

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 Carers



How to Find Time in the Day for Lent (Reflection)

The fast pace of your life may seem to leave little time and energy for the traditional Lenten practices. But you can weave moments of spiritual awareness and service into even the busiest of schedules. The trick is to see Lenten practice as part of, rather than in addition to, each activity of your ordinary

hectic day.

The three foundational practices of Lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Here's how to think about them in a new way:

Praying Daily

If you make a habit of saying a little prayer whenever someone irritates you, cuts you off in traffic, or makes life difficult; when someone does you a favour, you experience great and friendly service, or when something joyful happens to you—you will soon find yourself praying your way through the day. Try this simple practice and you will be observing the Catholic Church's call for greater prayer during the Lenten season. You will also find that this habit makes your life flow smoother, your self more centered, and your Spirit more aware of God's presence.

A Different Type of Fasting

There are many ways to fast. Why not fast from criticism, gossip, judging others, or passing on rumours? Why not abstain from unwarranted fear and anxiety? You can also tell that inner voice inside your head that criticizes you to abstain from eroding your ability to be the confident, blessed person God calls you to be. These are beautiful ways to observe the Lenten call to fasting and abstinence.

Dates for Next Week

**Monday
6th March**

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY
LABOUR DAY**

YEAR SIX CAMP

**Tuesday
7th March**

9am Mass (5C)

**Wednesday
8th March**

School Banking

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

**Thursday
9th March**

9am Mass (5B)

Yr 5 Incursion -
Kaboomtoon

**Friday
10th March**

9am Assembly –
Aussie of the
Month "A"
Classes / Merit
Awards

Saturday 11th March

Sunday 12th March
Second Sunday of Lent

Give of Yourself

Daily life also offers countless opportunities to give of yourself to others (alms), and most don't involve dipping into your wallet. Give encouragement to the doubting, give a word of praise to the insecure, show kindness to someone who could use a friend, and offer a word of thanks to those whose service of others often goes unappreciated. Give the gift of your attention to someone who simply wants to be noticed. Tell your children stories about people whose values you admire when you gather at mealtime. Don't be stingy with your smiles—give them freely to everyone you meet. And most important, give your love to those close to you. Hug them, hold them, and tell them what they mean to you. In this way you open your heart to God and others.

So no matter how busy you are in life, with some greater awareness and new perspectives you can consciously pray, fast, and give of yourself this Lent—and you will be ready to celebrate when a joyful dawn breaks upon you Easter morning.

Reflection from Loyola Press

Year Camp: Next Tuesday our Year Six students, the Year Six Teachers together with Miss Cloutt, Mr Donnelly and Mr O'Reilly will set off on an incredible four-day adventure to the Forest Edge Camp in Waroona. There is definitely a lot of excitement and some anxiety too. I know the children will have many opportunities to excel, challenge themselves and overcome many obstacles. I sincerely thank the staff attending for the work that went into preparing for this camp, their care of our students and in giving up valuable family time to give the Year Six children this remarkable experience.

Student Teachers on Practicum: In PE we have some student teachers that will be working with Mr Donnelly and the students. A Mater Christi welcome to Cameron Murray-Fyfe (six weeks), Jubelle Garces (fifteen weeks), Alicia Hands (fifteen weeks) and Trent Edmondstone (fifteen weeks)

Royal Commission: Included with this weeks Newsletter is a Pastoral letter from Archbishop Costelloe following the Royal Commissions final hearing. You can also view the Archbishop's video by clicking on this link.

http://www.perthcatholic.org.au/Our_Archdiocese-Archbishop-Videos.htm

God bless

Toni Kalat



Our prayers and sympathies to
Mr and Mrs Petrovic, Samuel (6C) and Hannah (4A) on the loss of their brother, brother inlaw and uncle.

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

Parish News

Sacramental Program 2017

Thank you to the students and their families who returned their Sacrament Enrolment Forms. We look forward to continuing to support you and your child in their Sacramental journey.

Urgent Reminder

Blue **Family Information forms are now overdue.** These need to be returned - regardless of whether or not there are any changes.

Please check **all details** carefully, sign the form, and return to the office **ASAP**.

Religious Education

1st Week of Lent – Project Compassion – brings you Dinia's story

Dinia's story is a story of healing, through her own skill and perseverance, and through support from a Caritas-Australia funded program. Living in the Philippines, she struggled daily with poverty in a country with many vulnerable communities.

People living in rural and coastal areas have very little access to basic services. They face extreme weather events, environmental degradation and the effects of internal conflict and have little hope of a sustainable income. For Dinia, the untimely death of her husband meant an end to his small income and a greater struggle to feed and educate her children.

She struggled alone, facing a future without hope, until her community encouraged her to participate in the Socio Pastoral Action Center Foundation Inc. (SPACFI) program supported by Caritas Australia.

