

Mater Christi Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents & Caregivers

I know from my experience when celebrating my final Mass for our Mater Christi school community during the week, I will be unable to say the things I want to say to you today at Mass. I have therefore decided to put my thoughts into writing. I hope you will understand.

What makes my leaving Mater Christi bearable is that I am confident that the Parish is in good and loving hands. Sister Emmanuel is the mainstay of our Parish Family and will continue to grace your lives with her patient and self-giving love and faith. She will be an amazing support to Fr Dat, as she has been for me. I can honestly say that over the past seventeen years not a cross word has passed between us. When she casts a critical eye, it is always a constructive one. Her innate wisdom is so down to earth and deep it would make the devil shudder. Every day I thank God for her, and will continue to as long as the Lord allows me.

Hers is the only name I shall single out. By rights there should be many more. I shall not mention them; they know who they are, and I am forever in their debt. Some of them – if not all – have enabled me to last the distance and get to Pentecost. I realize now that I've left my run a bit late but these wonderful parishioners have been behind me all the way, praying for me, driving me when I couldn't drive, feeding me(!), tidying after me, helping get my new home ready, offering a kind word, being there for me, and sometimes just hugging me. Of course, this is typical of so many who have contributed to the life of the parish over the years. Some of these have gone home to the Father. I should especially like to acknowledge them.

The parishioners of Mater Christi are an amazing group, not a bad egg among them. Over the last forty years I have experienced the kindness and support of wonderful people wherever I have ministered, but you are exceptional. I know I have rubbed some up the wrong way, (this happens in the best of families) but they have always treated me with courtesy and respect. My shortcomings have been overlooked by the vast majority, and although my poor virtues have been at times exaggerated I have been truly uplifted and refreshed by your positiveness and generosity of spirit.

When there is a changing of the guard, people often find it difficult to adjust to the new boy on the block. There is sometimes even the temptation to compare the new boy with the old one. I hasten to assure you that you will very quickly come to appreciate the charisms of Fr Dat's pastoral care. See this change as a breath of fresh air; every generation must make way for the next. He will build on what we have achieved just as I –we- built on the work of my three predecessors. He will do things I could not, and this thought pleases me very much.

Dates for Next Week

Monday 6th June	PUBLIC HOLIDAY WA DAY
Tuesday 7th June	9am Mass (4C) 7pm P&F Meeting
Wednesday 8th June	Kindy 2018 Interviews LifeLink Day School Banking Uniform Shop Open 8am to 10.30am 1.20pm to 3.20pm
Thursday 9th June	Kindy 2018 Interviews 9am Mass (3A) Yr 5 CSL (Frank Prendergast)
Friday 10th June	Kindy 2018 Interviews 8.45am Australia's Biggest M/Tea
Saturday 11th June	First Communion Commitment Masses (All Masses)
Sunday 12th June	First Communion Commitment Masses (All Masses)

I look forward to hearing of the great things that will be happening in Mater Christi Parish. I have decided not to publish my contact details but with Fr Dat's permission I will, after the dust has settled. I look forward to catching up with old friends – and Fr Dat has already indicated he would like me to come and assist in the parish from time to time. This thought also pleases me very much.

Today let's keep things simple, no speeches, not too many words. Let me go quietly and please know that I carry you all in my heart which is not the least bit heavy but buoyant with the joy of having spent some time in your company.

God Bless.... Father Bryan

Religious Education

LifeLink

All mission money collected this term will be donated to LifeLink in order to support people in need within our community. This year LifeLink Day will be officially launched on **Wednesday 8th June**.

This Wednesday, Archbishop Costelloe has invited representatives from every Primary School to join him at Lake Monger Reserve on Wednesday for the Launch of LifeLink Day. This year our Head Altar Servers and selected SRC will attend the launch and linking of all school chains. We hope they have a great morning at this wonderful event.

For more information about Life LinkDay, visit their website <http://www.lifelink.com.au>

Winter Food Appeal

We are requesting specific items for our Term Two St Vincent de Paul Winter Food Appeal. Each lobby is asked to bring in certain items and will create a "food wall". **The Food Drive will end on Friday, 24th June 2016**. Thank you for your support of this great cause.

Best Wishes

Courtney Dunsire

Assistant Principal



St Vincent de Paul Term 2 Winter Food Appeal

We are requesting specific items for our Term 2 Giving Day. Each lobby is asked to bring in certain items according to the list below.

It would be greatly appreciated if each student could bring in an item. Items should be taken to your class.

The Food Drive will end on Friday, 24th June 2016. All donations will be collected and given to needy families in our area.

