

Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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SCHOOL MANTRA 2020

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

Dear Families



This weekend, we commence the month of November, a month in the Catholic Church which traditionally we pray for the dead. On Sunday and Monday,

we celebrate the Feast of All Saints and All Souls. These days, we remember the famous and well-known saints such as St Mary Mackillop and St Joseph, but we also remember those who are not well-known but who lived a good Christian life and followed the ways of Jesus.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 23: 1-12

Jesus tells us that the greatest among us is the one who best serves the needs of those around them rather than the one who has the most impressive title. The call of Jesus is to serve. What might then mean for me in my life today, in my family, friendships, work-life, in my faith? What is it like to stand before Jesus today and be loved without conditions, with all my failures and my giftedness without any reservations?

What would it be like for others when they stand before me?



Year Five Leadership Speeches

Last Wednesday, the Year Five students presented their speeches for the 2021 Leadership positions. This morning, students nominated for the Student Representative Council (SRC) delivered their address to the Years 4-6 students who voted for the final group.

Dates for Next Week (Week 4)

Monday
2nd November

Feast of All Souls

Tuesday
3rd November

Wednesday
4th November

Uniform Shop Open
8:00-10:30am & 1:20-3:20pm

Interschool Athletics Carnival
Santich Park

Thursday
5th November

Confirmation Practice
5:45pm Group 3
7:00pm Group 4

Friday
6th November

Book Week Parade
9am Assembly (Merit Awards)

Saturday
7th November

Reconciliation Mass at 6pm

Sunday
8th November

NAIDOC Week begins
Confirmation Mass 12pm & 2:30pm



Staff Appreciation Day

Thank you to the P&F and so many families who contributed to the Staff Appreciation Morning Tea. We were thoroughly spoilt, and the words shared by Stephanie Gill (P&F President) on behalf of all the parents brought smiles and heartfelt thanks from all in the staffroom.

On behalf of the P&F,

I would like to acknowledge and thank each and every staff member at Mater Christi for the dedication you show to your roles as teachers, teacher assistants, library staff, admin staff, leadership, groundskeepers, canteen staff, and sanitation staff.

As the daughter of two long term school staff, I understand how your day to day work does not start and stop in normal business hours- the pride of working in a school such as Mater Christi far outweighs a 76-hour fortnight. This means many of you perform extra duties throughout the week to ensure our children receive the best care and education possible.

Thank you for loving our children- the tall and small, the loud and quiet, the cheeky and serious, the athletic and the academic. Thank you for finding the goodness and talents in each and every one of them.

Spelling Bee Competition

Congratulations to the Mater Christi Year 4-6 Spelling Competition finalists. The students worked hard to prepare themselves as best they could. There were nerves and anticipation, and their resolve to do their best was strong. In Year Six – Gemma W. placed third; Year Five, Elisha D. also placed third, and Saanvi K., Year Four, came first and Patrick D, Year Four, came second. Thank you to Mrs de Bes for organising the event for MC and thank you also to Mrs Miguel for traveling on the bus to accompany the all.



Colour Fun Run



There were many white outfits around the school this morning, with everyone waiting for the colourful event on the oval this afternoon. Thank you so much to the P&F – notably Michelle Hall, the committee, and to the 70 parent volunteers who came along to help set out the obstacle course, colour spray all those involved, and pack up at the end. It was another outstanding MC event showcasing what community and being together is all about. I hope your children have great stories to share and maybe not so much of the colour in the car and home.

Confirmation



This Sunday, we will celebrate two Confirmation Masses where Fr Dat and Fr Joe will confirm approximately 60 young people. Thank you very much to Fr Dat, Fr Joe, Mrs Marina Hayward, Mrs Julie Southwell, Mr O'Reilly, Miss Edmondson, Miss Gibb for their preparation and support of our students. Much appreciation also goes to Mrs Johnson, Mrs Nichols, Mrs D'Souza, Mrs Ward, and Mrs Pitcher, who worked behind the scenes to prepare the pin up board displays, booklets, certificates and so much more. To the Mater Christi staff for their attendance, support and prayers for our young people and their families – we very much appreciate their time and commitment. Let's keep all the candidates and families in our prayers.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

FOR THE 2021 MATER CHRISTI SCHOOL BOARD – WE NEED YOU!

The School Board is comprised of the school Principal, Assistant Principals, Parish Priest and elected members, and a Parents and Friends Association representative. Interested parents can nominate themselves for membership **before Friday, 13 November**, for involvement in the 2021 Board. We are looking for two to three people, one with financial knowledge to work alongside other Board Members and the School Executive. Board meetings are held once a month, and the Annual General Meeting is held in November.

