

# 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

### **MC Dance Team**

Last Wednesday night the MC Dance Team was spectacular in their stage performance at the Convention Centre. The music was well chosen, the choreography was excellent and our children were extremely well prepared and had worked so hard. A tremendous thank you to Miss Ross and Mrs Cosnett for all their hard work after school every Monday with the dance group. It was really lovely to see each parent not only congratulating the children on their performance but also thanking both the teachers for their dedication and generosity of time. This really goes to the heart of who we are as a community and the way we model good and appropriate actions to our children.



### **Mater Christi's good name and standing within the wider community**

I have been interviewing prospective parents for our school and the first question I always ask is: Why have you chosen Mater Christi Catholic Primary School for your family? Their reply 9 times out of 10 is that they have asked other parents they know within the City of Cockburn, parents they know within the school, one even asked on Cockburn Chat and the overwhelming response is that Mater Christi is a great Catholic/Christian school, where the children are well cared for, supported, well taught, challenged, provided with many opportunities and the staff really care about and know the children very well.



This is truly wonderful and no amount of money can pay for this form of advertising - so thank you very much for always being positive about our school, the staff, parents and children.

## **DATES FOR NEXT WEEK**

Monday  
August 21      Book Week Parade 9am

Tuesday  
August 22      4C Parish Mass  
PP Excursion to SciTech  
Australian Girls Choir  
Auditions 9.30am

Wednesday  
August 23      SRC Meeting 8.10am

Thursday  
August 24      1B Parish Mass

Friday  
August 25      Merit Award/Aussie of  
the Month Assembly 9am  
Performing Arts- Primary  
Choral

Saturday  
August 26

Sunday  
August 27

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It is also appreciated when I receive emails, letters or parents dropping into the office to say how well behaved and mannered our children are, how good they are with each other and how incredibly blessed they are to be given so many opportunities at our school due to the generosity of our staff.

Sometimes, I also receive an email, letter or a visit and sadly it does not hold us in a good light. One particular theme that is regularly discussed is when children have a falling out at school and parents transfer the situation to outside of the school. In most cases the problem is resolved and the children are friends again the next day, but due to parent phone calls, comments in the car park, outside the classroom or even at the shopping centre, the parents' relationship becomes fractured, hurt and sometimes irreparable.

If there is ever an issue at school, let the school deal with it together the children and their parents. It does not need to become a community discussion on Facebook, Cockburn Chat, carpark or in aisle 3 at the local IGA.

I always say to new parents and also new staff, it is not the message that is hurtful, but the manner in which it is delivered. My mother would always remind me to speak well of others and if I can't then don't speak at all. A Principal I worked with always made sure that when he had to speak with people and deliver a difficult message, he kept his dignity and respected the dignity of the other person. We are all good people at heart who want the best for our children, each other and ourselves. In wanting the best we need to also make sure that Jesus is in on our conversation with others. In this way we keep our dignity intact and are respectful of the dignity of the other person.

### Illnesses at school



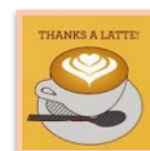
Over the last three/four weeks we have had a large number of children come through sick bay who have needed to go home due to being unwell. It is important that parents keep children who are unwell at home until they fully recovered. A large number of staff have also been unwell. I know that it is hard if parents are working full-time, but it is imperative in the stopping of other children and staff becoming unwell, that sick children remain at home. In fact, I was even sent home by the Office yesterday due to illness.

### Communication with the school

The best form of communication to the school is via email to [admin@mcps.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@mcps.wa.edu.au) Mrs Burke acknowledges the emails received and then appropriately forwards them onto the right people - classroom teacher, Assistant Principal, specialist or myself. Parents can be assured of the utmost confidentiality. Please do not send emails through to classroom teachers as they are busy teaching during the day and will not be able to respond to you straight away.

The only drive through and drop off area in our school is in Drive-Through and not the front of the school between Pre-Primary and the Office. Please comply with the correct procedures for the wellbeing of all. Thank you.

I hope that everyone has enjoyed this Wellness Week and especially the warm cup of coffee at half price. This is our way of saying 'Thank you, to all of you'!



