

# 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*



### **Troubled or afraid? (John 14:27)**

As Jesus imparts his gift of peace, he says to his disciples, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid (Jn 14:27).' Yet we know that Jesus' own life was far from untroubled; it included fear and anguish. Why the apparent contradiction? And how do we make sense of our own fear? There are no easy answers, but perhaps we can draw some strength in knowing that the peace of which Jesus speaks is not a 'quick fix' to life's difficulties. It is more like a deep surrender to all that life brings, trusting that God's love ultimately holds us. A bit like the way a parent holds a distressed child. It's not a quick fix, but the love is real and assured.

**Act:** This week, reassure your spouse and children of your love: give warmer hugs, longer eye-contact, gentler touches.

**Pray:** Teach your child Jesus' words as a simple mantra for when they are afraid: 'My peace I give you'.

**Remember:** Jesus understands our fears, and is always with us.

### **Year One Assembly**

What an Assembly, what a turn out, what a celebration of creativity! Much appreciation to our Year One Stars and the staff for their spectacular Assembly. We were highly entertained, wowed and impressed. Thank you. I know that the Year One staff will sleep much better tonight!



### **Dates for Next Week (Wk 5) Wellness Week**

Monday  
27<sup>th</sup> May      3C Class Mass  
Year 4 Visit from Emmanuel  
at 1:30

Tuesday  
28<sup>th</sup> May      3A Class Mass

Wednesday  
29<sup>th</sup> May      School Banking  
Uniform Shop Open  
8:00-10:30am  
1:20-3:20pm

Thursday  
30<sup>th</sup> May

Feast of the Visitation of Mary

Friday  
31<sup>st</sup> May      Walk Safely to School Day  
Australia's Biggest Morning  
Tea - 9am (MCCC)

Saturday  
1<sup>st</sup> June

Sunday  
2<sup>nd</sup> June      The Ascension of Jesus

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### Interschool Basketball Competition

Congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 students who participated in the Interschool Basketball Competition. Everyone competed so well and gave it their very best. The boys were the overall winners and the girls came fourth. Thank you to Mr Donnelly for coaching the teams and to the parents who chauffeured the students to and from the venue.



### Wellness Week

We all look forward to a week of wellness, no homework, a focus on our family and friends, of being together and doing little things that connect us with each other.

The staff are organising an afternoon of wellness activities for the students from Year 1 – Yr 6 to take part in next Thursday afternoon. Each group of students will be made up of three children from each class. It will be a terrific opportunity for all ages to work together and get to know each other too. When we did this last year, it was a tremendous hit with everyone and afternoon pick up and drive through was all abuzz with so much sharing by the students to their parents. Get ready for the excitement.

### Mater Christi Running Club

It is wonderful to see that this worthwhile P&F initiative is growing and the participants are building up their kilometres to reach special milestones. Any student who attends the Running Club needs to ensure that if they do not have sport on that day, they need to come to class with their full winter uniform for the start of the day. With the oval grass, wet with dew in the morning, many students are coming into the classroom with wet shoes and socks feeling very uncomfortable for the rest of the day.

Please ensure that your child comes to Running Club in shorts, a t-shirt and shoes that can get wet, then change into their full winter uniform (if they don't have sport on a Tuesday) before coming into class. Thank you.

*God Bless,*

*Toni Kalat*



In celebration of Wellness Week, we warmly invite you to participate in our 2019...

## Walk Safely to School Day Event

Friday 31st May 2019 (Week 5)

**Where:** Meet at the "WestnFresh Seafood" carpark, next to Tony Ale's Fruit and Vegetable Market, 66 Hammond Road.

**Time:** Gathering at 7:50am for a 8:00am departure.

**What to wear:** Sports uniform, school hat and sunscreen.

Please note, we request that scooters are not used during the walk.



## Religious Education

### Sacramental Program

The students are continuing in their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation researching their chosen Saints. The year 6 teachers appreciated the School Board's acknowledgement for the work they are doing in preparing the children for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The board expressed their gratitude also for the out of hours' time the staff have given to attend and support the workshops.

