

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

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.



Dear God

*As we journey down this Advent road,
Just as you shared the ultimate gift of love, your Son, with us,
Help us to fill the world with love: Love in our hearts,
Love in our homes, Love in our communities.
Amen*

Semester Two Reports



Reports will be available today. Please take the time to sit with your child and celebrate all the great learning that has occurred during the last six months. You may like to set some goals with your child regarding their learning for 2018. Please view our website

<http://www.mcps.wa.edu.au/> and click on the CONEQT link then login to view your child's/ren's report.

Year 6 Graduation

Yesterday we celebrated and gave thanks for our Year 6 students and their parents and the contributions they have made in making Mater Christi Catholic Primary School the wonderful community that it is.



We commenced the day with a Mass and a special message from Fr Dat.

DATES FOR Week 1 2018

Monday
January
29

STUDENT FREE
Uniform Shop Open
9am -1pm

Tuesday
January 30

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Wednesday
January 31

Students Commence
PP-Yr 6, KA/KC

Thursday
February 1

KB/KD Students Commence

Friday
February 2

Saturday
February 3

Sunday
February 4

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Mass was followed by a beautiful morning tea, certificate presentation, a video of the children celebrating their friendships and some incredible dance moves by both the graduates and their parents.

Thank you so much to the Year Six teachers – Miss Edmondson, Miss Gibb and Miss McMahon for their creative and time-consuming work in preparing the whole celebration. To Miss Ross and the Choir for their angelic singing voices that inspired everyone to join in the hymns and to the various Year Six parent Graduation Committee Members - the Mater Christi Community Centre was inspirational, the Graduation gift bags with the group photo and the Year Book was very original and a special keepsake and to all the Year Five parents who helped to serve and clean up - your generosity of service will be rewarded.

Christmas Concert and Carols

I am constantly in awe of the generosity and creativity of our staff. Ms Ross and Mrs Pottier once again created a groovy evening of dance, singing and drama. Our children have so many opportunities to shine and once again they did themselves and all of us proud. Thank you to the Concert Committee for their great work behind the scenes in support of last night's concert.

The community spirit was alive and buzzing with good food, great company and very entertaining performances. Once again Mater Christi shone brightly and with much pride.

We also took this opportunity to acknowledge and farewell Sr Emmanuel and Mrs Dunsire who received their beautiful gifts from the children and the Mater Christi Community.



Finally... I can't believe that we are at the end of 2017. Thank you to our incredible staff, to you our supportive and trusting parents and to our unique and talented students. This has been a remarkable and memorable year.

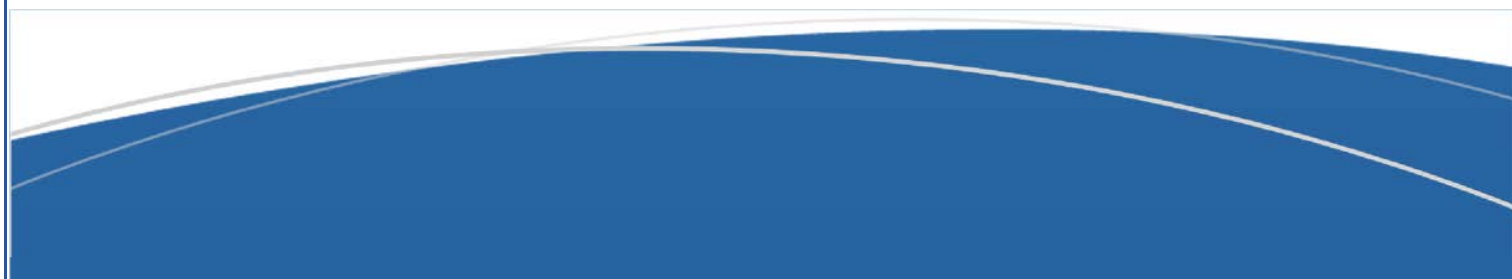
I wish you all a very blessed Christmas and a joy filled New Year. To those who are leaving Mater Christi – go with our blessings and to those who will be returning in the New Year, I look forward in welcoming you back to a new school year on Wednesday 31 January.



