Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers



<u>SCHOOL MANTRA 2018</u>

"Be a voice, not an echo"

Dear Parents and Caregivers

This week we acknowledge our mothers, who in so many ways, are one of the most precious gifts that God has given each of us. We learn so much from the role modelling and support that our mothers give us. We give thanks to God for their committed care and love in our lives. To all mothers in our school community, married mothers, foster mothers, single mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, godmothers.... we wish you a beautiful day on Sunday as we celebrate and remember the wonderful gifts of our mothers. Thank you for who you are and all you do. On Sunday, I hope you are the centre of attention.

This morning we welcomed our mothers to our Mother's Day Mass. It was lovely to have many of our children sit with their mum for this Mass. Appreciation and thanks to the Year 3 teachers for organising this celebration, the Year 3 children, Ms Ross, the Choir, Mr Hofmeester and especially Fr Dat for celebrating the Mass. It was also lovely for those present at Mass to share a cuppa after. Thank you to the Year 3 parents for providing the lovely treats and serving the morning tea.



The children were very excited to go to the Mothers' Day Stall today. Special thanks for the coordination of this event, by Tina Stevens and her band of merry men and women.

DATES FOR TERM 2, WEEK 3

Monday 14 May

Tuesday 15 May

4B Class Mass

Uniform Shop Open Times: 8:10-10:30am 1:20-3:20pm

School Banking

Wednesday 16 May

Thursday

17 May

Confirmation Candidate and Sponsor Practice (Church) Group 1: 6:30-8:00pm (Note, later finish time due to large number of candidates) Confirmation Candidate and Sponsor Practice (Church) Group 2: 6:30-7:30pm Confirmation Candidate and

Sponsor Practice (Church) Group 3: 7:30-8:30pm

Year	1B	Class	Mass
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Friday 18 May	Year 5B Class Mass	
Saturday 19 May	Year 6 Confirmation: 3pm and 6pm	
Sunday 20 May	Pentecost Year 6 Confirmation: 10am	

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PHOTOGRAPHING YOUR CHILD AT SCHOOL

Parents and carers have long enjoyed photographing their children at school. Today this often includes sharing the images on social media. It is important to note that the child protection laws and the privacy laws respect the rights of parents to not allow photographs of their children to be posted online without their written consent. It is important to crop the images of other students in the background that are easily identifiable before sharing any school photos of your children particularly on social media.

Mother's Day Reflections

- My mother's very great, she's always up to date!
- My mum makes the best food in the world!
- Sticky tape, glue, magnetic! My mum always brings us together.
- Amazing at cooking! She gives me delicious food and a warm bed. You can't ask for anything more.
- I like my mum because she tells me about her day at work.
- My mum is kind, loving, funny, friendly and always happy.
- My mother is a shining star. Her brightness shines extremely far!
- My mum is the best mum in the world because she makes me dinner and she can fix things like bikes.
- Mum, is always there for me. Understanding what I do and keeping me entertained.
- My mother is always kind and honest. She is really experienced at cooking!
- My mum teaches me new things all the time and gives me treats for good deeds.
- Mothers are great people. Everyone loves them!
- My mother has eyes as blue as the sky.
- Mum, you brighten up my day with a smile as big as the sun.



National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy - NAPLAN

Next week, from Tuesday to Thursday, our Year 3 and 5 students will participate in NAPLAN tests. The tests are in numeracy, reading, writing and language conventions. The results are one way the teachers gain data about student progress, which assists them in future planning. Teachers are skilled professionals and use many forms of assessment to ascertain where your child is along the learning journey, and to devise learning opportunities to cater

for each child's individual learning requirements.

Earlier this week I received confirmation from Catholic Education WA of the end of year date for students. The last day for students for 2018 will now be *Friday 7 December 2018*.

Unfortunately, this year due to negotiations between the Union and Catholic Education WA our school needed to adhere to and publish the Department of Education dates until we received final confirmation from Catholic Education WA of the outcome of the negotiations.

God Bless, Toní Kalat

Religious Education

This morning we celebrated our annual Mater Christi Mother's Day Mass. It was so lovely to see lots of our mums, grans and nanas at Mass, some sitting with their children and grandchildren. It was a beautiful occasion honouring all the love, sacrifices and other wonderful things our mums do for us. A special shout out must also go to all our mothers and grandparents who have passed and are now with our Mary, Holy Mother of God.

Thank you to our Year 3 teachers for preparing the Mass and Ms Ross and her wonderful choir.

