

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

Feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven



Next Tuesday we celebrate this very special solemnity with a whole school Mass at 9am followed by a morning tea outside the church. All parents and family members are invited to join with us in giving thanks to God for the gift of his mother to us.

RoboCup

Last Friday, a group of Year Six students from the Enrichment Program participated in the RoboCup competition. There were 39 teams competing and Mater Christi was one of 16 schools selected for the finals. The students were remarkable in their ability to design, build and program their robots for the Dance category where they had to design and perform a short robot dance show to a piece of music. Congratulations to all the students and Miss McNally for their impressive achievement but more importantly for the way they planned, collaborated, problem solved and persevered during the last few months. It's also wonderful how appreciative our children are of the opportunities available to them at our school. Below is some further information about the competition.

RoboCup Junior Australia is a project-orientated robotics competition and educational initiative for Australian students who are required to work together to design, build and program robots that can compete in one of three robotic challenges (Dance, Rescue and Soccer). Each team must choose one challenge in which to compete. Robots are built by students, not teachers, with the additional requirement that all robots must feature a unique and original design. RoboCup Junior empowers students to develop and apply their skills across the combined disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM). RoboCup Junior has recently been described by the office of the Australian Chief Scientist as the number one STEM competition currently operating in Australia.



DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday
August 14

Tuesday
August 15

Whole School Mass
Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary 9am

Wednesday
August 16

Yr 3 BRLA
Whole School Cricket
Assembly 12.00noon
School Banking
Uniform Shop

Thursday
August 17

6C Parish Mass

Friday
August 18

Yr 5 SciTech Excursion

Saturday
August 19

First Communion Mass
(Wk 3) 6pm

Sunday
August 20

First Communion Mass
(Wk 3) 8am, 10am

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League Tag Competition



The Year Six students competed in the Inter school competition last Tuesday and what an incredible achievement in winning all four shields. 15 students will be selected to compete in the NRL State League Tag Finals on Wednesday 13th September I know that choosing only 15 students to participate will be a very difficult decision to make and a lesson in life opportunity to celebrate graciously and be disappointed graciously. I know that our children are great sports and will be congratulating and wishing the 15 students chosen the very best as they will be representing ALL the Year Six students. It was the achievement of all teams last Tuesday that enabled Mater Christi to be invited to the State Finals. A big thank you to Mr Donnelly and Miss Edmondson in preparing the students, coaching on the day and in continually demonstrating that we are about TEAM Mater Christi and great sportsmanship.

Learning Journey Night (Kindy – Year Six)

On Thursday 7 September 5.00pm - 7.00pm the school will be open to showcase our Learning Journey Night. Throughout the year we report to parents in a variety of ways:

- Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Semester One and Two Reports
- Making Memories Portfolio (Kindy)
- Learning Journey (Kindy – Yr Six)



This year we welcome the Kindy classes to the Learning Journey event. This evening was very successful last year with such positive feedback from parents, students and staff.

It is a great opportunity for your child to share with you, their learning experiences during this term. The role of parents in this situation is to ask relevant questions of your child, discuss their learning and be encouraging of their progress by providing supportive feedback. Your child may also act as the 'teacher,' by guiding you through any activities that you may need to complete.

The students and staff have worked very hard in preparing the learning experiences, setting up their classrooms and displays as well as the children preparing to lead their parents through their own Learning Journey on the night. This is a most enjoyable sharing and learning opportunity for all involved.

Remember, you can come any time between 5.00pm and 7.00pm. You are very welcome to also walk through any other classrooms if time permits. The main oval will also be available for parking.



This year the Administration and Leadership Team will be cooking up a great sausage sizzle so instead of cooking a meal at home, why not purchase and enjoy a well charred sausage (oops - perfectly cooked sausage) in a bun with or without onions and sauce. Juice boxes, water and cans of drink will also be sold on the night.

