

# Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

You may have heard that Mother Teresa was made a saint on the weekend. She was born in 1910 and died in 1997. In 1950 she established an order of nuns and in 1979 she was awarded the Nobel Peace prize. We can see parallels between Mother Teresa and Saint Mary Mackillop - both established orders of nuns, both were acutely aware of the poor in their own communities, and both wrote profusely. Both Mary Mackillop and Mother Teresa were good holy women and can be role models for us. There are many things that Mother Teresa said - three are listed below:

***"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."  
"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one"  
"If you judge people, you have no time to love them."***



**Learning Journey Night  
(PP - YR Six)  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September  
5:30pm-7:00pm:**

Next Thursday evening the school will

be open to showcase a Learning Journey Night.

Throughout the year we report to parents in a variety of ways:

- Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Semester Two and Four Reports
- Making Memories Portfolio (Kindy)
- Learning Journey (PP - Yr Six)

This year in Pre Primary - Year Six, we are trialing a new initiative in how we report to parents on their child's learning and progress. Rather than the teacher or parent taking the lead role, this year, the children will have that responsibility.

It is a great opportunity for your child to share with you, their learning experiences during this term. The role of adults in this situation is to ask relevant questions of your child, discuss their learning and be encouraging of their progress by providing supportive feedback. Your child may also act as the 'teacher,' by guiding you through any activities that you may need to complete.



The students and staff have worked very hard in preparing the learning experiences, setting up their classrooms and displays as well as the children preparing to lead their parents through their own Learning Journey on the night. This is a most enjoyable sharing and learning opportunity for all involved.

Remember, you can come any time between 5.30pm and 7pm. You are very welcome to also walk through any other classrooms. The oval will also be available for parking.

**Learning Journey**  
.....every child matters

## Dates for Next Week

**Monday  
12<sup>th</sup>  
September**

9am Mass (1C)

PAF Concert 7pm  
Perth Concert Hall

**Tuesday  
13<sup>th</sup> September**

Yr 4 Fremantle Prison

7pm P&F Meeting

**Wednesday  
14<sup>th</sup> September**

School Banking

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

**Thursday  
15<sup>th</sup> September**

9am Mass (2A)

Yr9 Emmanuel Visit

Open Night / Learning  
Journey 5.30-7pm

**Friday  
16<sup>th</sup>  
September**

9am Mass (5A)

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September**

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### Congratulations:

It is truly wonderful that our children have an opportunity to participate in a variety of events across all the learning areas in our school.

On Wednesday, the **Cross Country Team** tirelessly participated in the Interschool Competition and were victorious once again in achieving their best, supporting and encouraging each other as well as being the 2016 champions and bringing back the shield. Thank you to Mr Donnelly and Mrs Johnson who worked with the team so that they could compete at their personal best on the day.



## Cross Country Team 2016

On Thursday, children from a variety of classes showcased their talents at the **Catholic Schools Carnivale** in the city. Once again with the support of their teachers the children excelled in their performances and enjoyed watching students from other schools perform too. Thank you to Miss Ross, Miss Fic, Mrs Pottier, Mrs Ziegelaar, Miss Richards and all the staff in promoting and supporting the Arts in our school.

Today, everyone in the MCCC were thoroughly entertained by our **Pre Primary Super Stars**. They were cute and confident performers who enjoyed performing for all who came to watch them.

Take a bow Pre Primary Staff and Students. We are in awe of your abilities and talents.



### Staffing:

Mrs Diana Wade will be on Long Service Leave from 12 September until 23 September and during this time Mrs Jessica Boatwright will be the Teachers Assistant in Pre Primary A.

**We have so much to be grateful for and celebrate at Mater Christi.**



Our prayers and sympathies to

Mr and Mrs Clothier (Father) Jett (6B) and Aston (4A) on the loss of their grandfather  
Mr and Mrs Gadsden (Father) Max (5C) and Daisy (3B) on the loss of their grandfather  
Let us keep these families in our prayers. May their loved ones rest in the peace and love of God

Our prayers are with all these families and those in our community who are in need.

**God Bless... Toni Kalat**



# Religious Education

## Free Dress for Catholic Missions

On the last day of school this term, Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, Mater Christi will be celebrating 'Socktember'. All students are encouraged to wear crazy socks with their free dress for a gold coin donation. All money raised will go towards Catholic Missions, raising money for children in need around the world.

## Reconciliation Parent/Child Workshops

Thank you to all our parents and children who attended the Reconciliation Parent/Child Workshops on Wednesday and Thursday evening. It is wonderful to see the Parish, teachers and parents working together to prepare the children for their Sacrament this year.



