# Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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**Dear Parents and Caregivers** 

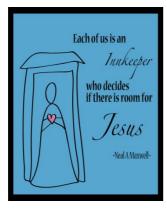


# **SCHOOL MANTRA 2018**

"Be a voice, not an echo"

# **1st Sunday of Advent**

This Sunday we begin the season of Advent. It is the first season of the church's liturgical year. This season lasts four weeks and leads up to Christmas. During Advent we prepare for the coming of Christ and the Christmas celebration. During this season let us take time to reflect on what kind of person God wants us to be; what his plan is for us. We need to remember that who we are depends on what we allow Christ to mould us into.





Loving God, as we enter this Advent season, We open all the dark places in our lives 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 TERM 4, WEEK 9			
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	9:00-10:30am Transition Morning (K-5)		
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	BIG DAY OUT (K-6)		
	Kindy Farewell (KA/KC)		
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Uniform Shop Open Times: 8:10-10:30am 1:20-3:20pm School Banking		
	Year 6 Dance Practice MCCC (am)		
	Kindy Farewell (KB/KD)		
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	BIG DAY IN		
	9-11am Year 6 Graduation Mass followed by Morning Tea, Presentations and Dance		
	5pm Picnic on Oval (BYO) 6pm Presentation and Concert 7:15pm Students released back to parents		
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Free Dress Day – Christmas theme/colours (gold coin donation)		
	LAST DAY OF TERM 4 Reports go online		
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	-		
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent		

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# **Thanksgiving Mass**

As a community of faith, it was very fitting that we end our school year with a Thanksgiving Mass, where we acknowledged our Year Six students and the staff who will be leaving Mater Christi at the end of this year. Our Year Four students and their teachers together with Fr Dat led us through a very special celebration. As always, our children led by Miss Ross sang from their hearts. Thank you to those who were able to join us.



# **Class Transition Morning**

On Monday 9.00am - 10.30am all students from Kindy to Year 5 will transition to their 2019 classes to meet their teachers and fellow students. We will also welcome the 2019 Kindy students for their very special welcome to Kindy session.

# Thank you, Morning Tea

Our school could not operate without the generosity of parents, grandparents and friends. The staff and students at Mater Christi are grateful for the work of the parent body in supporting the needs of the school. Thank you for your generosity during the year and for those who were able to come along to the Morning Tea last Monday. The Staff are very appreciative of your time and support and I know your children love having you involved in their class, in the canteen, on excursion and helping out where possible. I'm sure that 2019 will be another full year of opportunities to become involved. Thank you.

# Big Day Out and Big Day In

The children and staff are looking forward to the annual FUN FILLED Big Day Out next Tuesday and the whole community gathers for the Big Day in Concert next Thursday. Family and friends are most welcome. Don't forget to bring along your 'carolling voice' for our community carols at the end of the night. Further details can be found in the Newsletter.

# **School Reports**

Reports will be available next week on Friday. I thank the teachers who have spent much time in the thoughtful writing of them. I am sure you would appreciate that this is a long task. The Leadership Team and I have enjoyed reading each child's report and seeing how they have applied themselves over the last six months, and made good and steady progress.

Please view our website <a href="http://www.mcps.wa.edu.au">http://www.mcps.wa.edu.au</a> and click on the CONEQT link then login to view your child's/ren's report.



### **School Uniform**

At this time of the year, many children are beginning to grow out of their shoes and uniform with parents wisely waiting to buy new ones until the end of January. Coming home next week will be a copy of the Uniform Policy clearly stating the types of black school shoes and predominantly white sport shoes (jogger/sneaker) the children are to wear. Please read the policy carefully and look at the example images, as this will assist you in purchasing the correct shoes and explaining to your child why they can't have certain types of colourful sports shoes. Fad haircuts are best left for the Christmas school holidays including half a side of long hair and half a side short hair. Upon acceptance of enrolment to Mater Christi Catholic Primary School, all parents acknowledged that they would adhere to School Policies.

