

Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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SCHOOL MANTRA 2017

'Never see a need without doing something about it.'

Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Sunday's Gospel Account

"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." Matthew 22: 15 — 21.

We do it, we might not like it, but we do it. We pay taxes. In Israel in Jesus' day, paying taxes to Rome was not popular and the annual 'census tax' could only be paid using a Roman denarius coin, which had the head of the Emperor on it. This meant that both the act of paying the tax and the image on the coin were offensive to the Jewish people. Some were concerned that by using the denarius they would offend God as they would be paying allegiance to Caesar. Yet in the final line of this Gospel story, Jesus assures them by saying..., "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." Jesus isn't concerned about whose head is on the coin, or who is receiving the coin. His concern is about the intention in which one gives. In reading and reflecting on this text, one might wonder, "How do I thank God for the example of faith in the lives around me? How can I more fully give to God?"

Jesus was saying that the rules of the land need to be followed but don't make materialism and commercialism become all that we follow. God must play a significant part in our lives.

No God - No Peace!

Know God - Know Peace!



DATES FOR NEXT WEEK (WK 3)

Monday
October 23

5B Parish Mass

Tuesday
October 24

4C Parish Mass
P & F Meeting 7pm

Wednesday
October 25

Book Fair
Booklist due to be
returned
Yr 6 Dance Practice

Thursday
October 26

Book Fair
6B Parish Mass
InterSchool Spelling
Bee (Yrs 4-6)
Yr 5 CSL

Friday
October 27

Book Fair
Merit/Aussie
Assembly 9am
P & F Afternoon on
the Green 3pm

Saturday
October 28

Reconciliation 9am
Week 2

Sunday
October 29

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Executive Director of Catholic Education WA



Catholic School Staff have been advised that Dr Tim McDonald has finished his term as Executive Director of WA and that Dr Debra Sayce has the role of Acting Executive Director until the end of 2018. As a system we all acknowledge and thank Dr McDonald for the work he has done during his term and we wish Dr Sayce every blessing on her appointment and the year ahead.

Mini Marathon

God truly loves us!

The weather was perfect, the legs were limbered up and the walkers – young and old all came across the finish line with an infectious smile. It was great to see lots of parents, prams and very young siblings joining in. The proceeds of the Mini Marathon support the Year Six Graduation Celebration at the end of the year. Its wonderful to know that all children and their parents when in Year Six benefit from the support and generosity of all of us. Tremendous Thank you.

Staffing



Miss Kezic 5B has been offered a teaching position at Christ the King Catholic Primary School and will commence in this role at the beginning of 2018.

Mrs O'Dea (Office Administration) will also finish at the end of the year due to her husband becoming Principal of a country school in New South Wales. Congratulations to Newton but we are not happy that you are taking Wendy with you!

Mrs Russell 2A, will be expecting her first baby in March of next year. She will finish her time with us at the end of this year.

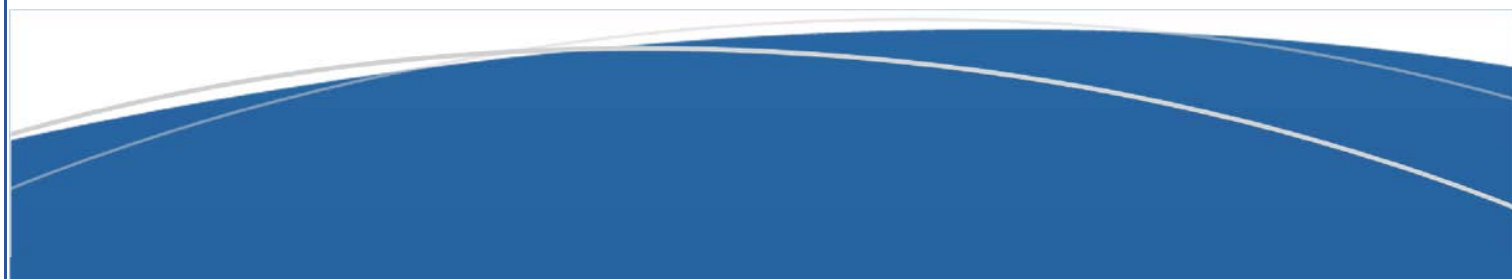
Mrs Barker 4A, is also expecting her first child in April 2018. Mrs Barker will be relieving teachers in the first half of Term One as they complete the beginning of year assessments with their students and then will commence Parental Leave.

