Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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SCHOOL MANTRA 2019

"Find happiness in making others happy" – Mary MacKillop

Dear Parents and Carers,



Yesterday we celebrated the Feast of the Assumption of Mary with Fr Joe and the Year One teachers and students

leading us in prayer, thanksgiving and reflection. Thank you to all the parents who joined in the celebration and were able to stay after Mass for Morning Tea.

Holy Communion

This is the last weekend of our First Holy Communion Masses. We continue to keep the children who will be receiving Jesus for the first time and their families in our prayers.

I would like to acknowledge Mrs Hayward, Mrs Southwell and all the Year Four teachers – Mrs O'Donnell/Miss Hunter, Mrs Nuttall and Mr Magry for preparing the children so well. Thank you also to the Mater Christi staff who are so supportive of our children and families and have been present at the Masses over these three weekends.

Dates for Next Week (Wk 5	;)
WELLNESS WEEK	

Monday 19 th August	5C Class Mass
Tuesday 20 th August	Year 4 Fremantle Prison Excursion
	Year 2 King's Park Nature Scape
	Excursion
	8:10am SRC Meeting

8:30am Good Cup Café (MCCC)

Wednesday
21st August
Uniform Shop Open
8:00-10:30am
1:20-3:20pm

Thursday 22 nd August	5B Class Mass
	6:30pm Primary Dance MC Dream Team
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Friday	9am Assembly (Pre-Primary)
23 rd August	Year 3 Excursion

Saturday 24 th August	P&F Quiz Night
Sunday	

25th August

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Playground Committee

We have met with three Playground contractors that work with natural materials to assist us in designing a play space alongside the basketball courts (behind the Science classroom). The Playground Committee will meet to review and discuss the proposed submissions by the contractors. Our Committee consists of Mrs Southwell, Mrs Woodhouse, Mrs Erzay, Mrs Cosnett, Mr O'Reilly and the two parent representatives are Emma McGiven (Yrs 2 & 4) and Kelly Hulme (PP & Yr 4). Teachers will also work with the students to explore which elements students wish to have in their play area.

The P&F will be contributing most of their 2019 funds, including the proceedings from the Quiz Night towards this project.

I look forward in sharing with you the information, ideas, designs etc as they become available to us. *Watch this space!*

Wellness Week

Next Week is Wellness Week and the staff will not be having any before and after school meetings, and the children will not have any formal homework, apart from reading for enjoyment. The aim of the week is to provide time to look after our mental health and well-being. You may like to use the time that you usually spend assisting your child with homework, playing a game with them. You may like to have a device free evening during the week. Often the best gift that you can give your child is your time, your presence.

The concept of 'REST' is not a new one. It has developed differently over time and place. Warmer countries schedule their rest on a regular basis, a siesta each afternoon. Cooler countries work during the summer and have their down time over the long cold winter. Working hours at the beginning of the Industrial Revolution were often 14 -16 hours until in 1817 William Owen developed the motto of 8 Hours of Sleep, 8 Hours of Work, 8 Hours of Entertainment, transforming the working life of the factory workers. Let's all take the time to try something different to enjoy our Wellness Week. I came across the following Michael Leunig cartoon which seemed apt for the week.



Did you know that:

- On Saturday night the new Beeliar Drive possum bridge will be installed and later in November Year 4B will construct and hang possum boxes in Yangebup Reserve?

 If you use Beeliar Drive, keep a look out for the bridge next Monday.
- The Kindy students celebrated Demo Day with the builders? The Kindy Toilets are now completely gutted and will soon be a blank canvas for great things to happen.
- Although the day began with a down pour, the League Tag Teams had a great time competing against other schools? Congratulations to both teams who played hard and modelled incredible sportsmanship. So much so, that a teacher from another school spoke to me about our children's behaviour, team spirit and positive attitude.

Thank you to Mr Donnelly and Mr O'Reilly for training the students for this event.

God Bless,

Toní Kalat

It's Demo Day!

These kindy students are ready to break things. The builders are impressed with the free muscles on hand.







School News

On Tuesday the 13th of August, 26 of our Year 5 and Year 6 students headed off to Santich Park for the annual League Tag competition. The competition was fierce this year, with many highly competent teams featuring such as Yidarra, St Jerome's and Sacred Heart.

