

# Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers



## **SCHOOL MANTRA 2018**

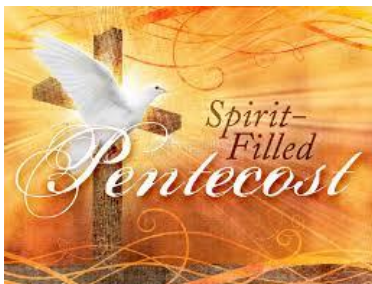
*"Be a voice, not an echo"*

Dear Parents and Caregivers

## **Gospel Account for Pentecost Sunday**

*"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit." John 20: 19 – 23.*

At Pentecost we celebrate the Church's birthday. When Jesus appeared to his Disciples for the last time he did so with the promise of a helper as they set out to spread his good news. This helper is known as the Holy Spirit. Every time we make the sign of the cross we are acknowledging God the Father, the Son and the helper who is the Holy Spirit.



## **School Climate Survey**

As part of our planning process for commitment to ensure continual improvement in the quality of education we provide to our students, I wish to provide opportunities for parents, staff and students (Years 5 & 6) to provide us with research informed feedback relating to their views of the School across a wide range of areas.

The research is being conducted by MMG Education, a specialist education consultancy that works with schools in the areas of school strategic reviews and stakeholder satisfaction. MMG's client schools include a large number of schools across Australia.

Parents, staff and students will be invited to complete online questionnaires over a two week period in June.

On Friday 25 May all parents will receive an email from MMG Education. This will set out details of the timing of the survey and will provide you with access to your own, confidential questionnaire.

## **DATES FOR TERM 2, WEEK 4**

Monday 21 May	Interscholar Basketball (Cockburn Stadium)  5A Class Mass
Tuesday 22 May	
Wednesday 23 May	Uniform Shop Open Times: 8:10-10:30am 1:20-3:20pm  School Banking  SRC Meeting: 8:10am
Thursday 24 May	Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians  Year 5 Cartoon Incursion  6C Class Mass
Friday 25 May	Year 3 Assembly: 9am
Saturday 26 May	
Sunday 27 May	Trinity Sunday

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To ensure confidentiality and to encourage frank and full expression of views:

- All responses will be treated by MMG Education in strict confidence
- No parent or guardian will be identified to the School by MMG Education on the basis of questions asked or responses made
- All data collected by MMG Education will remain under its control and archived according to research protocols. The School will not be able to access it.

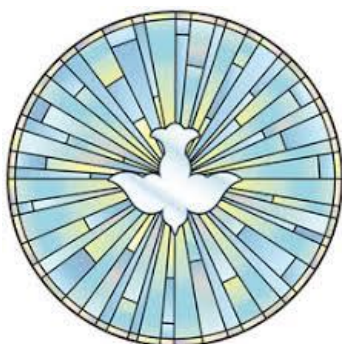
At the conclusion of the research period, MMG Education will provide me with a report. I will then provide opportunities for members of the School community to receive feedback from the research.

The survey is quite extensive and may take 25 minutes to complete, but you can stop anytime and on reopening you will be taken to the last question answered. The questionnaires cover a wide range of school activities including academic, faith, pastoral, co-curricular, communications etc. as well as allowing 'open ended' responses to be added.

Please remember that, by completing your questionnaire, you will be making an important contribution to the future of the School as we strive to ensure that we are providing the best opportunities possible for your child.

I look forward very much to the School community's participation in this important project and to receiving MMG Education's report.

If you would prefer not to participate in the review please contact me via [admin@mcps.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@mcps.wa.edu.au) by Wednesday 23 May or if they have any questions about this project please come to see me for a quick chat.



