Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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SCHOOL MANTRA 2017

'Never see a need without doing something about it.'

Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We are now well back into the routine of school; the holidays seem like a distant memory. You would have received the Term Calendar and may have noticed the many events that are occurring this term. As we journey through Term 3 together, trying to live our lives with Jesus as our model, it is timely to remember the words of Pope Francis:



The whole journey of life is a journey of preparation ...
to see, to feel, to understand the beauty of what lies ahead,
of the homeland towards which we walk.
What is important is the whole journey by which we arrive
at the mission the Lord entrusts to us

Your child's teacher

On occasions, your child's teacher will be away from school. One reason is that they may be unwell, or they need to care for a sick family member. Another reason is that they are upskilling themselves at a professional learning course. Teachers and Teacher Assistants as with most professions, need to be constantly updating their skills and knowledge so that they are providing the very best learning opportunities for our children. I tell the children that we as teachers are

learners also, so it is good for the children to see this in reality. Whilst teachers partake in learning opportunities after school and in the holidays, some are during class time. Whilst your child's teacher is away, we have a number of 'relief' teachers who work at Mater Christi. Whilst we try to have the same relief teacher with the same class, this is not always possible. No two teachers teach the same and it is good for the children to experience different teaching styles.

DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday July 31 PPC Parish Mass

Tuesday August 1 PPA Parish Mass Yr 3 Zoo Excursion P & F Guest Speaker

Wednesday August 2 School Banking Uniform Shop

Thursday August 3 6A Parish Mass Yr 6 Family Life student session 9-10.30, 11-12.30 Yr 5 BRLA Trial 11am

Friday August 4

Saturday August 5 First Communion Mass (Wk1) 6pm

Sunday August 6

First Communion Mass (Wk1) 8am, 10am

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Classes for 2018

Parents are the best marketers for our great school. Just last week I was showing a prospective family around the school, and they told me that they had been speaking with current parents who were telling them what a great community we had. We are currently full in Kindy, PP, Year 2 and Year 4 for 2018. There are a couple of places available in Years 1, 3, 5 and 6. Thank you for always speaking positively about our school, the staff, parents and students. When we speak well of others, we make Christ alive through our words and conversation.



Parent Engagement



This term the P&F are offering an important opportunity for parents next Tuesday 1 August when Kristy Cronin will be presenting an insight into Anxiety and Depression in Children and Youth. The evening will begin at 6.00pm with wine and cheese and the presentation will commence at 7pm. This will be a valuable evening for all parents. It will be great to see you there.

Evacuation

Yesterday morning around 8.30am work was being carried out in the school that set off the smoke detector and the evacuation alarm sounded. Staff and students are very aware of the process and followed procedures by evacuating their areas and moved to the oval promptly. As parents and visitors we may not be fully aware of the procedures and that we must comply when instructed by the Evacuation Warden. If an evacuation occurs before school or towards the end of the school day please adhere to the following:



- If you are attempting to drive into the school grounds, a Warden may instruct you not to enter the school and park
 your car on the grass verge waiting in your car with your children. DO NOT GET OUT OF THE CAR AND WALK
 YOUR CHILDREN IN OR SEND THEM TO THE CLASSROOM.
- If you are parked within the school grounds and you are walking your child to class and the evacuation siren goes, GO STRAIGHT TO THE OVAL WITH YOUR CHILD AND FIND YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER.
- If you are gathered with some parents outside the classrooms and the children are in class and the siren goes, GO STRAIGHT TO THE OVAL.

Following an evacuation or a drill we always debrief so that any corrections and improvements can be made. Thank you for assisting us with this and ensuring that in a likelihood of an evacuation we can confidently go about our duty in ensuring the safety of everyone within our School and Parish grounds.

Leadership Team



During next week, Mrs Dunsire, Miss Cloutt and I will be out of the school on various days at Leaders Meetings and Professional Development. If you have any concerns regarding your child, please always see your child's teacher first. Mrs Burke is available to direct any queries to the right people.

God Bless... Toní Kalat

Religious Education

Thank you Father Cyprian!