The day started well, with both our A and B team winning their first games. By the break, the MC A team was 2-1 and the B-team 3-0. The day progressed with mixed success. The A-team dropped a couple of games to some exceptional opposition but remained hungry all day. Millar Rank, Madison Hadley, Liam Monteiro and the Rioli sisters added some spark down the stretch. They ended the day with 2 wins, 1 loss and 4 draws. Coach Donnelly was impressed with his team's determination, citing their doggedness as their strong point.

The B-team was very successful on the day, winning 6 games and losing 1 throughout the round robin games. The sole loss occurring against Yidarra, who they would face in the final. The final itself was an epic match that will go down in League Tag folklore as a classic. The standard eight minutes expired with neither team having the upper hand. MC defended more than 10 phases within 10 meters of their try line before the whistle for full time blew. The game proceeded to go into golden point, with the first team to score being crowned the victor. The overtime period went for longer than the standard time, with both teams experiencing success and growing ever wearier. Just as he was about to come off for a rest, Nathan Long took a 6th phase run at the opposition, darting past the first and second defender, before shooting down the touch line for a try. It was a beautiful moment, watching the members of the B-team embracing each other after realising they had won.

Thank you to all the supporters and staff who attended the day. As usual, the day was a great success for Catholic Primary School Sports and was made possible thanks to the work of organisers and staff. Mr O'Reilly, Year 6 Teacher





School News

iPads for Sale



We have <u>two</u> iPads (**iPad 5 32GB Wi-Fi, 2 years old**) left over from our device sale last term and are selling them for **\$200 each**. Whilst they are in working condition, both have a minor scratch on their screens.

If you are interested in purchasing one of these iPads please call the office to arrange payment and pick up. You are also welcome to come and check out the iPads; however, sale of these devices will be on a first in, first served basis.



Additionally, we also have a number of cases left over from our sale and are being sold for \$5 from the office. Please see pictures below.



Congratulations

Tyler Rodden from 5A has been selected to play for the West Australian State Ice Hockey Team for the Phil Ginsberg U13 National Ice Hockey Championships, $15^{th} - 18^{th}$ August in Erina, NSW. WA will be competing against NSW, VIC, QLD, ACT and SA.



Condolences

We extend our sincere condolences to the Burleigh family (1A, 3B) on the recent passing of their Grandmother. We pray for your family at this difficult time, asking God to provide peace and comfort for you all.

Photo Required

To celebrate Father's Day, the Year Five's will be creating a slideshow of photos of our Dads to show at our Whole School Father's Day Mass on the 30th August. If you would like to include a photo of your child/ren with their dad please send it to admin@mcps.wa.edu.au by Friday 23rd August, 2019.



Mark in Your Calendar:

Bookweek Parade and Book Fair - are in Term 4

This year the Book Parade will be held on Monday the 28th October at 9am in the MCCC.

The Book Fair is scheduled for 28th – 30th October.



Please remember

Please remember that the marked disabled bays are held exclusively for drivers holding a current ACROD sticker. Incorrect use of those bays creates additional difficulties for those needing them. Please be courteous, remembering to think of others when parking at our school.

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Christian Service Hours at Mater Christi.

Graduates from Mater Christi frequently seek to provide Christian Service as part of their high school requirements. If your child is looking to offer their time for Christian Service at the school, we ask the students phone Mrs Woodhouse on 6173 9000 to request such an opportunity.

If your child is offered a placement for the day, the school will allocate the volunteer a service area. Requests for specific teachers or certain areas are discouraged. Students will be asked to adhere to the Code of Conduct Mater Christi. Christian Service placements will be limited to 1 or 2 a year per student, to extend the opportunity to others. Thank you!



Religious Education

KD's Photo from the Big Book of Love and Hope





Making Jesus Real

Sorry is a small word that is so important. It is a great quality to recognise that you have done something wrong, admit it and say sorry. Some people, on the other hand, will deny aggressively to parents and teachers even though they are in the wrong and they know it. Big-hearted people can say "sorry" or apologise, and it is an important skill to have.

To be able to say sorry, you firstly have to admit to yourself that you need to apologise and that takes HUMILITY, strength of character and mental toughness.

So, it certainly isn't a sign of weakness in a person to be able to say sorry and mean it, but a sign of strength.

RCIA News

Would you or someone you know like to know more about becoming Catholic? Mater Christi is about to start a new RCIA program for adults who would like to become Catholic. Please contact Gary at rcia.mc@westnet.com.au for more details.

