

Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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SCHOOL MANTRA 2020

"Do small things, with great love". Mother Teresa

Dear Families



You shall love your God and your neighbour as yourself "See the face of Christ in the people we meet."

Sunday Gospel Reading: Matthew 22: 15-21
This week's Gospel centres on Jesus' message on love; two loves united in each of us. Love God, love your neighbour - this is the only commandment given by Jesus. Jesus said this and lived it in his life. He never allowed the laws of religion to overtake the need for love. The message of Jesus is all-embracing and covers all our relationships, both the close relationships of marriage, family, friendship, and the call to love the wider world, mainly where the needs are significant. We can never overestimate the importance of this saying of Jesus. For Jesus, nothing can be more important than loving God above all and loving others as oneself. We pray that this truth touches our minds and our hearts and gives us a sense of real priority in whatever we do.

Grandparents Liturgy

This morning the PP staff and students led us in a lovely and prayerful Liturgy. Mr Giles represented all our grandparents, and the PP children wrote and read the Prayer of the Faithful. The pictures of their grandparents decorate the church, and if you attend Mass this weekend, you will see the artwork displayed on the walls. Thank you to Mrs Southwell for supporting everyone in Pre-Primary and Mrs King and the School Band in leading us in joyful song.

This morning the students were asked to let their grandparents know how loved they are, whether in person, via phone and in prayer. Parents, please support your children in this vital endeavour. Thank you.

Dates for Next Week (Week 3)

Monday 26 th October	Parish Mass (Year 4) Confirmation Workshops 5:30pm & 7pm
Tuesday 27 th October	Confirmation Workshops 5:30pm & 7pm 7pm Board Meeting
Wednesday 28 th October	Uniform Shop Open 8:00-10:30am & 1:20-3:20pm
Thursday 29 th October	Staff Appreciation Morning Tea (P&F) Year 4-6 Interschool Spelling Bee at St Jerome's PS Confirmation Practice 5:45pm Group 1 7:00pm Group 2
Friday 30 th October	Colour Run (pm) with afterschool activities
Saturday 31 st October	Reconciliation Mass at 6pm
Sunday 1 st November	Feast of All Saints Confirmation Masses 12pm & 2:30pm



2021 Staffing

Mr Robin Giles, Finance Officer, will be retiring at the end of this year from Mater Christi and the Catholic system.

Congratulations to Mrs Nicole Woodhouse, Assistant Principal, as she will be taking Parental Leave for 2021 and 2022. These two people are integral members of the Mater Christi Executive Team. I will share with the community when their replacements

have been finalised.



Spelling Bee

Next Thursday, the Mater Christi Spelling Bee Champions will participate in the Interschool Spelling Bee Competition at St Jerome's Catholic Primary School. Thank you to Mrs De Bes for coordinating this event and supporting the students. We wish them all the very best.

God Bless

Toni Kalat



Condolences

We extend our sincere condolences to Dylan M (PPB) and Connor M (3A) on the recent passing of their Grandfather. We pray that God is with you all at this difficult time.

Religious Education News

Reconciliation Candidates: We hold in our hearts and prayers the candidates who will be making their Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday night at the Mater Christi Parish, including Milena D, Connor M, Imogen D, Sofia M & Griffin J

Grandparents Liturgy of the Word.

This morning we honoured all grandparents by gathering to share in a Liturgy of the Word. To acknowledge the grandparents in our life the Church was decorated with drawings and sayings of the Year 4 and Pre-Primary children's grandparents. Sadly, during to current restrictions in placed our Grandparents were unable to join us today. We acknowledged our grandparents with the colours of the rainbow.



Blue is for the memories our grandparents share with us help and help us understand who we are. From our grandparents, we never tire of hearing about our parents when they were children.

Violet is for the wonderful mystery each grandparent sees in us. Other people may see us simply as a child, but our grandparents see us as unique, special and loveable.

