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 MacKillon

9am Mass (3C)

Dates for Next Week

WELLNESS WEEK

Monday

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	Mary, of the Cross MacKillop		27 th February	Year 6 Leadership Day
			Tuesday 28 th February	
Dear Parents and C	arers	<i>1</i> 7.0		
<i>Our Father in heave Bless these ashes</i>	en	Wednesday 1 st March	9am Ash Wednesday Mass (APRE) Yr 1-6	
May they be a sign that we belong to you and that we love you. Help us to keep faithful and true to the Gospel.				School Banking
neip us to keep fait	niui anu true to the Gospei.	Prepare Pray		Uniform Shop Open 8am to 10.30am
Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a season in the life of the Church				1.20pm to 3.20pm
•	reparation for the great feast of onship with God and with each of			
our lives, our relationship with God and with each other. It is an opportunity to put God's values back where they belong and in so doing find the peace that only God can bring. The three main themes of Lent are prayer , fasting and alms giving .				Free Dress day (money raised to
As Lent begins nex	t week, we are reminded to be f	1	Caritas)	

be guided along this journey by such Gospel values as

Love, Hope, Trust, Service, Forgiveness, Peace, Respect, Acceptance, Compassion and Justice

Lent is a special time where it is an opportunity to stop and reflect on how we live our lives. Lent gives us the opportunity to think of our commitment to our faith a little more and the effort we put into it. Through our life how do we go about building that relationship with our God. Perhaps there is an opportunity to go to Mass during the week, make a visit to our Church before or after school or even take a little time to reach out to someone in need.

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Friday 3rd March

STUDENT FREE DAY

Saturday 4th March

Sunday 5th March First Sunday of Lent

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Telephone: (08) 9417 5756 Facsimile: (08) 9417 9092 Email: admin@mcps.wa.edu.at Absentees Email: absentee@mcps.wa.edu.au Website: www.mcps.wa.edu.au **The Sign of the Cross Pamphlet** The Sign of the Cross is a very simple yet profound form of prayer. It is a great tradition not only in the Catholic Church but also in many others. Please take the time to read through the pamphlet that accompanies the newsletter to fully understand and appreciate this beautiful prayer – as some days this may be the prayer that sustains us and keeps us going and also welcoming Jesus into our day. You may like to share aspects of your reading with your child/ren.



Year Four Assembly This morning our talented Year Four children and their gifted teachers entertained all of us with a humorous poem 'Jack and the Beanstalk' by Roald Dahl. Thank you so much to Mrs Barker, Mrs Boland and Mr O'Reilly in preparing their brilliant actors for this event. It was a great showcase of the talent we have at Mater Christi.

Year Six Leadership Day On Monday the Year Six students will be taking part in a Leadership Development Day. Mr Mark Clayden, (our Board Chair and one of our parents) will lead the students through a variety of activities to help them broaden their understanding of leadership, the skills and attitudes that they all need to nurture and practice so as to be people whom others look to and look up to.

Wellness Week: Week Five of every term is Wellness Week. During next week there is no homework for the children and no meetings for teachers. There are a number of staff and children who are unwell at the moment so Wellness Week is very timely.

Free Dress Thursday Next Thursday is the last day of Week Five as all staff have Professional Development on Friday 3 March. All children are able to wear Free Dress and to assist in putting into practice our mantra 'Never see a need without doing something about it' everyone is invited to being in a gold coin or two and the money raised will go to Caritas (Project Compassion).



God bless

Our prayers and sympathies to



Mr and Mrs De Abreu, Anthony (6A), Joshua (4A) and Zavier (PPC) on the loss of their grandmother.

Let us keep the family in our prayers. May their loved ones rest in the peace and love of God.

Our prayers are with all these families and those in our community who are in need.

Religious Education

Ash Wednesday

Lent begins on Wednesday 1st March. Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self denial and helping others. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence. On Ash Wednesday, we will celebrate Mass, be marked with a cross of ashes and be reminded to



"turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." This reminder is also an invitation to reflect on how we might live Lent this year. Mass will be celebrated at <u>Mater Christi</u> <u>Church at 9am</u>. All are most welcome.

Project Compassion

Each year Lent offers us the opportunity to share what we have with those who have less. This year's Lenten season theme is 'Love Your Neighbour.' As Pope Francis said, "Love of God and love of neighbour is one and the same thing."

Every classroom has a small Project Compassion money box. By donating to the project compassion box, you will be helping to empower our world's most vulnerable neighbours to grow stronger and share their strengths with their communities, to build a better future for our common home.