The function of the Board is to:

- Plan for the present and future operation of the school
- Disseminate information about the school and Catholic Education to persons and organisations in the school community
- Advise the Principal with respect to school policy
- The Treasurer liaises with the Principal and School Finance Officer in matters relating to the financial management of the school

Criteria for Board Membership

As per the Catholic School Board Constitution, the following are criteria for Board membership:

- a) Possession of special skills that will be an asset to the Board;
- b) A deep interest in the welfare of all students and staff;
- c) A desire to give service to the Catholic School Community;
- d) A keenness to promote Catholic schooling;
- e) An ability to work cooperatively and constructively with all other members of the Board; and
- f) A sufficiency of time to devote to Board duties. The Board meets on the third Tuesday of the Month at 7pm.

[Please click here to register your interest](#)

School AGM

School AGM On Wednesday 18 November, we will hold our annual School Board and P & F AGM at 7pm in the Mater Christi Community Centre. During the AGM, we will share highlights from the year, proposed projects for 2021, and meet the new staff commencing at Mater Christi.

P&F Nominations

At the end of each year, all positions on the P&F Executive are available for nominations from community members. Please refer to the P&F section within the newsletter for further information and how to nominate.

A beautiful story to lift our hearts with joy



Ron, 91. Alone at Garden City shopping centre. Mattia and I are here shopping after his Martial Arts class. We sat at the table next to Ron and I went to order Mattia's favourite, just toast with butter!

I come back and find Mattia has opened his new pack of dinosaur toys and is playing with Ron. When it's time for Ron to leave with his walking aid, Mattia says - unprompted, "Ron, please take one of my dinosaur toys. I bet you will have fun playing with it when you go home." Ron leaves smiling, telling me how nice it was to talk to a child not interested in iPad!

I said to Mattia, that was nice meeting Ron!

He said...."Mummy, that was doing small things with great love. That is what that was"

God Bless
Toni Kalat

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 Benjamin C, Zaira T, Patrick C and Olivia M.

Making Jesus Real

Congratulations to the following cards for receiving 'Gotcha' cards this week for capturing the Spirit of Jesus throughout their actions at school. Parker L PPA, Max T PPB, Elly L 1B, Elizabeth 2A, Gianluca P 3C, Sienna T.

Library News

Hey Kids,

Come and have some fun at this year's **Book Fair** to be held in the Mater Christi Community Centre.

When you buy a book, you will get a raffle ticket to win a free book. Lots of prizes and giveaways to be had. Guessing competitions and much more.

Please return your SCOOPY DOO colour-in picture by Friday the 6th, so SCOOPY DOO can choose the winners. Make it as **fancy** as you can.

Come and have a dance and a photo with SCOOPY DOO on Monday the 9th of November at 3.00pm.

All the fun starts on Monday 9/11/20 at 8.00am running until Wednesday the 11/11/20.

I can't wait to see you all there

Thanks,

Mrs Gladwell and SCOOPY DOO



Scooby Doo

School News

A Note on School Attendance

Due to a recent Government Audit on attendance procedures, please note it is a requirement that the school be fully informed as to the reason behind your child's absence. When emailing the school, please ensure you include your child's full name, classroom and an explanation behind their absence. If the school contacts you regarding this, please note it is to follow due process. For absences longer than 2-3 days, please complete a Leave of Absence Form. Copies are kept in the office and also on the school website.

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





Dear Families:

Reading for pleasure unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Here's what you can do to help children develop stronger reading skills and a love for reading:

- Set the example. Let children see you read.
- Have a collection of books in your home. Update this collection routinely to keep up with changing tastes and reading skills.
- **Support our school's Book Fair. Allow your children to choose their own books to read.**

The theme of our Scholastic Book Fair is **Arctic Adventure**, where we hope you will find **snow much to read!**

It's a fun reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

Book Fair dates: [Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 9/11/20 – 11/11/20
8.00am – 9.00am then 2.30pm – 4.00pm

Shopping hours: 8.00am – 9.00am then 2.30pm – 4.00pm

If you are unable to make these times, please ask your child for their wish list so they can still purchase a book, or please contact me.

Special activities: Come and meet SCOOBY DOO on Monday at 3.00pm.

Colouring in competition.

Guess how many snacks in the jar.

Chance to win a free book with your purchase and much more.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit our school.

Sincerely,
Deborah Gladwell
Library Officer

SCHOLASTIC  Book Fairs

Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving a Merit Award next Friday.



