

Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please pray for the children and their families who will be celebrating their First Holy Communion.

We Come to the Table

The table is a symbol of community and hospitality where people gather and are made to feel welcome. Jesus conducted much of his ministry over a table, welcoming, sharing, talking, eating, drinking and accepting people from all walks of life. Eucharist is a time of sacred celebration when we are called to gather as a community of disciples at the table of the Lord. Jesus invites us to his table to receive the gift of himself in the form of bread and wine.

Loving God, may our table be a place of hospitality and welcome where we bring friends and guests and those in need. May it be a place where we can experience your love and forgiveness. Amen.

Dear Parents

This week the Leadership Team has been meeting with the teachers to discuss their planning and teaching for this term. As you can read throughout the Newsletter, our children are going to be active learners through a variety of engaging learning activities. I thank them for their commitment to their own learning, in challenging each other and in creating vibrant learning opportunities.

It is important to remember that learning is a process! We acknowledge that in life we don't always get it right the first time!!! When Albert Einstein was asked about his many failures he is said to have replied, "I have not failed. I've discovered ten thousand ways which do not work!" Our 'failures' can often be the forerunner to success; without errors being made much of our modern knowledge and way of living would not exist. We know that we are able to learn from our mistakes because 'a mistake' is an unintentional error. Mistakes can be painful when they occur but as time goes by they become known as experience and worthwhile, if we learn from them.

Mistakes by themselves are not bad, they are part of the way in which we learn, grow and mature. Mistakes should be regarded as experiences which give us information from which we can learn and make improved decisions – provided we don't take them too seriously. Likewise we can only learn from a mistake if we take ownership of it and admit that we made it. As soon as we start to blame other people for what occurred we begin to distance ourselves from any beneficial outcome. Accepting responsibility makes learning possible and though we can't change mistakes, we can if necessary, change how we respond to them.

Children make mistakes as they learn, grow and mature. Much can be gained if we discuss with them what went wrong and how, in the future, they might be able to avoid the same thing going wrong again. They need to be assured that mistakes can be fixed as a way of learning how to find better ways of being successful.

Just like adults, children need to take responsibility for their mistakes. We actually deprive them of this opportunity if we remove the burden of responsibility from them by accepting their responsibility as our own. Our children will not learn about consequences if there never are any. If we have a gentle guiding hand to offer our children to help fix their mistakes and solve their problems, we will give them skills that will make them happy and enable them to grow to be productive and responsible young people. Children learn by example, so, if we as parents can demonstrate the proper responses to mistakes, our children will be able to model their own behaviour and expectations, after our own.

Toni Kalat
Principal

Dates for Next Week

**Monday
3rd August** 9am Mass (1B)

**Tuesday
4th August** 9am Mass (4A)
Performing Arts
Festival- Primary
Vocal Solo

Yr 1 Excursion –
Herdsman Lake

7pm Board Meeting

**Wednesday
5th August** 3.30pm Week 2 First Holy
Communion Practice
(Church)

School Banking

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

**Thursday
6th August** 9am Mass (3B)
Performing Arts
Festival- Christian
Dance

**Friday
7th August** 9am Whole School Mass
(Yr 5)

Saturday 8th August
6pm First Holy Communion

Sunday 9th August
10am & 5pm First Holy Communion

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Religious Education

First Holy Communion

This weekend we have our first group of Mater Christi students making their First Holy Communion. Please keep the children receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist in your prayers at this special time.

Whole School Mass

We will celebrate the feast day of St Mary of the Cross on Friday, 7th August with Mass at 9am. All parents are welcome to attend.

Best Wishes
Courtney Dunsire
Assistant Principal



Performing Arts Festival

Congratulations to Teacher Pat Pottier and our Year Six Liturgical Drama Group for their Honourable Mention in the Christian Drama section in this years Festival

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

Reminder Altar Servers meeting this Saturday 1 August at 4.30pm. Come along to find out about the Altar Servers Pizza Movie night

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

Kindy:

Wow! Term Three already! Welcome back to a fun and exciting ten weeks ahead. We will be encouraging the children to develop and explore their imaginations with our vet, classroom and fairytale themed home corners. We are continuing to focus on a story each week and will be making lots of wonderful creations in Kindy.

