

# 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

## **Harmony Day**



Thank you to Miss Paino for organising various activities for our children to take part in within their classrooms during Tuesday and Wednesday. At Mater Christi there is such a spirit of unity, acceptance, enjoyment and care of each other. I congratulate you as parents for leading by example in developing your children to be caring, respectful individuals who display acceptance, tolerance and appreciation of all those they encounter.

## **Swimming Carnival**

The weather was perfect, the competitors gave their best, the volunteers enjoyed assisting during the carnival, the large number of spectators was in full voice cheering the swimmers on and Mr Donnelly once again organised a very successful and enjoyable carnival. Well done to all the factions and medal recipients. I think everyone slept well last Monday night!



## **Staffing Update**

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Wendy O'Dea will be our new Administration Officer commencing next Term. During the next two weeks Mrs O'Dea will spend some time in the front office with Mrs Van Pelt and the Office Team learning about some of the day-to-day procedures within that role. I know that everyone will make her feel most welcome.



While Mr Jenkins, our Groundsman has been on Long Service Leave; Luke Scott has stepped into the role from last Christmas to now most admirably. Thank you so much to Luke for continuing to keep our School looking so good and in being a very tall presence around the school.

On Monday we welcome back Mr Jenkins from his travels and the special time he spent with his newly born twin grandchildren.

## Dates for Next Week

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

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

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

*9am Easter Reflection*

*School Banking*

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

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

*Photo Day 1  
MSP Photography*

**Friday  
31<sup>st</sup> March**

*Photo Day 2  
MSP Photography*

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

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### Year Three Assembly

After much secrecy, we were totally entertained by our Year Threes during their Assembly this morning on their adaptation of Beauty and the Beast.

Congratulations to the fabulous children and Mr Magry, Miss McIntyre , Mrs O'Donnell and Mrs Harding.

### After School routines and expectations

This year we have had an increase in the number of families utilising drive through which has increased the length of time it takes parents to collect their children. I ask that the greatest virtue we can all put into practice during this time is **patience** - patience in waiting, in being courteous and all with a smile. In speaking to the children I have stressed the following points and ask that as parents you also discuss these with your child/ren.

When dismissed from class children are to walk to the undercover area and sit in their Year level group listening for their family name and looking out for their family car.

Children can play in the Year Five courtyard, outside the undercover area and on the oval only if their parent is with them (we have had children join in the play who should be in the undercover area and this holds up drive through as we are looking for those children). At times there are children who go onto the oval to play after school because they have been asked by their parent to go there and wait for them. Sometimes, the Parent does not arrive for 15 minutes and these children are on their own. I have told our children that they need to be collected from within the school first before going onto the oval, as there is no one on duty in that area after school.

Our duty of care is paramount and by working together we endeavour to ensure everyone's safety and wellbeing.



### A most beautiful email from an appreciative parent

Sometimes life gets so busy that we don't get the time to say thank you to people that are wonderful. It's 10:50 pm at night.. kids asleep.. routines done....so I'm going to do just that.

It takes a big heart to help shape little minds.

Thank you Mrs Houdek, Mrs Erzay and Mrs Ford for having such a heart. Seeing Zeneen enthusiastic and excited to go to Kindy fills my heart with relief, comfort and joy. From a once introverted anxious " caterpillar, " it's amazing to see her transform into a bubbly, confident " butterfly" ... thanks to these beautiful ladies. All she talks about are these ladies and how much fun she has at Kindy and the love these ladies spread.

My other child, Zabrina, has always had positive experiences at this school both with her peers and the staff that taught her.

MCCPS is a special school that has special teachers that do special things with our kids that we take for granted.

Thank you teachers and support staff for touching my children's hearts and blessing them with the love for learning and a love for life.

Forever grateful, appreciative and inspired.

*Mrs Renu Pillay*

**God bless**

**Toni Kalat**



Our prayers and sympathies to

Mr Law, Miss Brookes, Braedon (6C) and Sienna (5C) on the loss of their grandfather.

