# Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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### **SCHOOL MANTRA 2018**

"Be a voice, not an echo"

**Dear Parents and Caregivers** 

### **Wonderful things to celebrate at Mater Christi!**

Congratulations to the students and staff of Mater Christi on their incredible participation in the 2018 Catholic Schools Performing Arts. Special mention goes to Ms Ross, Mrs Pottier and Mrs Cosnett in their work with the students. Yesterday, 70 of our students attended Carnivale' in the City to showcase their love of music, singing, acting and dance.

Mater Christi continues to provide many opportunities for our students and parents to engage in meaningful and fun activities. We have celebrated Book Week with the Book Week Parade and Book Fair. The Learning Journey was again a triumph of the children's learning and our prayers were answered with perfect weather for the Junior Athletics Carnival.

A very big thank you to Emily Gowland our Library Officer, the entire Mater Christi staff for always setting our students up for success and to Ryan Donnelly and Nicole (PE student) for organising a very successful Junior and Senior carnival.

### **Assistant Principal Appointment**

Last Friday, Fr Dat, Mark Clayden (Board Chair), Sue Fox (School Improvement Advisor) and I interviewed applicants for the Assistant Principal position at Mater Christi. Due to the calibre of applicants interviewed we decided to appoint two people:

 Mrs Julie Southwell – currently Assistant Principal at St Augustine's Catholic Primary School in Rivervale. Julie has been a Curriculum consultant at CEWA, she is highly knowledgeable and passionate about Early Childhood and will compliment and lead the Early Childhood Team through ongoing learning development.

DATES FOR NEXT WEEK (WEEK 10)				
Monday 17 September	Year 6 Debate Night 5:00-7:30pm			
17 Зерествет	4C Class Mass			
Tuesday 18 September	2C Class Mass			
Wednesday 19 September	Uniform Shop Open Times: 8:10-10:30am 1:20-3:20pm School Banking 8:10am SRC Meeting			
Thursday 20 September	2B Class Mass 1:30pm Whole School Talent Show (MCCC)			
Friday 21 September	Last Day of School			
Saturday 22 September				
Sunday 23 September				

• *Mrs Nicole Woodhouse* – Nicole also brings her great knowledge and experience in leading Curriculum Teams, as well as being Curriculum Leader and Acting Administration Assistant Principal at our school.

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Both Assistant Principals will share the RE role as it is imperative that School Leaders are able to lead and have knowledge and experience across all four of the Leadership Domains. Congratulations to both of these leaders. Mrs Southwell will visit Mater Christi next term to meet the staff and students.

### **Year Two Assembly**

The fabulous Year Twos were super stars this morning at their Assembly. Thank you to the Year Two staff in preparing the children for their lovely Assembly Show. It was so evident that the children loved their performance and being on stage. Well done everyone!

### **Drought Appeal**



Miss Hardie (PPC) and Miss Cooke (2B) are from farming families and know first-hand the hardships that farmers and communities face. At assembly they shared with the children and parents how Mater Christi will be supporting farmers and farming communities. The last day of school will be a free dress day and half the money raised will go to a charity that provides hay bales for farmers. The other half will go to a rural school in New South Wales where Mrs O'Dea, the previous Mater Christi Administration Officer relocated to with her husband who is

Principal of the small rural school in town. Families there need bottled water, toiletries and staple food items because all of their money is going into keeping their animals alive and there is nothing left for other small but important items.

Whatever amount is raised by our community ----- will be matched by the School. Thank you for your generosity so far.

The challenge is on Mater Christi – let's live out our School Motto 'Charity in our Hearts'.



### **Appointment of Executive Director of Catholic Education WA**

We have received notification that Dr Debra Sayce has been appointed as the Executive Director of Catholic Education WA. Dr Sayce has been Director Religious Education and Acting Executive Director since October 2017 until now.



### **Wedding Bells**

We would all like wish Miss Chamberlain (4C) the most wonderful wedding day on Saturday. We pray for a life full of God's blessings and happiness in making the Sacrament of Marriage.

**Next Week**... Next Tuesday night through to Friday the Leadership Team will be attending the Australian Primary Principals Conference, which will be held in Perth with over 700 school leaders from across Australia. On Wednesday evening an Ecumenical Service will be held at St Mary's Cathedral and our very own Jiyah Rioli will do the Welcome to Country. This is a very special honour and we are very proud to have her representing Mater Christi at this very special event.



Please address any queries to Mrs Burke and/or Mrs Duffy during this time.

