

Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Caregivers

As we continue our journey in this season of Lent, please find below a Lenten reflection:

Our Lenten Journey



Poor old Leunig really knows how to do penance the hard way!
I love this image, particularly as we travel along in the season of Lent.

In the lead-up to Easter, it is a special time to focus on our capacity to forgive, to give and to make our home and work places 'better places'. Indeed, in this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we can only be inspired!

Even in the face of overwhelming adversity Jesus cries out on the cross, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they are doing!"

Considering all of the above, Lent is not a season of doom and gloom.

Lent as a season of joy ... Yes, there is joy in 'giving' and joy abounds when we are merciful to others. Joy abounds that even in carrying our cross we can see the beauty around us.



Wellness Week: Any school community is really a "small scale version" of society and so when we notice something, particularly in our students – we respond as best as we can. The bigger picture with this is that we are living in a very fast paced, busy, busy, busy world. There is so much to occupy our lives and our minds! The most important and positive thing any of us can do for both our children and ourselves is to provide "time out". We are human and humans need time to rest and reflect. No distractions.

Wellness Week is the opportune time to plan how this time might look in your family. The benefits (especially in terms of mental health) we reap from ensuring that we have some time to rest are countless!

Wellness Week runs from Monday 29 February to Friday 4 March. Have a "Family Talk" during the weekend to share some ideas in preparation for the following week! REMEMBER – NO HOMEWORK!

From the Executive Director: It is with great sadness that I write to inform you of the passing of Monsignor James Nestor.

Monsignor James Nestor became Director of the Catholic Education Office in 1968, amidst grave uncertainty about funding and the future of Catholic schools. Recognising the need to continue to develop Catholic education, particularly overall governance, he formed the Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia (CECWA) in 1971 and was appointed Chairperson. Archbishop Goody placed great faith in Monsignor Nestor and CECWA in its work to draw together the system, as we know it. Bishop Quinn acknowledged him when he said *"he was by nature a person who could dialogue and who wouldn't be running a campaign to win an argument... a person who would be seeking the truth, a great listener...able to explain clearly and thoroughly decisions that might not immediately be acceptable to a person"*. He was a man of intellect, integrity, wisdom, vision and a tireless worker for Catholic education and his God. The families and children of Loreto Nedlands would recall with fondness his work as Parish Priest.

He was also awarded the papal medal *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* (for Church and Pope) by Pope Benedict XVI for his work in creating a state wide system of Catholic schools in all four dioceses. Catholic Education Western Australia owes an immense debt to Monsignor James Nestor for leading the development of the unique system of 163 schools across the state. This is commonly cited as a reason for Catholic Education Western Australia being considered the jewel in the crown nationally.

We should give thanks to the visionary work he undertook and the legacy he has left our 163 schools and almost 80,000 students. *Rest in Peace Monsignor Nestor.*

God Bless... Toni Kalat

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Dates for Next Week

WELLNESS WEEK NO HOMEWORK

**Monday
29th February**

9am Mass (1A)
Numero Incurtion
MCCC (Yr 2 & 3)
3.15-4.15pm Snr
After School Sport

**Tuesday
1st March**

3.15-4.15pm Snr
After School Sport

**Wednesday
2nd March**

8am SRC Meeting
Yr 2 Excursion –AQWA
School Banking
Uniform Shop Open
8am to 10.30am
1.20pm to 3.20pm

**Thursday
3rd March**

9am Mass (3A)
Yr5 CSL (Frank
Prendergast)
3.15-4.15pm Jnr
After School Sport

**Friday
4th March**

9am Assembly (Merit
Awards & Aussie of the
Month)

**Saturday 5th March
Sunday 6th March**

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Religious Education

3rd Week of Lent – Project Compassion – brings you Dominic's story

Dominic lives with his wife and four children in the Jiwaka Province of Papua New Guinea (PNG), where generational poverty has led to many challenges, including inequality, alcohol abuse and violence.

Dominic admits that he too faced some of these challenges. But when Caritas Australia and local partner, the Sisters of Notre Dame, established the Community Conversations program, he saw an opportunity to create change.



"I was inspired to hear of the different issues highlighted and processes used to come up with solutions," Dominic explains.

