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Dear Parents and Caregivers



<u>SCHOOL MANTRA 2018</u>

"Be a voice, not an echo"

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Sunday Gospel Luke 1:57-66, 80.

This Sunday is the feast of St John the Baptist. He was the one who would baptise Jesus in the River Jordan. It was John who many thought was the son of God, but he would rightly herald to all that the one who was to come after him was greater and mightier than anyone. John was killed for his prophecy. The story of John is a great one for it reminds us to hold firm to our beliefs and always speak the message of truth.



Learning from our 'Miss Takes'

Primary schools are places of learning. Not just the learning that comes in the pursuit of knowledge and knowhow, but 'sandbox' learning. Learning that forms the basis of social behaviour and personal integrity is often called 'lessons from the sandbox'. It is learning about taking turns, telling the truth, sticking with your friends, getting along, owning up for mistakes, saying sorry, forgiveness and moving on. We

all learn from our mistakes, or so we hope.

A 'miss take' is as simple that, a 'miss' on 'take' one. Hopefully on the second take we can do a better job than on the 'miss take.'

Children learn from their mistakes from a very early age. A mistake in the area of Mathematics, when addressed, often leads to a greater understanding of the concept. A mistake in a child's behaviour is the same. If the mistake is addressed correctly and in a timely fashion that 'miss take' can be a building block of great personal and social learning, development and change. It is important to point out to the child that whilst you love them, and always will, sometimes you don't like their behaviour. Some behaviour is a mistake and children can discuss, learn from and try not to do again.



Monday 25 th June	Cross Country (Years 1-6)	
Tuesday 26 th June	2B Class Mass	
Wednesday 27 th June	Uniform Shop Open Times: 8:10-10:30am 1:20-3:20pm School Banking	
	Reports to go home	
Thursday 28 st June	2A Class Mass	
Friday 29 nd June	Last Day of Term 2	
	Free Dress Day	
	Feast of Saints Peter and Paul	
Saturday 30th June		
Sunday 1 st July		

DATES FOR NEXT WEEK (WEEK 9)

At the heart of every Catholic/Christian community is the rock-like belief of forgiveness and healing. The Gospels are full of stories of forgiveness and change. Mater Christi is a great place for our children to learn from their mistakes, seek forgiveness, make things better and move on. Forgiveness, reconciliation and healing are themes that recur in the Gospels, in our Religious Education units of learning and Making Jesus Real Program. Learning from mistakes through the lens of our Catholic/Christian perspectives of love, forgiveness and reconciliation add a richer experience of learning from our 'miss takes.'

Semester One Reports

Next Wednesday the Semester One Reports will be available to parents. If you require a hard copy please let the Office or your child's teacher know so we can organise this.

I would like to commend the teachers for the time and effort that has gone into the preparation of the student reports and parent meetings where required. The teacher feedback and written comments display an intricate knowledge of each child's learning needs and abilities in a positive learning environment. Enjoy celebrating your child's milestones and learning development during the last two terms.

Staffing

During the first few weeks of next term some of our staff will be enjoying leave and travelling to great parts of the world. We wish them safe, happy and adventurous times.

Mrs Burke will be absent for the first four weeks and Mrs D'Souza and Mrs Nichols will share some of the PA duties. Mrs Pottier will be away for Weeks One – Five with Mrs Linda Williams teaching Drama during this time. Miss NcNally is off for the first two weeks and Mrs Tamara Yock will teach for the full two weeks.

Canteen/Healthy Eating Policy

Heidi Mann and Joh Perez our Canteen ladies, Tanya Jones a Year One parent and dietician, Mrs Donna Ward a staff member together with Joss Stewart and Ava Daniel representing the students will join me in reviewing our Canteen and Healthy Eating Policy next term. Regular updates will be placed in the newsletter to keep everyone informed.

Coles for Sports Vouchers

Thank you to all of the Mater Christi family and friends who helped raise sports vouchers for our school. Mr Donnelly has been able to order new footballs, soccer balls, netballs, hand balls and other items for the class sports baskets. We look forward to our new equipment arriving during Term 3.

God Bless, Toní Kalat



Join us Sunday 24 June 2018, 11.30 am at Mater Christi Catholic Parish.

Email RCIA Coordinator: rcia.mc@westnet.com.au

Religious Education

SLEEPING BAG DRIVE

Our school Motto is Charity in our Hearts. This has been evident with our Winter Food Appeal. Our next project for Term 3 is a little different.

Next term we will have a special appeal for the homeless. We will be asking our generous Mater Christi Family to donate old or new sleeping bags to our SLEEPING BAG APPEAL.