PPA	Juliette E, Ellie Mae C, Parker L, James G, Clinton V
PPB	Cameron T, Maddie G, Arthur R, Isla P
PPC	Adrien K, Devyn B, Olivia R, Coby Q, Connor O
1A	Tia C, Gabriella C, Zavanah F, Archer M, Aaliyah W
1B	Layla B, Ava M, Ella W, Xavier R, Emersyn C, Niamh L
1C	Logan P, Ishaan Y, Maddison B, Isla F, Aluna G, Katelyn L
2A	Lachlan D, Eva Grace J, Sophia Y, Mason C, Chloe R, Isla B, Isabelle M
2B	Liam G, Isla B, Kobe B, Eve W, Millie H
2C	Olive S, Angela V, Brax J, Asher I, Ethan M, Colm M, Sienna M
3A	Ethan L, Liam T, Charlotte D, Jessica G, Ella S
3B	Milena D, Ella M, Tyler Y, Ryan N
3C	Imogen D, Kaden E, Harry F, Blake G, Alyssa N, Maddison T
4A	Ruby R, Cooper T, Evie A, Charlie O
4B	Lucas H, Lucas B, Poppy M, Brianna R, Samira B
4C	Amelia B, Connor D, Zavair J, Levi R, Kingston G
5A	Tiana B, Esta O, Jayden P, Sienna S, Jacob L
5B	Daniel C, Riley G, Hudson R, Rachel J, Ava D
5C	Isabella D, Kasey M, Seth C, Sebastian G, Madison S
6A	Chloe T, Abbey B, Nick C, Madeleine D, Pari P
6B	Riley C, Heidi D, Jack H, Joel M, Ava R, Mia S
6C	Cole C, Daisy O, Xavier Z, Shenae R, Lacey B, Amanda R

School News

Help Needed – Year 6 Graduation Morning Tea



Every year we request the help of Year Five parents to serve food and clean up after the Year 6 Graduation Morning Tea. This ensures that the Year 6 parents can enjoy the time with their children and is also a great way to experience what your children will have to look forward to next year.

If you can spare some time, we would love to hear from you. All catering arrangements have been made; however, we require parent help to re-heat items, serve the morning tea and to clear up afterwards.

We are looking for 12 volunteers to work together to help make this event run smoothly.

The graduation morning tea is held in the Mater Christi Community Centre on Thursday 10th December 2020, and helpers are required from 8am – 12pm. A briefing will also be held on Wednesday December 9th, 2.30pm - 3.00pm.

Even if you can assist for an hour or two, all help is appreciated. Please email Nicole Murtagh at nandmmurtagh@bigpond.com with your availability or any queries.

Many thanks in advance, from the Year 6 Graduation Committee ☺

P&F News

Your P&F Needs Parents

Can you take on a P&F role for 2021? Can you do "just one thing" next year? Please consider nominating for a position, forms are available in the administration office.

Entertainment Books **CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA?**

Entertainment Books are available all year round, they are valid for 12 months and only in digital format. For new purchases, go online to entertainment.com.au, select 'Become a Member Today' and follow the prompts. At the Fundraiser page, please select 'Mater Christi...' to aid fundraising for our school.

Wise Wine Fundraiser is **FINISHING!!**

"Don't miss out! The Wise Wine Fundraiser for all 18+ parents and friends of our school is closing **TODAY 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."

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.

- **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)

Colour Fun Run 2020

Thank you to all the staff, children and parents of Mater Christi PS for another amazing fundraising event! The oval was abuzz with excitement all afternoon. So many smiles, so much laughter and a real community feel. These events cannot go ahead without the support of volunteers so thank you to everyone who helped fill colour bottles earlier in the week, set up the course this morning, for bringing happiness during the event and of course to the team of clean up volunteers, if this was your "just one thing" this year, thank you! All cash donations can now be brought to the admin office in a clearly labelled envelope. Thank you also to our event sponsors.

Mater Christi's Colour Fun Run 2020



Mater Christi P&F wish to thank our event sponsors



An especially HUGE thankyou to every one of our volunteers. This event cannot run without your time and support.

Parent Social Events



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.

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2A End of Year Dinner

When: Friday 4th December at 6pm

Where: Tonic and Ginger

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



Year 4 End of Year Family Picnic

When: 29th November at 2:30pm

Where: John Graham Reserve, Woodman Point

RSVP: Please contact your Year 4 Class Representative – Jess Pianta/Liliane Torres or Guilia Orlando.



Year 4C Dinner

When: Friday 20th November at 6:30pm

Where: The Gate Bar & Bistro

RSVP: RSVP to Giulia Orlando on [0403489252](tel:0403489252) by the 14th November

Community News



WAAPA Summer School 2021

This summer WAAPA is thrilled to be able to offer an exciting school holiday program at our campus in Mount Lawley. There are classes for students from Year 1 to Year 12 in drama, acting, screen performance, film making, music theatre and of course Shakespeare. For information

about the many courses on offer please visit waapa.ecu.edu.au/summer-school or contact Gabrielle Metcalf at explore.waapa@ecu.edu.au or 9370 6775.