

Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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SCHOOL MANTRA 2019

"Find happiness in making others happy" – Mary MacKillop

Advent

On Sunday we commence the Church's season of Advent. Advent is a time of preparation and waiting for the birth of Jesus. We all know the story well – we've heard it every Advent since we were children. At a simple level, the Angel visited Mary and asked her to be the mother of Jesus. But have we really looked at the story in great detail as an adult, and thought about the true meaning of this story, and thought about what was Mary really saying 'Yes' to? This is an amazing story of unconditional faith and trust. A Jewish girl is visited by an angel. She is to be married to Joseph in the near future. The angel comes to her and says that she will give birth to a baby, not any baby, but the Son of God. By saying Yes Mary is risking becoming an outcast by Joseph and his community. But she says yes anyway – yes to giving birth to Jesus. What does this great story mean for us in 2019? Do we see Mary as our role model? Do we say 'yes' to God even if we are unsure what that really means?

*Loving God, as we enter this Advent season,
We open our lives, hurts and memories to the healing
light of Christ.*

*Show us the creative power of hope.
Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,
That we may walk in the light of Christ.
Amen*

Dates for Next Week (Wk 8)

Monday 2 nd December	8:50am Nature Playground Opening 9am Volunteer's Morning Tea (MCCC)
Tuesday 3 rd December	3:05-3:30pm Family Nature Playground Time
Wednesday 4 th December	Booklist order collection MCCC 8:00-9:30am School Banking Year 6 Dance Practice MCCC 3:05-3:30pm Family Nature Playground Time
Thursday 5 th December	3YO Kindy Orientation 9:30-10:30am
Friday 6 th December	9am Thanksgiving Mass (Year 5)
Saturday 7 th December	
Sunday 8 th December	Second Sunday of Advent



Opening of Nature Playground & Volunteers Morning Tea

The time has finally arrived, and the children are so excited!

On Monday 2 December at 8.50am the Nature Playground will be officially opened with classes rostered on during recess and lunch for the remainder of the year. The playground is unavailable before and after school as there are no staff on duty in this area within the school. The oval is available for all the Mater Christi and Yangebup Community. Two Play

Afternoons will be available to give families and siblings an opportunity to try out the new playground.

TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER: 3.05pm – 3.30pm

WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER: 3.05pm – 3.30pm

Following this, please join us for the **Volunteers Thank you Morning Tea** in the Community Centre. The staff would like to thank all who have helped in many ways during the year with a special Afternoon Tea. I hope you received a personalised invitation, but if this doesn't make its way home, please accept this as an invitation.

The Best Ever



Thank you to all the grandparents who were able to join us for this very special day. Starting with the Mass this year, received such positive feedback, as did Fr Joe's homily. Thank you to the Year Three teachers, their children, Mrs Southwell, Miss Ross, the Senior Choir and all present for making the celebration so special.

The happy atmosphere within the grounds of the school, on the oval and around the church, together with the joy filled smiles on everyone's faces captured our community spirit. The warmish weather didn't deter anyone from enjoying the moment with shady places to be found all around the school. Students loved to show the grandparents their classrooms and work accomplishments. This important day is one of the highlights on the school calendar.

Kindy Information Night



Last Monday night, the Kindy Staff and I welcomed the Kindy 2020 parents to Kindy life for their child at Mater Christi. It was lovely to see many familiar faces and welcome in new families. This is such an exciting and a little nervous time for parents and I know that they will pass with flying colours when it is time to say 'see you later' to their child next year. We will have boxes of tissues on hand just in case!

3YO Kindy Orientation

We welcome all our new 3-year-old kindy parents to Kindy Orientation on Thursday, 5th December in the Early Learning Centre from 9:30-10:30am.

Thanksgiving Mass 9am

Everyone is most welcome to join us for our Thanksgiving Mass next Friday 6 December at 9am. To give thanks for the incredible year we have had, the gift that is our Mater Christi Community and to bless those leaving our school.