### **Term One Dates**

- **Monday 4 February:** Kindy A/C together with PP Year Six commence the new school year.
- **Tuesday 5 February:** Kindy B/D commence the school year.
- **Tuesday 12 February:**

# **Parent Information Evening**

Year Six (only one session) 5.15pm – 6pm 5.30pm – 6pm Session One PP – Year 6 6pm – 6.30pm Community Meeting 6.30pm - 7pm Session Two

- **Monday 4 March** -Labour Day Public Holiday
- Tuesday 5 March 8 March Year Six Camp Week
- Monday 17 March Yrs 4-6 Swimming Carnival



# **Sofia Memorial Scholarship**

Earlier in the week, we were fortunate to have Mr and Mrs Rodriguez join Xavier Correia, the Year Five Scholarship recipient, together with his parents, Fr Dat and Fr Joe for this very special occasion acknowledging his attributes and his worthiness of this Scholarship.

God Bless,

Toni Kalat







# **Religious Education**

## **Christmas Hampers**



A very big shout out to the whole community for the phenomenal response to giving to our Christmas Hamper Appeal. There will be some very happy families in need this Christmas thanks to your generosity. In all my years of teaching, I have never seen such an amazing response. Once again Mater Christi truly showed how we live by our school motto of, "Charity in Our Hearts". Thank you on behalf of St Vincent de Paul, the families you supported and the Leadership Team here at Mater Christi.

# **Farewell and Thanksgiving Mass**

Thank you to our Year 4 classes who organised and participated in a wonderful Farewell and Thanksgiving Mass this morning. It has been another extraordinary year at Mater Christi. There has been so much to celebrate and be thankful for in 2018. During the Mass, Father Dat spoke about how the term "farewell" translated back in ancient times meant "be strong". Just as Jesus shared with his friends at his farewell Last Supper a meal to give them strength to carry on without him, the leaving teachers and Year 6 students this morning shared a meal at our Farewell Mass and we were nourished by the Eucharist to give us strength to continue our chosen journey. Thank you again to all involved in bringing this Mass to life.

Looking forward to spending my last week with you all at Mater Christi – sounds like it is going to be a blast!

Be good Mr Hofmeester, Assistant Principal

### **Parish News**

On behalf of the members of the SVDP Mater Christi Parish, we would like to thank the school i.e. staff, children and parents for their continued and unwavering strong support for the SVDP cause. When we give these hampers and Christmas gifts to these families; the smile and joy in their faces, is something to experience. Thank-you for making this possible.

May we wish the staff, children and parents a happy, blessed and joyous Christmas this year. Fabian S. Jacobs

President, Yangebub Conference, St Vincent de Paul, Mater Christi Parish



# **Children's Nativity Christmas Eve Mass**

Calling all children!! We will be having rehearsal for the Christmas Eve Nativity on Friday 21st December at 9.30am. Please meet us in the Community Hall. The Nativity will be during the Gospel at the 6pm Mass on Christmas Eve at Mater Christi Church. We would like to see children of ALL ages come and be part of this special play. If you would like to be part of the Nativity but can't make it to rehearsal please email me on <a href="mailto:tina.n.stevens@gmail.com">tina.n.stevens@gmail.com</a> and I will put your name down to participate.

Thanks,

Tina Stevens and Louise McEntee

# **School News**

# **Uniform Shop**

Next week is the last week that the uniform shop will be open for 2018. If you need to purchase anything for the new school year, the Uniform Shop will be open on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019 from 9am to 1pm.

Thank you,

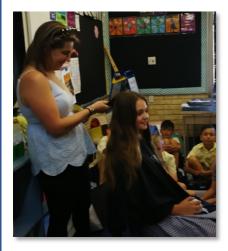
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# **Variety Club Fundraiser**

On Monday, Kate Stevens from Year 5 had her hair cut off to donate towards a wig for sick children. She has also raised \$1200 for the Variety, Hair with Heart Charity. If you would like to donate please use the link below. Big thank you to Mater Christi for allowing Kate to have her hair cut in front of her class mates, all those who have donated and to Chiara Clarson for cutting and styling Kate's hair.

https://hairwithheart.everydayhero.com/au/kate-s-big-

<u>chop?fbclid=IwAR2\_xAPsE1hqBoAmxHiRy6XUhPCyTXEi5p5cxeb96nsDRSPyqsE-yE9wZ38</u>









# WELCOME

2018

TO THE

# JUNGLE

# THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER Mater Christi Oval

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 6<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

# WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE

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, 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.

