

# Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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## **SCHOOL MANTRA 2020**

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

Dear Families

### **Remembrance Day**

Next Wednesday is Remembrance Day, a day we traditionally remember those men and women who served in the various forces and organisations in Australia and around the world. On Remembrance Day, and Anzac Day, we often recite the following Ode:

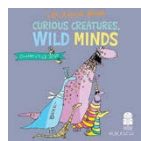
*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.*

On Wednesday next week, we will fly our flags at half-mast and stop for a minute's silence to remember all who went to war, enabling us to live with relative peace and freedom here in Australia.

### **Interschool Athletics**

Another gigantic result by the MC Interschool Athletics Team on Wednesday in bringing home the overall trophy again! Congratulations to the participants, Mr Donnelly, and all the staff who assisted with training this term and on the day. Tremendous effort by all.

### **Book Week**



So many characters jumped out of their books and came into school this morning. Bugs, bugs, and more bugs were everywhere. There was a great mix of characters and such effort with many of the costumes and face decorations. Well done, everyone. It was a super way to end the week and commence our Book Week celebrations that will conclude next Wednesday. Thank you to Mrs Gladwell for coordinating this event and to everyone for your enthusiastic involvement.

### **Confirmation**



This Sunday, we will celebrate the last two Confirmation Masses, where Fr Dat 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. Thank you to the Mater Christi staff for their work behind the scenes, attendance at the Masses, 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.

### **Dates for Next Week (Week 5) Wellness Week (No Homework)**

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Book Fair Gifted & Talented Testing
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Book Fair School Banking 8:45am Good Cup Café
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Book Fair Uniform Shop Open 8:00-10:30am & 1:20-3:20pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	NAIDOC Week Buddy Class Activities
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	9:45am 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Liturgy School Disco: PP-Year 3 (5:00-6:00pm) Year 4-6 (6:30-8:00pm)
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	NAIDOC Week Ends

## Wellness Week



Week Five is Wellness Week with no homework for the students and no meetings for staff. MC staff were challenged to *'set aside time to fill your Wellness tank with love, fun, and energy or complete relaxation, whatever form Wellness takes for you. We challenge you to find one simple adaptation to your daily or weekly schedule that gives back to yourself'*. This challenge is extended to families.

We would love some photos of your wellness activities and look forward to sharing your experiences with the community in the next few Newsletters.



### Good Cup Café

All parents are invited to join us for a cuppa in the Community Centre after you have dropped your cherubs to class next Tuesday 10 November. Everyone is most welcome.



### Anniversary Celebration

On Friday 13th November 2020, the staff and students will be celebrating Mater Christi's 30th Anniversary. Due to continuing COVID restrictions, there will be no Anniversary Mass; instead, the children will take part in a prayer Liturgy service with Fr Joe joining us.

The children from Kindy to Year Six attending school on the day will be provided with a sausage in a bun, water bottle, and Zooper Dooper icy pole for lunch. Lunch orders at the

Canteen will not be available on that day. It will be Recess sales only. The students will be enjoying their lunch with their buddies.

The anniversary day will conclude with all the movers and groovers showcasing their best dance moves at the School Disco next Friday.

- PP- Year 2 from 5pm-6pm
- Years 3-6 from 6.30pm – 8pm

### Staffing 2021



Term 4 always brings staff changes, often with teachers changing schools and looking for new experiences at other schools for their professional development. Mr Magry will be leaving Mater Christi at the end of the year. He has wholeheartedly embraced all we do here at MC and will be missed. Following the recruitment process, Miss Sophia Berini, currently employed at Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School and Miss Juliet Ferris will begin with us in 2021. It is great to welcome Sophia and Juliet to our school community in 2021.

