

# Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents

In March this year, Dr Rick Charlesworth (AM) was the keynote speaker at the Catholic Primary Principals Conference. Rick is a doctor of medicine and coach of the very successful Australian Women's Hockey Team, which was ranked number one in the world for eight consecutive years.

His presentation was on how to be successful - whether you are 8 years old, 18, 28, 45 or older. It didn't matter what profession you were in - whether you worked outside the home or in the home.

***To be successful - you must aim high and to always strive for quality.***

He strongly put forward that success is all about teamwork - learning how to cooperate and think together. All this requires training. He also suggested that 'Sport' understands training better than any other organisation. To play well and be at the top of your game, you need to be skilled. This only comes with lots of practice, quality feedback, repetition, experimenting with new ideas and alternatives (innovation) and healthy competition.

If you want to be an expert you have to give it the time. It's not about doing the same thing day in and day out, it's about learning from what you are doing, setting goals and setting the bar high, thereby changing the goal posts regularly.

Sport Athletes train more than they play. In fact, for all of us, every day is a training day and every occasion that occurs at work, in life, in the home, in the classroom - is a training day.

Doing the right thing - at the right time - for the right reason is all learned from teamwork and training. This is the source to all good habits and in building success.

This message is something that is very true in the education field and I would vouch to say, in most walks of life. As parents you constantly strive to instill in your children, through your example, the belief that you try and try again, persist, never take a short cut or cheat and never give up when you face the first obstacle or disappointment. That in working together for the greater good achieves so much more than going at it on your own and where we change the attitude from it's all about 'me' to it's all about 'us'.

The 'us' is strong and focused on building and honouring relationships with the belief that 'YOU' matter. We have a strong home/school partnership at Mater Christi Catholic Primary School and much to celebrate.

## Dates for Next Week

**Monday  
31<sup>st</sup> August** Yr2 Spineless Wonders  
Incursion

**Tuesday  
1<sup>st</sup> September** 9am Mass (PPC)  
7pm Board Meeting

**Wednesday  
2<sup>nd</sup> September** School Banking  
**Uniform Shop Open  
8am to 10.30am  
1.20pm to 3.20pm**

**Thursday  
3<sup>rd</sup> September**

**Friday  
4<sup>th</sup> September** 7.30am Whole School  
Mass – Fathers' Day  
Mass (Yr6)

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September**

Fathers' Day

The only downfall in his whole presentation was when most of the room found out that he was a high performance consultant to the Fremantle Football Club for two years in 2001 and 2002. What happened here? Maybe he used up the whole success theory with the Women's Hockey Team that there wasn't anything left for the Dockers. We continue to be ever hopeful!

### Fathers' Day

To celebrate Fathers' Day at Mater Christi we invite all fathers, grandfathers and father figures to join us for the Fathers' Day Mass and breakfast at 7.30am. I have heard so much about the greatness of this event and am really looking forward to it. See you there!



Fr Bryan invites us all to the 6pm Parish Mass on Saturday 5 September, which will be celebrated by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe. During this Mass the Archbishop will dedicate the two new chapels:

- The Chapel of the Incarnation
- The Chapel of St Mary of the Cross
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Everyone is invited and we hope to see many families at this very special occasion. Please read all about the significance of the sculptures and the two Chapels further in the Newsletter.



On Friday 6 November our School Community will be celebrating our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

### Book Week

Thank you to Emily Richards and everyone involved in promoting Book Week at Mater Christi. Today the students and staff participated in the Book Week Character Parade. What a fantastic way to end off the week!

*God Bless... Toni Kalat*

### NAPLAN Results

If your child is in Year Three or Year Five. On Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August, they will bring home their results from the National Assessment Program –Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) that they sat for in May this year. These results provide an account on how these students performed in Literacy and Numeracy on the day of the assessment. NAPLAN assesses aspects of Literacy including; reading, spelling, punctuation, grammar and writing, as well as Numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is just one form of assessment used to determine the performance and progress of students.

The Year Three test assesses concepts and skills learnt in Literacy and Numeracy from Kindergarten to Year Three. Similarly the Year Five test then assesses all learning from each grade up to that point in time. In this type of test situation some children perform very well while others may find it more challenging.

Each NAPLAN report shows the child's achievement in skill bands; for Year Three, Bands 1 to 6, and for Year Five, Bands 3 to 8.

The report also shows the national average and the school's average and allows parents to see how their child's performance compares to that of other students who sat for the tests.

