

# Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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## **SCHOOL MANTRA 2020**

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

Dear Families

I would like to congratulate our Mater Christi children who are continuing to work hard each and every day, enjoying their learning and co-operating with others in their school environment. When many gather together, there is always interaction. There are many personalities that come together. Each of these personalities are different: some are quiet, some are loud, some are sensitive, some are resilient, some are shy, some are confident, some are creative. The list is endless. Each individual comes with their own attitude which impacts on their own outlook. Children's attitudes often reflect what they have seen and experienced. That is why our role modelling is so important. The following extract speaks volumes about our attitude. Perhaps take the time to read and consider the attitude your child brings to each situation, whether it be a challenge, a success or a setback.

*Attitude  
is everything*

*"The longer I live the more I realise the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important that the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than success, than what other people say, think, or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness, or skill. Attitude can make or break a home or family. The remarkable thing is, we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past... we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have and that is our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so, it is with you. We are in charge of our attitudes". (Acknowledgement: Attitude by Charles Swindell; Brand New End by Carl Bard).*



## **Term Three Calendar**

Monday 20 July – Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day)

Tuesday 21 July – School Resumes

Thursday 24 September – Last day of Term Three

Friday 25 September – Staff Catholic Day (Pupil Free Day)

TBA – there is one more Pupil Free Day scheduled during Term Three. This is to replace the day that was cancelled earlier this term. The date will be communicated to families as soon as possible.

## **Parent-Teacher Interviews**

Both teachers and parents value the opportunity to meet and discuss students' progress. Unfortunately, the Term One Parent-Teacher Interviews had to be postponed. Next term, instead of the Learning Journey, Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held on Monday 10 August and Wednesday 12 August. More information will be forthcoming closer to the date on how to register for the event. *Please save these dates.*

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## School Assemblies

Many of the School Assemblies were also cancelled late Term One and for Term Two. This has dramatically impacted on our year level item assemblies. With the number of assemblies scheduled for semester two and the number of year levels that have missed out, the fair decision was to cancel item assemblies for the remainder of the year and to celebrate other aspects of teaching and learning at Mater Christi. Today, at our Virtual Assembly, the School Choir and the newly formed Mater Christi Student Band showcased their talent. I am sure you will enjoy viewing the Assembly via Seesaw with your family. This was the first time we have prepared for and experienced a virtual assembly. The students greatly enjoyed being part of it. Thank you very much to Mrs Woodhouse and the SRC students for organising this event for us.

Parents, please understand that the decision to cancel item assemblies for 2020 was not made lightly as we are still having to adhere to government requirements for social distancing and the number of people that can be together in one place. Thank you for your understanding. This change will allow us to celebrate in different ways.

## School Photos

Photos have been rescheduled for Monday 21/9, Tuesday 22/9, and Wednesday 23/9. More information will be forthcoming closer to this date.

## Uniform



All students are wearing their full winter uniform. Our school website provides a link to the uniform expectations. Please take the time to view the appropriate accessories, particularly for hair and school shoes. Students are reminded of uniform expectations at school, but we ask for your support in also ensuring your children are in the correct uniform and wear it with pride.

## School Masses

Until we have confirmation from the government that numbers attending Church can increase, we are still unable to celebrate whole School Masses.

Good luck to our Year 5's and 6's participating in the Interschool Lightning Carnival next Wednesday. Go Mater Christi!

*God Bless,  
Toni Kalat*



## Condolences

We would like to extend our condolences to Donna, John and the Ward family on the sudden loss of John's father Len, also to Zabrina and Zeneen P family on the recent loss of the Grandfather. We pray that God extends His loving arms to you all at this time, that you all feel peace and surrounded by His comfort.

