Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers



SCHOOL MANTRA 2018

"Be a voice, not an echo"

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Sunday Gospel Mark 10: 35 - 45

"Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."



Being a true Christian basically means to think of others and not just yourself. In many respects it is about thinking of others over your own needs. Mother Teresa was a modern-day example of someone who selflessly gave up their own life to serve and look after others. How many of us could do that? What has been sad to witness in modern life is that the individual seems to be promoted over the collective. We

are bombarded almost daily on social media and in flashy TV advertisements with pictures of people usually very good looking, fit and healthy who seemingly have it all. How many social media shots have you seen from people who post about their depression or that he/she has lost a job or is suffering in some way? Our modern world tends to dismiss the Christian message as yesterday's news. Jesus' message is eternal. His simple commandment is to love one another and love God. How are we doing with that?

DATES FOR TERM 4, WEEK 3 Swimming Lessons All Week	
Monday 22 nd October	6C Class Mass
Tuesday 23 rd October	4B Class Mass
	Board Meeting at 7pm
Wednesday 24 th October	Uniform Shop Open Times: 8:10-10:30am 1:20-3:20pm
	Booklists due for return (Years 2-6)
	School Banking
	Year 6 Dance Rehearsals MCCC (am)
Thursday 25 th October	Interschool Spelling Bee (Years 4-6)
	2A Class Mass
Friday 26 th October	P&F Free Family Event "Afternoon on the Green" (School Oval at 3pm)
	2C Class Mass
Saturday 27 th October	9:00 -10:30am: Reconciliation Week 2
Sunday	

28th October

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tomorrow is the first of four Reconciliation Celebrations for our Year three students and their families. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Mini Marathon

God truly loves us!

The weather was perfect, the legs were limbered up and the walkers – young and old all came across the finish line with an infectious smile. It was great to see lots of parents, grandparents, prams and very young siblings joining in. The proceeds from the Mini Marathon support the Year Six Graduation Celebration (2019). It's wonderful to know that all children and their parents when in Year Six benefit from the support and generosity of all of us. *Thank you.*





Lovely Feedback

Last Tuesday the Pre-Primary students went to the Zoo. An adult not associated with Mater Christi took the time to send the following message via email. This was a lovely thing to do and well received by all the Pre-Primary staff. Congratulations Mater Christi – students, staff and parents.

I am hoping to pass on some feedback to the school with regards to some of their students on excursion.

On Tuesday this week (16/10) I took my young son to Perth Zoo for a special day out. It was a beautiful day to experience the Zoo and there were a number of schools visiting the Zoo this day as there often are. Amongst the schools I did notice Mater Christi school children to be amongst them and feel that they deserve some recognition.

As I came across various Mater Christi groups throughout different parts of the Zoo, the children were all very polite, waited their turns, weren't yelling and screaming or pushing their way through. The interactions that I overheard between parents and teachers with the children were all very engaging and respectful of each other and others sharing their Zoo experience on that day. As a rather young group, I think they conducted themselves very well on this occasion and I hoped they would be recognised for the behaviour I witnessed. Additionally, they all appeared to be very well presented, as such creating a good image for the school. Well done kids!

Board and P&F AGM – Save the Date – Wednesday, 21st November.

God Bless, Toní Kalat

Religious Education

Sacrament of Penance - Rite of Reconciliation

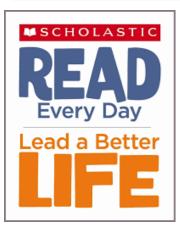


On the 20th October, 27th October, 3rd November and the 10th November, the children in Year Three will be receiving the Sacrament of Penance – Rite of Reconciliation for the first time. The children have been preparing to receive this Sacrament for many weeks. Please keep the Year Three students, their families and their teachers in your prayers.

Once children have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation they can collect their certificates in the Church foyer prior to the commencement of Mass over the weekend. At each of the Masses, Father Dat will formally congratulate the children and the congregation will also acknowledge them.