**Best Wishes**  
**Courtney Dunsire**  
**Assistant Principal**

## Thank You Mater Christi

In 2012 Our neighbour and Mater Christi school Mum, Sharnee Commins, came to me one sunny Monday morning to say 'The Mater Christi Kindy interviews are happening this week. Have you applied??' Little did we know the tremendously accepting and big hearted community we were about to join.

Greg, Georgia, Harry and I wanted to say 'Thank You' to the Mater Christi Community for your support of our family and in particular for Georgia.

Your incredibly generous support has been truly humbling.

Thank you to all the kids, parents, grandmas, grandpas, aunties, uncles and friends who have donated money, bought raffle tickets, bought hot dogs at Bunnings, sponsored someone in the City to Surf or donated goods for the raffle. I don't think I have ever seen a more successful raffle!

Dr Jean-Pierre Lin from Evelina Children's Hospital in London is a world leader in Complex Motor Disorders but his services don't come cheap! We are amazed to say that you have raised enough to cover Georgia's next two appointments in London. That's 2017 and 2018. This is a huge weight off our shoulders and means that we can now concentrate on Georgia's everyday needs and therapy.

Every penny raised will be used directly for Georgia's medical or therapy bills.

Thank you to Miss Kalat and Mr Ryan for agreeing to let the school participate in the fundraising and all of the teachers and parents who gave their time to help. Georgia had a little medal ceremony last week to thank everyone individually.

We would also like to thank everyone who has asked us about Georgia and her progress. Promoting awareness of rare genetic disorders has been a wonderful byproduct of this process.

We would specifically like to thank Mater Christi PrePrimary Mum, Melinda Monaco. Melinda approached her boss, David Cooper from Relines Australia who has agreed to pay for Georgia and my flight to London next year. Thank you to Melinda for even thinking of the idea and thank you to David for agreeing to it. Again, it's a huge weight off our shoulders.

Lastly, none of this would have happened if it were not for Mrs Harding. Mrs Harding has been Georgia's Teachers Assistant for nearly three years. She is insightful, thoughtful, tough when she needs to be yet always empathetic. On top of this, she is a wonderful Mum to her brilliant boys, Jett and Miles. How she finds the time, I'll never understand but we are ever so grateful that she does!

Mrs Harding, you are a true friend to our family and even more importantly, an exceptional support to Georgia. Thank you so very much for the time and effort you put into fundraising. You already help Georgia on a daily basis AND now you've helped her well into the future.

### **Claire, Greg, Georgia and Harry**

PS If there are any parents who are battling with the WA NDIS or spend lots of time at PMH or hours at their kids therapy sessions and who want a good chin wag, please feel free to come and chat. We don't profess to be experts of any sort but we certainly have an empathetic ear and sometimes a problem shared is a problem halved.



Thank you for  
helping me!  
Love Georgia

## Parish News

### Sacramental Program

#### First Holy Communion Photos

The First Holy Communion photographs are now available online. The code is: **mcm327**

You will need to

- log on to [www.prophotobooth.com.au](http://www.prophotobooth.com.au)
  - click on "View / Order your pictures"
  - click on "Communion 2016"
  - scroll to find which "Mater Christi Communion" date is appropriate for your child's Mass and click on that picture.
- All ordering is on line and queries are made directly to the photography company Prophotobooth on 9249 3043.

### Reconciliation

Online bookings for Reconciliation open at **6am on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September**. The following dates are available:

- ❖ **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**
- ❖ **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October**
- ❖ **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November**
- ❖ **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

All sessions are between 9-10:30am. For log-in details please refer to the Parish website: <http://www.materchristiparish.com>



### Mother Teresa

**Mother Teresa of Calcutta** was born in Macedonia on 26<sup>th</sup> August 1910 and at the age of 18 went to India to join the Loreto Sisters. However, after some years she felt a calling to devote herself to the poor and this was confirmed for her while on a train journey from Calcutta to Darjeeling. Finally she ended up caring for the sick and dying on the streets of Calcutta. She founded a new Order – the **Missionaries of Charity** who continue her work for the poor in many parts of the world today. Mother Teresa died on 10<sup>th</sup> September 1997. **On Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2016**, in Rome, Pope Francis canonised Mother Teresa declaring her a Saint of the Church.

**Note:** *You may like to re-visit the stained glass window at the front left-hand side of the church, featuring Mother Teresa. Also depicted is **IBVM** – logo of the Loreto Sisters and the logo of the **Missionaries of Charity**, together with the **Lotus flower** – floral symbol of India.*

### Reconciliation Commitment Mass

All **students making their Reconciliation**, with their parents, are required to attend a **Commitment Mass** this weekend. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 6:00pm or Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September at either 8:00am, 10:00am or 5:00pm.