### Important Dates for Confirmation

**Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> June:** 3:45 – 4:45pm Confirmation Meeting in Church. All candidates are required to attend (Sponsors don't need to attend).

Group 1 Confirmation Sponsor & Candidate practice in Church. 6:30-8pm

**Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> June:**

Group 2 Confirmation Sponsor & Candidate practice in Church. 6:30-8pm

### School Toilets

As a part of the Child Safe Framework implemented across all WA Catholic Schools, we are constantly evaluating various elements within our school. With this in mind, parents, younger siblings and all adult visitors to our school are NOT to use the student toilets in any area.

Parents, younger siblings and all adult visitors please use the staff toilets accessed via the front office. An additional toilet has been marked for staff use and is located between the girls and boy's senior toilets. This toilet may also be used by parents and visiting adults.



## Library News



Wow what an overwhelming response to the library. Thank you to everyone who popped in to take a look. Our new little library pet has been a big hit, with so many children putting entries into the competition to name him. The honour of naming him was given to Austin Hall of 3B. His naming slip was pulled out by Miss Katie McNally on Friday. Great job Austin.

Please come and see Phantom, our Siamese fighting fish and say "hello". We have a Lego table in the library which is available at lunchtime so please pop in and have some fun.

Friday is our music day so come and give me your music ideas by Thursday. The dancing begins at lunchtime Friday.

Keep your eyes peeled for Pikachu who is going to pop in to the library next week, you are going to need to keep a look out for him.

Thanks Everyone  
Mrs Gladwell  
Library Officer



## School News

### Drive Through Forms

Due to recent changes to our after-school pick-up system, we have updated our drive through signs to include your eldest child's name beneath the surname. This is to easily identify families with matching surnames. If you would like a new drive through form please email [rebekah.dsouza@cewa.edu.au](mailto:rebekah.dsouza@cewa.edu.au) and a new sign will be sent home with your child. Thank you.

### Congratulations

Welcome to the world baby Cruz Da Silva Faria. We wish the Da Silva Faria family, together with Ella (2B) all the best during this exciting time. Cruz was born last week – we pray you are blessed with an abundance of sleep, joy and good health.



### Asthma Chambers

The health room has an abundance of Ventolin chambers/spacers that are no longer required. Please come and see the ladies in the front office if you would like to have an extra chamber for home.

### Condolences

We extend our deepest condolences to the Galipo family (Jordan, 6C) on the loss of their Grandfather. We pray for peace and blessings at this very sad time for your family.



### Exploring Senses in Year 3

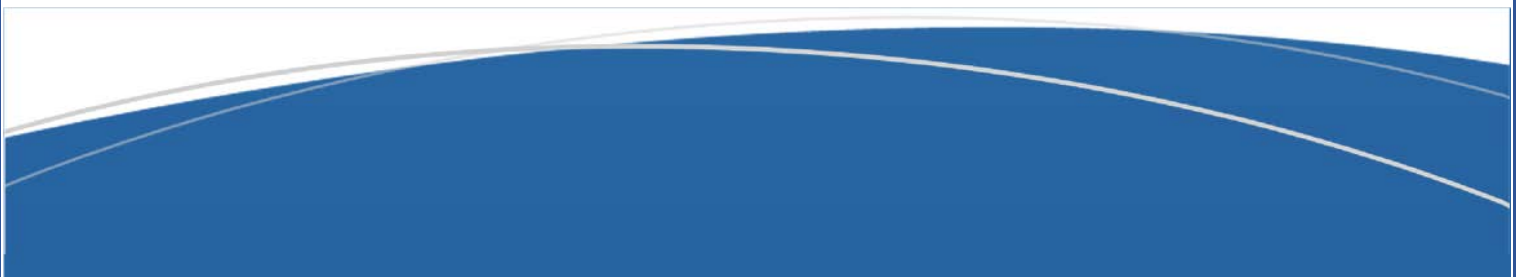
Mrs Hill's Year 3 Students explored their senses this week along the cross-country track - composing a descriptive paragraph on all they can see, hear, smell and touch.