Over the past seven weeks we have been very fortunate to have Father Cyprian cover our school Masses while Father Dat has been on leave. On behalf of everyone in our school community I would like to thank Father Cyprian for spending this time with us. He has continued to make our school Masses uplifting and moving celebrations. Thank you!







Parish

Sacramental Program

First Holy Communion

Thank you to all the parents and Year 4 students who attended the Communion Parent/Child workshops on Tuesday and Wednesday evening. It is wonderful to see the Parish, teachers and parents working together to prepare the children for their Sacrament this year.

First Communion Schedule 2017

Dates	Times	Rehearsal
Sat 5 th August	6pm	Wednesday 2 nd August
Sun 6 th August	8am & 10am	3:30pm in the Church
Sat 12 th August	6pm	Wednesday 9 th August
Sun 13 th August	10am & 5pm	3:30pm in the Church
Sat 19 th August Sun 20 th August	6pm 8am & 10am	Wednesday 16 th August 3:30pm in the Church



Class News

Kindergarten

Wow Term 3 already! Welcome back to a fun and exciting term ahead. We will be encouraging the children to develop and explore their imaginations with our different themed home corners. We are continuing to focus on a story each week and will be making lots of wonderful creations in Kindy.

The main focuses are:

- Speaking in short sentences and narrative retell skills
- Learning the sound of the letters S,A,T,P,I,N,M,R,C,H,E,D
- Exploring rhyming words
- Developing our news telling skills
- Subitising with objects
- Cardinality –the last number represents the whole collection
- Numeral recognition
- Learning about our different emotions and feelings
- Wondering about the water, the rain cycle and our growing and changing feelings and how they relate to God
- Developing our pencil grip, cutting and colouring-in skills

Please remember to bring in your child's news item each week.



Thank you for all support and we can't wait for more fun in Kindy.

Pre-Primary

In Pre-Primary this term the children will once again be exposed to many activities where they will be encouraged to learn through hands on experiences. Our theme for Term Three will be minibeasts. Together we will discover and investigate a variety of mini-beasts and create our own model of an insect out of salt dough. In addition to learning about mini-beasts our focus will be on one of our favourite children's authors, Eric Carle! The children will explore storybooks written and illustrated by Eric Carle and they will 'have a go' at being an author as well!



In Religious Education the children will be immersed in the many ways we can talk to God. They will write their own thankyou prayers and also come to realise that we can talk to God anywhere and anytime. They will learn to recognise the different feelings we have been given and that God wants us to express our feelings in loving ways.

In Literacy the children will be working towards becoming independent writers by listening for the sounds in words and using their letter sound knowledge to write words and sentences. They will continue to have a strong focus on reading as they learn to read decodable texts and early sight words.



In Numeracy the children will be working on their recognition and ordering of numbers beyond 20. They will also be exposed to the language used in addition and simple addition stories. Concrete objects and hands on activities will be used to identify and explore 3D shapes.

Father's Day

Don't forget there will also be a special time for our Dads to join us for a Father's day morning at Pre-Primary.

On Friday 1st September we will be having our Father's Day 'Mini-Olympics.' Please save the date as it is a very special time in the Pre-Primary calendar. It is anticipated we will commence the fun at 9.00 a.m. and conclude at approximately 11.00 a.m.

Thankyou **Pre-Primary Staff**

Year 1

Welcome to Term Three! Our first significant event this term is our 100th day of school, which we will celebrated today. This term we also have our class assembly, which we are beginning to practice and getting very excited about! Following this we have book week, an excursion, our Learning Journey and an incursion.



In Religion, we will be focusing on how we belong to a family, school, parish and community and how we can use our learning gifts to help others, as Jesus did.



In English, we are exploring narratives and Dreamtime stories. To enhance this experience, we will be visiting Herdsman Lake Wildlife Centre. In addition to this, we will look at Australia and Australian animals. We will learn how to write information reports, narratives and further develop our descriptive writing abilities.

During Numeracy, we are learning about different shapes and will explore location and fractions. We will continue to build on the number of mental strategies we can use to solve equations and revise time and money.

We are looking forward to the busy term ahead!

