### **Mater Christi Catholic Primary School** Newsletter

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#### <u>SCHOOL MANTRA 2019</u>

"Find happiness in making others happy" – Mary MacKillop

2<sup>nd</sup> Sundav of Advent

This Sunday we begin the second week of Advent and we light the second candle, the candle of peace. We light it knowing full well that peace is elusive, and in some parts of the world, it is almost completely absent. Yet in this season of Advent, we trust that God is never absent from us. God is always preparing something new. And even where there is war and discord, whether between countries, within families, or within our own hearts, God is present, gently leading us to new possibilities.

Loving God, in this time of preparation and planning, we thank you for the hope and peace you unfailingly offer us.

Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ.

"The word Advent means coming. The Lord is coming. This is the root of our hope: the certainty that God's consolation comes to us amidst the troubles of the world. Not a consolation of words, but of His presence among us." POPE FRANCIS



Dates for Next Week (Wk 9) Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Marv Monday 9-10:30am Transition Morning 9<sup>th</sup> December (K-6) Including NEW students Tuesday BIG DAY OUT (K-6) 10<sup>th</sup> December

Wednesdav 11<sup>th</sup> December Kindy Farewell (KA/KC) School Banking

Kindy Farewell (KB/KD) **BIG DAY IN** 9-11am Year 6 Graduation Mass (Year 6 Awards) followed by Thursday Morning Tea & Dance 12<sup>th</sup> December 5pm Picnic on Oval (BYO) 6pm Presentation & Concert 7:15pm Students to be released back to parents

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December Last day of Term 4 Reports go online

Saturdav 14<sup>th</sup> December

Sundav 15<sup>th</sup> December

Third Sunday of Advent

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#### Thanksgiving Mass

This morning, PP-Yr 6 celebrated the 2019 year with a Thanksgiving Mass. We prayed for Miss Kolbusz (PPA teacher), Mrs Mann (Canteen Manager), Ms Perez (Canteen Assistant), Mrs Carr (PP EA), Mrs Rucki (PP EA) who will be leaving Mater Christi at the end of this year. Mrs Carr and Mrs Rucki will continue to be on our EA Relief List and so still part of our community. Thank you to Fr Dat, the Year Five teachers, Mrs Southwell, and Miss Ross for leading and preparing the Liturgy. Thank you also to the Year Five parents for providing and serving morning tea after Mass. It was pleasing to see parents join us for the Mass.

#### Australian Catholic Youth Festival

This year, the Australian Catholic Youth Festival will be held in Perth from Sunday 8 December to Tuesday 10 December and is a national gathering of Catholic young people seeking to:

- Deepen their relationship with Jesus
- Be empowered to be disciples in the world today, and
- Encounter and celebrate the vitality of the Church in Australia.

Miss Hunter and Mr O'Reilly will be attending the first two days of the Festival and Mrs Johnson will be volunteering as Safeguarding Officer on the Sunday. We look forward in hearing all about it from them and the incredible speakers they will listen to during their attendance.

#### **Transition Morning**

Next Monday, Kindy – Year 5 will take part in the much-awaited Transition morning, where all classes 'step up' and meet their teacher/s for next year and spend some time with their 2020 classroom peers. We will also welcome some new students to our school during Transition time.

#### End of Year Concert

I am looking forward to seeing you all next Thursday evening, 12 December for our End of Year Concert commencing at 6pm. There will be parking available on the back part of the main oval, the top section of the oval, school carpark. Divine Mercy College have 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.

#### **Student Reports**

I thank the teachers who have spent much time writing your child's report. Twice a year, the Leadership Team are 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.

