

Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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SCHOOL MANTRA 2020

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

Dear Families



Feast of St Mary of the Cross

Tomorrow we celebrate the feast day of Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop), Australia's first and only saint, taking the religious name Mary of the Cross. Responding to the isolation of colonial families, she pioneered a new form of religious life to provide education for their children. She and her sisters shared the life of the poor, offering special care to impoverished women and children. She is remembered for her eagerness to discover God's will in all things, for her charity in the face of hardship, and her abiding trust in God. By remembering St Mary of the Cross, we also keep in mind her many messages that have been passed down to us today.

Mary achieved much in her life. Her faith and trust in God gave her the courage to face almost anything. She was able to relate lovingly with people of all ages, beliefs, and walks of life, and particularly those who openly opposed her.

Let us look to Mary MacKillop as a great role model, treating each other with respect, and openly caring for each other.

The children acknowledged Mary MacKillop at our Prayer Service this morning.

Dates for Next Week (Week 4)

Monday 10 th August	Year 5 Cartoon Incursion Parent Teacher Interviews 3:15-6:30pm
Tuesday 11 th August	School Banking Year 2 Mass 7pm Board Meeting SRC Meeting: 8:10am
Wednesday 12 th August	Uniform Shop Open 8:00-10:30am & 1:20-3:20pm Year 6 League Tag – Santich Park Parent Teacher Interviews 3:15-6:30pm
Thursday 13 th August	
Friday 14 th August	9am Virtual Assembly (Merit Awards)
Saturday 15 th August	Feast of the Assumption of Mary Reconciliation 5pm First Holy Communion 6pm Mass
Sunday 16 th August	First Holy Communion 8am, 10am & 5pm Masses

**Ever generous God,
You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop
To live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ
and constant in bringing hope and encouragement.
We ask that our faith and hope be fired anew by the Holy Spirit
so that we, too, like Mary MacKillop, may live with courage, trust, and openness.
Amen.**

Reconciliation/Holy Communion

I would like to acknowledge the students in Year Three celebrating the Sacrament of Penance on Saturday and the students receiving their First Holy Communion at the Masses during this weekend. We join in prayer with their families and the parish family. Mrs Gough, Mrs Nuttall, Mrs Ward, Mrs King, and Miss Hunter will be attending the various Masses in support of the students.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Next Monday and Wednesday will be the Parent/Teacher Interviews. Thank you to the teachers in preparing for the meeting with you. It is essential to have these opportunities to meet together to celebrate your child and look at ways parents and the school can work together to support student's needs and development.

League Tag

On Wednesday, Year 6 and some Year 5 students will be participating in the Interschool League Tag competition. I wish them, Mr Donnelly and attending staff the best for the day.

School Assembly

Next Friday, we will hold our first Virtual Assembly for this term. Once again, the Student Councillors and Mrs Woodhouse have been working hard to deliver a fantastic Assembly. Merit Award recipients will be acknowledged, and the Assembly video will be shared with families.

Primary Principal's Day

Today is a lovely acknowledging Primary Principals Australia wide. I received beautiful good wishes from the students and learned that the student Principal for today is Zara F (6A). Zara spent today visiting some classes, acknowledging student achievement, and awarding special principal stickers. She spent some time on morning duty welcoming families into school, wrote a segment for the newsletter, met with her PA, Mrs Burke to organise her meetings, reviewed the report from the arborist to see which trees in our school are healthy, which need monitoring and those requiring action during the Christmas holidays. Miss Zara looked over some prospective enrolments with Mrs Nichols and worked through the Newsletter with Mrs D'Souza.