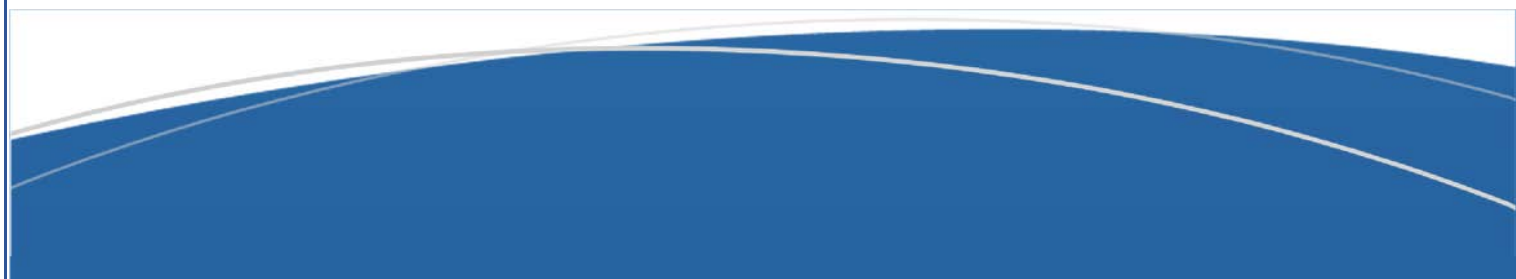
2020 Student Leaders and Scholarship Recipients



This morning we held our final Assembly for 2019. Mrs and Mrs Rodrigues together with Fr Bryan presented the Sofia Memorial Scholarship to Ziba T. It was lovely to have Fr Bryan visit us again and thank Mr & Mrs Rodrigues for their presence at this assembly each year.

Mr Di Gregorio, Principal of Emmanuel College, presented the Year 7 2020 Academic Scholarship to Peter W, and the 2021 Academic Scholarship to

Nithika V.



Today, we also acknowledged our 2019 School Leaders and introduced the Student Leaders for 2020.

OUR 2020 SCHOOL LEADERS

Student Representative Councilors (SRC)

Olivia B
Tanha B
Josh B
Lucas C
Charlie H
Daisy O
Shenae R
Alyssa R
Gemma W
Xavier Z



Head Altar Servers

Joel M & Ziba T

Drama Captains

Georgia F, Madison S & Abbey R

Music Captains

Abbey B & Miranda L

Science Captains

Cole C
Hayley E
Miles H
Tyler R

Sports Captains:

Bandicoots: Halle H & Thomas M
Bobtails: Rhys M, Eilidh M & Jenson S
Honeyeaters: Olivia M & Ayviah R
Magpies: Stella P & Diego F

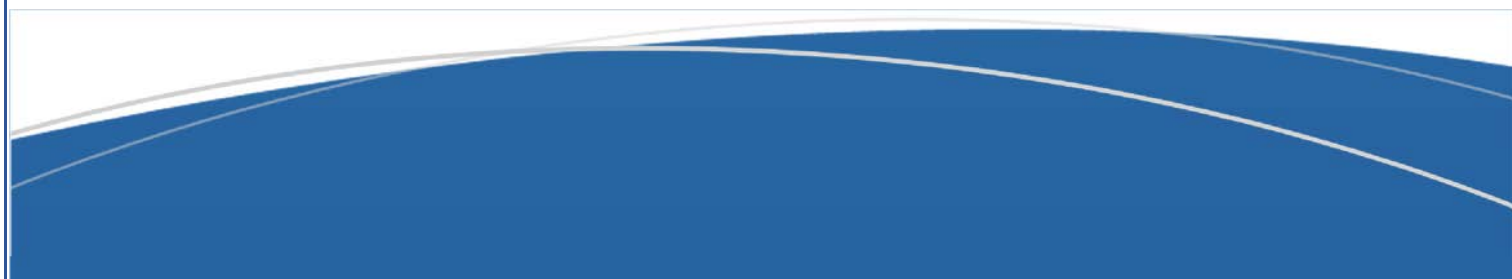
*God Bless,
Toni Kalat*

School News



A Note from the Uniform Shop

Please be advised that the last day of trade for the Uniform Shop for 2019 will be Monday 9th December – which coincides with Transition Day. The Uniform Shop will not be open on Wednesday.





PLEASE NOTE WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT OUR

2020 Swimming lessons

ARE NOW SCHEDULED FOR **TERM 1, WEEKS 1 & 2**

To allow your child to settle into their new class, lessons will be condensed from 10 to 8 lessons, running from:
Wednesday 5th - Friday 14th February

CONSENT FORMS WILL GO HOME THIS WEEK. DUE TO THE LIMITED TIME FRAME, WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE RETURN THESE TO SCHOOL ASAP.