The main focuses are:

- Speaking in short sentences and narrative retell skills.
- Learning the sound of the letters S,A,T,P,I,N,M,R,C,H,E,D.
- Awareness of print concepts.
- Subitising with objects.
- Cardinality –the last number represents the whole collection.
- Numeral recognition.
- Learning about our different emotions and feelings.

Essential Items to bring in this term:

It is required that each child brings in the following items by week Four:

- 1 medium sized sock for a sock puppet.
- 1 plain white men's t-shirt to make a gift for Father's Day.

Please continue to bring your recycling materials for our box gluing and arts activities.

We look forward to another wonderful term with you and your child.

Regards
Kindy Staff

After School Sport

Places available for Senior Group however Junior group is full. 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.

Pre Primary:

It's going to be very exciting in Pre-Primary this term!

In Religious Education we will be immersed in the many ways we can talk to God. We will write our own thank you prayers and also come to realise that we can talk to God anywhere and anytime.

We are also going to participate in many activities involving one of our favourite authors, Eric Carle! We are going to 'have a go' at being an author as well.

Learning about everything 'Under the Sea' and a visit to AQWA will be another highlight of our term! Phew! It's so busy in Pre-Primary.



In Numeracy we are going to be adding numbers together and creating addition sums using concrete objects. There will be so many fun hands on activities to consolidate our learning.

Don't forget there will also be a special time for all the Dads to come and visit, but you will have to wait and see what we have planned for this special Fathers' day activity!!!!

Year One:

Welcome to Term Three!

We are looking forward to the busy term ahead.

In Religion we will be focusing on how God made each person special and how we belong in our families, school, parish and community.

In English we are exploring Dreamtime stories and we will be visiting Herdsman Lake Wildlife Centre in week three to enhance this experience.

We will also be learning about Australia and Australian animals.

In writing we will be learning how to write information reports, planning and writing narratives and further developing our descriptive writing skills.

During Numeracy time we will be revising time, and money, exploring the probability of events occurring and continuing to develop our mental maths skills.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Interschool Cross Country

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

Ryan Donnelly (HPE Specialist)

Year Two:

Welcome back to Term Three!

We have another exciting term planned. We will be learning about the amazing mini beasts in our environment.

The Year Twos will also keep busy looking after our wormeries in the school garden.

We will be discussing the olden days in history where the children will have fun comparing life today to that of the past.

In Literacy we will be focusing on report writing. We will continue to build confidence in using the comprehension strategies.

Oral language skills will be further developed through our news program.

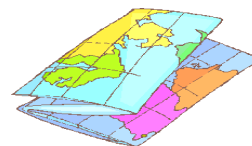
During Math lessons we will be learning about money, fractions and time.

The two topics for Religion this term are 'Jesus Forgives' and 'Joining in the Lord's Meal'.

We would love to see parents and friends join us on the 21st August for our Year Two Assembly.

Don't forget to check the Year Two blog for updates and information on the exciting things happening this term. We are looking forward to another busy term ahead!

Year Three:



Bonjour! Ciao! Guten Tag! G'Day! Dia Dhuit!

This term in Year Three we travel too and explore the different cultural celebrations around the world. This will culminate in each student writing an information report on a country of their choice throughout our Literacy program.

In Religious Education we cover the units 'Water of Life' (Baptism) and begin our preparations for the Sacrament of Reconciliation with the unit Christian Conscience (Penance).

In Numeracy the students will be 'spending up big' as they learn about Australian currency and currencies of the world.

Later in the term we will delve into the world of fractions and chance and data.

In Health we move our way through the body systems to find out how to maintain a healthy, balanced, lifestyle.

Integrated with our Literacy and SOSE program is Visual Art. Students will be provided with many opportunities to recreate traditional cultural artifacts.

Fasten your seatbelts, place your seats in the upright position and enjoy the journey!

Year Four:

The Year Fours have jumped out of the Term Three blocks with a bang! With a number of key focuses in each learning area this term promises to be a busy but exciting adventure for all involved.

The Term Three literacy writing focuses are information reports and descriptive texts. Students will have a number of opportunities to plan, create and write these two text types using various ideas and topics. Students will continue using the Lexile reading system and participating in Dedicated Literacy Blocks every day with the 'Diana Rigg' program continuing to be a spelling focus across Year Four.

