

Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please pray for our children as they prepare for First Holy Communion.

The Bible our sacred book:

Every nation, culture, community and family has stories that preserve their traditions and give them their identity. The Bible is our Sacred Book of the stories of God's relationship with his people. The Liturgy of the Word is that part of the Mass when we listen as the Word of God calls us to faith. In the New Testament readings we hear the teachings of Jesus, the great storyteller, inviting us to listen with our hearts and to respond in a way that brings the Good News to the world. We pray with the priest when he prepares to proclaim the Gospel.

Jesus be in my thoughts (make the sign of the cross on your forehead)

Jesus be on my lips (make the sign of the cross on your mouth)

Jesus be in my heart (make the sign of the cross over your heart)



On Saturday we celebrate the Feast of Mary MacKillop, Australia's first and only saint. She certainly achieved amazing things in her lifetime and was courageous enough to face anything.

I think her most amazing quality was her ability to relate lovingly with people of all ages, faiths and walks of life, and in particular with those who openly opposed and tried to harm her. She is well known for her writings – probably the most famous is "Never see a need without doing something about it".

This is very obvious at Mater Christi where I am witnessing staff, students and parents helping each other and those in need in so many ways. One very good example is the 'Food for the Pantry', which supports our local St Vincent de Paul Society. Following is a lovely acknowledgement of everyone's generosity.

Dear Miss Kalat,

This is to say a very big "Thank You" to the Students, Teachers, Parents, P&F and Staff of your beautiful school, Mater Christi, for the donations of food to our pantry. Our conference has been able to help numerous families in need and relies entirely on donations. We, as volunteers, were deeply touched by the effort of all concerned. Thank You again and God bless you, one and all with an "exceptional" rest-of-the-year school period.

St Vincent de Paul Yangebup Conference
Colleen Digby (Secretary)

DID YOU KNOW THAT... this year marks our 25th Anniversary since we opened in 1990. The staff have begun work on a celebratory day to be held on Friday 6 November. Please keep this date free. Further information will be in next week's Newsletter.

Wishing you all God's Blessing
Toni Kalat

Dates for Next Week

Monday 10th August 9am Mass (6B)

Tuesday 11th August 9am Mass (PPA)
Performing Arts Festival- Primary Instrumental Solo/Duet Violin
Yr 5/6 Interschool League Tag Carnival
Yr 3 Zoo Excursion
7pm P&F Meeting

Wednesday 12th August 3.30pm Week 3 First Holy Communion Practice (Church)

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

Thursday 13th August Yr 6 Family Life Student Presentations (9.-10.30am & 11-12.30pm)

Friday 14th August **STUDENT FREE DAY**

Saturday 15th August
6pm First Holy Communion

Sunday 16th August
10am First Holy Communion

Religious Education



First Holy Communion

This weekend we have our second 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

Thank you to all who attended our whole school Mass this morning. It was wonderful to see you there. Our next whole school Mass with the intention for Fathers' will be celebrated on Friday, 4th September at **7:30am**. All parents are welcome to attend.

Best Wishes
Courtney Dunsire
Assistant Principal

Performing Arts Festival

Congratulations to Teacher Rudy Yusof and our Guitar Ensemble (Acoustic / Classical Guitar) for their Certificate of Merit in the Instrumental Ensemble section in this years Festival



Parish Corner

Sacramental Program

First Communion Schedule 2015

Dates	Times	Rehearsal
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

Reconciliation Parent/Child Workshops

Online booking for Reconciliation Parent/Child Workshops are available from Monday 17th August. Four workshop choices are available:

- ❖ Wednesday 9th September – 3:30pm OR 5pm
- ❖ Thursday 10th September – 5pm OR 6:30pm

All children with (at least) one parent are required to attend the workshop. For log-in details please refer to the Parish website: <http://www.materchristiparish.com>

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) & Miss Fic
Dance Co-ordinators



NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

Last Week on Friday the 31st of July, Mater Christi took part in celebrating NAIDOC week.

NAIDOC stands for the 'National Aborigines and Islander Day Observance Committee'. This committee was once responsible for organising national activities during NAIDOC Week and its acronym has since become the name of the week itself. It's an important time in the Indigenous calendar to celebrate and promote our culture.

Last Friday, Mater Christi students from Pre-Primary-Six, took part in three various activities to learn about the Indigenous culture.

