Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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<u>SCHOOL MANTRA 2020</u>

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

Dear Families



First Sunday of Advent

Advent is the time we prepare for the coming of Christ into our world. He is here already, of course, but he wants to

come closer. Let each of us be one of his entry points by keeping awake to open the door when he knocks.

"Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come."

Gospel Reading:

Mark 13: 33-37

In Mark's Gospel this week, Jesus is like a householder who has gone on holiday. He has left his servants – that is, you and me – in charge of his affairs, each with their task. What is my task, my role in this world? "Stay awake because you do not know when the master will come back" – "stay awake." How do we do that? Very simply. We keep in touch with those around us by each day, doing our best to live lives of love, compassion, forgiveness, honesty, and integrity. We keep in touch with our God through lives of prayer. And the simplest and deepest prayer



is to be aware of the active presence of God permeating every single moment of every single day.

Dates for Next Week (Week 8)				
Monday 30 th November	9am Volunteer's Morning Tea (MCCC)			
Tuesday 1 st December	School Banking			
Wednesday 2 nd December	Uniform Shop Open 8:00-10:30am & 1:20-3:20pm Christmas Concert Practice (MCCC)			
Thursday 3 rd December	3-Year-Old Kindy Orientation 9:30-10:30am			
	Christmas Concert Practice (MCCC) 9:00-9:45 PP-Yr 3 9:45-10:30 Yr 4-6 11:00-12:30 All (MCCC)			
Friday 4 th December	9am Thanksgiving Mass			
Saturday 5 th December	Reconciliation at 5pm			
Sunday 6 th December	Second Sunday of Advent			

Dates for Next Week (Week 8)

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Volunteers Morning Tea

We invite all parents and grandparents who have assisted the school in so many ways this year to a Morning Tea in the Mater Christi Community Centre at 9am on Monday 30 November. I hope you can join us and let us acknowledge how important you are to us and how appreciative we are of your service and generosity of time and skills.

Final Assembly

This morning we acknowledged and thanked the out-going 2020 student leaders. What a remarkable group of young people who have creatively adapted to the changes this year has thrown at them. I am immensely proud of them. They have been such a positive influence across the school and have exceeded all expectations. The 'glass half full' attitude will hold them in good stead for high school and life beyond. Thank you to Mrs Woodhouse for her leadership in mentoring our leaders. Here is the link to view this morning's assembly: <u>https://youtu.be/Nz7RU8ZpVRU</u>



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

Volunteers'

Morning Tea

Today was also an introduced the 2021 Student Leaders. Mrs Gladwell

introduced the Library Captains, which is a new leadership role. Thank you to Mrs Gladwell for this initiative.

End of Year Concert – Thursday 10 December

I'm sure your children have spoken with you about our End of Year Concert that involves all children from Pre-Primary to Year 6. We were not sure if the concert would go ahead due to the COVID restrictions; however, we are able to proceed, following restrictions to immediate family only. Unfortunately, this means aunties, uncles and grandparents are unable to join us this year. We are so grateful for the opportunity to celebrate this occasion.



Congratulations

Well done to Olivia B and Isabelle E for receiving music scholarships at Emmanuel Catholic College for next year. Congratulations!

Board Members 2021

Chairperson: Mr Luke Zammit Vice President: Mr Oscar D'Souza Treasurer: Mr Dinny Kutty Secretary: Mrs Laura Anchor Members: Mr Ian Edwards, Mr George Grasa, Mr Con O'Halloran, Mrs Karen Simons, and Mr Glenn Turner. Ex Officio Members: Fr Dat, Toni Kalat, Ron Fris, Julie Southwell.

KINDY PARENTS: PLEASE NOTE THE SLIGHT CHANGES TO THE BIG DAY OUT PLANS THIS YEAR:

Kindy A/C will attend on Wednesday December 2 between 9.30 and 11.30 with pickup from school at 9a.m. Kindy B/D will attend on Tuesday 8 December (big day out) between 9.30 and 11.30 with pickup from school at 9am.