Mater Christi is definitely the place for new babies! We congratulate these ladies and I know that we will have an opportunity later in the term to thank them and wish them well.



This week is building up to be a very busy time at Mater Christi – the **Book Fair** has snuck in with lots of wonderful reading and stationery material on offer; the Year Sixes continue to dance their socks off in preparation for Graduation; great spellers will be under pressure at our inaugural Yrs 4-6 Interschool Spelling Bee and of course the much-awaited Afternoon on the Green. There is never a dull day at Mater Christi.

God Bless. Toni Kalat



Religious Education

Sacrament of Penance – Rite of Reconciliation

21st October, 28th October, 4th and 11th November the children in Year Three will be receiving the Sacrament of Penance – Rite of Reconciliation - for the first time. The children have been preparing to receive this Sacrament for many weeks, please keep the Year Three students, their families and their teachers in your prayers.

Once children have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation they can collect their certificates in the Church foyer prior to the commencement of Mass over the weekend – Sat @ 6pm, Sun @ 8am, 10am & 5pm. At each of the Masses Father Dat will formally congratulate the children and the congregation will also acknowledge them.



Mass

On Wednesday, 1st November we are celebrating a Whole School Mass at 9am prepared by Year 2. Families and friends are welcome to attend. We will be celebrating the Feast of All Saints. The Saints were astonishing people who lived their lives with the Lord as their total focus.



Parish

Sacrament of Penance – Rite of Reconciliation

Please keep the children receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation in your prayers at this special time.

Dates	Times
Saturday, 21 st October	9-10:30am
Saturday, 28 th October	9-10:30am
Saturday, 4 th November	9-10:30am
Saturday, 11 th November	9-10:30am



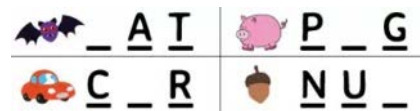
Kindergarten



Term 4 is going to be filled with fun and excitement as we extend our skills that we have learnt throughout the year and become prepared for Pre-Primary! We have introduced a change in our Fruit Time routine so please remember your child's individual morning tea. We are continuing to focus on a story each week and will be making lots of wonderful creations, exploring different mediums and creating Christmas craft. Please remember to bring in your child's news item each week.

Our focus points are:

- Speaking in short sentences, news telling and narrative retell skills.
- Learning the sound of the letters S,A,T,P,I,N,M,R,C,H,E,D,K,F,L,O,B,U,G
- Beginning to sound out three letter words with the letters above.
- Awareness of print concepts.
- Exploring the mathematical concepts of money, numbers, counting, ordering, addition, subtraction, sharing, positional language, patterns and subitising.
- Wondering about God's creations of oceans and rivers.
- Learning about the Advent/Christmas story.
- Developing our fine and gross motor skills.



We look forward to another wonderful term with you and your child and can't wait to see you on Parent Roster.

Kindy Staff

Pre-Primary

What a busy and exciting term we are going to have in Pre-Primary! Our theme for the first half of Term Four is 'Rumble in the Jungle'. Our activities will encompass all things Jungle! In Religious Education, we will identify both living and non-living things and how Jesus cared for all creation. We will discuss the Christmas story and the reasons why God chose to send Jesus to earth.



In Literacy, we continue to work towards becoming independent writers, understanding the difference between words and sentences and early punctuation. We will be working on our reading skills including recognising sight words and high frequency words in texts.



In Numeracy, this term we will be collecting and interpreting data and representing this on a graph. We will continue to count forwards/backwards from any given number between 1-20 and consolidate our learning of counting in 2's, 5's and 10's.

There are only a few weeks left for parent roster in Pre-Primary. If you haven't managed to join us this year please come along and join in the fun!

Thank you

Pre-Primary Staff

Year One

Welcome back to Term Four! The children have had a great start to the term. We can't believe how far they have come since the beginning of the year, we are very proud!

Advent is always an exciting time of the year as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. The Units of Work we are covering in Religious Education are: Loving Others, Just Imagine and Prepare.



In literacy, we will continue to explore a range of text types including fiction, non-fiction, procedural and persuasive texts. We will keep practising our reading and comprehension skills. In writing, we are working on using punctuation effectively and applying our knowledge of spelling sounds and sight words.