Numeracy Dedicated Time will see students undertaking skills practice, hands on activities and interactive tasks on mathematical concepts such as decimals, fractions, division, mental computation, problem solving, and money.

Term Three is a very special and significant time for all those in Year Four making their First Communion. Religious education will focus on the importance of this sacrament as well as two other units; 'Coming to Your Table' and 'God Knows Everything' to broaden the students' knowledge and understanding of these topics.

In SOSE this Term, the focus is Australian history, in particular, 'The First Fleet'. All Year Four classes will embark on an adventure through time to discover what it was like to be an explorer and a convict during the early settlement of Australia. In week eight the adventure will continue to the Fremantle Prison where the students will discover first hand the lifestyle of convicts and the punishments dealt out to them.

Term Three will be an exciting experience for all students, with preparation for the Senior Athletics Carnival. The Year Four team look forward to a fun filled learning experience. Don't forget to check out our blogs

Phys Ed

Term Three is all about Athletics. The whole school will be taken through its paces in a wide range of athletic endeavours. The students will be shown an elite style warm up and will then be immersed in the different facets of track and field.

The juniors will be focussing on the short sprints/relays and all of the team games that will make up our Athletics Carnival.

The seniors will move through events such as long jump, shot put, turbo jav and the different sprints as well as the twelve different team games they will participate in during the Carnival. Preparation is geared towards the Athletics Carnival at the end of the term (Check the calendar for dates).

At an Interschool level the school will be participating in a League Tag and Cross Country Carnival. Training has already commenced and the students are raring to go. Ryan Donnelly (HPE Specialist)

Year Five:

This is the last call for the boarding of flight 5A5B5C on our journey around the world, all aboard!

That's right, the Year Fives are heading on a journey around the world for SOSE this term and we will be learning about many different cultures.

In Literacy we will be getting our creative prose on and we will be looking at all different sorts of poetry and figurative aspects of language. We will also be looking into the world of conservation by delving deeper into some Australian texts in our Reading program.

Our Numeracy will be divided up into many different parts as we explore fractions, decimals and percentages. The chances of our success with this is highly probable as we explore statistics and probability later in the term.

In Health we will be learning about nutrition and communication and in Religion we will be feeding nutrition to the soul by covering the topics like 'Nourishing Our Goodness' and 'We are Called'.

With much more to do it's going to be a bumper term full of fun and learning. Let's take off and get on our way!

Year Six:

Welcome back to school for Term Three. I hope everyone is refreshed and ready for what promises to be a very busy term.

Firstly we welcome Miss McMahon who will be completing her final prac in 6C! We wish her all the best for this term and look forward to having her help and input in all our learning opportunities.

During Literacy Dedicated Time we will examine persuasive devices and strategies, which will then lead us into debating. This will culminate in a Debate Night to be held on Wednesday 16th September (Week Nine). We need as much support as possible to make it a great night so we would love to see you all there.

We will also have a look at advertising techniques and continue to focus on reading comprehension strategies during our Guided Reading Sessions.

Our Numeracy Dedicated Time will focus on fractions, decimals & percentages, data representation, calculating missing angles and problem solving.

During Religion we will explore how our bodies are used to express love for each other, Becoming a Man and a Woman' and a presentation from a special guest.

Finally, in Health we will learn about how our bodies work, with a focus on the respiratory system and heart health. We look forward to another busy, challenging and exciting third term in Year Six.

Science:

Welcome back to Science Term Three! – Hope you all enjoyed your holidays with your children.

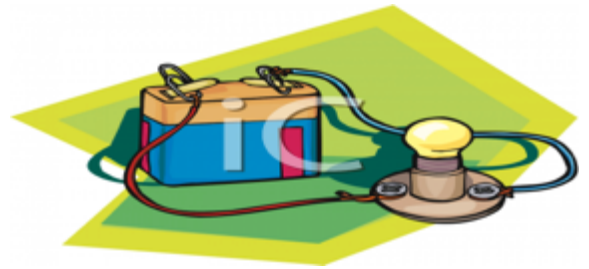
They are super kids, I am so lucky to have such great kids to teach so thank you parents; you do an awesome job!