May the Christ Child be welcomed into your hearts and homes this Christmas.
Until next time...



God Bless. Toni Kalat



Religious Education

Second Sunday of Advent: Hope

As the journey of Advent continues, as we prepare to celebrate the nativity of Christ. We light a second purple candle on the second Sunday of Advent to represent the hope of Christ coming to the world.



Parish

Prayer Tree

Our magnificent Prayer Tree is impossible to miss in the corner of the Church near the organ. There are plenty of cards available for you to write the name of the people you wish to **offer prayer for during this Advent Season**. Place the intention side of the card on the tree, and give the other side of the card to the person for whom you are praying.



Children's Nativity



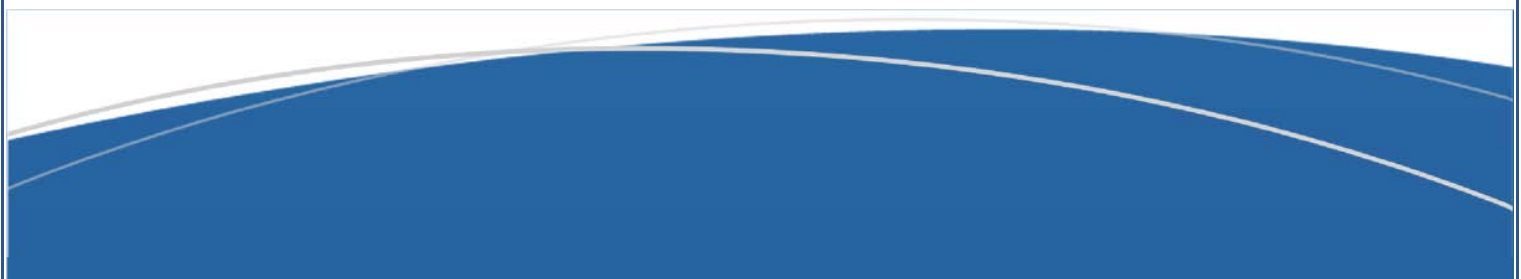
On Friday 22nd December at 9.30am the Parish children will perform the Christmas Nativity. We would love to see you all there.

Sacramental Dates for 2018

In the Archdiocese of Perth and throughout Western Australia, *generally* children in Year 3 make their **First Reconciliation**, children in Year 4 receive their **First Holy Communion**, and children in their final year of primary school (Year 6 at Mater Christi), receive the Sacrament of **Confirmation**.

To enable forward planning, the Sacramental dates for 2018 are as follows:

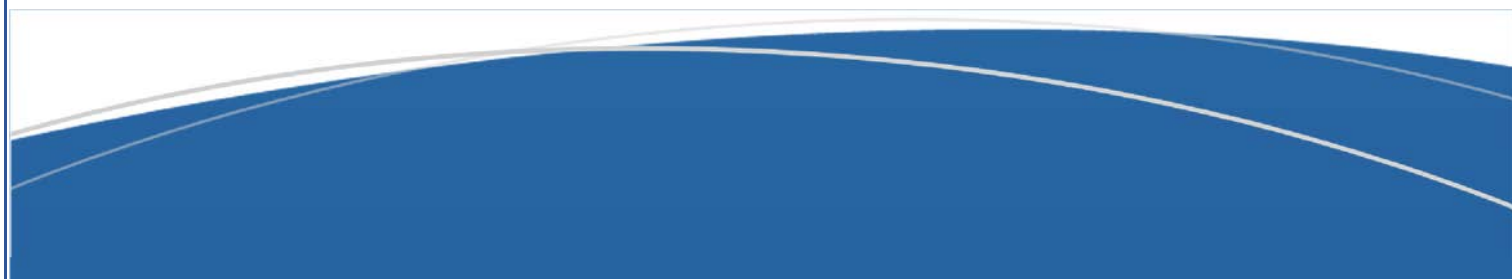
NOTE: These dates are published in good faith, however, due to unforeseen circumstances, may change. In this event, as much notice as possible will be given.