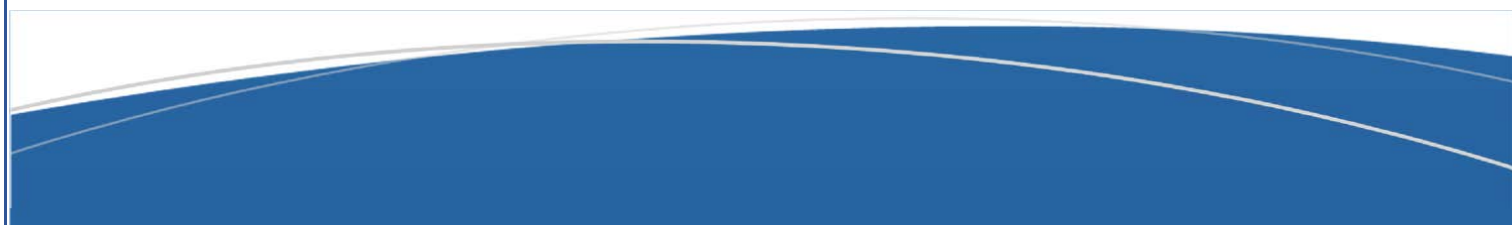
### Performing Arts



Mater Christi continues to take part in the Performing Arts Festival with our children really shining brightly and confidently.

We are very proud of all of them and in particular Alicia Savy - received an Excellence Award in the Primary Piano Performance section of the Festival and Mrs Pottier and the students from 5A who presented the Year 5 Easter Reflection. They have won the Sisters of St Joseph of the Apparition Award for Primary Christian Drama.

*God Bless... Toni Kalat*



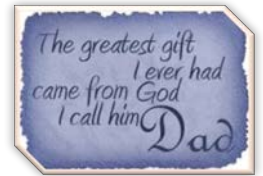
## Religious Education

### Whole School Mass



Thank you to everyone who joined us for our whole school Mass on Tuesday morning.

Our next whole school Mass will be celebrated on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 7:30am**. We hope to see you there!



### First Holy Communion

Over the past month, children from Mater Christi Catholic Primary have been preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. This is a very special time for children as they celebrate the second stage of their initiation into the Catholic Church. This preparation involves the home, school and parish. It is this three-fold partnership that will enable children to learn, deepen and enrich their faith and grow in a love for the body and blood of Christ.

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





## Parish

### Sacramental Program

#### First Communion Schedule 2017

Dates	Times	Rehearsal
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> August Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> August	6pm 8am & 10am	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> August 3:30pm in the Church



#### First Holy Communion Photos

The First Holy Communion photographs will be available online soon. The code is: **mc359**

You will need to

- log on to [www.prophotobooth.com.au](http://www.prophotobooth.com.au)
- click on "View / Order your pictures"
- click on "Communion 2017"
- scroll to find which "Mater Christi Communion" date is appropriate for your child's Mass and click on that picture.



All ordering is on line and queries are made directly to the photography company Prophotobooth on 9249 3043.

## School News

### **MERIT AWARDS For AUGUST 25**



<b>PPA</b>	Liam Barber, Milena Duca
<b>PPB</b>	Harry Farnan, Charlotte Douglas
<b>PPC</b>	Kai Sagisaka, Alexa de Oliveira
<b>1A</b>	Brooklyn Loreto, Elliya Payne
<b>1B</b>	Genevieve Emmitt, Lewis Pianta
<b>1C</b>	Lizzie Walker, Reid Hall
<b>2A</b>	Isla Lang, Thomas Sciascia
<b>2B</b>	Jesse Barron, Isabelle Lockyer
<b>2C</b>	Ella Rheinberger, Dhaniel Brown
<b>3A</b>	Grace Sheehy, Jason Walker
<b>3B</b>	Timothy Ring, Lilly Edwardes, Riley Gaidzionis
<b>3C</b>	Madeleine Dicker-Lee, Tameka Novelli
<b>4A</b>	Jesse Dodd, Jayella Goncalves
<b>4B</b>	Koby Arnold, Tristan Basilio
<b>4C</b>	Bridget Edwards, Liam Monteiro
<b>5A</b>	Kiara Cleaver, Angela Fiannaca
<b>5B</b>	Hannah Chamberlain, Dylan Vincent-De Sousa
<b>5C</b>	Lucas Artemis, Emily Haley
<b>6A</b>	Tahlia Johnson, Lachlan Fury.
<b>6B</b>	Anton Los Banos, Holly Gibson
<b>6C</b>	Genevieve Heinzle, Imogen Slater

## 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.*



## Sausage Sizzle



For our Junior sports carnival (18<sup>th</sup> September) and Senior sports carnival (20<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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. A coffee van will also be available on both days.