If you are thinking of replacing and throwing out your old sleeping bags please donate them to us. We will take them in any condition.

If you do not have an old one to donate please consider donating a new sleeping bag. Perhaps you could encourage your child to put a little of their pocket money aside every week and start saving for one or you could join up with another family and buy one together.

The sleeping bag drive starts next term so let's see how many we can collect and help those homeless people on the street have a nice warm night's rest. We plan to fill up a whole trailer load, then with members of the P&F and Staff hand them out to those in need later in the term.

Will be working in partnership with the Holy Spirit of Freedom Community who work closely with the homeless in Perth on this project. Thank you to our school P&F who will also be supporting this drive.





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Be Good and thanks for your consideration! God Bless, Nik Hofmeester – Religious Education



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Life Education Van- Parent Information Session

Life Education is a not-for-profit, preventative health organisation working with schools to deliver a curriculum-based program that empowers children to live a safe and healthy life. By placing preventive education at the core of their work, Life Education aim to instil in children the confidence to make safer and healthier choices now and in the future. Their programs support children, teachers and families to explore a range of health topics including nutrition, body knowledge, resilience, decision making, social skills, physical activity, personal safety, medicines, tobacco, alcohol and cyber-safety.

Next term students will visit the Mobile Learning Centre, during Weeks 1 and 2, where they will meet "Healthy Harold" the giraffe and engage in an interactive learning session. This session is used as a platform to introduce and explore various health topics, which are then consolidated and extended further back in the classroom using comprehensive student and teacher resources.

Parents and care givers are also welcome to visit the Life Education Mobile Learning Centre during an 'Open Van' session from **8:30-9am on Tuesday 17th July (Week 1, Term 3).** *Please note, the van will be located at the rear of the school in the staff carpark overflow.* This is an opportunity for you to explore topics your children will be covering during their visit to the Life Education Van, and to meet the Educator for an informal chat. You are very welcome to visit the van at any time during this session.

Thank you, Nicole Woodhouse Assistant Principal





Physical Education

Cross Country

Cross Country will only be cancelled in severe weather. Times are approximate. Please arrive early to avoid disappointment. Presentation of the Shield will be at the first Assembly of Term Three.



PROGRAMME OF EVENTS (Monday 25th June)

EVENT	YEAR GROUP	START TIME (Approx.)
EVENT 1:	YEAR 1 GIRLS(2 Laps)	9:05AM
EVENT 2:	YEAR 1 BOYS	9:10AM
EVENT 3:	YEAR 2 GIRLS(2 Laps)	9:15AM
EVENT 4:	YEAR 2 BOYS	9:25AM
EVENT 5:	YEAR 3 GIRLS(Bush/Oval 1	km) 9:30AM
EVENT 6:	YEAR 3 BOYS	9:40AM
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)

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Rainbows

When something significant happens in the family, the whole family is affected. Even though death and divorce appear to be a grown-up problem, it does have a profound effect on the children it touches. Rainbows is a program designed especially for children who are living in single parent families, or families going through significant changes.

Rainbows fosters emotional healing among children grieving a loss from a life-altering crisis or other significant changes in their life. Rainbows provides a safe, confidential and caring environment for young people to sort through their pain and confusion, build self-esteem and learn coping tools to deal with their change, loss and grief. The goal is to assist participants in expressing feelings, understand and talk about these feelings and to learn to let go of them and get on with living. The facilitator assists the participants in expressing feelings.

The program consists of twelve weekly sessions conducted during school hours. This year the staff member trained to facilitate the Rainbows Program is Michelle Romano. If you are interested in your child participating, please email admin@mcps.wa.edu.au or speak to your child's classroom teacher.

Condolences

We would like to extend our sincere condolences to the Caygill family, (Summer, 1B and Onyx, KD) on the loss of their Opa. We pray for peace and comfort for the family at this difficult time.

P&F News

The Good Cup Café

A great turn out at the Good Cup Cafe on a damp foggy Wednesday morning, where everyone got a nice warming cup of coffee and a treat, all for just a gold coin. The native animal petting zoo incursion in the MCCC was a wonderful added bonus, enthralling both the children and grownups!!! So, drop in either by yourself or bring friend for the next opening on Wednesday 8th August - 8:15 -10am. See you then.



Year 1B Mum's Dinner Date: Saturday 30th June Time: 7pm Where: Last Drop, Beeliar RSVP: to Kristie Ainsworth on 0408934 379 by the 27th June.

Year 3B Catch Up

Date: Friday 29th June Time: 7pm Where: The Vale, Beeliar RSVP: to Simone Douglas on 0421 518 615 by the 25th June.











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School Holiday Vacation Care