Sacramental Dates for 2018 **DRAFT DATES**

TERM 1 Week	DATE	EVENT
3	17 th /18 th Feb	Collection of Sacrament Enrolment Forms
4	24 th /25 th Feb	Return of Sacrament Enrolment Forms
5	Wed 28 th February	General Sacrament Meeting
6	10 th /11 th March	Confirmation Commitment Masses
7	Wednesday 14 th March & Thursday 15 th March	Confirmation Parent/Child Workshops (4 workshops in total)
TERM 2 Week	DATE	EVENT
3	Wed 16 th May <i>ALL candidates <u>must</u> be present</i>	Confirmation meeting for <u>ALL Confirmation candidates</u> (MCCPS, PREP, DMC & others) with Fr Peter Whitely Confirmation Sponsor & candidate practice for Group 1 Confirmation Sponsor & candidate practice for Group 2
3	Thurs 17 th May	Confirmation Sponsor & candidate practice for group 3
3	Sat 19 th & Sun 20 th May	Confirmation
7	Wednesday 13 th & Thursday 14 th June	First Holy Communion Parent/Child Workshops (4 in total)
7	16 th /17 th June	Commitment Masses First Communion
TERM 3 Week	DATE	EVENT
2	Sat 28 th & Sun 29 th July	First Communion Wk 1
3	Sat 4 th & Sun 5 th August	First Communion Wk 2
4	Sat 11 th & Sun 12 th Aug.	First Communion Wk 3
		*FHC practice each Wed prior to the Sacrament
9	Wednesday 12 th & Thursday 13 th September	Reconciliation Parent/Child Workshops (4 in total)
9	15 th /16 th September	Commitment Masses for Reconciliation
TERM 4 Week	DATE	EVENT
2	Sat 20 th Oct	First Reconciliation Wk 1
3	Sat 27 th Oct	First Reconciliation Wk 2
4	Sat 3 rd Nov	First Reconciliation Wk 3
5	Sat 10 th Nov	First Reconciliation Wk 4

You and your child's presence at these Masses, meetings and workshops form an important part of your commitment to Sacramental preparation and as such are not optional.



School News

2018 IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES

Term Dates

TERM ONE	WEDNESDAY 31 JANUARY – THURSDAY 12 APRIL
TERM TWO	TUESDAY 1 MAY – FRIDAY 29 JUNE
TERM THREE	TUESDAY 17 JULY – FRIDAY 21 SEPTEMBER
TERM FOUR	TUESDAY 9 OCTOBER – THURSDAY 13 DECEMBER



2018 Student Free Days & Public Holidays

Term One Monday 5 March
Easter - Friday 30 March, Monday 2 April & Tuesday 3 April
Friday 13 April

Term Two Monday 30 April
Monday 4 June

Term Three Monday 16 July
Monday 20 August

Term Four Monday 8 October

Wednesday 31st January

Thursday 1st February

Monday 5th February

Tuesday 6th February

Students Commence **PP-Yr 6, KA/KC**

KB/KD Students Commence

9am Whole School Mass/Blessing of Student Leaders and distribution of badges

Swimming Trials Yrs 4-6 9.45am – 3pm

Parent Info Night Session 1 5.30pm-6pm

Session 2 6.30pm -7pm

Community Meeting 6-6.30pm

SCHOOL FEES



As of the 31st December our School BPay number is changing.

Please do not use the current number after this date.

The new number will be advertised in the February newsletter.



We say Goodbye to the following Families

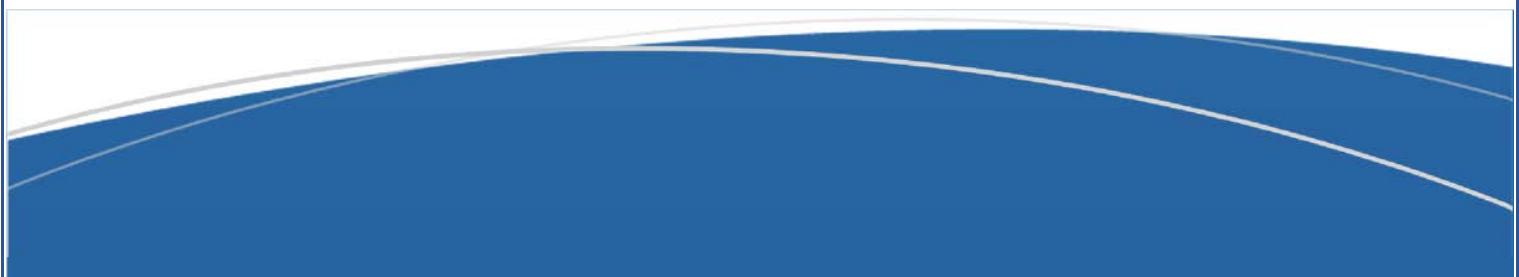
Graduating Families of Mater Christi and thank you for your time with us. Some have been with us for a long time, others a short time. All have contributed to our community and school spirit.

