

Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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SCHOOL MANTRA 2019

"Find happiness in making others happy" – Mary MacKillop

Parents and Carers,

Sunday's Gospel Account

"...they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise." Luke 20: 27-38. Death is a fact of earthly life. As Christians, we believe that by living good Christian lives, we will live forever resurrected in the same way Jesus was at Easter time. Our faith teaches us that there is life after death; we need to believe. This Sunday's Gospel passage is about Jesus responding to those who derided the concept of resurrection. Jesus is our hope and the truth. Trust in him, and all will be well.



Next Monday is Remembrance Day, a day we traditionally remember those men and women who went to war. We acknowledge this day by commemorating the contribution of military and civilian servicemen and women in the two World Wars and later conflicts. At 11am, we will stop to reflect in prayer, thanksgiving and silence acknowledging the service of these men and women.

School Board and P&F Annual General Meeting – Wednesday 20 November

This time of year brings about our School Board and P&F AGM. It will be on Wednesday 20 November at 7pm in the Community Centre. I am thankful for the current committee and all their work throughout the year. Please consider coming along and hearing about the essential work of the Board and P&F. It will be an excellent opportunity to mix with other parents and celebrate our achievements this year. All parents and carers are very welcome at this meeting. Please mark this date in your diary now and consider nominating for the Board or P&F Executive.

Dear

Dates for Next Week (Wk 5) Wellness Week & Swimming Lessons

Monday 11th November After School Sport Seniors 3:15-4:15pm

Tuesday 12th November

Wednesday 13th November

Thursday 14th November

Friday 15th November

Saturday 16th November

Sunday 17th November

School Banking

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

Year 6 Dance Practice

After School Sport Juniors
3:15-4:15pm

Book Fair

The results of our Book Fair are in and what another fantastic achievement by our school. The love of reading excelled this year, with a total of \$7,797 books and merchandise sold. We now have \$2,117 towards the purchase of new books for the Library. Thank you again to Mrs Gladwell for all her work towards a very successful Book Fair, thank you to the staff for assisting during the three days and to you, our parents, for supporting this worthwhile event.

Interschool Athletics

Last Monday and Tuesday some Year 5 & 6 students competed in the Interschool Athletics competition. Once again, our athletes excelled with personal bests and/or placements in the various events. Following a great training program implemented by Mr Donnelly and Mrs Johnson, Mater Christi were once again CHAMPIONS and brought home the shield. Congratulations to all our competitors and to the relevant staff. Well done Mater Christi!



Year 4 Assembly

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the Assembly this morning hosted by the Year 4 students and their teachers. I never cease to be amazed at the creativity and talent of students and staff at Mater Christi. This was our last Class Item Assembly for 2019.



School Cyclic Review

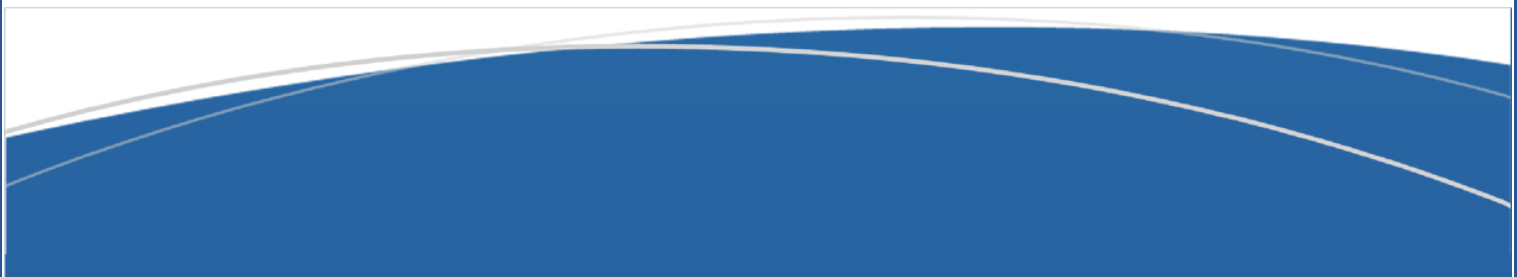
Next Wednesday and Thursday our school will be involved in a School Cyclic Review (SCR). This provides an opportunity for a panel of educators comprising of two principals, a school improvement advisor and one curriculum consultant (external to the school) to affirm, challenge and report on the improvement journey at Mater Christi. As part of the process they will be meeting with the Leadership Team, a selection of staff, a group of six students, School Board and the P&F/Parent Group and Parish Priest. At the conclusion of the SCR visit, a report that comments on our school improvement process and strategic direction will be presented to the school.

