

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 the feast of the Trinity – one God but three – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Jesus told his Apostles to "make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" *Matthew 28:19*.

The concept of the Trinity is hard to grasp, even beyond our comprehension. I share with you the following story about Saint Augustine and the Trinity. One day St Augustine was walking along the seashore, thinking about the Trinity. He came upon a child who had dug a hole in the sand and was busy filling it with buckets of seawater. Saint Augustine asked the child what she was doing. She said that she was trying to empty the ocean into the hole. St Augustine replied, "That's impossible!" When the child replied, "No more impossible than your comprehending the Trinity."

When trying to explain the Trinity to children, we often use a cloverleaf – one leaf but three parts. Another example is for me to explain that I am one person, but to others, I may be a daughter, a sister, an aunt, or a niece – but I am still the same one person. These are inadequate examples as the Trinity is really beyond our understanding, but they do help a little. It is one of the many things in our Catholic religion, where faith helps our understanding.

God is love.

The overflowing love of the Father and the Son is the Holy Spirit poured out.

*We are invited into this love to share this gift of love with others,
a love that is never rationed and gives peace and hope.*

School Calendar

Given the government's health advice on the size of gatherings, we are looking at what is possible with events for the remainder of the year. Some occasions that were planned for 2020 may be able to be rescheduled, but some may not. I will keep you updated as more information comes to hand.



Drink Bottles

Please ensure you send your child with a drink bottle, labeled with their name, every day. The drink fountains will continue to be out of use for Week 7.

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Moving Forward

The last few months have been different and challenging for everyone. In acknowledging this, we are choosing to concentrate on the many varied positive opportunities provided, including the incredible way our children, little ones, in particular, have managed to navigate their way through the morning drop off and afternoon pick-up - and generally thrive.

Mater Christi staff have noted the following in recent weeks:

- Children are more focused and ready for learning.
- The start of the day is calmer.
- Children are showing independence through simple tasks like carrying their bag, unpacking and packing items, and placing their bag in the correct place – this is flowing over into the classroom and playground.
- Children are maturing and developing greater resiliency.
- Friendships are being nurtured in the time between drop-off and heading into class.
- Learning time starts on time.

What have our children gained?

Self-regulation & Resilience: Research shows that it is essential for children to strive for independence through small daily tasks. Our children require opportunities to experience new and possibly challenging things to assist them in developing self-regulation and self-resilience.

Self-esteem: Greater self-reliance involves higher self-esteem. This is how our children evolve and grow into healthy adults, working through challenges, and seeing the possibilities.

Intrinsic Motivation/overcome fear of failure/deal with stress effectively: We all want to nurture and develop independent children. As we know, independence promotes intrinsic motivation and enhances self-esteem. It assists children in handling and overcoming a fear of failure and enables them to deal with stress effectively.

Emotional Maturity/Decision Making: Independence develops children's emotional maturity. It allows them to become good decision-makers and provides them with the belief they are competent and capable of taking care of themselves.

We have all come so far and do not want to lose the momentum we have gained. Therefore, we are asking parents to assist us and ensure continuity moving forward.

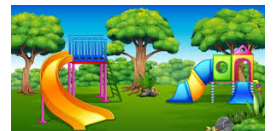
PHASE 3 Guidelines effective Monday 8 June

Assemblies and school community events

Assemblies and other school community events may recommence with total not exceeding 100 people for indoor settings and not exceeding 300 people in outdoor settings. For the rest of Term Two there will be no Assemblies due to each year having 90 students. Our Student Councillors are working on a virtual Assembly later this term for year levels to access from their classrooms.