## Fathers' Day Mass

This term we will be celebrating our Fathers' Day Mass on Friday 1st September at 7:30am in the Church. We would love some photos of all the amazing fathers in our school. If you have a nice photo of your child/ren and their Dad, we would love you to email it to us at [admin@mcps.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@mcps.wa.edu.au) by 12 noon on Monday 28th August.

Thank you!



*Father's Day*



## Performing Arts Festival 2017

Week 5 of the Performing Arts was AWESOME!

On Wednesday night, our fabulous MC Dream Team made up of Year 5 & 6 students performed in the Primary Dance section at the Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre. THEY WERE AWESOME with their dance titled 'Welcome to the Jungle'. A BIG THANK YOU to Mrs Kate Cosnett for her time and effort preparing our dancers for the big day. We are lucky to have you! You can now add choreographer to your CV! Another big thank you to all our parents and staff who came to support our dancers. We really appreciate it!

Congratulations to the following groups and students on receiving PAF Awards this week. A special mention goes out to Mrs Pottier and the Year 5 Easter Reflection group. They are the recipients of the Primary Christian Drama Shield: Sisters of St Joseph of the Apparition Award. A wonderful achievement!



Award	Section	Group/Student
Shield Winner <i>Sisters of St Joseph of the Apparition Award</i>	Primary Christian Drama	Year 5 Easter Reflection Group
Excellence Award	Primary Piano	Alica Savy

Next week the Junior Choir, Senior Choir and Vocal Ensemble will be performing in the Primary Choral Section at the Vasto Club in Balcatta.

We wish them all the very best!

Ms Alison Ross  
Music Specialist & PAF Coordinator

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## FOR SALE



### IPAD COVERS (Used) - \$5.00 each – Cash Only

Fits - iPad Air and Air 2

Material: EVA foam

Size: 260 x 260 x 24 mm

Weight: 420 g

Description: Drops-proof and bumps-proof, ecofriendly, shockproof. Easy grip handle provides a secure grip. Non-toxic, non-corrosive, lightweight & portable.



### HOMEWORK SATCHELS (New)- \$5.00 each – Cash Only

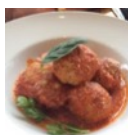
Get ready for Christmas – Perfect stocking fillers.



## Class Rep Events

### PPC

Parent Dinner  
25<sup>th</sup> August 7.30pm  
The Meatball Bar Fremantle  
RVSP - 18<sup>th</sup> August - Tanya



### Kindy C

Parents Lunch  
10<sup>th</sup> September 12.30pm  
The Quarie  
RSVP - 8<sup>th</sup> September



### Kindy B

Lunch  
26<sup>th</sup> August 11am  
RSVP - 22<sup>nd</sup> August Class Rep



### Year One

Wine & Grazing  
1<sup>st</sup> September 7.30pm  
34 Latitude Jandakot  
RSVP - 18<sup>th</sup> August - Class Rep



### Year 2

Wine Appreciation  
15<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm  
Latitude 34 Wine Co Cockburn Central  
RSVP - 1<sup>st</sup> September - Class Rep



### Kindy D

Lunch  
8<sup>th</sup> September 12.15pm  
Berrigan by the Lake  
RSVP - 7<sup>th</sup> September - Class Rep



## Community News



Experienced coaches will develop your skills in  
**track** - running [from 60m - 1500m], hurdles and walks  
**throws** - javelin, discus and shot put  
**jumps** - long jump, high jump and triple jump

**REGISTRATION DAY**  
**Saturday September 2**  
**9.00am - 12noon**

Nicholson Reserve, Swallow Drive, Yangebup

contact: David Pye  
phone: 0410 100 267  
training venue: Nicholson Reserve, Swallow Drive, Yangebup  
training times: Monday & Wednesday 5.00pm - 6.30pm  
age groups: U6 - U17

### COMPETITION

October - February  
Saturday mornings 8.00am - 12 noon  
Santich Park, Asquith St, Munster

find us on facebook



**OPEN MORNING**  
 5 September 9am - 11am or 11.30am - 1pm

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Please join us for a personalised tour of the College. Bookings are essential and can be made by visiting the College website.