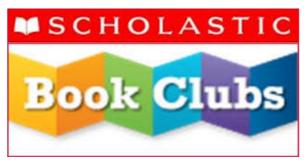
Be Good Mr Hofmeester

Library News



Book club is due Wednesday 24th October 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.

Mater Christi Spelling Bee

This term, we held our Annual Spelling Bee in Years Four, Five and Six. From there, the top three in each year group qualified for the Interschool Spelling Bee. Congratulations to the following students who placed first, second and third at our School Spelling Bee.







Year Five
First Place- Christianne Santos
Second Place- Seraphina Yeo
Third Place- Bridget Edwards



<u>Year Four</u> First Place – Gemma Wright Second Place – Amanda Rivera Third Place- Rhys Millington

Thank you to all who participated in the Spelling Bee this year. Please keep these children in your prayers as they continue to prepare for the Interschool Spelling Bee held at the Mater Christi Community Centre next **Thursday 25**th **October.** There will be four schools joining us this year – Star of the Sea, St Jerome's, St Bernadette's and St Vincent's. If you wish to come along and support our students, please see the schedule below.

- **9.15am** Students bring their bags over to the hall and assist with set up.
- **9.30am** All competitors and spectators seated ready to begin competition.
- **9.40am** Welcome and presentation of the day.
- 9.45am Year 6 Competition.
- 10.45am Recess.
- 11.00am Year 5 Competition.
- 11.50am Year 4 Competition.
- 12.30-12.45 Completion of Spelling Bee.

Katie McNally

Class 5A & Enrichment Teacher | IT Coordinator



What's Happening in Term 4!

Early Learning Centre

We are excited for another fun filled term in the ELC! This term we will be focussing on the topics 'Numbers', 'Shapes', 'Colours', 'I Am Me' and 'Christmas/Advent'.

While social and emotional skills will still be a priority, we will also explore several concepts throughout the term. These will include Making Jesus Real in our lives, keeping safe, social skills, listening to stories, listening to our teachers and friends, answering questions, counting skills to 10, sorting and classifying, name recognition, writing our name and following instructions.

We will also be working on developing our gross and fine motor skills.

Most importantly, we will be having another great term of playing with our friends and having a fantastic time.

Kind regards

Mandy Jeffery and Karina Minervini

Kindv

Welcome to the final term of Kindy for 2018. It is going to be filled with fun and excitement as we extend our skills that we have learnt throughout the year and become prepared for Pre-Primary!

We are continuing to focus on a story book each week and we will be making many wonderful creations, exploring different mediums and creating Christmas craft.

Our focus points for the term are:

- Speaking in short sentences, news-telling and narrative retell skills.
- Learning the sound of the letters S,A,T,P,I,N,M,R,C,H,E,D,K,F,L,O,B,U,G.
- Beginning to sound out three letter words with the letters above.
- An awareness of print concepts.
- Exploring the mathematical concepts of numbers, counting, ordering, sharing, positional language, patterns, subitising and tens frames.
- Discovering God in people and creation.
- Continuing our "Keeping Safe" program.
- Learning about the Advent/Christmas story.
- Developing our fine and gross motor skills.

We look forward to your continued support with our parent help and encourage you to put your name on the roster outside the classrooms. It is a special time for you to spend with your child, playing and participating in activities within the Kindy environment.

Important Dates for the term

Some important dates to be aware of for this term:

- Big Day Out 4th December 9.30 11.30. No afternoon Kindy on this day. (Children to be parents' responsibility on this day). We will meet at Manning Park in Spearwood for a picnic and fun activities-More information to follow.
- Kindy Farewell Kindy A/C 5th December 2.30 2.55 in the classroom (Thursday)
- Kindy Farewell Kindy B/D 6^{th} December 2.30 2.55 in the classroom (Last Day of Term). Kind Regards, Kindy Staff

Pre-Primary

What a busy and exciting term we are going to have in Pre-Primary! It's finally the Pre-Primary's time to shine. On the 2nd November it is our big assembly. We can't wait to showcase our amazing talent!

