

Mater Christi Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents & Caregivers



Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

We pray that we are strengthened to carry that Good News in our lives, in our hearts, in our words and through our actions.

Farewell: Next week we farewell Mrs Cathy Feeney who will be taking parental leave as of Term Two. We wish Cathy and Andy the very best as they await the birth of their first child. Thankyou Cathy for your previous work in Year Three and this term as Enrichment Teacher. We look forward to having you visit us later in the year introducing us to your new bundle of joy.



Congratulations To Katie Meyerkort and her fiancé Drew. We wish them every blessing on their wedding day and the years ahead. With just over a week to go, Katie looks relaxed and is smiling very brightly. All the best to you both.



Parent Teacher Interviews will be held in week two next term – namely Wednesday 4 May. School will close at 12pm for all students and interviews will be held from 12.30pm – 7pm. There are a number of reasons why it is good to hold the interviews at the end of Term One or at the beginning of Term Two. By the end of Term One, teachers will have:

- Gathered data on your child
- Designed specific programs to meet your child's learning needs,
- Have spent a number of weeks observing progress
- Identified future directions and not only learning needs but also social and/or other needs

By the end of Term One, students will have:

- Settled into their grade and begun to establish a relationship with the class teacher and other students.
- A sound idea of expectations and learning standards for their year level
- Begun to identify personal goals for learning. (More so in Years Three - Six)

By having an opportunity to discuss all of these aspects of your child's learning earlier in the year, it means that parents, teachers and students are all "on the same page" when it comes to the student's learning journey for the year. All parents of students in Years Kindy-Six will be involved in these interviews.

Thank you to some parents who have verbally or via email sent through a very positive response to the online booking system for interviews. It is great that parents have found the system easy to use and easier to access – especially for those who are unable to come in to sign up for an interview time.

Dates for Next Week

**Monday 4th
April**

11am Whole School Mass
The Annunciation of the Lord (Yr2)
2.15pm "A" classes
Edutance Concert (MCCC)

Tuesday 5th April

Interschool Swimming Carnival – Rockingham

Confirmation Parent/Child Workshops (MCCC)
Session 1 – 3.30pm
Session 2 – 5pm

Wednesday 6th April

Confirmation Parent/Child Workshops (MCCC)
Session 1 - 5pm
Session 2 – 6pm

School Banking
Uniform Shop Open
8am to 10.30am
1.20pm to 3.20pm

Thursday 7th April

9am Mass (5A)

Last Day Term 1
Free Dress Day
Project

Friday 8th April

STUDENT FREE DAY

Saturday 9th April
Sunday 10th April

NAPLAN: The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests will be conducted for all Years Three & Five Students from Tuesday 10 May to Thursday 12 May. We ask that there be no interruptions to these classes on these days. If your child has an appointment scheduled for these days, can you please look at rescheduling. Thank you.

Edudance: Congratulations to the B CLASSES and C CLASSES for their enthusiasm, joy and energetic performance of their dance learned this term. It was very evident that the children enjoyed their time learning the dances and of course being able to demonstrate their ability in front of parents and community members. Don't forget that the oval is open for parking in the afternoon and I know the A Classes are excited to be showcasing their moves on Monday 4 April 2.15pm. Thank you all for the wonderful support you give all the children and the programs available to our children in the school.

Road Traffic and Parking: I received a very regretful email from a resident yesterday afternoon letting me know that one of our parents parked across her driveway yesterday afternoon and she was unable to gain access until the parent had come back to the car. She also sent through a picture of the car and registration to me and to the City of Cockburn Parking Ranger. I think we would all agree that this is definitely breaking City Parking rules. Please be mindful where you park and always ask yourself is this lawful? Other peoples' driveways and Council footpaths are not available for parking. This was very clearly expressed by the Parking Ranger yesterday. They will be out observing drivers so please be mindful where you park. **During any major school events (e.g. Edudance Concert) we always open the oval for parking and let parents know ahead of time.**

God Bless.... Toni Kalat

Religious Education

Whole School Mass

We will celebrate the feast day of The Annunciation of the Lord on Monday, 4th August with Mass prepared by the Year Twos at **11am**. Please note there has been a change in time. All parents are welcome to attend.

Mothers' Day Mass 2016

In Week Two next term, we will be celebrating our Mothers' Day Mass on **Friday 6th May** at 9am in the Church. We would like to conclude the Mass by sharing a power point of all the wonderful mothers in our school. If you have a nice photo of you and your child/ren, we would love you to email it to us at admin@mcps.wa.edu.au by **Monday 2nd May**. Thank you!



Giving Day

A gentle reminder that every Friday at Mater Christi is Giving Day. All donations of non-perishable food items would be greatly appreciated. We look forward to your continued support throughout the term.

Best Wishes
Courtney Dunsire
Assistant Principal

School Photos

A reminder the school photos are being taken on Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th April (Week One of Term Two). The photograph schedule is attached.