Teachers will now use the NAPLAN results to assist them to better understand the learning needs of their students and to take further action to improve their Literacy and Numeracy skills.

If you have any questions with regard to your child's NAPLAN results please contact your child's classroom teacher. On behalf of our school community, I wish to congratulate all Year Three and Year Five students for their fantastic achievements!

# Religious Education

## Whole School Mass

Father Bryan will celebrate our next whole school Mass the intention for our Fathers' at **7:30am** on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> September. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to attend Mass before heading off to work and school.

If you have a nice photo of one of our Dads with their 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 31<sup>st</sup> August**. Thank you!

## Christian Service

This week our first group of Year Five students commenced Christian Service at Frank Prendergast House, Southern Cross Village Success. This was a wonderful experience for both the elderly and our students. We look forward to continuing our visits on a fortnightly basis for the remainder of the year.

Best Wishes  
Courtney Dunsire  
Assistant Principal



## Parish Corner

### Sacramental Program

#### First Holy Communion

The First Holy Communion photographs are now all online. The code is: mc1215

They need to

- log on to [www.prophotobooth.com.au](http://www.prophotobooth.com.au)
- click on "View / Order your pictures"
- click on "Communion and Confirmation 2015"
- scroll to find which "Mater Christi Communion" date is appropriate for your child's Mass and click on that picture.

All ordering is online and queries are made directly to the company on 9249 3043



#### Reconciliation

Online bookings for Reconciliation are available from **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August**. The following dates are available:

- ❖ **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October**
- ❖ **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October**
- ❖ **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November**
- ❖ **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

All sessions are between 9-10am. For log-in details please refer to the Parish website: <http://www.materchristiparish.com>

#### Winter Busy Bee

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August 8.30am – 12noon

Bring along your tools and equipment to help spruce up the surrounds of the church.

Jobs include: window cleaning of church and chapel, cleaning paving bricks around church, gutters cleaning, cobweb eradication and anything else you can see that needs your attention!

## Performing Arts Festival

**Congratulations** to Teachers Jessica Fic, Kate Cosnett and our MC Dream Team on receiving an Honourable Mention in the Dance section in this years Festival

**Congratulations** to Teachers, Danielle McEwen (2C), Siobhan O'Gara (3C), Emily Roche (6B) and Pat Pottier on receiving a Certificate of Merit in the Choral Speech section in this years Festival

**Congratulations** to Teachers Cathy Moran (3A) and Pat Pottier on receiving an Honourable Mention in the Choral Speech section in this years Festival





# NEW CHAPELS FOR THE CHURCH

5<sup>th</sup> September 2015

Over the past few years there have been a couple of essential jobs to be done for our church building. We have invested a lot of time and money into making the roof more resistant to leaking and even though this remains an on-going issue, most of the major problems have been eradicated. Next, was the installation of air-conditioning. Everyone will agree that what we have now is not only clearly effective but also very discretely located in the ceilings of the church.

With these two major works completed, Fr Bryan's furtive mind began to focus on a long held dream of his – to bring to life the two small chapels flanking the sanctuary, which have waited fifteen years to be embellished. After interviewing several artists he decided the artist who would deliver the most devotional and beautiful work was DR ALAN PASCUZZI, an artist of some considerable repute who is a professor of fine arts and history in Florence. After twelve months of discussion and negotiations he has undertaken to provide the church with nine sculptures, three of which arrived last week and can be viewed in the Chapel of the Innocents. These are significant works of art unique to Australia, and of course, to our church. Besides appreciating their fine artistic merit, Fr Bryan hopes that they will increase our devotion to the essential mysteries of our faith.

1. The Chapel of the Incarnation commemorates the Great Jubilee of Christ's birth, the year the Church was dedicated. The Angel of the Annunciation and the humble shepherds who first worshipped, are depicted on either side of the Child in the arms of His blessed Mother and protected by St Joseph. Above them the golden star of Bethlehem heralds the light Christ has brought into the world. Below is another golden star enclosing a piece of stone taken from the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem.
2. The Chapel of St Mary of the Cross commemorates Australia's first Saint. It is centred on Christ depicted at the final moment of His life-giving death. He is accompanied by the two Marys – the Mother of Jesus (Mater Christi) and St Mary MacKillop. Within the central plinth is contained a piece of the original casket in which St Mary's body was buried in 1902.
3. Above the two chapels are images representing God the Father and the Holy Spirit in the chapel domes. They are empowering and interacting with the mysteries depicted below.
4. If you would like to donate towards the cost of these chapels please see Fr Bryan, Sr Emmanuel or Marina (in the office).  
Any donations would be deeply appreciated.

