

Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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SCHOOL MANTRA 2020

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

Dear Families,
Second Sunday of Advent



Gospel Reading: Mark 1: 1-8

In Mark's Gospel, we hear of the good news of Jesus Christ. Bringing people to believe is the ongoing challenge. John the Baptist began dressing simply

and eating what the wilderness provided. John pointed the way to Jesus, who will baptise with the Holy Spirit.

*Where do I hear and announce Good News?
Let John speak to me in the wilderness of this time.*

*What does his life and message say to me?
We pray that he will help each one of us
to receive and announce the Good News of
Jesus, the Son of God.
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How incredibly generous are all our Mater Christi families! Thank you, everyone, for giving the gift of love to others and showing our children this love in action. Over 250 full shopping bags were given to the St Vincent de Paul group in the parish. Thank you to Mr Glenn Turner, who once again delivered items for this Appeal. *A heartfelt thank you to everyone.* Photos from the day are further in the newsletter.

Dates for Next Week (Week 9)

Monday
7th December

9:00-10:30 Transition Morning (K-6)

Tuesday
8th December

Big Day Out (K-6)

School Banking (Please note change of day)

Wednesday
9th December

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

Kindy Farewell KA/KC

Parish Mass (Year 3)
Kindy Farewell (KB/KD)

Thursday
10th December

Big Day In
9-11am Year 6 Graduation (Mass,
followed by morning tea, presentations
and dance)
5pm Picnic on oval
6pm Presentation and Concert
7:15pm Students released back to
parents

Friday
11th December

Last Day of Term 4
Reports go online

Saturday
12th December

Reconciliation at 5pm

Sunday
13th December

Third Sunday of Advent

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This year has not provided as many opportunities for parents and grandparents to be involved throughout the school. I would like to acknowledge and thank the many of you who could be of service to our community, especially as classroom helpers, volunteering in the canteen, going on an excursion, providing cakes and biscuits for morning teas, involvement in the Colour Fun Run, the coordinating of the 30th Anniversary Cookbook, being the P&F Rep to your child's class, assisting where required and supporting the P&F.

As a community, we owe you an enormous vote of thanks for your continued advocacy for the school. It was lovely to see some parents and grandparents at the Volunteers Morning Tea. Thank you to Wendy and Karen from the Canteen for coordinating the lovely food and beautiful setup.

This morning the Year 4 and 5 classes celebrated our Thanksgiving Mass with Fr Joe. Even though the whole school was unable to be together in the Church, Mrs Southwell organised a Liturgy of Prayers that classes prayed at the same time to be in solidarity with one another. It was also very moving when Fr Joe blessed Mr Giles, Mr Magry, Miss Wake, Mrs Woodhouse. Thank you to Fr Joe, Mrs Southwell, the Year 5 teachers and students, Ms King and the Band.

Yesterday, Mrs Wade and Mrs Cattalini welcomed 19 delightful 2021 ELC cherubs and their parents. There was great excitement, lots of play and interactions, and no tears.

On Monday, Kindy to Year 5 students will enjoy a transition morning with their 2021 teachers and class members. New students commencing next year will also attend the session.

End of Year Concert

I am looking forward to celebrating the end of the year with our annual concert next Thursday evening, 10 December, commencing at 6pm. There will be parking available on the east side of the main oval, the top section of the oval and the school carpark. Divine Mercy College has very kindly allowed us the use of their parking facilities on this night. Further parking is also available in the small carpark behind Divine Mercy (off Dunraven Drive). Please be mindful that you do not park on driveways and verge sections of a resident's property. Please also remember that due to restrictions placed on numbers due to COVID, we are limited to immediate family attending only. Unfortunately, this means aunts, uncles and grandparents are not able to join us this year.



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

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

Student Reports

I thank the teachers who have spent much time writing your child's report. Twice a year, the Leadership Team is privileged to read every child's report. The children have applied themselves well and made significant progress towards their learning. I encourage parents to celebrate their children's achievements across all learning areas and all aspects of school life.

