Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Gracious and loving God,

As we mark the ANZAC Centenary, we remember all who lost their lives through Australia's involvement in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

On ANZAC Day, we especially remember the courageous actions undertaken by the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps during the First World War.

On this national day of commemoration, we pray for the airmen, sailors and soldiers who died in battle, sacrificing their lives while on duty. We commemorate their bravery and pray for the families who lost loved ones.

As we strive for peace in our country and world, help us to become instruments of your peace. We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dear Parents/ Guardians

Welcome back!

It has been a fantastic first week, with a smooth start everywhere. Thank you very much to the staff who were here in the holidays preparing for a great start to the term. Your hard work is certainly very much appreciated.

In staffing news this term Miss Jessica Fic takes over the 6C class while Mr Geordie Thuijs takes up the role of acting Assistant Principal. Mrs Linda Williams will be in our Library for the first four weeks of term while Miss Emily Richards is on Long Service Leave and we welcome back Mrs Kate Payze who will be working in 6A and with our Extension Students. We also welcome the following student teachers; Miss Kirsty Graffin in 1C, Miss Hazel Armada in 5A and Miss Courtney Hall in 6A. I'm sure your time with us will be a rewarding one.

I would like to extend a special welcome to the De Oliveira, Larner and Langbid families. We are delighted to have you in our school.

On Monday and Tuesday this week we were lucky enough to have Margaret Menner in our school. Margaret is a well renowned consultant in the area of literacy and has been working with our staff on reading comprehension strategies.

Our new website is up and running as of today. The new website is easy to navigate and has a host of relevant information that existing and prospective families can access. We are very excited about this and I encourage members of our school community to take some time to explore it fully. Please see the information later in the newsletter for details on how to access.

There is plenty happening this term with school Masses, Confirmation, assemblies, interschool carnivals, Mother's Day stall, P&F meetings and the like. Once again there will be many opportunities to be involved in your school, and we truly welcome and appreciate your attendance in any and/or all of them.

Thank you to Mr Thuijs and the SRC for a wonderful ANZAC Day commemoration ceremony this morning. It was a very reverent and fitting way to mark this special day. Don't forget about the ANZAC day holiday next Monday 27th April.

Finally a big thank you to all parents and guardians for having the students looking fantastic for the school photos this week.

Looking forward to an enjoyable and rewarding term together.

Sincerely Mark Ryan **Dates for Next Week**

Monday

27th April

Public Holiday

ANZAC DAY

Tuesday 28thApril

Wednesday 29th April

Confirmation Parent / Child Workshops

School Banking

Uniform Shop 8am – 10.30am 1.30 – 3.20pm

Thursday 30th April

Confirmation Parent / Child

Workshops

Friday 1st May

9am Dental Screening PP, Yr3 & Yr6

Saturday 2nd / Sunday 3rd May

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Mater Christi School Website

We are excited to announce the relaunch of our **school website.** We hope you find it both easy to use and a helpful tool. The web address is www.mcps.wa.edu.au

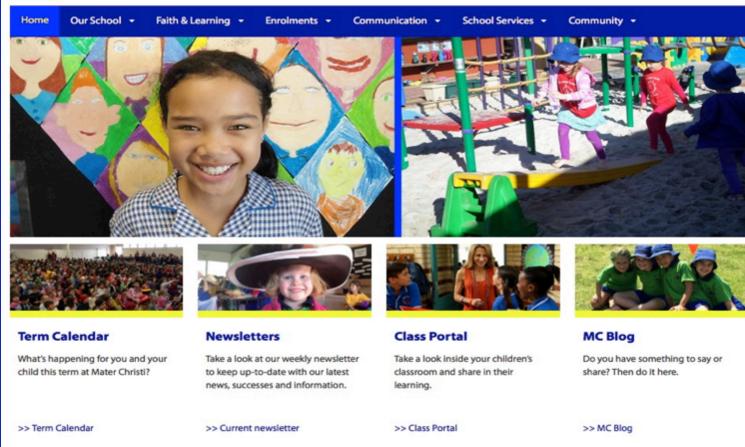
School newsletters can be found under **Communication** and there is a useful school **calendar**, as well as our **Term Calendar** in PDF. On the home page you will see direct links to our new **Class Portal** section (where class blogs can be found amongst other things) and our newly created **MC Blog** for Parents. Both these sections are for members of the Mater Christi community ONLY.

You will need a password to gain viewing access to the portal/blog area. To obtain this password please email the school office.

The **Class Portal**, whilst live, will be more fully developed in coming weeks and we thank our teachers for their commitment to this important communication portal. The introduction of **MC Blog** gives a more inclusive and transparent forum for our school community to share and communicate. You will be prompted to signup to join (first time only). There is an online tutorial to help you navigate around the **Class Portal** and **MC Blog**. You can access the tutorial from the home page by clicking on the **Class Portal** or **MC Blog** links (these are found towards the bottom of the home page). Given the creation of the **MC Blog**, we will soon be farewelling the Mater Christi Facebook group. We encourage you to take the time to explore the site more fully and experience all it has to offer.







