

# Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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## Consciousness

*I remind myself that I am in the presence of the Lord. I will take refuge in His loving heart. He is my strength in times of weakness. He is my comforter in times of sorrow.*

Dear Parents/Guardians

Our Year Six students this week were involved in Parent/Student workshops in preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation. These workshops are a very important part in making sure each candidate is ready to take the next step in their faith journey. I thank our Year Six teachers and Mrs Dunsire for being involved.

Kindy 2017 interviews will take place next week. This means our Kindy, Pre Primary and Year One students will be seeing me many times each day as we visit with prospective families. New families always comment how welcoming our staff and students are. This is extremely pleasing to hear.

Next Friday we will be celebrating our Mothers' Day Mass at 9am in the church. This Mass is being prepared by our Year Five team and is always very special. All are welcome. Following Mass our P&F Mothers' Day Stall will be operating in the undercover area. Our students will be coming over class at a time and they will have the opportunity to buy some fantastic gifts. Please see the flyer later in the newsletter for more information.

Our renewed website went live last Friday and if you have not done so yet I encourage you to take the time to explore this more fully.

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes  
Mark Ryan

## Dates for Next Week

**Monday  
4<sup>th</sup> May** 4B 9am Mass

**Tuesday  
5<sup>th</sup> May** 2C 9am Mass

9.00am-2.30pm  
Soccer Clinic (K-Yr1)

7pm Board Meeting

**Wednesday  
6<sup>th</sup> May** School Banking

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

**Thursday  
7<sup>th</sup> May**

**Friday  
8<sup>th</sup> May** 9am Whole School  
Mass – Mothers' Day  
(Yr 5)

Mothers' Day Stall

1.30pm Pre Primary  
Mothers' Day Spa

**Saturday 9th May**

**Sunday 10th May**  
Mothers' day

# 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](http://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 of 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 sign up 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.



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## Term Calendar

What's happening for you and your child this term at Mater Christi?

[>> Term Calendar](#)



## Newsletters

Take a look at our weekly newsletter to keep up-to-date with our latest news, successes and information.

[>> Current newsletter](#)



## Class Portal

Take a look inside your children's classroom and share in their learning.

[>> Class Portal](#)



## MC Blog

Do you have something to say or share? Then do it here.

[>> MC Blog](#)

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

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## Religious Education



### Confirmation

Thank you to all the parents and Year Six students who attended the Confirmation Parent/Child workshops on Wednesday and Thursday evening. It is wonderful to see the Parish, teachers and parents working together to prepare the children for their Sacrament this year.

### Mothers' Day Mass 2015

In Week Three we will be celebrating our Mothers' Day Mass on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:admin@mcps.wa.edu.au) by **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 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

## Parish Corner

Alter Serving Meeting 4.30pm Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May  
All servers need to attend

Parish Rep  
Donna Butt

*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.

website: [www.materchristiparish.com](http://www.materchristiparish.com)

Marina Hayward  
Sacrament Coordinator  
Parish Office  
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## Kindy:

Welcome back to Kindy in Term Two. We hope you had a restful holiday and are ready to have even more fun. We are starting Parent Roster and are excited at the prospect of seeing many Mums and Dads joining in with our learning.

Our main curriculum focuses are:

- Developing vocabulary and speaking in short sentences
- Continuing name identification and name writing
- Improving our Peggy Lego Pre Writing Patterns
- Awareness of print concepts
- Learning about initial sounds
- Reinforcing one to one correspondence
- Introducing subitising skills
- Investigating size
- Making Jesus Real in our lives.

We will be exploring many enjoyable art and craft learning activities which you will see hanging around our bright and colourful classrooms or sent home to go inside your 'Making Memories' folder. We can't wait to share this experience with you all.

## Pre Primary:

In Term Two the children will learn about different people and places within the community. We will be having many visitors who work in the community to come and speak to the children.

In addition to this the children will be creating and maintaining a vegetable garden. They will also identify good and bad bugs and learn some interesting facts about other mini-beasts.

As part of our Religious Education program we will be discussing the Church community and its importance in our lives.

## Year One:

Welcome back to what will be another busy and challenging, but exciting second term. In Literacy we are exploring a range of different text types, working on our reading comprehension skills, continuing to practice sentence structure, and using punctuation effectively. The main focus in Numeracy will be enhancing our mental maths skills through a variety of activities. We will also be looking at time and money. In History and Religious Education we will be discovering the past and present and how things change over time to make the world as it is today. Thank you for your ongoing support.

## Year Two:

This Term in Year Two we are learning about Fairytales.

In Literacy we will be developing our narrative and descriptive writing. We will also continue with reading & comprehension strategies.

