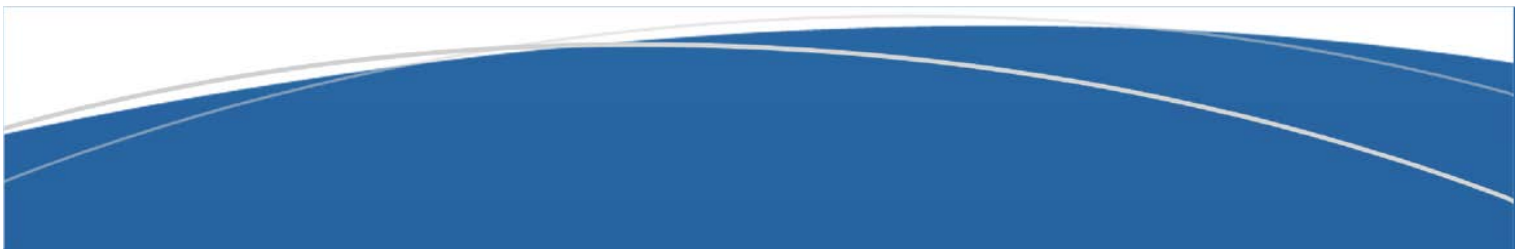


Our theme for the term is 'Community'. We will learn about our local community and the people who work and live in it. In Religious Education the focus will be on the 'Church Community' and the many ways that we can participate and belong in this community. We will then focus on our broader community, Australia. In Literacy we have some of our favourite storybooks to read and explore - Koala Lou, Wombat Stew, Possum Magic and many more!!!

In Mathematics we will continue to consolidate our knowledge of numbers. We will also explore the Australian currency and have lots of opportunities to play with money.

We look forward to having our parents on roster and you will find the roster outside each Pre-Primary. Finally, we would like to say thank you to all of our parents for the consistent support we receive from all of you.

Pre-Primary Staff.



YEAR ONE

Welcome back to a busy and exciting term in Year One.



In Literacy, we are exploring a variety of different text types, working on our reading comprehension skills and continuing to practise sentence structure. Our key focus in Numeracy will be enhancing our mental maths skills through a range of strategies. We will also be exploring time and money.

In History, we will be rolling back the clock to experience what life was like in the past and how things have changed. We have kicked this exploration off with a 1950s themed 50th day of school.

In Religious Education this term, we will be learning about God's creation and exploring how to make choices that show love for others. We are looking forward to the excitement that this term will bring! Thank you for your ongoing support.

YEAR TWO

Welcome back everyone to what will be another busy and exciting term. In English we will be exploring fairy tales and 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 Measurement and Geometry 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 Beautiful World, Beautiful Me in the first half of the term. This unit explores the beauty of creation and the Sacrament of Baptism. 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. We are excited for our fairytale day during wellness week, start getting those costumes ready!



The Year Two Team

YEAR THREE

Term Two is time for the Year Three students to cook up a storm as they discover how to write procedures and develop description in their writing. 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 what the true meaning of sin is and how we can show love to others, along with understanding why we receive Communion. In Maths 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 an exciting and busy term ahead!



The Year Three Team

YEAR FOUR

In Year Four this term we start to kick things up a notch! After a leisurely two weeks off, students start to get a taste of the demands of senior school students. Religious Education units this term include 'Creator of Human Life', a unit that explores the human soul and our connection to God, and 'The Spirit Who Strengthens', a unit that helps students understand what it means to receive their First Holy Communion. In Literacy, students are learning how to write procedural texts, including how to bake cakes, butter bread and take a walk to the shops without getting lost. Students will also be getting their first taste of public speaking for the year, preparing a presentation on a topic of their choice to present to the class. In Mathematics, students are exploring the world of Statistics, interpreting and creating a range of graphs of varying types. They will also explore the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and develop their mathematical language to accurately describe them. In number, we will be focusing on the concept of multiplication and the reciprocal relationship of division facts. HASS sees students finishing off the Environments topic before looking at Political and Legal systems. In Health, we will explore bullying and conflict resolution to assist in the building and maintaining of relationships. We look forward to a busy, yet rewarding term and can't wait to see what students achieve before the mid-point of the year.



The Year Four Team

YEAR FIVE



Welcome back to Term Two. We hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday. This term we are very excited about our Market Day. The children will be running stalls in groups, selling products which they will design and make. The Market will be held on Thursday, June 15 during recess and lunch. On Tuesday, June 13, representatives from the Commonwealth Bank will visit us to talk about their StartSmart program to help teach us more about money and how to save. A future entrepreneur may lie within!! In Literacy our main focus is Poetry. We will be reading, analyzing and writing some wonderful poems. Our Religion topics for Term Two are 'All Creation Give Thanks' and 'Relationships Restored'. It all makes for a very busy but amazing term!

YEAR SIX

Welcome back to school for Term Two. We hope everyone is refreshed and ready for what promises to be a very busy term. In Religious Education, we will explore The Sacraments of Initiation, with a focus on Confirmation and Eucharist. Many Year Sixes will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this term and we ask that you keep them in your prayers. During Literacy Dedicated Time, we will examine narrative features and continue to explore the use of figurative language. This will see us writing some captivating short stories and fractured fairytales. We will also be reading the novel 'Boy Overboard' in shared reading, with a continued focus on Margaret Menner's reading comprehension strategies.