These families farewell Mater Christi forever.

19 Years	Fury Family
16 Years	Hayward Family
14 Years	Palelei Family, Murray-Smith Family
13 Years	Allard Family
12 Years	Haskins Family, O'Brien Family, Piccaro Family, Thamrin Family
11 Years	Malone Family, Clarke Family, Wehr Family, Radanovic Family
10 Years	Collins Family, Lawton Family, Clarke Family, Holm Family, Payne Family, Savy Family, Vu Family
9 Years	Johnson Family, Cumming Family, Friessbourg Family, Heinzle Family, Ring Family, Cutri Family, D'Aurizio Family, Miller Family, Symons Family
7 Years	Fong Family, Goodin Family, Weeks Family, Newbound-Wood Family
6 Years	Oliver Family
5 Years	Meyzen-Ruesta Family, Tankam Family
4 Years	Ford Family, Ncube Family, D Couto Family,
3 Years	Dickson Family
2 Years	De Abreu Family, Los Banos Family, Forgol Family, Pantinople Family, Langlois Family
1 Year or less	Kamali Family, Moore Family, Larkin Family, Zhou Family

Uniform Shop

The Uniform shop will be open on 29th and 30th January 2018 from 9am to 1pm prior to school going back on the 31st January.



THANK YOU MATER CHRISTI!

Another year done and dusted!!

We would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to everyone for attending the 2017 End of Year Christmas Concert.

It was a great night and the kids looked outstanding! It was lovely to see the Mater Christi community come together and celebrate another wonderful school year.

Thank you to the fantastic Concert Committee of Education Assistants and Teachers who made all the fabulous props and costumes.

Thank you to the students who danced and sung their little hearts out to every song. You are the reason why we do what we do!

Thank you to our team of actors, backstage crew, dancers and singers who blew everyone away with their magnificent talent.

Lastly, we would like to thank all the staff and parents for their support over the last couple of weeks preparing for the big day.

We are truly blessed to have such an amazing school community and we are grateful that we get to be a part of it.

We look forward to doing it all again next year!

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Love to you all!!

Ms Ross & Mrs Pottier

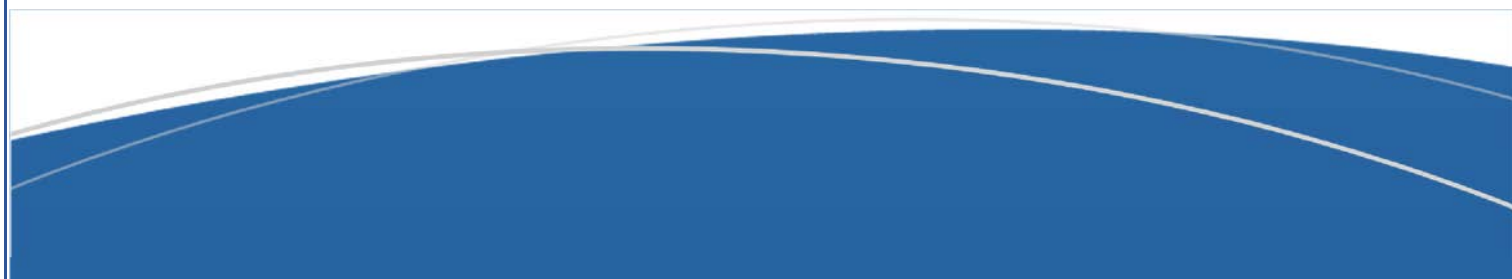
Music & Drama Specialists



Wishing you peace, joy, and all the best this wonderful holiday has to offer. May this incredible time of giving and spending time with family bring you joy that lasts throughout the year.



Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year



P & F News

As we approach the end of the year, we would like to recognise the achievements of the Mater Christi P&F for 2017. We wish to thank the parents within the school for their support of these activities and events throughout the year.

- Kindy Morning Teas and Literacy morning teas were hosted at beginning of the year
- Morning teas organised for each Year Group Mass
- Coordination of Class Representatives – including receiving nominations and confirming Class Reps for each year. Tasks throughout the year include distributing Class Lists, writing emails to inform parents, writing emails to assist Class Reps with duties which include organising social get-togethers for parents. The extra tasks required for Year Six Graduation are also managed within this role.
- Meetings are held every month during school term. The agenda and minutes of the meetings are posted on the school website at <http://portal.mcps.wa.edu.au/> (password = mccpsparent).
- Information about the Parents and Friends Federation of WA Inc. is provided. Parents are encouraged to look at the website via the link provided on the portal page (as above, under the 'MC Parents and Friends' drop-down menu). Mater Christi is an affiliated school so parents have been provided with the 'Parents' password so they can access further information.
- Entertainment book fundraiser, with funds allocated to school resources
- Providing a free Easter egg raffle for the children at Mater Christi
- Donation of two bikes which were built as a MC staff team building day and donated to children through HeartKids WA
- 'Australia's Biggest Morning Tea' was held in June to raise funds for the Cancer Council.
- Funded and hosted the Mothers' Day Stall and Father's Day breakfast.
- P&F members helped with grooming students on Photo Day.
- The Mater Christi Parents Business Directory continues to be updated once a semester and available online.
- Magnetic Display Pockets were provided to all Kindy parents
- One guest speaker was funded - Kristie Cronin spoke about Kids Matter: Youth Mental Health
- Advertised and encouraged parents to nominate staff for the National Excellence in Teaching Awards (NEiTA)
- Provided \$20,000 to fulfil the teacher's wish list of resources for 2017.

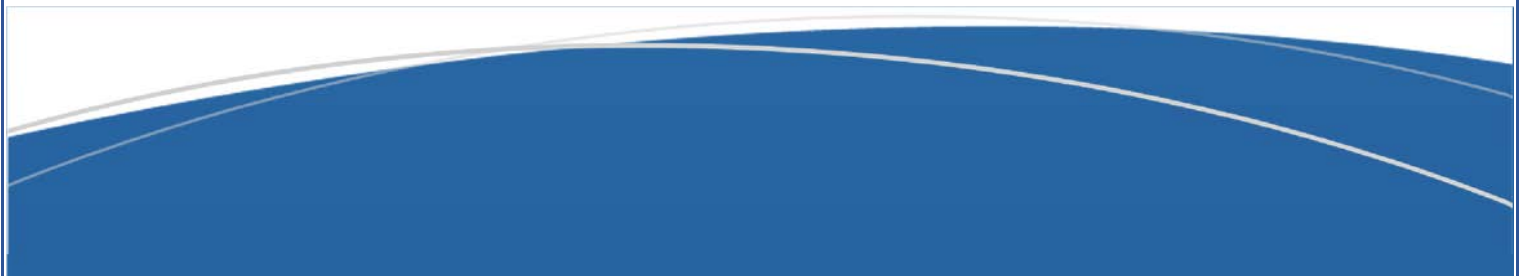
Contact: pandf@mcps.wa.edu.au

Class Rep News

Class Representatives For 2018

Many thanks to the wonderful volunteers who are your Class Representatives for 2018. Your generous support is greatly appreciated. Is your child in one of these classes next year without a rep? Kindy A, 2B, 4A, 5B, 5C. These classes have no representative and your help is needed to fill these positions. Please contact me at michellehall080@gmail.com if you would be able to help.