Following on from our very successful excursion to the Zoo, children will be engaged in a range of activities that are based around their current interest of animals. In Religious



Education we will identify both living and non-living things and how Jesus cared for all creation. We will discuss the Christmas story and the reasons why God chose to send Jesus to earth.

In Literacy, children will be continuing to work towards becoming independent writers by using their letter/sound knowledge to spell words phonetically, representing initial and key sounds. They will focus on using basic sentence structure such as capital letters, spaces between words and full stops.

In Mathematics, the children will be working on their recognition and ordering of numbers beyond 20. The children will respond to simple questions to collect information and make simple inferences. They will also compare and order duration of events using everyday language of time and connect events and days of the week.

Our news program this term will be a news project. The children will prepare a news project on a topic of their choice.

There are only a few weeks left for parent roster in Pre-Primary. If you haven't managed to join us this year please come along and join in the fun!

Thankyou,

Pre-Primary Staff

Year 1

Welcome back to Term Four! The children have had a great start to the term. We can't believe how far they have come since the beginning of the year, we are very proud!

Advent is always an exciting time of the year as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. The units of work we are covering in Religious Education this term is: Just Imagine, Lots of Learning and Prepare.

In English, we are looking closely at the features and differences between imaginative, informative and persuasive texts. We are exploring different text types and how to write them, while incorporating VCOP (Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers, Punctuation). We are continuing to learn about different types of sentences such as statements, exclamations and questions.



In Mathematics this term we are focusing on number patterns, fractions as well as statistics and probability. We are continuing to build on the number of mental strategies we can use to solve addition and subtraction problems.

In Health, we are exploring strategies for keeping safe such as remembering our name, address and telephone numbers, as well as being assertive and learning to say 'no'.

This term in Humanities and Social Sciences, we are focusing on weather and seasons in places around the world. We are also identifying features of the globe, including the location of the equator, northern and southern hemispheres and the poles.

We look forward to another fantastic term ahead!

Year 2

Welcome back to our fourth and final term together, we can't believe we are here already! This term promises to be an exciting one.

We will be learning about our Australian history and culture and the students will be making their very own Australian story during Inquiry. In Literacy, we will be revisiting Persuasive and Narrative writing and we will be creating a book review on some of our favourite stories we have shared in the classroom.

In Numeracy, we will be focusing on Chance and Data and Measurement. The students will enjoy some hands-on activities when exploring these topics.

In Religion we will be covering the topics of: Empowered to Love and

Truth of the Gospel which explore our love and connection with our family and celebrating the time of

We look forward to a fun and exciting final term together.

Year 3



The term ahead is definitely a busy one for Year 3. We begin the term with final preparations for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and then we move into our final units of work for the year: Gathered as One (Church) and Gifted by the Word (Advent/Lent).

During Literacy, we will tackle the creative writing topics of Poetry, Myths and Legends and Fables. Our Numeracy program sees us continue to focus on number & place value with students revising and consolidating concepts such as addition, time, subtraction, chance, data, multiplication Reconciliation and division. Our HASS program focuses on Communities and in Health the students will be working with the wonderful Mrs Rowland

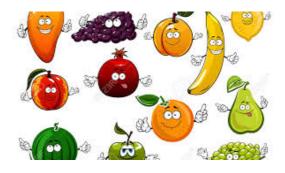
exploring further into our 'Highway Heroes' Program.

We are looking forward to a fantastic final term in Year 3.

Year 4

It's the home stretch! Term 4 sees our amazing students round out their final 9 weeks before the long break. However, there is little respite, as this Term shapes up to be absolutely jam-packed! In Religious Education, students explore their conscience and how our inner voice affects how we act. They also learn about advent in the lead up to our Christmas celebrations.