Religious Education

Sacramental Program: First Holy Communion

Week 3

This weekend is the final week for our Year 4 students in receiving the Eucharist for the first time. We acknowledge and thank Father Dat and Father Joe for celebrating the Sacrament of First Eucharist with these very fine young people and for supporting them in nurturing their faith. We also acknowledge Marina Hayward, Mater Christi Sacramental Coordinator, the vear four teachers and all staff. We continue to hold in our hearts prayers for the students as they continue to be nourished in their faith. We also thank the following staff who, alongside their families, will also be supporting the students this weekend: Miss Hunter, Miss Kalat, Mr Magry, Mrs Southwell, Mrs Ward, Miss McMahon, Miss Paino, Mrs Ward, Mrs Michaelas and Mrs Johnson.

God Bless, Mrs Southwell (Assistant Principal)



Safequarding Matters



Safeguarding Project Director, Andrea Musulin, refers to the three ingredients in the recipe for crime: motivation, knowledge and opportunity. The Safeguarding Program targets opportunity through Safeguarding Officers and through educational programs such as Protective Behaviours.

Protective Behaviours acknowledges children are vulnerable as they don't have the knowledge and skills to defend themselves. "They lack knowledge on sexual issues (but it is not about) ... learning about sex, ... it is to ... (provide) a range of strategies to increase ... personal safety ... (while) not giving them sexual knowledge beyond their years." It involves ... (so called) 'Baskets of Knowledge'. A child of six would have a full basket of knowledge about stealing but an empty basket about sex. "If asked to steal a chocolate bar they could draw on their basket to "push back" against doing that, ... (but) if asked to take part in a sexual "game" they wouldn't have anything to draw on." Protective Behaviours provides the "pushback" by teaching how "it's not okay to play games with your private parts ... or to touch it ... or touch others' ... or to have it photographed'. (1)

To learn how parents can teach their children Protective Behaviours, refer to the Safeguarding page on the Parish website, the Parent handbook on "Protecting God's Children" or the workshops during Child Protection Week. Workshops include: "Protecting God's Children" and "Cyber Safety". The Child Protection Breakfast is on Thursday 5 September at 7:30am at the Duxton Hotel and don't forget *the Safeguarding Competition* for school children. The overall winner receives a \$500 gift voucher. Entries due next Wednesday August 21. Entry forms are available in the Church Foyer or from the school.

1. Quotes from the Protective Behaviours video at http://www.materchristiparish.com/Content/safeguarding

Year 6 Lifeskills Session

What would you do in an emergency? Well, the Year Sixes know how to help you. On Monday we were involved in a life skills course that taught us how to do CPR (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation), use a defibrillator and use the DRS ABCD procedure. We were involved in hands-on activities such as giving CPR to a doctor's mannequin, how to assist someone if they get a sting or bite, burn, broken bone,

asthma attack or an allergic reaction. We all believe it was a fun and educational experience that we all learnt a lot from. Thank you to the staff at Life Skills for Life teaching us all a valuable life lesson.









Performing Arts Festival

Congratulations to Mrs Pat Pottier and the following classes for receiving awards at the Performing Arts Festival Choral speech section! Well done!

Outstanding Award:

4B (Mrs Nuttall) 5B (Miss McMahon) 5C (Ms Sita)

Excellence Award

4C (Mr Magry)

Year 6 Performing Arts – Easter Reflection

The Year 6's completed their performance of this year's Easter Reflection at the Catholic Performing Arts Festival this week. They received an Outstanding Award.



Merit Awards



Congratulations to the following students who will receive a Merit Award at next Friday's Assembly!