I wish all our Mums a wonderful Mother's Day and I have no doubt you will be spoilt rotten. Be Good and have a good one, Nik Hofmeester

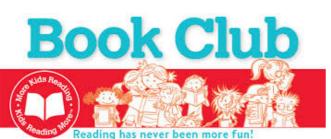




School Photos

The school photos were a tremendous success. Thank you to everyone involved in assisting with the day(s) to ensure they ran as smoothly as possible. 3P have allocated an Absentee Day for Mater Christi students at their Midland studio. This day is Tuesday, 15th May from 8:00-4:00pm. Bookings will need to be made – via the Midland office on 9250 6244.

(Please note, only attendees until this date can be included in their class photos).



Library News Book Club is due: Monday 14th May at 3pm

No cash payments or paper orders please. Please use LOOP on scholastic website. Any orders placed after the closing date and time will be charged \$4.99 for home delivery.



Condolences

Our sincere condolences to the Di Silvio Family (Charlie, Joseph – 1B and Nicholas in Kindy) on the loss of Frank's mother (Nonna). We extend our prayers and well wishes for peace at this difficult time.

Science News! Enviro Club Recycling and Mater Christi

Mater Christi is lucky enough to have a strong relationship with Emmanuel College and its Enviro Club. This term, the Enviro Club is working with Terracycle Australia to focus on dental recycling. This means the recycling of items such as toothbrushes, empty floss containers and toothpaste tubes. These items are very hard to recycle in general recycling bins. Terracycle recycle these items and in return give credits which can be converted into a cheque to be donated to charity. If you have dental items at home ready to throw out, could you please save and bring into school. There will be a labelled bin outside of the Science classroom before and after school for parents and students to deposit any items in.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to remind parents and students that there is a battery recycling bin outside the Mater Christi library which takes A, AA, AAA, C, D, button, 6V and 9V batteries. Feel free to drop any batteries into the bin for recycling.



What's Happening in Class this Term?



Early Learning Centre

We look forward to another happy and fun filled term in the Early Learning Centre. The children have enjoyed exploring their classroom, learning the routines of Kindy and making new friends.

This term we will be focussing on the topics 'Numbers', 'Shapes' and 'Prayer'. While social and emotional skills will still be a priority, we will also explore several concepts. These will include Making Jesus Real in our lives, social skills, keeping safe, colours, listening to stories, listening to our teachers and friends, answering questions, counting skills to 10, sorting and classifying, name recognition and following instructions. We will also be working on developing our gross and fine motor skills. Most importantly, we will be having fun with our friends and enjoying every moment together.

Kindy

Welcome back to Kindy for another exciting term ahead. This term our main focuses are:

- Developing vocabulary and speaking in short sentences
- Continuing name identification and name writing
- Improving our Peggy Lego Pre-Writing Patterns
- Awareness of print concepts
- Learning about initial sounds
- Understanding ways of keeping themselves safe
- Reinforcing one to one correspondence
- Introducing subitising skills
- Investigating size
- Making Jesus Real in our lives by identifying "God Moments" throughout our day
- Exploring our five senses and learning about ourselves.

Term Two will see the continuation of our Parent Roster. Parent roster is vital for the operation of our Literacy Rotations that begin in week three. This is also a great opportunity for parents and Grandparents to participate in their children's learning and to observe their child engage and interact with their teachers and friends throughout the morning.

We look forward to another fun filled term with all our Kindy families. Thank you, Kindy Staff.



Pre-Primary

Welcome back to Term Two in Pre-Primary! This term is going to be an exciting time for everyone. In Week Two, we are looking forward to pampering our Mums at our pamper afternoon. Our theme for the term is 'Community' and in the first part of this term we will learn about our local community and the people who work and live in it. In Religious Education, the focus will be on the 'Church Community' and the many ways that we can participate and belong in this community.





For the second half of the term, our focus will be on the broader community, Australia. In Literacy, we have some of our favourite

storybooks to read and explore. Koala Lou, Wombat Stew and Possum Magic!!! We are also exciting about taking home reading books! In Mathematics, we will consolidate our knowledge on learning numbers before and after a given number. We will also explore the Australian Currency and have lots of opportunities to play with money.

Pamela Lofts We look forward to having our parents on roster and you will find the roster outside each Pre-Primary class. Finally, we would like to say "Thank you" to all of our parents for the consistent support we receive from all of you.



Year One

What an exciting start to Term Two! We kicked it off with a 1950's themed 50th day of school celebration and an excursion to Peninsula Farm.