God Bless,

Toní Kalat

### **Important Dates for End of the Year**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Big Day Out (Kindy – Year 6)

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Big Day In

Year 6 Graduation Mass and Christmas Concert (pm)

**Important Dates for Term 4** 

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October - Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October - School Returns

### **School News**

### **Religion News**

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

This week children from Year 3 participated in the Parent/child Reconciliation workshops in preparation for receiving the Sacrament early next term. They will finish this initial stage of preparation by attending Commitment Masses this weekend. The commitment ceremony will be held at the Saturday evening 6pm Mass and the 10am Sunday morning Mass. We can all support our Reconciliation candidates by praying for them and keeping them in our thoughts whilst they prepare for this beautiful sacrament.

Be Good,

Nik Hofmeester, Assistant Principal



**Child Protection Week was last week.** During the Safeguarding Breakfast on the Tuesday, Archbishop Costello launched the new handbook for teenagers, "Love, Sex and Relationships – The Basic Essentials for Catholic Teenagers" and announced the winners of this year's Safeguarding Competition. Of interest to the Parish is that a student from Emmanuel College made it to the top 5 but, unfortunately, did not win. A student from Santa Maria College was the winner of the \$500 gift voucher.

Notable at the breakfast was the performance of the Emmanuel College Rock Band which was so well received there has been discussion of inviting it back!

The **inaugural workshop** for parents on how to assist their teenage children use the new handbook was held at Mater Christi on Thursday September 6. The presentation by **Andrea Musulin, Safeguarding Director and author of the handbook**, was very well received by the audience of nearly three dozen people. Free copies of the handbook were provided on the night.

Further free copies of the handbook for teenagers as well as the earlier handbook for parents of younger children, plus free Safeguarding stickers and bookmarks, were distributed at all four masses over the weekend. **Extra copies** will be made available over the coming weeks for anyone who missed out.

Copies of Archbishop Costello's letter on the Church response to the Royal Commission can be obtained from the Parish website at <a href="http://www.materchristiparish.com">http://www.materchristiparish.com</a> .

**The Safeguarding Project** is a part of Archbishop Timothy Costello's response to the Royal Commission Into Institutional Child Abuse. All Parishes now have Safeguarding Officers who maintain a presence in the Parish and are trained as a first point of contact for children and vulnerable adults.

Officers are also responsible for overseeing Parish activities to keep our children safe.

If you know someone who is feeling unsafe or if you are experiencing that yourself, we encourage you to contact one of the Safeguarding Officers either at Mass or on their mobiles (see the poster in the Church Foyer for individual phone numbers or 0409 134 635 for the Duty Officer) or email the Archdiocesan team via safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au.

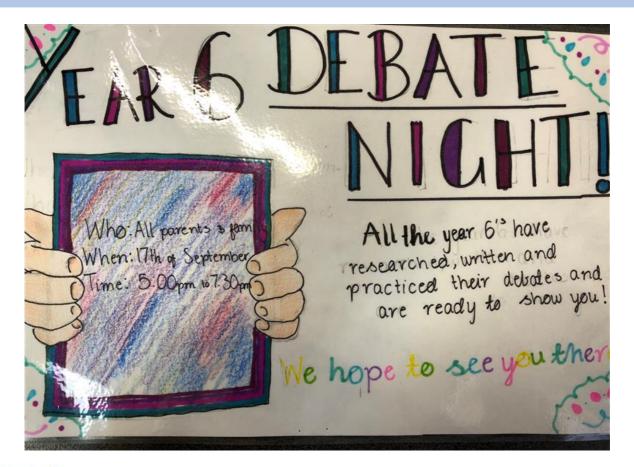
If you are an adult, please bring this to the attention of the children in your care.

### **Uniform Shop**

Just a reminder that there is only one more uniform shop open day until the school holidays! Upon returning to Term 4, children will be needing their Summer Uniform, please check your child's uniform in case they may have outgrown anything over winter.

PERM-A-PLEAT

Many thanks, Simone Douglas Perm-a-Pleat





### A Note from Kindy

**Dear Parents** 

Next week our focus will be on 'Teddy bears'. We would like the children to bring in a teddy bear dressed up. This teddy will stay at school for weeks 9 and 10 and the children will participate in activities with their bear. Please do not send in a teddy who is a favourite at bed time as this may cause a few sleepless nights! Thanks Kindy staff