Students were invited to complete sand painting, Yonga (kangaroo) hunting and a talk with Indigenous consultant and Nyoongar culture specialist Leonard Thorn.

The NAIDOC theme this year was 'We all stand on sacred ground', a belief that is paramount to Indigenous belief and culture. Overall the day was met with willingness to learn and to engage.

A special thank you to Leonard Thorn for sharing his knowledge with us and to our special guest Robyn Collard for coming and blessing our NAIDOC celebration with a 'Welcome to Country'.

In conclusion it was a successful day with many eager and happy children enjoying the native culture of Australia! Youngka (thank you) to all the staff and students who participated to make this a brilliant day!

Mr Toby Millar
Aboriginal Liaison Officer



Fremantle Skills for Schools Competition Final

On the weekend we had one Mater Christi legend represent the school before the Dockers v GWS game in the Fremantle Skills for Schools Competition Final. Meghan Hayward (4A) had won through to the final of the Long Bomb after performing well in the semi finals at South Fremantle Oval. Meghan did the school proud on the big stage of Domain Stadium and even managed to place third amongst a tough field. She kicked the ball a country mile. A massive congratulations to Meghan and her parents who went along for the ride. The Hayward's enjoyed themselves and loved watching the Dockers in their march towards the premiership!

Ryan Donnelly (PE Specialist)

Canteen Newsflash

The Canteen is introducing a Friday early morning treat! Students can purchase a Milo for \$1.00 or a Ham and Cheese English muffin for \$2.00

These special offers will be available this term between 8.15am – 8.30am on the following Fridays:

- 21st August (Week 5)
- 28th August (Week 6)
- 11th September (Week 8)
- 18th September (Week 9)

Students will be supervised in the Undercover Area by a teacher during this time.

P & F

All are welcome to the first P&F meeting for Term Three which is early next week on Tuesday 11th August, 7pm in the staff room. The agenda of this meeting is available to view on the portal page, as well as previous minutes. Just click on the 'MC Parents & Friends' button in the blue banner across the top of the portal page at <http://portal.mcps.wa.edu.au/>.

Under the heading of P&F Latest News on the portal, you will also see a Suggestion/Question form. Your P&F invites all parents to make suggestions or ask questions of the P&F using this form. You can remain anonymous or place your name, number and email address if you would like a reply. Please place completed forms in the suggestion box located in the Library.

Kate Godwin-Johnston, P&F

MC Blog Prize Winner

We are pleased to announce that the winner of the \$100 Rebel Sport voucher is Linda Miguel. Linda's name was randomly picked out of the 107 members of our MC Blog. Congratulations Linda, you can pick up your prize from the office. Don't forget that you can still join the blog so we can all be in touch with what is happening in our great school.



Starring our very own Milla, Kindy B

Milla has successfully been cast in an upcoming show by MSJ Productions called 'Best Of Broadway' which will be staged at The Regal Theatre & also Mandurah Performing Arts Centre in September.

After-School Balls, Body & Brains Clinic (Term 3)

All Kindy to Year Two children were given a registration form for an After-School Balls, Body & Brains Clinic starting Friday, the 14th of August (3.25 - 4.25pm). We will conduct it on the school grounds.

Our BBB Clinic is a combination of Perceptual Motor & Fundamental Movement Skill Programs that will assist children's academic success and self-esteem through structured physical activity that focuses on movement and motor experiences within physical coordination, strength, balance, spacial and social awareness activities!

Our clinics are coordinated and run by Physical Education and/or BBB Specialists; all with their Working With Children Checks. The Clinic focuses on **Maximum Participation** during **Organised** and **Fun** 8 x 1 Hour sessions. The cost for the term is \$80.00 per child.

If you are interested in letting your child develop and improve their BBB skills in fun sessions and you have not yet registered, then please register online at www.play4life.com.au, or complete the registration form and return it to reception by Thursday, the 13th of August (Spare registration forms are available at reception). If you have any queries please call Jacob Aquino on 6162 0932

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 an 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.

Ilonka Heinzle
Uniform Shop Coordinator
Perm-a-Pleat

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
- **1C – Friday 21st August – 12noon, Lunch**
The Last Drop, Beeliar, RSVP (ASAP) to your Reps
- **2C – Thursday 27th August – 7pm,**
The Quarie, Hammond Park, RSVP to your Reps
by Thursday 20th August