

Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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As we welcome each other to commence a new term, a new Principal, a new family, a new beginning and a new adventure, we are reminded of the words of Pope Francis... Say 'Yes' to the new relationships brought by Christ.

Pope Francis acknowledges the challenges posed by today's extraordinary advances in human communications, which is like stepping into "a flood tide" of opportunities to mingle and encounter, embrace and support one another.

He tells us not "to hide or keep apart from others, or quietly flit from one place or task to another, without creating deep and stable bonds." Sharing the Good News means "learning to find Jesus in the faces of others, in their voices, in their pleas" (#91). Excerpt from 'The Joy of the Gospel -SEVEN CHALLENGES FROM POPE FRANCIS'

Dear Parents

I wish to express my sincere gratitude for the warm welcome I have received. I am very excited about serving as Principal of Mater Christi and feel privileged to be joining a school and parish culture focused on faith, family, learning and community. I look forward in getting to know you better as we work together to nurture and help grow our beautiful children.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work of all the staff who have been very busy preparing the classrooms, programs, grounds, as well as those who work quietly behind the scenes all in readiness for the new term. How very blessed we are as a community to have such dedicated, professional, giving and enthusiastic people working in our school.

Our staff work collaboratively to nurture the very best from each and every child; to bring out that wonderful treasure that is inside; to help each child find the success they deserve and to make enthusiasm for learning an everyday reality as there is so much to explore and learn.

This all goes hand in hand with a very real love in knowing that the God who created us is always by our side. It is in Making Jesus Real that we truly share who Jesus is to each other and what He means to us.

We have a great school to be truly proud of and I know that we will all work together to the best of our ability to keep moving forward.

Thank you for your support and please do not hesitate to come and say hello and/or to discuss any concerns.



I'm glad that joining me as 'newbies' to Mater Christi is Daisy Gadsden 2B and Max Gadsden 4B.

I know that you will join with me in making them feel very welcomed.

Sympathies to Mr & Mrs Tan on the loss of a much loved mother and to Shaun 5A and Shane 3B on the loss of their grandmother. Also to Mr & Mrs Terribile and to Max 2C and Kara KD whose aunty sadly passed away. Let us keep these families in our prayers. May their loved ones rest in the peace and love of God.



Toni Kalat
Principal

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Dates for Next Week

**Monday
27th July**

9am Mass (5B)

Performing Arts Festival-
Christian Drama

**Tuesday
28th July**

9am Mass (4B)

Performing Arts
Festival- Bible
Reading

Yr 6 Family Life
Parent Info Session
(7 – 8.30pm)

**Wednesday
29th July**

3.30pm Week 1 First Holy
Communion Practice
(Church)

School Banking

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

**Thursday
30th July**

9am Mass (2B)

Performing Arts
Festival-
Instrumental
Ensemble Guitar

**Friday
31st July**

9am Mass (6A & 5A)

Naidoc Activities

Saturday 1st August

6pm First Holy Communion

Sunday 2nd August

8am & 10am First Holy Communion

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Religious Education

The Bishops' Religious Literacy Assessment

At the request of the Western Australian Bishops, Year Three and Year Five students will take part in *The Bishops' Religious Literacy Assessment* program on Wednesday, 29th July. Please refer to the note on the Class Portal [http:// www.mcps.wa.edu.au](http://www.mcps.wa.edu.au) for further details.



Parish Masses

All classes will attend Parish Masses on a roster basis during the term. Parents are welcome to attend and I am sure the children would be delighted to see you there! Please refer to the Term Three Calendar to find out when your child's class will be attending Mass. These Masses are additional to the whole school Masses that will be celebrated this term in Weeks Three and Seven. When possible, we will inform you via your child's school diary/communication book if there has been a change to a Mass time due to unforeseen circumstances.

Year Six Family Life - Parent Information Night

It is essential that the Church adequately explains and promotes the truth about human sexuality and relationships in the classroom. This formation begins in the early years helping children to develop a healthy understanding about their own sexuality, bodies and relationships.