Miss Zara in the spotlight

How many members in my family: **4 including me**

Hobbies: **Dancing and Netball**

Favourite Food: **Pasta [ravioli]**

Favourite Songs: **most Queen songs**

Am reading about: **The Spanish Flu Pandemic; A girl in an Australian Detention Centre; A family living through a Bushfire**

Because of COVID-19: **I was worried about my grandparents**

When I am older, I would like to be: **An Interior Designer**

I could not live without **My family**

Something funny about me: **When I was little, I used to throw my milk bottles across the room when I was finished.**

A message to everyone:

Good morning everyone,

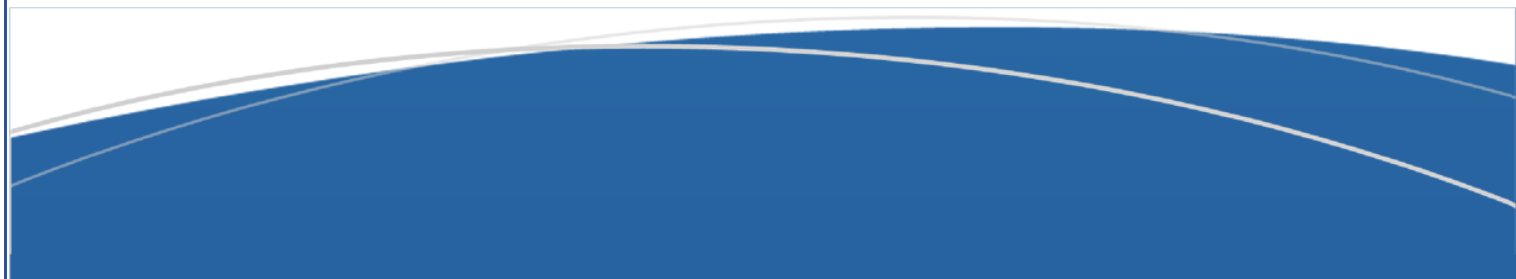
It's your Principal, Zara. What a great Prayer Service that was to remember our one and only, Mary Mackillop. I would like to thank the Band and Mrs King for leading us in the singing and the excellent music. Can we just take a minute to acknowledge all the hard work Ms Kalat puts into being a Principal? She always makes sure the students and staff are happy and safe, especially during these hard times. I'd also like to thank the staff for their continued support and efforts during these last few months. As students of Mater Christi, I am so impressed with how you look after each other, use your manners, and try your best. So far, I have enjoyed being Principal for the day, thank you and have a great weekend.



Condolences

We extend our heartfelt condolences to the Levi B (KC) on the loss of his Great Grandmother during the week. Also, to Thea M (1A) on the loss of her Poppy. We pray for both these families, that God provides you all with great peace at this very sad time.

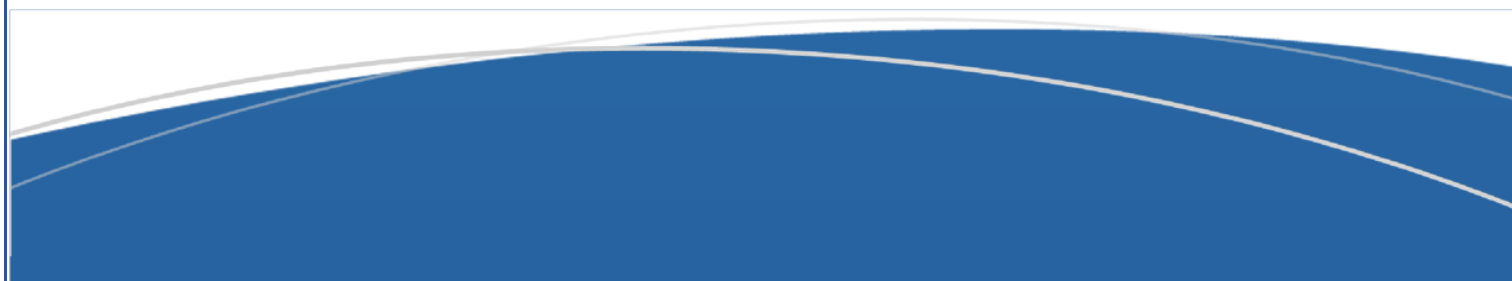
God Bless,
Toni Kalat





Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving a Merit Certificate at next Friday's virtual assembly.