Through regular Community Conversations training sessions, Dominic learnt communication and problem-solving skills that helped him lead open, respectful community discussions in his village. By empowering everyone to voice concerns and play a role in community decisions, Dominic's village has achieved greater peace and increased respect, as well as reduced violence and alcohol abuse. Now, Dominic's community has a chance to thrive and create a better future for themselves.

"When we start to realise we have power to stand independently to change ourselves, help ourselves, we feel liberated," says Dominic. "I am most proud of the positive changes I am witnessing. I pass my big thanks and pray God will bless our supporters in Australia."

Your donation to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion provides support to programs such as Community Conversations. www.caritas.org.au

Best Wishes

Courtney Dunsire

Assistant Principal

Parish News

Sacramental Program 2016

Thank you to the students and their families who collected Sacrament Enrolment Forms at Mass over the past two weekends.

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

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday 27th February at 6:00pm or Sunday 28th February at either 8:00am, 10:00am or 5:00pm.



Science!!

Wanted a food processor for the Science Department.

If you have an old food processor we would love to have it, we are getting ready for our new worm farm and need it to munch up the worm food!!

Reminder!!

Year Five and Six parents please remind your children their Projects should be well underway remember everything is due Week eight or earlier if all complete!!

Extra information and planning sheets are available on the Science Web site!!

Don't leave it to the last minute! Please let me know if there is any issue, always happy to give extra help.

Thank you and Enjoy your weekend

Brendwyn Ziegelaar
Science



Merit Awards 4th March 2016

Year 1A	Makayla Barber, Thomas Sciascia
Year 1B	Mateo Bolton, Mila Manning
Year 1C	Ella Quinlan , Krystof Colborne
Year 2A	Hayley East, Sienna-Marrie Egan, Timothy Liew
Year 2B	Taylor French, Jason Walker
Year 2C	Diego Fernandes, Hayley Thompson
Year 3A	Riley Skelton, Sofia Bates
Year 3B	Shay McKenna , Emily McCay
Year 3C	Liam Bayly, Serafina Ryan
Year 4A	Annabele Siah, Jett Harding,
Year 4B	Sebastian Freitas, Petra Bacic
Year 4C	Caitlyn Foster, Kaeleb Sesay
Year 5A	Hudson Colborne, Tatiana Pymont, Isabella Zammit
Year 5B	Mauricio Meyzen-Ruesta, Kuleng Forgol, Alicia Savy
Year 5C	Denzel Ncube, Caitlin Cypelt
Year 6A	Tijan McKenna , Samuel Galipo
Year 6B	Matthew Hamilton, Jake Goncalves
Year 6C	Jack Hadley, Lachlan Taylor

After School Sports

What a great start to the Sporting School Club!

The senior sessions have been impressing with their hoop skills, and the junior team have showed their ability to adapt and learn a new game. Well done to both teams.

There have been a few changes to session dates. Please see below the revised session times.

Senior Sessions

Session Three: 29/02/2016

Session Four: 01/03/2016 (**This is a Tuesday**)

Junior Session

Session Three: 03/03/2016

Session Four: 10/03/2016

Session Five: 17/03/2016 (**due to coach not attending first session**)

Would your child like to learn Violin?

In **Week Six of Term One**, Mr Richard Price our Violin Tutor will be offering a four week '**Introduction to the Violin**' class.

The cost of the introductory class will be **\$36.00 for four weeks**. Each lesson will go for **30 minutes**.

Mr Price will provide each student with a Violin to use during the lesson.

If your child is interested in this introductory class, please fill out an Instrumental form from the office and label the top of the form with 'Introduction to Violin' and hand it in to the office.

This is a great opportunity for students to try the instrument out and see if they would like to continue in the future.

If you have any questions, please feel free to come and see me!

Ms Alison Clunies-Ross
Music Specialist

PAF DANCE 2016

For those students in Year Five and Six who are interested in being a part of the after school dance program this year, classes will run every Monday afternoon from 3:30-4:30pm in the MCCC with Miss Fic, Mrs Cosnett and Ms Ross starting in Week Eight, Term One. A note with further information has been given out to students.

All permission slips and money must be returned by Friday 11th March (Week Six) to Miss Fic in 4C (4/5 Lobby).

