

Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Volume 1

3th February 2017



Dear Parents and Carers

It was lovely to see the excitement on the faces of our students as they entered their new classes for 2017 on Wednesday. It was also noticeable that there were many smiles on the faces of the parents. (*I wonder why?*)

I would like to extend an especially warm welcome to the families who have joined the community of Mater Christi this year. Thank you for sharing part of your journey with us. I trust that you will be very happy here as we work in partnership to develop each child's passion for learning! You can be assured there will be lots of opportunities for you to take an active role in the education of your child in a variety of ways throughout the school and within the classroom.

I extend a very warm welcome to new staff who have joined our community this year.

Miss Hannah Kolbusz (1B)
Miss Sarah Cooke (2B)
Mrs Laura Barker (4A)
Mrs Tamara Yock (5A – Thurs & Fri)
Miss Ivana Kezic (5B)
Mrs Michelle Tipic (TA Yr 1)
Mrs Tania Marraffa (Support)



My thanks to the staff who have been at school for the past couple of weeks preparing for the year. The staff feel very privileged to be part of your child's learning journey and believe that the best outcomes for your child will come about if we work together.

Our older students have also settled quickly and adjusted to their new classes, teachers and routines without fuss. It is however a timely reminder that we can help our children continue the positive transition by ensuring they get plenty of sleep at night and arrive at school on time, prepared for the new day. Arriving late and walking into a settled classroom after the bell can often cause a child unnecessary anxiety and separation problems.

I particularly acknowledge our senior students as they begin their leadership responsibilities for the year. Next Monday morning at 9am we will all gather as a community at Church for our School Mass (Yr One –Yr Six) where our young leaders will be acknowledged. I hope that many parents and extended family members are able to join us.

Dates for Next Week

**Monday
6th February**

9am Whole School
Mass – blessing of
student leaders &
distribution of
bagdes

**Tuesday
7th February**

Swimming Trials
Yrs Four-Six
(Riverton
Leisureplex)

**Wednesday
8th February**

School Banking

**Uniform Shop Open
8am to 10.30am
1.20pm to 3.20pm**

**Thursday
9th February**

**Friday
10th February**

**Saturday 11th February
Sunday 12th February**

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Parent Information Meetings

On Tuesday 14 February parents have an opportunity to meet all year level teachers where they will hear about class expectations, routines, homework procedures, communication, reporting opportunities and the curriculum to be covered for the year level.

This year we have also included a general community information session where whole school initiatives and priorities will be outlined.

Session One: 5.30pm – 5.55pm – Year Level information Session (In each Year Level Classroom)

Session Two: 6.00pm – 6.25pm – Who School Initiatives and Priorities for 2017 (Undercover Area)

Session Three: 6.30pm – 6.55pm – Repeat of Session One (In each Year Level Classroom)

These are valuable information sessions, made more valuable through your presence.

P&F Meeting

The first P&F meeting for the year will take place following the Parent Information Meetings at 7pm in the Staffroom. Everyone is most welcome to come along and be part of the great community spirit. See you there.

Communication

As parents you are the main educators for your children and you work in partnership with the school. Communication between school and home maintains and builds this partnership. If you have a question or concern about your child's schooling, please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible rather than waiting. Often a problem is solved quickly this way. Research shows that if the children know that teachers and parents are working together for their betterment, the child will perform better at school.

Newsletter

The school newsletter is published each Friday and the link to access the school website is emailed to each family. It is an important form of communication to parents and contains much information about life at school.

The staff and I look forward to working in partnership with you during 2017.

God bless

Toni Kalat

Welcome to Mater Christi

We welcome the following Students who have joined the Mater Christi Community:-

Safoura Shariat (PPA), Camden Mollica (PPB), Sofia Manfriani (PPB), Ziba Shariat (1A), Dave Tolitol (1A), Elliya Payne (1A), Amy D'Arrigo (1B), Genevieve Emmitt (1B), Lime Jang (1C), Josh Long (2B), Chloe D'Arrigo (3A), Tayla Hearn (4A), Sienna Middleton (4A), Nathan Long (4C), Vaisnabi Dhac (5A), Charlotte Emmitt (6A).