Parish News

Sacramental Program 2017

Thank you to the students and their families who collected Sacrament Enrolment Forms at Mass last weekend.

We now invite you to join us at a Parish Mass this weekend to <u>return</u> your completed Enrolment Forms.

We look forward to seeing you on **Saturday 25th February at 6:00pm OR Sunday 26th February at 10:00am**.





MATER CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH SCHEDULE 2017

Thursday 30 th March		Friday 31 st March		
8.00am	STAFF	8.00am	FAMILY PHOTOS	
8.30am	SRC *			
9.00am	ARTS CAPTAINS, SPORTS CAPTAINS, SCIENCE CAPTAINS HEAD ALTAR SERVERS 2C	8.45am	GRADUATION * SENIOR CHOIR JUNIOR CHOIR YR 6 VOCAL ENSEMBLE	
9.15am	3B	9.15am	KA	
9.30am	PPC	9.30am	KC	
9.45am	PPA	9.45am	3A	
10.00am	PPB	10.00am	3C	
10.15am	FAMILY PHOTOS	10.15am	FAMILY PHOTOS	
11.00am	5C	11.00am	2B	
11.15am	КВ	11.15am	1B	
11.30am	KD	11.30am	1C	
11.45am	5B	11.45am	1A	
12.00pm	5A	12.00pm	2A	
12.15pm	FAMILY PHOTOS	12.15pm	FAMILY PHOTOS	
1.15pm	4A	1.15pm	4C	
1.30pm	6B	1.30pm	4B	
1.45pm	6C	1.45pm	FAMILY PHOTOS	
2.00pm	6A			
2.15pm	FAMILY PHOTOS	2:15pm	PROOFING & ADMIN TIME	

* GROUP PHOTOS INCLUDE ALL NECESSARY TEACHERS

* SPORTS CAPTAINS TO WEAR SPORTS UNIFORM. ALL OTHER STUDENTS IN SUMMER UNIFORM





Emmanuel Catholic College Enviro Club

The Emmanuel Litter Task Force would like to invite students from Mater Christi Catholic Primary School to join the Enviro Club for 2017.

History

In 2011 Emmanuel started a committee to deal with litter and waste in the College. Since then, students have been involved in leadership opportunities, workshops, creating and maintaining the College garden, worm farms and recycling programs covering paper, cans and mobile phones.

The Emmanuel Environmental Leadership Squad (EELS) has won a number of awards and has worked to gain and maintain accreditation as a Waste Wise and Keep Australia Beautiful Clean school. In 2014, the Litter Task Force won the Keep Australia Beautiful STAR Youth Achievement Award as well as the overall Chairman's Award for Excellence. In 2015 the College won a Highly Commended Award at the Waste Authority's Infinity Awards in both the categories of Waste Wise Schools and Waste Champion (Lee Durrant 2014 Environmental Captain). In 2016 the College won the Waste Authority's Infinity Awards in both the categories of Waste Wise Schools and Waste Champion (Mrs Kylie Kingdon).



Enviro Club

Created in 2013, the Enviro Club is aimed at year 7-9 students and looks at the practical side of the environmental programs at the College. The Enviro Club maintains the worm farms, organises the can recycling and looks after the College veggie garden. Students bond over afternoon tea before heading off to complete a number of environmentally friendly tasks to help close the waste cycle. Students get to take home the produce they have helped grow. In previous years we had a bumper harvest of celery, lettuce, beans, chives and parsley to name a few. Students also got to take home tomato plants, cuttings from various plants and their own little worm farm.



Partnership with Mater Christi Catholic Primary School

We would like to offer the high school students a chance to develop their environmental leadership whilst teaching Mater Christi Catholic Primary students the importance of recycling, worm farming and how to reduce the amount of waste produced. This is based on an environmental education model called 'Kids Teaching Kids'. The older students will be involved in planning the activities and teaching the younger students how to complete the tasks.

We would invite students onto the Emmanuel campus for these sessions. Parents would need to transport their children from Mater Christi Catholic Primary School to the Emmanuel campus. Parents are more than welcome to stay or they can drop students off and collect them from the campus at the end of the session from the front of the College.

Sessions run fortnightly on Tuesday afternoons. Afternoon tea starts at 3:40pm with Enviro Club activities usually starting around 3:45pm. Sessions finish at 4:45pm unless started otherwise. Once your child has signed up a program of dates will be sent to you with fortnightly email reminders.

