

# Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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## **SCHOOL MANTRA 2020**

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

Dear Families

### **Miracle of small things**

*"I am the bread of life says the Lord; whoever comes to me will not hunger and whoever believes in me will not thirst."*

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 14: 13-21



This Gospel presents us with a number of themes and challenges. It opens with Jesus learning of the death of his cousin, John the Baptist, and his need to spend time alone and in prayer. We also need this time in our lives, to get in touch with our inner selves and our God without the distraction of the busyness of our lives. They can be experiences anywhere and at any time, just a space where and when you feel the need. The challenge can be making the time.

Unfortunately, for Jesus, the crowds found him and wanted to be with him. Seeing a need greater than his own, he reached out to them, healing and teaching the people. He was living out his prayer. And then night came and the people were hungry, and then came the miracle of the Loaves and Fishes. "Bring them to me." With these simple words he provided for the needs of those gathered and continues to work miracles both small and large in communities every day. The small gifts and abilities we bring to our communities as people of God, are multiplied and used to connect the people we serve to God each and every day.

### **Reflection:**

What gifts do we bring to our work?

What are your weaknesses, your strengths and fears, your hopes and dreams, your burdens and challenges?  
Are you able to hand these over to God and trust that He will guide you?

## **Dates for Next Week (Week 3)**

Monday  
3<sup>rd</sup> August      Year 5 Family Life student sessions.

Tuesday  
4<sup>th</sup> August      School Banking  
7pm P&F Meeting

Wednesday  
5<sup>th</sup> August      Uniform Shop Open  
8:00-10:30am  
1:20-3:20pm

Year 3 Mass

Thursday  
6<sup>th</sup> August      Year 6 Family Life student sessions

Friday  
7<sup>th</sup> August      Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross  
10am Whole School Liturgy of the Word (MCCC)

Saturday  
8<sup>th</sup> August      First Holy Communion 6pm Mass

Sunday  
9<sup>th</sup> August      First Holy Communion 8am,  
10am & 5pm Masses

### Drive Through/Walkers

Each day, I usually take the student walkers to the drive-through exit and supervise their crossing. Thank you to the parents who stop without asking to allow the students to cross the school drive-through exit. Unfortunately, in the morning, there is no one in attendance at the exit. I ask parents that when you are about the exit the drive-through, slow down before the exit, please look not only to your right but also your left as there may be students ready to walk across. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring our students remain as safe as possible.

### Family Life Sessions



We had a great turn out of parents at the Year Five Parent Session. Thank you to all who were able to be with us. Next Monday (Year 5) and Thursday (Year 6), the students will participate in their session with the presenter. I am sure that they will come home with much to share. It will be important to find that time for your child to share their learning with you.

### Mary Mackillop



On Saturday, 8 August, we celebrate the feast day of Mary Mackillop. Mary Mackillop is important to all Australians as she is Australia's only saint. She is particularly important to our Mater Christi community as we were named Mary MacKillop Primary School in 1990 until it was changed to Mater Christi in 2000. Our Library is also known as MacKillop Library. Next Friday, we were to have a Liturgy of the Word Prayer Service at 10am in the Church. Unfortunately, due to restrictions, we cannot have the students from PP – Year 6 and our families in the Church to celebrate this occasion. Please ask your child/ren to share what they saw, heard, learned, songs sang, and what they felt touched them about the Service.

### Prayers



Please keep in your prayers Mrs Southwell and her family on the sad loss of her father; Miss Fardella and family on the passing of her grandmother and Mrs Higgins (past teacher and current Principal of St Patrick's Primary School Fremantle) on losing her mother. May they find comfort in warm memories and know others sympathise, care, and are lifting them in prayer.

### Parent Teacher Interviews

Please note that if you would like to schedule a meeting with one of the specialist teachers (Science/ Physical Education/ Music/ Drama) they will be available during the Parent Teacher Interview timeslots. Please use same link as for class teachers.

### Thank you



Thank you very much to the Rodriguez and Corona families for providing morning tea for the staff on Monday. It was delicious and very much appreciated!