Religious Education

Giving Day

Every Friday at Mater Christi is giving day. All donations of non-perishable foods would be greatly appreciated.

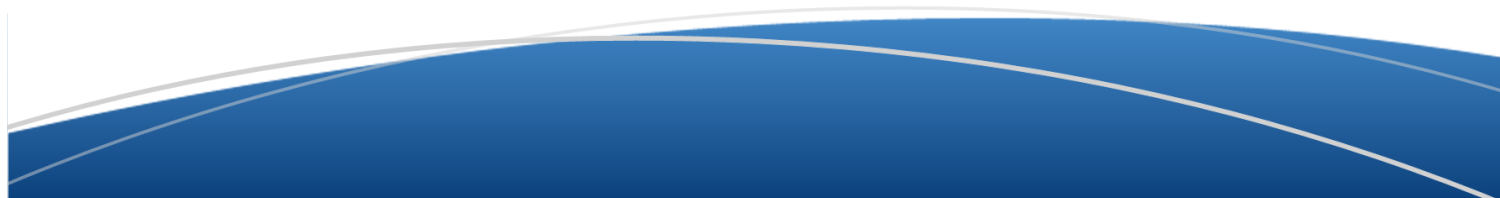
Whole School Mass

On **Monday 6th February** we will celebrate our first whole school Mass for 2017 at 9am. During this Mass, Farther Dat will welcome all new students and staff to our community and also bless our Year Six student leaders, as they take on their new roles in our school. All are most welcome.

Best Wishes

Courtney Dunsire

Assistant Principal

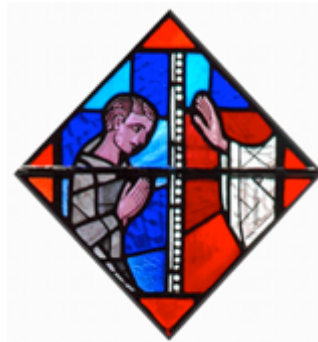


Parish News

Sacramental Dates for 2017

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

To enable forward planning, the Sacramental dates for 2017 are as follows:



Sacrament	Event	Date
ALL Sacraments	Collection of all Sacrament Enrolment Forms	18 th & 19 th February 6pm & 10am Mass only
	General Sacrament Meeting for parents of ALL children receiving a Sacrament	Wednesday, 22 nd February 7pm
	Return of all Sacrament Enrolment Forms	25 th & 26 th February 6pm & 10am Mass only
Confirmation	Confirmation Commitment Masses	25 th & 26 th March 6pm, 10am & 5pm Mass
	Confirmation Parent/Child Workshops	2 nd & 3 rd May
	Confirmation Meeting for Candidates	Wednesday, 7 th June @ 3:30pm
	Confirmation	Saturday, 10th & Sunday, 11th June
Communion	First Communion Commitment Masses	24 th & 25 th June
	First Holy Communion Parent/Child Workshops	25 th & 26 th July 6pm & 10am Mass only
	First Holy Communion	Sat 5th & Sun 6th August, Sat 12th & Sun 13th August, Sat 19th & Sun 20th August
Reconciliation	Reconciliation Commitment Masses	9 th & 10 th September 6pm & 10am Mass only
	Reconciliation Parent/Child Workshops	12 th & 13 th September
	Reconciliation	Sat 21st October, Sat 28th October, Sat 4th November & Sat 11th November

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.

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.

After School Pick Up

All children who are not walking, cycling or being picked up at the classroom at 3.05pm will need to go to the undercover area where they will be supervised by the teachers on duty. Other arrangements with after school care providers are fine. Please do not ask your children to wait for you in a different location.

If you do not wish to use the drive through area, please park your vehicle and collect your children from the undercover area.

All children must be collected from the school grounds by 3.30pm.

If you are running late, please make alternative arrangements to have your child collected.

Allergy Aware

In 2017 we have students in our school with severe nut allergies. Touching these items, as well as ingestion, may provoke a reaction. Due to the seriousness of this allergy, we are asking you to refrain from sending nut based products to school for recess, lunch and birthday treats.