If you would like more information, please feel free to contact Mrs Kylie Kingdon at Emmanuel Catholic College on 9414 4000 or via email (kingdon.kylie@emmanuel.wa.edu.au)

		SIGN	UP FORM		
Student Name:					
Year Group:	2	3	4	5	
Parent/emergency	Contact				
Name:					
Phone Number:					
Email Address: (Email address will sessions)	be used in	case of can	celation due	e to weather a	and for reminders of
Any medical conditi	ons:				
Please detail any fo	od allergie	s (afternoor	n tea purpos	Ses)	
Please return this form to Mrs Kylie Kingdon at Emmanuel Catholic College via email or drop into the front office of the College by latest Friday 3 rd March.					

Board Newsletter Report February 2017

I would like to extend a belated, but warm welcome back to all our families from the Mater Christi Primary School Board. The Board met for the first time this week in preparation for a busy 2017.

Your board members for the 2017 school year are

PRINCIPAL	Miss Toni Kalat
CHAIRPERSON	Mr Mark Clayden
VICE CHAIRPERSON	Mr Francois Langlois
TREASURER	Mr Brad Pymont
SECRETARY	Mrs Jodi Hampel
P&F BOARD REPRESENTATIVE	Mrs Karen Simons
PARISH PRIEST	Fr Dat Vuong
MEMBERS Mr Julian Symons Mr Thomas Heinzle	Mr Dinny Kutty Mr Luke Zammit

The Board has many goals that we hope to achieve this year and one is to improve our communication with the Mater Christi community. After each meeting we will provide the community with a brief overview of the meeting discussions so you, the families, have a greater appreciation of what is happening within the school.

First 4 weeks!!

A huge thank you to all the staff at the school for their efforts in getting the school year up and running. The feedback on school events such as the parent information evening and sacramental masses were discussed and suggestions have been made for improvements in 2018.

Oval development

The Board will be considering options into the continued development of the oval as an improved space for both our Mater Christi community and our Yangebup neighbourhood. These considerations will need to be discussed with the Cockburn Council as we look to work together on several projects in the future. Most notably increasing the parking facilities and improved sun protection in playground areas on the oval.

School Improvement Plan

Another goal of the Board is to complete a review of the schools building and facilities to determine if the physical structures are providing our students with the best possible learning environments. This has already been seen in many new upgrades to buildings and rooms but as the staff continue to recommend innovative and contemporary teaching strategies the Board must also continue to make sure they have the facilities to achieve this.

New CEWA Accounting Procedures

The Finance committee has done a fantastic job in working through the introduction of the new accounting system requirements. It will continue to be a learning project for the Board but we are very confident in the people working with this at the school and the support that CEWA is giving us.

P&F News

Welcome to week four of term!

Many of you may not know me, my name is Teresa Lawson, I am the President of the Mater Christi Parents and Friends Association.

This year we have set some specific goals for the P&F.

1: To Communicate more effectively with the Mater Christi community

2: To be more inclusive, inviting and available to our families.

3: To provide events to enhance community spirit and to provide relevant Guest Speakers to support families in parenting and childrens' development.

4: To financially support the school by providing additional educational resources and materials.

We will be using this space in the newsletter to keep you up to date on what is happening within the P&F and any events coming up.

If you have any feedback for the P&F, any queries you would like answered or would like to be involved in any way, be it big or small please feel free to send us an email at pandf@mcps.wa.edu.au or leave a message in the Parent Feedback box in the library, in the Parents Section.

I would like to let everyone know of one of the ways the P&F contributes to the school and your child's education. Each year the teachers, leadership team and specialist teachers develop a list of additional resources and tools that will support and enhance the childrens' learning and development. This list is then given to the P&F and together we decide how we can contribute. In some previous years we have worked through and chosen specific items that we have been able to fund, in the case of last year we were able to provide funding for all of the resources and requests on the list. A brief summary of the list is shown below for your information.

On top of this last year the P&F also provided \$11,500 worth of new home readers, we hope the children are enjoying them.

P&F WISHLIST 2016 DEPARTMENT AMOUNT Music (Fruit shakers, percussion instruments) \$1323.80 IT(Bee Bots – jnr primary teaching aid) \$ 409.90 PE (full set of badminton raquets/shuttles and tennis racquets) \$1000.00 ELC (New floor mat and extra storage) \$1000.00 Science (list attached) \$2290.50 Kindy(outdoor paint trolley/ blackboard and paint easels \$1000.00 Year 1 (Construction and outside play equipment) \$816.00 Year 4 (comfy cushions, 15 dictionaries, 2 x Numero demonstration packs) \$ 559.09 Year 5 (A3 Guillotine, 2 x Portable Bluetooth speaker) \$ 400.00 \$8799.29 Total.