SPACFI's Integrated Community Development Program helped her develop diverse ways to gain a sustainable livelihood, continue to send her children to school and contribute to her community. The program foregrounds the need to work together for the common good, awakening Dinia's innate generosity and leadership qualities. She was able to learn about organic farming, managing livestock, and starting a small business.

Now she has an integral role in her community, a sustainable livelihood, and a brighter future for her children. "My life is much better now. It is much easier," she says.

With the help of a program supported by Caritas Australia, Dinia gained the skills to earn a better income for her children and help neighbours in her vulnerable community.

Your donation to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion provides support to programs such as SPACFI.

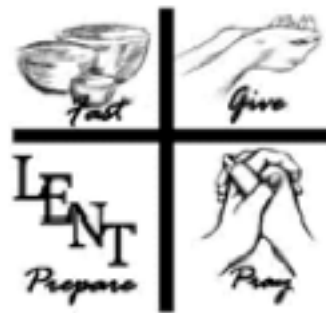
www.caritas.org.au

Caritas – Project Compassion

Each year Lent offers us the opportunity to share what we have with those who have less. This year's theme is 'Love Your Neighbour.' Every classroom has a small Project Compassion money box. Money boxes will be collected towards the end of Lent and we ask that all families contribute to this worthy cause.

Best Wishes

Courtney Dunsire
Assistant Principal



Year Six Leadership Day



Samuel Johnston

On Leadership Day, we learned that we don't need a badge to be a leader. We learned that everyone is a leader and a role-model. Mr Clayden spoke to us from 8:45 to 10:30 am. He told us that it is ok to make mistakes. He showed us some videos that got his message across. He showed us the video about Michael Jordan and how he didn't make his high school basketball team; but now he is classified as the greatest basketball player of all time. It shows how a little failure can lead into a big success. After recess, we got to do some more activities. Mr Clayden had some helpers and we learned about trust and life balance. With Aaron we had to trust one another to navigate us through a challenging obstacle course. I got to be blindfolded; it was challenging at first, but once your navigator told you the directions, there wasn't much you couldn't do. With Evie, we learned about how important it is to have life balance. She showed us how we can do homework and study really hard, but we need to do the fun things that we enjoy as well. In all, it was a really good day and we all learned something different. I definitely took something out of today and Mr Clayden definitely got his message across.

Wellness

Wellness Week: I hope that everyone has enjoyed Wellness Week and have had the opportunity to do something different, special, and simple or just took the time to breathe! The Office and Leadership Teams treated our wonderful staff to a gourmet breakky on Tuesday. Mr Giles was the King of the BBQ and the ladies excelled in making the experience something very special for all.



Milla Stewart, Elliya Payne

Science Creativity: Thank you very much to Mrs Ziegelaar and her mum, Doris Alcock for the fabulous looking Science Helper and Science Captains coats. I think the CSIRO scientists will be very envious of such creative and colourful lab coats. *Are you ladies taking orders?*



Nicholas Goodin, Samuel Petrovic



**Aria Symons, Liam Haskins,
and Isabella De Aguiar**

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

Merit Awards 10th March 2017

PPA	Jack Ternent, Summer Anderson
PPB	Sophie Correia, Kaden Edwardes
PPC	Benjamin Ierino, Seraphina Hudspeth
Year 1A	Thomas Zuvela, Isla Adams
Year 1B	Abby Forster, Mason Porter
Year 1C	Adele Langlois, Austin Hall
Year 2A	Jack Shields, David Barros
Year 2B	Lucas Jones, Stella Cripps
Year 2C	Gisele Grasa, Adam Lipscombe, Jake McGivern
Year 3A	Sebastian Barber, Stella Patmore, Alyssa Acquado
Year 3B	Madison Smith, Jack Haley
Year 3C	Alexis Triplett, Orlando Middleton, Zara Formato
Year 4A	Elicia Trolio, Mitchell Bradford
Year 4B	Matthew Pymont, Serafina Ryan
Year 4C	Emily Mccay, Xavier Correia
Year 5A	Vaisnabi Dhal, Gianni Nici
Year 5B	Nicholas Ettridge, Emily Swann
Year 5C	Benjamin Gosney, Sienna Law

HAVE YOU HEARD?



THE MATER CHRISTI SCHOOL PHOTOS ARE SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY 30TH
AND FRIDAY 31ST MARCH, TERM 1.



ALL STUDENTS ARE TO BE DRESSED IN SUMMER UNIFORM, INCLUDING TIES
FOR SENIOR BOYS (YEAR 4-6). (NO JUMPERS REQUIRED).