Year 1 Assembly

Congratulations to the Year 1 students who presented a beautiful assembly full of great story telling, song, dance and a load of smiles. We are so proud of them and all the Year One Staff.

Wellness Week

As a wellness week initiative we have arranged for Mr Mocha to visit our school next Friday 18th August at 8.15am to 9.00am. **We are offering \$2.00 Coffee's or Hot Chocolates for our parents.** The van will be set up on the grass area in front of the School office



Coffee/Chocolate	Small
Long Black	\$4.00
Cappuccino	\$4.00
Flat White	\$4.00
Hot Chocolate	\$4.00

School Parking



At Mater Christi we reverse park for the safety of our children. Can all parents and extended family members please adhere to this safety requirement.

Keeping everyone well: School Exclusion Guidelines

As you will be aware there have been a few winter bugs around and some unwell children and staff members. Further on in the Newsletter is a set of guidelines provided to schools by the Health Department as a reference for parents in ensuring everyone stays well through the winter months. This information can also be found on the school website and the Skoolbag App.

God Bless... Toni Kalat

Religious Education

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Celebrated every year on the 15th August, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven. It signifies the Blessed Virgin's passing into eternal life; it is an important feast and a Holy Day of Obligation. On Tuesday 15th August at 9am we will be celebrating Mass for the Assumption of Mary. Friends and family are welcome to attend.



First Holy Communion

Last weekend we celebrated our first group of students receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist. It was a very special time for the children and their families.



Sacramental Program

First Communion Schedule 2017

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



Reconciliation Parent/Child Workshops

Online bookings for Reconciliation Parent/Child Workshops are available from **Monday 31st July**. Four workshop choices are available:

- ❖ **Tuesday 12th September** – 4:30pm OR 6pm
- ❖ **Wednesday 13th September** – 4:30pm OR 6pm

All children with (at least) one parent are required to attend the workshop. For log-in details please refer to the Parish website: <http://www.materchristiparish.com>



School News



Loraleen, Nazarene and Alex Madriaga (PPB) have welcomed a new baby daughter/sister – Lauren Andrea. God blessed your lives with your beautiful healthy little girl. May she fill your hearts with happiness and lots of little smiles. Wishing you all the best.

Uniform Shop

The size 6 Track pants that everyone has been waiting for, have finally arrived!
Thank you

Ilonka Heinzle
Uniform Shop Manager
Perm-a-Pleat



Sausage Sizzle

For our Junior sports carnival (18th September) and Senior sports carnival (20th September) the canteen is again offering a sausage sizzle lunch. If you would like to order, please complete the attached form and return to the canteen or office with the correct money by **FRIDAY 25th AUGUST**. Normal lunch orders will **NOT** be available on these days, only sausage sizzle. Recess will be available on BOTH days. The online canteen will be closed on the athletics carnival days. Parents and siblings can also pre-order their lunch. All orders will be delivered to the oval with your child's order. If you have any questions, please contact Heidi or Joh in the canteen.





Patrick Torres (6A) has been accepted into the specialized soccer program at John Curtin for 2018.

Performing Arts Festival 2017

Week 4 of the festival has finished with a bang! Congratulations to the following groups and students on receiving PAF Awards so far:

Award	Section	Group/Student
Outstanding Award	Liturgical Drama	Year 5C
Excellence Award	Instrumental Ensemble	MC Guitar Ensemble
Merit Award	Bible Reading	Kashvi Patel
Merit Award	Bible Reading	Tayla Rijavec



Today 2A, 2B, 2C, 3A, 3B, 3C and 6A represented the school in the Choral Speech section of the festival. Thank you to Mrs Pottier and their teachers for preparing them for their performance.

Next Wednesday, 16th August, the MC Dream Team will be performing in the Primary Dance section at the Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre. Tickets are still available through ticketek.

We wish them all the very best!