Recycling at Mater Christi

Our Science Department has introduced a new recycling initiative at Mater Christi to reduce the waste created by stationery supplies. If you are looking to clean-out your stationery collection for the new year, please see the list of approved items below and send them to school with your children. Every little bit helps.

Thank you,
Mrs Haylee Klup

Accepted waste

Pens, felt tips, highlighters, markers



Mechanical pencils, correction tape and fluid pots, fountain pens, ink cartridges



Religious Education

Making Jesus Real

Courage is doing right when everyone around you is doing wrong.

But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!"

And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, and said, "Take heart (courage), it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."

Matthew 14:26-28.

Sacrament of Penance

Mater Christi Parish invites all students who have received the Sacrament of Penance this year to a small presentation followed by Mass on Sunday, 1 December. The presentation of their certificate will occur in the Community Centre at 4:00 pm followed by Mass at 5:00 pm.

God Bless,

Mrs Southwell

(Assistant Principal) Religious Education

Possum Box Workshop

On Tuesday 26th December, Class 4B were extremely privileged to take part in a Possum Box Workshop funded by Cockburn City Council. It was to help address conservation issues, to educate and inspire and broaden their knowledge about the importance of wildlife conservation. This project aimed to showcase in a positive light the actions small groups can take to be involved in practical, sustainable solutions to environmental problems.

It was an amazing day with many parents attending as well. Why not take a walk along the path near the school to see the boxes? They are positioned near the Possum Bridge. Class 4B constructed and painted the boxes, and then they went into the bush to find the suitable trees to place the boxes. We thank Cockburn City Council and Mr Simon Cherriman from iNSiGHT Ornithology for an inspiring day!

Thank you,

Mrs Nuttall



School News

Catholic Youth Summit Recount

On Friday Week 6 the 2020 S.R.C travelled on the Emmanuel College bus to the Catholic Youth Summit at Chisolm Catholic College. Here they met with student leaders from other schools, learnt all about being a great leader and how to 'Be the One'.

The first part of the Summit was about Nathan Leber, who was a famous Rockstar but then tore a ligament in his arm and couldn't play any instruments ever again. He later became a leader of Caritas and has since travelled around teaching people about God, and that He always has a plan for you, and has a good sense of humour!

The second part of the Catholic Youth Summit was about the importance of having a strong body, a positive mindset, and a healthy heart. We started by doing some dancing and partner exercises to get our bodies active. Kim Marie Smith, the founder of 'Standing Strong', then talked to us about our attitude to life, how we shouldn't compare ourselves to others, to seize opportunities that come our way, and to be brave by stepping outside of our comfort zone.

Sean Pollard presented the final talk at the Summit. It was a very inspirational talk, and everyone in the room was hooked on his every word. Sean went on a trip to Esperance with his girlfriend Clare, where he was tragically attacked by a shark, causing him to lose his left arm and right hand. Even with this loss of his limbs, he was still able to undertake household jobs, drive a car and, impressively, compete for Australia in the Paralympic Snowboarding team. His story taught all students to never give up and to always have a positive attitude to life.

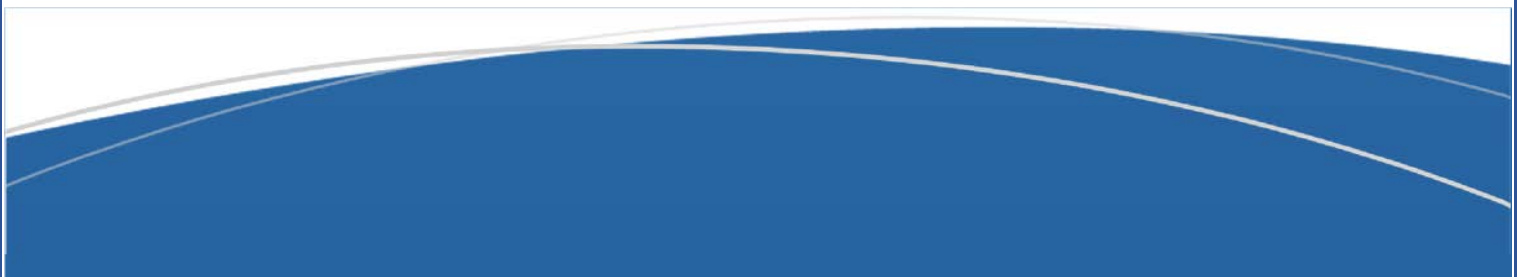
The students learnt a lot during the day and had a lot of fun too.