Appropriate steps have been put in place to ensure Mater Christi is a safe place for all our students. We ask that you also take the time to talk to your child about the following tips to help decrease the risk of any student having an allergic reaction. These include:

- not sharing food
- washing their hands before and after eating since some students can have reactions on contact (such as a doorknob, playground equipment, computer etc).
- avoid bringing foods to school that most often cause an allergic reaction eg nuts and nut based products.

We thank you in advance and we appreciate your cooperation in making our school a happy and safe environment for everyone.

Book Club

Book club is due

Wednesday 15th February by 3pm

No cash payments or paper orders please. Please use LOOP on scholastic website.

Any orders placed after the closing date and time will be charged \$4.99 for home delivery.

Thank you,
Emily Richards
Library Officer

Book Club

Dear Parents,

Mater Christi School participates in the Scholastic Book club. Catalogues are distributed to the students about 8 times a year. This is a great way to purchase books for your children and earn points for our school, which are used to obtain books for the library.

If you wish to order from an issue please follow the listed procedures:

- **Log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download our NEW iPhone and iPad app from the App Store!**
- For a quick start, just click on **ORDER** in the top menu or **REGISTER** first to save your details for next time
- Select your school and your child's class
- Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for) i.e. John S.
- Enter the item number from the Book Club brochure
- You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school
- All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date
- **Do not return paper order forms, cash or payment receipt details to your school!**
- **No late orders will be accepted. If you order after the due date you will need to pay a delivery fee to have the order delivered to your home.**
- For a quick how-to-order video, log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP and click on **HELP** in the top menu.

Please feel free to come and see me in the Library if you have any queries.

Kind Regards
Emily Richards

SWIMMING TRIALS AND CARNIVAL

It's that time of year again when the Year Four – Six students can display their superb swimming skills in order to compete for the honour of being the Champion Team.

Swimming Trials (Indoors)

Trials will be held on Tuesday 7th February (Week Two) at the Riverton Leisureplex.

Trials are done in a 50m pool. Students will get to choose their events and what distance they wish to swim (25m or 50m). ***Students should feel comfortable with their choices and be able to swim the distance.***

Very Important - If your son or daughter is in Stage 4 or below or is not comfortable swimming then let Mr Donnelly know as soon as possible (*Please also indicate this on the form*). Those students wanting to do 50m should be in Stage 6 or above.

To be eligible for Interschool selection a student must enter **50m Events** and be fast enough to swim in an "A" or "B" division race.

Trials will commence at 10:30am and finish at approximately 2:30pm

Year 5: 10:30 – 11:50am Year 4: 11:50am – 1:30pm

Year 6: 1:30 – 2:30pm

Swimming Carnival (Outdoor Swimming Pool)

The Swimming Carnival will be held on Monday 20th March (Week Eight – to be confirmed) at the Warnbro Aqua Jetty (87 Warnbro Sound Ave, Warnbro). This is a 50m pool. More information will follow.

URGENT MORE PARENT HELPERS REQUIRED

Parent help is essential to conduct events of this size. If you are available to help at the Trials and/or the Swimming Carnival please indicate this below.

NOTE: ALL FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO SCHOOL BY FRIDAY 3rd FEBRUARY

**Ryan Donnelly
HPE**

Thank You

Georgia Farnan Fundraiser You're on a Jar This Month

Last year for the entire month of December, Georgia's Gigantic Grin was on a Local Matters Jar at Grill'd Cockburn.

Local Matters is the Grill'd community donation program that sees each Grill'd restaurant donate back into the community every month.

Thank you to everyone who supported us by placing their tokens in our jar after they had purchased a burger and pop.

We won 1st place \$300 in the Grill'd Local Matters Promotion.

School Attendance - Absentees

If your child will be absent or late to school, it is important to ring the school office on 9417 5756 or email us **absentee@mcps.wa.edu.au** before 9am. All messages or emails should include the child's full name, class and reason for absence. Any student arriving after 8.45 must come to the office to sign in before going to class.

If the school has not been contacted by 9.30am an SMS will be sent to your mobile number requesting you to contact the school to explain the absence.

It is a legal requirement that the school receives a signed note for all student absences, therefore if an email has not been sent we will require a note upon your child's return to school. For extended absences such as holidays, please visit the office to complete a pink Leave of Absence Form.

