

# Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers



## **SCHOOL MANTRA 2018**

*"Be a voice, not an echo"*

### **Gospel Reading**



*John 6:51-58 Jesus teaches that whoever eats his flesh and drinks his blood will live forever.*

Our faith teaches us that when we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, Jesus himself is present to us. Through the actions of the Mass, the bread and wine truly become the Body and Blood of Christ. This is what we mean by the word transubstantiation. Jesus makes himself present to all who receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

### **Performing Arts Festival**



Yesterday our Junior and Senior Choirs and the Year Six Ensemble were involved in the Performing Arts Festival and as usual they represented our school brilliantly. The festival is a great opportunity and a wonderful platform for students to showcase their artistic talents and perform in front of an audience. The teachers here at

Mater Christi are great at fostering and harnessing that talent and I would like to thank them for all their efforts in this area. I would also like to express my thanks to Miss Ross for not only coordinating Mater Christi's involvement this year but also in the remarkable way our children performed yesterday, the great song choices for their performance and the manner in which their joy of singing and performing shone through. Congratulations one and all.

### **DATES FOR NEXT WEEK (WEEK 6)**

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| Monday<br>20 August | STUDENT FREE DAY<br>Catholic Day |
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| Tuesday<br>21 August | 7pm Board Meeting |
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| Wednesday<br>22 August | Uniform Shop Open<br>Times:<br>8:10-10:30am<br>1:20-3:20pm |
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SRC Meeting

School Banking

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| Thursday<br>23 August | 3A Class Mass |
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Assembly at 9:00am

Bookweek Parade

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| Friday<br>24 August | Primary Dance – Mater<br>Christi Dream Team<br>(Perth Convention<br>Centre) at 7:00pm |
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| Saturday<br>25 August |  |
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| Sunday<br>26 August |  |
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## Wellness Week

Thank you to all the Staff who worked together to prepare wellness activities for our children to take part in yesterday. They loved being together with other children across the year levels and spending time with other staff members having great fun. Thank you to Mrs Trimble for coordinating this initiative.

## Father's Day Mass and Breakfast



A very special highlight on our annual calendar is our acknowledgement of our dad's and the significant men in our lives. It is a very special time with dads and their child/ren. Please join us for an early start to the day for the beautiful Father's Day Mass at 7.30am in our Parish Church on Friday 31 August followed by a warm coffee/tea and breakfast. Our staff look forward to seeing many of our dads with their beautiful cherubs. Thank you to the P&F for organising and funding the breakfast.

## Learning Journey – Save the Date!



Learning Journey Night (Kindy – Year Six) Thursday 6 September 5:00pm-7:00pm:  
*Yes, the Sausage Sizzle is back due to great demand. The Family Dinner is sorted!*  
More information will be provided in next week's Newsletter.

## Pupil Free Day

Catholic Education WA acknowledges the many after school and weekend activities that staff in Catholic Schools attend and the extra curricula opportunities they provide for our children. Staff are entitled to a Catholic Day (Pupil Free Day) in appreciation of this. Next Monday 20 August is Mater Christi's Staff Catholic Day and Student Free Day. It is a lovely way to finish off Wellness Week and launch into Book Week and Literacy Week.  
Happy Long Weekend Everyone.

We were fortunate to receive some wonderful feedback from one of our families yesterday. It's very affirming to be part of such a wonderful community:

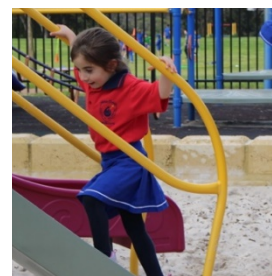
*"I just wanted to email to say thank you for the organising and co ordinating of today's wellness week activity! The hive of activity when I arrived at school to pick up my children was absolutely brilliant.*

*And the stories shared over dinner about who they met, what they did, how they found their way and how much fun was had was uplifting!*

*Great work Mater Christi staff and teachers! This is exactly why we love this school."*

God Bless,

Toni Kalat



## Religious Education

### Congratulations

Congratulations to all our Year 4 students who have received their First Holy Communion. The last of the Sacramental Masses was held last weekend. Thank you once again to our teachers and parents who prepared our Communicants so well.

Also, a big congrats to our Year 3 students who completed their Bishops Religious Literacy Assessment last Wednesday. This concludes the BRLA Assessments for this year.