In numeracy, we are focusing on number patterns, fractions as well as statistics and probability. We are continuing to build on the number of mental strategies we can use to solve addition and subtraction problems.



In health, we will commence our Protective Behaviours unit. In our integrated subjects, we are travelling around the world! We will be learning about how seasons are different in other countries and the features of our world globe.

Let's finish the year strong!

Year Two

Welcome back to our fourth and final term together, we can't believe we are here already! This term promises to be an exciting one as the warm weather makes it all that much easier to get up in the morning.

This term we will be learning about:

R.E - Empowered to Love (Confirmation) and Truth of the Gospel (Advent/Christmas)

Literacy - Exposition and persuasive writing and reading comprehension strategies

Numeracy - Mass, Chance and Data, and Number and revising operations

Inquiry - Our nation and the Noongar culture

**DATES TO
REMEMBER**

Friday 20th October: Mini Marathon

Friday 27th October: Afternoon on the Green

Wednesday 1st November: Year 2 Mass

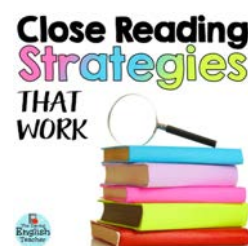
Friday 10th November: Grandparents Lunch

Monday 20th November - 1st December: Swimming Lessons

Tuesday 5th December: Big Day Out

Thursday 7th December: Big Day In

Friday 9th December: Last Day of School (Free Dress)



Year Three

The term ahead is definitely a busy one for the Year 3's. We begin the term with final preparations for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and then we move into our final units of work for the year, Gathered As One (Church) and Gifted By The Word (Advent/Lent). During Literacy, we will tackle both Poetry and Myth and Legends and Fables with the students. Our Numeracy program sees us continue to focus on number & place value, with students revising and consolidating concepts such as addition, time, subtraction, multiplication & division. Our HASS program focuses on Communities. In Health we will be focusing Protective Behaviours. We are looking forward to a fantastic term in Year 3.



In Religion, Year Four students learn about the role of their conscience and how it helps guide individuals to make the correct choices in life. The students explore sin and how it is breaking one of God's law. The Year Four students will explore the rite of Baptism and why Catholics bless themselves with holy water. Children investigate the different types of prayer, including unpacking formal prayers such as the Our Father and Hail Mary. They will learn to pray the rosary and will recognise its significance to the life of Mary. The Year Four children will also revise the Nativity story and learn about the significant time of Advent, where we wait and prepare for the birth of Jesus.



In Literacy this term, the Year Four students will be learning about persuasive writing. They will learn how to structure a persuasive text, present a convincing argument and write using emotive language. The students will continue developing reading skills to assist them in their daily reading. Students will focus on skills of cause and effect, bias and prejudice, and review the reading skills of main idea, sequencing, compare and contrast and fact and opinion which were learnt earlier in the year.

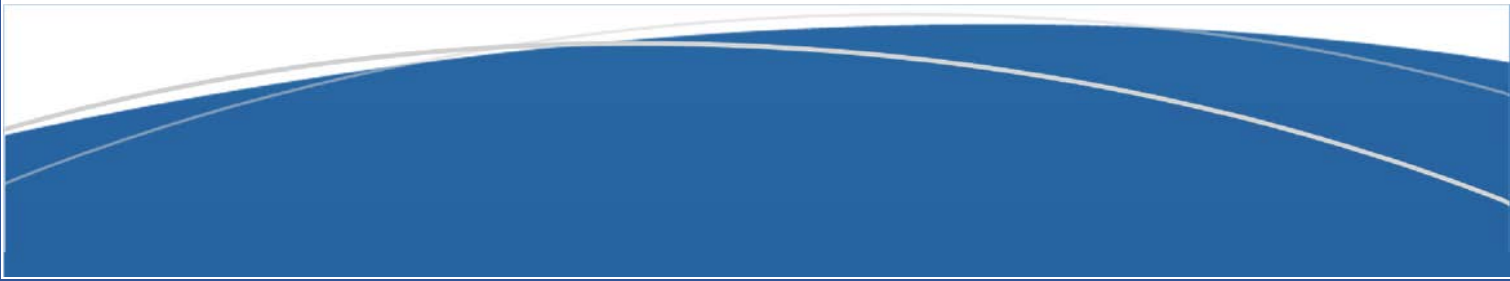


In Design and Technology they Year Four students will be working in small groups to research, trial and design paper plane models. Each group will produce a paper plane they believe will fly the furthest distance. The three Year Four classes will gather together on the oval later in the term to put the paper plans to the test.