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 Poison Ivy		Girls: White t-shirt with blue school sport shorts/skirt
		Boys: White t-shirt with blue school sport shorts
		School will provide accessory to be pinned
Year 1	Crocodile Rock	Girls: Mix of green and white clothing
		T-shirt/tops/dress/shorts/pants/jeans/leggings
		Boys: Mix of green and white clothing
		T-shirt/tops/shorts/pants/jeans/leggings
		School will provide accessory to be pinned
Year 2	Hot Hot Hot	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 still standing	Girls: T-shirt/top in any shade of blue with denim blue
		shorts/jeans/skirt/jeggings
		Boys: T-shirt/top in any shade of blue with denim blue shorts/jeans
		School will provide accessory to be pinned
Year 4	Black Cat	Girls: White t-shirt/top with black pants/shorts/jeans/skirt
		Boys: White t-shirt/top with black pants/shorts/jeans
		School will provide accessory to be pinned
Year 5	4 Minutes	Girls & Boys: Safari gear
		Example: Brown/khaki/beige clothes
		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

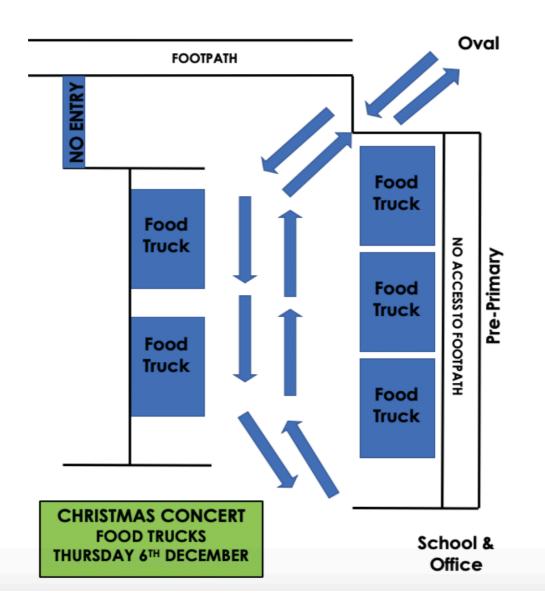
On **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December** (Christmas Concert Night), a variety of **Food Trucks** will be available from 4.00-6.00pm.

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 ©





# Mater Christi

# Catholic Primary School

# <u>Instrumental Program 2019</u>

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are now taking enrolments for the Instrumental Program for 2019.

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 2019, please complete the **Instrumental Program Tuition Agreement** and return it to school by **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019**.

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 2019.

Lessons will begin in Week 2/3, Term 1 2019. Students will be notified of their lesson day 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



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# **Instrumental Program 2019 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 **Vocal or Piano**.

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

#### **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.
- Students will be charged for missed lessons due to 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 a 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 5 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 2019** STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_\_ CLASS IN 2019: \_ ADDRESS: HOME PH: \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE: \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL:** PLEASE TICK: ( ) NEW STUDENT ( ) ONGOING STUDENT **INSTRUMENT PREFERENCE** Please tick adjacent to the instrument you would like your child to learn GUITAR ( ) ( ) DRUMS/PERCUSSION ( ) **VOICE** ( ) **TUITION FEES** A flat rate is charged per term as follows-please tick your preference. PRIVATE LESSON-30 MINS \$250.00 PER TERM ( ) GROUP LESSON-30 MINS \$180.00 PER TERM \*PLEASE NOTE: Group lessons are not available for vocal & piano. STUDENT AGREEMENT: I agree to take responsibility for the following: • Remember to bring my music, instrument and communication book to all lessons. • Regular practice as indicated by tutor. **PARENT AGREEMENT:**

- I have read and agree to the **Terms and Conditions** in the attached information
- I am aware there is a *five-week notice* charge for cancellation of lessons.
- I am aware that failure to inform tutors of absence due to holidays or sickness will result in lessons being forfeited.

Parent/Guardian Name:	
PARENT SIGNATURE :	DATE:
STUDENT SIGNATURE:	DATE:

# **School Banking**

# <u>URGENT - School Banking Helpers Required!</u> Calling for volunteers – we need your help!

This year two long serving banking helpers leave Mater Christi so we urgently need volunteers in order to offer school banking to our students. Without volunteers this program cannot run!