### Assumption of Mary

Last Wednesday the whole school celebrated the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The feast commemorates Mary's assumption into heaven and reminds us of the holiness of creation. After Mary's death, God raised her body and soul into heavenly glory, to be with her son Jesus for eternity. Once again, our choir and children participated and sung beautifully. Thank you to all who attended this special occasion.

### Sleeping Bag Drive

Next week is our last week of the Sleeping Bag Drive. Thank you to everyone who has donated! The trailer will be at the school for one last week. Let's hope we can fill it even higher.

God Bless,

Mr Hofmeester – Assistant Principal, Religious Education

### Photos!

To celebrate Father's Day, the Year Five group will be putting together a slideshow of photos of our Dads to show at our Whole School Father's Day Mass on the 31st 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](mailto:admin@mcps.wa.edu.au) by **no later than Monday 27th August, 2018.**

## Interschool Spelling Bee

After great success last year at the Interschool Spelling Bee, we have been invited to participate again! Last week all students in **Years 4–6** have been informed about the Spelling Bee and those who expressed interest in participating have received a booklet. Our Mater Christi Spelling Bee will be held in each year group during **Week 9 of this term** with the top three students in each year level going to the Interschool Spelling Bee on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October (Term Four)**. The student booklet outlines the rules and process involved in the spelling bee along with each level of words. Students are encouraged to say the word, ask for a sentence/definition, write the word down and then attempt to spell it out loud.

If your child has not received a booklet and is interested in participating, please see your classroom teacher for a copy. I will visit the students in Week 9 to follow up on their progress and ensure they are following the correct process.

Should you have any questions regarding the Spelling Bee, please contact your classroom teacher or myself through the office.

Regards,

*Katie McNally*

IT Co-ordinator | Class 5A & Enrichment Teacher





# Safeguarding Matters



**Handbook For Teenagers:** This year the Safeguarding Team will be publishing a handbook for older children called "Love, Sex and Relationships – The Basic Essentials for Catholic Teenagers". Mater Christi Parish will host the workshop for parents of teenage children based on this resource. The date planned is Thursday September 6 so pencil that into your calendar. More details next week.

**Handbook For Parents of Young Children:** Last year's handbook for parents, "Protecting God's Children", was offered as a practical and informative resource to help address the safety of our young children. The associated workshop was in two parts: 1. the dynamics of child sexual abuse and 2. a guide for Catholic parents on keeping their kids safe. Last week in this column we provided some material on the first part and below are some points from part 2.

**The 10 Basket Fillers:** the following "basket fillers" are what we teach children sequentially in order to increase their safety: *God gave all children the right to feel safe at all times; Feelings and Emotional Intelligence; Early Warning Signs and the Safety Continuum; Nothing is so awful that we can't talk with someone about it; My Helping Hands; My Private Parts; Social Distance; It's OK to Say NO; Secrets; God's Design for Sex.*

To find out more obtain a copy of the handbook from the Safeguarding Team or attend the workshop during Child Protection Week. **The Child Protection Breakfast** is on Tuesday 4 September at 7:30am at the Duxton Hotel and don't forget **Safeguarding Competition** entries are due Sunday August 19. Entry forms are available in the Church Foyer or from the school.



## Thank you

A special thanks to the Chamberlain family for the donation of new beakers for the Science classroom. These are very much appreciated and will be put to good use by all year groups.

## Sporting News

We have had an abundance of interest in the Sporting Schools Program for Term Three. Students who have been successful in gaining a position have been sent home with an acceptance note. Seniors begin this coming Wednesday and Juniors will commence on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August.

Thanks, Sally Chamberlain.  
Sporting Schools Coordinator



### Reminder:



Please remember to hand in your Sausage Sizzle order forms for the Junior and Senior Athletics Carnival no later than Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> August. Spare forms can be collected from the office.

### Book Week Parade!!

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August

Come dressed as your favourite book character OR get creative and follow this year's theme: 'Find Your Treasure'. Prizes will be awarded for best dressed!



## MATER CHRISTI BOOK SWAP!

bring a book to take a book!