Health in Term 4 sees students investigating the tactics of fast food companies in advertising their products. Students will learn about how they sell their products and appeal to varying markets, including their own demographic. Year Fours will display their knowledge with a presentation on a particular fast food company.

What a whirlwind of a year it has been! This term is not for the faint hearted. We are beginning the term by preparing for the Year Six Leadership Speeches and look forward to seeing who is successfully selected for 2018. In English, we are focusing on reviews, recounts, procedures and point of view. In Mathematics, we are focusing on Location and Transformation, as well as Patterns and Algebra.

The Religious Education units of work we are teaching are 'The Church Community' and 'Helped By The Word.' We are busy preparing our assembly item for Week Five and looking forward to our Big Day Out excursion to the Cockburn Ice Arena at the end of the term. Christian Service will continue this term and as it's the festive season, students will be sharing in the joy of Christmas with our elderly community.



Year Six



Year Six Term Four is off to a flying start. There is a lot going on and there isn't much time to take it easy. We have already begun preparing for our graduation with weekly dance lessons, these will be a big hit come graduation day.

We are enjoying participating in Parish Masses, as we deepen our understanding of prayer during Religious Education. We are also looking forward to the season of Advent which is rapidly approaching.

In our Numeracy Dedicated Time, we are rolling the dice, taking a chance and recording the data as we delve in the Statistics and Probability strand. This term also sees us use our knowledge from Term 3 to convert a variety of metric units of measurement.

We are exploring the novel 'Wonder' by Raquel J. Palacio during Literacy Dedicated Time as we broaden our understanding of comprehension strategies. In writing our focus is reports where we are compiling a variety of newspaper articles.

The Year Sixes are ecstatic about their final term in primary school and before they know it they will be heading into high school.

Drama

This Term in Drama the students will prepare for the end of year concert. Each year level will go through the process of a rehearsal schedule. Learning choreography, practising, collaborating as a group and putting the song and dance routine together for a performance as a whole school.



Both Junior and Senior students will also be given the opportunity to further develop their Creativity with the focus on Process Drama. Where groups of students collaborate within role-play situations to explore and express ideas with the use of props and materials.

Making Jesus Real

With the beginning of this last term for 2017, the importance of reflection is encouraged as we keep our focus on the important question - Where was Jesus in my Life today?

The students are taught about the importance of including people, about body language, eye contact and the importance of forgiveness and gratitude. With a welcoming attitude and the willingness to say sorry and thank you our students and teachers Make Jesus Real at Mater Christi.

Our Focus - Social Decision Making

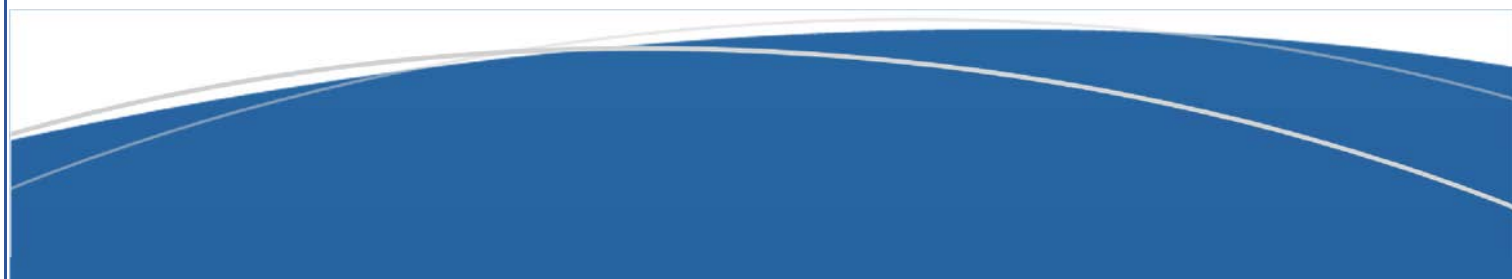
Developing social decision-making skills helps us to consider the consequences of our actions for ourselves and others and helps us to make thoughtful, effective decisions. This involves:

- Understanding how a social situation makes us feel
- Considering the different choices, along with the positive and negative consequences of these actions, when making a decision
- Making positive choices, while considering how these choices may affect ourselves and others

Through explicit teaching and role play the children will be learning how to respond safely as a bystander in a bullying situation.