God Bless

Toní Kalat



Condolences

We extend our sincere condolences to the Vanzwam family, having lost their beloved uncle this week. We pray for peace and comfort for you all at this difficult time.

Congratulations to our 2021 Leaders and Scholarship Recipients



Sofia Memorial Scholarship Recipient 2021 Theresia Baretto

2021 Student Leaders:

<u>SRC</u>

Shaun S Riley G David B Sean M Ivy C Emmi M Gisele G Ava D Esta O Thomas S

Head Altar Servers

Rachel J Theresia B

Sports Captains

Adam L Mayela M Shea C Steele S Isla L Ella Q Josh L Oisin O

Drama Captains

Mila M Azlyn C

<u>Music Captains</u> Yuriel D Krystof C

Library Captains Jayden K

Jemima Y

Science Captains

Dane D Bethany B Brooke D Ella R Isabella P



School News

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. On Wednesday 9 December, the Year 3 students will attend the Parish Mass. Following Mass, Father Joe will present the Sacrament of Penance certificates. This week, we hold James B, Harry F, Tyler Y and Masen B in our prayers as they receive the Sacrament of Penance.





Making Jesus Real:

Well done to Christian D of 2B, Mason P and Ethan M from 2C, Brady V and Lucas B from 4B for receiving 'Gotcha' cards for capturing the Spirit of Jesus throughout our school this week. These students have displayed Christ-like qualities of compassion, helpfulness, encouragement, kindness and giving. Well done to these students, keep up the good work!



Note to families

Dear friends

Catholic Education invites students, their families and staff to pray this Christmas Family Prayer in your homes during the Christmas season.

Recognising the additional challenges 2020 has presented for our communities, this family prayer is an opportunity to connect in solidarity with our wider faith community during this special time in the Church's calendar, celebrating the birth of Our Saviour Jesus.

One of the beautiful traditions of Advent is that of the Christmas wreath and each week, lighting a candle that reminds us of a particular element of the preparation for the birth of Christ. As such, we invite families to create their own prayer space with a white candle at the centre, the final candle in the Advent wreath, which is traditionally lit on Christmas day. The white candle is the Christ candle and represents the light of Christ.

We hope it offers you moments for prayerful reflection in your family and connects you to the peace, joy and hope of the Christmas season.

As we head into the celebration of 200 years of Catholic education in 2021, we thank you for your continuing support and partnership in Catholic education and wish you a happy and Holy Christmas and New Year.

Jacinta Collins Executive Director



Catholic Education CELEBRATING 200 YEARS Faith in the future

Christmas Family Prayer



vork: Bright Star by Grace Kumb

The reading we share today is from the Gospel of Luke (2:8-20)

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.

But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.



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Reflection

For each member in our family, our birth story is very special and there are moments of joy in the celebration but to be announced by an angel, as this Gospel writer tells us is what happens for Jesus, is really amazing!

The announcement is made to shepherds. Shepherds were what we would today call poor and disadvantaged. Yet the announcement of Jesus' birth is made to them which tells us right from the very start of Jesus' life, that he came for all people, especially those who were having a hard time. 2020 has been a challenging year for each of us. We have not been able to go to school sometimes, to pray together, to play sport together and visit our friends and families, some for long periods of time. What this story reminds us this Christmas is that there is great joy in the birth of Jesus, and it brings us hope.

Each of you might like to share together a joy from this year and hope that the birth of Jesus brings you for 2021.

Prayers of Intercession

Please share the reading of these with those gathered.

As we gather together, we pray:

For the Church and all throughout the world, that as we celebrate Jesus' birth, that together we may grow in holiness, we pray to the Lord.

For all the people, that Jesus' words and values may find a place in their hearts, we pray to the Lord.

As we celebrate 200 years of Catholic education, grant those teaching and learning, planning and leading and the families and community that entrust their young people to Catholic schools a love of learning and a willingness to be the face of Jesus in the world, we pray to the Lord.