In History, we will be rolling back the clock to explore what life was like in the past and how things have changed.

In Literacy, we will be exploring a variety of different text types and will build on our reading comprehension skills. As well as this, we will continue to use the VCOP gang to make our writing sound exciting.

Our key focus for Mathematics will be time and money. Mental strategies, number sequences and place value will also be taught throughout the term.

In Religious Education, we are focusing on how we can live like Jesus. We will be learning how to make choices that show love for others.

We are looking forward to the coming term. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Year Two

Welcome back everyone to what will be another busy and exciting term. In English, we will be exploring fairy tales and learning how to write narratives and expositions. We will start the term off learning about multiplication and division in Math, then we will be covering Measurement and Geometry in the second half of the term. In our inquiry program, students will have the opportunity to investigate communities and how they shape our society. During Religion, we will be doing the unit "Beautiful World, Beautiful Me" in the first half of the term. This unit explores the beauty of creation and the Sacrament of Baptism. We will then work on the unit "Gathered Together" which teaches us about the importance of Church and coming together as a community of faith.



Year Three

Term Two is time for the Year 3 students to cook up a storm as they discover how to write procedures and develop description in their writing. They will continue to build their knowledge of reading comprehension skills, through guided reading activities. Religious Education this term takes students on a discovery of what the true meaning of sin is and how we can show love to others, along with understanding why we receive Communion. In Maths we will continue to work on Number and our Times Tables. Money, Time and Measurement will also be a focus this term. We look forward to an exciting and busy Term!

Year Four

Term Two is looking to be another busy one in Year Four.

In Religious Education, we are covering the units "Creator of Human Life" and "Coming to Your Table" as we prepare for our First Holy Communion early next term. In English, we are learning about the different techniques used in poetry and how to write procedures. In Mathematics, the



topics of Angles, Measurement, Area and Perimeter, Fractions, Equivalent Numbers and Maps. For Health Education, Ms Rebecca Rowland will be coming in and teaching the students about resiliency and handling our emotions. In HASS, we will be looking at Civics and Citizenship – exploring how and why rules and laws differ, how laws are made and the different levels of Government.

Year Five

Welcome back to Term Two. We hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday. This term we are looking forward to Market Day. The children will be working in groups to design, make and sell a product. Market Day will be held on Thursday, 28th of June during recess and lunch. A future entrepreneur may lie within!! In Literacy our main focus for writing is Poetry, where we will be analysing and writing a variety of poems. In reading, students will be exploring



visual texts and explaining the story that is told. Our Maths focus is Measurement and Financial Plans. Our Religion topics for Term Two are 'We Are Called' and 'Helped by the Word". In Art we are focusing on Cartooning and we have a Perth based freelance artist coming in on Thursday, 24th May to explain how shapes, planning, proportions and posing are all skills needed in creating a good illustration. It all makes for a very busy but amazing term!

Year Six

Welcome back to school for Term Two. We hope everyone is refreshed and ready for what promises to be a very busy term. In Religious Education, we will explore Confirmation and Eucharist. Many Year 6s will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this term and we ask that you keep them in your prayers. During Literacy Dedicated Time, we will examine narrative features and poetry. This will see us writing some captivating short stories and a variety of poems. We will also be reading the



novel 'Boy Overboard', with a continued focus on Margaret Menner's reading comprehension strategies. Our Numeracy Dedicated Time will see the Year Six students exploring the Measurement and Geometry strand with a focus on the Cartesian Coordinate System, angles and transformations. Additionally, in Health we will learn about our rights and relationships, with our special guest teacher Ms Rowland. In Humanities and Social Sciences, the focus is Migration and Democracy. We are all very excited to continue exploring coding, using Sphero robots. This term is jam packed with events! We have our assembly to look forward to, along with the Lightning carnival. Hold on tight, it's going to fly by!

<u>Mater Christi Science</u>

Welcome to Term 2 Science! This term the whole school will be exploring different aspects of Chemical Science.

Pre-Primary are investigating a range of materials and how they are used to make different objects. As always, an emphasis is placed on using their senses to help them make simple predictions and observations.

Year 1 students are developing the ideas learned in Pre-Primary and are exploring how different materials can be changed in a variety of ways, including bending and stretching. They will also be comparing how changing the type of material impacts how they are able to physically alter it.



Year 2 students are investigating how different materials and substances can be mixed together for various uses. They are also exploring how some mixtures can be more easily separated into their original parts than others.