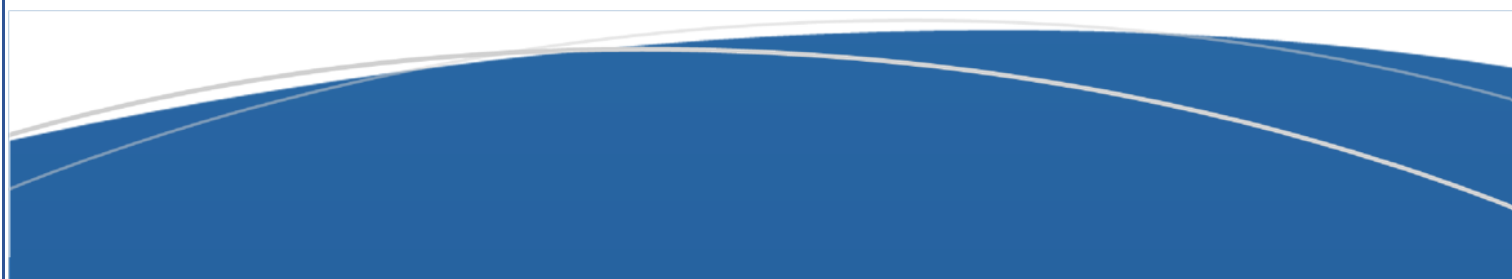
### **Confirmation**

This weekend over three Masses our young people will be confirmed by the Very Reverend Peter Whitely VG. Fr Whitely was most impressed with our Year Six students when he visited our school and spent some time with them. This is a very special celebration for our Mater Christi Parish Community as we pray for, support and encourage these wonderful young people to give witness to their faith and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. I would also like to acknowledge the tremendous work of Marina Hayward, Parish Coordinator; Mr Hofmeester and the Year Six teachers. Our Parish and School is very much a model of the Family first, Parish based and School supported model of preparing for and celebrating the Sacraments.

### **NAPLAN**

Our Year 3 & 5 students have participated in and completed their NAPLAN requirements for 2018. We are very proud of our students and how they have come to realise that these assessments are only one part of a much bigger picture. For the first time this year all except the Year 3 Writing was completed online. Thank you to Miss McNally for working hard behind the scenes during the last couple of years to make sure that when we came to this point our infrastructure and hardware were up to the task. Thank you also to all our Year 3 & 5 teachers who created a very calm environment for our students. They also organised some lovely surprises for the students which really set up a positive vibe for everyone. Our children were also supported by teachers, TA's and members of the Leadership team last week leading up to NAPLAN and during these last few days. Our children are always at the centre of all we do with a team approach. I know that parents appreciate and acknowledge this at Mater Christi.

God Bless,  
Toni Kalat



### The Sacrament of Confirmation

This weekend some of our Year 6 students will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. With the celebration of Confirmation each person is initiated more completely into the Church, and through Confirmation we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. I would like to wish our students all the best and to thank our Year 6 Teachers for preparing the candidates so well for this special occasion.

#### A Confirmation Prayer

Spirit of God, grant me:  
The gift of **wisdom**  
To see the world through your eyes,  
The gift of **counsel**  
To make difficult decisions,  
The gifts of **knowledge and understanding**  
To use my mind to know you and to love you,  
The gift of **fortitude**  
To have the courage to live in the faith  
Despite the difficulties and disappointments,  
The gift of **piety**  
To be able to express my special love  
And commitment to you,  
And the right kind of **awesome fear**  
That makes me pause to wonder and revere  
God's Love.  
Amen

### Winter Food Appeal



We are requesting specific items for our Term 2 St Vincent de Paul Winter Food Appeal. Each lobby is asked to bring in certain items and create a 'food wall'. The food drive will end on **Friday 22 June 2018**. Thank you for your support of this great cause.

LOBBY	FOOD ITEM
Kindy /1C	Tinned Soup
Pre – Primary / 1A & 1B	Baked Beans / Tinned spaghetti
Year 2 & 3C	Long Life Milk
Year 3 / 4	Two Minute noodles
Year 5 / 4C	Cereal
Year 6	Milo / Tea / Coffee





## Year 5 Christian Service

Last week, a select number of Year 5 students participated in providing Christian Service assisting the elderly. A wonderful time was had by all and below are some lovely of images from the day.



## School News

### 2C's Veggie Stall

Last term as part of our integrated program, All About Water, we discovered that not all communities have access to clean drinking water. This led us to think about what we could do to help these communities. We decided to start fundraising to be able to buy a water pump for a community in need.