Kind regards,
Michelle Hall
Class Representative Coordinator
2018



CLASS	2018 TEACHER	Class Rep	Child
Kindy A	Mrs Donna Ward		
Kindy B	Mrs Donna Ward	Niamh O'Halloran Kelly Hulme	Saoirse Archie
Kindy C	Mrs Mandy Jeffrey	Mandy Kolkman	Jai
Kindy D	Ms Christina Houdeck	Rachel/Ryan Rawlins	
PP A	Mrs Kirsty Cunningham	Corey Neira Jessica Hicks	Avery Harry
PP B	Mrs April Stewart	Louise McEntee	Colm
PP C	Miss Megan Hardie	Karen Hearn	Seth
1A	Miss Adele Paino	Tanya Forzatti	Isaac
1B	Miss Hannah Kolbusz	Kristie Ainsworth	Harper
1C	Mrs Jo Jensen	Vanessa Martins	Tyler
2A	Mrs Cassandra Mortimer	Jessica Burleigh	Hamish
2B	Miss Sarah Cooke		
2C	Mrs Kate Cosnett	Jessica Boatwright	Thomas
3A	Miss Sarah McIntyre	Lucy De Aguiar	Isabella
3B	Mr Nicholas Magry	Simone Douglas	Ava
3C	Mrs Kayla Trimble/Mrs Stacey Williamson	Linda Corlett Karen Simons	Isaac Steele
4A	Mrs Siobhan O'Donnell		
4B	Mr Jacob O-Reilly	Nicole Murtagh	Flynn
4C	Miss Sally Chamberlain	Andrea Hegney	Charlie
5A	Mrs Tamara Yock/ Miss Katie McNally	Michele Cuthbert	Lily
5B	Mrs Nicole Nuttall		
5C	Ms Rachel Sita		
6A	Miss Rebecca McMahon	Renae Hall	Madison
6B	Miss Courtney Edmondson	Jazz Sargant	Charlotte
6C	Miss Madeline Gibb	Nicoletta Nici Kristine Mackenzie	Gianni Nicola

Save the Date 2018:

Campout Saturday 17th March



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Be the star! Boost Your Voice and Confidence Workshops

Session 1: Jan 2nd-4th

Session 2: Jan 9th-11th

9.30-11.30am

Kadidjiny Park Hall Melville

Learn powerful techniques to boost
your confidence in singing!

Project your voice, Power circles,
song arranging and so much more

for ages 7 to 12

More info and booking:

Choirs4kids.com.au /events



SING A SONG OF CHRISTMAS!

Friday 22nd December 1.30-2.30pm

Kadidjiny Park Hall, Melville

Singing a selection of warm ups, Christmas fun
songs, action songs, Grand Parachute games, Echo
songs. A great opportunity to see what we do at

Choirs4kids ready for 2018!

\$10 per child



Booking essential:

Choirs4kids.com.au/events

South Lake Dental Therapy Centre

South Lake Dental Therapy Centre will close Friday
15th December 2017 and re-open Monday 29/1/2018
8.a.m.

For emergencies only please contact

Beaconsfield DTC 93358758 19/12/17 to 22/12/17.

Mt Henry Clinic 93130552 27/12/2017 to 25/1/2018.

! & Drink, Entertainment & Activities, Games & Raffles, AYLA Food Drive



BEELIAR COMMUNITY VOICE PRESENTS:

Arthur's Christmas a family movie night

sponsored by:



The movie will start when the sun sets!

6.30pm | 16th Dec | Beeliar Oval

Net Set Go



Seeking Expressions of Interest: NetSetGo Centre Coordinator & Coaching Coordinator for 2018

The NetSetGo program at Mater Christi has been very popular throughout Terms 2 & 3 of the past two years. To enable the program to continue in 2018, the roles of Centre Coordinator and Coaching Coordinator need to be filled.

If you are interested in taking on either or both of these rewarding roles, I am happy to meet with you to run through the logistical and admin side of running the program, and hand over my planning documents, etc.

Please make contact if you'd like more information.

Rebecca Wright

MCCPS NetSetGo Centre Coordinator & Coaching Coordinator 2016-2017

School Banking Future Games Competition

Congratulations to **Ella Forster (6A)** for winning a Master Prize containing a Nintendo Switch Console and Just Dance & Mario Kart games! Ella won this awesome prize by using the Commonwealth Bank Future Savers App. Well done Ella – enjoy your prize!