PPA	Sophie B, Isabella S & Benjamin E
PPB	Isabella B, Michael B & Xavier R
PPC	Chelsea C, Charlie M and Chloe L
1A	Kye V & Christian F
1B	Braxton C & Indianna M
1C	Sienna R & Levi D
2A	Harper A & Jack T
2B	Charlotte D & Ryan Djamil
2C	Asha W & Seraphina H
3A	No merit awards – Year 3 excursion
3B	
3C	
4A	Jake McG, Stella C
4B	Ava C, Dhaniel B & Ava D
4C	David B, Gemma D and Daniel L
5A	Tia A & Tahlia Q
5B	Hayley T, Chloe T
5C	Hudson A, Miles H and Jack H
6A	Javier D, Lincoln C
6B	Katia D, Rhys D
6C	Luca G, Tahlia B & Koby A

Robocup 2019

State RoboCup Competition

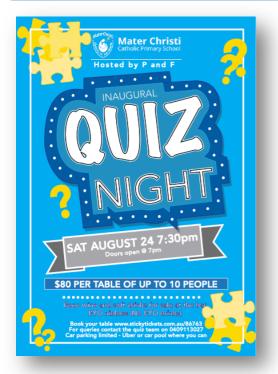
Last Friday, students in the Year 5 and 6 Enrichment groups travelled to Curtin University for the Annual RoboCup Competition. This year the Year 6's were competing in the Rescue Line competition. They have been working hard all year to build and program their robots to travel along a line in order to reach a 'chemical spill' and 'rescue' the can (person). They competed in 3 out of the 4 rounds with some teams gaining maximum points in a number of rounds. It was great to see the Year 6's think carefully about their game strategy and persevere when things didn't go quite to plan. The Year Five students enjoyed coming along for the day to check out the competition. All the students especially liked meeting some special guests from Lego Masters! After learning lots this year, we look forward to competing again







P&F News





Quiz Night update - Quiz night tables are selling fast with a limited number remaining! All fundraising from the Quiz Night will go towards a NEW PLAYGROUND for the children, within the school grounds. The plans for this are underway and we look forward to sharing what this space will look like before too long! Thank you to the families and local businesses who have continued to donate to the quiz night - Katie and Cosimo Faiello San Churro Cockburn and Fremantle, Antoni and Kathy Krcmar Wizard Tile & Grout Cleaning WA, Adrian Neira Pots WA, Jinkyoung Kim and Thomas Liao The Electric Bean Co, Clancy's Fish Pub Fremantle, Lazer Blaze, Ryan's Meats, Einsteins Top Secret Science Perth, Lark & Owl, Jandakot Stock and Pet Feed, Angela Goldsmith Beauty Therapy, Raw Kitchen and MORE! Any donations you may like to contribute on behalf of your family are much appreciated.

Thank you to the Year 1 parents who provided and served morning tea after the Mass on Thursday. Good Cup Cafe Wednesday 21st August - join us for a FREE tea and coffee during Wellness Week. Your time for a cuppa and a chat might be just the thing another parent needs for the day.

Father Day Breakfast volunteers are still required, please contact Oscar D'Souza if you are able to assist on 0419 929 383 or oscar@bopm.com.au.

Guest speaker Claire Orange will be presenting on 9th September, more details will be available in next week's newsletter.

Next P&F Meeting is Tuesday 10th Sept at 7pm.

Catholic School Parents WA would like to highlight is that CSPWA has been approached to develop a Parent Charter that looks at outlining the rights and responsibilities of parents in Catholic schools throughout WA. We are keen to hear from parents who might be interested in participating in a focus group to look at the development of this charter. We will be facilitating two focus groups in our office later in the term. If you are interested in attending, please contact Theresa for further information.

Parent Social Events



Kindy C Parent's Breakfast

Where: Roar Fitness Bar & Grill, Bibra Lake

When: 6th September 2019

Time: 9:15am

Contact Lesley Pascuzzi on 0409 913 545 for further information.



1A Parent's Dinner

Where: The Vale Bar & Brasserie, Yangebup

When: Friday, 30th August

Time: 7pm

RSVP: by Friday 23rd August to Hayley Lynch on 0426 173 722

1C Parent's Catch up

Where: Sweetwater Rooftop Bar **When:** Friday, 30th August

Time: 7:30pm

RSVP: by Sunday 25th August to Corey Neira on 0422 529 884



2A Parent's Lunch

Where: Roar Bar & Grill

When: Saturday 7th September

Time: 1:30pm

Please contact Kristie Ainsworth on 0408 934 399 for further information.



2C Parent Catch up

Where: Coogee Surf Life Saving Club (20 Poore Grove, Coogee)

When: Sunday 25th August at 2pm

Time: 2pm

RSVP: by Sunday 18th August to Louise Amsuss on 0488 243 828

Community News

Dad's n Tod's Beach Trail

https://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/About-Cockburn/Events-and-Workshops/Dads-n-Toads-Beach-Trail

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