

# Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Volume 6

10<sup>th</sup> March 2017



## **School Mantra 2017**

**'Never see a need without doing something about it.'** Mary of the Cross MacKillop

*We are in the Church's season of Lent, a time when we can self-reflect on our lives, and possibly think how we may make some changes that will bring us closer to God. Please find following a reflection that you may find useful during this Lenten season.*

### **Recipe for a Lenten garden**

*First Plant 5 rows of peas....*

**Preparedness, promptness, perseverance, politeness, prayer.**

*Next Plant 3 rows of squash....*

**Squash gossip, squash criticism, squash indifference.**

*Then Plant 4 rows of lettuce....*

**Let us be loyal, let us be unselfish, let us be truthful, let us be faithful.**

*No garden is complete without turnips....*

**Turn up for Mass, turn up with a smile, turn up with a new idea, turn up with determination.**

Dear Parents and Carers

## **Seesaw Parent App**

At the Parent Information Evening, the Kindy to Year Two teachers introduced parents/carers to the new Seesaw app. This exciting app will be used to create a digital portfolio for each student and to share the learning journey of students instantly with their families. To learn more about this awesome app, please view the following link (<https://youtu.be/pzlrDR84KY>). Parents/carers would have received a QR code, and we encourage each family to download the "Seesaw Parent" app onto one or more devices (mobile phone, iPad, laptop) then scan your child's personalised QR code and start sharing in your child's learning from home or work.

From time to time there may be more than just your child in the photo being sent to you for viewing. I ask that with respect to privacy these photos be not shared further on social media.

If you have any questions about Seesaw, please see your child's classroom teacher.

## Dates for Next Week

**Monday  
13<sup>th</sup> March**

9am Mass (1C)

**Tuesday  
14<sup>th</sup> March**

7pm P&F Meeting

**Wednesday  
15<sup>th</sup> March**

School Banking

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

**Thursday  
16<sup>th</sup> March**

9am Mass (6C)

Yr 5 CSL

**Friday  
17<sup>th</sup> March**

9am Whole School  
Mass (Yr 3)

St Patrick's Day

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March**  
Third Sunday of Lent



Harmony Day is held every year on the 21 of March. Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. The message of Harmony Day is '**everyone belongs**', the Day aims to engage people to participate in their community, respect cultural and religious diversity and foster sense of belonging for everyone. Mater Christi will celebrate Harmony Day on the 21 and 22 of March.

Each class will have the opportunity to participate in games from around the world and a variety of activities that promote the importance of cultural diversity and why Harmony Day is celebrated across Australia.

#### **P&F News**

Next Tuesday 14 March at 7pm will be our second P&F meeting for the term. All parents are invited to come along, join in the discussion and decision making for our community. See you there.

#### **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**.

*Congratulations to the following Year Five students Samuel Jones, Grace Portwood, Sienna Law, Hannah Chamberlain, Shane Tan and Nicholas Ettridge in leading the the Auusie of the Month / Merit Awards Assembly this morning so wonderfully well. We are very proud of them.*

**We look forward to welcoming our Year Six campers and Staff back to Mater Christi this afternoon.**

**God bless**

**Toni Kalat**

### **School Counsellor**

We are very fortunate to have the services of our school counsellor Rebecca Rowland on a Monday and Tuesday. As Rebecca is here two days a week, Courtney Dunsire is responsible for managing Rebecca's appointments.

This service is demand driven and we endeavor for Rebecca to see everyone on her list; however, due to unforeseen circumstances that arise from week to week, on occasions Rebecca needs to rearrange her schedule to accommodate students with urgent needs.

We appreciate your understanding if your child's appointment is rescheduled.

With a school of our size, if your child requires weekly ongoing sessions, we recommend you seek additional support through your GP.

Thank you for your understanding.

### **Mater Christi Election Polling Place**

We wish to inform you that Mater Christi Catholic Primary School will be open this Saturday 11 March as a polling place for the upcoming WA State Election.