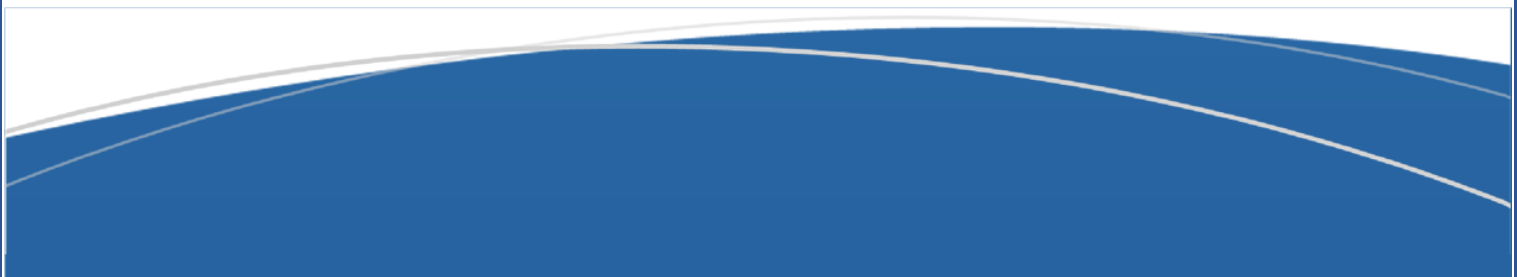
### Thank you

Congratulations to Year 3 students Ella S, Grace B, Isabella B, Abigail B, Jasmine Q, Annabelle G, Summer A and Harper A, for using their initiative to fundraise money towards the preservation of Australian wildlife. The girls sold hand made loom bands, scented play doh, bookmarks and managed to raise \$130 towards the cause.

Well done girls – future entrepreneurs in the making!

*God Bless,*

*Toni Kalat*



## Religious Education News

On Saturday, Kingston G, Rylan K and Olivia Z receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We keep these students and their families in our prayers.

Many Christians use the Examen as a form of reflection and prayer. The Examen is a method of reviewing your day in the presence of God. It's actually an attitude more than a method, a time set aside for thankful reflection on where God is in your everyday life. It has five steps, which most people take more or less in order, and it usually takes 10 – 15 minutes per day.

Here it is in a nutshell:

1. **Ask God for light.**

*I want to look at my day with God's eyes, not merely my own.*

2. **Give thanks.**

*The day I have just lived is a gift from God. Be grateful for it.*

3. **Review the day.**

*I carefully look back on the day just completed, being guided by the Holy Spirit.*

4. **Face your shortcomings.**

*I face up to what is wrong – in my life and in me.*

5. **Look toward the day to come.**

*I ask where I need God in the day to come.*

## Making Jesus Real - God Moments



We often see the joy of life (God Moments) in people's reactions to events like catching a fish, throwing or kicking a goal in real life or on TV, shooting a hoop, coming back after the term holidays and catching up with friends, dancing, playing a musical instrument well, winning a computer game or a card game, winning money on a scratchie or the joy of laughter in the yard retelling events that have happened.

This is what we mean by the Spirituality of Everyday, but we only pick up on them when we reflect on them for 40 seconds out of the 86,400 seconds in 24 hours or the 43,200 seconds in our conscious hours.

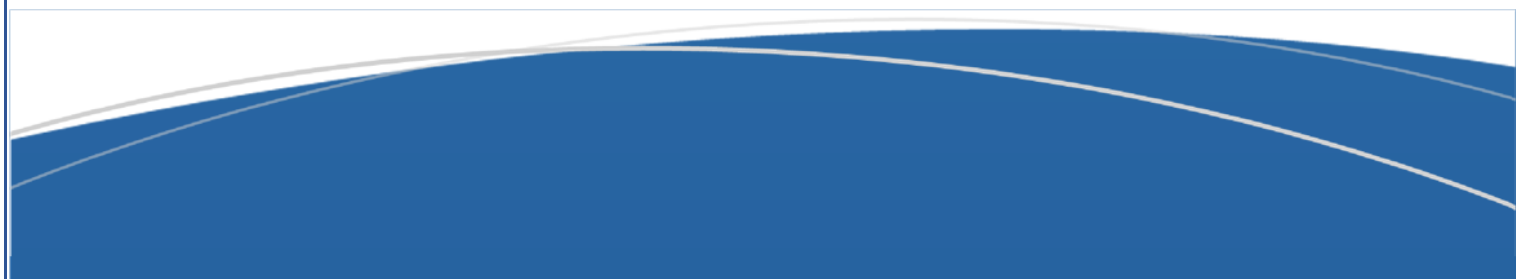
Very often we learn hard lessons of The Cross (we suffer), and Jesus speaks to us through sorrow, disappointment and loss.

Jesus is there. You have to look to find him. Each day he is in a different event or person.

A day without 40 seconds of reflection is a day wasted. You can only pick out the lessons or God Moments of the day when you ask the question: "What was the highlight of my day?" or "Where was Jesus in my life today?"

## 'Gotcha' Cards

Congratulations to the Steele S, 5A for receiving a Gotcha Card this week for Making Jesus Real throughout our school.