May their loved ones rest in the peace and love of God.

Mr and Mrs Oianta, Lewis (1B) and new little brother Alex, who is currently in the NICU at PMH

Let us keep the family in our prayers.

Thank you to all the Year One Parents for their wishes of support, offers of help and for filling up our freezer with meals to get us through this stressful time. We have felt a wonderful sense of community and it has reinforced that we have picked the right school to send Lewis too.

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

## 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**

**Library Officer**

# Religious Education

## 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent – Project Compassion – brings you Nguyet's story

In a small town in Vietnam, a severe disability kept young Nguyet behind closed doors. Constrained by the high demands of her condition, her parents were also isolated from their neighbours. There is a high level of disability in Vietnam, particularly as a legacy of war, but little support for families whose children have disabilities. People with disability have poorer health outcomes, lower educational achievements, lower economic participation and higher rates of poverty than people without disability.

The future seemed bleak for the whole family, until Nguyet's family became participants in a program supported by Caritas Australia. A neighbour kindly introduced the family to the Capacity Building for Parent Associations Supporting Children with Disabilities program, which has given them support on several levels.

The neighbour, a teacher, has been able to offer Nguyet home-based education, and there is capacity building for her parents and others in the same situation, through their local Parents' Association. At Association meetings, Nguyet's mother has been able to increase her skills for managing her daughter's condition, and share her experiences with other parents of children with disabilities.

Nguyet has learnt to read and write and better manage her physical needs, and her creative gifts have been unlocked. Now she is increasingly engaging with her neighbours, and she and her parents are more confident about her future.

**Your donation to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion provides support to programs such as Capacity Building for Parent Associations Supporting Children with Disabilities [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** this weekend, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March at **6pm** and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March at **10am**.



Children are to collect their named leaflet from the foyer of the Church **prior** to the commencement of Mass.

We look forward to seeing you at one of these Masses.

### Lent & Easter in our Parish

In the lead up to Easter, Father Dat would like everyone attending Mass to wear the liturgical colours.

Lent (1<sup>st</sup> March – 12<sup>th</sup> April) – Purple

Holy Thursday (13<sup>th</sup> April) – White

Good Friday (14<sup>th</sup> April) – Red

Easter Weekend (Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April) – White

## Holy Week Reflection



On **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March** at **9am** we will be gathering in the Church to reflect on Holy Week and the Lenten season by focusing on the Stations of the Cross. Friends and family are welcome to attend.

## Happy Birthday Sister Em (21March)



## Congratulations

Olivia Chamberlain has been selected to tour with the Australian Girls Choir on their 2017 National Tour.

Only 56 girls from across Australia were chosen. She will tour Bendigo in Victoria, Hobart and Launceston in Tasmania in June and July



## Harmony Day

On Tuesday and Wednesday, the children at Mater Christi participated in a variety of activities that promoted cultural diversity and celebrated Harmony Day. Some of the activities included making a Harmony Day medal, painting an African necklace and playing a variety of games from different countries around the world. Each activity was lots of fun and highlighted how 'everyone belongs'.





# Mater Christi Swimming Carnival

On Monday we held our annual Swimming Carnival at Warnbro Aqua Jetty.

It was chilly early but things soon heated up and so did the performances. With nearly 100 events on the programme it was a colossal day. All students participated in a range of events from the traditional strokes to the novelty relays.

A MASSIVE thank you to every parent, captain and teacher who helped make the day so fantastic.

Most importantly, congratulations to all students for their marvellous performances.

At the end of the day, there can be only one champion team, but everyone who swam can be called a champion. Here are the final standings:

1<sup>ST</sup> – BANDICOOTS (341 Pts) (Three-peat)  
2<sup>ND</sup> – MAGPIES (285 Pts)  
3<sup>RD</sup> – BOBTAILS (278 Pts)  
4<sup>TH</sup> – HONEYEATERS (263 Pts)

The Most Cooperative Shield went to the Honeyeaters for their sensational sportsmanship and awesome cheering!