### From the Library

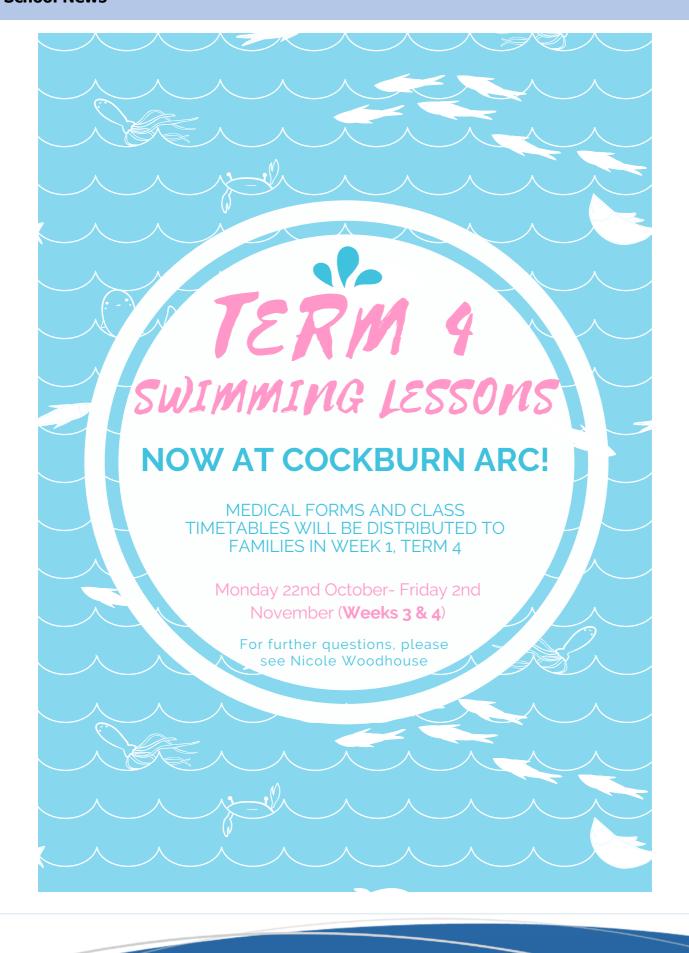
THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone that supported our Book Fair this year. Every little bit helps and goes towards rewards for the school so that we can have new books for our library in 2019.

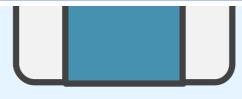
If you ordered a book from the fair, please be patient with its arrival as it may not come until Term 4. I will deliver them to classes as soon as they arrive. Thank you again for your support,

Mrs Gowland









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### 2019 BOOKLISTS

NEW CHANGES TO THE PROCESS!

From 2019, MCPS will be introducing bulk stationery orders from Kindy - Year 1.

In the junior years, our classes utilise collaborative equipment. This new process enables teachers to receive and prepare items prior to the upcoming school year. For families, bulk ordering results in cheaper booklists!

Normal individual orders will continue from Years 2 - 6.





### Mater Christi Catholic Primary School

### **RE-ENROLMENT - For 2019**

**Dear Parents** 

As we are starting the process of confirming classes for next year, and due to the number of families on the waiting list, we need to know the names of any students from Kindy to Yr. 5 who are **NOT** returning in 2019. **(Please note: Year 6 students do not need to reply.)** 

If this applies to you please complete and return this form by:

FRIDAY 19th October 2018.

Thankyou very much for your assistance

Paula Nichols Administrative Assistant – Enrolments/Finance

### **2019 ENROLMENT**

I wish to advise that the following child/ren <u>WILL NOT</u> be returning to Mater Christi Catholic Primary School in 2019:

I realise that I only need to complete this form for children in *Kindy, Pre Primary, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5* 

Family Name:		
Child/ren's Names	Present Class	<b>Destination School</b>
Parents' Signatur	r <b>e</b>	Date

This form must reach the school office by: Friday 19th October 2018.

### **School News**

### **Performing Arts Festival 2018**

We have concluded another AMAZING year of the Catholic Performing Arts Festival.

Over 350 students represented Mater Christi in various sections of the festival including Bible Reading, Drama, Dance and Choral.

Our staff and students have worked very hard during rehearsals over the past two terms and should be commended on their efforts. To our teachers, thank you for allowing your students to be involved in this year's festival and experience what the Arts has to offer.

"The Arts have the capacity to engage, inspire and enrich all students, exciting the imagination and encouraging them to reach their creative and expressive potential".

We have done extremely well this year and have been presented with numerous awards. Congratulations to our Drama Group who won the Catholic Church Insurances Shield for Primary Drama and Mime. Please see the list below for all our award winners.





I would also like to say a BIG thank you to Mrs Pat Pottier, Mrs Kate Cosnett and our Piano Tutor Mr Redwan Ali for preparing our Drama, Dance and Choir children. Without you, none of this would be possible.