So every Monday, Thursday and Friday from 2.55pm- 3.05pm we will be selling our fresh produce near the 2C lobby door. We will start selling bunches of lettuce, spinach, parsley and mint for 50 cents each. We of course will gladly accept any donations towards our cause.

Thank you,

Year 2C students and Mrs Cosnett



### Condolences

Our sincere condolences to the Davey family (Krystal-Anne 6C and Amber 3C) on the passing of their Grandfather. We pray for peace and harmony in your lives at this difficult time.



### Congratulations

Well done to Brooke Battison on her selection as a dancer in the upcoming musical Grease – to be performed at the Crown Theatre. A superb achievement!



Congratulation to Danielle & Matt Wade on the birth of Stella Lucy Wade on the 7<sup>th</sup> May. Beautiful baby sister to Asha 1A, Marlie ELC and Dylan.

Congratulations also to Jamie & Karl Bebek on the birth of their new bundle of joy Kaiden Bebek on the 15<sup>th</sup> May. A little brother to Tanha 4B, Arlia 2C, and Isla PPC





***Well done to the following students who will be receiving a Merit Award at next Friday's assembly.***

<b>PPA</b>	Mason Cassidy and Isla Chidlow
<b>PPB</b>	Cruz Rodriguez and Matilda Moore
<b>PPC</b>	Liam Gill and Sophia Yang
<b>1A</b>	Hudson Amsuss and Mercedes Lyon
<b>1B</b>	Masen Bolton and Ella Collicott
<b>1C</b>	Ethan Lambert and Olivia Marshall
<b>2A</b>	Leo Musulin and Samira Bicknell
<b>2B</b>	Tim Li and Lizzie Walker
<b>2C</b>	Mason Porter and Donnacha O'Halloran
<b>3A</b>	Krystof Colborne and Isabelle Yates
<b>3B</b>	Sean McEntee and Lily Brown
<b>3C</b>	Zachariah Yeo, Ella Quinlan and Sarah Bridle
<b>4A</b>	Cole Clayden and Grace Sheehy
<b>4B</b>	Isabelle Elder and Olivia Rijavec
<b>4C</b>	Lilly Edwards and Taleisha French
<b>5A</b>	Sofia Bates and Sienna Middleton
<b>5B</b>	Bridget Edwards, Shay McKenna and Emily McCay
<b>5C</b>	Tahlia Bicknell and Ryan Pymont
<b>6A</b>	Asher Leeming and Kaeleb Sesay
<b>6B</b>	Chloe Cowan and Devon Shersby
<b>6C</b>	Isaac Liew and Krystal-Anne Davey



### Occupational Therapy – What is it?

An Occupational Therapist (OT) assists people with their 'occupations', anything that occupies their time. For children, this may include self-care activities such as dressing, play and social interactions and learning at school. Occupational Therapists (OT's) support children to engage to their full potential within both their school and home environment

At school, OT's can assist with the development of many areas, including the following:

- **Fine-motor skills** - tasks that involve movements of the small muscles of the hands e.g. zips, tying shoelaces, drawing, cutting
- **Gross Motor skills** – balance and coordination, strength and endurance, body awareness, motor planning
- **School tasks** – handwriting, drawing, colouring and cutting
- **Organisation skills** - organizing materials and desk, getting ready for school
- **Concentration/attention** - Following classroom routines such as mat time, staying focused in class
- **Visual Perception** - being able to interpret visual information (what we see)
- **Sensory processing** – how we process and react to certain senses (taste, touch, smell, sight, sound and movement)
- **Daily living skills** - dressing, shoe laces, self-feeding, tooth-brushing, self-care
- **Play**

All children develop at different rates. If you are concerned about your child's development or have any questions, then talk to Kristen, the Occupational Therapist today!