We also had some standout swimmers who swam their way to a Champion Boy or Girl medal. They were:

Year 4	Girls	Boys
<b>Champion</b>	Madison Hadley	Shay McKenna
<b>Runner Up</b>	Ella Shields	Lincoln Carradus
<b>Runner Up</b>	Emily McCay	Nathan Tay
<b>Year 5</b>		
<b>Champion</b>	Maia Clayden	Nicholas Ettridge
<b>Runner Up</b>	Grace Barraclough	Jett Harding
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Georgia Rooney	Liam McAleer
<b>Year 6</b>		
<b>Champion</b>	Tahlia Shields	Aaron Clarke
<b>Runner Up</b>	Alicia Savy ( <b>Equal Champion</b> )	Jonah Palelei
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Olivia Chamberlain	Kyle Malone

Well done on a brilliant effort!

Those swimmers that will be required for the Interschool Team will be notified next week.

**Ryan Donnelly**  
**HPE Specialist**

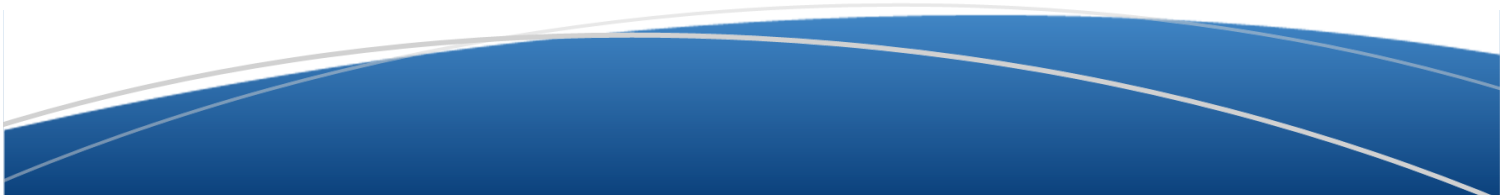
**PS** A number of items were collected after the Swimming Carnival including clothing and will be available in the office for collection until Friday 31 March. Also can you please take the time to check your child's sports uniform belongs to them as we have had a couple of mix ups resulting in children taking home someone else's sports uniform. If you find that you have someone else uniform please notify the office and we will match you up with the other family.



## Swimming Carnival 2017



**St Patrick's Day**  
**17<sup>th</sup> March**





# OOPS!

Apologies for  
the mix up...  
students do not  
need to wear  
a tie for school  
photos!!



## **Mater Christi Catholic Primary School** **2017 SCHOOL PHOTOS INFORMATION**

### **Our School Photos will be taken on:**

- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017

### **Class Photos/Portraits:**

- Every Student will have their photo taken, whether they are purchasing photos or not, for the schools pictorial history.
- The school has chosen to use the online ordering system. Your child has been given an online ordering instruction slip and a unique student code for you to follow and place your order online via the internet.
- The expiry date for online ordering is the **06.04.2017** (students last day of Term One). Any orders received after this date are treated as re orders and will incur additional costs.



### **Family Photos:**

- Envelopes can be obtained from Administration as well as a sign in form to record student details (names and classes).
- Family photos are being taken on Friday morning before school, as well as during allocated time slots throughout the two photo days.
- Please ensure that your family envelope with enclosed payment is handed to the Photographers on photo day.

### **Special/Sports Group Photos:**

- If your child is in a Special/Sports photo you will receive a link and password to the online gallery after photo day, where you can view and order these photos if required. These photos will be packed and delivered with the school's bulk order.
- Sports captains will be required to come to school dressed in their sports uniform, including their faction colour shirt for their photo on Thursday morning. Captains will then need to change into their summer uniform in preparation for class photos that afternoon.