## NAPLAN Testing

During last week's online NAPLAN testing, Mater Christi were regrettably faced with some connectivity issues. After examining the disruption reports for all assessments, there were clear concerns during the **Year 5 Reading test**. During this test, it was apparent that each child experienced, on average, 19 minutes of technical disruption with some facing up to 31 minutes of connectivity issues throughout the 50-minute assessment. We reported the connectivity issues to the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (the Authority), who administers NAPLAN Online for the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) in Western Australia.

Since these issues were experienced so extensively across the **entire Year 5 cohort**, Mater Christi has decided to put forward the names of all Year 5 students to re-sit the Reading Test. Re-sitting this test not only allows our children a fair opportunity to demonstrate their abilities, but it enhances our ability to adequately align our teaching and learning practices going forward.

We congratulate all Year 3 and 5 students for their tremendous efforts and determination during this time!





### Kindy Speech Pathology Presentation

**Kindy A/C: Monday, 27 May 2019 (Week Five) – 9am**

**Kindy B/D: Thursday, 30 May 2019 (Week Five) – 9am**

**In the Staff Room**

Presented by

Candice Oswald

Speech Pathologist, Talk the Talk Speech Pathology



***Would you like information on speech and language milestones  
for a child in kindergarten?***

***Are there any questions that you would like to ask about your child's recent screening  
assessment?***

***Would you like to find out more about the visiting  
speech therapy service to the school?***

Then please come along to our speech therapy presentation.

All parents of kindergarten children are invited.

## Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Don't forget to get your tickets to this year's Australia's Biggest Morning Tea - entry and raffle tickets for sale in the school courtyard from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May. And don't forget our lolly jar raffle! We are also sending home an invite with your child with an option to purchase event and raffle tickets.



The poster features a white background with blue and yellow polka dots. At the top, it says 'Australia's Biggest Morning Tea' in blue and yellow text, followed by 'Hosted by Mater Christi's P&F'. Below this, on a dark blue background, it reads 'TREAT YOURSELF TO A DELICIOUS HIGH TEA WHILE RAISING MONEY FOR THE CANCER COUNCIL'. Further down, it lists 'TASTY FOOD AND HOT DRINKS, MUSIC, PRIZES, CUPCAKE COMPETITION' and 'TICKETS ONLY \$5 (KIDS FREE)'. The event details are 'Mater Christi Community Centre, Friday 31st May 2019 | 9:00AM - 10:30AM'. It also states 'ENTRY AND RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE IN THE SCHOOL COURTYARD FROM MONDAY 20TH MAY' and provides contact information for Leah Rheinberger at [leahrheinberger@hotmail.com](mailto:leahrheinberger@hotmail.com).

### Prize Donations

Donations of raffle prizes are most welcome – just drop it to the front office by Tuesday May 28<sup>th</sup> at the latest. For more information, please contact Vicky Hartill at [vickyhartill@gmail.com](mailto:vickyhartill@gmail.com)

### We Would Love Your Help

Donations of sweet and savoury food would be very much appreciated – let Leah know what you are able to provide. Helpers would be appreciated at the following times:

- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May (8.15-9am and 2.30-3.15) - selling raffle tickets
  - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 8.45-10.15am - gift wrapping donated prizes
  - Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May 1-2.55pm - Setting up venue
  - Friday 31 May 9-11am to serve food, and 11-1pm to help clean-up
- Please contact Leah at [leahrheinberger@hotmail.com](mailto:leahrheinberger@hotmail.com) if you can help.

### "The Great Cupcake Bake-off" Returns for 2019!

Dust off those aprons and cupcake pans parents & kids!! Enter a tray of home baked, decorated cupcakes into the competition – a prize will be awarded for the best entry in each kid or adults' section!

- Cupcakes must be delivered to MCCC by 8.30 Friday morning with a completed entry form (available at MCCC).
- Entry is free, and open to everyone in the Mater Christi community
- Please make at least 4, but more will mean the winning cupcakes can be enjoyed by all).

### 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,
- donating directly online at <http://wa.cancercouncilfundraising.org.au/MaterChristiPF> .