#### Nature Playground



Last Monday, we held the long-awaited but straightforward opening of the Nature Playground. Thank you to the parents who joined us and the attended the Thank You Morning Tea in recognition of their help throughout the year. The playground has been a great hit with students; with some classes having to wait to access the playground due to the scorching heat during the last few days. It was lovely to provide an opportunity for families to enjoy the playground last Tuesday and Wednesday after school. Our children are being adventurous and taking risks, which is exciting to see. It will be fantastic to name this beautiful new space and thank you to those

who have sent in their suggestions. Please keep them coming and we will announce the playground name next year. Please click on the following link to read an important letter from CEWA: <u>http://bit.ly/cewaletter</u> *The BIG DAY OUT is nearly here and I know everyone is looking forward to their special day away from school with their friends, staff and parents. Eniov the day everyone!* 





Congratulations to the following ex-Mater Christi students who received Awards at the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Emmanuel Catholic College Presentation Night:

#### Year 7 Subject Awards:

Catalyst HaSS – Philosophy: Kashvi Patel

Digital Technologies: Olivia Risucci

Media: Jessica Wakeling

Arts Person of the Year: Sienna Law

Sportsperson of the Year: Chloe Cowan

#### Year 9 Subject Awards

Materials: James Ierino

Physical Education: Riley Lawton

Sports & Outdoor Recreation I: Charles Betts

Foods: Cooking with Cakes and Pastries: Charlotte Wakeling

Foods: Fast Food for Teenagers: Charlotte Wakeling

Bush Rangers, Catalyst Maths, English, Graphic Design, Health Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, Religious Education, Science: Isabella Lavery

Sportsperson of the Year: Charles Betts

Dux of Year 9: Isabella Lavery

Head of Year Award: Madison Loreto

#### Year 10 Subject Awards:

Sport and Recreation: Cassidy Fernandes

Catalyst Maths – Science: Joel Ting

Dance: Monique Bodilly

English: Olivia Sweetman

Photography: Kiara Nici

#### Year 8 Subject Awards:

Dance: Tahlia Shields

Musical Theatre: Charlize Rebelo

Netball Academy: Ella Forster

Creative Writing: Nicholas Goodin

English: Nicholas Goodin

Bush Rangers: Samuel Petrovic

Mathematics: Samuel Petrovic

Music: Samuel Petrovic

Head of Year Award: Braedon Law

#### Year 11 Subject Awards:

Certificate II in Visual Arts – Photography: Chelsea Ford

Certificate III in Christian Ministry & Theology: Kayla Dawson

Design ATAR: Cordelia Jones

Economics ATAR: Kyle Bodilly

Media Production & Analysis ATAR: Jalena Crooks

Head of Year Award: Cordelia Jones

#### Year 12 Subject Awards:

Certificate II in Conversation and Land Management: Lara Smith

English ATAR: Julia Ly

Integrated Science General: Grace Brady

Physical Education Studies General: Blake Lawton

Workplace Learning: Benjamin Monteiro

#### House Awards:

Service Honours: Frederick Fernandes

Service Honours: Isabella Piccaro

Arts Honours: Frederick Fernandes

Sports Honours: Blake Lawton

God Bless, Toní Kalat

#### **School News**



Condolences

On Wednesday, The Brand family celebrated the life of Dean as husband and father (of Ethan, PPB). Our prayers and sympathy are extended to Lyndsey and the family.

**Congratulations** to Daisy G, 6C for being accepted into Cecil Andrew's College for next year. She will be participating in their Specialist Performing Arts Program. Well done Daisy, we wish you all the best.



**Congratulations** to Harmony S, 1A on the birth of her new little sister. She was born earlier in the week and we wish you and your family good health, much sleep and many cuddles.

**Congratulations** to Mr and Mrs Cowcher on the recent birth of their baby daughter. A little sister for Lacey in PPC!





#### 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.

# Sister Anna Fewer Christian Service Award: Frederick Fernandes

Sportsperson of the Year Award: Blake Lawton

Excellence in VET Award: Benjamin Monteiro

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#### **Religious Education**

#### Sacrament of Penance

The Year 3 Students celebrated the receiving of their Sacrament of Penance with the Presentation of their Certificates and afternoon tea last Sunday. This event was well attended by parents, recipients and siblings and was followed by a Mass by Father Joe. Thank you to Mrs Hayward and teachers for your organisation of this event.

#### Making Jesus Real – Giving Thanks

The word "thanks" is a small word that seems to be forgotten in so many cases. We all like to be thanked for the small things we do for others. The following questions might be able to help us.

