Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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SCHOOL MANTRA 2020

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



Dear Families

We are in the final weeks of the Church's Easter season. Next Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Ascension. The feast of the Ascension reminds us of when Jesus went back to Heaven after being on earth after his Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Jesus stayed on earth for forty days. It was once celebrated on the actual day, Ascension Thursday, but a number of years ago the feast was moved to the closest Sunday. We hear in the Acts of the Apostles that Jesus went back to Heaven but promised to send the Holy Spirit to be with the Apostles as they carried on the work of Jesus.



Before and After School Drive Through

Thank you to all our families for adhering to the drop off and pick up procedures. With parents still not able to enter the school and with the forecasted weather for next week, some of the procedures have been changed and modified. Families need to ensure that they have read the drop off and pick up information and share this with other family members who may be dropping off and/or collecting children. Some families have expressed how they have been inconvenienced. I whole heartedly agree. The staff has also been inconvenienced. Therefore, we work together to make the best of the situation and continue smiling. Please ensure that you remain behind the car in front of you as this is the safest option.

Kindergarten 2021 & 2022

There are three places available for Kindy 2021. If you have not completed an Enrolment Form for your child, please do so during the next two weeks. If you know of a family outside the school community that wishes to enrol their child at Mater Christi, please inform them that places for next year are limited. Soon, I will commence meeting with prospective families who would like to enrol their child at our great school for Kindy 2022.

Existing families know how great it is – the following are some reasons why new families would like to become members of our community. Many say it's because they know existing families who speak very highly of the school. Others have heard what a great caring community we have where each child is known, where teachers know about the children's learning styles, and where the teachers care significantly for the children. Others comment on how welcoming the school and community are.

As parents, you are the best marketers that we have. Please tell prospective families about our school. We do have limited vacancies in a couple of year levels if you know of families interested in coming to Mater Christi.

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Service Providers

From next week, all OT and Music Tutor sessions will recommence. Speech will begin from Week Six – Tuesday 2 June.

The School Nurse will be on site from next Monday- Thursday to complete all the Kindy Screening Assessments.



Thank you's

Our staff have been very grateful for even more generous offerings of morning tea and gifts of thanks. Rest assured there are no leftovers! Thanks to the Pascuzzi, Vost, Richardson and Majic families for keeping our tummies full and waistlines wide!

Wellness Week – Week Five

During Wellness Week teachers will continue not to give homework to the students with the expectation that all students continue their nightly reading – either being read to by parents, engaging with PM and Lexile readers, Library Books and even the much-loved books they have at home.



O Immaculate Mary, Help of Christians, Queen of heaven and earth, and tender Mother of humanity, at this time when a pandemic threatens all your children, we entrust to you our nation, Australia, and all who live in this country.

We commit to your intercession all the members of our community, beginning with the weakest ones, from the unborn to the sick, the disabled and the elderly.

We commit to you our families, our young and old, and all who are vulnerable, those who are quarantined or anxious.

We entrust to your Immaculate Heart those who have lost their livelihood or employment, our pastors and other essential service workers, and our leaders at this time.

We implore your intercession especially for the protection of doctors and nurses and those who minister to the contagious sick in this crisis.

Reign over us, Mother of God, and teach us how to make the Heart of Jesus reign and triumph in us and around us, as it has reigned and triumphed in you!

Feast of Mary Help of Christians

Thank you very much to Fr Dat and Fr Joe who have continued to lift our community in prayer during some of the Masses they have been celebrating. Our connection with them, and their connection with us remains very strong even though we have been unable to experience so many of our faith celebrations.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect Australians' lives, and how we worship, the Australian Catholic Bishops have entrusted the country to the care of Mary Help of Christians seeking her intercession for the safety of all our people on her feast day this week.

Mary Help of Christians has been the official patroness of Australia since 1844. Her feast day is celebrated on May 24, which this year coincides with the Feast of the Ascension. Her feast day can now occur on Monday 25 May.

Families may like to recite the prayer above as a family during the coming week.

Changes to Drop Off and Pick Up



Commencing Monday 25 May, the following Before and After School Pick up/Drop Off arrangements for families will be in place:

FAMILIES OF CHILDREN in Kindy, Pre-Primary, Year One only and Year One's with K/PP siblings:

- Turn into Pelican Ramble from Osprey Drive then on to Pioneer Drive and left into Yangebup Road
- Enter main car park of the school
- Reverse park in carpark and overflow on top oval (NB: There is further parking alongside and behind the Community Centre)
- For drop off walk your child/ren to the Kindy/PP/Year One Gates (OVAL SIDE)
- For pick up collect children holding your Family Name Card from K/PP/Yr 1 Gates (OVAL SIDE)
- Drop off/Pick Up of siblings in Years 2-6 go to Year One Gate
- Parents are to maintain physical distancing
- Once children are collected, drive around the Community Centre and out the front gate
- Turn right into Pioneer Drive

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

FAMILIES OF CHILDREN in **Year 1 with siblings in Yrs 2-6 AND** FAMILIES OF CHILDREN **in Years 2-6 ONLY** use the normal drive through as follows:

- Enter Yangebup Road
- Turn right into Drive Through (normal drive through procedure)
- Hold up your Family Name Card
- Exit drive through onto Yangebup Road

FAMILIES OF 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
- Reverse park in carpark and overflow on top oval (NB: There is further parking alongside and behind the Community Centre)
- Walking across to drop off/collect their child from the gate at 3-Year-Old Kindy
- Parents are to maintain social distancing
- Exit main carpark
- Turn right into Pioneer Drive

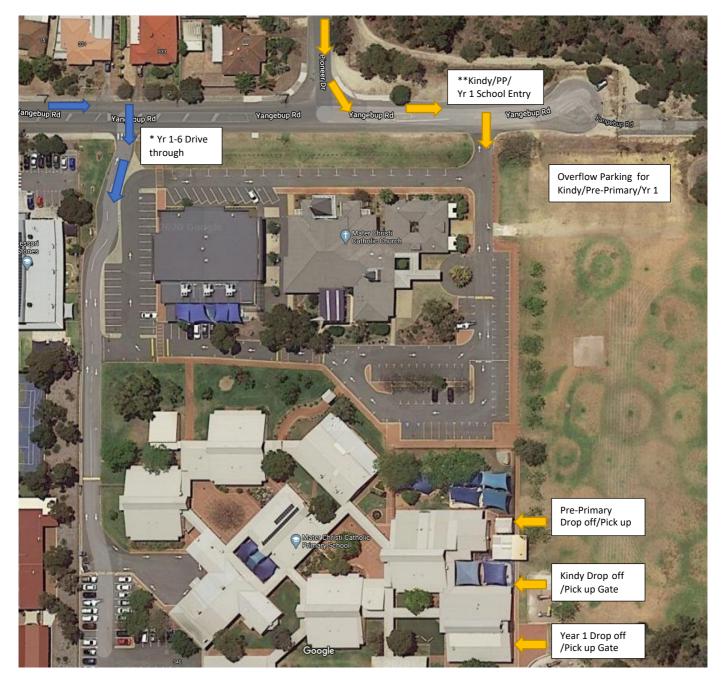
Please be advised that access to Dunraven Dr and Osprey Rd directly via Yangebup Rd will not be possible during these times.

PLEASE REFER TO THE MAP BELOW

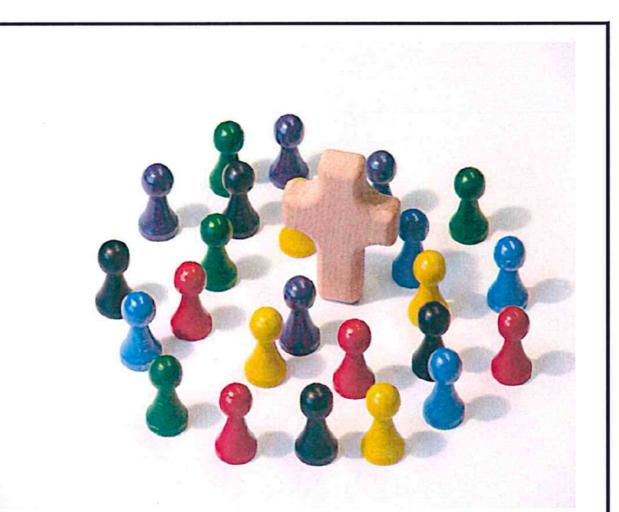
PLEASE REFER TO THE MAP BELOW

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.

Parents MUST USE THEIR FAMILY NAME CARD FOR GATE AND DRIVE THROUGH PICK UP. For Monday please create your own and email the School Office for a Family Name Card for use beyond Monday 25 May.



*Families of children in Yr 1 with siblings in Yrs 2-6 and families of children in Yrs 2- 6 ONLY ** Families of children in Kindy/Pre-Primary ONLY and Yr 1's with Kindy/Pre-Primary siblings



Have you moved or changed phone numbers ... or perhaps never considered completing a PARISH CENSUS form? We would love you to complete one now so we know who you are and how we may serve you. Knowing each other helps GROW OUR COMMUNITY – please consider completing a form and sending it to the parish office at: materchristi@westnet.com.au



MATER CHRISTI CATHOLIC PARISH MEMBERSHIP



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Children's Liturgy Sunday 10am	Minister of the Eucharist		
Church Cleaning	Music Ministry / Singing		
Collector during Mass	Parish Council		
Counting Team			
Craft Group	- would like to become Catholic		
Facilitator at Masses	- interested in helping to sponso		
Fund-raising group	Reader at Masses		
□ Gardening	Social / Friendship group		
General Maintenance	St Vincent de Paul group		
Greeter before Masses	□ Youth group		
Do you possess a <mark>skill</mark> or talent which may be helpful	for the parish to be aware of, should the need arise?		
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	Saturday 6pm		
	Sunday 8am / 10am / 5pm		

School News

What's Happening in Year 5 This Term?