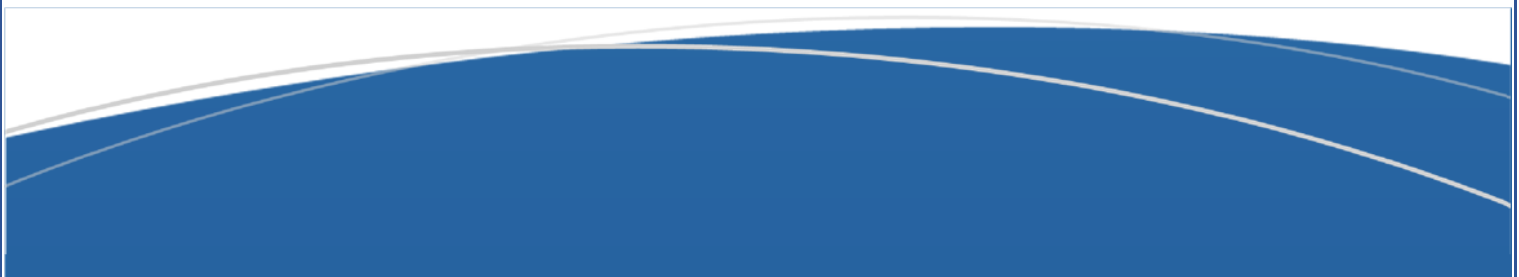
Playgrounds

Students will be able to access the oval play equipment during recess and lunch. These and the internal play areas will be sprayed once a day.



Sport

Interschool sports can occur with a total not exceeding 100 people for indoor settings or 300 people for outdoor settings. Mr Donnelly will provide further clarifications in regard to Mater Christi's Cross Country, Lightning Carnival and Interschool Cross Country.



School meetings

School Boards, Parents & Friends and staff meetings can resume during school hours and after hours for up to 100 people when adhering to physical distancing. Parents are invited to the next P&F Meeting on Friday 12 June at 9am in the Mater Christi Community Centre.

Access to School

Families are allowed onto school grounds to drop off and collect their children, adhering to the 2m physical distancing rule. Therefore, I ask that you do not gather within the school grounds before dropping off/collecting your child. Families do not enter classrooms/lobbies at the beginning or end of the day. You can come into the school grounds to drop off and pick up your children, speak with Office Staff, drop off/pick up students for appointments, or if they are unwell.

Drop Off – Years 1-6 students

Families can use drive-through as usual.

Families may park in the school carpark. To assist in managing the traffic into Yangebup Rd and in being respectful to other drivers e.g., Divine Mercy parents, Montessori parents, and residents, if parking - **only enter and exit from Pioneer drive.**

Students arriving before 8.30 am – kiss and drop on the grassed area between the Library and Undercover area. Students arriving between 8.30 am – 8.45 am – kiss and drop at the classroom/lobby door. Parents do not enter classrooms/lobbies.

Students arriving after 8.45 am, come to the Office for a late note.

Drop Off – Kindy/Pre-Primary students

Families may park in the school grounds. To assist in managing the traffic into Yangebup Rd and in being respectful to other drivers e.g., Divine Mercy parents, Montessori parents, and residents - **only enter and exit from Pioneer drive.** In school, Kindy and Pre-Primary gates will open at 8.30 am.

Students arriving between 8.30 am – 8.45 am – kiss and drop at the classroom door. Parents do not enter classrooms/lobbies.

Students arriving after 8.45 am come to the Office for a late note.

Pick Up – Years 1-6 students

Drive through as normal – 3.05 pm.

Enter and exit from Pioneer drive only if you are parking. Collect students from Junior and Senior Courtyards (paved area with a large tree in the middle of a circular garden bed). Parents do not enter classrooms/lobbies.

Pick Up – Kindy/Pre-Primary students

Enter and exit from Pioneer drive only.

Park and collect students. Gates will open at 3.05 pm. Parents do not enter classrooms/lobbies.

Walkers

Enter and Exit the school via path between Year Six classrooms and Before/After School Care.

3-Year-Old Students

Enter and exit from Pioneer drive only.

Park and drop off/collect students from ECE gate. Gate will open 9 am and 3 pm. Parents do not enter classrooms.

Happy Birthday to Mrs Julie Southwell who celebrates a very significant birthday tomorrow. There was lots of laughter, great Happy Birthday singing, beautiful cards from the students and cake to share. *We all wish you a very Happy Birthday Julie. May each day be a celebration, full of joy, new adventures and countless blessings.*

God Bless,

Toni Kalat



School News

Sacramental Program

Further to Archbishop Timothy Costelloe's directive that "all celebrations of the Sacraments that we planned for 2020 be temporarily suspended", the Sacramental workshops scheduled are on hold until further notice. The trybooking website is not available for online bookings until further information becomes available. Thank you.

Congratulations

Welcome to the world baby Rioli! Congratulations on the birth of your baby boy last week. We wish the Rioli family much love, cuddles and plenty of sleep at this very exciting time.