Should you have any questions about the information provided please feel free to contact me. Teresa Lawson on behalf of the P&F

P&F News

The P&F office bearers for 2017 are:

Teresa Lawson (President) Marina Hayward (Vice President) Leah Rheinberger (Secretary) Rebecca Exham (Treasurer) Tina Stevens (Food Co ordinator) Deborah Horton (Communication Coordinator) Leonie Jones (Class Rep Coord) Michelle Hall (Sun Smart Rep) Marina Hayward (Parish Rep) Any comments, suggestions or queries are warmly welcome.

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



Democratic Sausage Sizzle

Saturday 11th March

Volunteers Needed ! 7.30am – 1.30pm

Email <u>pandf@mcps.wa.edu.au</u> with your name, contact number and the time slot you can fill.

> 7.30 - 8.30am 8.30 - 9.30am 9.30 - 10.30am 10.30 - 11.30am 11.30 - 12.30pm 12.30 - 1.30pm

The view from our windows

To the driver of the **blue Navara 1BRS 650** we ask to please park in a designated car bay when collecting your child/ren.

20 February 2017

Dear Catholic school communities



On Thursday, 16 February, the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse released the full report of its survey results on claims made against Catholic organisations for alleged child sexual abuse.

The public release of this information has finally provided a voice for the victims of abuse and has justifiably been deeply distressing and confronting for Catholics and society in general. As a Catholic education community in Western Australia and nationally, we are profoundly saddened and shamed by the failures of so many in our Church to care for our children and young people.

It is my deepest hope that the challenging work of the Royal Commission, and its findings, will help heal some of the unimaginable pain of the victims of this abuse. As a Catholic community, we acknowledge the victims who have come forward and shared their stories, and we thank them for their extraordinary bravery and willingness to help Australians understand what happened to them.

As the Archbishop of Perth, the Most Rev Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, has expressed, "*each substantiated case* represents a child or young person who had their innocence stolen from them, nearly always with devastating and long lasting effects on their lives. Each incidence of sexual abuse by a priest represents a chilling and destructive betrayal of everything the Catholic Church purports to stand for. Beyond the almost unimaginable suffering of the victims and survivors of this abuse, the circle of suffering widens out to include their families, their friends and the wider community."

As a father with children in Catholic schools, I am aware of the burden that is carried by our schools and learning communities at this time. I acknowledge the damaging impact this has on the faith of many in our communities, but also the trust and confidence that families have in Catholic education.

To provide some reassurance to our Catholic education community, I accepted an invitation from the Royal Commission to participate on a panel with other members of Catholic Education in Australia. My participation last Thursday focused on the governance structures in Catholic Education Western Australia, as well as current child-protection and child-safety policies and procedures in Catholic schools.

Significantly, it illuminated the ongoing work of our schools to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students in our care remains our highest priority. In summarising the panel discussions, Royal Commission Chair, The Hon Justice Peter McClellan AM, acknowledged the important role our schools play in providing safe learning environments and commended Catholic Education for its commitment to child safety.

I remain enlivened by the deep commitment of Principals, teachers and staff in our schools who reinforce our policies with strong pastoral support and focus on maintaining safe and engaging learning environments where all students can flourish.

This is a time of real change, a time to recognise the opportunity of healing and hope that the Royal Commission provides not only our Catholic community but our society as a whole. It allows us individually, and as Catholic learning communities, to reflect on the healing that is taking place.

This transformation will be a journey, but it is equally an imperative for Catholic Education Western Australia. I am confident that we will emerge from this time of deep reconciliation as a faith-filled Catholic education system; filled with determination and commitment to provide all students with the knowledge, skills, hope, optimism, and a Catholic worldview, to live meaningful lives, and shape and enrich the world.

As we continue to focus on our purpose of transforming learning for all, I thank you for entrusting your child's learning to one of 163 Catholic schools in Western Australia.

Yours sincerely

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Tim McDonald

Rainbows

When something significant happens in the family, the whole family is affected. Even though death and divorce appears to be a grown up problem, it does have a profound effect on the children it touches. Rainbows is a program designed especially for children who are living in single parent families, or families going through significant transitions.

Rainbows fosters emotional healing among children grieving a loss from a life-altering crisis or other significant changes in their life. Rainbows provides a safe, confidential and caring environment for young people to sort through their pain and confusion, build self-esteem and learn coping tools to deal with their change, loss and grief. The goal is to assist participants in expressing feelings, understand and talk about these feelings and to learn to let go of them and get on with living. The facilitator assists the participants in expressing feelings.