The students are learning that to support someone when you see bullying happening has two benefits;

1. It helps the person being bullied
2. It sends a clear message to the person engaging in bullying behaviour that this behaviour is not tolerated in our school.



Music

Welcome back to the best term of the year...TERM 4!

Term 4 is one of our busiest and most exciting times in the school calendar, especially in Music.

During music lessons our junior students will focus on the following musical elements: beat, rhythm, dynamics and tempo. Our senior students will be comparing music from around the world and creating and performing their compositions in small groups.

Preparations are underway for the 2017 Mater Christi End of Year Concert. Students from Pre-Primary to Year 6 will be preparing for our annual concert during Music and Drama lessons. More information regarding times and costumes will be placed in the newsletter later in the term.

Our Instrumental Program is up and running. Forms to learn an instrument in 2018 will go out soon, so please keep an eye out.

*Please note that students do not automatically stay in the Instrumental Program. You must re-enroll your child if they wish to continue in 2018. Please feel free to come and see me in the Music Room if you have any further questions.

I look forward to seeing you all in the Music Room!

Ms Alison Ross
Music Specialist

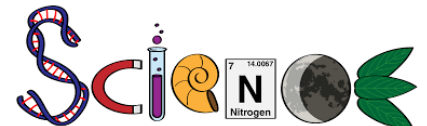


Science

The Science classroom is abuzz with new topics this term, as we start our study of Earth and Space Science. Pre-primary are becoming weather reporters to learn about the features of weather. They will be investigating how the weather affects us in our daily lives.

The Year 1 classes are learning about how natural and man-made features undergo changes over different time scales. They are even growing their own plants and making predictions about how these garden beds will change over time!

The Year 2 classes are beginning to explore the water cycle and how we can use our natural resources responsibly. They have been spending lots of time outside investigating evaporation and run off.



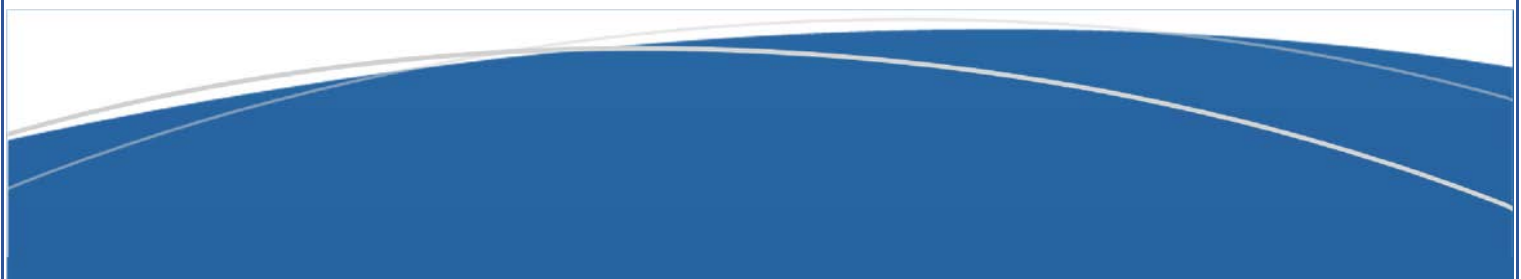
The Year 3 classes are tracing Copernicus' footsteps to learn about our Earth, Sun and Moon and how these objects move by rotating and orbiting. They will be investigating how shadows are formed and how they move throughout the day.

The Year 4 classes are dusting off their magnifying glasses to explore rocks, soils and landscapes and are investigating how these can be affected by human and natural processes.

The Year 5 classes are jumping into virtual spaceships to explore the solar system, our sun and different constellations.

The Year 6 classes are wearing their protective suits and exploring natural disasters, particularly volcanoes and earthquakes and how these change the Earth's surface. They will be investigating the viscosity of different lava flows and analysing seismic data.

Haylee Klup



Physical Education

Term Four is a short one, but we are going to pack a lot of things into it. The students will get to try their hands at a number of different sports. The Senior students will be partaking in some cricket, lacrosse and netball. The ankle biters (Juniors) will get to play some cricket, do some fundamental movement skills and a variety of movement games. On top of all this action all Year 1 – 6 students will jump into their togs and get wet with swimming lessons at the end of term.