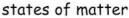


Year 3 students are exploring solids and liquids as they begin to investigate different states of matter this term. Specifically, students will be considering how changing the temperature affects solids and liquids, such as by melting or freezing.

Year 4 students are investigating how natural and processed materials have a

range of physical properties. Students will then be working to link these properties to how it affects an object's use.

Year 5 students will be learning about how matter can be solids, liquids or gases. They will be focusing on describing these states of matter based on their properties and reflect on how these properties cause the matter to behave in certain ways.





There are three states of matter - solid, liquid and gas.



Year 6 students will be exploring the concept of reversible and irreversible changes. This includes studying the solubility of materials under different temperatures, how rusting occurs and how materials change between different states of matter.

I am looking forward to an enjoyable and exciting term! Haylee Klup Science Specialist

<u>Music News:</u>

<u>TERM 2</u>

Welcome back to another term of Music with Ms Ross. This term, students will continue to learn about a variety of musical elements and skills. Pre-Primary and Year 1 will focus on beat, rhythm, pitch and dynamics. Year 2 and 3 will focus on beat, rhythm, pitch, tempo and reading notation. Students in Year 4, 5 and 6 will continue to read, compose and perform songs using our percussion instruments. Each year group will also listen and respond to a range of musical pieces from different genres.

PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL 2018



Performing Arts Festival for Catholic Schools and Colleges Preparations for the 2018 Catholic Performing Arts Festival have started and it looks to be another exciting year for the Arts Department at Mater Christi. Many of our students will be involved in various categories including Choral Singing, Dance, Drama, Choral Speech, Bible Reading, Instrumental Solos and Ensembles. The Festival will take place at various venues in Perth at the end of July and finish at the end of August. Information regarding performance dates and venues will be posted in the newsletter at the end of Term 2.

INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM

Our instrumental program has now begun. If your child has not been taken for a lesson in week 2, please contact me as soon as possible. Learning an instrument is a wonderful way to teach children discipline, responsibility and can also help boosts confidence and self-esteem.

<u>CHOIR NOTICES</u> REHEARSALS

Wednesday: 8.25am	Year 6 Vocal Ensemble	Music Room	
Thursday: 8.25am	Year 6 Vocal Ensemble	Music Room	
Thursday: 2.15pm	Senior Choir	Music Room	
Friday: 10.00am	Junior Choir	Music Room	

PAF DANCE

REHEARSALS Monday: 3.30-4.30pm in the MCCC

If you have any questions, please come and see me in the Music Room. Ms Alison Ross Music Specialist, Instrumental Program & PAF Coordinator

Drama:

The juniors will continue with the focus of "Creative Play and using our Imagination". The students enjoy and feel very comfortable in the world of make believe! The development of their confidence is certainly evident. Along with this there will be some classes that will have a focus on choral speaking in preparation for the Performing Arts Festival.

The senior focus is on "Readers Theatre", the emphasis is on reading aloud with expression. It builds oral fluency and strengthens reading and language arts skills. It also promotes team work and the group support in this situation is often enough to develop confidence.

This can then lead onto staged performances with props and costumes within the classroom setting and even the stage! It is in this situation where we then develop the skills of performance.

RESILIENCY

- The Friendly Schools Plus resource will continue to be a focus as we teach the students about being resilient. A reminder that our aim is to develop the student's social and emotional intelligence and this fosters the prevention of bullying behaviours. 'Self -Management' is the focus for this term (Emotional regulation, resilience and self-motivation).
- 2. M.J.R. (Making Jesus Real). This programme will also continue to be a focus throughout the school. MJR has a simple message – Jesus is part of our lives and can change the way we live, we can make Jesus real through our daily actions and words. Students learn about having a positive attitude and that their actions, attitudes and behaviours have an impact on their relationships. MJR provides students with a language that allows them to evaluate their thoughts and behaviours and provides strategies for alternative actions. It teaches them about being a welcoming person who encourages others, a person who can say sorry and thank you. Students learn about including people, making eye contact and the importance of forgiveness and gratitude. An important aspect of MJR is learning how to recognize <u>God Moments</u> in our daily life!

Mrs. Pottier, Drama Specialist





Kindy Speech Pathology Presentations

Date (two options): Friday, 18th May – 9.00am, or Friday, 25th May – 2.30pm

Location: Staff Room

Presented by

Patricia Forbes

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.