**340 Yangebup Road**

**YANGEBUP WA 6164**

**TEL: 9417 5756**



# Religious Education

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent – Project Compassion – brings you Martina's story

For Martina, an East Timorese mother of eight, escaping domestic violence was the first step in her journey to a new life. But at first, her future seemed very uncertain. Timor-Leste is one of the least developed countries in the world, with extremely low levels of basic health, literacy and income. Most East Timorese live in rural areas, with very limited access to basic services or livelihood training, and many households don't have enough food year round.

The shelter where Martina sought refuge, Uma PAS, offered her many ways to transcend these challenges. Uma PAS is a partner in Caritas Australia's Protection Program, a holistic community-wide program in Timor-Leste that offers women like Martina economic empowerment and a life of safety in a supportive community.

Through the program, she was linked with a network of support services, and this enabled her to undertake livelihood training and start a small business to support her children. The program also linked her with a supportive community.

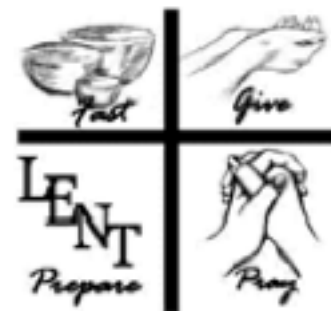
"Martina is a person who did not want to give up, but wanted to be able to support her family," her counsellor at the shelter says. Through the Protection Program, Martina says, "I have learnt how to change my life to support myself, and my children."

**Your donation to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion provides support to programs such as Uma PAS.**  
[www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au)

**Best Wishes**

**Courtney Dunsire**

**Assistant Principal**



## Parish News

### Confirmation Commitment Mass

**All Confirmation candidates**, with their parents, are required to attend a **Commitment Mass** on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 10am. We look forward to seeing you at one of these Masses.



## Kindy Seesaw App

Dear Parents

Due to pictures including many children within the class we ask that these remain exclusive to this Seesaw App with the respect to privacy and are not shared further on social media.

Thank you for your co-operation and we look forward to sharing your child's learning and important information.

**Kind regards**

**Kindy Staff**

## 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**

## Book Club

**Book club is due**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 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**

## Year Five Christian Service Learning



## Uniform Shop News

**Attention all year one students (especially girls) and all NEW students in the school.**

In term two and three our school students are required to wear Winter Uniform.

For the boys this will mean you will require a school Jumper and Trousers (not compulsory).

For the girls it will mean you will need a Yellow Shirt, Winter Skirt and Jumper with either navy stockings or the school navy socks. If your child is a senior (year four - six) they will be required to wear a tie too.

On **Thursday March 23rd** I will schedule appointments for your convenience to try on uniforms.

A timetable is currently displayed on the Uniform Shop window for you to write your child's name alongside your preferred time to attend. As is stated on the timetable, due to tight scheduling, you must have collected your child from his/her class PRIOR to your allocated time and BE AT THE UNIFORM SHOP for your appointment time, otherwise the system will not work efficiently.

Please be aware that the appointments are only 15 minutes, so please come ready to QUICKLY try-on the uniform.

As a courtesy to other parents, I ask that you please **do not bring your child into the uniform shop for fittings during peak times**, which are between 8:15 - 8:40am and 2:50 - 3:20pm as this does take time and delays other customers.

If you wish to purchase without fitting, please use the online Uniform Ordering system that you can find on the Mater Christi web site. Alternatively, you may wish to complete an order form available from the office, and send it to school with cash in an envelope marked "Uniform Shop" or fill in your credit card details and leave at the office for myself to collect. Your order will then be processed and sent to your child's class room for them to take home.

Thank you for your co-operation and I look forward to seeing many of you in the Uniform Shop over the coming weeks.

***Ilonka Heinzle***  
**Uniform Shop Manager**  
**Perm-a-Pleat**



## Friendly schools Plus - Resilience

Our school is continuing to create a friendly and supportive culture. The resources we are using are based on evidence from 12 years of empirical research from the Child Health Promotion Research Centre. The resource materials aim to help schools to encourage positive social behaviour and reduce bullying behaviour.