Ms Alison Ross
Music Specialist & PAF Coordinator



Year 4 Fastball



RoboCup

On the 4th of August, the Year Five and Six Extension group went to RoboCup. There were many extremely amazing teams. Our performance was based around Pacman. We were in the Primary Dance Section with 37 other teams. We arrived at Curtin University in the morning and lined up to register our act. We entered the pits and setup our robots. After a while, we watched the opening ceremony which explained what RoboCup was all about as well as wishing all the teams good luck. We headed to the pits and had a quick practice run before we prepared to perform. We were first to perform at 10:00 am. The Year 5's went to the spectator area, to watch the performance. After the performance, we watched the soccer and the rescue. The rescue was when the contestants had to programme their robots to go around the maze, collect a can and bring it back. The soccer was when the robots played a mini game of soccer with a sphere-shaped robot as the ball. There were 38 teams in the primary dance and we were lucky enough to make it into the Top 16 and went to the finals the next day. In conclusion, we had an amazing day and it was a great experience.

Timothy Fong and Evlynn Biju.



BOOK WEEK

Monday 21 August- Friday 25 August

'Escape to Everywhere'

BOOK WEEK PARADE 9AM

Monday 21 August

Come dressed as your favourite book character.



Performing Arts Festival
for Catholic Schools & Colleges

Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre

DANCE TICKETS

**WEDNESDAY
16th AUGUST**

7.00pm

PHONE TICKETEK ON: 132 849

OR

www.ticketek.com.au

**ADULTS: \$25
STUDENTS: \$20**



**Dance tickets on sale to general public
Monday 17 July 2017**

INTERSCHOOL LEAGUETAG CARNIVAL

The annual C.P.S.S.A Interschool League Tag Carnival was held on Tuesday 8th August. The Mater Christi Maulers through meticulous preparation and sheer determination, again, represented the school with honour. Mater Christi entered four teams in total. The enigma Miss Edmondson coached the two "A" teams, while yours truly coached the two "B" teams. Each team had been training intensely twice a week to take on the best. We were ready for action! Here is a brief account of how each team fared.



"A" Boys – The boys team were drawn against St. Jeromes for the first game. Confidence was high and with a strong focus on the game plan they proved too strong for the boys in green. The next game was going to be tough. Yidarra have had the wood on the boys in recent years. But our lads put on the afterburners and blasted them off the park. The boys continued their great form with two more classy wins to win the division.

"A" Girls – The girls team were super impressive. A first up win against St. Jeromes and then a draw against perennial heavyweights Yidarra made for a good start. The girls continued their stellar form with magnificent team work and speed to win the following game against St Bernadettes. The girls had to defeat Christ the King to go undefeated and hope they had scored enough tries to bring back the bacon. This is what they did and they were announced champions for a second year in a row.

"B" Boys and Girls – These two teams didn't miss a beat. They were very athletic and on the ball from the get go. Each of the teams were very keen to please. After a confidence boosting win in their first games, the teams knew what was required to win. They did just that racking up a number of tries and keeping the opposition scoreless. Both teams were lucky enough to bring home the silverware.

Everyone involved had a ball and performed outstandingly. For the first time in the competitions history, one school had one all four divisions. Mater Christi were announced the regional champions with the right to represent our region in the State Finals. Well done to all team members and all the supporters that came down and enjoyed the day. A special thank you to Miss Edmondson who did a sensational job coaching her teams. Awesome job!



Ryan Donnelly (PE Specialist)

Keeping everyone well: School Exclusion Guidelines

The National Health and Medical Research Council guidelines on preventing infectious diseases in early childhood education and care services state the following:

"Due to the close contact of young children, who often put things in their mouth and who do not cover their coughs and sneezes there is a great opportunity for airborne and direct contact transmission of viruses and bacteria".