At an Interschool level the school will be participating in two carnivals namely the Athletics and Cricket Carnivals. Training has already commenced for the Interschool Athletics and the students are raring to go.

Ryan Donnelly (HPE Specialist)

MERIT AWARDS for October 27



PPA	Beatrice Negrea and Anya Hall
PPB	Olivia Marshall, Charlie Stapley, Emma Anchor
PPC	Madison Reale
1A	Ziba Shariat Lorcan Ryan-Edwards
1B	Poppy Marchant and Tristan Coppola
1C	Charlie Oteri and Karla Baretto
2A	Ricardo De Freitas, Krystof Colborne
2B	Ava Renner, Kadin Clever
2C	Braydee Monte-Sinclair, Jemima Yates
3A	Alyssa Risucci, Nevaeh Hudspeth
3B	Alex Redondo and Olivia Piotrowski
3C	Alessandro De Bernadis
4A	Christian Coelho, Keegan Hall
4B	Millar Rank, Max Terribile
4C	Jack Bartlett
5A	Ronan Johnson, Owen Phillips
5B	Sienna La Macchia
5C	Isaac Slater
6A	Claudia De Abreu, Timothy Fong
6B	Evlynn Biju, Hudson Colborne
6C	Christopher Ring, Jacob Allard, Caitlin Cypelt

END OF YEAR CHRISTMAS CONCERT: **BOXES NEEDED!!**

We are in need of LARGE TV/FRIDGE size boxes to make props for the Christmas concert.

If you have any unwanted boxes, please send them my way to the Music Room. ☺

THANK YOU!!
Ms Alison Ross
Music Specialist



A School fee reminder was sent home on Monday 16th October, if you have not received your statement please contact the office as soon as possible.

If your fees are not paid via direct debit they must be paid in full by Friday 1st December.



BOOK FAIR

**Wednesday 25 -27 October and Monday 30
October**

Before school: 8:00-9:30am

After School: 2.30-3.30pm

(The sale will be closed on Friday afternoon due to the 'Afternoon on the Green')

Picture Books, Novels, Activity Books, Fiction, Non-Fiction and more!!!

Eftpos and cash will be accepted on site.

'My Wish List' forms are available for parents that can't make the book fair. Children will be able to view books on sale during their library time. They can fill out their 'Wish list' form to bring home and discuss. Credit Card payments can be made online and then children can bring in the receipt number to collect their purchase.

Issue 7 of Book Club will not be handed out to classes as the dates coincide with our Book Fair. If you would still like to order from the issue please come and collect a brochure from Mrs Gowland in the Library. Online orders will be closed on Monday 23rd October.

Book Fairs are rewarding for our students and our School. It is a great way to celebrate reading and earn valuable resources for our school through the rewards earned from sales.

 **SCHOLASTIC**



Class Rep Events

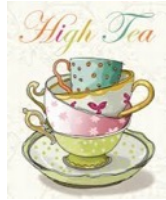
Year 2 High Tea

19th November 3pm-5pm
Café at Hyatt
RVSP - ASAP to Class Rep
50% deposit by 31st October



Year 4 High Tea

19th November 3pm-5pm
Café at Hyatt
RVSP - ASAP to Class Rep
50% deposit by 31st October



Kindy A & Kindy C

Combined Playdate
17th November 9.30am
John Graham Reserve Playground
RSVP – Class Rep



Community News

Amanda's Garden Fete



Printing sponsored by
Ray White
McDermott & Associates

Sat 21st & Sun 22nd October 2017
Open 10am - 4.30pm each day **\$5.00 Entry**

Devonshire teas, sausage sizzle, plants sales
art & craft stores and paddy's market.

The Garden features a stunning display of roses located in
a pleasant rural setting with water features, fountains, and
a huge array of colourful plants, trees and shrubs on display.

Amanda's Garden is located in Southern River
the junction of Matison and Margaret streets turn into
Leslie St. off Southern River Rd.