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

<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>		<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	
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





## 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)

### EASTER RAFFLE

Each Student will be entered  
into the Easter Raffle

Two prizes drawn per class

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April



### Class Rep Event

- **Year PPA – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – 9am – 11am**

*Breakfast/Coffee, Surfing Lizard Café, Coogee*  
*RSVP Class Rep*

- **Year PPB – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March – 9am after drop off**

*Parent Coffee Morning, Sul Lago, Lakefront Ave, Beeliar (younger siblings welcome too)*

- **Year 2B – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April – 7pm**

*Café Nocellos BYO*  
*RSVP Class Rep*

- **Year 4 – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April – 11am**

*Woodman Point, John Graham Reserve*  
*(Siblings welcome)*  
*RSVP Class Rep*

- **Year 5 – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – 7pm**

*Last Drop, Beeliar*  
*RSVP Class Rep by 24 March*

## Year Five Christian Service Learning



★ EMMANUEL CATHOLIC COLLEGE ★

**QUIZ NIGHT**

COME DRESSED AS YOUR FAVOURITE  
**SPORTING TEAM  
OR LEGEND**

FRI 19 MAY 2017 • 6.45PM - 7PM START • TICKETS \$20

SILENT AUCTIONS • DOOR PRIZES • RAFFLES • GAMES

EMMANUEL CATHOLIC COLLEGE (SPACE)



★ TABLES OF 10  
★ BYO SNACKS  
& NIBBLES  
★ 18+  
★ BAR FACILITIES  
PROVIDED



## 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)





**EMMANUEL**  
CATHOLIC COLLEGE

## ENROLMENTS COMMENCING 2019

Emmanuel Catholic College is now interviewing for students commencing Year 7 in 2019.

Parents of students in Year 5 who want their child to attend Emmanuel Catholic College should submit their completed Application Form as soon as possible.

The College will conclude their interviews and finalise their 2019, Year 7 enrolments before the end of Term 2, 2017.

After this time all applications will be placed on a wait list.

[emmanuel.wa.edu.au](http://emmanuel.wa.edu.au)



**Mater Christi**  
Catholic Primary School

## 2019 ENROLMENTS

Applications for enrolment into Mater Christi Catholic Primary for 2019 are now due.

Interviews commence Term Three 2017, Please submit your application now to avoid missing out on a place. This is especially important for any families who have siblings at school now.

Applications can be downloaded from our website [www.mcps.wa.edu.au](http://www.mcps.wa.edu.au) or come into the front Office.

If you know of any families interested in applying, please encourage them to do so straight away.



## WALK FOR AUTISM

Autism Spectrum Australia describes autism as: *lifelong developmental disabilities characterised by marked difficulties in social interaction, impaired communication, restricted and repetitive interests and behaviours and sensory sensitivities.*

The prevalence of Autism in Australia in 2012 (according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics) is 0.5% - that is equivalent to one person in every year group at Mater Christi. As common as this disorder is, the many challenges that people with the Autism Spectrum Disorder face are still quite unknown to the general population and what makes this more difficult to understand is that Autism is different for everyone.

A young student at Mater Christi with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Zac Hampel is raising awareness of his disorder in the hope that people have more acceptance and understanding. Having Autism means he like the many others with Autism face many challenges in everyday life. More awareness and understanding will help him and others with ASD not only cope in the world but thrive. Autism doesn't define Zac but is a part of who he is. Above everything else he is a sensitive, loving and very caring young man and he wants to make a difference and help spread the word about Autism.

Please join Zac for 10,000 steps a day for a week Autism Awareness - Changing Lives one Step at a Time. Registration is free and you receive a FREE T-shirt! They will ask if you would like to donate but it's up to you, but you don't need to donate to register. You can register at <http://www.walkforautism.org.au/> and please join our team Zac Attack!



We are launching our team - Zac Attack - on 2nd April at 9am and would love to see people from the Mater Christi Community there. We will walk around Bibra Lake and will finish with a sausage sizzle and drink sale - all money raised will go to this cause.