Written by the 2020 SRC's.



Staff Versus Students Handball

To be continued on the last day of school.....!



Interschool Cricket Carnival

The annual C.P.S.S.A Interschool Cricket Carnival was held on Tuesday 26th November this week. Mater Christi had four teams competing. Two teams for the girls and two for the boys. All teams had trained intensively together, and the rapport built between them strengthened each side mentally. We were ready for action! The tournament consisted of three round robin games. Places were determined by win/loss and the overall aggregate of runs.

All the Mater Christi teams ended up playing the same three schools. We played against Star of the Sea, our cross-town rivals St. Jerome's and had a grudge match against Yidarra. The girls started in a blaze of glory winning a close one against derby rivals St. Jerome's. The other two games were tough, but the girls showed some real talent to win them both. The three wins gave the girls a shot at the title. Two teams ended up on three wins. It was down to the number of runs made. Unfortunately, the girls from Christ the King dominated their opposition and ended up coming away with the shield.

B Girls

These girls proved to be the surprise packet of the day. The girls had trained well and were quietly confident. The girls put on a masterful batting display all day amassing 500 runs and blitzed the opposition. They were the only team to have three wins in their division and were rightly crowned champions.

A Boys

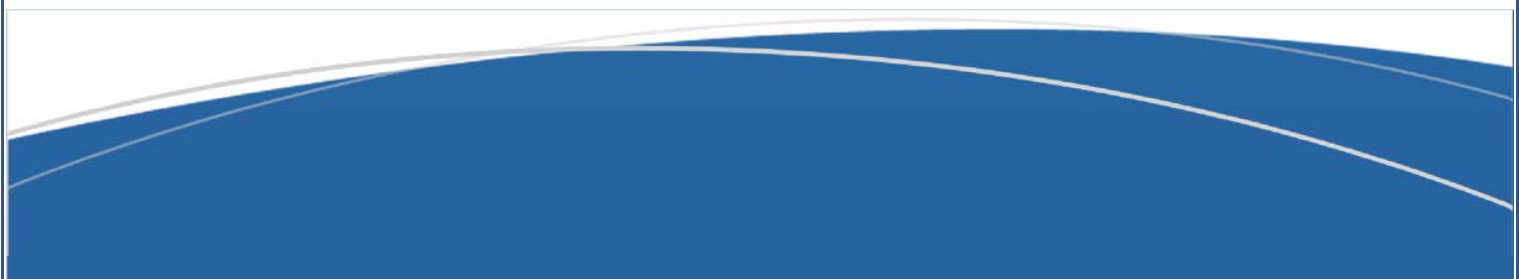
The boys were confident of a good showing against all comers after doing well last year. They started slowly, however, and came up against a strong St. Jerome's side who stacked on the runs. It was left to some big hitting by the last two batters to reel in the big score and surprise themselves with a win. The second game followed the same script. It looked like the opposition had done enough to win but the boys eventually got up. The last game proved a little easier and the boys put three wins on the board. There was another team that had three wins for the day, so it was again down to runs scored. We were pipped by the big hitting Christ the King boys who amassed a record 588 runs in three games.

B Boys

This team had a few Year 5 boys so will be well placed next year too. The boys found the going tough in the first two games against two of the teams that would eventually claim first and third. The opposition scored some big totals which always puts the pressure on. The boys battled throughout and hit their straps with a great win in the last game. The Year 5 boys will learn from this and be battle hardened for next year. The B Boys ended up in fifth position overall.

All students did a fantastic job, and all enjoyed the day! Thanks to Mr O'Reilly who coached the B Teams. You did them proud.