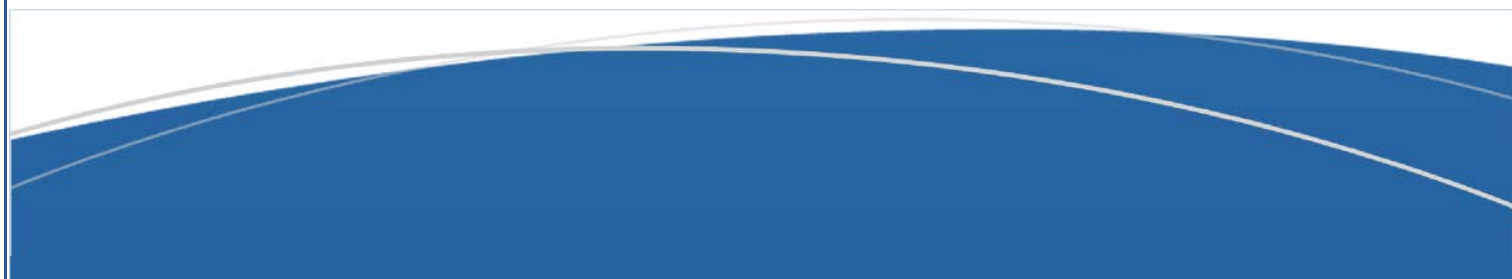
Red is for the gift of time where we explore the world together. Grandparents give us time when they listen, affirm and share wisdom with us as we try to make sense of the world around us.

Green is for the joy we give to grandparents; in our eyes they are beautiful. We help our grandparents to see themselves as God see them – lovable, good and made in his image.

Orange is the gift we give to grandparents to provide a sense of meaning to life. As they grow old, we remind them of the wonderful relationships they have had over the years.

Yellow is for the love between grandparents and grandchildren unconditional and not changed by time or distance.

We hope all grandparents within our community have a gorgeous weekend with family and friends.



School News

What's Happening in Year 5 This Term?

The term ahead is definitely a busy one for the Year 5's! We are coming to the end of the year quickly and students have started to prepare their 2021 leadership role speeches. We have already been blessed to hear some of the wonderful qualities and intentions of students, who have nominated themselves for the upcoming positions. We are also excited to announce a sixth leadership role of **Library Captains!** The Year Five teachers (and especially Mrs. Gladwell), were blown away by the enthusiasm expressed by the students, for this new and exciting responsibility. Finally, it was a battle to the end for our top three Spelling Bee champions. – see below for further information. It was wonderful to see so many of the students participate in this year's spelling competition.



Canteen

Don't Forget... A quick reminder that the Canteen has had a couple of price increases. Sushi is now \$5.50 and Froyo is \$2.50.

Thank you, Wendy Scherini and Karen Piscopo ☺



IN APPRECIATION FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN 2020
THE MATER CHRISTI STAFF INVITE YOU TO OUR

Volunteers' Morning Tea

9am Monday 30 November in the Mater Christi
Community Centre

**Please note that COVID protocols will be in place and your adherence
to physical distancing is appreciated*



School News

Physical Education News

Interschool Athletics



Interschool Training has commenced on Monday and Wednesday mornings (it will also be on Friday next week) with training commencing at 8am. It is expected that chosen athletes make all training sessions. If you cannot make it, please let Mr. Donnelly know ASAP. The Carnival has a different format this year. Only the top two runners from each event have been selected to compete. Last year it was the top four in the 80/100m.

If your child came third in any of the athletics events, they are more than welcome to come to training. It would be fantastic to see them there. Injuries and sickness are a part of life and may strike. Therefore, it is good to be ready.



Science News -Enviro Club

A reminder that Enviro Club is on in Week 2, 4 and 6 of Term 4. Students meet in HASS4, with the sessions running from 3.15-4.15pm.

Cyber Safety Incursion with ySafe

On Thursday Year 3-6 Students participated in a Cyber Safety Incursion run by Taryn from ySafe. During the session students learnt about keeping their private information safe when online, to think before they post and how to deal with cyberbullying situations. It was great to see all students engaged in the presentation and I hope there were some insightful conversations had at home afterwards.

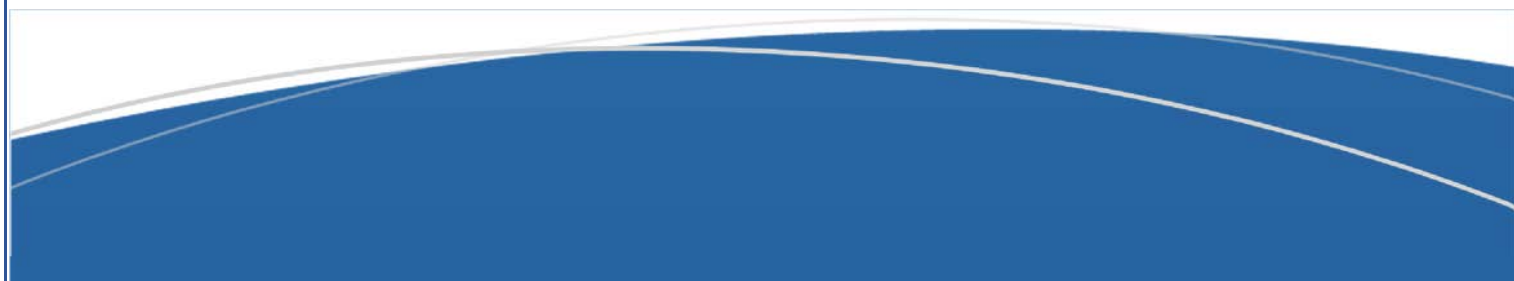
A reminder that ySafe have a variety of helpful tools on their website linked below:

<https://www.ysafe.com.au/tool.html>



Athletics Carnival Highlights

Thank you to Mr Bravo for taking wonderful photos from the Junior Athletics Carnival.



Athletics Carnival

Our Annual Athletics Carnivals were held last week. What a turn out! It was great to see the high level of participation and the fantastic spirit that all events were contested in. Both junior and senior students competed in a plethora of challenging team game events. On top of all this action we witnessed the students run like mad in all the varied sprint and relay races. It was a massive programme, and everyone should be proud of their efforts. I can imagine that all students and teachers had no trouble going asleep after their carnivals. I know I sure did!

After two days of intense competition, everyone had given their all. But at the end of the day there can be only one. The results were as follows:

1st – HONEYEATERS (1154 pts)

2nd – BOBTAILS (1066 pts)

3rd – BANDICOOTS (999 pts)

4th – MAGPIES (947 pts)

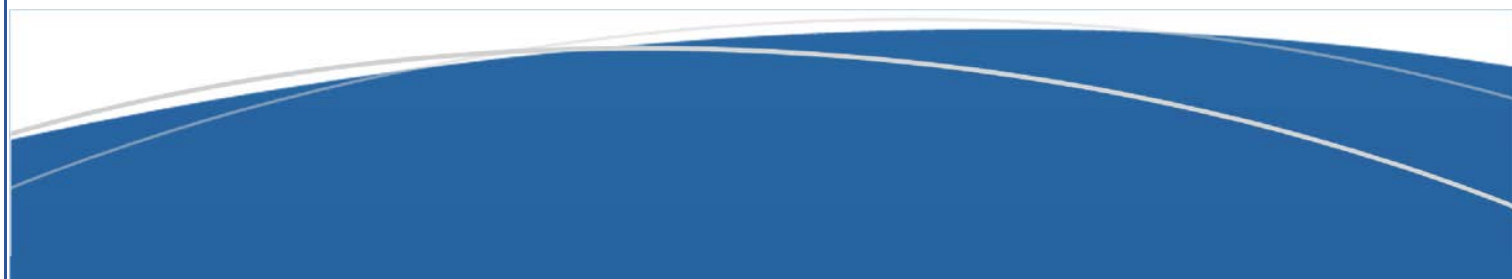
Our Champion Boy and Girl Results

Year	Place	Boys	Girls
3	1 st	Liam B	Sophie C
	2 nd	James B	Asha W
		Rylan K	-
4	3 rd	-	Isla M
	1 st	Connor D	Naomi H
	2 nd	Connor W	Stella A
5	3 rd	Lewis P	Zoe E
	1 st	Josh L	Sabella Y
	2 nd	Dhaniel B	Shea C
6	3 rd	Kasey M	Imogen W
	1 st	Lucas C Nicholas C	Olivia M
	2 nd	-	Mia S
	3 rd	Alessandro D	Zabrina P

Congratulations must also go out to all the intrepid teachers and the awesome captains. Without everyone's help, the carnival would not be such a success. Well Done!

Students who will be required for interschool duties have been notified. Check your notes for training times. Bring on the Interschool Challengers!

Ryan Donnelly (PE Specialist)



School News

Year 4-6 Spelling Bee Champions!

In Week One and Two the Year Four, Five and Six classes held their year level Spelling Bee Competitions. Well done to everyone involved, it is great to see so many students participating each year. I would like to congratulate the following students who placed first, second and third in their year level and will be competing in the Interschool Spelling Bee Competition next Thursday at St Jeromes Primary School.