On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September Archbishop Costelloe will celebrate the 6pm Mass in the church and dedicate our new chapels. This will be a truly festive occasion to which the WHOLE parish is warmly invited! Besides being the first opportunity for you to be able to see the new chapels it will also be an historic occasion which you can relate to your grandchildren when these famous works of art were first installed and blessed.

## Celebration After Mass

This festive occasion on 5<sup>th</sup> September

We have a great group of people willing to put together the occasion and now we need to have people willing to commit to bringing along a plate of supper to share after the Mass. As most people will not have eaten prior to attending Mass, provision of (especially savoury) finger foods will be in order.

**If you are coming along to the celebration,**

Please contact Marina to let her know what you will be providing either on 0412 044 075 or email [hfamily@iinet.net.au](mailto:hfamily@iinet.net.au)

## Parking

Would you please keep Montessori car park clear for their Parents' on Assembly and Mass mornings. Parking will be available on the oval on Assembly and Mass mornings.

Thank you  
Mark Ryan  
Assistant Principal

**Congratulations** to one of our past students, Ana Ika who was recently announced as Head Girl of Santa Maria College for 2016.

## Interschool League Tag Carnival

The annual C.P.S.S.A Interschool League Tag Carnival was held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August. The Mater Christi Maulers through meticulous preparation and sheer determination, again, represented the school with honour. Mater Christi entered a record six teams in total. The beguiling Miss Meyerkort coached two "A" teams, the talented Mr Fouda coached the "B2" Teams and yours truly coached the two "B1" teams. Each team had been training intensely twice a week to take on the best. We were ready for action! Here is a brief account of how each team fared.

**"A" Boys** – The boy's team were drawn against St. Jeromes for the first game. Confidence was high but the boys didn't listen to the pre game instructions and were lucky to escape with a draw. The next game proved to be tough as well, with the Mater Christi team wasting possession but eeking out another draw. The third game saw the boys finally get it together but ended up having another draw against St. Bernadettes who scored in the last minute of the game. After three draws the boys were keen to break through for a win and that is what they did with a spirited performance against Christ the King.

**"A" Girls** – The girl's team were super impressive. A first up win against St. Jeromes and then a close win against Star of the Sea. The girls continued their stellar form with magnificent team work and speed to win the following game. A closely fought draw against St. Bernadettes was the only blemish on a brilliant day of rugby. This left the girls undefeated and the overall Champions.

**"B" Boys and Girls** – These two teams didn't miss a beat. They were very athletic and on the ball from the get go. After a confidence boosting win in their first games, each team knew what was required to win. They did just that racking up a number of tries and keeping the opposition scoreless. Both teams were lucky enough to bring home the silverware.

**"B2" Boys and Girls** – It was great to get the opportunity to take two extra teams to the competition. These guys worked hard at training and gave the other Mater Christi teams plenty of opposition prior to the carnival. The girls lost their first game but powered home to win their next three to come an amazing third overall in the B division. The boys found things a little bit tougher, but put together some awesome passages of play during the day. They lost two, drew one, but finished the day with a nice victory.

Everyone involved had a ball and performed sensationally. Well done to all team members and all the supporters that came down and enjoyed the day. A special thank you to Mr Fouda and Miss Meyerkort who did a magnificent job coaching their teams. Awesome job!

**Ryan Donnelly (PE Specialist)**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FATHERS' DAY BREAKFAST

On Friday 4th September at 7.30am our school will be celebrating a special Fathers' Day Mass in our Church immediately followed by a breakfast in the Mater Christi Community Centre.

This is one of the most popular and well-loved traditions at Mater Christi and for this event to be successful **again in 2015 we need YOUR help.**

**The P & F are seeking Parent volunteers to assist with;**

- **Setting up of the Community Centre on Thursday 3rd September from 1.30pm – 3.00pm, and/or**
- **Preparing food, serving food, serving hot and cold drinks at the breakfast, cleaning up after breakfast from 7.00am onwards in the Community Centre on Friday 4th September.**

*If you are able to volunteer any of your time on either or both days, it would be most appreciated by the P & F Association. Even if you can spare only one hour of your time, it would greatly assist the P & F with preparations for this busy occasion.*

*Please contact Cheryl Cutri, Class Rep Coordinator, at ckcutri@iinet.net.au or mobile 0416 185 778 ASAP if you would like to volunteer.*

## Uniform Shop

All Kindy parents would have received a note about "Try-ons" for Pre Primary. You can find the timetable forms in front of the uniform shop to slot your name into a time.