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**Aim: To provide strategies for families to teach their children how to respond if they are being bullied at school**

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**Talking with your children about being bullied**

*Many children who are bullied do not tell a trusted adult as they think they are dobbing.*

**'Dobbing'** is when a person deliberately tries to get attention or to get someone else into trouble.

**'Asking for help'** is when someone feels the situation is out of his/her control and he/she is unable to deal with it alone. If anyone sees someone else in this situation they should also ask for help.

**What are students being taught at school to help them deal with bullying situations?**

**All students at our school are being taught that:**

When I have a problem I can:

- Try to stand up for myself in a positive way
- Try to talk with the person I am having a problem with
- Walk away and ignore the person completely
- Get help from a teacher or another person I trust
- Ignore the situation and keep playing or working
- Talk to a friend to get some ideas to help me make a decision or
- Try coming to an agreement with the other person

**You can reinforce these messages by discussing them with your children at home.**

***Consider trying some of these ideas to improve the way you talk with your children about tricky issues.***

**Sit shoulder to shoulder or walk with your child as you talk**

- Talking face to face can be quite confrontational, particularly for boys. Sitting or walking side by side will encourage both you and your child to talk freely.

**Use open-ended questions**

- It is easy to ask your child if they had a good day or if they would like toast for breakfast; however these questions only require a yes or no answer.
- Try asking questions such as "What did you do today?" or "What would you like for breakfast?" These types of questions encourage discussion between you and your child.

**Talk with your children about what to do rather than what not to do**

- It is common for us to focus on negative behaviour, such as "don't step in that puddle" or "stop swinging on your chair".
- Try telling your children what you would like them to do rather than what you don't want them to do.
- You can do this by using positive statements such as "please step over the puddle" or "please put the chair legs on the floor".





Art: Jordan Paolillo, Servite College

# CITY TO SURF

## Sunday 27 August

### WA RUN FOR AFRICA



23 million people are currently on the brink of famine in South Sudan and other areas of East Africa. Caritas Australia and their partners are delivering life-saving food and water to countries most in need. We are inviting schools and parishes to join in and raise awareness and funds for the African Emergency Appeal.

**Perth City to Surf is held on Sunday 27 August 2017.** Join our Caritas team **WA Run For Africa** and help raise funds for a good cause through Caritas Ks!

**Join our team and donate here:** [caritas.org.au/runwa](http://caritas.org.au/runwa)

**You also need to register with Perth City to Surf here:** [perthcitytosurf.com/](http://perthcitytosurf.com/)

#### START TIMES

4km Run & Walk starts 7.55am

12km Walk starts 8.45am

12km Run starts between 8.20am-8.35am

21km Half Marathon starts 7.30am

42km Marathon starts 6.00am

## Protective Behaviours Workshop – Child Protection Week 4-10 September 2107

The Safeguarding Program is presenting this workshop in various parishes throughout the Archdiocese. The closest workshop to our parish is being held at: Mater Christi Parish on 7<sup>th</sup> September.

A flyer is available at the back of the Church and you register your interest directly to: [safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au)



### Child Protection Week

### *Safeguarding Protective Behaviours Parent Workshops*

*The Perth Catholic Archdiocese Safeguarding Program is child focused and informed by a fundamental belief that children have the right to physical and psychological safety at all times.*

Whilst the Safeguarding Program is working hard throughout the Perth Catholic Archdiocese, we all must play our part to protect children and keep them safe. During Child Protection Week, the Safeguarding Office in partnership with WA Child Safety Services will be hosting a series of Protective Behaviours Workshops.

One way in which parents can assist in increasing their child's safety is by teaching them the *Protective Behaviours Program* and as such we strongly recommend all parents attend a workshop. These workshops have been designed to teach parents and carers how to increase the personal safety of their children. Whilst there are many ways of talking to children about their personal safety, it is important that we do not scare them or leave them feeling unsafe, afraid or disempowered. Our new resource *Protecting God's Children* provides parents with strategies to increase their children's safety and cope with situations that threaten their wellbeing and personal safety. The program empowers the individual with the right to feel safe and sets out ways in which they can gain the appropriate help.