Thank You

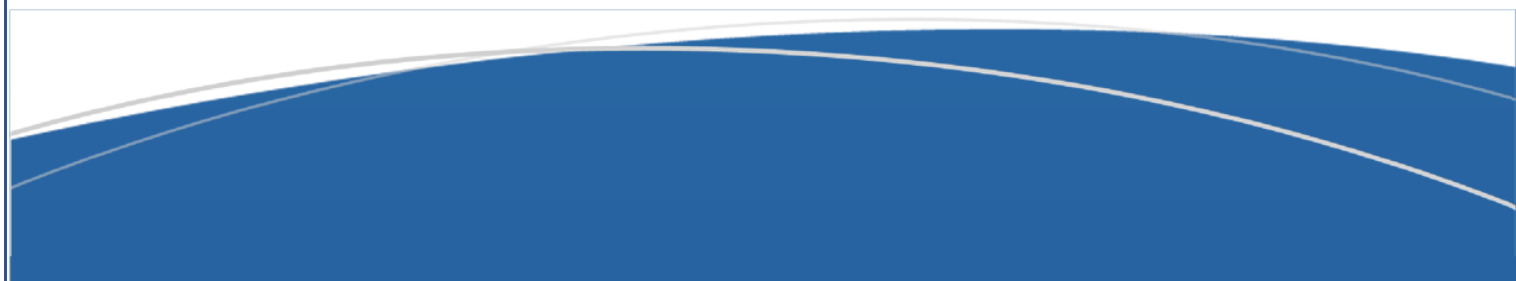
At this time of year, it is important to thank the school community for the collective contributions made by so many during the 2020 year. On reflection, we have navigated through a difficult journey this year and continued to live the Motto: With Charity in our Hearts.

To those who are leaving Mater Christi, our students and their families – a very special acknowledgement of the gifts, talents and quality time you have so generously shared with us in your association with the school.

On behalf of the school community, I want to thank the graduating Year 6 students for endeavouring to look at the positives rather than the difficulties, visualise what can be and what we have, rather than what did not occur or what we had to forego. Change can be challenging; however, they have shown us that all things are possible when you have a positive attitude and work together.

God Bless,

Toni Kalat



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 ☺



Detailed layout of the Mater Christi School Christmas Concert 2020. Vehicle access points are via Yangebup Road using the existing school entry and exit points. Patrons will utilise the existing toilets located within the school.

God Bless

Toni Kalat

Religious Education 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 Abigail B, Alexander M, Blake G, Scarlett S and Camden M in our prayers as they receive the Sacrament of Penance.



CHANGES REGARDING MASS ATTENDANCE AND COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

As of **Saturday 5th December**, all people attending the church **AT ANY TIME** including Mass celebrations, will be required to have their presence recorded. We will have a **QR Code** specific to our church which you are required to scan if you have a smartphone.

You are required to download the **SafeWA app** onto your phone from either the App Store or GooglePlay Store and load your personal data. When you arrive at the church you will then just need to scan the QR code and complete the very brief question section. *If you do not have a smartphone, you will have the opportunity to have your name and details recorded on a paper register* that will be stored securely in the parish and kept for the mandatory 28 day period (or longer should the need arise). The register will be destroyed as per the government directives.

If you have any queries related to this register, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office for clarification.



Catholic Education
CELEBRATING 200 YEARS
Faith in the future

Christmas Family Prayer



Artwork: Bright Star by Grace Kumbi

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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Artwork: The Journey by Miller Banks, Year 6 St Mary's Catholic School Orange

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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School News



The Uniform Shop

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. Thank you, Simone Douglas, Perm a Pleat

From the Canteen

At this time of the year, the Canteen is running low on stock. Some items may not be available or in short supply. Please add an alternative to the comments section to provide the correct recess and/or lunch for your child. Thank you, Wendy Scherini Canteen Manager.

Banking

Please note that due to the Big Day Out on Tuesday, banking has been changed to Wednesday of next week. If you have ordered a prize and it hasn't arrived, we can offer you an alternative or you can wait until next year. Thank you, the School Banking Ladies

What's Been Happening in Year Two This Term?

What a busy, fun filled and eventful year it has been! In Year 2 we have been reflecting on the year that was and have begun our Advent preparation. We have learnt that Advent is a time of preparing and waiting for the birth of Jesus. Students explored the meaning of each Advent candle: hope, peace, joy and love. All Year 2 students have made Advent wreaths and are learning about this special and holy time.