Ryan Donnelly (PE Teacher)





MATER CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY
PRESENTS



GET SMART



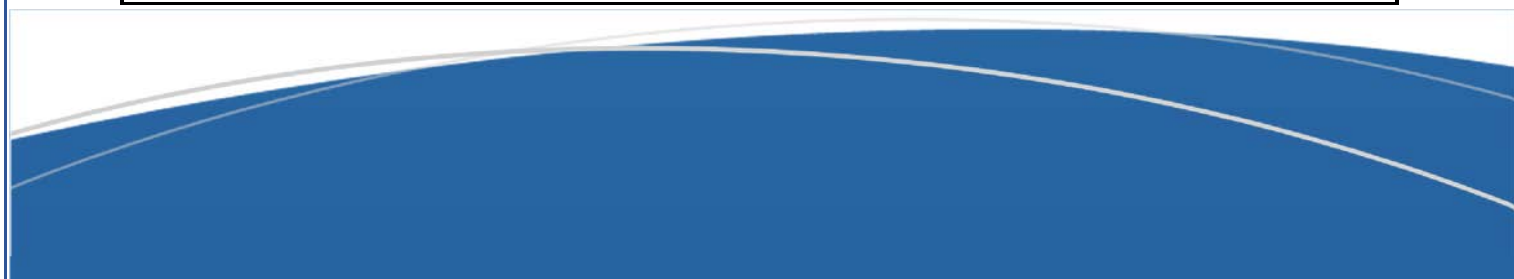
THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER

Mater Christi Oval

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| 4-6.00pm | Food Trucks available |
| 5.00pm | Picnic on the oval |
| 5.40pm | Students dropped to classrooms |
| 5.40pm | Guitar Ensemble, Vocal Ensemble
& PAF Dance performance |
| 6.00pm | Presentation of the Graduates
followed by the School Concert |
| 7.00pm | Carols by candlelight |
| 7.30pm | Concert concludes |



BYO Everything ☺



END OF YEAR CHRISTMAS CONCERT!

On **Thursday 12th December**, the students of Mater Christi will be performing in the End of Year Christmas Concert.



The theme for this year's concert is

GET SMART!

Students need to be dropped to their classroom in full costume NO LATER than **5.40pm**.

Please see the table below for each year levels costume.

There will be pre-show entertainment provided by the **Guitar Ensemble, Vocal Ensemble** and **PAF Dance Group** from **5.40pm**.

If your child is participating in these performances, please meet at the sound tent in their year group costume at **5.30pm.*

The concert will begin at **6.00pm** followed by Carols by candlelight.

Flameless candles will be on sale on the days leading up to the concert for **\$3.00** before and after school. Candles will not be on sale on the day of the concert in the junior courtyard, so get in quick!

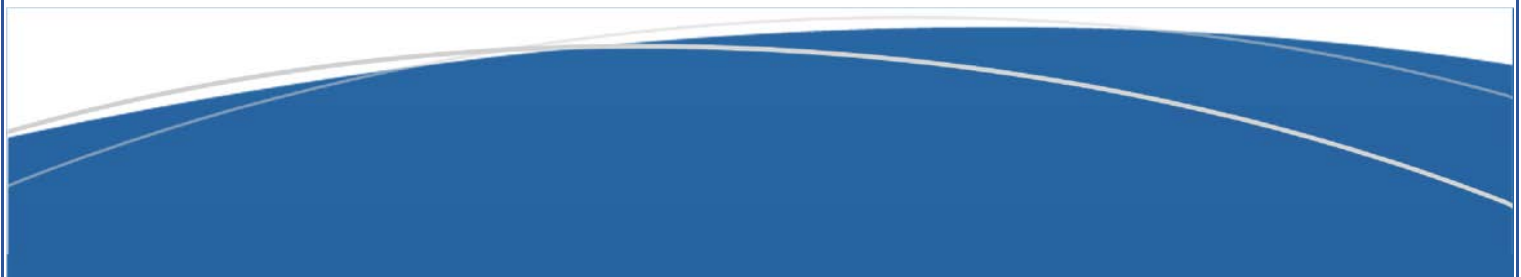
We encourage families to bring a comfy picnic mat, blanket drinks and nibbles. If you are bringing chairs, they need to be low lying so that it does not obstruct the view of others. Don't forget the Aeroguard!!

The **P&F** have also organised **Food Trucks** which will be available from **4-6.00pm** in the carpark outside the Pre-Primary Area.

Be on the lookout for the concert booklet with our Christmas songs in it so you can sing along 😊

We look forward to seeing you all there!!