Condolences

We extend our condolences to the Leah H (4B) and her family after the death of her Great Grandmother. We pray God's peace and love surrounds you all at this time.

Do you Have Special or Exciting News to Share?

If you ever have news to share with the school community, please email Mrs D'Souza on rebekah.dsouza@cewa.edu.au

Book Club is due

Wednesday 17th June at 3pm

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

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



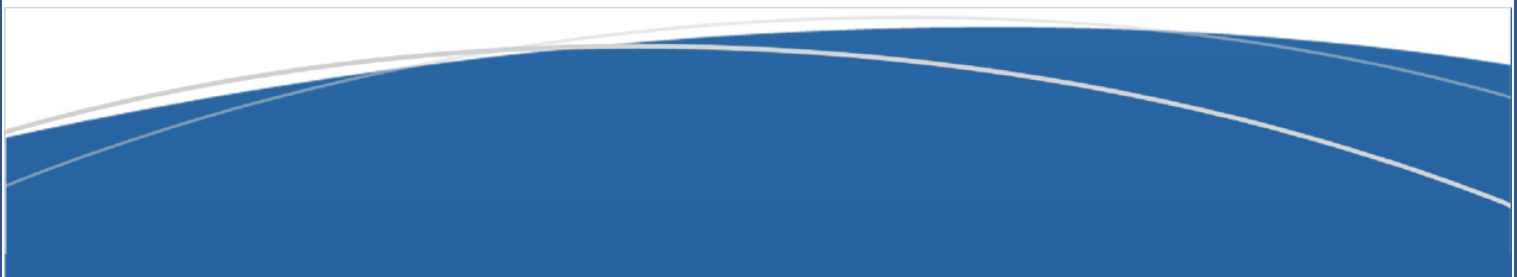
Student MacBook Sale Term 2 2020

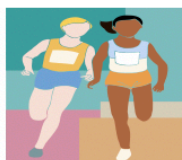
Our Student MacBooks are coming to the end of their lease and we are offering them to the community to purchase. They will be \$300 each. If you would like to express your interest for a MacBook please click the link below to read further details and complete the form by **5.30pm Tuesday 9th June**. There is a limit of **ONE** device per FAMILY with first preference given to those families who did not purchase an iPad in 2019.

<https://bit.ly/2ZFhhF3>

Kind regards,

Katie de Bes, IT Co-ordinator





Cross Country - 2020



PROGRAMME OF EVENTS (Monday 29th June)

EVENT	YEAR GROUP	START TIME (Approx.)
EVENT 1:	YEAR 1 GIRLS (2 Laps)	9:00AM
EVENT 2:	YEAR 1 BOYS	9:10AM
EVENT 3:	YEAR 2 GIRLS (2 Laps)	9:20AM
EVENT 4:	YEAR 2 BOYS	9:30AM
EVENT 5:	YEAR 3 GIRLS (Bush/Oval 1 km)	9:45AM
EVENT 6:	YEAR 3 BOYS	10:00AM
EVENT 7:	YEAR 4 GIRLS (1.5km)	11:10AM
EVENT 8:	YEAR 4 BOYS	11:25AM
EVENT 9:	YEAR 5 GIRLS	11:40AM
EVENT 10:	YEAR 5 BOYS	11:55AM
EVENT 11:	YEAR 6 GIRLS (2km)	1:25PM
EVENT 12:	YEAR 6 BOYS	1:40PM
ANNOUNCEMENTS (over P.A)		3:00PM (If Time)
PRESENTATION OF SHIELD		NEXT ASSEMBLY

Pre-primary Classes will run their race in Week 9 Friday 26th June during PE Class. The start time is to be confirmed.

**At this stage there will be no parent spectators, except those volunteering.
This may change in accordance with restriction easing.**

Volunteers are required for two time slots on Monday 29th June:

- 11:00am - 12:15pm
- 1:20 – 2:00pm

Please contact Mr. Donnelly if you can help out.