Year Four-

- 1st Saanvi K
- 2nd Ryley C
- 3rd Patrick D



Year Five –

- 1st Place Rachael J
- 2nd Place Elisha D
- 3rd Place Jayden K



Year Six –

- 1st Place Gemma W
- 2nd Place Joel M
- 3rd Place Sebastian B

Reserve: Nithika V

We wish them good luck for next week!
Mrs Katie de Bes

After-School Soccer Coaching Clinics (Term 4)



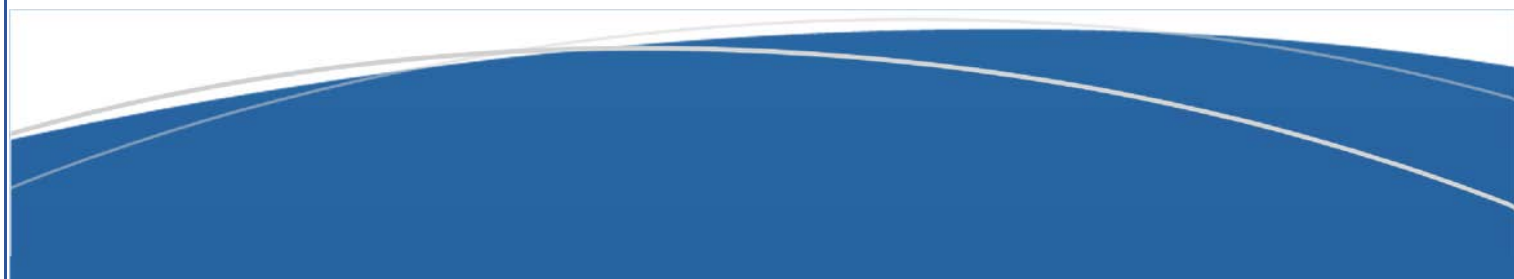
Maestro Sport & Education Group
"Dream - Design - Develop - Distribute"

P.O. Box 860, Canning Bridge, Applecross WA 6153

P: (08) 6162 0932 E: play4life@optusnet.com.au W: play4life.com.au

Checks. The Clinic focuses on **Maximum Participation** during **Organised** and **Fun** 6 x 1 Hour sessions. The cost for the clinic is \$60.00 per child.

If you are interested in letting your child learn and play this World Game in fun sessions and you have not yet registered, then please register online at www.play4life.com.au by Sunday 19th July or complete the registration form and return it to reception. (Spare registration forms are available at reception). If you have any queries, please call Jacob Aquino on 6162 0932.



Wise Wine Fundraiser is FINISHING!!

"Don't miss out! The Wise Wine Fundraiser for all 18+ parents and friends of our school is closing on **Friday 30th October**! 20% of all sales goes directly to the P&F to help fund future events and purchases of goods for our students at school! Perfect for easy Christmas shopping. Head to <https://wisewine.com.au/mater-christi/> to place your order."



Staff Appreciation Morning Tea

On Thursday 29th October a morning tea will be held in appreciation of the staff at Mater Christi. The P&F are looking for parents to help out with donations of food for the morning tea. If anyone is able to help out with making or purchasing any morning tea items (sweet or savoury) please contact me via email or mobile phone.

Morning Tea items will need to be dropped off to the staff room on the Thursday morning by 8.30am

Giulia Orlando, dancingjewels7@hotmail.com, 0403 489 252

Colour Fun Run Donations and Prizes!

Keep your donations coming in! Follow this link to find your child's fundraising page <https://www.mycase.com.au/events> or contact your class representative who will have all the details for you to find it. Cash donations welcome and will be added to the tally.

Volunteer spots are almost full and all those who have applied have been contacted. Please check your emails or send me a direct email to michellehall080@gmail.com if you haven't received anything yet! Due to COVID, parents are unable to attend the event unless volunteering - tickets must be booked prior, via the link above.