P&F News

The Good Cup Café



The P&F are starting a new initiative this term, we are opening a morning cafe for parents. The Good Cup Café will be located around the kitchen area of the Mater Christi Community Centre and will be open from 8.15am (after student drop off) until approximately 10am. The cafe will open monthly and our first date is Wednesday 23 May and then 20 June. Coffee or tea & a treat will be available for a gold coin donation.

The aim of the initiative is to gather parents together to chat and build community, conveniently on Parish grounds. Everyone is welcome, mums, dads or grandparents and non-school age children. We look forward to sharing a cuppa with you there.

Year 5 High-Tea

Mater Christi Yr 5 High -Tea

17 June 2018 2pm - 3:30pm or til 5pm \$58 per person C Restaurant 33rd Floor of St. Martins Towers St. Georges Terrace Perth City 2018

RSVP by 13th June 2018 to Michele Cuthbert <u>michele.cuthbert1@gmail.com</u> 0416 149 570

Please let me know if you have any dietary requirements by the 30th May



P&F News



will definitely be an event not to miss out!

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea 2018

Date: 30th May 2018 Time: 9am Venue: Mater Christi Community Centre Entry: \$5, children are free.

Please join us this year as Cancer Council celebrate 25 years of the Biggest Morning tea event. The P&F will be hosting a high tea style event with music, games, raffles, prizes and more. This

We will be selling tickets in the school courtyard from Wednesday onwards. Anyone who pre-purchases their ticket will go into the draw to win a very special prize. We will also have raffle tickets and a "Guess the Iollies in the Lolly Jar" game.

Donations

Should you wish to contribute towards this fantastic cause, we would greatly appreciate any prize donations from parents and/or family businesses. This is a fantastic opportunity to promote local business and create an abundant prize for the raffle.

Donations can be dropped off to the front office by Friday, May 25 at the latest.

Volunteers:

Volunteers are needed to help the P&F co-ordinate this event and raise funds for much needed cancer research. If you are able to assist please contact Vanessa at <u>martins.vanessa81@yahoo.com</u>

There will be a volunteers meeting held on Monday for anyone willing to participate at 2pm in the Staff room. We will be discussing ideas and will be putting together a roster and plan for the event. Please feel free to attend if you are able to.

Business Stalls:

This year we would like to try out something a little bit different with this event and are seeking expression of interests for small businesses within the school to be willing to open up a stall within the morning tea event. All that is asked is for a small contribution from your business to the cause, if you were to participate.

Please contact Vanessa at <u>martins.vanessa81@yahoo.com</u> if this is something you may be interested in. **Fundraising Link:**

For those unable to attend, you can donate via:

https://secure.cancercouncilfundraising.org.au/registrant/FundraisingPage.aspx?RegistrationID=1208643 http://www.facebook.com.au/events/1777700545601349/?ti=icl

Community News

After-School Soccer Coaching Clinics (Term 2)

All Pre-Primary to Year 3 children were given a registration form for an After-School Soccer Coaching Clinic starting Wednesday the 16th of May (3.20pm – 4.20pm). We will conduct it on the school grounds.

The activity is coordinated and run by Physical Education and/or Soccer Specialists; all with their Working with Children Checks. The Clinic focuses on **Maximum Participation** during **Organised** and **Fun** 8×1 Hour sessions. The cost for the clinic is \$80.00 per child.

If you are interested in letting your child learn and play this <u>World Game</u> in fun sessions and you have not yet registered, then please register online at <u>www.play4life.com.au</u> or complete the registration form and return it to reception by <u>Tuesday 15th of May</u>. (Spare registration forms are available at reception). If you have any queries, please call Jacob Aquino on 6162 0932.



Phone: (08) 6162 0932 Email: play4life@optusnet.com.au Website: www.play4life.com.au



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ext us:	1300 822 953 0409 745 645 www.betterhealthprogram.org	Starts: Day: Time:	May 1 st , 2018 Tuesday 4-6pm		PAR	
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Understanding tears and tantrums: A workshop for parents/carers to develop understanding of children's behavior and emotions.

In this interactive four week parenting group, we look at the causes of children's tantrums. You will learn tools that will assist you to encourage children's positive behaviour and cooperation. Make connections with other parents, and learn skills that will help you throughout you parenting career. This group is geared toward parents/ caregivers of children 0-8 years.

When Thursday May 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st

Where Yangebup Family Centre, Dunraven Drive, Yangebup

- Crèche Available
- Time 11am 1pm

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For further information or to register contact Cockburn Parenting Service on 94113855



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