The most important prevention strategies are to:

- ***Keep unwell children at home***
- Encourage children's cough and sneeze etiquette – *cough into your elbow, cover your mouth*
- *Effective hand washing and environmental cleaning*
- *Excluding one ill/infectious person – protects many others from becoming ill*

Our attempt to reduce children and educators becoming unwell is reliant on all families respecting the **following exclusion guidelines to keep unwell children at home:**

- For at least 24 hrs following the last vomit or diarrhoea
- Until all blisters are dry for chicken pox or hand, foot and mouth
- Whilst a wet cough persists – the first 24-48 hrs of a cold when coughing and spraying
- Until a rash has disappeared
- Until a fever has subsided without the use of paracetamol
- If a child has required paracetamol overnight, please consider if they may be well enough to come to school. Please also inform their teacher on arrival.

Parents will be asked to collect children who:

- vomit
- have diarrhoea
- develop a rash or fever or blisters
- have discharging eyes
- are generally unwell

Medication

If your child requires medication whilst in our care, we require you to complete an 'Authorisation Form' obtained from the office or easily printed from the Communication/Policies & Forms page of our school website. **We are unable to administer medication without authorisation.**

Please ensure that you have provided the school with up to date emergency contact numbers and have a back-up plan if your child has to remain home due to illness.

Thank you for your assistance in keeping all children and staff well.

Additional Information

WA's Department of Health has a range of health related fact sheets covering topics such as **Headlice, Chickenpox** and **Whooping Cough**. More information is available at:
http://www.health.wa.gov.au/publications/subject_index/

Class Rep Events

PPC

Parent Dinner
25th August 7.30pm
The Meatball Bar Fremantle
RVSP - 18th August - Tanya



Kindy C

Parents Lunch
10th September 12.30pm
The Quarie
RVSP - 8th September



Kindy B

Lunch
26th August 11am
RVSP - 22nd August Class Rep



Year One

Wine & Grazing
1st September 7.30pm
34 Latitude Jandakot
RVSP - 18th August - Class Rep



Year 2

Wine Appreciation & Pizza Night
15th September 7.30pm
Latitude 34 Wine Co Cockburn Central
RVSP - 1st September - Class Rep



Community News



WA Child Safety Services
Creating Safer Communities

Wachildsafety services are available to all WA residents. We provide comprehensive advice and support for your staff.

PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS

Parent Workshop

Highly recommended for all parents and carers of East Hamilton Hill Primary School Students.



Presented by **Kayelene Kerr** Dip(PublicSaf), AdvDip(PublicSaf), BA(Just)

We invite you to participate in this workshop to learn valuable **personal safety** skills and strategies that can help **empower your child** and keep them **safe from abuse**.

You will leave the workshop with **practical activity ideas** and **discussion starter points** to use in your family.

This workshop is not suitable for children to attend

Date	Wednesday 23rd August	Venue	East Hamilton Hill Primary School
Time	7:00 pm - 9:30 pm	Parking	Redmond Street Hamilton Hill
Cost	Free	Address	27 Bradbury Road Hamilton Hill 6163

RVSP by 21/08/17 to 9337 1410 or easthamiltonhill.ps@education.wa.edu.au

This workshop is presented by



WA Child Safety Services is a service arm of Caring Communities Inc.
wachildsafetyservices.com 1300 310 083 www.facebook.com/wachildsafetyservices



Singing for Kids

Yangebup Family Centre Wednesdays: Joeys 3.30-4pm, Roos 4.10-5pm



- Is your child shy and lacking in confidence?
- Does your child sing all the time and drive you crazy?
- Does your child struggle to express themselves socially?
- Are you looking for more opportunities for your child to sing?