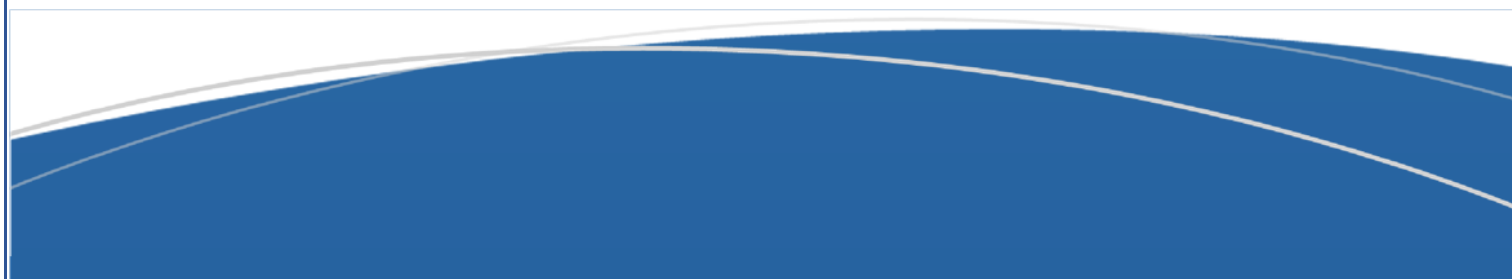


## Congratulations

We welcome Stella W's (KD) baby brother to the world! We pray you all have an abundance of cuddles, love and good health at this time.

## Have you Checked your Seqta Login?

In preparation for accessing reports, Mrs Nichols emailed all parents a link to activate their new Seqta account earlier this month. To avoid any delays in reading these reports, please confirm that you can log in to your Seqta account. If you have any trouble with this, please email [enrolments@mcps.wa.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@mcps.wa.edu.au). To ensure everything is working correctly, click on the 'Coneqt' link on the Mater Christi website: [www.mcps.wa.edu.au](http://www.mcps.wa.edu.au)



## School News

### Library News

World Environment Day was celebrated last week at Mater Christi. Mrs Vicky Hartill from Cockburn Council assisted us with the tree planting. The Cockburn Council kindly donated some trees for us to plant in our Bush Forever area. It was a wonderful morning and a big thank you to Vicky for her time.

Mater Christi also shared with the Council how we celebrated World Environment Day. With our tree planting, teachers discussing how we can make changes with their students together with the help of Alisha and Dylan (Small Hands Can Change the World) we have been awarded the book "A Hollow is a Home" written by Abbie Mitchell. Thank you to Cockburn Council for this book which will be available in the library soon. Thank you to all the children who participated, listened attentively and planted with such enthusiasm. It was such a pleasure.

Small Hands Can Change the World. Thank you everyone  
Mrs Gladwell, Library Officer



### Virtual Assembly

With the current social distancing requirements that the Government has put in place, Mrs Woodhouse and the Year 6 Captains took the opportunity to create a different assembly this week. The recorded assembly is available on Seesaw.

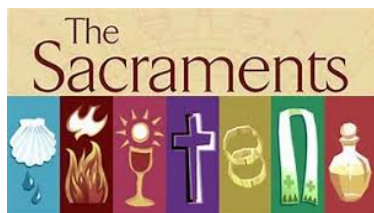
Well done to everyone involved in putting together a seamless, very entertaining gathering. Congratulations to all the students who were celebrated with a Merit Award this week – well done on all your hard work and effort put into the term.





## School News

### Sacramental Program



The Parish is finalising the process for the reception of the Sacraments this year. The Sacrament of First Holy Communion and Penance will occur in Term Three. The Parish is currently working through the logistics of making this happen for our students in the Sacramental years. Details for both Sacraments will be posted in next week's newsletter. The dates for the Sacrament of Confirmation at this stage, are still to be authorised.

### Speech Therapy at Mater Christi

Dear families,

I am writing, with some sadness, to let you know that I will not be providing individual private speech therapy services to the students at Mater Christi from the end of this term. I have been visiting the school for almost ten years to provide speech therapy services; and I have loved getting to know the students and the staff in this lovely school community. It is time, though, for me to take up opportunities closer to home. The school will now commence the process of sourcing an alternative provider of private speech therapy services to visit the school.

As some of you may be aware, last year I started working in the Pre-Primary classes at Mater Christi, running oral language activities in conjunction with the teachers. I will be continuing in this program, working one day a week, until the end of Term 4. I am very happy that I will continue my professional association with Mater Christi throughout this time; and it is not a final goodbye right now!

To all of the families and staff who have supported my business over the years, THANK YOU!!! It has been my great pleasure to work with you all.