**MATER CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
PHOTOGRAPH SCHEDULE 2017**

Thursday 30th March		Friday 31st March	
8.00am	STAFF	8.00am	FAMILY PHOTOS
8.30am	SRC * ARTS CAPTAINS, SPORTS CAPTAINS, SCIENCE CAPTAINS HEAD ALTAR SERVERS	8.45am	GRADUATION * SENIOR CHOIR JUNIOR CHOIR YR 6 VOCAL ENSEMBLE
9.00am	2C		
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	KB	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



Swimming Carnival (20th March)

Don't forget that the Mater Christi Swimming Carnival is fast approaching. It will be held at the **Warnbro Aqua Jetty on Monday 20th March (Please refer to the Info Sheet)**. A draft program has been pinned up undercover for all students and parents to view. If there are any mistakes or omissions please come to the lobby next to my office and write on the clipboard provided, any changes you would like to make.

The program will also appear on the PE Blog at <http://peatmc.blogspot.com.au/>.

Parent helpers will be notified of their jobs asap.

We do need more parent help. If you are available, please let Mr Donnelly know.

Ryan Donnelly
HPE Specialist

2nd P&F Meeting 2017

When: Tuesday 14th March 7.00pm

Where: Mater Christi Staffroom

Join us have your say and see what the P&F is doing for your community.

Caps (Compulsory)

The Swim caps have just arrived in! Each student will ***need*** a cap for the upcoming Swimming Carnival. These caps are available from the uniform shop or office for \$3. The caps are a fantastic way for the spectators to know who is racing and for the judges to award positions at the end of the race. So get in as fast as you can and get your teams cap.

Ryan Donnelly
HPE Specialist

SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2017

(Year 4 - 6)

Important Reminders

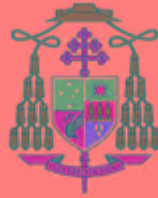
Date – Monday 20th of March 2017

Venue – Warnbro Aqua Jetty,

Time – 9:45am to 2:30pm.



- **STUDENTS NEED TO BE AT SCHOOL AT 8:15am. BUSES WILL LEAVE AT 8:35am 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.



**A Pastoral Letter to the Catholic Community of the Archdiocese of Perth from
The Most Rev Timothy Costelloe SDB
Archbishop of Perth**

Dear sisters and brothers,

The final hearing of the *Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse* in relation to the Catholic Church was held in Sydney over three weeks from February 6 to February 24, 2017. It concluded last Friday after a day and a half dedicated to the witness given under oath by the five metropolitan Archbishops of Australia, of whom I am one as Archbishop of Perth.

For the victims and survivors of sexual abuse by clergy, religious and other Catholic Church personnel this was an opportunity to hear from the current senior leadership of the Church our understanding of the causes of this terrible scourge, and what we, with our brother bishops and other leaders in the Church, intend to do in response.

Some of the survivors were present at the hearing. Their presence was a powerful reminder that sexual abuse is not an abstract concept or a phenomenon to be studied objectively. It is rather something that touches real people whose lives have been marked in profound and destructive ways by the abuse to which they were subjected. The survivors present at the hearing, and all those who in a sense were represented by them, now expect the Church, through its many institutions, to live up to the commitments made at the Commission.

As Archbishop of Perth I have apologised publicly, but also in private meetings, to those in our archdiocese who have suffered so much through this terrible experience of abuse. I would like if I may to do so again now. You have been betrayed in the most terrible way by people whom you should have been able to trust. Many of you have carried this burden all through your lives. I am truly sorry for the suffering you have endured and offer you my sincere apology.

The recently concluded public hearing into the Church's response to this appalling situation has revealed the shocking extent of this abuse over so many years. A penetrating light has been shone into the dark places of the Church's life and many people, both inside and outside the Church, have been left shocked, disillusioned and angry.

Everyone realises that change is needed.

While we must wait for the recommendations of the Royal Commission, we also must continue to implement the changes we have already initiated, especially in relation to making every Catholic parish, school, agency and institution a place of absolute safety for our children and young people. All the survivors I have met have pleaded with me to do everything I can to make sure that no more children suffer as they did. I am absolutely committed to this.

Indeed this is one of the foundational pillars of the Archdiocesan Plan we are now beginning to implement across the archdiocese.



Most Rev Timothy Costelloe SDB
Archbishop of Perth

At the centre of our efforts is our Safeguarding Project. Planted firmly in the parish setting this programme is designed to be a local and immediate response to the need to create child-safe institutions. This cannot just happen centrally. It has to happen locally. This is what the Safeguarding Project seeks to do.

At the same time, through its formation and training activities, this programme has the potential to develop a culture of awareness in relation to child safety which must permeate every aspect of the life of the Church in our archdiocese. I hope you will all support this programme, recognise its potential to embed a culture of safeguarding in our Church, and make full use of the various initiatives which will come from our Safeguarding Office.