P&F Movie Night

It should be a great night at the movies with the P&F Movie Night in the Community Centre this evening. I am sure that all present will have a most enjoyable time. Thank you to the P&F for organising this event for the children.

On Display

Next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday on display in the Junior Courtyard will be a board showcasing a Winter Uniform option of trousers for the girls. Please take the time to have a look at the trousers, the photos of some girls wearing them and please give your feedback personally to the office or by email. Also, on display, will be the Nature Playground design and photos of the construction so far.



Staffing - Canteen

Staffing for the two Canteen positions have been finalised and I am pleased to announce that Wendy Scherini has been appointed Canteen Manager. Wendy has worked in the public-school system and has experience in this role. Karen Piscopo has been successful as Canteen Assistant. Karen was the previous assistant at Mater Christi and is returning to this role after many years of volunteer work and assisting in the canteen and boarding house at Iona. Both ladies will be spending some time in the canteen during the next two-three weeks as part of the handover. Thank you to Heidi and Joh who will do their utmost to assist in making a smooth and successful transition of canteen staff.

Wellness Week

This is our last Wellness Week for the year. I am sure we will all make the most of connecting with each other, our children, our family and friends. Enjoy!

Reflection for Remembrance Day- Taken from the [Peace Liturgy, Australian Catholics](#)

God of peace you call us to peace,
Peace within and peace without
Peace before us and peace behind us
Peace on our right and peace on our left.
Christ of Peace you call us to peace,
Peace with our brother and with our sister,
Peace with our neighbour and with the stranger
Peace with friends and with foes
Spirit of peace you call us to peace,
Peace in work and in play
Peace in thought and in deed
Peace in word and action. Grant us peace, O God of peace.

God Bless,
Toni Kalat

MATER CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY 2020 SCHOOL BOARD

Nomination Form

I wish to nominate for election to the School Board

Name _____

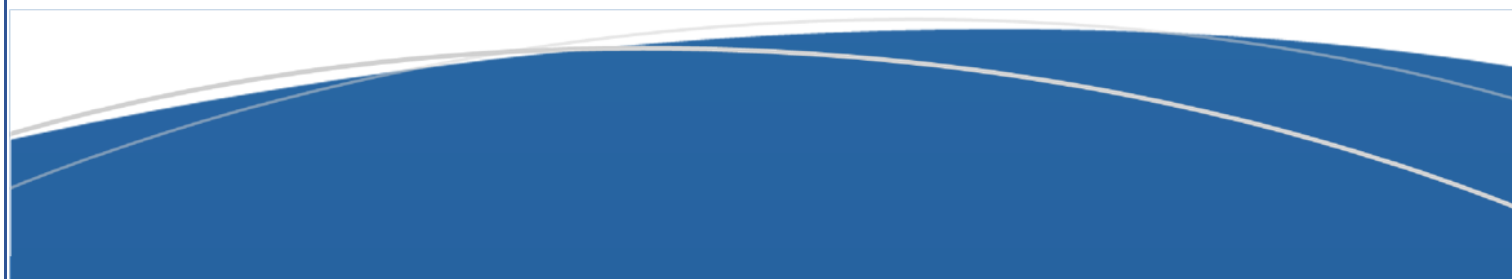
Tel: _____ Mob: _____

Signature: _____

Reason for

Nomination: _____

**Please return to school office by 3pm
Friday 15th November**



School News

Congratulations

Congratulations to Ex-Mater Christi students who received the Year 12 ATAR awards for the following:

- Michael Radanovic - Physical Education Studies
- Oscar Wehr - Chemistry
- Julyan Tan - Biology
- Bella Bartlett - Economics



Religious Education

3A's Photo from the Big Book of Love and Hope



Religious Education

Making Jesus Real

One evening an old man told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside people. He said, "My boy, the battle is between two wolves inside us all.