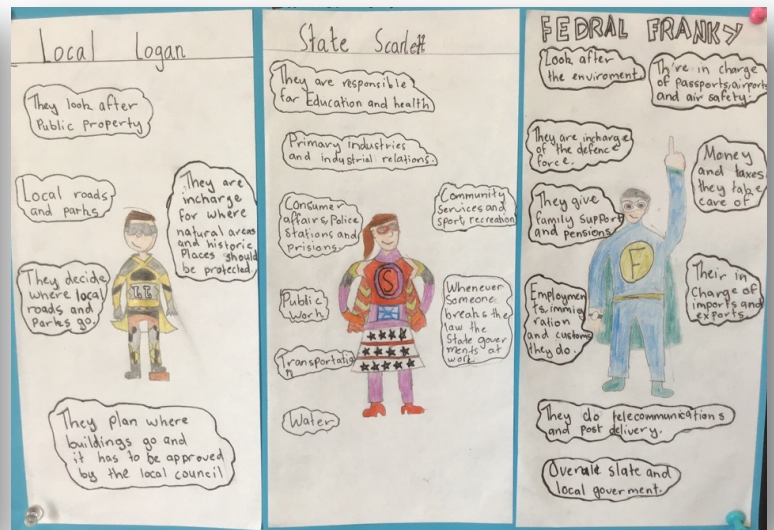
The Cross Country will only be cancelled in severe weather.

School News

What's Happening in Year 6 This Term

Throughout an insane Term 2, the Year 6's have been working round-the-clock in class. From prepositional phrases in grammar to all things angles and time in mathematics, we are loving every minute of it. In our Religious Education program, we have just finished up learning about the different types of prayer and now are exploring the Eucharist unit of work. We have been learning about persuasive texts and advertisements... we even created our own persuasive advertisement using an array of persuasive techniques! In our Civics and Citizenship unit, our focus has been on the three levels of government and exploring how each level assists in the functioning of our wonderful country, Australia. Did we forget to mention Mathematics? We have filled our days learning about different types of angles, transformations and interpreting timetables, just to name a few. We have even managed to fit in time learning about Andy Warhol and the Pop Art movement! It has been a hectic term so far and we can't wait for our end of term celebration! As we are slowly approaching Term 3, our teachers are working so hard and are filling our brains with loads knowledge.

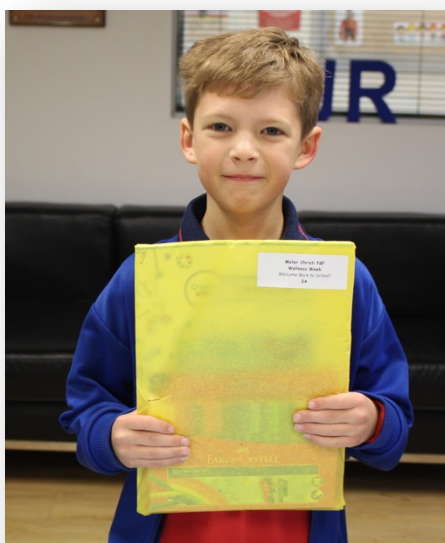
Written by Olivia D, Zabrina P, Miranda L and Amanda R.



School News

Winners!

Congratulations to the Winners of the P&F Wellness Week Raffle!!



KA	Alannah L
KB	Liliana G
KC	Lenny R
KD	Deanne K
PPA	Lincoln B
PPB	Charlotte N
PPC	Adrian K
1A	Nicholas D
1B	Xavier R
1C	Sophia A
2A	Sienna T
2B	Cooper K
2C	Brax J
3A	Jack T
3B	Summer C
3C	Lauren H
4A	Grace H
4B	Samira B
4C	Olivia F
5A	Emmi M
5B	Jack S
5C	Oisin H
6A	Chloe D
6B	Madison S
6C	Tomas M



Congratulations!





MATER CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY
SCHOOL P&F FUNDRAISER

Wine Fundraiser

We are inviting family and friends to support our P&F by purchasing wine through Wise Wine, a 5 star James Halliday rated winery in Margaret River. Buy any dozen bottles of wine and your order will be delivered for free and 20% of the sales will go to Mater Christi CPS P&F. Order yours today using the web address below.

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<https://wisewine.com.au/mater-christi/>



Community News

Virtual Online Tours

Now available on our website
emmanuel.wa.edu.au/tour



- Explore Emmanuel with our Student Leadership Team
- Learn about our Specialist Programs
- Hear from our Specialist Program teachers



College Tours are held each term and give parents the opportunity to explore our wonderful College. Come and explore Emmanuel with our Student Leadership Team and see the wonderful facilities we have to offer.



CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE
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TOUR DAY

Monday 29 June 9am

To register or for more available dates:
www.corpus.wa.edu.au/opendays



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