### Our goals for a supportive school culture:

- To continue to provide all students with opportunities to develop and practise getting along with other children through classroom learning activities.
- Create a positive social environment within our school which actively discourages bullying.
- Continue to encourage staff, students and parents to treat all school community members with respect, care and compassion.

### Families' role in creating a supportive school culture.

Research demonstrates that efforts to change the attitudes and behaviour of students are more likely to be successful if families are actively involved and share a sense of ownership over the process.

- Talk regularly with your children about what might be happening at school.
- Encourage your children to 'ask for help' if they are being bullied at school or someone is being unkind.
- If your children are fighting at home, help them discuss their problem and come to a mutual solution.
- Encourage your children to be assertive by helping them to practise speaking in a firm but friendly way, making eye contact, looking calm and smiling and feeling good about themselves.

**Our Resiliency programme is a priority and we will continue to help students develop strategies to prevent bullying as well as developing social skills and resiliency factors.**

**Pat Pottier  
Drama Specialist**



'Friendly Schools Plus'.

As a community, it is important that all teachers, parents and children are all on the same page when discussing Bullying. With this in mind, we are providing you with a definition of Bullying, taken from the resource,

### What is bullying?

**Bullying is a repeated behaviour that may be physical, verbal, and /or psychological and where there is intent to cause fear, distress, or harm to another: that is conducted by a more powerful individual or group, against a less powerful individual or group who is or are unable to stop this from happening. Bullying is when a person or a group of people offline or online (mobile phone or Internet):**

- Make fun of / tease someone in a mean and hurtful way.
- Tell lies or spread nasty rumours about someone to try to make others not like him/her.
- Leave someone out on purpose or not allow him/her to join in.
- Hit, kick or push someone around.
- Deliberately damage, destroy or steal someone's things.
- Threaten or make someone feel afraid of getting hurt.



### It is NOT bullying when:

- Teasing is done in a friendly, playful way.
- Two people who are as strong as each other argue or fight.



### Cyberbullying – using a mobile phone or computer to:

- Send nasty messages or threatening emails.
- Send mean or nasty comments or pictures about others to websites e.g. *MYSpace*, *Facebook*, *MSN* or other students phones.
- Deliberately leaves others out over the internet.
- Pretends to be someone else online to hurt them or make them look foolish.

**Pat Pottier  
Drama Specialist**

## Swimming Carnival (20<sup>th</sup> March)

Don't forget that the Mater Christi Swimming Carnival is fast approaching. It will be held at the **Warnbro Aqua Jetty on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

If anyone has an agenda item they would like discussed at this meeting, please contact the P & F to have this added.

We welcome anyone who would like to come and see or participate in the P & F for the benefit of our children.



## SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2017

(Year 4 - 6)

### Important Reminders

Date – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.



## 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](mailto: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**  
**0408 905 770**  
[bec.abe.wright@gmail.com](mailto:bec.abe.wright@gmail.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](mailto:pandf@mcps.wa.edu.au)**

## Class Rep Event

- **Year PPB – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March – 9am after drop off**  
*Parent Coffee Morning, Sul Lago, Lakefront Ave, Beeliar*  
*RSVP Class Rep by Friday 17 March*
- **Year PPC – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March**  
*Dinner, Sorano Restaurant, 80 Lyon Road, Aubin Grove*  
*RSVP Class Rep by Friday 17 March*
- **Year 1A – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March – 9am**  
*Coffee / Breakfast, Dome Port Coogee*  
*RSVP Class Rep by 14 March*
- **Year 1B – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March – 9am**  
*Coffee Catch up*  
*Dome Cockburn, Beeliar Road, Success*  
*RSVP Class Rep by 7 March*
- **Year 1C – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March – 3pm**  
*Playdate, Bibra Lake Regional Playground*  
*RSVP Class Rep*
- **Year 4C – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March – 7pm**  
*Sala Thai, 22 Norfolk Street, Fremantle*  
*RSVP Class Rep by 21 March*
- **Year 5 – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – 7pm**  
*Last Drop, Beeliar*  
*RSVP Class Rep by 24 March*
- **Year 6 – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March – 12.30pm**  
*Lunch*  
*Raffles Hotel, Canning Beach Road, Applecross*  
*RSVP Class Rep by 3 March*



## How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

### For iPhone and iPad users:

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



### For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

### For Windows 81 Phone and Windows 81 or 10 device users:

1. Go to the Windows Store on your 81 Windows Phone or Windows 81/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 81 version Windows Phones, or Windows 81 and 10 devices.