In Maths, we are working on Time, Multiplication, Division and Length.



In English, Year 4's work to create persuasive texts, developing tools to effectively argue their opinions on a range of topics. In Reading, we take a look at a range of texts to consolidate the reading comprehension strategies taught throughout the year.

Hass sees students investigating the effects of European settlement on Indigenous Australians.

In Health, we are learning about nutrition and healthy living.

This Term is set to be a cracker and we can't wait to see what our students achieve by the end of it!



Year 5

It's hard to believe it is Term 4! We are coming to the end of the year where we are preparing our speeches for our 2019 new leadership roles. We will end the year on a high with our Big Day Out to the Simulation Centre. It is also swimming time again and the usual end of year Christmas festivities. Our Religion topics for Term Four are Nourishing our Goodness (Eucharist) and Restoring Relationships (Forgiveness). In Literacy, our main focus in writing will be Recount and Book Reports. In reading, students will be exploring point of view, bias and prejudice. The Mathematics focus will be Number and Algebra, Chance, Interpreting Data and Problem Solving. This term we are fortunate enough to have Rebecca Rowland assist us in preparation for Year Six by participating in the Highway Heroes Program. During this program we are trying to find ways to successfully navigate the bumps and hazards we meet along the road to learning. In HASS we will be investigating democracy and looking at systems of government. In Art we are studying the work of Artist Edvard Munch who created the famous painting 'Scream'. Full steam ahead for the busy term ahead!

Year 6

Year Six Term Four is off to a flying start. There is a lot going on and there isn't much time to take it easy! We have already begun preparing for our graduation with weekly dance lessons, these will be a big hit come graduation day. We are deepening our understanding of prayer during Religious Education and are also looking forward to the season of Advent, which is rapidly approaching. In our Numeracy Dedicated Time, we are rolling the dice, taking a chance and recording the data as we delve deep into the Statistics and Probability strand. This term also sees us use our knowledge from Term 3 to convert a variety of metric units of measurement. We are continuing to explore and develop our reading comprehension strategies through a focus on synthesising, summarising and vocabulary. In writing, our emphasis is on informative texts as we explore, deconstruct and write a variety of information reports. In Health, we are continuing to examine the Keeping Safe Program, with a specific focus on protective strategies. Humanities and Social Sciences leads us into planning our own theme park through applying our knowledge of Economics and Business. The Year Sixes are ecstatic about their final term in primary school and before they know it they will heading into high school.

Music

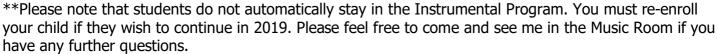
Welcome back to the best term of the year...TERM 4!

Term 4 is one of our busiest and most exciting times in the school calendar, especially in Music.

During music lessons our Junior students will focus on the following musical elements: beat, rhythm, dynamics and tempo. Our Senior students will focus on using a range of music elements in their compositions.

Preparations are underway for the 2018 Mater Christi End of Year Concert. Students from Pre-Primary to Year 6 will be preparing for our annual concert during Music and Drama lessons. More information regarding times and costumes will be placed in the newsletter later in the term.

Our Instrumental Program is up and running. Forms to learn an instrument in 2019 will go out soon, so please keep an eye out.



I look forward to seeing you all in the Music Room! Ms Alison Ross, Music Specialist



END OF YEAR CHRISTMAS CONCERT: BOXES NEEDED!!

We need LARGE TV/FRIDGE size boxes to make props for the Christmas concert. If you have any unwanted boxes of this size, please send them to the Music Room \circledcirc

THANK YOU!!

Ms Alison Ross Music Specialist





Drama

This term in Drama the students will prepare for the end of year concert. Each year level will go through the process of a rehearsal schedule. Learning choreography, practising, collaborating as a group and putting the song and dance routine together for a performance as a whole school.

Both junior and senior students will also be given the opportunity to further develop their creativity with the focus on open ended activities and process drama. Where groups of students collaborate within role-play situations to explore and express ideas with the use of props and materials.