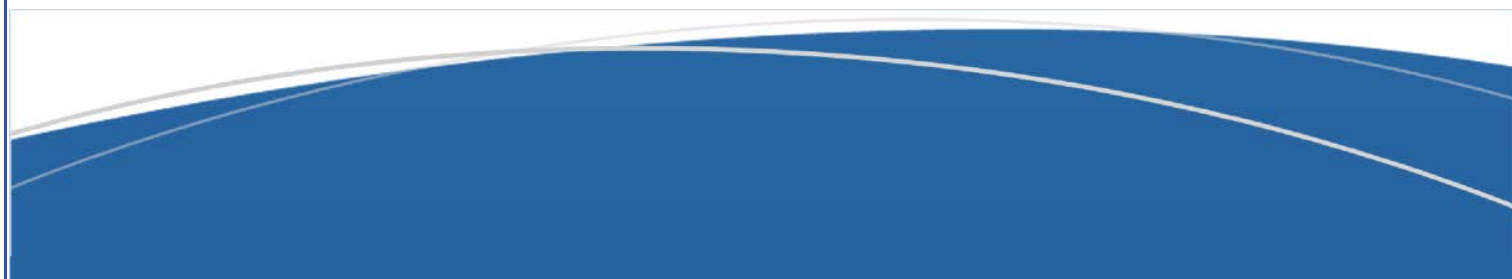
AGM 2020



Executive Council positions of the P&F become vacant each year and a new committee is elected at the AGM. The P&F meet formally twice per term at meetings. Please consider the below summaries of the Executive Council positions. How can you contribute to the P&F? Please consider nominating for a position. You can also nominate in one of the secondary positions or as a general committee member. Forms can be collected from the front office.

- **President:** The President is the spokesperson of the P&F. Roles include chairing meetings, speaking at events, and encouraging participation of families in volunteering and attending events.
- **Vice President:** The Vice President stands in for the President as required. The Vice President stands in on sub committees.
- **Secretary:** The Secretary keeps a record of all correspondence, prepared agendas and formulates the minutes of each meeting.
- **Treasurer:** The Treasurer helps prepare a yearly budget and keeps a record of all financial transactions. Also pays all invoices as required.

AGM - 18th November 2020, 7pm, Community Centre - All parents are invited to attend, there will be light refreshments served and child-minding facilities will be available on the evening in the ELC (3YO Kindy).



Parent Social Events



SWEETWATER
ROOFTOP BAR



**TONIC+
GINGER**

Kindy B Class Playdate

When: Saturday, November 7 from 9:30am

Where: Roar, Bibra Lake

RSVP: Please advise via the class Facebook group or contact Rachel Rawlins: 0436 861 911

Pre-Primary End of Year Drinks

When: Friday, November 20th from 7pm.

Where: Sweetwater, East Fremantle.

RSVP: Please advise your class representative by November 13th (Sinéad Chidlow PPA, Trish Piccaro PPB or Emily Russell PPC).

1C End of Year Class Catch Up

When: Saturday, November 21 at 3pm

Where: Manning Park Playground. Bring your own picnic, chairs and rugs.

RSVP: Rebecca Exham 0422 096 580.

2A End of Year Dinner

When: Friday 4th December at 6pm

Where: Tonic and Ginger

RSVP: Please contact Barbara Thurson on 0404 847 607 by 30th November

Community News

VACSWIM 2021

Take the plunge!

Help keep your child safe in the water this summer.

Book now for January holiday swimming lessons.

Age Group	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
4-5 years	10.10.20 - 10.11.20	10.12.20 - 10.01.21	10.02.21 - 10.03.21
6-7 years	10.10.20 - 10.11.20	10.12.20 - 10.01.21	10.02.21 - 10.03.21
8-9 years	10.10.20 - 10.11.20	10.12.20 - 10.01.21	10.02.21 - 10.03.21
10-11 years	10.10.20 - 10.11.20	10.12.20 - 10.01.21	10.02.21 - 10.03.21

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VACSWIM 2020-21

Take the plunge

Get your Bronze Medallion and help save lives.

If you are over 15 years old, you can now enter in our October or January program.

You will learn advanced survival, rescue and resuscitation skills. Your education will be a life saver.

CRICKET BLAST

HAVE A BLAST!

GET INTO WOOLWORTH'S CRICKET BLAST. IT'S A FUN AND ACTIVE PROGRAM FOR KIDS OF ALL ABILITIES - WHETHER IT'S YOUR FIRST TIME WITH A BAT OR YOU'RE A BACKYARD CRICKET STAR!

OUTDOORS NON-CONTACT

SKATE clinics

FREE

Skateboard coaching for young riders aged 6-12

Suitable for beginners and intermediates

Skateboards and helmets provided free if you don't have your own.

	Mondays	Wednesdays	Time
Location	Wallatup Skate Park, (Bibra Lake Reserve) Bibra Lake Drive	Azwell Skate Park, Tapper Road	
October 2020	19, 26	21, 28	4-6pm
November 2020	2, 9, 16	4, 11, 18	4-6pm

Registration essential. No bookings required.

Complete form on the day or at skateboarding.wa.gov.au

Contact Children's Development Officer on 08 9411 3444 for more information.