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. This term will also give all students the opportunity to apply their mathematical knowledge to inquiry-based tasks.

Additionally, in Health we will learn about our relationships and how we can better manage time and conflict with our special guest teacher Mrs Rowland. In HASS the focus is Migration and Democracy. We are all very excited to take our first look at coding, using our new Sphero robots. This term is action packed with events! We have our assembly to look forward to and the Lightning, Cross Country and Interschool Carnivals. Hold on tight, it's going to fly by!



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 and tempo. Students in Year 4, 5 and 6 will continue to read, compose and perform songs using our percussion instruments.



Performing Arts Festival 2017

Preparations for the 2017 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 at the end of 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.



Our instrumental program has now begun with available spots to learn voice, guitar, piano, drums and violin. Learning an instrument is a wonderful way to teach children discipline, responsibility and can also help boost confidence and self-esteem. If your child has not been taken for a lesson in week 2, please contact me as soon as possible. Please note that Voicel and Violin Lessons have changed to Friday.

Choir Notices

Rehearsals

Thursday 2.15pm Senior Choir
Friday 10.00am Junior Choir
Year 6 Vocal Ensemble TBA

Senior Choir Performance

Confirmation Mass
Date: Sunday 11th June
Time: Arrive 2.30pm & Pick up 4.00pm
(Mass begins at 3.00pm)



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

Ms Alison Ross
Music Specialist, Instrumental Program & PAF Coordinator

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.



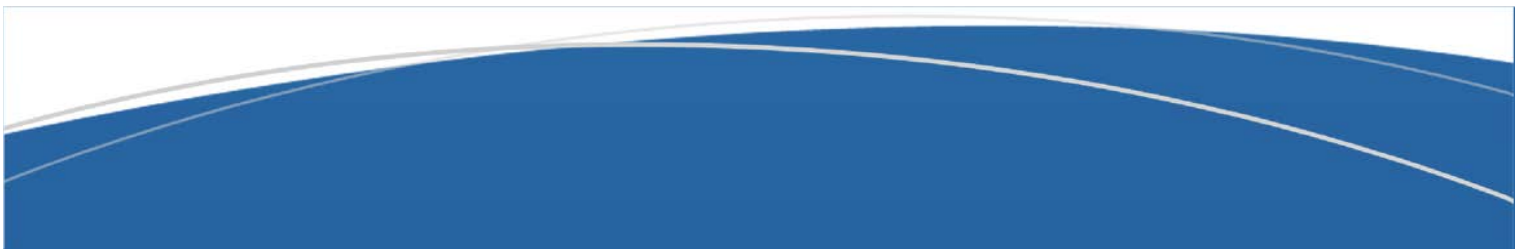
Resiliency

1. The Friendly Schools Plus resource will continue to be a focus as we teach the students about being resilient and handling challenging situations they may find themselves in. A reminder our aim is to develop the student's social and emotional intelligence and this fosters the prevention of bullying behaviours.

2. The M.J.R. (Making Jesus Real) programme will also 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 recognise God Moments in our daily life!



Mrs. Pottier
(Drama Specialist)



ITALIAN

CIAO A TUTTI E BENVENUTI AL SECONDO TRIMESTRE!

Welcome to second term Italian. The Italian Festival Competition 2017 starts off the term with our annual Primary School Competition, which this year has the theme of "The International year of Sustainable Tourism".

Students from Kindergarten to Year Six are all completing entries which encourage the ethos of sustainable (also known as responsible) tourism, which promotes;

- * Respect for the culture and natural environment of places we visit,
- * Responsible use of natural resources such as water and energy,
- * Support for local communities and families,
- * Taking responsibility for our actions when travelling,
- * Protecting these destinations for generations to come.

Camel tours of Uluru, Aboriginal rock paintings, Rottnest Island Glamping and Eco tourism, are just some of the topics we are discussing. The students will learn language to describe places they have visited and sustainable tourism practices found in those cities and countries. This theme will be continued throughout the term with topics such as native animals, Aboriginal culture and iconic Australian landmarks.



Saluti e auguri a tutti!

Signora Piacenti
Italian Language Specialist

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Term two is going to be epic. We have the students playing the greatest game on Earth - AFL Football. With a little work on everyone's skills the students will be playing like the Mighty Dockers in no time. As well as footy, the senior classes will be playing some League Tag Rugby and the little troops will be partaking in some various team games such as Netball.



All students have the pleasure and challenge of practising for the Cross Country Carnival that will be held at the end of term. Each student should be pushed to do their personal best and I am seeking to improve everyone's base fitness.

There are two Interschool Carnivals this term. First up is the Interschool Basketball Carnival followed by the Interschool Lightning Carnival for all Year Sixes and a couple of lucky Year Fives. We will also be holding League Tag Trials towards the end of term.

Don't forget your drink bottles for hydration. You still sweat when it is cold, especially when training for the cross country.