### Kristen Benthien

**Occupational Therapist – Total Health**

**Phone: 9494 3760**

**Email: [totalhealth.ot@outlook.com](mailto:totalhealth.ot@outlook.com)**





## **Kindy Speech Pathology Presentations**

**Today we held our first session**

**Next Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2.30pm  
will be the second session**

**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.

**For further information, we can be contacted at 0421 212 412  
or email: [talkthetalk@optusnet.com.au](mailto:talkthetalk@optusnet.com.au). Thank you, Patricia Forbes**



### P&F Survey

Thank you to the 62 families who completed the P&F Survey. We received some great feedback, suggestions and ideas. The results of the survey are available [here](#)



### 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 café will open monthly. 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/School grounds. Everyone is welcome, mums, dads or grandparents and non-school age children. We look forward to sharing a cuppa with you there.

### KB Morning Tea and Play

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> June: 9-11am

Where: Chipmunks Play Centre, Bibra Lake

RSVP: Not required.

All enquiries to Kelly Hulme or Niamh O'Halloran on 0435 114 990



### Year 3A. Dinner

Date: June 1: 7pm

Where: The Vale Bar and Brasserie

RSVP by 30/05/18 to Lucy De Aguiar on 0423 914 313



### 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  
[michele.cuthbert1@gmail.com](mailto:michele.cuthbert1@gmail.com)  
0416 149 570

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



## **Australia's Biggest Morning Tea 2018**



**Date: 30<sup>th</sup> 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 will definitely be an event not to miss out!

We will be selling tickets before and after school 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 Lollies 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 [martins.vanessa81@yahoo.com](mailto:martins.vanessa81@yahoo.com)



### **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 [martins.vanessa81@yahoo.com](mailto:martins.vanessa81@yahoo.com) 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/registant/FundraisingPage.aspx?RegistrationID=1208643>

<http://www.facebook.com.au/events/1777700545601349/?ti=icl>



### **"The Great Cupcake Bake Off"**

This year we will have "The Great Cupcake Bake Off", so dust off those aprons and cupcake pans parents!! Enter a tray of home baked, decorated cupcakes into the competition (minimum of 4, but more will mean the winning cupcakes can be enjoyed by all). The Great Bake Off cupcakes must be delivered to MCCC on Wednesday morning by 8.30am sharp. Entry is free, open to everyone in the Mater Christi community and a prize awarded for the best cupcakes. Good luck!

# AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA



**9AM WEDNESDAY**

**30TH MAY**

**MATER CHRISTI  
COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**\$5 ENTRY**

(CHILDREN FREE)  
ENJOY A BOTTOMLESS CUP  
OF TEA OR COFFEE,  
DELICIOUS HIGH TEA, A  
CHANCE TO WIN THE  
FABULOUS DOOR PRIZE,  
RAFFLES PLUS GAMES +  
ENTERTAINMENT!  
PURCHASE ENTRY TICKETS  
AT SCHOOL OR ALONG WITH  
RAFFLE TICKETS BELOW

Join the P&F this year as the Cancer  
Council celebrates 25 years of  
Biggest Morning Teas with this  
"high tea" style event  
Cancer has touched the lives of many  
families here at Mater Christi so we  
love to get behind this each year  
NEW FOR 2018- 'THE GREAT BAKE OFF'  
enter a tray of handmade cupcakes to win a prize  
(details in the newsletter)  
PLUS gold coin donation games

RAFFLE TICKETS - \$2 each or 3 for \$5  
can be purchased every day before and after  
school OR by completing ALL details on EACH  
ticket you wish to purchase and returning  
tickets below plus cash to school  
OR at the morning tea

## DONATE NOW

RAFFLE PRIZE DONATIONS from parents,  
families or businesses can be left at admin up  
until Friday 25th May. Donations of all sizes are warmly  
welcomed. Please contact Vanessa on 0437 524 259 or [martins.vanessa81@yahoo.com](mailto:martins.vanessa81@yahoo.com)  
FOOD DONATIONS - please contact Leonie Jones on 0423 532 573 or  
[dj.lones@westnet.net.au](mailto:dj.lones@westnet.net.au) if you can help with a sweet or savory food donation.  
MORE INFO: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1777700545601349>

ONLINE DONATIONS to the Cancer Council can be made here:  
<http://wa.cancercouncilfundraising.org.au/MaterChristiCatholicPrimary>

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**\$5 ENTRY TICKET**

Number req'd \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Class \_\_\_\_\_

(for return of tickets)