For assistance with enrolments or any queries, please contact the school.

CONTACT US TODAY

Religious Education



Thank You

Throughout last term we raised \$700.00 for Caritas. Thank you for your kind donations. It is wonderful to see the students putting others first and making such a wonderful effort to raise money for those less fortunate than themselves.

Mother's Day Mass 2015

In Week Three we will be celebrating our Mother's Day Mass on <u>Friday 8th May</u> 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 <u>admin@mcps.wa.edu.au</u> by <u>Monday 4th May</u>. 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

Parish Corner

By now, all Confirmation Candidates are required to have booked on-line for their **compulsory Parent/Child Confirmation Workshop**. The 4 workshops are conducted next **Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th April** in the MCCC. Their duration is approximately 90 minutes and we know you will all come away a little more informed and inspired about the next phase in your faith journey.

You should also have booked in for your **Confirmation Mass** time preference. The links are available on the Mater
Christi Parish website: www.materchristiparish.com

Have you checked out the Parish Website?

The website is now functional with current Altar Servers roster and groups, Readers rosters, current edition of the Mater Messenger amongst heaps of other things.

Take a look and see what's happening in *your* parish.

Marina Havward

Sacrament Coordinator

Parish Office

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MUSIC UPDATES TERM 2

Important: Changes to Entering the Performing Arts Festival 2015!

Yes it's that time of the year again!!

This year the procedure to enter students into the festival has changed.

All entries are now completed **online** and **by the entrant and their parent/guardian**.

All school groups including choirs, classes, dance groups, drama groups and ensembles will be entered by the teacher.

If your child learns an instrument outside of school, is in Year 4, 5 or 6 and would like to enter the festival, please see Mrs Pat Pottier in the Drama room before **Thursday 30th April, Week 2.**

Please bring the following information with you:

- Your child's full name and class
- Email address (Parent/Guardian)
- Contact phone number (Parent/Guardian)

I will then add you as a 'User' so you will be able to access the online entry forms.

You will then receive an email from the website with the information about how to enter online.

It may seem like a lot of work but it really isn't! Please don't panic!! I am always here to help!

If you have any questions about entering online or the festival, please feel free to come and see me in the music room.

Would your child like to learn Violin?

This term, Mr Richard Price our Violin Tutor will be offering a 4 week 'Introduction to the Violin' class.

The cost of the introductory class will be \$36.00 for 4 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.

Forms are due: Friday 1st May, Week 2.

Instrumental Program

The Instrumental Program will be up and running in Week 2 with lots of available spaces to learn *Guitar*, *Violin, Piano, Voice and Drums*.

If your child is interested in learning an instrument, please fill out an Instrumental form found in the front office.

Forms are due: Friday 1st May, Week 2.

Ms Alison Clunies-Ross Music Teacher & Performing Arts Coordinator

Library / Book Club

BOOK CLUB:

Please remember that **all** orders must be done via LOOP online-NO ORDERS ARE TO BE HANDED INTO THE OFFICE. All orders must be entered no later than 3pm on the due date. Any orders that are made late will be delivered to your house and incur and \$4.99 delivery fee.

LIBRARY TIME TABLE FOR TERM 2, WEEKS 1-4.

While Miss Richards is away on LSL for Weeks 1-4, Mrs Williams will be taking Library on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The Library will be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. Normal Library days and times will return as normal from Week 5.

Thank you, Miss Richards.

Class Rep Events

- KA Sunday 24th May 10am-12noon
 Playground near Surfing Lizard Café, Coogee
- KA Saturday 27th June 7pm
 The Burrendah Tavern, Willetton, RSVP to your Rep by 5th June via email
- 5A, 5B, 5C Saturday 9th May 7pm
 Dragon Place, Cockburn



P & F News

MAGGIE DENT'S - BOYS, BOYS, BOYS VIDEO SEMINAR

Please come along to a free screening of Maggie Dent's video seminar Boys, Boys Boys in the MCCC Tuesday May 5th 1 to 2.50pm (running time is 1hr 40mins, with a 10 minute coffee break)

Please RSVP to Leonie 0423 532 573

or dj.lones@westnet.com.au

Kind regards, Leonie Jones

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Relationships Australia

Building Stronger Families

Thursday 30th April 2015 for 6 weeks 22 Southport Street, West Leederville Fee: \$80 per person \$120 per family Time: 6.30–9.00pm

Making Stepfamilies Work

Wednesday 29th April 2015 for 6 weeks 22 Southport Street, West Leederville Fee: \$75 per person \$120 per family Time: 6.30–9.00pm

All About Anger – Working with Parents and Teenagers

Thursday 14th May 2015 22 Southport Street, West Leederville Fee: \$35 per family Time: 6.30-9.00pm

Anger Management for Teen Boys -16 to 18 years

Saturday 16th May 2015
22 Southport Street, West Leederville
Fee: \$50 per person Lunch Provided
Time: 9.30-4.30pm

For further information and to enrol please phone 9489 6322.