**Students:** When was the last time I thanked Mum (or Dad) for ironing my clothes, cooking my meals? When did I last thank my parent or guardian for driving me to school, to sport, dancing, etc? When did I last thank Dad and Mum for the food and clothes I have and the love they give? Do I say the word "thanks" to my friends at school and the parents at the canteen?

Parents: Are we grateful for the interest of the school in our children and do we say "thanks"?

**Teachers:** Are we grateful for the support of parents, principals and students? Do we say "thanks" to those people?

Are we grateful to God for the country we live in? We only have to look at the millions of refugees that are on our TV screens to see how lucky we are.

Do we still want more when so many do not have enough to live with dignity? Do we feel hard done by while others are doing it really tough with poverty and injustice? Are we grateful for our eyes, ears, and legs and our health? Are we grateful for the everyday beauty of the sunrise, the sky, trees, birds and creatures?



**Speaking of gratitude...** We are so lucky to have our very own stylish Christmas tree for our Advent season, made by our very own Mr Edward Martin! We think it's beautiful and please, pop into the front office to have a come have a look! God Bless, Mrs Southwell

(Assistant Principal) Religious Education

#### **Parish News**

#### Mater Men's Moustaches!

On behalf of the other 6 men from Mater Christi Parish who participated in Movember (growing a moustache for men's health) I wish to thank all our sponsors who generously contributed to the cause. The challenge is now over and with assistance from friends, family, parishioners, staff and students from Mater Christi Catholic Primary School, a total of \$1,796 was raised for men's health. A fantastic result and much appreciated. Stay tuned for next year!

Fr Joseph Laundy



[L to R]: Brett Cullen, Kurt Clothier, Fr Joe Laundy, Leon Miguel, Paul Jackovich, Scott Glasbarrow

#### **Children's Nativity Mass**

Practice for the Christmas Eve Children's Mass Nativity presentation will be held on Monday 23rd December at 9.30am. Please meet Tina and Louise at the front of the church. If your child would like to be part of the mass but can't come to practice please email Tina at <u>tina.n.stevens@gmail.com</u>.

The Nativity presentation will be presented at the 6pm Christmas Eve Mass.

Hope to see you there.



#### Christmas Mass times at Mater Christi are as follows: Tuesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

- 6pm Children's Mass
- 9pm Youth Mass

#### Wednesday, December 25: (Christmas Day)

- 12am Solemn Midnight Mass
- 8am Family Mass
- 10am Family Mass

#### **Library News**

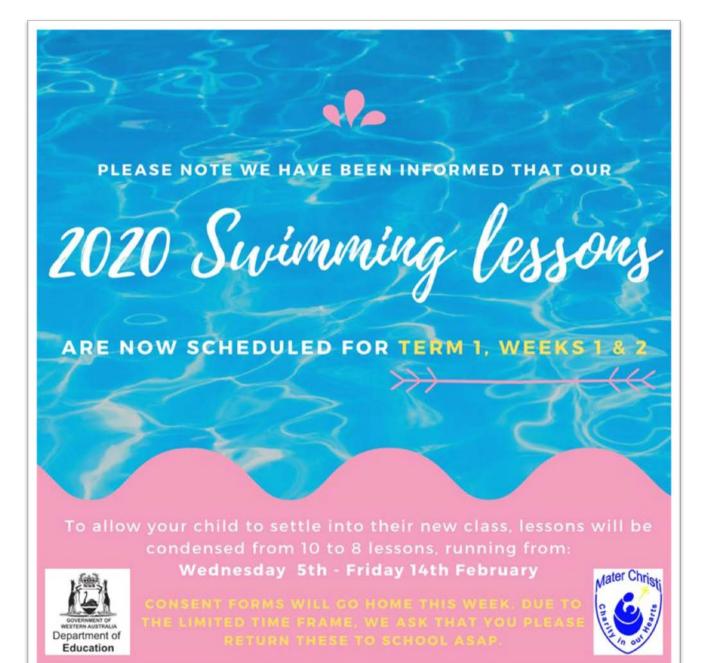
Hello Mater Christi Families

I have lots of new books that I would love to add into the library.