Patricia Forbes, Speech Pathologist, Talk the Talk Speech Pathology



### Canteen

A big thank you to Families and Staff who continue to order Lunches and Recess via Quickcliq. It has made things a lot better for us to not have to handle a lot of cash.

As of next week, you will be able to add on a lunchtime treat (Froyo's and Paddle Pops) which the students can pick them up from the Canteen after they have eaten lunch. Please remind them to keep their bags to show us what they have ordered.

We will also be offering a selection of recess items over the counter to purchase. Alternatively, you can continue to order via Quickcliq.

In Term 3, we will have a new Menu – including some favourites, yummy winter meals and some new surprises! Get excited!!!! We are!!! 🍕

Wendy and Karen 😊

### Enviro Club

Good news! Enviro Club at Emmanuel Catholic College will be back open to Mater Christi students again from Term 3! The first session is planned for 28<sup>th</sup> July. Look for more information early next term.

Haylee Klup, Science Specialist



### Uniform Shop

Now that restrictions have been lifted and parents are allowed on school grounds the uniform shop is open again with its usual hours: 8am to 10:30am and 1:20pm to 3:20pm. Alternatively, you may wish to continue to order online via the school website.

Thanks

Simone Douglas, Perm a Pleat



## Music News

Hello from the Music Captains! Abbey B and Miranda L.

### **Mater Christi Band 2020.**

We would like to announce the 2020 Mater Christi Band members. From 6A we have Isabelle E and Olivia B on vocals. Also, from 6A, Flynn M and Nick W on guitar, bass guitar and drums. From 6B, Tyler R on guitar and from 6C, Sianna E on keyboard. Well done guys!



### **Senior Choir 2020**

Choir is once again under way and has 52 passionate members! We are learning the song "Unbreakable" by Birds of Tokyo. We have also been learning the song "Life Without Music." We look forward to singing to you!



### **Music Classes**

Did you know that Ukulele in English means "jumping fleas"? In music classes from Year 2 to Year 6 we have been having lots of fun learning to play the Ukulele and have realised there are so many awesome songs we can play with only 4 cords: C F G & Am. Songs from Justin Bieber, Adele, Taylor Swift, Imagine Dragons, Rhianna, Ed Sheeran, Hillsong and many, many more... even WANJOO! In music from Pre-Primary to year 6 we have been learning the Noongar song Wanjoo. Wanjoo means Welcome! Watch our video [here](#) of our Year 6's playing Riptide.

### **Instrumental Lessons Term 3**

If students are interested in learning vocals, guitar, drums or keyboard in Term 3 please contact Ms King: [jane.king@cewa.edu.au](mailto:jane.king@cewa.edu.au).

Q. What type of music are balloons afraid of? A. Pop music.



## Lightning Carnival and Cross Country

### Lightning Carnival

The annual Lightning Carnival is next Wednesday. Students need to arrive prior to 8:30 to catch the bus and to purchase socks for football or soccer if required.

### Lightning Carnival Uniform Requirements

**FOOTBALL** –Jumpers will be provided on the last training session. Students should wear their sports uniform and sneakers to school and bring their football jumper, boots and socks (separately).

Mouthguards are required (these are available at sports stores or chemists) as well as football socks.

**SOCCER** – Year 6 Students are to wear their graduation shirts. Year 5 students will wear their Interschool shirts given to them by Mr Donnelly today. On the day, students should come to school in sneakers and change into shin pads and boots at the venue. Shin pads will be provided, or personal ones can be used. Students require soccer socks.

### FOOTY AND SOCCER SOCKS

Socks need to be purchased from the uniform shop (from 8am on Wednesday). They are available for \$13.50. Students can bring in the money and purchase before school.