This term we have learnt to write a review, how to synthesise when reading, collect data using a tally and create graphs to represent our findings. We have also explored probability, the Seven Sacraments and significant places in our local community.

We are very much looking forward to our Big Day Out, to celebrate together as a year group. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all families for their collaboration over this year, and for working with us to support your child academically, in faith and emotionally over what was a challenging year.

We wish everyone a very blessed and safe Christmas.



Changes to After School Basketball

After school basketball will continue next week, Juniors and Seniors having the same day.

Juniors Monday (7.12.20): 3:15– 4:15pm

Seniors Wednesday (9.12.20): 3:15-4:15pm

School News

We are excited to reveal that in 2021 Mater Christi will be transitioning to a fresh new look e-Newsletter! To communicate school news to our parents in a mobile device friendly format, we will be using the Schoolzine app (SZapp). The Schoolzine app will replace the current Skoolbag app that parents use to notify us of student absence and receive important real time notifications about school events. This app will be used for notifying the school of a student's absence using the absentee form and will contains other important links to school information such as the Term Calendar, Online Canteen ordering and School Uniform ordering. We strongly encourage parents download the SZapp (instructions provided below) in readiness for 2021 to ensure that you have up-to-date school information, and you can view the new e-Newsletter format easily. By subscribing to the SZapp, you will have the option to subscribe to one or more groups (ie Yr One, Yr Six) that pertain to your child/s year. The information within the app is secured by a four-digit passcode which you will receive at the beginning of each year via an email. Please take the time to uninstall the Skoolbag app and read the installation instructions below for the SZapp so that you are prepared for our first e-Newsletter in 2021.

INSTALLING SZapp

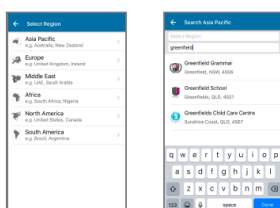


Apple devices:

1. On your device, open the App Store.
2. Search the App Store for SZapp.
3. Download and install SZapp.

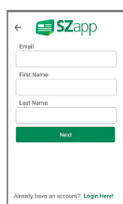
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2. Search the Play Store for SZapp.
3. Download and install SZapp.



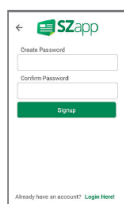
1. FIND YOUR ORGANISATION

Select your organisation's region.
Search for and select your organisation.



3. REGISTER A USER

Enter your email and name and then create a password.



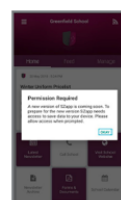
2. REGISTER A USER

Before you can add your school, you will need to register.



4. CONFIRMING YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

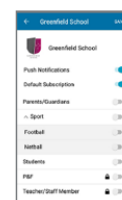
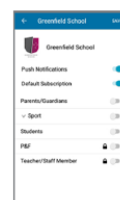
Once registered you will be sent an email to confirm your email address. Open your mail program and click/tap the URL to confirm. Upon completion, you will then be shown a confirmation screen.



5. ALLOWING PERMISSIONS

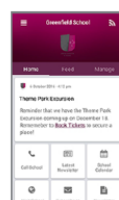
Upon installation of the update, you will be asked to allow access to storage on your device. This is required to ensure that SZapp can access the necessary files to store crucial data on your device.

Please click the affirmative options on each pop-up.
Note: The pop-up message you see may differ depending on your device.



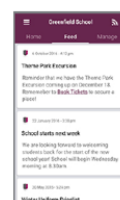
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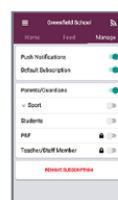
HOME

The Home tab displays the most recent news item and links to important school information and tools.



FEED

The Feed tab shows a summary view of all news items which you have subscribed to.



MANAGE

The Manage tab allows you to customise what information shows in your news feed and what push notifications you will receive.