Lastly, I would like to thank all the staff, parents, families and friends for all your support during the festival and look forward to doing it all again in 2019!

Ms Alison Clunies-Ross Music Specialist & PAF Coordinator

Shield	Section	Group/Student
Catholic Church	Primary Drama & Mime	Mater Christi Drama Group
Insurances Award		

Award	Section	Group/Student
Outstanding Award	Primary Drama & Mime	
Outstanding Award	Choral Speech	1A
Outstanding Award	Choral Speech	2C
Outstanding Award	Choral Speech	3A
Outstanding Award	Choral Speech	3B
Outstanding Award	Choral Speech	3C
Outstanding Award	Choral Speech	6A
Outstanding Award	Choral Speech	6B
Outstanding Award	Bible Reading	Olivia Babich
Excellence Award	Bible Reading	Grace Sheehy
Excellence Award	Bible Reading	Daisy O'Sullivan
Excellence Award	Primary Choral	Senior Choir
Excellence Award	Primary Choral	Year 6 Vocal Ensemble
Excellence Award	Choral Speech	6C
Merit Award	Christian Dance	Christian Dance Group
Merit Award	Primary Choral	Junior Choir

### **P&F News**

### **Sports Podium**

The P&F purchased a sport podium this year for use at the sports and swimming carnivals - it was fantastic to see it being used by lots of happy kids and proud parents at both junior and senior sports carnivals this week. The display of results on the whiteboard with big coloured magnets for each faction is also an initiative from a parent suggestion.





### An Afternoon on the Green Friday 26th October 2018 3-7pm

Join in loads of fun for the whole family at this year's An Afternoon on the Green. FREE activities including laser tag, bouncy castles, mobile high ropes, craft activities and inflatable footy goals. PAID RIDES and attractions include a \$2 Dunk tank, \$3 ferris wheel (2-12yo), \$3 laughing clowns, \$2 silent disco - raising awareness for Autism - and \$2 face painting, fairy floss \$3/bag (also available on the day).



Helpers are required to set up before hand, assist with activities on the day and pack up. If you can spare some time, please email Michelle to put your name down. michellehall080@gmail.com

#### **Jar Raffles**

Fill a jar with goodies and donate it to the P&F for this fun raffle that the kids go nuts for! Donations can be left at admin. Ideas: hair ties, stationary, toy cars, bouncy balls, slime, a jar of Nutella, lollies or anything at all that comes in a jar or bottle.



### **Photography Competition**

Young photographers from Kindy to Year 6 can take part in the free photography competition by entering the SPRING photograph competition. Choose your category:

- \* HAVING FUN
- \* WILDLIFE
- \* FAMILY or \* NATURE

Prizes are awarded in each category.

How to Enter: Submit a 6x4" or larger printed photograph (can be taken on any device but must be taken by the child without adult assistance) with name, age and category for submission written on the back.

Photographs must be received by 19th October for judging.



Year 3B Catch Up

**When:** Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> September

Where: The Quarie

Time: 7pm

RSVP: Please contact either of your Parent Class Representatives – Simone Douglas (0421 518 615), Karen Simons or

Linda Corlett as soon as possible.

## WAABINY OSHC SPRING VACATION

CARE 2018

BOOK NOW!

Our vacation care program caters for all children from ages 4 - 12 years. It is fun, exciting, and provides the perfect environment for play based learning during the school holidays. The program is available to all families in the surrounding areas, and bookings are essential. To find out more information, or to make a booking, please contact Jason on the details below:

Email: info@mss.edu.au

Ph: 08 9417 1800

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MONDAY 24th SEPT Queen's birthday public holiday - closed

TUESDAY 25th SEPT Watercolour art lesson - art in the garden creating 'Claude Monet' artwork

WEDNESDAY 26th SEPT EXCURSION - Bike ride around the amazing Yangebup

THURSDAY 27th SEPT INCURSION - Interactive learning about animals with Farmyard on wheels

FRIDAY 28th SEPT Create a fun flower garden with upcycled cartons

MONDAY 1st OCT

Springtime activities, including decorating our spring tree with butterflies, bees & flowers

TUESDAY 2nd OCT Easy homemade DIY lip balm using all natural ingredients

WEDNESDAY 3rd OCT INCURSION - Disco dancing, with your chance to be a real "pop star" on the microphone

THURSDAY 4th OCT EXCURSION - Bike ride around the amazing Yangebup

FRIDAY 5th OCT Harvesting our own potato crop and making homemade potato

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### **Community News**