Catholic Marriage and Fertility Services are running an interactive, educational workshop with the Year Six parents on **Tuesday 28th July at 7pm** in the 6A classroom. We hope to see you there!

Best Wishes
Courtney Dunsire
Assistant Principal

MC Blog

We currently have 104 members of the MC Blog on our new website. We would love to see as many families as possible join as it is a great way for our community to keep in touch and find out important information about what is going on in our school. Joining is easy, all you need to do is click on the MC Blog section on the bottom right hand corner of the website and you will be guided through the process. You will need to contact the school office for the password as we want this blog to only be available to our school community. At the end of last term we offered one lucky blogger the opportunity to win a \$100 Rebel Sports voucher just by simply joining. We have decided to extend this offer and will announce the winner in our Week 3 newsletter. So join up for the chance to win this great prize.

Thanks
Mark Ryan
Assistant Principal

Interschool Cross Country

Training commences next week on Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00am. See you all there.

Ryan Donnelly (HPE Specialist)

Year 5 Parent Information Session - Christian Service Learning

Venue: Staff Room, Mater Christi CPS

Time & Dates: 6pm on Tuesday 4th August & 2:30pm Wednesday 5th August

We invite all Year 5 parents to join us for an information session regarding Christian Service Learning. If you have a child in Year 5, please come along to either the evening or afternoon session.

The session will outline to parents the implementation of Christian Service for Year 5 students in 2015. Christian Service Learning in Catholic schools enables students to grow from a Catholic faith perspective as people of service and justice. The session will be presented by Sarah Lister, Donna Ward & Courtney Dunsire.

If you are interested in attending please email the school on admin@mcps.wa.edu.au and pop into the subject line: Attending Christian Service Learning on (date).

We hope to see you there!

Mater Christi Read-A-Thon

Help us celebrate Book Week at Mater Christi!

Book Week is held in Week Six, Term Three and we are pleased to confirm we will have the **fancy dress parade**, the **second-hand bookstall** and the **read-a-thon**.

We are asking for you to encourage/assist your children to read and complete a reading log during the first half of Term Three.

We are also offering a competition prize draw, which every student can enter by answering these questions: *What is the favourite book you read in the read-a-thon and (in 25 words or less) why is it your favourite?* Competition forms will be available in the library from Week One, Term Three.

The read-a-thon has commenced and will conclude the Friday of Week Five. As part of the Book Week celebrations, students can win a prize and certificates in recognition of their reading achievements and efforts.

We are very excited about this joint school, P&F initiative. It shows how we as a school community can work well together to improve the learning experience of our students.

Please consult the **key dates below** and thank you for your cooperation with this initiative students.

Tuesday, Week One	Read-a-thon commences, competition open for prize draw (entries in library)
Week One – Four	Second-hand book donations welcome (to collection box in each classroom)
Friday, Week Five	Read-a-thon concludes and ALL reading logs to be handed into teachers
Monday & Tuesday Week Six	Students' second hand book stall (all books 50c or \$1)
Friday, Week Six	Book Week Parade, read-a-thon awards issued, competition prize draw



After School Sport

After a successful Term Two with Basketball and AFL, the 'Sporting Schools Program' continues. Term Three will see Junior students learning the skills of Hockey and Senior students learning Gridiron and Flagbelt Rugby. This program is a perfect opportunity to make new friends, learn new skills and keep fit and healthy. For more information, collect a permission slip from your classroom teacher or see Miss Meyerkort in 4B. Spots are limited to 30 per group.

Talking With Your Children About Bystanders

Bullying involves more than the students who are bullied and those who bully others. Bullying often continues because people who are involved do not talk about it and seek help. This includes people who observe bullying – the bystanders. **A bystander is someone who sees the bullying or knows that it is happening to someone else.**

Bullying Situation Chart

1. Contributor
2. Witness
3. Supporter
4. Ringleader
5. Person Being Bullied

There may be bystanders who are afraid they may be bullied next and this may influence their decision about what they will do if they see bullying happening.