One roams in negativity - it is anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority and ego."

"The other roams in positivity - it is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, potential, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith."

The grandson pondered the words of his grandfather for some time and then asked: "Which Wolf wins?"

The old man simply replied, "The one you feed."

Every day we are faced with choices, spending but a moment to reflect on our choice before making may help us acknowledge which wolf we are choosing to feed.

Sacrament of Penance

As a school, we continue to hold in our prayers the students in Year 3 who have undertaken the Sacrament of Penance or will do so in the up and coming Saturdays. In preparing the students for the Sacrament, their parents along with their class teachers continue to discuss the importance of loving and forgiving within relationships in families, communities and with God, our Father.

Vinnies Christmas Hampers

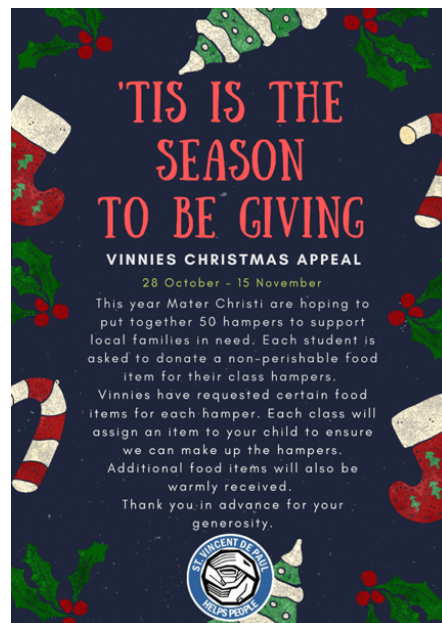
There is one more week in which you have the opportunity to gift non-perishable food for the Vinnies Christmas Hampers. Thank you to those families who have already sent in hamper items. Your generosity will help us achieve the goal of 50 hampers to donate to those families less fortunate within our local community.



Movember at Mater Christi

Fr Dat and Fr Joe are doing Movember and need your support. Movember is a time to raise awareness for men's health. Please support them by going to the link below and search 'Mater Christi Mows'. If any dads would like to join the team, they can contact Fr Joe on 04917263304. <http://bit.ly/2Wr3gYb>

God Bless,
Mrs Southwell
(Assistant Principal) Religious Education



Grandparent's Day 2019

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are very excited to confirm that our Grandparents' Day Lunch will this year be held on Wednesday 27th November. The event will commence with Mass at 11:15am, followed by Classroom Visits at 12 noon, where Grandparents can visit and share in the wonderful work that the children are doing. Finally, guests are invited to share their lunch with the children within the school grounds.

As we have done in previous years, we are happy for you to make prior arrangements with the Grandparents to take the children home early if you wish. However, to streamline the process, we request that you complete and sign the permission slip below. The Grandparent will then be required to bring the slip with them on the day and hand to a staff member in the **Library** prior to taking the children home.

Those people without permission slips will be required to see the Admin ladies to sign the children out in the usual way. You will appreciate that this process does take some time to ensure that duty of care protocols are followed. Please note that students will not be permitted to go home with other parents or grandparents without prior arrangement.

If you have any questions please contact the office Administration.

Thank you
Administration

GRANDPARENTS' DAY LUNCH RSVP

I give permission for my child/children to be taken home by their Grandparent from school on Wednesday 27th November following the Grandparents Lunch.