## Uniform News

In Term Four the Summer Uniform will be worn from the first day of Term Four (11<sup>th</sup> October). Please ensure that you purchase your uniforms in time as the Uniform Shop will not be open in the school holidays. Uniform Shop will be open every Wednesday from 8am - 10:30am and from 1:30pm - 3:20pm.

**Kind Regards**  
**Ilonka Heinzle**  
**Uniform Shop Manager**  
**Perm-a-Pleat**

# MATER CHRISTI MINI-MARATHON

2016

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October we will be having a Mini-Marathon where the children will walk around all, or part of Lake Yangebup. Parents are warmly invited to join us and help with supervision on this walk.

The Mini-Marathon involves ALL children Kindy – Six. Junior classes (PP - Year One) will do a return walk to and from the fence at the end of Cooper Road (15-20 minutes) and Year Two – Year Three will walk along the left side of the lake to where the path veers from the lakeside towards Osprey Drive (30 mins). Senior classes will walk the track around the lake (50-60 minutes). Kindy children will do a walk around the school grounds.

Sponsorship forms are being sent home today. Your support in gaining donations/sponsorship from family and friends is encouraged. Please accompany your child on any visit to gain donations or sponsorship and feel free to take the form along to your workplace. **The money raised will be used to subsidise the significant costs incurred by the graduating Year Six students next year. At some stage all children in the school will benefit from this fundraising.**

A prize will be awarded to the highest fundraiser in the school and to four other lucky students who have raised money from sponsors. If your child did not receive a sponsorship form please ask at the school office immediately. Sponsorship forms and money should be returned to the office in a clearly labelled envelope as soon as possible after the 23<sup>rd</sup> October. The final date to have money back is Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Prize-winners will be announced via the newsletter on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

We hope that as many parents as possible will join us on the day. All that is required of you is that you join a year group (as extra supervision). We would like three or four extra adults with each year level. Volunteers should be down at the oval by 8.50am on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October where you will join your chosen year group. Those walking with Pre-Primary or Kindy can join the classes in the classroom.

Please ensure your child has a water container and that asthmatic children have their up-to-date Ventolin inhalers with them.

We look forward to good weather and an enjoyable walk!

**Thank you for your support**

**Mark Ryan**

## Student Absences

A Thank you to the Parents who have embraced the practice of emailing the school their student absence or late arrival.

If your child/ren will be absent or late to school, please email us **absentee@mcps.wa.edu.au** before 9am. All emails should include the child's full name, class and reason for absence.

The benefits to the email is your child/ren teacher and school are aware before commencement of class for the day and this constitutes written advice as per our legal requirements.

A reminder, any student arriving after 8.45 must come to the office to sign in before going to class.

If the school has not been contacted by 9.30am an SMS will be sent to your mobile number requesting you to contact the school to explain the absence.

It is a legal requirement that the school receives a signed note for all student absences, therefore if an email has not been sent we will require a note upon your child's return to school.

For extended absences please visit the office to complete a pink leave of absence form.

**Sally van Pelt**  
**Administration**





# Performing Arts Festival 2016

Finally we have come to the end of another exciting year of the Catholic Performing Arts Festival.

Over 350 students from Mater Christi participated in this year's festival, a big jump from previous years. It was wonderful to see the talent and enthusiasm of all our children taking part.

Mater Christi students were involved in various sections of the PAF including Choral Singing, Dance, Drama, Choral Speech, Bible Reading and Instrumental solos.

Thank you to all the staff and music tutors who prepared our students for these performances. You are truly one of a kind!

A special mention goes out to our very talented Piano Tutor, Mr Redwan Ali. Mr Ali has spent many hours rehearsing with our Junior Choir, Senior Choir and Vocal Ensemble during Terms Two and Three in preparation for our performances at the PAF and Carnevale.

I would also like to thank Mrs Pottier our Drama Specialist for helping the classroom teachers in preparing their students for their Choral Speech items while preparing her Drama Item at the same time. You are a SUPERSTAR!

Another big thank you to Miss Fic who choreographed and rehearsed our MC Dream Team with the help of Mrs Cosnett and myself. These teachers gave up their own time to run rehearsals afterschool each Monday. Thank you for sharing your talents ladies!

Last but not least, THANK YOU to all the parents and families who supported our students. Your time and effort to get your children ready and on time for rehearsals and performances is greatly appreciated.

We are very pleased to announce that Mater Christi received six Certificates of Merit and seven Honourable Mentions this year.

Well that's it for another year... On to bigger and better things in 2017!!