Ms Alison Ross & Mrs Pat Pottier
Music & Drama Specialists



YEAR LEVEL COSTUMES

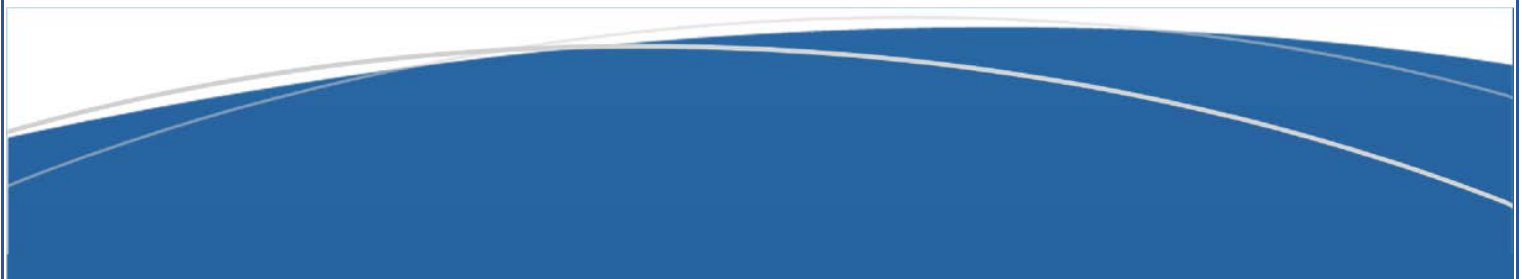
Year	Song	Costume
PP	Mercy	Girls: White t-shirt with black jeans/shorts/leggings/skirt Boys: White t-shirt with black jeans/shorts School will provide accessory to be pinned
Year 1	Surfin' Safari	Girls: One-piece bathers/singlet/beach top/rashie with boardshorts/skirt Boys: Orange/yellow/red/white T-shirt/singlet/rashie with boardshorts/shorts School will provide accessory to be pinned
Year 2	Danger Zone	Girls: Black t-shirt with black pants/shorts/jeans/skirt/dress Boys: Black t-shirt with black pants/shorts/jeans School will provide accessory to be pinned
Year 3	I'm So Excited	Girls & Boys: Bright pink/green/blue/yellow clothes (preferably neon) School will provide accessory to be pinned
Year 4	Never Gonna Give You Up	Girls & Boys: All white School will provide accessory to be pinned
Year 5	Beat It	Girls & Boys: Street wear/black leather jacket/puffer vest School will provide accessory to be pinned
Year 6	Graduation	Boys & Girls: Graduation shirts and a choice of shorts/jeans/pants/leggings

****All students need to be wearing closed/semi closed in shoes and should be dressed appropriately****

PARKING ATTENDANTS NEEDED!!

We are in need of **PARKING ATTENDANTS** for the Christmas Concert. If you are able to assist with this important job, please see **Amanda Burke** in the school office.

Thank you!