LAST CHANCE: ENROLLMENTS FOR 2017 INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM

Welcome Back!

Thank you to all those who have submitted their enrollment forms for Term One.

Lessons begin next week (week two).

If you have not submitted your enrollment form and would like your child to learn an instrument in Term One, your last chance is Monday 6th of February.

All forms received after this date will not be accepted until Term Two.

If you have any questions, please come and see me in the Music Room.

Thank you!

Ms Alison Ross
Music Specialist
PAF & Instrumental Program Coordinator

Collecting Students During School Hours

If you need to collect your child during school hours to attend an appointment, you need to go to the office first to sign out the child/ren. The Student Release Form then needs to be given to the class teacher before the child will be released. If you are arranging for someone other than a parent/authorised guardian to collect the student, this person needs to come into the school office with a signed note that states they are authorised to collect the student. If you know in advance that you will be collecting your child, please let the class teacher know in the morning.

Parking

Thank you for remembering to reverse park! It is the safest option. Parking information is on the school website. If you have a towbar, please try to reverse park short of the brick paving on the oval side, so that walkers can get safely past your vehicle. The oval will be open next week as well, until more people start using the drive through. Please do **not** park on the grass or paving around the school.

Punctuality

For Pre Primary to Year Six students school lobbies open at 8.30am. Please make every effort to have children in class on time ready to start the day by 8.45am. Being settled can and does make a significant difference to what your child gets out of their day. It is also important in order that the teaching and learning programme for the children already there is not disrupted.

P&F News

The P&F office bearers for 2017 are:

Teresa Lawson (President)

Marina Hayward (Vice President)

Secretary

Rebecca Exham (Treasurer)

Food Co ordinator

Communication Coordinator

Leonie Jones (Class Rep Coord)

Michelle Hall (Sun Smart Rep)

Marina Hayward (Parish Rep)

Any comments, suggestions or queries are warmly welcome.

We are looking for people to fill the roles of Secretary, Food Coordinator and Newsletter & Communication Coordinator

Please contact us on: pandf@mcps.wa.edu.au

Class Rep Event

• Year KC – Saturday 18th February

Meet n Greet / Playdate

Playground near Surfing Lizard Café, Coogee

RSVP Class Rep by 17/2

Congratulations

Beatrice Devlyn (Year Six 2009) has been drafted into the Fremantle Dockers Womens Team.

A story about her can be viewed on the Fremantle website: <https://shar.es/1OWSgJ>

Parking and Traffic Flow around the School

Below is a reminder about our Parking and Traffic rules to ensure the safety of our children at all times. We ask for you to exercise patience and caution.

- The first driveway with yellow arrows is 'drive-through' and is for pick-up and drop-off only. Overtaking in the 'drive-through' to get to the back of the school is potentially dangerous. If there is a need to gain access to that area, drivers must wait in the queue.
- The second driveway with blue arrows is for parking, and getting out of the car to walk in to the school to collect children. This area has an 8km speed limit.
- Please be courteous to others and allow them the time to 'Reverse park'.
- Stopping or double parking is not permitted. Please only park your vehicle in a designated parking bay.
- Please do not ask children to wait for you at the front of the school or on the oval. They are to wait in the undercover area where they are supervised.
- The 'Baby Bays' are for the use by parents/guardians with prams.





Mater Christi PS Before School Tennis Term 1 2017

Thursday mornings from 7:40 to 8:25 starting on the 9th of February
Cost: \$130 for 8 weeks Free ANZ Hot Shots T-shirt for all eligible participants!
Racquets available for purchase at \$25.00 each

Payment methods: Cash or cheque

EFT (James Guilfoile, ANZ Bank, BSB 016 268, Acct. # 563472407)

Please complete and return the attached registration form along with payment before the first lesson. Contact Jim Guilfoile at jimmystennis@iprimus.com.au, or on 0403 743 147 if you have any queries. Kindly advise if your child has any medical conditions on the back of the form.

Child or Children's Names _____

DOB _____

Address _____

Contact Phone No. _____

Email _____

Parent or Guardian Name(s) _____

Parent or Guardian Signature _____

Date Signed _____