**Ms Alison Clunies-Ross**  
**Music Specialist & PAF Co-ordinator**

<b>PAF 2016 Achievements</b>	
<b><u>Certificate Merit</u></b>	<b><u>Honourable Mention</u></b>
Aliyah Portinha <b><i>Vocal Solo</i></b>	MC Dream Team Dance Group <b><i>Primary Dance</i></b>
Year 2C <b><i>Choral Speech</i></b>	Katrina Soares <b><i>Piano Solo</i></b>
Year 4B <b><i>Choral Speech</i></b>	Alicia Savy <b><i>Piano Solo</i></b>
Year 5C <b><i>Choral Speech</i></b>	Mater Christi Junior Choir <b><i>Primary Choral Singing: Beginning Choir</i></b>
Mater Christi Worships You Dance Group <b><i>Christian Dance</i></b>	Mater Christi Senior Choir <b><i>Primary Choral Singing: Beginning Choir</i></b>
Zachariah Zammit <b><i>Bible Reading</i></b>	Mater Christi Vocal Ensemble <b><i>Primary Choral Singing: Beginning Choir</i></b>
	Mater Christi Drama Group <b><i>Primary Drama</i></b>

## Performing Arts Festival 2016





## Girls Only Cricket (Yr Three - Six)

Calling all adventurous girls. We will be holding a Girls Only cricket session on the oval next Tuesday 13th September at Lunch time.

Two people from the Western Australian Cricket Association (WACA) will take the chargers through their paces.

It will be a blast. Get involved on Tuesday. Come down to the oval straight after you have eaten your lunch and have some fun.

See you there!

**Cheers,  
Ryan Donnelly  
HPE Specialist**

## P&F News

The last P&F meeting for Term Three will be held next Tuesday 13th September. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Minutes of all previous meetings can be viewed at <http://portal.mcps.wa.edu.au/pf-minutes/> (password = mcccparent)

### CLASS REP EVENTS

- **Year KA – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September – 9.30am**  
*Morning Tea Picnic, Robot Park, 205 Mason Road, Piara Waters*
- **Year KD – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September – 9 am**  
*Surfing Lizard Café, Outdoor Playground Coogee*
- **Year 1 – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September – Time TBA**  
*Parent Dinner, Eat Greek, 110 Riverside Road, East Fremantle*  
*RSVP to your Class Rep by 29<sup>th</sup> August*

### 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)  
Any comments, suggestions or queries are warmly welcome.

**Please contact us on: [pandf@mcps.wa.edu.au](mailto:pandf@mcps.wa.edu.au)**

## Canteen News

### Junior Sports Carnival 12th October Senior Sports Carnival 14th October

The school canteen is offering a sausage sizzle for the Junior and Senior Sports Carnivals in Week One Term Four.

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.

**Please remember to notify your child's faction as well as name and class when ordering**

### Cost is as follows:-

Sausage sizzle only - \$3.50

Sausage sizzle and drink \$4.50

Cheeseburger only - \$4.00

Cheeseburger with drink - \$5.00

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.

Orders can be made for Kindy children and younger siblings if they are here on the day. Parents are able to order too.

### Orders must be in by 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016

A coffee van will be available for coffee each day.

There will be two Five Dollar lunch vouchers to be won for the Junior and Senior sports carnival if people order online. Only people who order online will be eligible. There are two vouchers per day.

**Thank you  
Heidi and  
Joh**





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## **Attention:** **Mums and Dads!!**

### Our research needs **YOU!**

Researchers at the University of Western Australia are looking for parents of children aged 4-12 with a behavioural and/or emotional problem (e.g., ADHD, depression, anxiety disorders, oppositional defiant disorder, conduct disorder, or an eating disorder) to fill in a short survey. The survey takes about 20 minutes of your time. Participants have the option of entering a prize draw to win one of fifteen \$50 (AUD) vouchers for Coles-Myer.



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***Want to participate?*** Please go to:

<http://tinyurl.com/UWAParentStudy>

Your responses are entirely confidential.

***Need more information?*** Please contact Kim on **040 318 3228** or  
**[kim.eaton@research.uwa.edu.au](mailto:kim.eaton@research.uwa.edu.au)**

UWA Human Research Ethics Office approval number RA417857



### **SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC**

**DATE:** Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2016

**TIME:** 1:00-3:00PM

**VENUE:** All Saints College, Ewing Ave Bull Creek

Grab your friends and come and join in the fun!

MILO in2CRICKET for girls and boys aged 5-7

MILO T20 BLAST for all girls aged 7-12 and boys aged 7-11

RSVP by heading to the [http://www.waca.com.au/south\\_free\\_holiday\\_clinic/](http://www.waca.com.au/south_free_holiday_clinic/)