**If you don't have boots, try and borrow some.**

**NETBALL** – Students should wear their sports uniform and sneakers to school. Netball singlets will be provided.

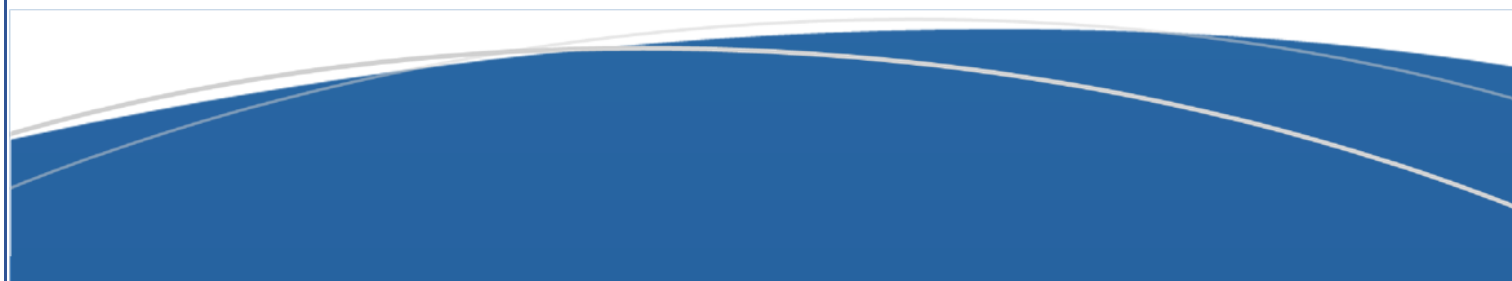
**VOLLEYBALL** – Year 6 students are to wear their graduation shirts.

### Cross Country Carnival

The Carnival is fast approaching. It will be held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June. The schedule is below. I still need helpers for the Year 6 run. This race starts at 1:30pm Unfortunately, spectators are not allowed. All results will be posted in the newsletter.

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 26<sup>th</sup> June during PE Class. The start time is to be confirmed.**





## School News

### What's Happening in Pre-Primary This Term

We are so happy to be learning together in our classrooms! This term the Pre-Primary children have been very busy exploring our Yangebup community. Children have spent time creating a class map of all the things we find in our community. They have also spent time in the dramatic play areas exploring various occupations and thinking about what they might like to do when they grow up! In addition to learning about our community children will begin exploring the great country we live in – Australia!



## Parent Social Events

### Pre-Primary Playground Catch Up

**When:** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 9:30am (second week of school holidays)

**Where:** Woodman Point Playground (near the Kiosk)

**RSVP:** No need to RSVP – for further information contact Sinèad Chidlow on 0424 120 440

### Kindy B Class Playdate

**When:** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 9:30am (second week of school holidays)

**Where:** Lollipops Jandakot

**RSVP:** Please RSVP to Rachel Rawlins on 0436 861 911 by 9<sup>th</sup> July or via the Kindy B Facebook Group





Hi Parents,

It was great to finally be able to meet as a community at our P&F meeting last Friday. Due to Covid-19 restrictions many events and plans have either had to be cancelled or postponed until the restrictions lift completely. As a P&F committee, we endeavour each year to raise money to pay for things within the school, our community and/or to give to a charity. As you can imagine this has become difficult not being able to host events and large gatherings. Together with the school, we have been working very hard in the background trying to work out how to overcome these hurdles. We have come up with a few ways where we can still do our bit - whilst still adhering to government regulations. Please read below how you can help the school, your children and our community this year.

### Mater Christi's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookbook



As part of our 30<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration, the P&F are excited to announce that we are publishing our very own Mater Christi Cookbook. We chose this project because it will involve all our children and their families. It will be a truly beautiful record of our school's 30<sup>th</sup> year. We would love every Mater Christi family to get involved! So, dig up your favourite recipes – sweet, savoury, family secrets or your lunchbox favourites! You may want to test them out first – especially if they are sweets!

Please send your recipes to: [www.PublishedAuthors.com.au](http://www.PublishedAuthors.com.au) "Submit your recipe Here" button. We encourage you to submit more than one recipe – to avoid duplicate recipes being published. We will do our best to include every recipe. Recipe submissions will close on Friday 31 July 2020 (end of Week 2 Term 3). If you are interested in advertising in our Cookbook, please contact [leahrheinberger@hotmail.com](mailto:leahrheinberger@hotmail.com) for advertising rates and any other enquiries relating to the book. Happy cooking!

### Australia's Biggest Morning Tea



Unfortunately, The Biggest Morning Tea will need to be celebrated differently this year. In order to raise funds for the Cancer Council, we will celebrate Australia's Biggest Morning Tea at the next 'Good Cup Cafe'. All proceeds will be going to Australia's Biggest Morning Tea.