For all families, especially our family gathered together today, that we will continue to know the love of our God, we pray to the Lord.

For those who are at work this Christmas, particularly those who have worked so hard in healthcare during this year, we pray to the Lord.

For all those who in have been sick during 2020 and for those who have died, particularly those who have been affected by Covid, we pray to the Lord.

For our own needs, we invite each person to offer their own prayer [at this time each person may like to share something they would like to pray for], we pray to the Lord.

Closing Prayer

Loving God, In this Christmas season we thank you for the great joy you have sent us in the birth of Jesus.

Help us to be the voice and hands of the angel sharing Jesus with one another this Christmas season. In Your name, we pray, Amen.

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What's Been Happening in Year One This Term?

What a busy and exciting Term 4 we have had! In Religion, we have been exploring The Sacrament of Baptism and how baptised people live as members of God's family. Over the coming weeks we will be focusing on the story of the birth of Jesus and how we remember the gift of Jesus at Christmas time. During investigations, we have been using our airport play areas to travel all over the world to discover how the weather and seasons change from place to place. In Literacy, we have enjoyed playing lots of games to help us recognise statements, commands, questions and exclamations as well as different punctuation marks. In Maths, we have been exploring the language we use around chance and the probability of different events occurring. We also spent some time with our buddies during wellness week immersing ourselves in various NAIDOC week activities.





The Uniform Shop

On Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd December, the Uniform Shop will be open by appointment from 8am until 12pm for those children going into Pre-Primary and Year 1 in 2021. Please find the link below to book your appointment. If you are having any problems, please email me at <u>materchristicps.uniforms@gmail.com</u>

https://materchristicps.permapleat.com.au/schoolbookings.OLD/

The Uniform Shop will be open in the New Year for Back to School on Thursday 28th and Friday 29th January from 9am until 2pm. Finally, our Large school bags are in stock! Thank you for being so patient and waiting for them to arrive.

Simone Douglas, Perm a Pleat

MATER CHRISTI INVITES FAMILIES TO THE

SEASON TO BE GIVING

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

This year, Mater Christi are hoping to put together 50 hampers to support local families in need. Each student is asked to donate a non-perishable food item for their class hampers. We know this year has been difficult for many families, and we thank you in advance for your generosity.

Vinnies have requested certain food items for each hamper. Each class will assign an item to your child to ensure we can make up the hampers. Additional food items will also be warmly received.

NOVEMBER 23-DECEMBER 3 2020 DROP OFF TO YOUR CHILD'S CLASS VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

What makes up a Christmas Hamper?

Long life milk Long life juice Long life custard Milo Tea Coffee B Sugar C Tinned fruit Tinned fruit Tinned Tuna Tinned Soup Tinned Ham Condiments: Tomato Sauce, Mayonnaise, Mustard BonBons

Spreads: Jams, Vegemite, Honey, Nutella Rice Noodles Cereals Biscuits: Savoury and Sweet Christmas CakeFruit Mince Pies Pancake Mix Packets of Pasta Pasta Sauce Christmas Napkins Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Presents their 2020

Christmas Concert



THURSDAY 10th DECEMBER Mater Christi Oval

4-6.00pm	Food Trucks available
5.00pm	Picnic on the oval / Pre entertainment
5.40pm	Students dropped to classrooms
6.00pm	Presentation of the Graduates
6.15pm	Concert and carols
7.30pm	Concert concludes