# ATHLETIC CARNIVALS 2020 (Term 4)

Junior Carnival (PP - Yr 2) - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October (Week 1)

Senior Carnival (Yr 3 - 6) - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October



## Important Reminders

- Parents, join in the fun and support your team. Students would love to share recess and lunch with you!
- Stay behind the bunting/flags at all times during the sprints. The judges need to see the whole event.
- Please ensure children have their sport uniform, hat and plenty of sunscreen.
- The students should have their recess, lunch and plenty of drinking water.
- No spiked running shoes are allowed. Parents are not allowed in the Team Bays.
- The Junior Carnival finishes at Lunch time. Parents wishing to take their children home are required to sign them out at the front office as per usual.
- Parent help on the day is greatly needed and appreciated. Please see Mr Donnelly if you can help.

### Junior Carnival Programme - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October (Back Up - TBD)

9.00am to 10:30am (Team Games)

11.00am to 12:30pm (Running and Relays)

### Senior Carnival Programme - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October (Back Up - TBD)

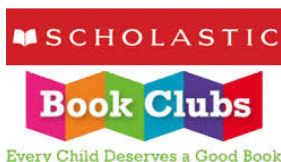
9.00am to 10:30am (Team Games)

11.00am to 12:30pm (Running Events)

1.30pm to 2.30pm (Relays and Presentations).

**Senior students selected to run in the 400m (Yr 3 - 6 only) will do so on Thursday afternoon following the Junior Carnival (approximately 1:30pm onwards)**

## Library News



### **Book Club is Due!**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August by 3pm

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



### What's Happening This Term in Year Two

This term in Investigations we are exploring the past, present and future. Student are learning about why different technologies came to be, and how they help us achieve daily tasks. In Mathematics, we are exploring the topics of money, fractions and time. In Writing, we are learning about the structures of informational text, how to research a topic and take notes independently. In Religion, we have been reflecting on God's creations and will be learning about the Sacrament of Baptism. Later in the term we will be discussing how people follow rules, also that Jesus teaches people to follow God's Ten Commandments.




To immerse students into these topics we have created a past and present home corner. Each classroom also has a shop or café where students can practice adding money and calculating change. The aim of these areas is not only to practise academic skills, but also to support cooperative learning, oral language and problem solving.

Across this term in Year 2 we will be using explicit goal setting to encourage students to work towards personal and academic growth and be the drivers of their own learning. We are so excited to see what Term 3 will bring for Year 2.




# 51 things

## TO DO BEFORE you're 12



- 1 Climb a tree
- 2 Sleep under the stars (even in your backyard)
- 3 Fall off a bike
- 4 Learn to swim
- 5 Build a cubby or a tree house
- 6 Find a geocache in your neighbourhood
- 7 Go beach combing after a storm
- 8 Cook damper in a campfire
- 9 Go on a school camp in the bush
- 10 Catch a wave (start with a small one)
- 11 Play chasy in the rain
- 12 Catch a prawn in a river (or at least have fun trying)
- 13 Make a water slide with builders plastic and a hose (do it on your watering day)
- 14 Find a cave
- 15 Make something with things you find
- 16 Play in a creek
- 17 Do something you're scared of
- 18 Watch kangaroos in the wild
- 19 Slide down a sand (or grass) hill on cardboard
- 20 Yell "cooeee!" in a gorge or a valley
- 21 Camp on a beach
- 22 Build a sandcastle city
- 23 Skim a stone
- 24 Plant something and watch it grow
- 25 Play spotlight
- 26 Ride your bike on a bush trail
- 27 Visit an island
- 28 Go for a two-day hike
- 29 Snorkel at the beach or on a reef
- 30 Ride a flying fox
- 31 Play under a sprinkler
- 32 Climb a big rock
- 33 Play in the bush for a whole day
- 34 Visit a waterhole
- 35 Meet kids in a park and invent a game
- 36 Paddle a kayak
- 37 Dig for worms in your backyard
- 38 Catch a crab
- 39 Learn the Aboriginal names for five plants and five animals
- 40 Visit a national park
- 41 Catch a fish
- 42 Play on a rope swing
- 43 Eat bush tucker
- 44 Make a kite and fly it
- 45 Jump off a jetty (check the water is deep enough first)
- 46 Identify the birds in your backyard
- 47 Go abseiling
- 48 Catch a tadpole (and release it)
- 49 Make a mud pie
- 50 Find a lake, puddle, pond etc and use a magnifying glass to spot the creatures in it
- 51 Play beach cricket

Find out why at [www.natureplaywa.org.au](http://www.natureplaywa.org.au)

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### Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