Ryan Donnelly (HPE Specialist)

SCIENCE

Welcome back to Term Two Science.

This term we are covering Chemical Science!

Why do we use certain materials to do certain jobs??



What are reversible and irreversible changes and what are the States of matter?

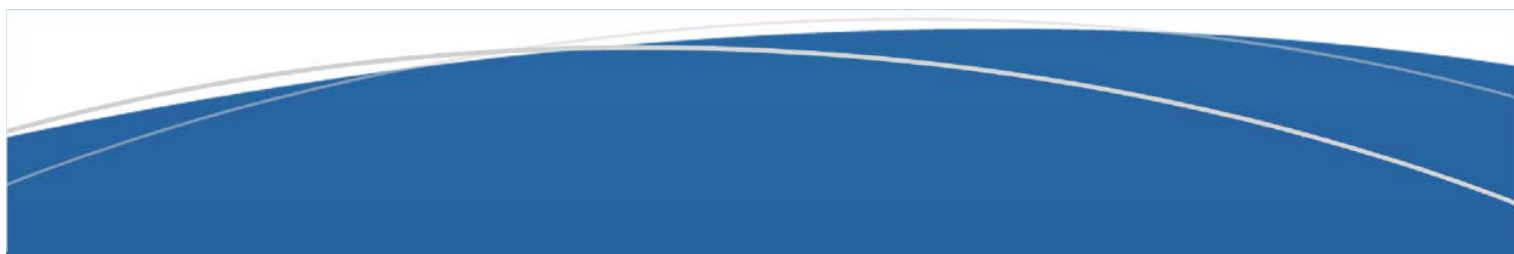


If you have a special interest in any aspect of our curriculum (see outline for this term), please let me know it would be great to have you come in, to talk with our students.

Yours in Science

Mrs. Ziegelaar

Year Level	Topic overview
PP	Explore: What objects are made of. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Objects are made of materials that have observable properties
1	Explore: Bend it! Stretch it! Changes to materials. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Shape – Bending, stretching, scrunchingMaterial - Effect depends on what Material it is made from.Investigate - dehydration 
2	Explore: Mixtures <ul style="list-style-type: none">Different materials can be combined,Including by mixing, for a particular purposeMixtures and Solutions
3	Explore: Solids/liquids are affected by temperature. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Adding or removing heat can cause a change.Changing state, between solid and liquid.
4	Explore: Materials- uses /properties <ul style="list-style-type: none">Natural and processed materials have a range of physical properties;These properties can influence their use.
5	Explore: Properties of the States of Matter <ul style="list-style-type: none">Solids, liquids and gases have different observable PropertiesMatter behaves in different ways 
6	Explore: Reversible/Irreversible changes <ul style="list-style-type: none">Solubility- soluble/insolublePhysical/Chemical ChangeChanges to materials can be reversible, such as melting, freezing, evaporating; or irreversible, such as burning and rusting



WHERE: Meet at
West and Fresh
Seafood Carpark,
next to Tony Ale's
Fruit and Vegetable
Market, 66
Hammond Rd



TIME: Meet at
7.50am for an
8.00am departure

WHAT TO WEAR: Sports
Uniform, school
hat and
sunscreen.

Friday 26th May 2017
(In celebration of Wellness Week)

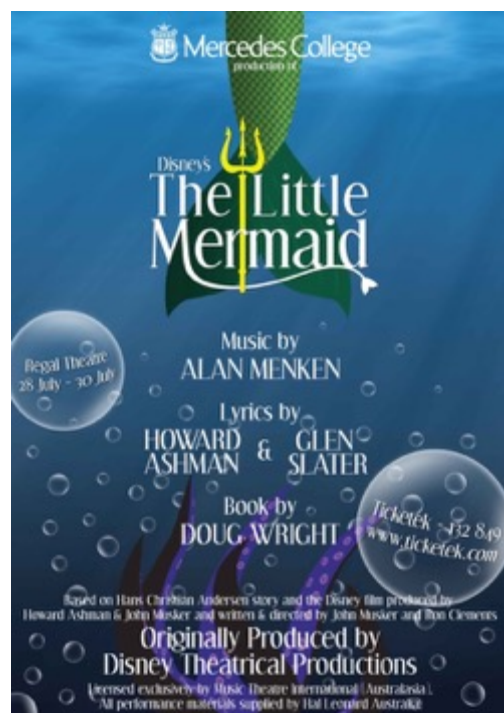
BOOK CLUB IS DUE

Wednesday
May 10 @ 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.



CLASS REP EVENT – 4A

May 10, 6.30pm
Year 4 Catch up
Girls night out – Snatched
Hoyts Garden City
RSVP - Class Rep



CLASS REP EVENT –2B

May 22, After drop off
Coffee/Breakfast catch up
Zephyr's Café, East Fremantle



CLASS REP EVENT –KINDY A

June 17,
Parents Dinner
Venue to be confirmed
Please contact class rep for
more info
RSVP – Jessica Burleigh



YEAR ONE'S CELEBRATING 50 DAYS AT SCHOOL



YEAR SIX CONFIRMATION WORKSHOP