The start of Term 2 was definitely a unique few weeks, not only for year fives, but for the entire school community. We blended classes and set up shop in the 5B/5C classrooms and worked as a team at finding normality in a very unnormal situation. However, we did it and we did it well! So well in fact, that us year fives have continued to band together as a cohort and write persuasive letters to Miss Kalat regarding the development of a 'Market Garden' down the side of our building block. As a team, we have learnt how to hook our audience with a 'sizzling start', persuade our reader with detailed arguments and combat any counter arguments thrown our way. We really are a force to be reckoned with! AND we are even taking it further by putting our math focuses of perimeter, area, volume and budgeting to good use to help cement our arguing points. We can't wait to see how this project finishes up this Term.



Physical Education News



Cross Country Training commences in Week 5. Training is open to <u>all</u> students in Year 3 – 6. Everyone is encouraged to attend. It is a brilliant way to get into shape for the upcoming Cross Country Carnival. Training Days are as follows:

WHEN	TIME
MORNINGS	8:00 – 8:25AM
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School News

Uniform Shop News

Thank you to the parents and students who have patiently waited for their winter uniforms.

Unfortunately, we were not able to go ahead with winter fittings like we normally do prior to winter because of Covid 19.

This unfortunately means there are probably around 600 students needing uniforms. If you could please be patient whilst I try to work through an unprecedented amount of orders it would be greatly appreciated.

However if you have placed an online order please let me know if you don't receive it within a fortnight. Occasionally I am finding orders in bulk are being missed off the printer run.

Orders placed in the evening prior to Wednesday will be delivered to your child's classroom, orders placed after this will not be ready for next day collection as I usually do not work any other day but Wednesday.

Big thank you to Miss Kalat and Mrs Gladwell who came and helped me to pack a huge amount of orders this Wednesday so that your kids could all have their winter uniforms! How lucky are we to be part of a wonderful school who work together? Thank you also to the Admin ladies who always give me extra help with your queries. Many thanks

Simone Douglas Perm a Pleat

P&F News

Welcome Back

I trust you have found enjoyment in the last 6 weeks whether your children have been learning from home or at school.

Thank You

This has been an entirely unprecedented time for everyone. The P&F would like to commend all staff at Mater Christi. You have all conducted yourselves extremely professionally and compassionately. Thank you for all the time and effort, above and beyond your normal working hours and duties, to ensure our children were supported both at home and in the classroom. I hope that you are able to find space to breathe and relax now that you are back to face to face teaching. All the best for the rest of the term!

Back to School Surprise!

I'm sure many students missed the P&F Random Easter Raffle this year! The P&F have a special surprise in stall for students during wellness week! All will be revealed on Friday.

Fundraising and Events

I am excited to announce a new fundraising initiative sure to bring a smile to the face of all (18+) parents and friends of our school. Go to https://wisewine.com.au/mater-christi/ for details!

Unfortunately, government restrictions in response to Covid-19 has entailed the postponement of events including the Mother's Day Stall, Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, Dad's and Kids Campout and the Quiz Night. We look forward to these events in 2021!

At this stage, the Father's Day breakfast is pending the lifting of government restrictions. We are planning a modified event to celebrate Mater Christi dads, grandads and father-figures in Term 3. We are hopeful that the Colour Run can go ahead in Term 4. The Colour Run is the major fundraiser for the 2021 graduating year six's and we do not wish for them to miss out!

P&F Meeting

The next P&F meeting is scheduled for Friday 12th June, 9am in the Community Centre. If government restrictions continue at 20 people, this may need to be a closed meeting for registered committee members only. We will provide more information closer to the date. If you have any items you wish discussed, please

email materchristipandf@cewa.edu.au

Stephanie Gill President

Community News



Join us for Week 1 of our Dad's and Kids Adventures!

These adventures will take place in a different location each week (across the City of Cockburn or the City of Kwinana) and are a great opportunity to connect with your kids in the great outdoors! Our first adventure is a bike ride and morning tea:

> Saturday 16 May Manning Park, Azelia Road, Spearwood (meet at the main car park, opposite Azelia Ley Museum) 9am - 10.30am

BYO bike, helmet, water bottle, wet weather gear and morning tea

RSVP via trybooking - www.trybooking.com/BJPBH

to COVID-19 restrictions we can only allow a maximum of 10 attendees ar social distancing regulations will also be in place.

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Kids Go Wild is back! Come and explore the bush and birds around Lake Coogee with us. You are welcome to walk, scooter or bike your way around the lake. Please bring your own morning tea and picnic rug for after our walk.

Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions there will be no nature craft activity following our walk, however there will be lots of exciting things you can collect during the walk for your own activity at home. (You could even share it on our Kids Go Wild Facebook Page!).



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Tuesday, 19 May 9.30am- 11am Lake Coogee, Munster (meet on grass area in Ingrilli Court) https://www.trybooking.com/BJPDO (Only 18 tickets available)

Don your explorers hat and get ready to go into the **Wild!**

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