Year 2

Welcome back to Term 3! We have another exciting term planned. We will be learning about the amazing mini beasts in our environment. The Year Two's will also keep busy looking after our wormeries in the school garden. We will be discussing the olden days in History where the children will have fun comparing life today to that of the past.



In English, we will be focusing on report writing and poetry. We will continue to build confidence in using the comprehension strategies. Oral language skills will be further developed through our news program. During Math's lessons, we will be learning about money, fractions and time.



The two topics for Religion this term are 'Jesus Forgives' and 'Joining in the Lord's Meal'. Don't forget to check Seesaw for updates and information on the exciting things happening this term.

All classes are participating in 'choral speech' for the Performing Arts Festival and it's our turn for an assembly item. Stay tuned for more on these two events not to be missed!

The Year Two Team

Year 3



Bonjour! Ciao! Guten Tag! G'Day! Dia Dhuit! This term in Year 3 we travel to and explore the different cultural celebrations around the world. We take a trip to the Perth Zoo and have the opportunity to research a variety of animal species. This will culminate in each student writing an information report on an animal of their choice throughout our Literacy program. In Religious Education we cover the units 'Water of Life' (Baptism) and begin our

preparations for the Sacrament of Reconciliation with the unit Christian Conscience (Penance). In Numeracy the students will learn more about multiplication and division, fractions, symmetry and data. In Health we move our way through the body systems to find out how to maintain a healthy, balanced lifestyle. Integrated with our Literacy and SOSE program is Visual Art. Fasten your seatbelts, place your seats in the upright position and enjoy the journey!



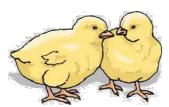
Year 4

Term Three is a very special time for our Year Four students who are preparing to receive the sacrament of Communion for the first time in August. In Religion, they are learning about how the Eucharist is an invitation to a celebration, in which

a meal is shared, much like Jesus shared with his disciples at The Last Supper. The students will unpack the book of Exodus, making links between The Last Supper and the celebration of Passover. The students will also learn about the four parts of a Mass including the: Introductory Rite, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of the Eucharist and the Concluding Rite. In Reading, the focus



continues to be on developing comprehension skills to elicit understanding. The students will be working towards using evidence from a text to support their perspectives and opinions. They will learn to develop critical reading skills and will become more familiar with the topic specific vocabulary used in non-fiction texts.



Chickens will be taking up residence in Year Four this term and will provide the stimulus for our writing. The students will learn to use their senses to describe the chickens developmental journey and experiment with literary devices including figurative language, similes, metaphors, personifications and allegories. They will also explore the structure and formal language used in the information report writing genre. In Mathematics, the main Number focus this term will be fractions. This will include representing parts of a whole as a fraction,

recognising equivalent fractions, ordering and adding fractions and converting fractions from improper to a mixed number. In Measurement, the focus will be on telling the time to the minute and calculating elapsed time. In Statistics and Probability, the students will explore the likelihood of both independent and dependent events. In HASS, students research famous ancient explorers and retrace their voyages that changed the world. They also learn about convicts and their importance in the days of European settlement, culminating in an excursion to the famous Fremantle Prison.



Year 5

Welcome back to Term Three! With two weeks already down, this term is going to fly by. We give a big welcome to Ms. Rachael Sita who is the new teacher in 5C. In Mathematics, we are focusing on fractions, decimals and percentages as well as looking at Statistics and Probability. In English, our text type is Information Reports and in Reading we will be looking at improving our oral language and comprehension skills. In H.A.S.S we are exploring the government and what it means to be a democracy. In following up with the Health programs run by our School Counsellor, Rebecca Rowland in Semester One, we are focusing





our attention to student wellbeing. We will be developing our coding skills in Digital Technology by learning how to program Sphero Robots through our very own mazes. In Religious Education, students will revise for the Bishops Literacy Assessment to be held in Week Four and will then complete the units of study, 'We Are Called' and 'Nourishing Our Goodness.' It is going to be a very exciting term and we look forward to displaying our work at the Learning Journey in Week Eight.