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Our students really enjoy participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program and to keep this program running we need your help.

We collect satchels from the classrooms at 8:45am and process the deposits. You will be rostered on every 2-3 weeks when it suits you. Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills and help our school with fundraising.

School Banking day is Wednesday.

If you are interested in volunteering for this great program, please fill in the tear off the section below and return it to the office.

Yes, I would like to help with School Banking!
Name:
Mobile:
Availability:

# **School Banking**

If you child would like to be involved in the school banking program, more information can be found here: <a href="https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking.html">https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking.html</a>

### **P&F News**

# **Class Representatives 2019**

Are you interested in being a Class Representative in 2019?

CLASS	2018 TEACHER
PPC	Miss Kolbusz
Year 4B	Mrs Nutall



Class Representatives play a vital role supporting parents in our Mater Christi Community. If you are interested in taking up this rewarding role or you simply would like further information, please click on the link below to contact Deb Horton, Class Representative Coordinator <a href="mailto:mcclassrepcoordinator@outlook.com">mcclassrepcoordinator@outlook.com</a>

# **Social Events**

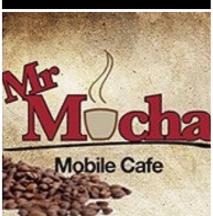




# MATER CHRISTI FAMILY CHRISTMAS CONCERT FOOD VENDORS TRADING FROM

4:00-6:30PM





For the End of Year Concert, the P&F have organised the following food trucks to be available for those families wishing a 'cooking free evening.' Meast — Middle Eastern Food Truck, Mr Mocha, That Food Truck, Streat Wise Gourmet Street Food.

The food trucks will operate from 4:00-6:30pm.



The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.



# BACKYARD BLITZ COMPETITION

The Staff of Mater Christi would like to offer one lucky family the opportunity to have their front and/or backyard spruced up in April 2019 as part of our Staff Team Building Day Initiative.

The competition is extended to all members of the Mater Christi Community and their family and friends. Please submit your entry with a photo of your back or frontyard with a short spiel about yourself or someone that you feel deserves our help with a mini garden makeover and why (approx 100 words or less) to admin@mcps.wa.edu.au. The competition closes on Thursday 7th December, 2018 and the winner will be notified on Thursday 13th December, 2018. All enquiries to 9417 5756 or the above email.

\* HOMEOWNERS ONLY NO RENTALS PLEASE

# **Community News**

# <u>Holiday Soccer Program – South Zone @ St Emilie's CPS, Canning Vale (Mon 7<sup>th</sup> – Wed 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019)</u>

All Kindy to Year 3 children are invited to attend our Holiday Soccer Program @ St Emilie's starting Monday 7<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019 (9am – 11am).

"Ideal for Football (Soccer) players wanting to learn the Basic Skills for the World Game"

Our 'Holiday Soccer' program focuses on developing and improving basic soccer skills in Active, Exciting &

Motivating Fun Sessions. All with Maximum Participation Activities, for children from Kindy to Year 3.

The program and activities are coordinated and run by Physical Education and/or Soccer Specialists; all with their Working with Children Checks. The cost for the holiday soccer program (all 3 days) is \$60.00 per child. Online discounts are available for children who participated in any of our After-School Programs in 2018.

If you are interested in letting your child learn and play this <u>World Game</u> in fun sessions and you have not yet registered, then please register online at www.play4life.com.au. If you have any queries, please call Jacob Aguino on 6162 0932.



School Physical Activity Specialists

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#### Play 4 Life

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W: play4life.com.au

Mercedes College Early in 2019, Mercedes College will commence interviewing Year 5 students who are due to start Year 7 in 2021. If you are considering enrolling your daughter at Mercedes College and have not yet requested an information pack, please contact Mrs Julie Lamb on 9323 1340 or email <a href="mailto:jlamb@mercedes.wa.edu.au">jlamb@mercedes.wa.edu.au</a> as soon as possible. Further information about enrolments is available on our website, <a href="www.mercedes.wa.edu.au">www.mercedes.wa.edu.au</a>.