### 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 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:

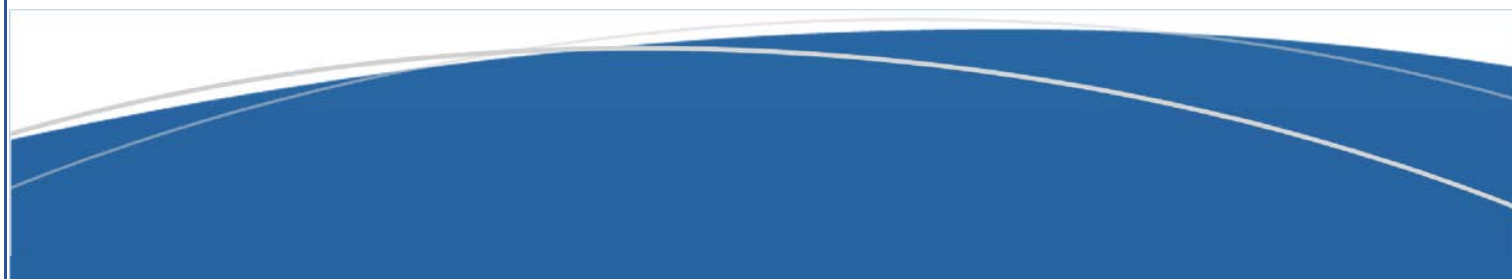
- Plan for the present and future operation of the school
- Disseminate information about the school and Catholic Education to persons and organisations in the school community
- Advise the Principal with respect to school policy
- The Treasurer liaises with the Principal and School Finance Officer in 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 email [admin@mcps.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@mcps.wa.edu.au) to register your interest and find out more.**



## 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.

*God Bless*

*Toni Kalat*



## Condolences

We would like to extend our condolences to Austin and Reid H (Year 4), along with their family following the death of their uncle and to the Makombe and D'Souza family who are also grieving the loss of loved ones. We pray God stands beside you during this difficult time, offering you peace and comfort.

## 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 Charlotte D, Ryan D and Isla M.



## Making Jesus Real

Congratulations to the following students for receiving 'Gotcha' cards this week for capturing the Spirit of Jesus throughout their actions at school. To Ethan M and Mason P, both year 2 students, for displaying qualities of being helpful, giving, encouraging, friendly, kind and cheerful.

## 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 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020, and helpers are required from 8am – 12pm. A briefing will also be held on Wednesday December 9<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:nandmmurtagh@bigpond.com) with your availability or any queries.

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



## School News



Dear Families:

Are you ready kids to have a dance off with Scooby Doo? Then we will see you at the Book Fair on Monday at 3.00pm at the Mater Christi Community Centre, photos will also be available. Why not buy a book for Mater Christi. When you do a large sticker will be placed inside the cover with your child's name and year also stating your generosity on it. Once processed your child will then be the first to borrow that book. There will be a range of books that the teachers have chosen. So why not help your school.

Book Fair dates: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 9/11/20 – 11/11/20

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 SCOOBY SNACKS are in the jar.

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

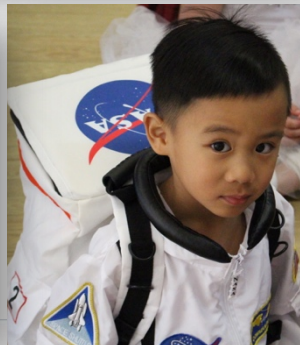
Why not come and see our melting iceberg and have a guess when it's going to melt.

Free bookmarks and book giveaways to the first 100 families.

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

Sincerely,  
Deborah Gladwell  
Library Officer

## Book Fair Parade





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## School News

### What's Happening in Kindy this Week?



#### Kindy Garden Bed Planting

Kindy children participated the planting of seedlings in 3 garden beds in the Kindergarten play area. The original plan was an incursion with Bunnings Bibra Lake planned for Term 2. Bunnings were to provide materials and an experience where children would plant the donated seedlings with the Bunnings staff. Due to COVID, this was cancelled. Fortunately, they kindly donated garden beds, soils, seedlings, trowels, facemasks and gloves. What a wonderful time we had planting with our friends!



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*





## Colour Run Highlights

Highlights from the Colour Run last week, as captured by Mr Bravo. The children had a tremendous time.



### Staff Appreciation Morning Tea

On Thursday 29th October the P&F organised morning tea for the staff at Mater Christi. Thank you to all who donated the delicious food. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it.

A very big thank you to the volunteers who helped on the morning by setting up & cleaning up the staff room; Vicky Hartill, Melina Zuvela, Kelly-Ann Nair, Deborah Tan, Rhea Doig and Liliane Torres.