Miss Fic, Mrs Cosnett & Ms Ross
Dance Co-ordinators

Crosswalk Etiquette

Crosswalks are designed to keep pedestrians together where they can be seen by motorists, and where they can cross most safely across the flow of vehicular traffic.

When the children's crossing guard extends the flags, you must stop before the stop line if there is one and wait until the flags are removed before driving on.

You must not enter a children's crossing if the road beyond it is blocked by traffic.

You must give way to all pedestrians on a pedestrian crossing.

If we are all on the same page and using common sense then it goes a long way to keeping our students safe.

P&F News

The kindy catch-ups, hosted this week by the P&F, were well attended as many parents came along to hear about various aspects of the school.

Our second meeting for the year is on Tuesday 8th March, 7pm in the staffroom. Please come along if you can, we would love to see you there!

CLASS REP EVENTS

- **KC – Wednesday 9th March – 9.30am**
Dome Cockburn, RSVP to your Class Reps
- **1B – Monday 14th March – TBA**
RSVP to your Class Rep
- **Yr4 – Thursday 31st March – 7pm**
Parents Dinner, The Quarie, Hammond Park
RSVP to your Class Reps



Save the Date!

PFFWA Conference and AGM 2016

"Congratulations! We Hear You're Engaged!"

The Parents and Friends Federation of WA are excited to be putting the last touches to our conference program for this year. As usual the conference opening dinner will be held on Friday evening 20th May at Crown Perth.

The conference will commence the following morning and go through until 5.00pm. Refreshments including morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea are provided on the day of the conference, along with great speakers, interactive sessions and the usual fantastic networking opportunities.

With both Federal and State elections on the horizon, PFFWA have invited politicians from the major parties to attend and you will have the opportunity to hear what their vision is for education in Western Australia in the foreseeable future.

Dates for your diary – 20th & 21st May 2016
At Crown Perth

For more information, please keep an eye on the PFFWA website and our Facebook page or contact
admin@pff.wa.edu.au tel 9271 5909

P&F News continued

THANK YOU CLASS REPRESENTATIVES OF 2016

Thank you to everyone that volunteered for this important role. All classes now have a rep.

Please see list below:

CLASS	CLASS REP & CHILDS NAME
KA	Lesley Pascuzzi to share Teresa Zammit
KB	Rhonda Nicholson
KC	Kelly Kaciuba
KD	Michelle Hall
PPA	Lesley Hamilton
PPB	Rena Hall
PPC	Jamie Bebek
1A	Christine McCallum
1B	Claire Yakas to share Julie Basilio
1C	Kylie Galipo to share Michelle Pellicione
2A	Mel Babich
2B	Nicole Murtagh to share Jesamine Sargent
2C	Michelle Bradford
3A	Kate Godwin Johnston
3B	Kelly Carradus
3C	Sarah Bekkevold
4A	Karen Hearn
4B	Bridget Chamberlain
4C	Jo Ferrie
5A	Simone Douglas
5B	Bridget Chamberlain
5C	Lisa Johnson
6A	Sandy Petkovic
6B	Christina Meerton
6C	Arlene Soares

Gold cards with your rep's name will be displayed near the door of your child's class.

Leonie Jones

Class Representative Coordinator

The P&F office bearers for 2016 are:

Teresa Lawson (President),
Karen Simons (Vice President and Board Rep),
Belinda Weeks (Secretary),
Belinda Stokes (Treasurer),
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

Swimming Carnival 2016

SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2016
(Year Four - Six)

Important Reminders

Date – Wednesday 16th of March 2016

Venue – Warnbro Aqua Jetty,

Time – 9:45am to 2:30pm.

- **STUDENTS NEED TO BE AT SCHOOL AT 8:30am. BUSES WILL LEAVE AT 8:45am SHARP!**
- **Spectators are \$2.00. All students need a swim cap that can be purchased for \$3.00**
- Parents please join in the fun and support your team. Students would love to share lunch with you!
- **All events have been pinned up in the undercover area. Please check it out and make sure your children have too. They need to know what races they are in.**
- Please ensure children wear their sports uniform on top of their bathers and have warm clothing available.
- Children should have a towel or two, swimming cap, water, healthy snacks for lunch, sun screen and a hat.
- **Important - Children should listen to the teachers in the bay carefully so they don't miss their races.**
 - **Parents please stay in the spectator area. No parents should be near the finishing line.**
 - **The chief judges decision is final.**
- **The swimming carnival is a normal school day. No one should leave until after the presentations unless permission has been sought.**
 - If you are collecting your child please inform your child/s class teachers after the carnival.