With charity in our hearts, the Mater Christi P&F will again hold an Australia's Biggest Morning Tea on Thursday 20th August. We would love some donations of food for the morning tea. These can be brought directly to the Community Centre on the day. Please email the P&F if you will be bringing food and whether it is sweet or savoury. Can you assist with donations for the raffle? These can be left with admin until the day before. Tickets sales for raffles will occur on the day and in the junior courtyard in the morning the week prior to the morning tea. If you can help in any way before or on the day, we'd love to hear from you at [materchristipandf@cewa.edu.au](mailto:materchristipandf@cewa.edu.au)

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

Recipe and photo submissions have been extended to Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

#### **Name the Cookbook Competition**

Get your creative thinking caps on! It's time to come up with a name for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookbook. All children have the opportunity to enter a name – an entry form has been provided to the children with some completing them in class and others taking them home to think over. Spare entry forms are available at administration if your child has lost theirs. These need to be returned to school by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August. The winner of the competition will receive a FREE cookbook.

### Parent's Business Directory

Did you know we have a directory supporting businesses? It is available upon request or via the school website under the Parents and Friends tab. If you are a parent and wish to promote your business we want to hear from you.

Email these details to the

P&F: [materchristipandf@cewa.edu.au](mailto:materchristipandf@cewa.edu.au)

#### **Details to Include:**

- Your name:
- Company Name
- Company contact details: address, contact number, email, website, Facebook (whichever contact methods you prefer)
- Logo (jpeg or png file)
- Short blurb about the services offered

### Entertainment Books

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

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 4th August, 7pm, Staff Room**





## Parent Social Events



### Pre Primary A Parent's Dinner

**When:** Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm

**Where:** Cabin 401, Bibra Lake

**RSVP:** Please contact Sinéad Chidlow on 0424 120 440 by Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> August.

### Save the Date! Kindy A Parent's Dinner

**When:** Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30pm

**Where:** Location to be advised.

**RSVP:** Please contact Brooke Velterop via email ([brookevelterop@bigpond.com](mailto:brookevelterop@bigpond.com)) or via Facebook.

## Community News




For further information, contact Natalie Turner, President at:

[cockburnwaterpolo@iinet.net.au](mailto:cockburnwaterpolo@iinet.net.au)

Visit: [Cockburn Water Polo](#)

### Junior Dolphin Watch

FREE Excursion with *Nearer to Nature*






Our rivers and estuaries are home to a diverse range of organisms, including our iconic dolphins. Junior Dolphin Watch gives young people an opportunity to be involved in citizen science by monitoring dolphins in Western Australia. In this excursion students will be introduced to the Dolphin Watch citizen science project, test water quality of the river or estuary and examine other elements of the environment to assess if it is a healthy environment for dolphins. We will then examine how negative impacts can be minimised in the future.

**Details:**

- **Free excursion** for up to 20 classes (up to 30 students per class), allocated on a first-in basis.
- Available in Terms 3 and 4, 2020
- Years 3-6
- Duration: 1.5 hrs (start at 10:00 am or 12:30 pm)
- Venue: Matilda Bay, Crawley

Please register online at [explore.parks.dbca.wa.gov.au](http://explore.parks.dbca.wa.gov.au) or call 9295 2244.

This free excursion is provided by the River Guardians program.



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### NEIGHBOURHOOD NETWORKERS

#### Neighbourhood Networking Fund Guidelines

The City of Cockburn wants to support local communities to connect and get to know each other by providing funds for neighbours and community groups to hold small neighbourhood events.

**Who can apply?**

- Funds are only available to City of Cockburn residents and community groups.

**Guidelines**

- Events must be held within Cockburn on public properties, e.g. parks, verges
- An application form must be submitted one month prior to the event
- A summary of the event, including copies of receipts, invitations, promotion and photos must be submitted within one month of completion
- Items that can be funded are: food (e.g. sausages, buns, fruit), entertainment, decorations, promotion.

**How much can I apply for?**

The maximum funds available for a gathering is \$250, however the number of attendees will determine the amount of funds that can be applied for.

10+ people \$50	40+ people \$200
20+ people \$100	50+ people \$250.
30+ people \$150	

**Limitations and conditions**

- Applications to hold a private gathering are not eligible
- Alcohol cannot be purchased with the funds
- Only one application per event will be funded
- Funds will be provided in the form of vouchers.

**How to apply:**

Please complete the online application form: [cockburn.wa.gov.au/communityevents](http://cockburn.wa.gov.au/communityevents)

For further enquiries or to discuss your event please contact [communitydevelopment@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:communitydevelopment@cockburn.wa.gov.au) or 08 9411 3444.