BYO Everything



YEAR LEVEL COSTUMES

Year	Song	Costume			
PP	Silent Night	Students to dress as Angels – all in white with silver or gold glitter. Can wear some wings if you wish.			
Year 1	Away in a Manger	Students to wear Nativity costumes. Here are some examples to inspire you. Image: Shepherd Kings Cow			
		MaryJosephSheepStar			
Year 2	Run <u>Run</u> Rudolph	All students to wear: • Christmas colour T -shirt (Green, red or white) • Shorts or skirt in Christmas colours • Maybe a reindeer head band if you wish!			
Year 3	Man with a Bag	 All students to wear: Christmas colour T -shirt (Green, red or white) Shorts or skirt in Christmas colours 			
Year 4	Aussie Jingle Bells	 All students to wear: singlet, shorts and thongs in Christmas colours (Green, red or white). 			
Year 5	Deck the Halls	 All students to wear: Christmas colour T -shirt (Green, red or white) shorts or skirts in Christmas colours 			
Year 6	Graduation	Boys & Girls: Graduation shirts and a choice of shorts/ jeans/pants/leggings			

All students to wear closed or semi closed in shoes with the exception of Year Four.



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Instrumental Program 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are now taking enrolments for the Instrumental Program for 2021 and registration forms must be **completed by Thursday 3rd December** to ensure a place.

The Mater Christi Instrumental Program is offered to students in Pre-Primary to Year 6 who are interested in learning an instrument.

Learning an instrument is both a challenging and rewarding experience. We currently have approximately 100 students enrolled in the program.

Mater Christi is currently offering the choice of the following instruments:

- Piano
- Guitar
- Drums
- Voice

If you would like your child to participate in the Mater Christi Instrumental Program for 2021, please complete the **Instrumental Program Tuition Agreement** and return it to school.

If your child is currently enrolled and intends to continue next year, a new Instrumental Program Tuition Agreement is required to confirm re-enrolment in 2021.

Lessons will begin in Week 2/3, Term 1 2021. Tutors will notify you of lesson days prior to the commencement of lessons.

We look forward to working with you and your child.

Kind Regards

Jane King Music Specialist Instrumental Program & Performing Arts Co-ordinator



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Instrumental Program 2021 Information

LESSONS

Students will receive weekly lessons which can be taken individually or through shared lessons of 2-3 students. Lessons are held during school hours and are scheduled on a rotating timetable. Please note that group lessons are not available for **Voice**.

Individual Lessons	30 mins	8 lessons per term	\$250
Group Lessons	30 mins	8 lessons per term	\$180

PAYMENT OF TUITION

Fees for lessons are to be paid at the start of each term. Tutors will invoice and advise when the payment is due. Payments are to be paid directly to the tutor. There are 8 lessons per term, due to the school's scheduled events and tutor availability.

PRACTICE AND COMMUNICATION BOOK

Each student will be provided with a practice and communication book. Tutors will use this book to communicate with parents regarding homework or any other important information.

PURCHASING OF MATERIALS/TEXT

Tutors will specify books that are used for students to learn and practise from. It is the responsibility of the Parent/Guardian to purchase these books as soon as possible. Tutors are aware of costs and try to keep requests at a minimum.

WITHDRAWL OF LESSONS

If your child wishes to withdraw from the Instrumental Program, it is required that both the Instrumental Tutor and the Instrumental Coordinator are informed of this by *Week 5* of that term.

INSTRUMENT HIRE

If instrument hire is required, this is to be arranged directly with a hire company. The school does not hire instruments.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- A minimum of five weeks written notice (this does not include holiday periods) is required from parents if you wish to withdraw your child from the Instrumental Program. Lessons will not be cancelled until written confirmation is received from parents. Please send an email to jane.king@cewa.edu.au and inform the Music Tutor.
- You may be charged for missed lessons due to student illness. As a matter courtesy, please call or send a message to your child's Music Tutor so that they are aware of your child's absence. Whenever possible, tutors will try to reschedule the lesson, although this cannot be guaranteed.
- Music Tutors must be notified **1 week in advance** if a student cannot attend a lesson for reasons such as school camp, excursion or school related event.
- Parents must give a minimum of 3 weeks' notice to Music Tutors if they intend on taking holidays during this time. If sufficient notice is NOT received the students will be charged for lessons.
- Fees are on a per term basis. All scheduled lessons must be paid for. Missed lessons will not be re-scheduled unless at the fault of the tutor. Students will receive 1 lesson per week, or 8 lessons per term.
- Fees are to be paid directly to the Music Tutors upon receipt of the invoice.
- Students will be given a communication diary at the commencement of the year which is to be brought to all lessons. This is the communication between parents and the Music Tutors regarding your child's schedule lessons, homework and issues requiring attention.
- Parents are expected to encourage regular home practice, check and sign the communication book on a weekly basis.
- Where rental of an instrument is necessary the cost is to be paid by the parent/guardian directly to the hire company.