For more information about this event, please contact Leah Rheinberger at [leahrheinberger@hotmail.com](mailto:leahrheinberger@hotmail.com)

## Parent Social Events



### Kindy A Playdate

**When:** Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.



### Kindy B & D Catch-up

**When:** 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 7pm

**Where:** Sweetwater Rooftop Bar, East Fremantle

**RSVP:** by the 31<sup>st</sup> May to your Class Representative (Kylie Galipo – KB 0410 329 853) or (Kate Pow KD)



### PPA Parents Coffee and Breakfast Catch Up

**When:** Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> June at 9am

**Where:** 8 Yolks Café, Success

**RSVP:** Please RSVP to Sarah Lentz on 0405 520 431 by Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup> (for numbers\_.



### PPA Parents Dinner

**When:** Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> July at 7:30pm

**Where:** The Vale

**RSVP:** Please RSVP to Sarah Lentz on 0405 520 431 by 1<sup>st</sup> July.



### 1B Dinner and Barefoot Bowls

**When:** Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm

**Where:** Cockburn Bowling Club, 40 Birchley Road, Cockburn.

**RSVP:** Please contact Sarah Morris on 0405 343 611 for further details.



### 1C Mum's Drinks

**When:** Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 4pm

**Where:** The Vale, Beeliar

**RSVP:** Please let Corey Neira know by the 24<sup>th</sup> May on 0422 529 884.



### 2B Parent's Dinner

**When:** Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> May at 7pm.

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

**RSVP:** Tanya Forzatti on 0417 181 841.



### Year 4 Parents Dinner

**When:** 12<sup>th</sup> June at 6:30pm

**Where:** Cabin 401

**RSVP:** Please RSVP by 7<sup>th</sup> June to your Class Representative Karen Simons, Lucy De Aguiar or Kelly Hulme 0435 114 990



Dads 5 Aside Football  
Wednesday Nights 8pm  
Cockburn Bowling & Recreation  
Club  
For more details call/txt Allen  
Mob:0404280126



# All things Parenting

## June 2019

### WEST LEEDERVILLE BRANCH

#### *Parent Child Connection*

Tues 4-25 Jun 6.30-9pm \$50pp/\$75 couple

This practical course will help you understand your child's development and behaviour and give you some tools so you can parent with confidence and enjoy your kids.

#### *Partners to Parents*

Mon 10 Jun 6.30-9pm \$30 per person

This one night session will assist couples move from being a couple to becoming parents.

#### *Rock and Water Program*

Sat 15 June 8.30am - 12.30pm \$70 per pair

This program leads from simple self-defence, boundary and communication exercises to facilitate a strong notion of self-confidence. We encourage fathers, mothers, daughters and sons to spend a Saturday morning together examining their emotional connections with each other whilst learning new skills to strengthen family ties.  
(Due to the nature of activities there is room for only one child/adolescent per adult.)

#### *Dads Raising Teenage Girls*

Mon 17 Jun 6.30-9pm \$30 per person

For teenage girls, a father's support and love are extremely important. This workshop helps Dads understand the changes occurring in their teenage daughters and shows ways to help them navigate this difficult time and encourage them to make good choices.

### FREMANTLE BRANCH

#### *Dads Raising Boys*

Wed 5 Jun 6.30 - 9pm \$30 per person

This workshop will assist in building their son's self-esteem, healthy identity and resilience as well as managing challenging behaviours.

#### *Emotion Coaching your Child*

Wed 19 Jun 6.30-9pm \$30 per person

After many decades of research it has been found that one of the most useful skills and awareness a parent can give is emotional intelligence. This means helping their child to recognise what they are feeling and why. We explore the most helpful way of responding to a child to help them to learn how to regulate their own emotions.

### MIDLAND BRANCH

#### *Mums Raising Teenage Girls*

Tues 25 Jun 6.30-9pm \$30 per person

As we know, the relationship between a mother and her daughter is very important. This workshop helps mothers to better understand their daughters and the challenges they go through during puberty and helps to better equip their daughters to be happy and strong individuals.

Places are limited - please contact (08) 6164 0239 to register today

For more information about our courses and workshops, please click [here](#) or visit [www.relationshipswa.org.au](http://www.relationshipswa.org.au)

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