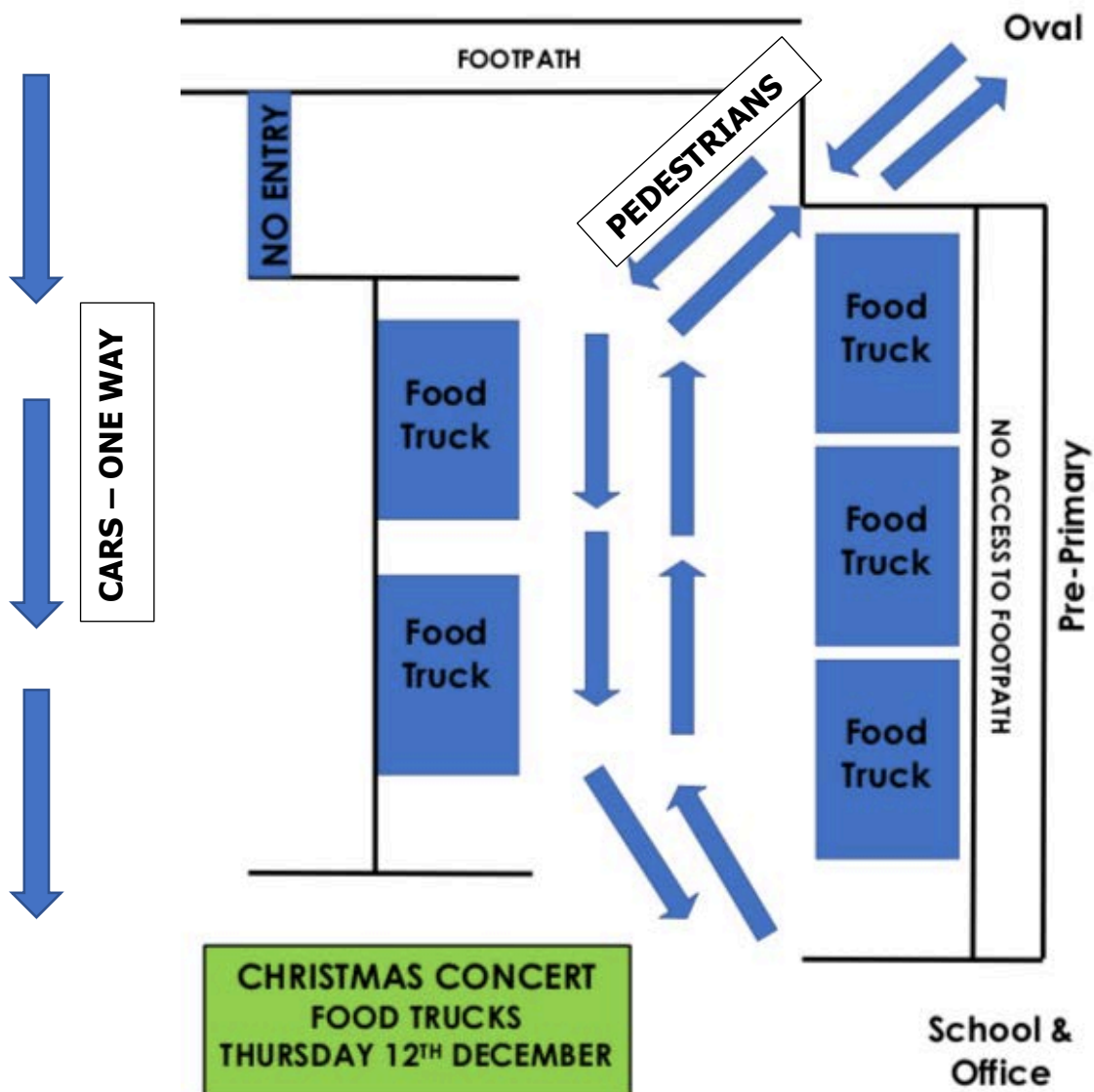
PRE-PRIMARY CAR PARK CLOSED FOR FOOD TRUCKS

On **Thursday 12th December** (Christmas Concert Night), a variety of **Food Trucks** will be available from 4.00-6.00pm.

These will be located in the carpark outside the **Pre-Primary area**.

Please note that this car park will be **CLOSED** from **1.00pm** until the conclusion of the Christmas Concert to allow sufficient space and time for the Food Trucks to prepare for the big night.

The Parish and Community carpark will remain OPEN. Please see the map below ☺





Mater Christi

Catholic Primary School

Instrumental Program 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are now taking enrolments for the Instrumental Program for 2020.

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 2020, please complete the **Instrumental Program Tuition Agreement** and return it to school by **Friday 7th February 2020**.

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 2020.

Lessons will begin in Week 2/3, Term 1 2020. Tutors will notify you of lesson days prior to the commencement of lessons.

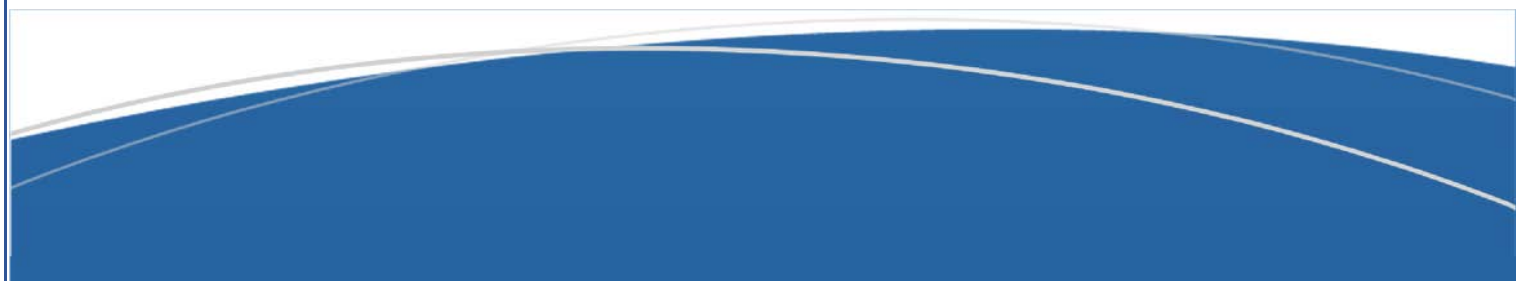
We look forward to working with you and your child.