When: Beginning Week 6

Time: Before School, Recess & Lunch

Where: Junior and Senior shelves  
outside the Library

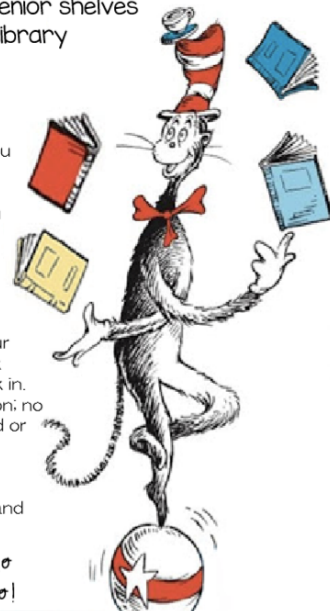
### SWAP guide:

1. Come to school with your pre-loved books (any fiction & non-fiction storybook or novel).
2. Browse and choose the book you want from the Junior or Senior book shelf and swap your book for another pre-loved book. You can take the same number of books you brought.
3. Come back again to swap for another book.

### SWAP rules:

1. Book swap works on an honour system. Please only take a book when you have brought a book in.
2. Books must be in good condition: no torn or missing pages, damaged or graffitied books please.
3. Face your book with the spine towards you.
4. Please keep the shelves clean and tidy.

BRING a BOOK you've LOVED so  
someone ELSE can LOVE it too!





**A Scholastic Book Fair is a fun event at your school that will enable a hands-on experience where children can discover a love of books and ignite a life-long passion for reading. After all, children read more, understand more, and are more likely to continue reading when they have access to many books, and have the opportunity to choose what they read.**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September (before school only)**

**Before school: 8:00-9:30am**  
**After School: 2.30-3.30pm**

**Picture Books, Novels, Activity Books, Fiction, Non-Fiction and more!!!**  
**Eftpos and cash will be accepted on site.**

**'My Wish List' forms are available for parents that can't make the book fair. Children will be able to view books on sale during their library time. They can fill out their 'Wish list' form to bring home and discuss. Credit Card payments can be made online and then children can bring in the receipt number to collect their purchase.**

***Issue 6 of Book Club will not be handed out to classes as the dates coincide with our Book Fair. If you would still like to order from the issue please do so online. Orders will be processed on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.***

**Book Fairs are rewarding for our students and our School. It is a great way to celebrate reading and earn valuable resources for our school through the rewards earned from sales.**

SCHOLASTIC  **Book Fairs**



## School News

### Year 1 Excursion to Herdsman Lake – Recount by 1A

On Tuesday we went to Herdsman Lake for an excursion with 1B and 1C. First, we did a Smoking Ceremony and a Welcome to Country with Neville. Then we had recess. After that we got into groups and did some activities. We did some hunting, we went for a walk and learnt how to make soap from the leaves of a special tree and we painted some rocks. After that, we had lunch. After lunch, we learnt about some Australian Animals, we watched Jeff make glue from kangaroo poo and a Grass Tree and we made mia mias. Finally, we looked in the Wildlife Centre and we got to see Thomas the turtle. We had a fun day and learnt lots!

By 1A



## Merit Awards

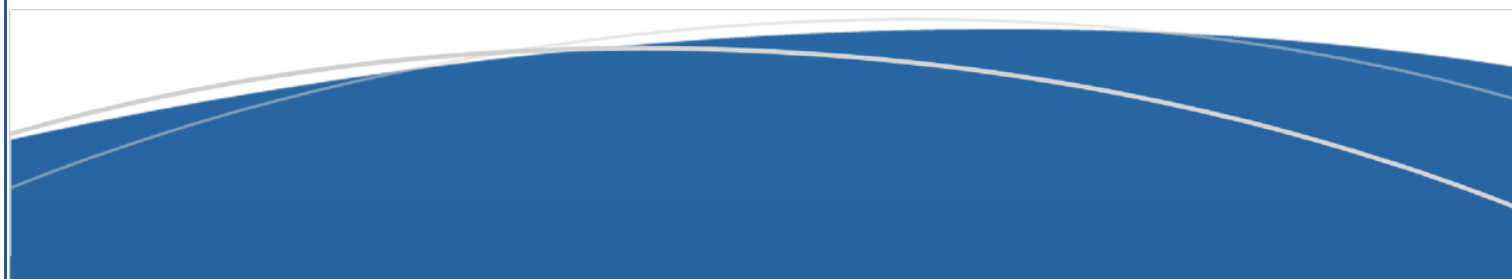


Well done to the following students who will be receiving a Merit Award at next week's assembly

Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> August



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| <b>PPA</b> | Archie Manning and Sapphira Heffernan           |
| <b>PPB</b> | Scarlett Basilio, Jenna Foster and Asher Ilyas  |
| <b>PPC</b> | Eliza Revelo-Galvez and Isabelle Mangini        |
| <b>1A</b>  | Emma Anchor, Alex Covolato & Abby Bucciarelli   |
| <b>1B</b>  | Jessica Gordon and Charlie Di Silvio            |
| <b>1C</b>  | Isabella Basilio and Patrick Colgan             |
| <b>2A</b>  | Brady Veltrop, Olivia Formato and Zoe Exham     |
| <b>2B</b>  | Tayla Triplett and Tristan Coppola              |
| <b>2C</b>  | Brianna Rodden, Xavier Jardim and Catia Letizia |
| <b>3A</b>  | Mila Manning and Seth Clarson                   |
| <b>3B</b>  | Brielle Siljeg and Ava Douglas                  |
| <b>3C</b>  | Tatum Goodman, Ricardo De Freitas               |
| <b>4A</b>  | Georgia Farnan                                  |
| <b>4B</b>  | Mikaela Foster and Charlotte Swann              |
| <b>4C</b>  | Ethan Learmont, Olivia McCay and Stella Patmore |
| <b>5A</b>  | Max Terribile and Kate Stevens                  |
| <b>5B</b>  | Keegan Hall, Daisy Gadsden and Millar Rank      |
| <b>5C</b>  | Jesse Dodd and Matthew Pymont                   |
| <b>6A</b>  | Micaela Palmela, Jaxon Hall and Lincoln Casey   |
| <b>6B</b>  | Emily Swann, Kiara Cleaver and Leith Hall       |
| <b>6C</b>  | Taj Quinlivan, Tayla Rijavec and Gianni Nici    |





### P&F Upcoming Events

**The Fathering Project** - Wed 29th August 6.30pm - all Dad's and Father figures are invited to attend for beer and pizza in the Staff Room at school. See flyer for more info.

**Sleeping Bag Drive** - cost price sleeping bags are available to purchase from Getaway Outdoors Cockburn (Armadale Road), alternatives are to donate a used sleeping bag or purchase from retailers such as Kmart and Big W. Thank you everyone for your support with this charity drive for the homeless in Perth.

**Father's Day Mass & Breakfast** - Friday 31st August 7.30am - please bring your children along for an early mass followed by a delicious warm brekky for all, provided by the P&F in the community centre. Volunteers are needed to help serve breakfast and clean up. Please contact Tina Galipo-Stevens [tina.n.stevens@gmail.com](mailto:tina.n.stevens@gmail.com) if you can help at any stage during the morning.

**An Afternoon on the Green** - Friday 26th October. Lots of fun to be had with fantastic new activities - high ropes course, laser tag and a silent disco, food trucks and a dunk tank! Donations can be made for major raffle prizes in addition to the popular jar raffles - please donate a jar filled with goodies and leave in admin for P&F to collect. Volunteers needed to help on the day with everything from set up, parking management and crazy hair. Please email Michelle Hall [michellehall080@gmail.com](mailto:michellehall080@gmail.com) if you can help in any manner.

**Next P&F Meeting** - Tuesday 11th September 7pm in the Staff Room.



You are invited to join us for BEER and PIZZA to hear how you and your school could benefit from forming a

### Fathering Project Dads' Group



Enjoy a fantastic opportunity for dads and father-figures to meet up, chat and be encouraged.

**It WILL be** an informal yet informative event for Dads, Father Figures and school leaders. It will provide you info about the important role of Dads, what The Fathering Project is and how they can help us in starting a group at Mater Christi.

**It WON'T be** someone lecturing you on what you're doing wrong or trying to get you to do something you don't want to do.

#### What is a Fathering Project Dads' Group:

An opportunity to have fun with your kids and become part of a strong and supportive network of Dads connected to your school.



**Date:** 29th August 2018

**Venue:** Mater Christi PS Staff Room

**Time:** 6.30pm

**RSVP:** [allen.duffin@yahoo.com.au](mailto:allen.duffin@yahoo.com.au)

[www.thefatheringproject.org](http://www.thefatheringproject.org)