This term the focus is on Physical Science! Below are the topics that we will be covering in each year.

I am also looking for some items this term –

- Shoeboxes,
- Christmas or birthday cards,
- Spinning tops, yoyos or pinwheels or even a jack- in -the box!

If you can help that would be awesome.



Year Level	Primary Connections units and Australian Curriculum Reference
PP	PC/T3 On the Move Explore: PUSH/PULL <ul style="list-style-type: none">• push and pull forces – move objects in ways such as sliding, bouncing and spinning.
Year 1	PC/T3 Look Listen Investigate : LIGHT AND SOUND <ul style="list-style-type: none">• sources of light and sound,• how they are produced• how light and sound travel. The role of light and sound in our lives and our community
Year 2	PC/T3 Push Pull Explore pushes and pulls: PUSH/PULL GRAVITY <ul style="list-style-type: none">• how these forces act in air, water, and on the ground.• Identify the effect of the pull of gravity• learn that both air and water can 'push'.
Year 3	PC/T3 Heating Up Investigate different heat sources: CONDUCTIVITY <ul style="list-style-type: none">• how heat moves from one object to another investigate the differences in conductivity of materials.
Year 4	PC/T3 Magnetic Moves Explore: MAGNETS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• how magnets exert a force on certain objects• how that force affects the objects. Gain an understanding of gravity, friction and magnetic forces at work in their everyday lives.
Year 5	PC/T3 Light Shows Explore: LIGHT – REFLECT /ABSORB/REFRACT <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the properties of light and how it enables us to see.• light and its role in our lives and our community• explain how objects reflect, absorb and refract light, how we can use light to meet our needs.
Year 6	PC/T3 It's Electrifying Explore: ELECTRIC CIRCUITS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the role of electrons in transferring energy in electric circuits.• investigate batteries, light bulbs, switches, conductors and insulators,• explain how battery-operated devices, for example, a torch, work

Drama:

For the first half of this term for many classes the focus is on rehearsals for the Performing Arts Festival as we are involved with Liturgical Drama, Choral Speech, Bible Reading and the Drama production "The Under Grounders".

- The junior students will continue to delve into the world of make believe but this term with a focus on puppetry as well as creative play. Through the use of puppets students can learn new ways to express themselves while learning new skills. This is another way of enhancing listening skills, developing risk-taking skills and providing students with opportunities to work cooperatively as a group and of course this all boosts self esteem.
- The senior focus is on developing the student's script writing ability. Brainstorming ideas, editing and processing their work, in order to perform as a group in front of their peers. Improvisation is also an area that will continue to be a focus. When students are given the opportunity for their imagination to run free, self-esteem and confidence flourish. They receive enormous positive stimulation discovering what they can do!
- In regards to Making Jesus Real, we will continue to deepen The Spirit of Jesus that is already in our school. The Friendly Schools Plus programme is an ongoing focus in all year levels, with the key area for this term being 'Relationship Skills.'

Pat Pottier
Drama Specialist



P & F

The next P&F meeting is coming up on Tuesday 11th August, 7pm in the staff room. Please come along if you can, we would love to see you there! The minutes of the last P&F meeting are available to view on the portal page at <http://portal.mcps.wa.edu.au/>. Click on the 'MC Parents & Friends' button in the blue banner across the top of the portal page to access P&F info such as Latest News, Agenda and Minutes.

There has been significant interest in doing the Royal Life Saving Senior First Aid course. We have analysed the survey results and are currently checking to see when trainers are available on the preferred days. More details to follow after the next P&F meeting.

Kate Godwin-Johnston, P&F

Music:

Welcome back to another exciting term of Music!
Term Three is one of our busiest terms.

The Pre-Primary and Year One students will be concentrating on beat and rhythm. Years Two and Three will be exploring music notation in particular the treble clef. Years Four, Five and Six will be exploring dynamics, tempo and pitch in their compositions.

The 2015 Catholic Performing Arts Festival has begun and we are off to a great start! Our Easter Reflection group received all excellences for their performance. Congratulations to 6A and our Drama Teacher Mrs Pottier for their outstanding efforts!

Many of our students will be involved in various categories of the festival including Junior and Senior Choir, Dance, Drama, Choral Speech, Bible Reading and Instrumental Solos and Duets. This year we have over 300 students involved in the festival. We wish everyone involved all the very best. Please see the school calendar for dates.