If you are able to help me cover them, please pop in and see me in the library. Your help would be invaluable.

Thank you, Mrs Gladwell (Library Officer)

#### Swimming Term 1 Next Year



### 3-Year-Old Kindy Orientation

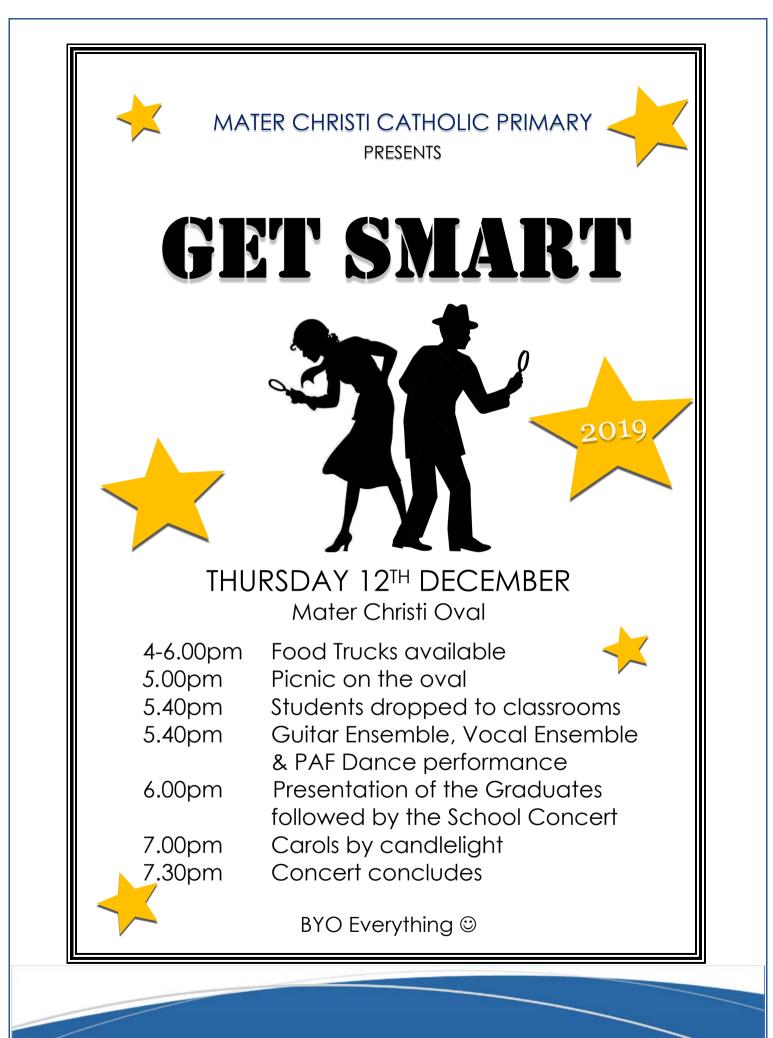


The Opening of the Nature Playground









### **END OF YEAR CHRISTMAS CONCERT!**

On **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 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	<b>Girls:</b> 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	<b>Girls:</b> One-piece bathers/singlet/beach top/rashie with boardshorts/skirt
		<b>Boys:</b> 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	l'm So Excited	Girls & Boys: Bright pink/green/blue/yellow clothes (preferably neon)
		School will provide accessory to be pinned
Year 4	Never Gonna	Girls & Boys: All white
	Give You Up	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	<b>Boys &amp; Girls:</b> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 ©

YANGEBUP ROAD



Detailed layout of the Mater Christi School Xmas Concert 2019. 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.