Could all flag-belt students who borrowed interschool shirts, please return their shirts, washed, at recess on Wednesday. If you will need a shirt for interschool, you will need to exchange old shirts for new style ones. You are welcome to hold onto your new style shirt for interschool if you already have one from flag-belt. Then please return it, washed, after interschool during recess.

Kind regards  
Ilonka Heinze  
Uniform Shop Manager

## Library News

**Book club is due**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 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.**

## Canteen

### Junior Sports Carnival 21<sup>st</sup> September Senior Sports Carnival 23<sup>rd</sup> September

The school canteen is offering a sausage sizzle for the Junior and Senior Sports Carnivals.

This year orders can be placed online at

<https://www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au/> under "special event". This is our preferred method of ordering, but you can also complete paper order forms **at the canteen**.

Cost is as follows:-

Sausage sizzle only - \$3.00  
Sausage sizzle and drink \$4.00

There will be a "no sauce" option available under **extras** when ordering online.

**Only** a sausage sizzle will be available on these two days. Normal canteen menu **will not** be available. Recess will be as normal.

Feel free to order for Parents and Younger siblings. You are also welcome to order both days.

**Orders must be in by 11<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

A coffee van will be available for coffee each day.

Thank you  
Heidi and Joh

## P & F

Next Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September, the Mater Christi P&F will be providing a Fathers' Day breakfast to Dad and their children after 7.30am Mass. This event has become a very popular tradition here at our school and we hope that once again, many families are able to attend and celebrate the special day.

All Mater Christi P&F Committee positions will be vacant at the AGM to be held in Term Four (date tbc). Please consider nominating for election to the Committee. Nomination forms will be provided closer to the event. The next P&F meeting is on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in the Staffroom, we hope to see you there.

The minutes from 11<sup>th</sup> August are now posted on the P&F Blog.

Kate Godwin-Johnston, P&F

### Secondhand Bookstore

On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> the P&F held a secondhand bookstore.

Thank you to everyone who donated books and to Rebecca Wright for helping. We raised \$545.80.

The money will go towards purchasing class readers for the Children, and all books that were not sold donated to a Womens' refuge.

## Class Rep Events

- **KA – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September –10-12.00am,**  
*Weather Dependent – Contact your Rep*
- **KB – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September –9.30am,**  
*Parents Coffee, Dome Cockburn,*  
*RSVP to your Reps by Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September*
- **KC – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September – 6.30pm,**  
*Kardinya Tavern, South Street, Kardinya,*  
*RSVP to your Rep by Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September*

## Relationships Australia

### Parenting Courses – September

#### WEST LEEDERVILLE

Mums Raising Boys	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept
Fathering after Separation	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept
Parent Teen	Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept
Kids and todays Technology	Wednesday 15 & 22 Sept
Dads Raising Girls	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept
Mums Raising Teenage Girls	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept
Mums Raising Teenage Boys	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept

**For further information and to enrol  
please phone 9489 6322.**



If you are a Blues Brothers fan, this music spectacular is not to be missed. Come and support **Olivia Chamberlain (Year Four)** who has been cast in the junior ensemble. Family and friends discount is available by quoting TAILFEATHER. Come and shake your tailfeather and support local talent.  
<http://m.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=BLUESBR015>



# Mater Christi Catholic Primary School

## RE-ENROLMENT - For 2016

Dear Parents

As we are confirming classes for next year, we need to know who in **Kindy, Pre Primary, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5** only who are **NOT** coming back in 2016. (Please note: Year 6 students do not need to reply.)

If this applies to you please complete and return this form by:

**FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015.**

Thankyou very much for your assistance

Paula Nichols

Administrative Assistant – Enrolments/Finance

## **2016 ENROLMENT**

I wish to advise that the following child/ren **WILL NOT** be returning to Mater Christi Catholic Primary School in 2016:

I realise that I only need to complete this form for children in **Kindy, Pre Primary, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5**

**Family Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child/ren's Names**

**Present Class**

**Destination School**

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***Parents' Signature***

***Date***

***This form must reach the school office by: Friday 18th September 2015.***