Child's Name

Class

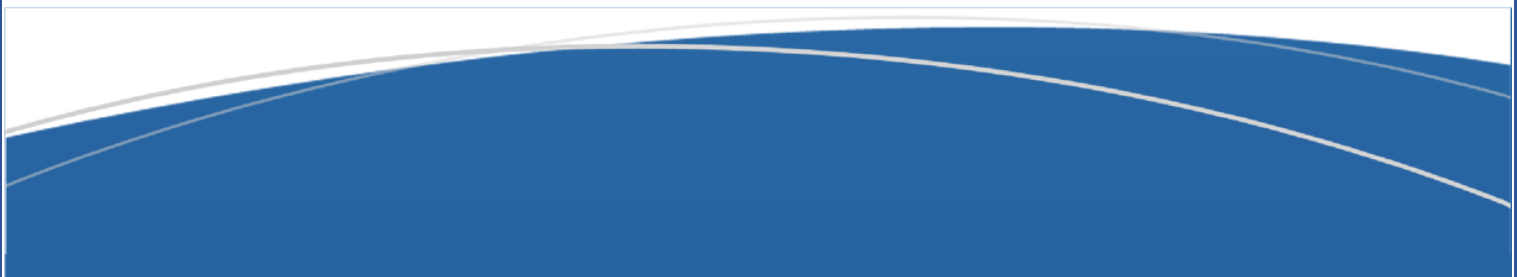
Child's Name

Class

Parent/Guardian Name

Grandparent Name

Parent/Guardian Signature



Interschool Athletics Carnival

The first instalment of the Interschool Athletics Carnival was held on Monday 5th November at Santich Oval.

Day One of the Carnival saw the 400m, jumping, shot put and turbo-jav events being contested. We started the 400m events with our brilliant Year 3 athletes and continued to dominate. In an amazing display a lot of our 400m runners managed to finish in the top four which brings with it maximum points. We even had a Year 3 student Jesse B who got a late call up on the day, run his heart out and to celebrate his win he gave the crowd a multi-coloured yawn (i.e. he threw up) such was the effort he gave.

The rest of the day comprised a rotation between the jumping and throwing events. We loved having Mitchell E, Bridget E, Talea F and Georgia F join the action, which was great to see!

After a fierce day of competition Mater Christi managed to manufacture a small lead with St Jerome's breathing down our neck. Here are a few of the athletes that placed in the Top Four.

400m	400m	Shot Put	Long Jump	Turbo Jav
Naomi H (1 st)	Dhaniel B (1 st)	Korey S (4 th)	Lewis P (3 rd)	Oisin O (2 nd)
Siarra F (1 st)	Olivia M (2 nd)	Ayvah R (1 st)	Jee-Na K (3 rd)	Azlyn C (4 th)
Patrick D (4 th)	Ayvah R (4 th)	Jee-Na K (1 st)	Peter W (1 st)	Olivia M (1 st)
Hamish B (3 rd)	Madi H (1 st)		Josh L (1 st)	Naomi H (1 st)
Ella Q (4 th)	Emily M (2 nd)		Lucas L (4 th)	Halle H (3 rd)
Josh L (1 st)			Korey S (2 nd)	Charlie H (2 nd)
				Xavier C (3 rd)

The second day of the Interschool Athletics Carnival was held the following day. The day commenced with the 200m sprints. Mater Christi had some fantastic results with all our runners giving everything. Next on the programme were the 80m and 100m events. Again, the athletes from Mater Christi excelled and gave the other schools a real run for their money.

The day was rounded off by the team events in Multi-Age Relay, Leaderball and the Circular Relay.

The Mixed Leaderball and both types of relay events are difficult events because any small mistakes are punished. Another harsh reality is that there are only four place getters and with nine schools competing, it is a real battle to score points. Each Year group pushed themselves to get the most out of their bodies. There was some drama with a few batons getting dropped and a few catches being spilled but this is all part of life. Mistakes will be made but we learnt quickly. We had some superb results.

At the end of two days of intense competition the Mater Christi crew had done themselves proud. With nine schools competing it was going to be close. After a tough two days, we were hoping to win the title for a four-peat. Going into the relays and leaderball we were in the lead- but we had to hold our nerve. With some outstanding running and leaderball skills the Mater Christi athletes came home strong and blitzed the opposition. The Mighty Mater Christi Marvels retained the title as the best athletes in town. The whole team should be proud of the way they competed fiercely and in the right spirit.



While everyone competed brilliantly, we did have six standout athletes.