### **Kindy A Playdate Catch Up**

**When:** 7<sup>th</sup> September

**Where:** Crocs Playcentre, Armadale Road.

**Time:** 9:00am

**No need to RSVP.** All queries to Laura Anchor on 0422 970 557

### **Kindy B Dinner**

**When:** 7<sup>th</sup> September

**Where:** The Vale, Beeliar

**Time:** 6:30pm

**RSVP:** September 5 to Kelly & Niamh on 0435 114 990

### **Pre-Primary A Catch Up**

**When:** 9<sup>th</sup> September

**Where:** Last Drop Beeliar

**Time:** 1:00pm

**No need to RSVP.** All queries to Jessica Corey on 0425 741 598

### **1B Catch Up**

**When:** 3rd September

**Where:** Crocs Jandakot

**Time:** 9:00am

**RSVP:** August 30 to Kristie Ainsworth on 0408 934 399.

### **2B Coffee Catch Up**

**When:** Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> August

**Where:** Sul Lago Café, Beeliar

**Time:** 9:15am

**RSVP:** 17<sup>th</sup> August 2018 to Adele Hugo on 0404 040 189

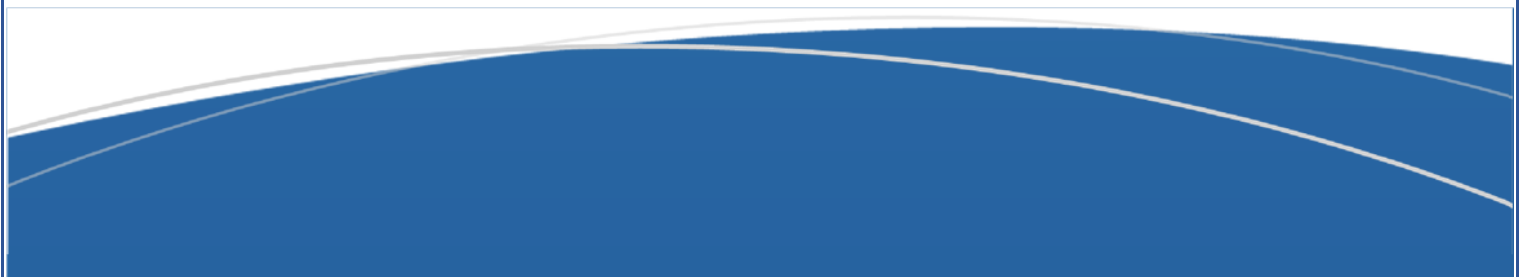
### **Year 5's Rolloways**

**When:** August 31<sup>st</sup>

**Where:** Rolloways

**Time:** 7:00-10:00pm

**No need to RSVP.** All queries to Sarah on 040 675 459.





## St Matthew's School, Narrogin

*cordially invite*

***Past and Present Students, Families and Staff  
together with the entire community***

*to celebrate*

***100 Years of Catholic Education in Narrogin***

*to be held on*

***November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 2018***

Official welcome, school tours & fete to be held on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2018

RSVP for Saturday and pre-purchase Centenary souvenirs  
(engraved bricks need to be ordered prior to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018)

<http://www.trybooking.com/358498>

Email [admin@matthews.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@matthews.wa.edu.au)

Phone (08) 9853 9500

Join our Facebook page: "St Matthew's School – Celebrating 100 Years!"

## St Matthew's School, Narrogin

### ***Centenary Celebrations Program of Events***

#### ***Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018***

**11.00am & 6.00pm** Whole school musical production of "Shrek"  
at the Narrogin Town Hall.

#### ***Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2018***

**10.30am** Meet and Greet  
**11.00am** Official Opening & Prayer Service  
**12.30pm** Lunch, Open Classrooms, Archive Displays, Fete & Live Music from  
past and present students  
**12.30pm & 1.15pm** Tour of old Convent building  
**2.30pm** Fashion Parade  
**5.00pm** Fete & Classrooms close (music continues)

#### ***Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2018***

**10.15am** Family Mass at St Matthew's Parish Church

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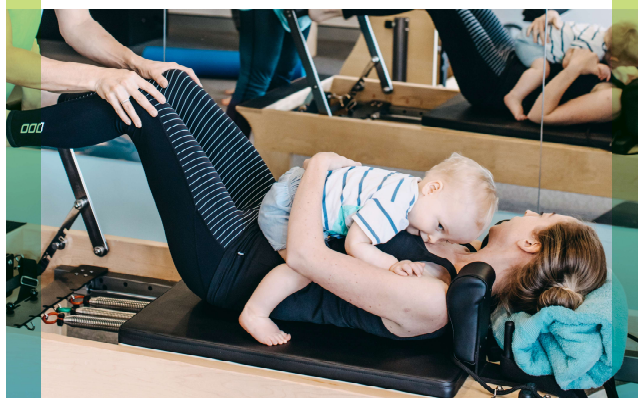
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