### 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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



## Mater Christi

Catholic Primary School

#### Instrumental Program 2020 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 or Piano**.

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 <u>alison.clunies-ross@cewa.edu.au</u> and inform the Music Tutor.
- You will 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. It may be possible 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 2020

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STUDENT NAME:	CLASS IN 2020:					
PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME:	2 in out					
EMAIL:						
HOME PH: N						
PLEASE TICK: ( ) NEW STUDENT ( ) ONGO	NING STUDENT					
INSTRUMENT PREFERENCEPlease tick adjacent to the instrument you would like your child to learn( )PIANO( )( )DRUMS/PERCUSSION( )VOICE						
TUITION FEESA flat rate is charged per term as follows- ple( )PRIVATE LESSON( )GROUP LESSON30 MINS	\$250.00 PER TERM					
*PLEASE NOTE: Group lessons are not available for Voice & Piano.						
<ul> <li>STUDENT AGREEMENT:</li> <li>I agree to take responsibility for the following: <ul> <li>Remember to bring my music, instrument and communication book to all lessons.</li> <li>Regular practice as indicated by tutor.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>						
<ul> <li>PARENT AGREEMENT:</li> <li>I have read and agree to the Terms and Conditions in the attached information sheet.</li> <li>I am aware there is a five-week notice charge for cancellation of lessons.</li> <li>I am aware that failure to inform tutors of absence due to holidays or sickness will result in lessons being forfeited.</li> </ul>						

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#### **P&F** News

#### What is the P & F?

The Mater Christi P&F is an active group of parents who support the many events at Mater Christi. We encourage a strong sense of community, friendship and cooperation between parents and staff. Without the help of the P&F, many of the events would not take place. The P&F offers parents an avenue to discuss issues of interest, for interaction and communication through social events and regular meetings, and provides significant financial assistance for specialist equipment, professional development for teachers and other learning initiatives.

#### How you can be involved with the Mater Christi P & F?

• We enlist the help of class representatives from each class group as a network to receive feedback from parents about issues or concerns and to provide support to parents.

• We hold regular general meetings to which all Parents, Friends, Principal and staff, and Parish clergy are invited.

• We organise social functions to build community, fund raising events and guest speakers.

• Supports sustainability events in the school community, including Walk to School Day, encouraging recycling and reducing waste at our events and within the school.

Parent assistance is essential to the proper functioning of the School. We acknowledge that many parents have time and work commitments that limit their availability for involvement in P&F activities; however, the P & F appreciates any help that you may be able to offer and would like to encourage all parents to put their name forward to help with '*just one thing*'.

Parents who are interested in joining and assisting any of the committees are encouraged to contact the current P&F executive committee at <u>materchristipandf@cewa.edu.au</u>

This information is also available in the parent handbook located on the school website.

• P&F President - the position is still **VACANT**. If you are considering this role or would like more information please contact Michelle Hall <u>michellehall080@gmail.com</u>

Class	Parent Representative	Class	Parent Representative
Kindy A	Brooke Velterop	3A	
Kindy B	Rachel Rawlins	3B	Mandy Kolkman
Kindy C	Taryn Martin	3C	
Kindy D	Tanya Forzatti	<b>4</b> A	
PPA	Sinead Chidlow	<b>4</b> B	Jess Pianta
РРВ	Barbara Thurston	4C	Giulia Orlando
PPC	Emily Russell	5A	Louise McEntee
1A		5B	
1B	Michelle Pozzi	5C	
1C	Bec Exham	6A	Jazz Sargent
2A	Barbara Thurston	6B	Lisa Ager
2B	Andrea Hegney	6C	Rachel Millington
2C	Renae Datson		

Here are the 2020 Class Representatives. Please note positions marked in yellow are yet to be filled.

### 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 16<sup>th</sup> Dec Incursion - Roaming Reptiles Hands-on educational showcase of our amazing Australian reptiles

TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> Dec Make magical reindeer food while learning new cooking skills

WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> Dec Excursion - Bike ride around the scenic Yangebup Lake

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THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> Dec Festive Christmas placemat making

FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> Dec Craft day - Making stick Christmas trees MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> Jan Incursion - Bubble Bash Soccer is exciting and develops social skills & coordination

TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> Jan Arts - Painting Van Gogh sunflowers

WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> Jan Incursion - Junior basketball sessions run by Play4Life

THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> Jan Water Day - Bring your bathers & towel for some fun & research about being Water Wise!

FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup> Jan Excursion - Bike ride around the scenic Yangebup Lake

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