The program consists of twelve weekly sessions conducted during school hours. This year the staff member trained to facilitate the Rainbows Program is Michelle Romano. If you are interested in your child participating, please email <u>admin@mcps.wa.edu.au</u> or speak to your child's classroom teacher.

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. Please do **not** park on the grass or paving around the school.

Please be mindful of the signs at the end of the cul du sac asking **not to park in front of the gates entering the reserve** and remember to park only in designated parking bays

2018 Scholarships Now Open

Iona Presentation College is delighted to offer Academic and Music Scholarships to girls entering Years Seven and Ten in 2018

Applications Close Saturday 4 March 2017

Enrol online at www.iona.wa.edu.au/scholarships

Class Rep Event

Year KA – Friday 10th March – 10am
Class Catch Up
Croc's Playcentre, Armadale Road, Cockburn
RSVP Class Rep by 3 March

Year KB – Tuesday 28th February Morning Tea Dome Café Cockburn, Beeliar Road, Success RSVP Class Rep by 27 February

- Year KD Wednesday 1st March 9.15am Meet and Greet Crocs Play centre, Cockburn Central for coffee and play RSVP Class Rep
- Year 1A Tuesday 21st March 9am Coffee / Breakfast, Dome Port Coogee RSVP Class Rep by 14 March
- Year 1C Sunday 19th March 3pm Playdate, Bibra Lake Regional Playground RSVP Class Rep
- Year 2A Monday 27th February Coffee Catch up after school drop off Moomba Café, Cockburn Central RSVP Class Rep
- Year 5 Friday 31st March 7pm Last Drop, Beeliar RSVP Class Rep by 24 March
- Year 6 Sunday 12th March 12.30pm Lunch Raffles Hotel, Canning Beach Road, Applecross



CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE

TOUR DAYS Thursday 9 March

Tuesday 14 March Ph: (08) 6332 2500

James Nestor Performing Arts Centry

INE 100am Registration – 9.15am Start

Following an opening address from the Principal, Mrs Caroline Payne, Year 10 students will conduct guided tours of the College and grounds. Morning tea will be provided at 11.00am outside the Mater Christi Centre.

PARKING Top carpark, entrance from Mundoch Drive

REGISTRATION To register your attendance, please visit: www.trybooking.com/OTMI



www.corpus.wa.edu.au

We invite you to join our community!



OPEN MORNING 14 March 9am - 12noon

Please join us for a personalised tour of the College. Bookings are essential and can be made by visiting the College website. Mercedes is an innovator in girls' education with a rich history and tradition. The College is committed to a high quality Catholic education offering a wide range of spiritual, academic, cultural and sporting programs.

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CBC Fremantle Old Boys' Association is hosting an All Ages Reunion and Sundowner on Saturday 18 March from 5.30 to 7.30pm.

The Old Boys' All Ages reunion will include the Alumni Recognition awards, showcasing the highest accomplishments of our graduates. Alumni, staff, students and the wider community are all invited to nominate Old Boys of the College who are making a real difference in the world.

To find out more and download a nomination form, visit the Old Boys' section of the College website at www.cbcfremantle.wa.edu.au/view/old-boys-association/alumni-awards.

Any Old Boy of the College is welcome to attend and partners are welcome. Tickets are \$25.00 per person and include refreshments and entertainment. To purchase, visit <u>www.cbcfremantle.wa.edu.au</u> and click



Congratulations to the Class of 2016 on their excellent results

OPEN DAY 15 MARCH 2017 9.10am - 10.40am & 4.20pm - 6.00pm

Now interviewing places for the Year 7 intake 2019 Accepting online Academic & Music Scholarship Applications for 2018 & 2019

Gifted & Talented Program Music & Performing Arts Programs Emmanuel Aces Netball Academy Emmanuel Kings Football Academy Environmental & Bushrangers Programs

To RSVP for Open Day and further information contact our Registrar Kelly Lister on 08 9414 4055 enrolments@emmanuel.wa.edu.au

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EDUCATING TOMORROW'S LEADERS, TODAY

CBC Fremantle Open Day

At CBC Fremantle, boys learn how to become good men.

Rich in heritage and a unique part of the Fremantle community, the College supports students to become leaders and true gentlemen who, informed by Christian values with a strong sense of justice, are prepared to shape a better world.

CBC Fremantle invites you to attend our

Open Day on Tuesday 14 March 2017.

The tours commence at **2.00pm and 4.00pm** and provide a unique opportunity to see the College and meet some of the staff and students.

To register, visit the College website

www.cbcfremantle.wa.edu.au and click on the Events Quick Link. Enquiries: <u>events@cbcfremantle.wa.edu.au</u> 51 Ellen Street, Fremantle WA 6160