PPA	Anjali K, Leah J, Sophie M, Liam C, Alden R
PPB	Eliana C, Magnus B, Isabella D, Kiana M
PPC	Layla F, Kylie J, Mattia P, Finn T
1A	Isabella D, Eva R, James D, Joseph H, Archie H
1B	Myles F, Lucy E, Jai K, Millie W, Evie T
1C	Charlie M, Sophie D, Maya M, Onyx C, Saoirse O
2A	Hannah M, Tianna F, Sienna B, Frankie D
2B	Harrison H, Vince S, Sapphira H, Caterina P, Samantha P
2C	Riley V, Cruz R, Connor V, Jessica V, Soffeah B
3A	Leeyo R, Liam B, Emma A, Olivia M, Seraphina H, Charlie S
3B	Alex C, Aaliyah M, Abigail S, Derick J
3C	Gianluca P, Anya H
4A	Stella A, Thomas B, Conor W, Alonzo R
4B	Leah H, Lucas H, Izwi K, Michael R, Rishi M
4C	Alexis A, Indigo B, Catia L, Elliya P, Elise T
5A	Sarah B, Brooke D, Jake M, David B
5B	Azlyn C, Dane D, Thomas S, Mateo B
5C	Imogen W, Stella C, Tynan L, Kieran F, Nevaya Y
6A	Grace S, Ethan G, Charlotte S, Samuel H
6B	Riley G, Alfie H, Tameka N, Hayley T
6C	Milla C, Talea F, Abbey R, Amanda R, Diego F, Josh B



Religious Education News



O We keep in our prayers the following students who will be celebrating their First Reconciliation and those receiving their First Holy Communion. *May the peace and love of Jesus surround them and fill their heart with joy!*

Reconciliation Students: Ella D & Hamish B

Holy Communion Students:

Saturday 6pm: Vincent T, Arlia B, Samira B

Sunday 8am: Bella M

Sunday 10am: Ziba S, Lily M, Brady V & Isla A

Sunday 5pm: Henrique T



Making Jesus Real – Friendship

Friends are one of life's great treasures. One of the great side effects of primary school is learning to make friends. Right throughout life you meet wonderful people – friends who will help you on your journey through life. Some children already have been to other schools before Grade 6, and the hard part of leaving was leaving their friends behind and making new friends. Throughout your life you will be making new friends and so it is important to discuss and work on.

If you operate as a positive person – show interest, kindness, being helpful, friendly, tolerant etc. – people will show that back if you are a GIVER. Some people are TAKERS in friendship. They are only in it for themselves. They give little of themselves and they are demanding of others. Their friendships don't last, and they wonder why.

'Gotcha' Cards



Congratulations to Hudson R, Alissa E and Alexa D for receiving Gotcha cards for Making Jesus Real throughout our school this week. Through being kind, giving and friendly you are sharing the Spirit of Jesus.

Library News

Lego Masters has now finished. Well done to everyone that participated.

The creations are absolutely amazing. The children had lots of fun and I look forward to sharing the creations with you. Now it's up to the teachers to decide on the winners. So, keep a look out for the results.



Can you knit?

Do you have an hour to spare once a week on a Monday and are interested in helping to teach some children to knit? then please contact me in the library.

I would like to start a knitting club, so if you have any spare wool or knitting needles, your donation would be wonderful. The children will start off knitting squares that will be sewn into a blanket. Knitting club will be on Mondays at lunchtime in the Library.

Thank you, Mrs Deborah Gladwell, Library Officer

School News

School banking is now on a Tuesday.

For every deposit made at school, students will receive a silver Dollarmite token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens, they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their regular savings habits.

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 for every 10 deposits processed per student as well as an Annual Contribution which is based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year.