Athlete	Year	Medal
Patrick D	3	3 rd Place
Naomi H	3	Champion
Josh L	4	3 rd Place
Olivia M	5	Champion
Korey S	6	Champion
Madison H	6	3 rd Place

Finally, a big thank you must go to Mrs Johnson, Mrs Burke and Mrs Correia who coached and prepared the students magnificently. This is a massive job and they did it beautifully. To Mrs Johnson, Mrs Harding and Mrs Michaelas well done! You kept the chargers switched on and ready on both days. Another thank you must also go to all those who came down each day to cheer. Top stuff!
Mr Donnelly (PE Specialist)



School News



Compulsory Swimming Lessons at the Cockburn ARC for all children in Years 1-6 commence this Monday 11th November continuing until the end of Week 6. Please remember that each child is required to bring:

- bathers (worn under uniform)
- a towel, socks and underwear
- slip on footwear (to be worn to and from the pool only)
- goggles are optional, but highly recommended.

All items are to be clearly labelled and carried to and from the pool in a labelled swimming or plastic bag. Lessons commencing at 9am will be leaving the school at 8:45am sharp.



Cancellation of School Disco

Due to the fact that the students were treated to a DJ at the Colour Run a couple of weeks ago, the School Disco has been cancelled.

Interschool Spelling Bee

Last Thursday the top three spellers from Years 4, 5 and 6 travelled to St Vincent's to participate in the Annual Interschool Spelling Bee along with St Jerome's, St Bernadette's and Star of the Sea Catholic Primary Schools. Our top nine spellers in Years Four, Five and Six competed in what was a tough competition with some incredibly tricky words. The Year 6 competition went for over 14 thrilling rounds until we found our winner! It was a fantastic effort from all the students, with excellent sportsmanship, composure and resilience shown by all. Thank you to the parents who came along to support our students.

Congratulations to:



Christianne S – Fourth Place in the Year 6 Competition and has competed in the Interschool Spelling Team for 3 years in a row.

Gemma W- Second Place in the Year 5 Competition

Thank you to all who participated in the Year Level and Interschool Spelling Bee Competitions. We look forward to the re match next year!
Katie McNally,
Class 5A & Enrichment Teacher
| IT Coordinator

Year 5 Christian Service

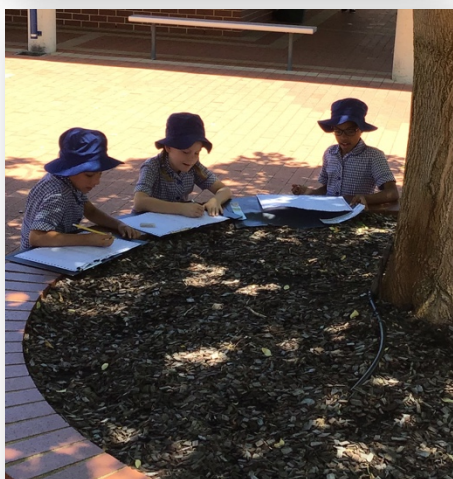
A select number of Year 5 students represented Mater Christi at Frank Prendergast House yesterday as part of their Christian Service. The delightful students provided company, laughter and cheer for the residents, creating some unique Christmas decorations for them to keep. This was the last Christian Service activity for the Year 5 students. Well done to an amazing effort Year 5's. Thank you to Mrs Ward, Mrs Southwell and all the staff at Frank Prendergast house who have made this opportunity possible for our students.



Outdoor Classroom Day 2019

Mater Christi took part in Outdoor Classroom Day this Thursday – which is a global campaign created to celebrate and inspire outdoor learning and play. Last year, over 3.5million children took part in the event worldwide – 300,000 of those students were in Australia.

Outdoor learning improves children's health engages them with learning and leads to a greater connection with nature. Play not only teaches critical life skills such as resilience, teamwork and creativity, but is central to children's enjoyment of childhood.



Year 4 Assembly



P&F News

Colour Run

Leah and Mark Rheinberger from Inspirations Paint have donated 3 tins of Dulux jellybeans to the top 3 fundraisers within the school so get your sponsorships finalised and money collected. All money is due by 11th November and orders for incentive prizes can be placed online until 22nd November. Unfortunately, late orders may not be fulfilled. Alternatively, hand in the sponsorship booklet, money and orders for prizes to the office before the Monday the 11th November. All donations are supporting not only the Year 6 Graduating class for 2020 but our fabulous new nature playground, so keep the donations rolling in! Your support will help bring this wonderful space to life, for everyone to enjoy.