*Please note that commencement of tuition implies agreement with all conditions stated.

INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM TUITION AGREEMENT 2021

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HOME PH:	MOBILE:		-	
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() DRUMS/FERCUSSION	() VOICE			
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() PRIVATE LESSON				
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STUDENT SIGNATURE :		DATE:		

P&F News

Would you like to be a part of the Mater Christi P&F in 2021?

2021 Committee Members

President – Lesley Pascuzzi Vice President - **VACANT** Secretary - Vicky Hartill Treasurer - Jennifer Cotton Parent Rep to the Board - **VACANT** Parish Council Rep - Helen Kruh Food Co-Ordinator - **VACANT** Class Rep Co-Ordinator - Stephanie Gill Sunsmart Rep - Linda Corlett PFFWA Rep - Marina Hayward Dads Rep - Damien Amsuss If you wish to discuss or nominate for any of the vacant positions, please send an email to <u>materchristipandf@cewa.edu.au</u> and one of our members will get back to you.

2021 Class Representative Nomination

P & F Class Representatives (Class Reps) are self-nominated on an annual basis at the end of the academic school year to represent their child's class for the following year. Selfnomination is provided to the P&F Class Rep



Meet your new President for 2021. Lesley is mum to Gianluca, new Year 4 and Mattia Year 1 and Juliette Pre Kindy. Lesley brings 4 years experience working within women's health focusing on the journey from pregnancy to parenting. She is a passionate advocate for all Australian families and has a key objective to be the voice of all Mater Christi families. We have a diverse community in our school and Lesley intends to use her experience to increase representation and participation in the P&F. Lesley is Scotland born and understands more than most the need for our parents to experience the traditional village of support. More to come in 2021. LESLEY PASCUZZI

Coordinator, in the case of more than one parent nominating there will be a draw. Class reps are voluntary positions that provide an invaluable point of contact for parents in the class.

The primary roles of the Class Reps are to:

- Attend monthly P & F meetings to represent the views of their class/year group.
- Communicate meeting outcomes back to their class/year-group.
- Support all parents and welcome new families to the school; and
- Help organise and promote social and fundraising events for the class, year and wider school community (including ticket distribution and collection of money on occasions as required).

To nominate as Class Representative for your child's class in 2021, please email the Class Rep Coordinator Stephanie Gill <u>stephaniegill82@hotmail.com</u> with your name and the class you wish to represent, by Friday 5th December. Thank you.

30 Years and Still Cooking

Why not get organised for Christmas and buy a fabulous cookbook for family and friends? You can collect or buy your book for \$30 at the following times/locations:

* Volunteers' Morning Tea, Mon 30th Nov

* Christmas Concert, Thurs 10th Dec

If your book is not collected at one of these allocated locations your book/s will be sent home with your child in their satchel.

You can still order so grab a form from the Admin Office and provide payment by EFT or send an email to <u>materchristipandf@cewa.edu.au</u>.

Any proceeds gained from selling the cookbooks will fund the nature play area and possibly some classroom resources. Get in now so you don't miss this opportunity to buy a wonderful keepsake of Mater Christi and assist with providing student resources at the school. The cookbooks are for sale until they sell out.

P&F News



Entertainment Books

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.

Parent Social Events

2A End of Year Dinner

When: Friday December 4th at 6pm Where: Tonic and Ginger **RSVP:** Barbara on 0404 847 607 by 30/11/20

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.

Community News