If your child has lost their book, please contact your School Banking Co-ordinator for a replacement. We are located in the staff room or you can visit any CommBank Branch.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please visit:

<https://www.commbank.com.au/banking/school-banking.html>

School Banking Co-ordinators

Barbara, Jennifer, Karen, Alissa, Sharon, and Melina



Wellness News

How to Ditch a Fixed Mindset

If you want to be open to learning new things in life, to embrace challenges head-on and to treat setbacks as learning experiences, you need to have a growth mindset. Check out these suggestions for changing the way you look at things:

1. I can't do it ... yet. The way we talk to ourselves impacts what we actually achieve. If you tell yourself that you can do something, chances are that you will, even if you don't accomplish it straightaway.

2. Challenge accepted. Next time someone throws an unfamiliar or tricky task your way, don't throw it back at them – embrace it. Even if you muck up along the way, you can be sure that you'll do better the next time.

3. Do some hard yakka. You're unlikely to reach your goals if you don't put in the effort to match. Work hard, even a small bit at a time, and you'll be able to enjoy the rewards.

4. Ain't no such thing as perfect. Don't let the idea of perfection get in the way of getting things done. Remember: perfection is an illusion. What matters most is your effort.

5. Be open to new ways of doing things. You can never be sure of how something is going to pan out if you've never tried it before. Before assuming that something will never work, ask yourself: 'What do I have to do to make this work?'

6. Don't let setbacks get you down. Setbacks don't mean you've failed, just that you need to try a different approach. Take feedback from the experience on board, and make changes accordingly. You can learn just as much from a mistake as you can from success.



Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

SOLID GOLD DIAMONDS

Perth's premier diamond jeweller, is proud to support the Mater Christi community in their Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser event with the donation of a handmade diamond set pendant.

A limited number of tickets will be available to purchase prior to the event at school in the junior courtyard.



**SOLID GOLD
DIAMONDS**

Join us for the Biggest Morning Tea at the Good Cup Cafe for a gold coin donation Thurs 20th August 9am. Raffles and donations are welcome. Raffle tickets will be available in the junior courtyard before school from Monday 10th August. **DIAMOND NECKLACE** kindly donated by Solid Gold Diamonds \$10/ticket. Regular raffle tickets \$2 each of 3 for \$5 will also be available. 100% proceeds to Cancer Council.

Raffle donations still welcome to be left at administration.

Food donations - please email materchristipandf@cewa.edu.au

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 the P&F: materchristipandf@cewa.edu.au

Wine fundraiser

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. For new purchases, go online to 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. Buy your book before 13th August 2020 and receive a \$10 Priceline Pharmacy Voucher.

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

Next Meeting: Tuesday 1st September at 7pm, Staff Room.

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

Parent Social Events

Save the Date! Kindy A Parent's Dinner

When: Saturday 12th September at 7:30pm

Where: Location to be advised.

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



Pre-Primary A Parent's Dinner

When: Friday, 4th September at 7pm

Where: Cabin 401, Bibra Lake

RSVP: Please contact Sinèad Chidlow on 0424 120 440 by Thursday the 27th August.



2C Mum's Dinner

When: Friday, 25th September at 7pm

Where: The Vale

RSVP: Please RSVP to Renae Datson by the 18th September on 0417 697 208.



3A Coffee Catch Up

When: Thursday 18th August, after morning drop off

Where: Surfing Lizard Café

RSVP: Simone Douglas on 0421 518 615

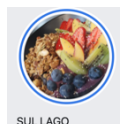


4A Parent's Dinner

When: Thursday 10th September at 6pm

Where: The Vale Bar & Brasserie

RSVP: Please RSVP to Liliane Torres by the 1st September on 0405 132 775 or via Facebook



4C Catch Up

When: Monday 24th August at 12pm

Where: Sul Lago, Beeliar

RSVP: Please RSVP to Giulia Orlando on 0403 489 252



Year 5 Catch-Up

When: Friday 28th August at 6:30pm

Where: The Brewhouse

RSVP: Please RSVP to your class representative – either Louise McEntee, Natalie Brown or Leah Rheinberger. Via Facebook or email.