AGM

Wednesday 20th November 7pm in the Community Centre. Nibbles and drinks provided.

Pool Noodles for Sale

If you are interested in purchasing a pool noodle, please come and see the ladies in the office from next Monday. They will be on sale for \$2 each.

Nominations for P&F Class Representatives 2019

Class Lists will be published on SEQTA on Wednesday 20th November. Nominations for Class Reps are open from Wednesday 20th Nov until Friday 29th November at 9am. Please email the class rep co-ordinator on mcclassrepcoordinator@outlook.com to nominate and include your phone number, email, child's name and 2020 Class. All classes are open for nomination. If there is a single nomination for class rep, the role will go to that person. If there are multiple nominations, a staff member will pull the name from a raffle draw.

Please don't hesitate to contact the P&F if you have any questions or would like more information on what is involved.

Nominations for the P&F committee for 2020 are open

New P&F President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary are needed! Are you keen to get involved? Assistance and support will be provided to anyone interested in taking on this role. The P&F during 2019 has been a great cohesive team and executives are needed to continue to lead the committee. You are not required to do ALL the things! Please contact P&F for more information materchristipandf@cewa.edu.au

Louise McEntee,
Vice President

**MATER CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARENTS AND FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION
NOMINATION FORM 2020**



The P & F Association provides an opportunity for parents and carers to support the operation of the school, to contribute to discussion on issues and decisions that will have a positive impact on the School Community. It also sponsors several social and information evenings aimed at bringing the community together. Your children are the ones that directly benefit from the work and friend-raising done by the P & F. We ask all parents to please consider nominating for a position and by doing so becoming actively involved in assisting the school in the work of educating the children.

The Committee consists of:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Parent Rep to the Board
Parish Council Rep
Food Coordinator
Class Rep Coordinator
Sunsmart Rep
PFFWA Rep
General Committee Members

The P&F meet approximately once a month throughout the school terms.

Nominations Close: Friday November 15th 2019

MATER CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

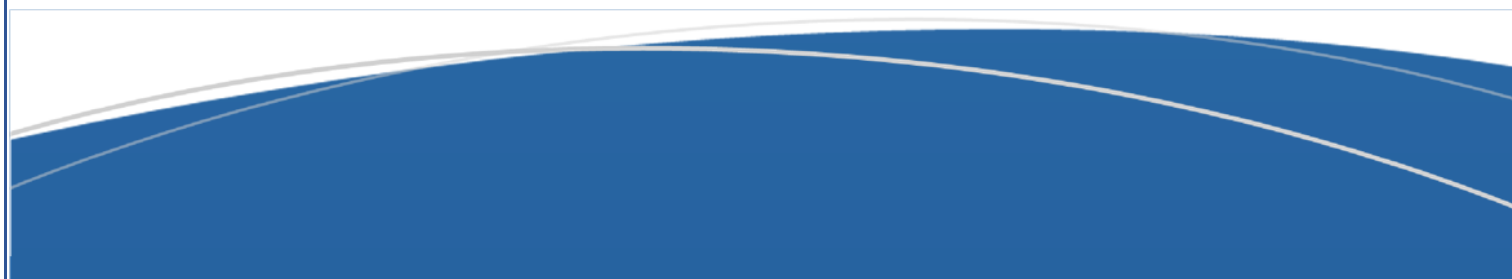
NOMINATION FORM 2020

I wish to nominate for election to the P&F Association Committee for the role of:

Name: _____

Mobile: _____ **Signature:** _____

Seconded By: _____ **Signature :** _____



Parent Social Events

PPA Parents Coffee Catch Up

When: Wednesday 4th December at 9am (after drop-off)

Where: The Electric Bean Company

RSVP: to Sarah Lentz on 0405 520 431

Year 1A Catch Up

When: Sunday 1st December at 11am

Where: Woodman's Point

RSVP: to Hayley Lynch on 0426 173 722 by Sunday 24th November.

Year 1B Parent's Dinner

When: Friday 15th November at 7pm

Where: Cabin 401

RSVP: to Sarah Morris on 0405 343 611 by 8th November.