Year 6



This term is action packed with events! We have our Year 6 Debate Night, Learning Journey, Family Life Presentations, Life Skills for Life Incursion, Interschool Carnivals and the Preforming Arts Festival. In Religious Education we will be studying the Sacrament of Baptism and brushing up on our Bible skills. During English we will examine persuasive devices and

strategies, which will then lead us into debating. This will culminate in a Debate Night which will be held in Week 7.

We would love to see you all there to make this night as memorable as it promises to be. In Mathematics this term, we focus on fractions, decimals and percentages, and HASS gives us an opportunity to extend upon our knowledge of Economics and Business in inquiry-based tasks. The Year Six students will be training hard to reach their goals in the classroom and on the field for Health Education. Semester Two promises to be the best yet and we look forward to some great adventures together.



Music

Welcome back to another exciting term of Music!

This term, the Pre-Primary and Year 1 students will be concentrating on, beat and creating their own rhythm patterns. Years 2 and 3 will be exploring music notation and playing simple songs on the glockenspiel. Years 4, 5 and 6 will be exploring how to use Timbre to enhance their performances. PP-6 will also continue learning about music technologies specifically Garage Band using the iPads.



The 2017 Catholic Performing Arts Festival has begun and we are off to a great start! Last week, 5C performed in the Christian Drama section while Tayla Rijavec and Kashvi Patel performed in the Bible Reading. On Friday, Zac Zammit, our Arts Captains and Miss Kalat represented the school at the opening mass for the festival. In week 2, we had our Guitar Ensemble and Alicia Savy take part in the Instrumental Ensemble and Instrumental solo sections. Congratulations to all these students.

Thank you to our Drama and Guitar Teacher Mrs Pottier & Mr Yusof for preparing these students for their performances.

Many of our students will be involved in various sections of the festival this year including Primary Choral Singing, Instrumental Ensembles, Dance, Drama, Choral Speech, Bible Reading and Instrumental solos. This year we have over 300 students involved in the festival. We wish everyone involved all the very best!

Last term, we said farewell to Mr Richard Price our Violin Teacher. We would like to thank him for his contribution to the Instrumental Program over the years and wish him all the very best in the future.



Lastly, our Instrumental Program is up and running for another term. We have available spaces to learn **Vocals, Guitar, Drums and Piano**. Violin lessons are no longer available.

Learning an instrument is a wonderful way to teach children discipline, responsibility and helps boosts confidence and self-esteem. Enrolment forms are available in the office.

If you have any questions regarding the PAF 2017 or the Instrumental Program, please feel free to come and see me. PAF information and timetables can be found in the undercover area.

See you in the Music Room ©

Ms Alison Clunies-Ross Music Specialist Instrumental Program & Performing Arts Coordinator

Science

Pre-Primary

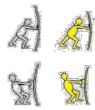
Explore: PUSH/PULL

- push and pull forces
- move objects in ways such as sliding, bouncing and spinning

Year 1

Investigate: LIGHT AND SOUND

- sources of light and sound
- how they are produced
- how light and sound travel
- The role of light and sound in our lives and our community



Year 2

Explore pushes and pulls: PUSH/PULL and GRAVITY

- how these forces act in air, water, and on the ground
- Identify the effect of the pull of gravity
- learn that both air and water can 'push'

Year 3

Investigate different heat sources: CONDUCTIVITY

- how heat moves from one object to another
- investigate the differences in conductivity of materials

Year 4

Explore: MAGNETS

- how magnets exert a force on certain objects
- how that force affects the objects
- Gain an understanding of gravity, friction and magnetic forces at work in their everyday lives

Year 5

Explore: LIGHT - REFLECT/ABSORB/REFRACT

- the properties of light and how it enables us to see
- light and its role in our lives and our community
- explain how objects reflect, absorb and refract light
- how we can use light to meet our needs



Explore: CIRCUITS and SWITCHES

- the role of electrons in transferring energy in electric circuits
- investigate batteries, light bulbs, switches, conductors and insulators
- explain how battery-operated devices, for example, a torch, work





Physical Education

Term 3 is all about Athletics. The whole school will be taken through its paces in a wide range of athletic endeavours.