Parish	Time	Address	Date/2017
Como	7-9pm	45 Thelma Street, Como	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> August
Thornlie	7-9pm	50 Ovens Road, Thornlie	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September
Dianella	7-9pm	356 Grand Promenade, Dianella	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September
Baldivis	7-9pm	731 Eighty Road, Baldivis	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September
Gosnells	4-6pm	1 Isdell Place, Gosnells	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September
Spearwood	7-9pm	36 Troode Street, Munster	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September
Wanneroo	7-9pm	15 Dundobar Road, Wanneroo	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September
Scarborough	7-9pm	104 Scarborough Beach Road, Scarborough	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September
Greenwood/Whitford/North Beach	7-9pm	7 Liwara Place, Greenwood	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September
Armadale	7-9pm	279 Forrest Road, Hilbert	Wednesday 6 September
East Victoria Park	7-9pm	43 Camberwell Street, East Victoria Park	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> September
Fremantle/Beaconsfield	7-9pm	47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> September
Wilson	7-9pm	14 Castledare Place, Wilson	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> September
Yangebup	7-9pm	340 Yangebup Road, Yangebup	Thursday 7 September

*This workshop has been provided free of charge*

This workshop is an adult training session and is not suitable for children to attend, thank you for your co-operation.

RSVP Fri 25<sup>th</sup> August 2017

To Register: Complete and return the attached registration form to:



**Safeguarding Office, Catholic Archdiocese of Perth**  
A 29 Victoria Square . Perth . WA . 6000  
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E [safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au)

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## INVITATION: PARENTECH SCREENING OF SCREENAGERS AND SPECIAL Q+A

A 'MUST-SEE' CONVERSATION STARTER FOR ALL PARENTS AND THEIR TEENS!

- Have you wondered what effect technology is having on your child?
- Do you wonder if it is healthy to be exposed to so much technology?
- What's it doing for kids' physical development?
- How's it affecting their brains, their intellect and ability to concentrate?
- Can online gaming, selfie culture and constant connection and comparison with your peers be healthy?
- Most parents worry, but few do what mother, medic and film-maker Dr Delaney Ruston did and dig deep into the science and share their findings with other parents in an incredibly thought-provoking documentary.
- The result is the must see Screenagers, a film that relates her journey uncovering evidence of the effects of a technology rich diet on children's development.
- Dr Ruston also explores how to strike a balance in her own family and maintain a healthy relationship, and promotes change not just in our homes but in our schools and communities too.

The Australian Parents Council and our state and territory affiliates would like to invite you to an exclusive #parentech screening of the movie Screenagers and to be part of a special Q+A to help build active solutions for Australian families and schools.

We encourage every parent, and interested groups and organizations, to join the conversation. Please share #parentech with your network. Come along, bring some friends and importantly, bring your teen/tween and join the conversation at one of our PARENTECH SCREENINGS. For bookings or more information, please go to <http://parentech.com.au/screenings/> Tag a friend on this #parentech, Facebook, or post and at the end of the week, we will give away a ticket for one adult and their teen to attend one of the #parentech screenings! (Two tickets to be given away).





**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 25<sup>TH</sup> August**

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

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact No. \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ 9-11am

☐ 11-1pm

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**SENIOR ATHLETICS CARNIVAL (YRS 3-6) WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**  
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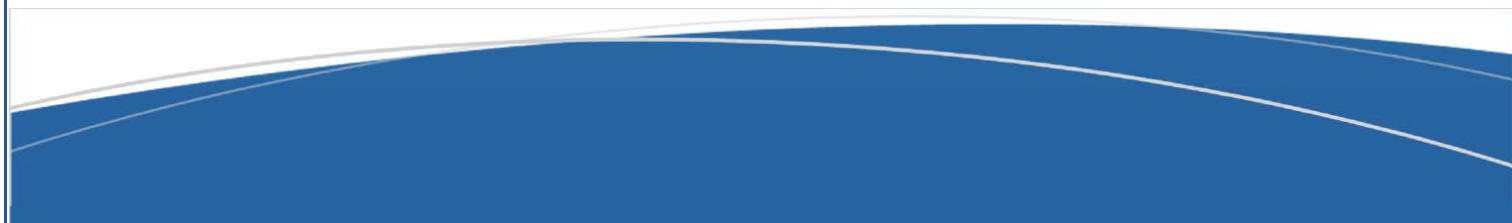
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# Mater Christi Catholic Primary School

## 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 22<sup>ND</sup> 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**

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***Parents' Signature***

\_\_\_\_\_  
***Date***

***This form must reach the school office by: Friday 22<sup>ND</sup> September 2017.***