Kind Regards

Ms Alison Clunies-Ross

Music Specialist

Instrumental Program & Performing Arts Co-ordinator



P&F News

The P&F Office Bearers for 2020 are

- President: **VACANT**
- Vice-President: Stephanie Gill
- Treasure: Jennifer Cotton
- Secretary: Vicky Hartill
- Board P & F Rep: Michelle Hall
- Class Re Coordinator: Kristie Ainsworth
- Food Coordinator: Giulia Orlando
- Sun Smart Rep: Kate Godwin-Johnston
- Parish Rep: Helen Kruh
- CSPWA Rep: Marina Hayward



General Committee Members: Alissa Fazio, Linda Corlett, Louise McEntee, Rebecca Exham, Leah Rheinberger

- P&F President - the position is still **VACANT**. If you are considering this role or would like more information please contact Michelle Hall michellehall080@gmail.com
- Nominations for Class Reps have now closed however many classes still need a parent volunteer to be a rep, if you would like to be a class rep for your child's class please email the Class Rep Co-Ordinator: Kristie Ainsworth on kristie.meiers@yahoo.com

Parent Social Events

PPA Parents Coffee Catch Up

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

Where: The Electric Bean Company

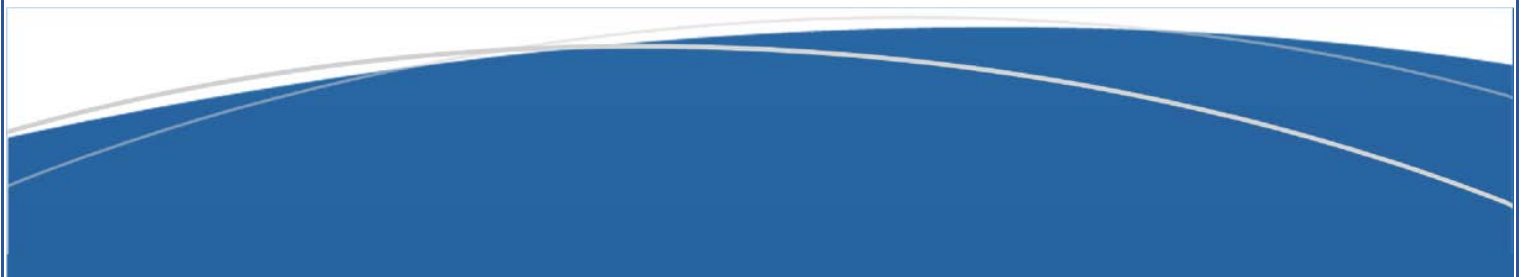
RSVP: to Sarah Lentz on 0405 520 431

Year 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





CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE
SEQUERE DOMINUM

We warmly invite you to attend our
COLLEGE TOUR MORNING
Tuesday, December 10 2019, 9.00am

To register, please visit:
www.corpus.wa.edu.au/opendays



Waabiny
OSHC
BOOK NOW!

Our vacation care program caters for all school age children. 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

Ph: 08 9417 1800

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



MONDAY 16th Dec

Incursion - Roaming Reptiles
Hands-on educational showcase of our amazing Australian reptiles

MONDAY 6th Jan

Incursion - Bubble Bash Soccer
is exciting and develops social skills & coordination

TUESDAY 17th Dec

Make magical reindeer food while learning new cooking skills

TUESDAY 7th Jan

Arts - Painting Van Gogh sunflowers

WEDNESDAY 18th Dec

Excursion - Bike ride around the scenic Yangebup Lake

WEDNESDAY 8th Jan

Incursion - Junior basketball sessions run by Play4Life

THURSDAY 19th Dec

Festive Christmas placemat making

THURSDAY 9th Jan

Water Day - Bring your bathers & towel for some fun & research about being Water Wise!

FRIDAY 20th Dec

Craft day - Making stick Christmas trees

FRIDAY 10th Jan

Excursion - Bike ride around the scenic Yangebup Lake

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