For any further information see:
<http://www.schoolzineplus.com/szapp>



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Interschool Basketball

On Wednesday, two Mater Christi Magic Basketball teams ventured down to the Mike Barnett Basketball Stadium in Rockingham to compete for the C.P.S.S.A Interschool Basketball Crown. This year brought a new venue and new format and was getting played during Term four due to the pandemic. Both the boys and the girl's teams had prepared meticulously, and the students were jumping out of their skin to get down to business. Looking resplendent in their basketball singlets, the teams participated in five round robin games against the likes of St Bernadette's, Star of the Sea, St. Jerome's and Living Waters.

The boys had some experienced campaigners amongst them with a number of boys having played the year before. The boys lacked a little height, but this meant that they would have to employ a run and stun game plan. In the first game we were opposed to St. Jerome's. They looked ready for a challenge. The encounter was a very speedy one. The boys got blown out of the water by a very good team. The second game was against Living Waters which we also lost. This dented the boy's confidence. In the next games the boys threw everything against Star of the Sea and escaped with a hard-fought draw. The last two games were must wins to have any chance of making the semis. Win we did, which meant we scraped into the finals. We would meet St. Jerome's again who proved too strong and ended up taking out the title.

The girls were expecting big things as they had a few representative players amongst them. They had a great first game against St. Jerome's and continued on their winning way until they came up against St. Bernadette's. This was the grudge match as my daughter was playing for the opposition. The game was a cracker with the MC girls showing who was boss. The girls hit the finals undefeated. The Semi-final came and went, and the girls found themselves in the decider. Fittingly, it was against the team they had the best game against in the round robin in St. Bernadette's. The game was even better than the first and really got the crowd pumping. At half time the MC girls were down by two points. In a tense second half struggle, the MC girls played with passion and precision and were lucky enough to take the chocolates. Well done girls. The question is: Can the girls team beat the boys' team? We shall see!

Well done to all the players who worked hard and represented the school with honour. A big thank you must go to Mrs Harding who coached the girls' team. What a champ!

Ryan Donnelly (PE Specialist)

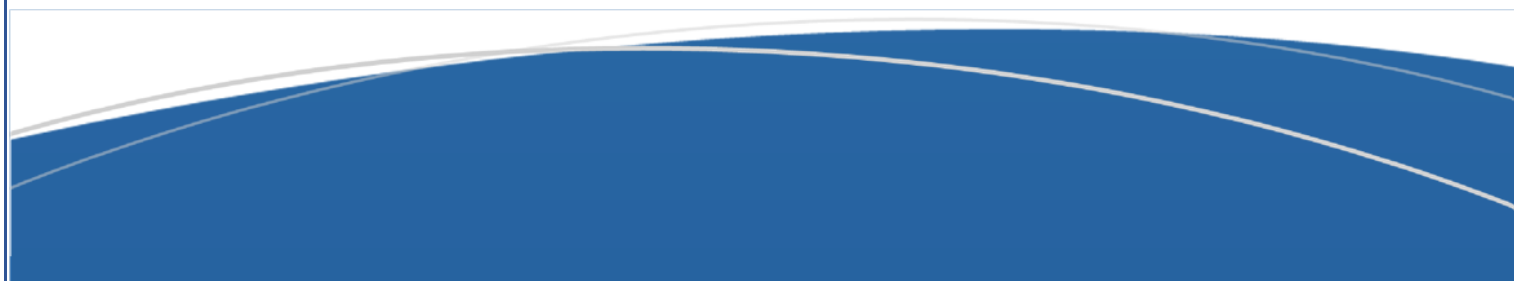


Leaving Families 2021

We say Good –Bye to the following Families

Graduating Families of Mater Christi and thank you for your time with us. Some have been with us for a long time, others a short time. All have contributed to our community and school spirit. These families farewell Mater Christi forever.