Year 1B Class Christmas Gathering

When: Friday 6th December at 3:30pm

Where: Mater Christi school oval. Please bring a picnic blanket, snacks and a Santa hat.

RSVP: For further information, please contact Sarah Morris on 0405 343 611

Year 3A Parent's Lunch

When: Wednesday 13 November at 12pm

Where: To be announced

RSVP: by 6 November to either Clare Yakas on 0421 118 511 or Loretta Formato on 0413 802 556

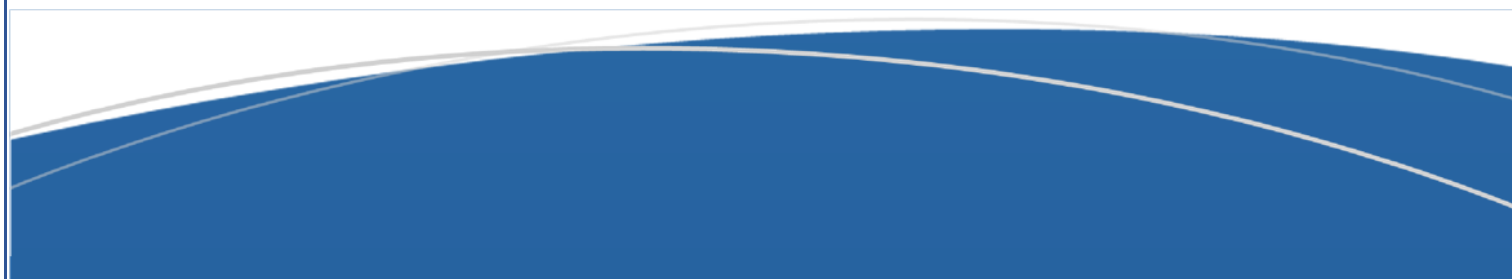


Year 3C Family Picnic

When: Saturday 16th November at 3pm

Where: Woodman Point (John Graham Reserve)

RSVP: to Jessica Pianta by 15th November on 0405 103 955



ALL THINGS PARENTING

West Leederville/Midland/Joondalup

November 2019

All About Anger for Parents & Teens Sat 9 Nov 6.30-9pm \$50 p/family

This workshop, for both parents and their teens, has been designed to assist families when anger is becoming troublesome. Gain a deeper understanding of the ways we create and maintain angry feelings within our family, and develop language and skills which will help family members respond to their own and other's anger in a more constructive and positive way.

Dads Raising Teenage Girls - JOONDALUP

Wed 13 Nov 6.30-9.00pm \$30 p/person

This workshop helps Dads understand the changes occurring in their teenage daughters and shows ways to help them navigate this difficult time and encourage them to make good choices.

Parent-Teen Connection x 4 Mon 18 Nov-9 Dec 6.30-9pm \$50 p/person

This course will provide you with a practical 'how-to' guide to help you understand their behaviour and show you some skills to manage their behaviour effectively.

Successful Single Parenting Mon 18 Nov 6.30-9pm \$30 p/person

If you are a single parent and are well through that initial relationship break-up stage, this course will provide strategies that will help you develop a close and special relationship with your child.

Fathering After Separation - MIDLAND

Tues 19 Nov 6.30-9pm \$30 p/person

This workshop help you develop parenting skills that are responsive to your children's needs as they find their way through the family separation, and to assist you find helpful ways to stay in contact with your children.

How to Develop Qualities in your children

Sat 23 Nov 9.30am-4.30pm \$60 p/person

All parents and those caring for children would like to see children display such qualities as kindness, truthfulness, fairness and respect. This workshop offers strategies to develop these qualities and is based on the Virtues Project.

Dads Raising Girls Mon 25 Nov 6.30-9pm \$30 p/person

Find out how to build a rewarding father-daughter relationship and how it impacts their self-concept and self-esteem.

Understanding Stepfamily Relationships

Sat 30 Nov 9.30am-4.30pm \$60person/\$100couple

This one day workshop is based on research that highlights some of the more helpful ways of forming and living in this new family, be it a stepfamily or a blended family. Learn some useful strategies around how to parent and maintain healthy relationships in this context.