For two days at the Royal Commission I, alongside the other bishops, gave a very public accounting of the Church's dismal and indefensible record in relation to the protection of the young in our Church, and in relation to our response to the survivors. I am convinced that without this public accounting, to which the Australian community has a right, we as a Church would not have been able to confront our failings so directly. The public interest has been well served by this exercise. Now the whole community, including the members of our own Church, expects concrete actions which will demonstrate the genuineness of our words of apology, contrition and shame.

It is my intention to continue to work as hard as I can in collaboration with all those many people who have supported me so far to make every agency, institution and activity in the Catholic Church for which I have responsibility a place where children and young people are treated with dignity and respect, safe from anyone who would harm them in any way.

I said in my evidence to the Royal Commission that because the Catholic Church has been responsible for so much of the sexual abuse which has infected, and continues to infect, our society, we now have an absolute responsibility to commit ourselves without reservation to being a force in our society for change. I therefore invite you all, in whatever ways you can, to become part of this effort. Please help me to put the care, well-being and safety of children and young people at the very heart of our Church. I believe that together we can and must do this.

Yours sincerely in Christ

Most Rev Timothy Costelloe SDB DD
Archbishop of Perth

27 February 2017

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 PPC – Friday 24th March**
Dinner, Sorano Restaurant, 80 Lyon Road, Aubin Grove
RSVP Class Rep by Friday 17 March
- **Year 1A – Tuesday 21st March – 9am**
Coffee / Breakfast, Dome Port Coogee
RSVP Class Rep by 14 March
- **Year 1B – Monday 13th March – 9am**
Coffe Catch up
Dome Cockburn, Beeliar Road, Success
RSVP Class Rep by 7 March
- **Year 1C – Sunday 19th March – 3pm**
Playdate, Bibra Lake Regional Playground
RSVP Class Rep
- **Year 4C – Friday 24th March – 7pm**
Sala Thai, 22 Norfolk Street, Fremantle
RSVP Class Rep by 21 March
- **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



Fremantle City Football Club

Registrations are now open for the 2017 soccer season.

Miniroos is an excellent program. Kids get the opportunity to learn about soccer while playing and having fun. For ages four – nine years old.

Juniors mixed or girl's competition from 10 years of age. There is a team for every ability.

Come and have some fun, make new friends
For further information and/or registration contact
Ruth or Paula at

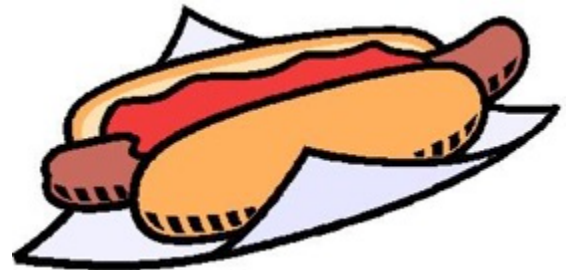
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admin@fremantlecityfc.com

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 pandf@mcps.wa.edu.au 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



NetSetGO Netball 2017 at MCCPS

The NetSetGO skills-based netball program will be running at Mater Christi again in Terms Two and Three. This national program incorporates skills, learning activity and introductory game play. Further information can be found at <http://netsetgo.asn.au/parents/faq/>.

We can currently provide this program for year two and three (numbers capped at 10 participants per coach). We'd like to also offer the NetSetGo program to year one, however we do not have a year one coach at present.

As our year one program (numbers capped at eight participants per coach plus assistant) is dependent upon a suitable coach being willing to volunteer their time, we are keen to hear from anyone interested. Coaches will have all session planning done for them, but must be able to commit their time each week for the duration of the program.

We're also keen to hear from anyone willing to assist with coaching the year two or three, as this would enable more children to participate. Please contact me if you are willing and able to join us or if you'd like more information.

Term Two NetSetGo will run from 1 May to 19 June, 3:15 - 4:00 pm on Mondays (8 sessions). The cost is \$70. Netball Australia will send all participants a pack which will include a size 4 netball and a NetSetGo T-shirt. For those who have participated in Term Two, the Term Three cost drops to \$40.

If your child is keen to participate in NetSetGo at Mater Christi, please register your interest via email to bec.abe.wright@gmail.com including your child's name and year.

I will send those interested the online registration link.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Rebecca Wright
MCCPS NetSetGO Centre Coordinator
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bec.abe.wright@gmail.com

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TOUR DAYS
Thursday 9 March
Tuesday 14 March
Ph: (08) 6332 2500

VENUE
James Neeson Performing Arts Centre

TIME
9:00am Registration - 9:15am Start
(For both Tour Days)

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 Murdoch Drive

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



We invite you to join our community!

www.corpus.wa.edu.au

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

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: events@cbcfremantle.wa.edu.au
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