During Maths lessons we will be learning about multiplication, division, shapes and measurement. We will continue to revise our Mental Maths Strategies.

'Beautiful World, Beautiful Me' and 'Gathered Together' are our Religion topics for this term.

In our inquiry program we will be taking a look into our communities and how our communities shape us. We are sure that this will be a great topic for discussion at home.

Don't forget to use our interactive Mathletics and Reading Eggs programs.

We are looking forward to an exciting and magical term.

## Year Three:

Term Two is time for the Year Three students to become recycling marvels as they learn about sustainability in the environment.

At home they can cook up a storm as they discover how to write procedures and develop description in their writing.

They will continue to build their knowledge of reading comprehension skills, through guided reading activities.

Religious Education this term takes students on a discovery of what the true meaning of sin is and how we can show love to others, along with understanding why we receive Communion.

Protective Behaviours are a focus in Health as students learn how to be safe in all situations. We look forward to an exciting and busy Term!

## Year Four:

In Year Four this term, students will be spending the first half of the term learning about Aboriginal History in Society and Environment. This topic is being integrated into Art and Procedure writing in Literacy. Students are also learning about Poetry, exploring the interesting and funny literary effects that can be added to their writing.

In the second half of the term, the students will be exploring the process of making laws in Australia. In Mathematics, we will be revising addition and subtraction whilst learning more about multiplication and division. We will also be exploring measurement and finishing off with an interesting statistics and probability investigation.

In Religious Education students will be exploring the topics of The Creator of Human Life and The Spirit Who Strengthens. In Health, students are focused on developing appropriate protective behaviour strategies that are useful in their everyday lives.

In order for the students to engage in the technological society that we live in today, they will be continuing to use MacBooks across all learning areas and all of us in Year Four are looking forward to yet another busy term!

## Year Five:

This term we will be completing NAPLAN in week four and the children will be well prepared. In Number we are revising multiplication and division. In Measurement and Geometry we are learning about length, area, volume, capacity and mass.

We will be visiting the Perth Zoo, which will prepare the children for writing an information report on an imaginary junk yard animal.


The reading strategies, which we will be cover are: summarising, predicting, visualising and inferring.

The children will become experts on the Eureka Stockade and the Swan River Settlement as we study this in Society and Environment.

We will continue implementing the Making Jesus Real program support by the RE units of work 'We are Called' and "Relationships Restored."

Children will channel their inner marketing skills to create products to be sold to the school community as part of a fundraising event.

Although it is going to be a busy term we are looking forward to the excitement.





## Year Six:

Welcome back to Term Two. It was wonderful to see students back at school full of enthusiasm and ready to learn.

Week 1 was spent exploring the history of our ANZACS. Students shared family stories and experiences and all showed respect and reverence at our ANZAC Assembly on Friday.

Term Two will be a big term for those students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at the end of Week 5. Students are busy preparing and learning about how they will fully receive the Holy Spirit at this very special time.

During our Numeracy Dedicated Time, Year Six is focusing on 3D shapes, area, volume and capacity along with some statistics and probability.

In Literacy Dedicated Time, students will be enhancing their reading comprehension skills while learning about Australian Federation and the birth of Australia as a Nation. Students will consolidate their knowledge of Australian History and Government with an excursion to Parliament House and the Constitutional Centre of WA in Week 11.

We look forward to sharing in a great term with you all!

## Phys ED:

Term Two is going to be epic. It is a long term and as such we are going to try and fit in three awesome sports. We will start with Flagbelt rugby, which is a student favourite. After this we will move into some AFL football and soccer. It truly will be a football code extravaganza.

All students have the pleasure and challenge of practicing for the Cross Country Carnival that will be held at the end of term. Each student should be pushed to do their personal best and I am seeking to improve everyone's base fitness.

There are two Interschool Carnivals this term. First up is the Interschool Basketball Carnival followed by the Interschool Lightning Carnival for all Year Sixes and a couple of lucky Year Fives. We will also be holding League Tag Trials in preparation for the Interschool next term.

Don't forget your drink bottles for hydration. You still sweat when it is cold, especially when training for the cross country.

Ryan Donnelly  
(HPE Specialist)

## Drama:

The juniors will continue with the focus of "**Creative Play and using our Imagination**". The students enjoy and feel very comfortable in the world of make believe! The development of their confidence is certainly evident. Along with this there will be some classes that will have a focus on choral speaking in preparation for the Performing Arts Festival.

The senior focus is on "**Readers Theatre**", the emphasis is on reading aloud with expression. The group support in this situation is often enough to allow those who are weak readers to participate fully and develop their confidence! This can then lead onto staged performances with props and costumes within the classroom setting and even the stage! It is in this situation where we then develop the skills of performance.