Online order forms were sent home with the students last week. These forms outline the ordering procedure and have a unique code associated with each student. Please keep this in a safe place. If you did not receive this form contact the school office. If you would like a family photo see the ladies in the office to collect an order form, family photos will be taken over both days. Can you please ensure all students are in correct winter uniform from the start of Term Two.

Thanks
Nicole Cloutt
Assistant Principal

PHOTOGRAPHY SCHEDULE 2016

Wednesday 27 th April		Thursday 28 th April	
8.15am	STAFF	8.45	GRADUATION SENIOR CHOIR JUNIOR CHOIR
8.30	SRC ARTS, SPORTS, SCIENCE CAPTAINS, HEAD ALTAR SERVERS	9.30	KB
8.50	2C	9.50	KD
9.05	3B	10.10	3C
9.20	PPC	10.30	FAMILY PHOTOS
9.40	PPA	10.50	2B
10.10	PPB	11.10	1B
10.30	FAMILY PHOTOS	11.25	1C
10.55	1A	11.40	3A
11.15	KA	11.55	2A
11.40	KC	12.10	4B
11.55	5B	12.30	FAMILY PHOTOS
12.10	5A	1.15	4C
12.30	FAMILY PHOTOS	1.30	5C
1.15	4A	1.45	FAMILY PHOTOS
1.30	6B		
1.45	6C		
2PM	6A		
2.15	FAMILY PHOTOS		

Year Five CSL



Parish News

Confirmation Parent/Child Workshops

The four Confirmation Parent/Child Workshops will take place next week:

- ❖ **Tuesday 5th April – 3:30pm OR 5pm**
- ❖ **Wednesday 6th April – 5pm OR 6:30pm**



We look forward to seeing you and your child at one of the above workshops.



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Soul-food for Parents:

Upcoming short courses from the Centre for Faith Enrichment include: **Grace-filled Parenting** (Thursday mornings, Doubleview); **Dive Deeper: Exploring Faith** (Wednesday lunchtime, online); **Exploring the Mass** (Wednesday nights, Como) – and many more! To see the full range of what's on offer, visit www.cfe.org.au ALL are welcome (you don't have to be Catholic!), there are no exams or assignments, and courses are presented in a relaxed and friendly environment.

Interschool Representative Teams' Shirts

Our P&F, for many years now, has been supplying children in the upper years with Interschool Polo Shirts, specific sporting code Guernseys or singlets, when they have been selected to represent Mater Christi.

Over the years, many of these expensive items have not been returned after their use by individuals. Whether intentional or not, this has become an untenable situation where the P&F has been required to purchase replacement sets of these shirts, guernseys and singlets.

Members of the P&F have taken it upon themselves in the past to collect a cash deposit of \$10. On return of a laundered shirt, the money was returned. However, even that seems to not be sufficient. As a result, the school has been forced to review the current system, and as such, the recommendation is as follows:

On the day of the event, your child will collect their shirt from the Uniform Shop. They will then go to the event and on returning back to school they will be change back into their normal sports uniform and hand their loan shirt back to either myself or a member of the P&F at the Uniform Shop. The set will then be laundered, ready for the next event. If you are collecting your child from the event, it is your responsibility to make sure the shirt is handed over to a teacher in charge on the day, to be laundered with the other shirts.

This is a service being offered by Ilonka Heinzle on a voluntary basis as part of the P&F, and as such does not fall under the umbrella of a duty of the Uniform Shop which is leased by Perm-a-Pleat.

Ryan Donnelly (HPE Specialist)

UNIFORM SHOP

Please note that the uniforms that were sold this morning in front of the office, have nothing to do with the Uniform Shop. It is the old style stock that does not belong to PERM-A-PLEAT therefore can not be exchanged for different sizes at the shop.

Make sure to have your winter uniforms ready for first day start of term two!

Ilonka Heinzle
Uniform Shop Manager
Perm-a-Pleat

P&F News

The next P&F meeting is in Term Two on Tuesday 10th May in the Staffroom, 7pm. We hope to see you there. Please see previous minutes at <http://portal.mcps.wa.edu.au/pf-minutes/>

Mater Christi P&F is hosting Kidsafe Car Seat Safety checks next Wednesday 6th April. Bookings are essential and some timeslots are still available so please go to <http://www.trybooking.com/186597> if you are interested.



AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

On behalf of the P&F, Karen Simons is organising this year's 'Australia's Biggest Morning Tea' at Mater Christi for Friday 10th June (Term Two). Please contact Karen on 0400 859 091 or at tassie47@hotmail.com if you can help with donations for raffle prizes.

CLASS REP EVENTS

- **KC – Friday 1st April – 7pm**
Quarie, 2 Macquarie Bld, Hammond Park RSVP to your Class Rep by Wed 30th March
- **Yr 5 – Friday 29th April – 7pm**
*Save the Date Café Royal
RSVP to your Class Rep*

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