Making Jesus Real

With the beginning of this last term for 2018, the importance of reflection is encouraged as we keep our focus on the important question - Where was Jesus in my Life today? The students are taught about the importance of including people, about body language, eye contact and the importance of forgiveness and gratitude. With a welcoming attitude and the willingness to say sorry and thank you our students and teachers Make Jesus Real at Mater

Christi.

Our Focus - Social Decision Making

Developing social decision-making skills helps us to consider the consequences of our actions for ourselves and others and helps us to make thoughtful, effective decisions. This involves:

- Understanding how a social situation makes us feel.
- Considering the different choices, along with the positive and negative consequences of these actions, when making a decision.
- Making positive choices, while considering how these choices may affect ourselves and others.

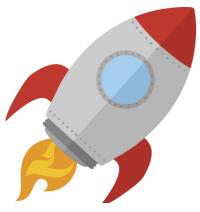
Through explicit teaching and role play the children will be learning how to respond safely as a bystander in a bullying situation.

The students are learning that to support someone when you see bullying happening has two benefits;

- 1. It helps the person being bullied
- 2. It sends a clear message to the person engaging in bullying behaviour that this behaviour is not tolerated in our school.



Science



We are blasting off into our Earth and Space Science topics this term! For Pre-Primary students this means looking at the different types of weather and what activities and clothing is linked to these. The Year 1 classes have just planted some tomato seedlings and will be exploring how these (and some man-made objects) change over the course of the term. The Year 2 classes are learning about the water cycle and how we can make responsible choices in how we use it. The Year 3 classes are learning about how the Earth interacts with the sun and moon to give us day and night and the different seasons. The Year 4 classes are becoming soil scientists and exploring how soils are formed, identifying their different properties and then investigating how humans and natural processes

impact these. The Year 5 classes are investigating the solar system and learning about the planets and the similarities and differences between them. Year 6 are becoming geologists for the term and exploring the different types of plate boundaries and how tectonic activity causes different natural disasters.

It's sure to be a busy term in Science but lots of fun too! Haylee Klup Science Specialist





In 2018, Cancer Council WA celebrates 20 years of the SunSmart Schools program. Australia is the skin cancer capital of the world but reducing sun exposure at a young age is working – for the first time, skin cancer rates are falling for Australians under the age of 40. Mater Christi is a

SunSmart school which means that we have registered with Cancer Council WA and have a comprehensive sun protection policy. Being SunSmart is a simple and effective way of reducing the risk of developing skin cancer.

Did you know that Australians generally apply too little sunscreen which means they usually get less than half the protection stated on the product label. Children usually require approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon on each extremity. Extra care should be taken when the UV index is 3 or above. At this time of year, the UV index is 3 before 9am and stays above 3 until after 3pm.

Be SunSmart! Slip on a shirt, slop on sunscreen, slap on a hat, seek shade, slide on some sunglasses.



Afternoon on the Green Raffle tickets will be available next week in the courtyard, before and after school, to support the AOTG event. Some great prizes up for grabs. Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

Floss Pass - last day to purchase the optional \$5 Floss Pass is Wednesday 24th October. Purchase online http://tix.yt/green **Jar Raffles** - please leave your donations for the 'tombola' raffle at admin - fill (or purchase) a jar or bottle with goodies of any type and donate to the P&F all by Wed 24th October.



Can you please spare an hour or two to help set up for the Afternoon on the Green? This would be on Friday 26th October from 1pm or to assist the P&F for an hour during the afternoon. Any families with high school age children who would like to volunteer at the Afternoon on the Green to accrue Christian service hours can email Michelle Hall for details or register interest michellehall080@gmail.com

Special Meeting to Adopt new P&F Constitution and P&F/School Board AGM: Wed 21st Nov 7pm



Guernsey Auction: 2018 Signed WCE, Fremantle Dockers and Dockers AFLW Guernseys up for grabs. Bidding can be made online at www.32auctions.com/aotg2018
Bidding closes 6pm Friday 26th October and will be announced at An Afternoon on the Green.