• The students will be shown an elite style warm up and will then be immersed in the different facets of track and field. The juniors will be focussing on the short sprints/relays and all of the team games that will make up our Athletics Carnival. The seniors will move through events such as long jump, shot put, turbo jav and the different sprints as well as the twelve different team games they will participate in during the Carnival. Preparation is geared towards the Athletics Carnival at the end of the term (Check the calendar for dates).

At an Interschool level the school will be participating in a League Tag and Cross Country Carnival. Training has already commenced and the students are raring to go.

Ryan Donnelly (PE Specialist)

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

The annual Cross Country Carnival was held during the week in threatening conditions. The Carnival proved to be a great success with all the students putting on a great show in front of a record crowd. In fact all the runners must be congratulated for putting in a sensational effort. It's hard yakka running that far. Thanks to all the parents who came down to cheer on our champions.



The results were as follows:

FINAL RESULTS

 1^{ST} – HONEYEATERS 3147 pts 2^{ND} – BOBTAILS 3012 pts 3^{RD} – BANDICOOTS 2913 pts 4^{TH} – MAGPIES 2771 pts



Best Class (Golden Runner Trophy) – 5C

We had some stand out performers during the day. Here are the first three home from each year:

Year	Place	Girls	Boys
PPA	1 st	Abigail Siah	Liam Barber
	2 nd	Ella Da Silva Faria	Rylan Kolkman
	3 rd	Jasmin Quinlan/Anya Hall	Aiden Bott
PPB	1 st	Charlotte Douglas	Harry Farnan
	2 nd	Sophie Correia	James Breglia/Hudson Amsuss
	3 rd	Isla Murtagh	Masen Bolton
PPC	1 st	Aoife Kelly	Ben Ierino
	2 nd	Summer	Blake Gaidzionis
		Caygill/ImogenDuffin	
	3 rd	Olivia Zammit	Leeyo Rioli
1	1 st	Kiara Artemis	Patrick Day
	2 nd	Sophia Middleton	Connor Walsh
	3 rd	Stella Andelic	Hamish Burleigh
2	1 st	Shea Correia	Josh Long
	2 nd	Ella Quinlan	Seth Clarson
	3 rd	Isabelle Swann	Jayden Pelliccione
3	1 st	Olivia McCay	James Artemis
	2 nd	Ayvah Rioli	Taj Erceg
	3 rd	Mikaela Foster	Orlando Middleton
4	1 st	Madison Hadley	Shay McKenna
	2 nd	Claudia Heinzle	Nathan Long
	3 rd	Emily McCay	Colin Murray-Smith
5	1 st	Brooke Battison	Lucas Artemis
	2 nd	Alisha Wardle	Zach Zammit
	3 rd	Olivia Risucci	Nicholas Velezmoro
6	1 st	Sofia De Bernardis	Darcy Miller
	2 nd	Alicia Savy	Jacob O'Brien
	3 rd	Hannah Collins	Samuel Johnston

The first four place getters in each year (Year 3-6) will now look forward to the Interschool Cross Country Championships that will be held towards the end of Term 3. Notes will go out to those who are involved.





Would all Interschool Cross Country athletes please bring a change of clothes with them to training, in case of inclement weather.

Next Event: Interschool League Tag Carnival (Tuesday 8th August)

Ryan Donnelly (PE Specialist)

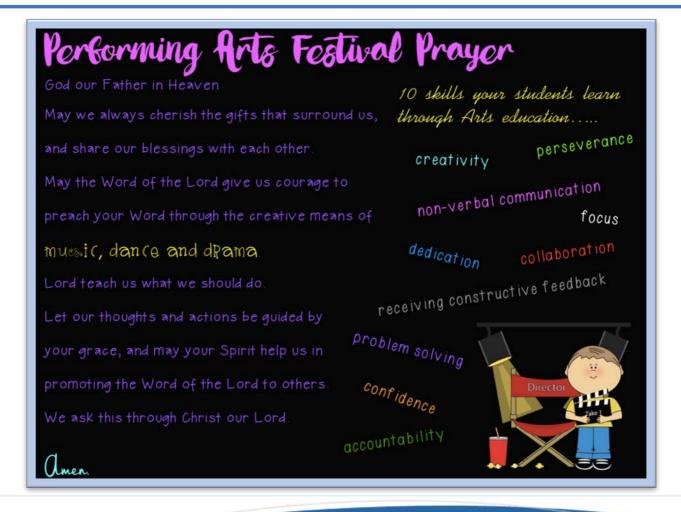
Book club is due Tuesday 1st August 3pm

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





Carla, Carl and Catia Letizia (1A) welcomed their son/brother Cristian Anthony on the 10th July. Congratulations on your new baby!! This is such a wonderful time for your family and we hope that babyhood is filled with lots of fun, love and cuddles. All the very best.