**Save the Date: Thursday 20th August 2020, 8.45am.**

There will be a raffle on the day. If you would like to donate towards the raffle, please deliver these items to the front office and a member of the P&F will collect from there. Every little bit helps so we really appreciate your donations!

### Wine Fundraiser

Mater Christi Parents and Friends! We have an exciting fundraising initiative. The P&F have teamed up with Wise Wines to fundraise for future events for our children and community. This fundraiser can be shared with all of your Adult family and friends. All orders placed through the link will go towards the 20% we will receive directly back from Wise Wines when the promotional period ends.



Please go to <https://wisewine.com.au/mater-christi/> for all information on what is available and how to order.

Thank you as always for your support of the Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Parents and Friends Association.

### Entertainment Books



Entertainment Books are now available **all year round**, valid for 12 months and only in digital format.

There is currently a promotion until 13/7/20:

Buy one membership and get up to 2 months extra for free + bonus WISH gift card (valued at \$10 or \$20 depending on the purchased membership).

If you already have a membership, you should receive an email.

For new purchases, go online to [entertainment.com.au](http://entertainment.com.au), select 'Become a Member Today' and follow the prompts. At the Fundraiser page, please select 'Mater Christi...' to aid fundraising for our school. Thank you as always for your support of the Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Parents and Friends Association.

## Community News



### New Mums and Dads Workshop



This Parenting by Connection workshop will help new mums and dads work with the changes that come with a new baby. This workshop will give you the chance to connect with other parents and to share successes and challenges. We'll discuss five key understandings that can help make new parenthood go more smoothly.

#### Event Details

**When** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2020 10am-12noon  
**Where** Melville Virtual Community Centre using Zoom – meeting details sent on registration  
**Cost** Free  
**Note** Babes in arms welcome!  
**To book** Belynda.smith@meerilinga.org.au



### Wellbeing for Mums and Dads (online)

Evidence informed ideas on strategies for wellbeing in your life as a parent.

This evidence informed workshop presents a variety of strategies for building in self care and is suitable for parents of children of all ages. Strategies discussed will include:

- the Parenting by Connection tool of Listening Partnerships;
- simple daily activities to relieve stress and build connection;
- matrixes, reminders and plans to help you prioritise your wellbeing.

#### Event Details

**When** Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2020 8pm-10pm  
**Where** Online via Zoom – meeting details sent on registration  
**Note** Not all content is suitable for little ears – please have a private, quiet place to access the videoconference from.  
**FREE**, please book your place.

**Further Information** Contact Belynda Smith on belynda.smith@meerilinga.org.au to book your place.



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### Tweens and Teens

Parenting by Connection holds the view that your tween or teen needs you as an ally at a time that can be confusing and challenging for them. This talk will consider strategies for

- communicating your caring to your tween/teen
- setting limits in a way that builds cooperation
- managing your own wellbeing so that the challenges of this stage aren't overwhelming.

#### Event Details

**When** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 8pm-10pm  
**Where** Online via Zoom – meeting details sent on registration  
**Note** Free, please book to reserve your place. Suitable for parents of 10+ yr olds

#### Book a Place

Email Belynda on Belynda.smith@meerilinga.org.au.



SOUTH WEST METROPOLITAN PARENTING PARTNERSHIP



Government of Western Australia  
Child and Adolescent Health Service



### FREE PARENTING SEMINARS

You are invited to attend the Triple P Seminar Series. You will learn practical, positive and effective ways to deal with common behavioural problems and ways to help your child achieve their best at school and in the future.

Parents are encouraged to attend all 3 seminars:

1. *Children's behaviour - the tough part of parenting*
2. *Raising Confident Children*
3. *Raising Emotionally Resilient Children*

The next **FREE** 3 week Series is held:

**When:** Starting Thu 6 Aug 2020  
**Location:** Yangebup Family Centre  
**RSVP:** Bookings are essential and places are limited.



Please visit [healthywa.wa.gov.au/parentgroups](https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/parentgroups) to book your place.

To find other available programs visit our website [www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/parentgroups](https://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/parentgroups)