COVID-19 These events are subject to change or cancellation - check the City website and social media pages closer to the event. We recommend downloading the COVID app and adhering to social distancing while attending events. If you feel unwell or are showing symptoms please seek medical advice and do not attend these events.

cockburn.wa.gov.au/childrenservices



FREE Community Program

The City of Cockburn presents

FROGGY'S FUN ON THE GREEN

Mobile outdoor play sessions for anyone with young children aged 0-5 years

Leap into fun with the City of Cockburn's mobile outdoor play sessions. Offering fun activities for children and a chance for mums and dads to connect with others and access information and support.

SCHOOL TERMS ONLY. TERM FOUR COMMENCING MONDAY 12 OCTOBER 2020

Monday 9.30am - 11.30am
Manning Park, Azelia Rd, Hamilton Hill
Tuesday 9.30am - 11.30am
Success Regional Sporting & Community Centre (on the back verandah) Hammond Rd, Success (behind the fire station & retail courts)

During the play sessions, kids can get hands-on with playground games and toys.

Parents are to supervise their children at ALL times.

T: 9411 3444
www.cockburn.wa.gov.au

Permitted to accessible and inclusive events.

COCKBURN ROTARY SPRING FAIR

FROSH YOUTH FESTIVAL

Sunday 25 October 2020 11am-8pm

Manning Park, Azelia Road, Hamilton Hill

Ages: All

Enjoy a day of fun and frivolity!

Activities include:

- Side Show alley
- Roving acts
- Games and activities
- FROSH Youth Festival & stage performances.

Plus a variety of stalls and delicious foods. Fireworks at 7:30pm weather permitting. ACROD parking and accessible toilets. Parking available on site, enter via Azelia Road (one way) and exit Janson Road.

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Government of Western Australia
Child and Adolescent Health Service
WA Country Health Service

colour blindness

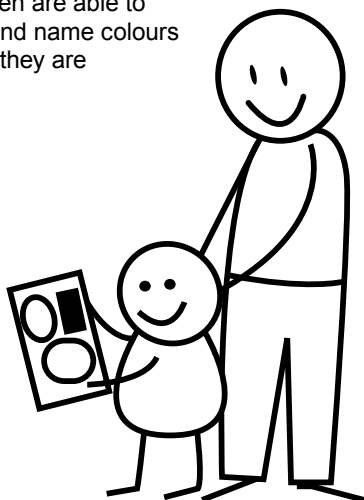
Children who are colour blind can see as clearly as other people, but can't tell the difference between some colours or see colours differently from other people.

Very few people who are colour blind are 'blind' to all colours – most often they see red and green as very similar.

It's good to know if a child is colour blind because he may have difficulty at school with activities that use colours, such as drawing and sorting blocks, and with computers.

When do children know colours?

- Very young children can see the difference between colours if they are not colour blind. They do not see colours very well at first but soon begin to like colours, especially bright colours.
- However, children under about 4 years may not understand that a green ball is the same colour as green grass. They can be confused when we use the same describing word for 2 very different things.
- Children need more understanding of things like colours, shapes and sizes to 'see' that different things can be the same colour.
- Many children are able to recognise and name colours by the time they are 4 years old.



What is colour blindness?

In the retina at the back of the eye – the part of the eye that picks up light coming in – there are 2 types of cell, 'rod cells' and 'cone cells'.

- Rod cells work in low light but they do not 'see' colours. At night, our rod cells allow us to see things around us, but only in shades of grey and white.
- Cone cells react to daylight and they help us to see the detail in objects. They also pick up colours.

There are 3 types of cone cells: ones that pick up red light, others green and others blue.

- ✗ By combining the messages from each set of cone cells, we get the wide range of colours that we can normally see.
- ✗ If one or more of these types of cone cells is faulty, a person can be colour blind.

How do I know if my child is colour blind?

It can be hard to tell if children are colour blind as they won't know that they have problems with their colour vision. Some children will seem to know their colours because they've been taught that a strawberry is red and that grass is green.

If your child seems to have trouble identifying colours after the age of four, such as sorting objects by colour or colouring in, talk to your doctor or community health nurse.

Who is colour blind?

Colour blindness is usually inherited. If you have inherited colour blindness, it won't get any better or worse.

Most people inherit colour blindness from their mother, who is a carrier but is probably not colour blind.

Around 8 in every 100 boys, but only 4 in every 1,000 girls, have some level of colour blindness.