Find out more at [www.skoolbag.com.au](http://www.skoolbag.com.au)



Iona Presentation College welcomes prospective families to one of our Open Mornings in March.

Thursday 23 March

Tuesday 28 March

Presentations commence at 9.30am in the College Sports Centre followed by a guided tour and morning tea.

Bookings can be made

at [www.iona.wa.edu.au/openmorning](http://www.iona.wa.edu.au/openmorning)

Come and meet us at 33 Palmerston Street, Mosman Park

T: 9384 0066

E: [admin@iona.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@iona.wa.edu.au)



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### Gold Level Quality Club

**WEBSITE:** [fremantlecitydockers.com.au](http://fremantlecitydockers.com.au)

### AFL JUNIOR REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN

The Fremantle City Dockers Junior Football Club invites boys and girls to register as players for the 2017 Australian Rules Football season.

*The Freo City Dockers is the ONLY junior AFL Club in the City of Fremantle*

Where <http://www.fremantlecitydockers.com.au/registration>

#### Teams

Auskick (5-8 year olds)

PUPS to Y11s (No Y9s)

#### Training Venue

Dick Lawrence Oval Cnr Lefroy Rd & Carrington St Beaconsfield

#### Home Games

Dick Lawrence Oval

#### Training Days

Auskick to Y5s & Girls – Wed. Y6-Y11s Mon; Tues; Thurs; Fri (TBC)

#### Match Days

Auskick Sunday, PUPS to Y8's Saturday Y10's & Y11s Sunday

#### Membership

**Auskick**                 **\$150**  
**PUPS – Y10's**       **\$190**

This includes:

- ALL game day fees (i.e. ball fees, umpire fees)
- Team photos
- Tickets to the Annual Trophy/Medal Windup
- Excludes shorts and socks (\$40)

**THERE ARE NO FURTHER FEES  
TO OUTLAY DURING THE YEAR**

Kidsport/Health care card holders, prior to registering on line, you will need to obtain a voucher, available via your local council or on line at [www.dsr.wa.gov.au](http://www.dsr.wa.gov.au)

All **NEW** Registered players in 2017 will receive a club polo shirt.

**NEW** Players are required to bring a copy of birth certificate.

The Fremantle City Dockers Junior Football Club Inc. is administered by a dedicated committee in a family friendly environment. All coaching staff are accredited by the AFL.



## Trinity College Scholarships 2018

As a Catholic Boys' School in the Edmund Rice tradition, Trinity has a policy of supporting families in need of assistance to attend the College.

Applications are invited for the following Scholarships and Bursaries for 2018. These Scholarships provide part remission of fees.

- > Academic Scholarship
- > Astronomy/Space Studies Scholarship
- > Br Geoff Seaman Scholarship
- > Music Scholarships
- > Pipe Organ Scholarship
- > St Mary's Cathedral Choir
- > Indigenous Bursary
- > Refugee Bursary
- > TOBA Bursary

For full details of these Scholarships and Bursaries please go to [trinity.wa.edu.au/enrolments](http://trinity.wa.edu.au/enrolments)

Applications close at 4.00pm on Friday, 7 April 2017.  
Examination Date: Saturday, 29 April 2017 (Academic only)

Application forms for all Scholarships and Bursaries are available from the Registrar.

T: 9223 8121

E: [registrar@trinity.wa.edu.au](mailto:registrar@trinity.wa.edu.au)

P: Trinity College, 2 Trinity Avenue EAST PERTH WA 6004