Lastly, our Instrumental Program will be up and running in Week Two with available spaces to learn Guitar, Drums, Violin, Piano and Voice. Learning an instrument is a wonderful way to teach children discipline, responsibility and also helps boosts confidence and self-esteem. Enrolment forms are available in the office and music room.

This term, I would like to welcome Louise Anton Miller who is our new vocal teacher.



Louise is a very experienced Vocal Teacher, who has recently relocated from the East Coast back to her hometown of Perth. Louise worked with Guy Sebastian, Shannon Noll, Courtney Murphy and Anthony Callea as Vocal Coach and head backing vocalist for the Australian Idol Concert Tour. She appeared on the 2013 season of The Voice and was invited to be a vocal coach on the Voice Kids 2014. We look forward to Louise sharing her talent with the students of Mater Christi.

Please feel free to come and see me, if you have any questions regarding the PAF 2015 or Instrumental Program.

See you in the Music Room.

P.S Check out the Music Room Blog!
<http://mcpsthemusicroom.blogspot.com.au/>

Ms Ross
Music Teacher



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 commenced, 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



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 and 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!

Uniform Shop

INTERSCHOOL SHIRTS

Those children who were selected for interschool will need to collect an interschool shirt from the uniform shop at Recess on Wednesday before interschool (8th of September). Please ensure that you put a \$10 deposit in and envelope with your child's name and class on it. We are expecting to have our new shirts ready for the day, so if your child gets an old shirt, be assured that we will exchange it for the new shirt before the day. After the event I would appreciate it if you wash the shirt and return it promptly to the uniform shop during Recess only so we can return your envelope with your \$10. Thank you!

JUMPER NEWS

We have received beautiful Wool jumpers. Available in sizes 6,8,10,12,14. Unfortunately the Cotton Jumpers will not be available this winter due to a problem in getting the right yarn. Please come in and have a look at our wool jumpers if you are not sure. I assure you they are not 'itchy' and you might change your mind. If you do not wish to purchase wool and still want to wait for the cotton, please remember you will only be allowed to wear your Mater Christi Sports Zip Jacket and not any other jacket in its place.

Ilonka Heinzle
Uniform Shop Coordinator
Perm-a-Pleat

*A reflection on the loss of life among
displaced people in our world as they seek asylum*



Requiem

BY KARL JENKINS

Sunday 11 October 2015

2.30pm | St Mary's Cathedral, Victoria Square, Perth

\$35 (\$25 conc) - Seating Unreserved

FEATURING: Lux et Veritas & Camerata 1685

CONDUCTOR: Jango Chapkhana

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<http://ticketswa.com/event/requiem-karl-jenkins>

Class Rep Events

- **KB – Wednesday 12th August – 9.30am,**
Kindy Playdate, Tree House Bibra Lake,
- **KB – Tuesday 8th September – 9.30am,**
Parents Coffee, Dome Cockburn,
RSVP to your Reps by Tuesday 1st September
- **KC – Friday 4th September – 6.30pm,**
Kardinya Tavern, South Street, Kardinya,
RSVP to your Reps by Wednesday 2nd September
- **KD – Thursday 20th August – 9.30am,**
San Churro, Cockburn, RSVP to your Rep
- **1A – Friday 21st August – 12noon, Lunch**
The Last Drop, Beeliar, RSVP (ASAP) to your Reps

Jandakot Lakes Junior Cricket Club



We are now taking registrations
for the 2015 / 2016 Season for
Junior teams, U10s through U17s.

Register online by following
the link on our website:

www.jandakotlakesjcc.org.au

or

come to our Registration Day

**Sunday 9 August
10.00am – 2.00pm**

at the Clubrooms, Atwell Oval
Branchley Avenue, Atwell

Come down & be part of it

Relationships Australia

Making Stepfamilies Work –
Tuesday 4th August x 6 weeks.

Family Patterns –
Thursday 6th August x 6 weeks.

Rock and Water Programme –
Saturday 15th August 8.30-12.30.

Parent Child Connection –
Wednesday 26th August x 4 weeks.

For further information and to enrol
please phone 9489 6322.