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MercyCare is the leading not-for-profit catholic provider of aged care, family, health, disability and community services. Our Community and Home services provide support to assist individuals over the age of 65yrs to remain as independent as possible in their own home. There have been many changes within aged care over the last few years, and many people do not realise that there are government funded services

available to individuals to keep them living at home for longer. These services can be flexible and include support to participate in social activities or to keep up with the essentials, assistance with everyday household tasks and assistance in supporting everyday personal care activities. The services also include in-home nursing assistance with wound-care, continence management, and medication management. There are also many support services available for carers to enable them to take a break. Please call Samantha from MercyCare on 6228 1537 to discuss the support services that are available to help you. Alternatively please email: sspiro@mercycare.com.au



Aim: To provide families with information about bystander roles and responsibilities

Talking with your children about bystanders

Bullying involves more than the students who are bullied and those who bully others. Bullying often continues because people who are involved do not talk about it and seek help. This includes people who observe bullying - the bystanders. A bystander is someone who sees the bullying or knows that it is happening to someone else.

Bullying Situation Chart



There may be bystanders who are afraid they may be bullied next and this may influence their decision about what they will do if they see bullying happening.

➤ There are different types of bystanders and in this model, they are described as:

Contributors - This group offer support to the person bullying, either by helping the person to bully the other person or by encouraging the person bullying. This group might gather to watch the incident (*sometimes from concern for the person being bullied, sometimes to see what will happen, and sometimes for enjoyment*).

Supporters - This group dislikes the bullying, is concerned for the person being bullied and actively tries to help the person being bullied.

What can bystanders do?

If students see another student being bullied they should:

- Ask a teacher or support person for help
- Let the person doing the bullying know that what they are doing is bullying
- Refuse to join in with the bullying and walk away
- Support the student who is being bullied
- Support their friends and protect them from bullying (children who are alone are more likely to be the target of bullying, so encourage your children to be aware of children who are left out or on their own in the schoolyard)

JUNIOR ATHLETICS CARNIVAL (PP-YR 2) MONDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER
SAUSAGE SIZZLE ORDER FORM

Name: _____ Class _____ Faction _____

Sausage sizzle only \$3.50 No. of Orders ☐

OR

Sausage sizzle with drink \$4.50 No. of Orders ☐ No Sauce ☐

PLEASE NOTE: A child in any year can order a Sausage Sizzle on the Monday and Wednesday. Sausage sizzle is the only lunch item available on these days however normal recess sales will be available.

This order must be returned by Friday 25TH August

I am available to volunteer in the Canteen on Monday 18th September

Parent Name _____ Contact No. _____ ☐ 9-11am

☐ 11-1pm

SENIOR ATHLETICS CARNIVAL (YRS 3-6) WEDNESDAY 20th SEPTEMBER
SAUSAGE SIZZLE ORDER FORM

Name: _____ Class _____ Faction _____

Sausage sizzle only \$3.50 No. of Orders ☐

OR

Sausage sizzle with drink \$4.50 No. of Orders ☐ No Sauce ☐

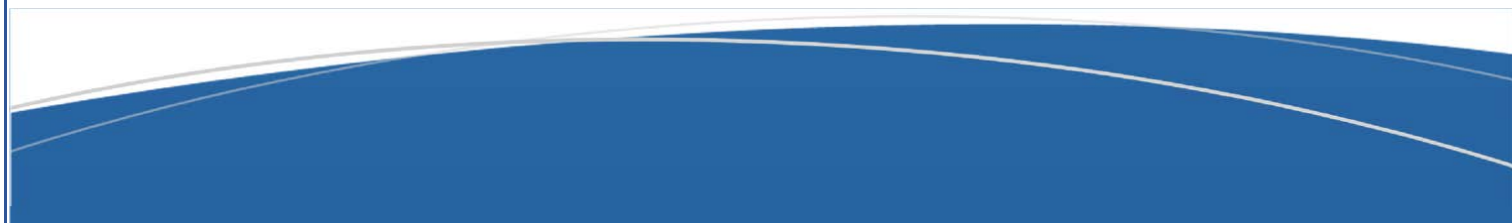
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RE-ENROLMENT - For 2018

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

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2018 ENROLMENT

I wish to advise that the following child/ren **WILL NOT** 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.