15 Years	La Macchia Family,
14 Years	French Family, Wilkin Family,
13 Years	Piotrowski Family,
12 Years	Quinlivan Family, McAleer Family, Lavery Family, Rebelo Family,
11 Years	Torres Family, Gibson Family, Hopkin Family, Treasure Family, Rivett Family, Campeotto Family, Hall Family,
10 Years	Sheehy Family, Sargent Family, Rasmussen Family, Ager Family, Bradford Family, Haley Family
9 Years	McCay Family, Wright Family
8 Years	Patel Family, O'Neill Family, de Bernardis Family, Fernandes Family, Milne Family, Smith Family
7 Years	Hewing Family, Crookes Family, Learmont Family, Millington Family,
6 Years	Harding Family, Walker Family, O'Sullivan Family,
5 Years	Acquado Family,
4 Years	De Sousa Family, Day Family, Phoebe Family,
3 Years	Flores Family, Elder Family, Rivera Family,
2 Years	Lewis Family, Brown Family, Vivekanandan Family,



Christmas Concert

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

Some important details



- Please check the information concerning the year level costume.
- Students need to be dropped off to their classroom in full costume NO LATER than **5.40pm**.
- There will be pre-show entertainment provided from **5.00pm**.
- **If your child is participating in these performances, please meet at the sound tent in their year group costume at 4.50pm.**
- The concert will begin at **6.00pm** followed by Carols by candlelight.

We encourage families to bring a comfy picnic, 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.

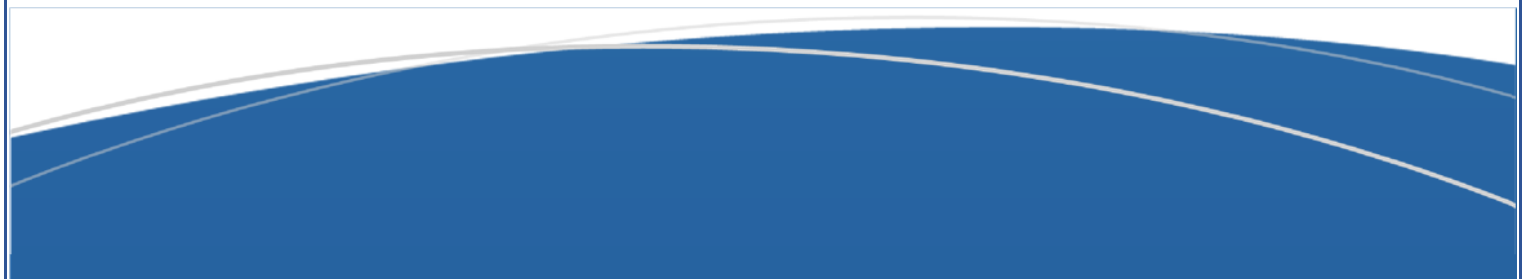
Be on the lookout for the concert booklet with our Christmas songs in it so you can sing along.

We look forward to seeing you all there!!



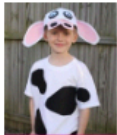




PARKING ATTENDANTS NEEDED!

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!



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	<p>Students to wear Nativity costumes. Here are some examples to inspire you.</p> <div>    </div> <div> <p>Shepherd</p> <p>Kings</p> <p>Cow</p> </div> <div>     </div> <div> <p>Mary</p> <p>Joseph</p> <p>Sheep</p> <p>Star</p> </div>
Year 2	Run Run Rudolph	<p>All students to wear:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<p>All students to wear:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas colour T -shirt (Green, red or white) • Shorts or skirt in Christmas colours
Year 4	Aussie Jingle Bells	<p>All students to wear:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • singlet, shorts and thongs in Christmas colours (Green, red or white).
Year 5	Deck the Halls	<p>All students to wear:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas colour T -shirt (Green, red or white) • shorts or skirts in Christmas colours
Year 6	Graduation	<p>Boys & Girls: Graduation shirts and a choice of shorts/ jeans/pants/leggings</p>

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

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 materchristipandf@cewa.edu.au and one of our members will get back to you.

30 Years and Still Cooking

All books have been collected! The last opportunity to purchase a book this term is at the Christmas Concert. Eftpos will be available. Books can be ordered via P&F email: materchristipandf@cewa.edu.au over the Christmas break, however, collection won't be available until Term One of 2021.



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.

Community News



Interviews for Enrolments for Year 7 2024 are being conducted **early next year** for any students wishing to attend Mercedes College. If you have forgotten to enrol your daughter, please contact Mrs Julie Lamb on 9323 1340 or email jlamb@mercedes.wa.edu.au. An application form may be downloaded from the College website. If you are still interested in **ENROLMENTS FOR 2021**, we have limited places available, please submit your application form as soon as possible.