Use of Student Images/Names

With the increasing use of ICT at Mater Christi, student images and/or names may appear on class blogs, in the school newsletter or on class made DVD's.

If you DO NOT wish your child/ren's names or images to appear, please return the notice below to the front office by Monday 29th February 2016.

I _____ parent/guardian of
_____ (name all children)

in class/es _____

Please note a new form is required to be completed and signed each year

School Reporting

Dear Parents,

In 2016 we will be continuing with our online parent portal SEQTA Engage (previously known as Coneqt).

SEQTA will be rolling out a generic way for schools to provide parents/guardians with their usernames and passwords. This will be rolled out at the end of February. It is important that for you to be able to have access to this online environment, we must have your email address in our Administration system. Please contact the front office immediately if we do not have it or it has been updated.

At the end of February, you will be allocated a new username and password, which you will be able to manage yourself from the SEQTA Engage login screen which can be accessed on the school website. Any reports from last year will not be lost, just reallocated to this account.

As a school we look forward to entering this new phase of 21st century communication with our families.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** is a *Marriage Enrichment* experience for married couples – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset....your Marriage!

Weekend of Discovery.... A Lifetime of Love!

2016 Weekend Dates

8-10 April 2016 (Swanleigh, Middle Swan)

19-21 August 2016 (Dongara,)

21-23 October 2015 (Swanleigh, Middle Swan)

Get Connected



Contact for bookings

Max & Annie Mayes

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Web: www.wmme.org.au

Rainbow

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 admin@mcps.wa.edu.au or speak to your child's classroom teacher.

Community Health Nurse

Child and Adolescent Community Health (CACH) recently launched the '**Parent and Family Network**', an exciting new initiative to involve parents and carers in the planning and delivery of services.

The **Parent and Family Network** is an email network for parents and carers with children aged 0-18yrs in the Perth metro area, to provide ongoing input, ideas and feedback on our services (i.e. child health nurses, school health nurses, speech therapy, physiotherapy). All Network members will receive:

- Bi-monthly e-bulletins
- Invitations to share ideas and feedback on our services (i.e. surveys and focus groups).
- Invitations to special Network member events

Parents/carers can join by registering directly online at www.health.wa.gov.au/cachnetwork. For further information please email cachconsumernetwork@health.wa.gov.au.



Skoolbag

Skoolbag Smartphone App for Parents and Students

Skoolbag is a mobile app that communicates directly to parent smartphones. It allows the school to keep you up to date with the latest news, notices, alerts, newsletters etc. Parents can check Skoolbag at any time to see the latest updates and information. It is FREE for parents to use.

How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

iPhone Users

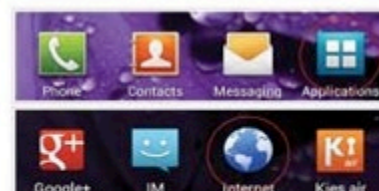
Simply search for "Mater Christi Catholic Primary School" in the App Store on your phone, PC or Mac, and install.



Android Users

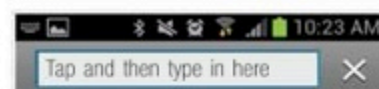
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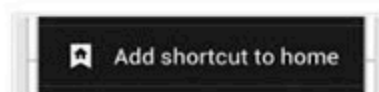
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Type www.skoolbag.com.au/mccpswa into the address bar.



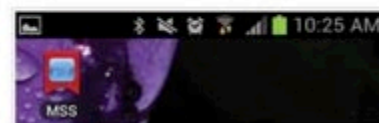
Step 3


Once loaded you can save the Skoolbag icon to your home screen for easy access every day. For example with a Samsung Galaxy S2 & S3 phone, tap the menu button, then tap the "Add Shortcut to Home".



Step 4

The Skoolbag icon will then show on your home screen. This provides a shortcut to make it easy to view updates each day.



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Skoolbag delivers school notices directly to parent smartphones