P & F News

The P & F is seeking parents with businesses who would like to be involved in this year's An Afternoon on the Green, Friday 27th October 2017, 3-7pm. This is a free family event hosted by the P & F for our community. We would love to hear from anyone who would like to hold a market stall to promote their business, art and crafters, sporting and community groups.

If you would like to assist on the committee or have a business which could provide a service such as music, entertainment, equipment hire or anything else that would add to the excitement of the afternoon, please contact the P&F pandf@mcps.wa.edu.au



Class Rep Events

PPB

Parent Dinner 5th August 7.30pm Majestic India RVSP - 3rd August Class Rep



Kindy C

Morning Coffee and playdate 11th August 10.00am Crocs Play centre RSVP - 9th August



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Kindy C

Parents Lunch 10th September The Quarie RSVP - 8th September



Year One

Dinner 1st September RSVP - 18th August - Class Rep

Year 2

Wine Appreciation & Pizza Night 15th September 7.30pm Latitude 34 Wine Co & Cellar Door RSVP – 1st September



Kindy B

Lunch 26th August 11.00am RSVP - 22nd August - Leah or Cherie



Community News



Award to recognise students following in Fred Hollows' footsteps

The Fred Hollows Foundation is calling for teachers, parents and community members to nominate students for the Fred Hollows Humanity Award.

The award recognises Year 6 students who show compassion, integrity and kindness in their lives, just as Fred did. Nominations open Monday 24 July and close Sunday 10 September.

Award recipients will be recognised at a state presentation ceremony where a Junior Ambassador to The Foundation will be announced. This Ambassador will extend their humanity by allocating \$5000, donated by Specsavers, to a Fred Hollows Foundation program of their choice to help end avoidable blindness.

To nominate a student go to www.hollows.org/humanityaward

Enrolments at Emmanuel Catholic College

The enrolment process for Year 7 2019 students has now been completed. Any applications received from now on, including siblings, will be placed on a waiting list. Enrolments at Emmanuel Catholic College have become very competitive and it is important that students requiring a place in Year 7 2020 submit their Enrolment Applications this year. The necessary reports required to accompany the application can be submitted at the end of the year once they are received. Interviews for Year 7 2020 commence at the beginning of 2018 and we envisage all places will be filled by the end of Semester 1 2018. Catholic students will be given preference as per our Enrolment Policy. Applications can be downloaded from our website www.emmanuel.wa.edu.au For further information please contact our Registrar, Mrs Kelly Lister on 9414 4055 or emmanuel.wa.edu.au



Jim's Tennis



Does your son or daughter aspire to become the next Wimbledon champion? Jim Guilfoile, a Tennis Australia Junior Development Coach, is offering tennis lessons at Mater Christi in Term 3 on Wednesday afternoons from 3:15 to 4:15, starting on the 2nd of August.

The cost for the 7 week term is \$130, and all eligible students will receive a free ANZ Hot Shots T-shirt!











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Reference: Reunion and Name





Mater Christi Catholic Primary School

RE-ENROLMENT - For 2018

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 2018. (*Please note: Year 6 students do not need to reply.*)

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

FRIDAY the 22ND September 2017.

Please note that we require a terms notice otherwise terms fees will be charged.

Thankyou very much for your assistance

Paula Nichols Administrative Assistant – Enrolments/Finance

2018 ENROLMENT

I wish to advise that the following child/ren <u>WILL NOT</u> be returning to Mater Christi Catholic Primary School in 2018:

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	Destination School
Parents' Signature		Date

This form must reach the school office by: Friday 22ND September 2017.