Community News

PARENTING COURSES

Term 3 2020

West Leederville Branch

Parent Teen Connection Sat 22 & 29 Aug 9.30-1pm \$50 pp/\$75 couple

We know that adolescence can be a time of turmoil and change – for both children and their parents. There are plenty of things you can do to maintain a strong relationship and stay connected with your teen. This 2 week course will provide you with a practical 'how-to' guide to help you understand their behaviour and offer you some skills to manage their behaviour effectively.

Parent Child Connection Mon 31 Aug-21 Sep 6.30-9pm \$50 pp/\$75 couple

Parenting doesn't come with a guidebook but we do know what helps create a strong parent-child connection – security, warmth, positive attention and good communication, plus boundaries and fair rules. This practical 4 week course will help you understand your child's development and behaviour and give you some tools so you can parent with confidence and enjoy your kids.

Understanding Stepfamily Relationships Sat 5 Sep 9.30-4.30pm \$100 couple

Stepfamilies present a whole array of challenges that are different to those found in a biological family. It is a huge juggling act! This one day workshop is based on research that highlights some of the more helpful ways of forming and living in this new family, be it a stepfamily or a blended family. Learn some useful strategies around how to parent and maintain healthy relationships in this context.

Partners to Parents Mon 21 Sep 6.30-9pm \$45 couple

This one night session will assist couples move from being a couple to becoming parents. There are many joys and delights in becoming new parents and also many challenges. Managing the transition well and preparing your relationship for the change will help you build your strengths as a couple and help you manage all that lies ahead of you.

Dads Raising Boys Tue 22 Sep 6.30-9pm \$30 person

For a boy, a close relationship with his father is like gold. A father can be an anchor for a son. A Dad models behaviours that shape who they become as an adult. This workshop for Dads will assist in building their son's self-esteem, healthy identity and resilience as well as managing challenging behaviours.

Mums Raising Boys Thu 24 Sep 6.30-9pm \$30 person

Mothers, who are usually their son's primary female role model, play a vital part in developing their son's identity, including their ability to be nurturing. This session includes building confidence and competence in sons and setting boundaries.

Places are limited – please contact (08) 6164 0239 to register today
For more information about our courses and workshops, please click [here](http://www.relationshipspwa.org.au) or visit www.relationshipspwa.org.au

Relationships Australia

Online Parenting Workshops & Courses

Term 3 2020

Supporting Your Anxious Child Monday 10 August 9.30am-12noon

Are you concerned that your child seems overly anxious? Do they often complain of stomach pains or feeling sick? Do they often seem irritable, regularly having emotional outbursts? They may be experiencing anxiety. This workshop explores anxiety in an easy to understand format and gives you strategies to support your anxious child.

Fathering after Separation Thursday 13 August 6.30pm-9pm

It's important for fathers to distinguish between their parenting role and the relationship break-up. This workshop, held in a male-friendly environment, will help you develop parenting skills that are responsive to your children's needs as they find their way through the family separation.

Mums Raising Teen Girls Tuesday 18 August 6.30pm-9pm

The passage from girl to young woman can be challenging, not only for her, but also for you as her mother. The aim of this interactive session is to help you stay connected with your teenage daughter while recognising the reality of her world.

Bringing up Great Kids Thurs 20 Aug-17 Sept 9.30am-12noon

A loving, safe relationship with a parent is the best relationship a child can have. This course is for parents and carers who want to understand their child's behaviour and through self-reflection, gain helpful insights into their own parenting. We will also help you identify the important messages you want to pass onto your child and how to do this. This is an inter-active 5 week course which will support you to:

- Reflect on the origins of your parenting style and how it can be more effective
- Learn about your children's developing brain and understand how to meet their growing needs
- Examine the messages you pass on to your children through your behaviour and reactions
- Understand the underlying messages in children's behaviour and how to respond helpfully
- Overcome some of the obstacles getting in the way of being the kind of parent you would like to be.

Workshop Cost: \$30 per person
Please phone 6164 0200 to enrol.

Bookings, registrations and payment prior to the session are required

Online sessions are interactive and the minimum requirement to attend will be a Computer/Laptop/Tablet with webcam and microphone (smart phones are not suitable)
Times are Western Standard Time WST

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