Social Events



Social Events

Class: 1A Family Event When: Sunday, 28th October

Time: 11:30am

Where: King Road Brewery, 796 King Road, Oldbury

RSVP: By the 27th October to Tanya Forzatti on 0417 181 841



Class: Year 2 Mum's Night Out When: Friday, 2nd November

Where: Café Royal, Cockburn Central

Time: 7:30pm

RSVP: Please let your Class Representative know if you can make it – Jessica Burleigh

(0405 600 011)/Jessica Boatwright or Adele Hugo



Class: Year 2 Playdate

When: Sunday, 18th November

Where: Woodman's Point Playground

Time: 10am

RSVP: Please let your Class Representative know if you can make it – Jessica

Burleigh (0405 600 011)/Jessica Boatwright or Adele Hugo

YEAR 6 GRADUATION PARENT LUNCH

JOIN US FOR LUNCH AFTER THE GRADUATION CEREMONY

THURSDAY 6TH DECEMBER 12:30PM

PLEASE RSVP TO YOUR CLASS REP BY FRI 23RD NOV

6A · RENAE · O422 231 646 6B · JESAMINE · O402 009 767 6C · NICOLETTA · O416 074 450



Community News



<u>Enrolments – Emmanuel Catholic College</u>

Applications for Year 7 2021 (Year 4 students) must be submitted this year before interviews commence at the beginning of Term 1. Applications can be downloaded from

our website www.emmanuel.wa.edu.au. Places at Emmanuel are very competitive and it is expected that all places for Year 7 2021 will be finalised by the end of Semester 1 2019. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to call our Registrar on 9414 4055.





JOIN US AT OPEN DAY SUNDAY OCTOBER 28



Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform.



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Coogee Beach SLSC

Nippers Come & Try Day New Date - Sunday 28th October





Interested in Surf Club? Come and check it out! Existing members, bring a friend along for the day.

Bring your bathers, towel, drink bottle and sunscreen.

Food & Drink available from 11am

Waiver must be completed prior to participation.

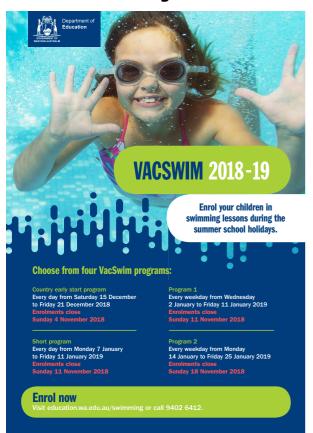


To register for this day contact 9494 1433 or clubadministrator@cbslsc.com.au



Community News

Vacation Swimming



With swimming pools and beaches a big part of the Western Australian lifestyle, ensuring your children can swim competently and safely is essential.

You can now enrol your children in VacSwim swimming lessons during the summer school holidays. VacSwim programs are held at pools and beaches all across the State. No matter where you are planning to spend these summer holidays, your children can take part in VacSwim. VacSwim is for all children - from beginners to more advanced swimmers. Your children can start as young as five years old.

Enrol your children in VacSwim now at education.wa.edu.au/swimming

After-School Soccer Coaching Clinics (Term 4)

All Kindy to Year 2 children were given a registration form for an After-School Soccer Coaching Clinic starting Monday the 5th of November (3.20 pm - 4.20 pm). We will conduct it on the school grounds. The activity is coordinated and run by Physical Education and/or Soccer Specialists; all with their Working with Children 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 <u>World Game</u> in fun sessions and you have not yet registered, then please register online at<u>www.play4life.com.au</u> or complete the registration form and return it to reception by <u>Friday 2nd of November</u>. (Spare registration forms are available at reception). If you have any queries, please call Jacob Aquino on 6162 0932.