- There are different types of bystanders and in this model, they are described as:

Contributors – This group offer support to the person bullying, either by helping the person to bully the other person or by encouraging the person bullying. This group might gather to watch the incident (*sometimes from concern for the person being bullied, sometimes to see what will happen, and sometimes for enjoyment*).

Supporters – This group dislikes the bullying, is concerned for the person being bullied and actively tries to help the person being bullied.

Witness – This group knows the bullying is going on but is not directly involved

What can bystanders do?

If students see another student being bullied they should:

- Let the person doing the bullying know that what they are doing is bullying
- Refuse to join in with the bullying and walk away
- Support the student who is being bullied
- Ask a teacher or support person for help
- Support their friends and protect them from bullying (children who are alone are more likely to be the target of bullying, so encourage your children to be aware of children who are left out or on their own in the schoolyard).

This term the students will be explicitly taught how to respond as a bystander. Being assertive is about saying what you think, feel and want in a confident way and protecting their own rights while not infringing on the rights of others. It means saying what you want without shouting, glaring being angry or putting others down. **The assertive response is just right** (not too hard and not too soft).

Pat Pottier
Drama Specialist

MC DREAM TEAM

Our after school dance group will be performing this Term in the Catholic Performing Arts Festival. See below for performance details and ticket information.

PERFORMANCE DETAILS & COSTUMES

(Children need to be taken by parent/guardian to the venue).

Group: MC Dream Team

Item Name and Number: Don't Be Late For Class! (Item 16)

Date: Monday 17th August 2015 (Week Five, Term Three)

Session: 7:00 – 9:30pm (approximate finishing time)

Venue: Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre – 21 Mounts Bay Road, Perth.

TICKETS

Tickets for the performance night will be available through Ticketek from Monday 20th July, 2015. Performers will not need a ticket as they will be watching from the auditorium and backstage throughout the night.

TICKETEK: 132 849 or www.ticketek.com.au Adults \$20 and Students \$16.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and see us.

Ms Ross (Music) & Mrs Cosnett (PPA)
Dance Co-ordinators

Uniform Shop

Interschool and Football shirts that were borrowed last term, are required to be returned to the Uniform Shop on Wednesdays at Recess ONLY please.

Thank you
Ilonka Heinzle
Uniform Shop Coordinator

Earn and Learn

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September 2015, Mater Christi will be participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn program. When staff and parents shop at Woolworths, they can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There will be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box here at the Mater Christi Office. Last time was very successful and we were able to get lots of fantastic resources for the school!



Class Rep Events

- KC – Friday 4th September – 6.30pm,**
Kardinya Tavern, South Street, Kardinya,
RSVP to your Reps by Wednesday 2nd September

Parish Corner

Sacramental Program

First Communion Schedule 2015

Dates	Times	Rehearsal
Sat 1 st August Sun 2 nd August	6pm 8am & 10am	Wednesday 29 th July 3:30pm in the Church
Sat 8 th August Sun 9 th August	6pm 10am & 5pm	Wednesday 5 th August 3:30pm in the Church
Sat 15 th August Sun 16 th August	6pm 8am & 10am	Wednesday 12 th August 3:30pm in the Church

Parish website. <http://www.materchristiparish.com>

Relationships Australia

Making Stepfamilies Work – Tuesday 4th August x 6 weeks. Helpful strategies for couples with children from previous relationships.

Family Patterns – Thursday 6th August x 6 weeks. Many of our adulthood attitudes, values and beliefs and subsequent behaviors can be traced to what was passed on to us in our formative years.

Rock and Water Programme – Saturday 15th August 8.30-12.30. The program offers a framework of exercises and ideas to assist boys and girls to become aware of the purpose and motivation in their life.

Parent Child Connection – Wednesday 26th August x 4 weeks. Raising children should be one of life's greatest experiences, but as any parent knows, it is not an easy task. People with children under ten are invited to this four-week course to learn new skills, feel better about their parenting and gain confidence.

For further information and to enrol
please phone 9489 6322.