All proceeds go to the Amanda Young Foundation meningococcal awareness

Saving Childhood

The key building blocks to protecting childhood

with Maggie Dent



Children are shaped by the choices made by adults, experiences they have and the world as they see it through their eyes. Parenting author and educator Maggie Dent's common-sense, practical model of 10 building blocks will reassure parents and those who work with children that what they have always known to be important in the early years of a child's life is still important! In this seminar, Maggie will take participants through her key building blocks with a special focus on how to reduce the unhealthy influences of our modern consumer-driven world like sexualisation, marketing, media & technology. This is a call to save childhood from being stolen by our modern world.

Date: Tuesday 21st November 2017
Time: 7pm-9pm (doors open at 6pm)
Venue: Orana Catholic Primary School
Querrin Ave (Cnr Vahland Ave), Willetton
Cost: \$30 per ticket
Tickets: Please book online at: <https://www.trybooking.com/RTXX>
Inquiries: oranapandf@gmail.com



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After-School Soccer Coaching Clinics (Term 4)

All Kindy to Year 2 children were given a registration form for an After-School Soccer Coaching Clinic starting Monday the 23rd of October (3.25pm – 4.25pm). We will conduct it on the school grounds.



The activity is coordinated and run by Physical Education and/or Soccer Specialists; all with their Working With Children Checks. The Clinic focuses on **Maximum Participation** during **Organised** and **Fun** 8 x 1 Hour sessions. The cost for the clinic is \$80.00 per child.

If you are interested in letting your child learn and play this World Game in fun sessions and you have not yet registered, then please register online at www.play4life.com.au or complete the registration form and return it to reception by Friday 20th of October. (Spare registration forms are available at reception). If you have any queries, please call Jacob Aquino on 6162 0932.

ANTI-POVERTY WEEK

15-21 October 2017

Poverty and severe hardship affect more than a million Australians. Around the world more than a billion people are desperately poor.

The main aims of Anti-Poverty Week are to:

- **strengthen public understanding** of the causes and consequences of poverty and hardship around the world and within Australia;
- **encourage research, discussion and action** to address these problems, including action by individuals, communities, organisations and governments.

Last year, at least 600 organisations around Australia participated in more than 400 activities during the Week, with a total participation of more than 10,000 people.

- > **Why not organise a display, stall or award?**
- > **Maybe a workshop, lecture or forum?**
- > **How about a fundraiser, fact sheet or petition?**

For information and ideas, visit the website, or email apw@antipovertyweek.org.au or call **1300 797 290**

www.antipovertyweek.org.au

**This is
a week
when we
can all
do something
about
poverty**





Cockburn Police Station PUBLIC OPEN DAY

**Sunday 29
October 2017
11:00am to 3:00pm
34 Linkage Avenue
Cockburn Central**

Take a closer look and see how a Police Station works. Take a tour through our Lock Up!

Meet the Cockburn Crew and much more...

- Constable Care
- Police Horses and Dog Squad
- Free Bouncy Castle and Face Painting
- Police Pipe Band and Police Legacy
- Have a photo taken in the Police Cars, Motorbikes and Jet Boat
- Sausage Sizzle, Mr Whippy and delicious coffee



**FREE
COMMUNITY EVENT**

**COCKBURN ROTARY
SPRING FAIR**

**SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER
MANNING PARK** AZELIA ROAD
HAMILTON HILL

**JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FAMILY FUN
BOLLYWOOD SYLE! 11-8PM**

cockburn.wa.gov.au/events | 08 9411 3444



Help our local birds

To assist our local bird population,
we need to know what's out there.

Join in the Aussie Backyard Bird Count from
23-29 October and help us to maintain a
thriving bird population here in Cockburn:

- Set aside 20 minutes
- Count the birds in your favourite outdoor space
- Look up and record the birds on the Aussie Bird Count app or website.

WIN

... an Instant Digital Camera.
Send us your best picture to
#aussiebirdcountcockburn

» For more information visit:
aussiebirdcount.org.au or cockburn.wa.gov.au/birds



Beeliar Community Voice Inc.
Your Residents Association

SENIORS BINGO BRUNCH

9am to 11am
Friday, 3 Nov 2017

LIMITED PLACES
TICKETS A MUST



Call Trace 0432 642 286 or book
online www.beeliarcommunity.com.au

Guest Speakers | 2 FREE Bingo Rounds | FREE Brunch
Crime & Safety Information | FREE Door Prize Draw
Info Stalls | FREE goodie bag | Raffle tickets 3 for \$5



Government of Western Australia
Department of Communities