LOBBY	FOOD ITEM
Kindy/1C	Two Minute Noodles
Pre-Primary/1A & B	Milo / Tea / Coffee
Year 2 & 3C	Tinned Soup
Year 3 / 4	Baked Beans / Tinned Spaghetti
Year 5 & 4C	Long Life Milk
Year 6	Cereal

Thank You!

Parish News

First Holy Communion Workshops

Online bookings for First Holy Communion Parent/Child workshops are available from **Monday 6th June**.

The following times are available:

- ❖ **Tuesday 28th June at 3:30pm**
- ❖ **Tuesday 28th June at 5:00pm**
- ❖ **Wednesday 29th June at 3:30pm**
- ❖ **Wednesday 29th June at 5:00pm**

For log-in details please refer to the Parish website:
<http://www.materchristiparish.com>



First Holy Communion Commitment Masses

First Communion Commitment Masses will take place during Parish Masses on the 11th & 12th June. All children receiving the Sacrament of First Eucharist are required to attend. Parish Mass times are Saturday at 6pm, Sunday at 8am, 10am & 5pm.



Supervision of Children before and after school

Recently there has been a number of incidents around the Science block with sticks being placed in door locks rendering them inaccessible and costing the school a great deal of time and money to have them replaced. A reminder, that before 8.30am and after 3.30pm, children are to be supervised closely by a parent or guardian if they are on school grounds. If you are unable to stay with your child during these times please instruct them to wait at the front of the library where they can be seen by the Admin staff. Thank you for your support.

Cross Country Training

CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING

Cross Country Training will start next week. Training is open to all students in Year Three to Six. Everyone is encouraged to attend. It is a brilliant way to get into shape for the upcoming Cross Country Carnival (Monday 27th June). Training Days are as follows:

DAY	WHEN	TIME
TUESDAY	MORNINGS	8:00 – 8:30AM
THURSDAY	MORNINGS	8:00 – 8:30AM

Parents please note that children must change into their school uniform after cross country training in the morning ready for regular classes unless it is their sports day.

Ryan Donnelly
HPE Specialist

Book Club

Book club is due

Friday 10 June 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.

Emily Richards
Library Officer

After School Sport

This term will see the Afterschool Sports Club participating in BOWLS! This underrated game is a great opportunity for children of all sporting abilities.

Below are the times for each session. If you are yet to sign up, for this free activity, please see Mrs Williamson 6C.

Year 1-3
Thursday 3:30-4:15
9th June

An Event For Parents

Mater Christi Catholic Primary School

Resilience – how does your child bounce back from life's inevitable big and little adversities? The older we get the more we KNOW that life's not always fair and that we're going to need lots and lots of life TOOLS to get back up and have another go!

In real life, not everyone:

- Gets picked to be a badge holder – even if they're a really good kid
- Wins every race or passes every test
- Gets invited to every party
- Is a naturally gifted social butterfly or scholar
- Gets included in games at lunch time

The good news! There is a LOT that parents can do to help their children to develop better social, emotional and learning resilience.

We invite you to join us for an evening of information and answers with Claire Orange as together we tackle these issues and more.

For any queries, please email Rebecca Rowland (School Counsellor) – rowland.rebecca@cathednet.wa.edu.au

You will also have the opportunity to purchase Claire's book for the discounted price of \$15.00 on the night.



Date:
Tuesday
June 21st 2016

Time:
7.00-9.00pm

Where:
Mater Christi
Community
Centre

Rsvp:
Monday
June 13th 2016
admin@mcps.wa.edu.au

Claire Orange is an Allied Health Therapist, Parenting Coach, Child Mental Health Counsellor, Author and Speaker. As a parent of 4 boys, she knows that parents need all the help they can get as they navigate the tricky playground politics with their children.

Claire is the author of 'Highway Heroes' a program we are currently rolling out in our school. Parents are urged to attend to support the vocabulary & key learnings that are being implemented.



P&F News

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

The next P&F meeting is **next Tuesday 7th June**, we would love to see you there at 7pm in the Staffroom! Click here: <http://portal.mcps.wa.edu.au/pf-minutes/> to view the minutes of our last meeting.

HAVE A GUESS

As from next Tuesday we will be selling raffle tickets in a guessing competition for the students only.

Guess the number of Jelly Beans in a jar.

We will be selling tickets in the junior courtyard for 50 cents each.



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CLASS REP EVENTS

- **KB – Friday 10th June – 9.30am**
Catch Up at Croc's Play centre, Jandakot
RSVP to your Class Rep
- **3A – Thursday 9th June – 7pm**
Dragon Palace, Cockburn More details to follow,
RSVP to your Class Rep by 6th June 16
- **Yr5 – Friday 1st July – 7pm**
Café Royal, Cockburn Central,
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)



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- 2. SELECT YOUR DATE**
- 3. ADD YOUR ITEMS**
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