Giulia Orlando, Food Co-ordinator

### 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](http://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.

THANK YOU



### AGM 2020

#### 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.

The P&F meet formally twice per term at meetings. Please consider the below summaries of the Executive Council positions. 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)

## Parent Social Events



SWEETWATER  
ROOFTOP BAR

#### Kindy B Class Playdate

**When:** Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am

**Where:** Roar, Bibra Lake

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

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#### Pre-Primary End of Year Drinks

**When:** Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from 7pm.

**Where:** Sweetwater, East Fremantle.

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

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#### 1B Mum's End of Year Dinner

**When:** Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November

**Where:** Time and venue to be confirmed

**RSVP:** Michelle Pozzi by the 20<sup>th</sup> November on 0405 202 804



## Parent Social Events



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GINGER**



### 1C End of Year Class Catch Up

**When:** Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> 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 December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

**Where:** Tonic and Ginger

**RSVP:** Please contact Barbara Thurston on 0404 847 607 by 30<sup>th</sup> November

### Year 2A, B & C Family Picnic

**When:** Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 10am

**Where:** Woodman Point

**RSVP:** Please contact your Class Representative by the 13<sup>th</sup> November. 2A – Barbara Thurston, 2B – Andrea Hegney and 2C Renae Datson.

### Year 4 End of Year Family Picnic

**When:** 29<sup>th</sup> November at 2:30pm

**Where:** John Graham Reserve, Woodman Point

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

### Year 4C Dinner

**When:** Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 6:30pm

**Where:** The Gate Bar & Bistro

**RSVP:** RSVP to Giulia Orlando on 0403 489 252 by the 14<sup>th</sup> November

## Community News



**Bookkeeper required**

Part time -10 hrs per week (school terms only)

Commencement Date - Term 1, 2021

Catholic School Parents WA (CSPWA) is the peak body representing and advocating on behalf of parents/carers who choose a Catholic education for their children in WA. CSPWA provides leadership and resources to advance the engagement of parents in education and education policy.

The Finance Officer for the office of CSPWA is responsible for the maintenance of the organisation's finances. This includes but is not limited to budget control, payroll, accounts payable/receivable, BAS and the provision of additional financial support as required by the Executive Director, CSPWA Treasurer or the full CSPWA Council.

Hours of work for this position will be 10 hours per week during school terms with some out-of-hours work expected. Hours will be reviewed after 3 months.

Intending applicants must be enthusiastic and adaptable, be fully supportive of the Catholic ethos, have excellent interpersonal and organisational skills and demonstrate experience in working co-operatively in a small team environment.

An excellent working knowledge of MYOB and Excel is essential and financial qualifications are desirable.

Confidential applications, including a covering letter and resume, together with two referee names and contact details must be received by 5pm Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

Please address applications or enquiries to [slobhan@csp.wa.edu.au](mailto:slobhan@csp.wa.edu.au)

# WAABINY OSHC SUMMER VACATION

## CARE 2020-2021

### BOOK NOW!

Our vacation care program caters for all children from ages 4 – 12 years. It is fun, exciting, and provides the perfect environment for play based learning during the school holidays. The program is available to all families in the surrounding areas, and bookings are essential. To find out more information, or to make a booking, please contact Jason or Erin on the details below:

Email: [info@mss.edu.au](mailto:info@mss.edu.au)

Ph: 08 9417 1800

Montessori Stepping Stones & Waabiny OSHC are proudly supported by our community partners

<b>MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> DEC</b> Muddy Play incursion - play in the mud and get messy today. Bring spare clothes and a towel	<b>MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JAN</b> Bike Ride Excursion- Biking around the Yangebup lake. Bring bike or scooter and helmet
<b>TUESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> DEC</b> Bike ride excursion- Bring your bike or scooter today as we bike around the lake.	<b>TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JAN</b> Bubble Soccer incursion- Let's get goofy today as we bump into each other with a game of bubble soccer
<b>WEDNESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> DEC</b> Stuffers bears- incursion. Make your own teddy bear today as we pretend to be Santa's little helpers.	<b>WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JAN</b> Today we will cool off with some water play around Waabiny
<b>THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> DEC</b> Make a beautiful centrepiece for your Christmas table.	<b>THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JAN</b> Optus Stadium Excursion - Peek behind the scenes, visit the locker rooms & more as we visit the stadium
<b>FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DEC</b> Christmas party- Waabiny's own Christmas party with baking, music and craft.	<b>FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JAN</b> Karaoke incursion- Let's sing and dance today as a karaoke machine arrives to Waabiny

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