### RESILIENCY

1. **The Friendly Schools Plus** resource will continue to be a focus as we teach the students about being resilient and handling challenging situations they may find themselves in. A reminder our aim is to develop the student's social and emotional intelligence and this fosters the prevention of bullying behaviours.
2. **M.J.R. (Making Jesus Real)**. This programme will also continue to be a focus throughout the school. MJR has a simple message – Jesus is part of our lives and can change the way we live, we can make Jesus real through our daily actions and words. Students learn about having a positive attitude and that their actions, attitudes and behaviours have an impact on their relationships. MJR provides students with a language that allows them to evaluate their thoughts and behaviours and provides strategies for alternative actions. It teaches them about being a welcoming person who encourages others, a person who can say sorry and thank you. Students learn about including people, making eye contact and the importance of forgiveness and gratitude. An important aspect of MJR is learning how to recognize God Moments in our daily life!

Mrs. Pottier  
(Drama Specialist)

## Science:

Welcome back to Term Two Science.

Last term we were really busy growing things, working out why things are living or non-living, understanding how animals and plants adapt to their environment and looking at microorganisms!

This term we are covering all things Chemical!!

From reversible to irreversible changes, changing states of matter and the types of materials we use in everyday life. Different classes will be learning and investigating different aspects of chemical sciences.

Finally we do need your help to collect a few things so we can complete our investigations and activities.

### We need-

- Old keys (for pre-primary to build their very own wind chime)
- Bottle caps
- 600 ml clear plastic water bottles with screw tops
- Assorted glass jars - from baby food to pasta sauce jars with lids please.

Check our science blog to keep up to date and see what we have been up to! Or pop in to see me and have a look around our Science lab.

Hope to see you  
Mrs Ziegelaar

## P & F News

The next P&F meeting will be in the staffroom on Tuesday 12th May, 7pm. All are welcome, please come along if you can as we would love to see you there for the first meeting of Term Two.

As advertised in last week's newsletter, there will be a free screening of Maggie Dent's video seminar Boys, Boys Boys in the MCCC on Tuesday May 5<sup>th</sup>, 1pm 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](mailto:dj.lones@westnet.com.au)

Kate Godwin-Johnston, P&F

## Margaret Menner

On Tuesday 21st April, Margaret Menner demonstrated comprehension lessons in the classrooms. Margaret is a well renowned consultant in the area of literacy and has been working with our staff on reading comprehension strategies.



Margaret Menner was very impressed with the dedication and professionalism of our staff. She also mentioned how well behaved the students were.



## Uniform Shop

Just a reminder, the interschool shirts (borrowed for Swimming Carnival in Term One) need to be returned to the uniform shop, **Wednesday's only at recess**

Thank you  
Ilonka Heinzle  
Uniform Shop Coordinator  
Perm-a-Pleat

## Class Rep Events

- **KA – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May – 10am-12noon**  
*Playground near Surfing Lizard Café, Coogee*
- **KA – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June – 7pm**  
*The Burrendah Tavern, Willetton, RSVP to your Rep by 5<sup>th</sup> June via email*
- **PPC – Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May – 3pm**  
*High Tea Esplanade, Fremantle, Cost \$35.00 RSVP name on list and deposit of \$10 to Class Rep*
- **2A – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June – 7pm**  
*Café Royale, 2/19 Junction Bvd, Cockburn Central, RSVP by 23<sup>rd</sup> June*
- **3C – Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May – 3pm**  
*High Tea Esplanade, Fremantle, RSVP to your Rep by 20<sup>th</sup> May*
- **4A, 4B – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – 7.30pm**  
*Dragon Palace, Cockburn  
RSVP to your Rep by 19<sup>th</sup> May*
- **5A, 5B, 5C – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May – 7pm**  
*Dragon Palace, Cockburn*

## Jimmy's Tennis

Jimmy's Tennis is back at Mater Christi!

Local tennis coach, **Jim Guilfoile**, is offering ANZ Hot Shots tennis lessons on Thursday mornings starting on the 7th of May, from 7:40 to 8:25am on the school courts next to the staff carpark.

Every new player will receive a free t shirt!

The term fee is \$100 for 8 weeks' tuition. Spaces are limited, so register NOW by ringing Jim on 0403 743 147, or email him at [jimmystennis@iprimus.com.au](mailto:jimmystennis@iprimus.com.au). Registration forms are available at school reception.

## Friday 8th May

**Your P & F will be holding a**



**Many gifts to choose from at great prices**

**From \$1.00 to \$5.00**

**Children in Kindy B & D should bring an envelope with their money inside on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May**



## Relationships Australia

### **All About Anger – Working with Parents and Teenagers**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.