

# Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents



In Sunday's gospel Jesus sits down and tries to get through to his disciples: "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." They had heard these opposites before--to save life/lose life, to be first - you have to be last, to be great - be a servant. But Jesus could see that they didn't get it. So he took a little child in his arms and put the child in the midst of them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me, welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Jesus wanted them to see the child. He wants us to see the child, too and welcome the child. Not because the child is innocent or perfect or pure or cute or curious or naturally religious. Jesus wanted them to welcome the child because the child was at the bottom of the social heap. In Mark's gospel children are often sick or disabled, they are not symbols of holiness or innocence, but more often they are the victims of poverty and disease. Jesus brings the child from the margins into the very centre. This child is not a symbol but a person, a little person easily overlooked, often unseen and unheard.

Was Jesus a hopeless romantic when he set a little child in the midst of the disciples that day? No, Jesus was not a hopeless romantic--he was a hopeful fanatic! Jesus was fanatic about seeing those nobody wanted to see; he was fanatic about extending hospitality to those considered no more than property. Jesus didn't follow the rubrics or the rules. He healed when he wasn't supposed to, touched people he shouldn't have touched and talked about suffering.

**Let us pray.** *Holy and ever living God, you have named us as your beloved children. Move within our hearts so that we will bend down low enough to see the children in our midst and care for them as though they are part of our family. Amen.*

**Year Six-Debating Night** Congratulations to our Year Six students on their outstanding Debate Night. All parents, grandparents and teachers present were impressed in how well they had researched their topics, confidently presented their arguments and were able to let their personalities and good humour, shine through. A few times during the evening I had to remind myself – they are only in Year Six, they were that good! Thank you to the Year Six staff who led their children through an excellent learning process, the outcome exceeded all expectations and I know that everyone present thoroughly enjoyed themselves too. Well done everyone!

## Dates for Next Week

**Monday  
21<sup>st</sup> September** 9am Mass (6C)  
PP – Yr2 Junior  
Athletics Carnival  
(MC Oval)

**Tuesday  
22<sup>nd</sup> September**

**Wednesday  
23<sup>rd</sup> September** Yr 3 - 6 Senior  
Athletics Carnival (MC  
Oval)

School Banking  
**Uniform Shop Open  
8am to 10.30am**

**Thursday  
24<sup>th</sup> September** Talent Assembly  
1.15pm  
Students Only

**Friday  
25<sup>th</sup>  
September** **Last Day of Term 3**  
**Footy Colours Day -  
Mission**

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

**Pioneer Drive** We have had a few complaints from the local residents about the level of driver patience, ability to adhere to road rules, road signs and road slow down speed measures from our community. I ask everyone, for the safety of all, please follow the speed limit, don't use the verge or footpath as a road to get around traffic, refrain from going around road humps to avoid them because of driving too fast and to be courteous at all times. I do believe that there is the likelihood that speed cameras and/or police presence may be 'around the corner' and fines being issued. As parents and responsible drivers we model to our children and each other what is correct and lawful. Thank you to all parents who continually do the right thing.

**Year One Assembly** – What a great car ride and family holiday was had by all who attended the Year One Assembly today. Our little cherubs were confident, great performers who just had so much fun performing and being on stage.

*God Bless... Toni Kalat*

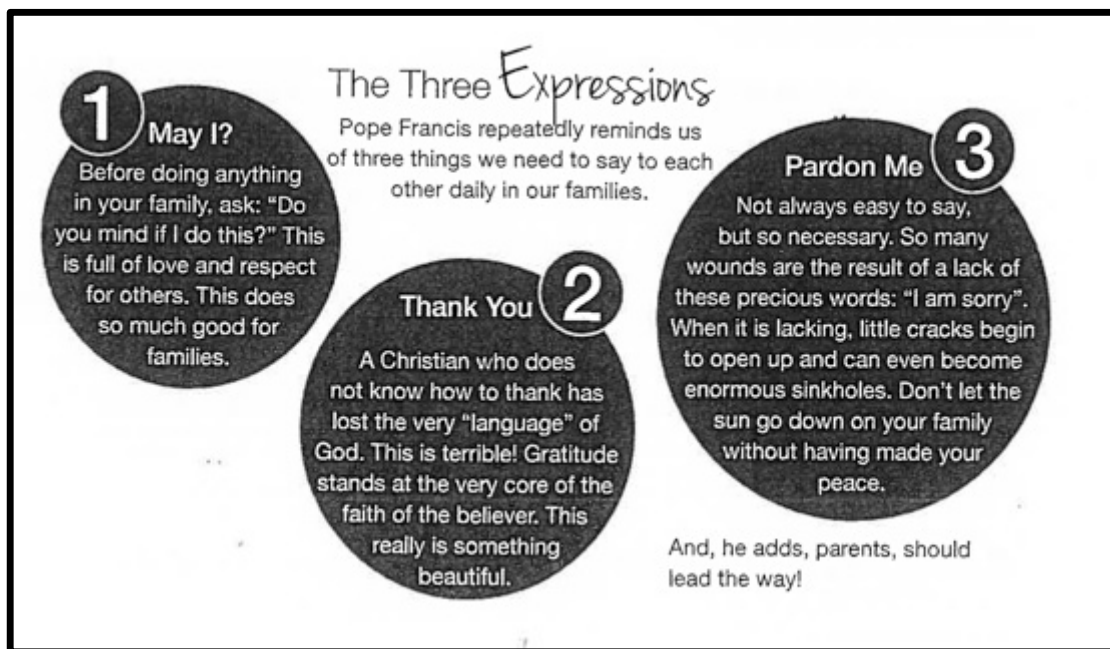
## Religious Education

### Whole School Mass

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November Mater Christi Catholic Primary School will be celebrating our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We will celebrate this special occasion with a whole school Mass at 9am. All parents, family members and friends are welcome to attend.

### Free Dress for Catholic Mission

On the last day of school this term, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September, students are encouraged to wear footy colours for a gold coin donation. All money raised will go towards Catholic Mission.



## Parish Corner

### Sacramental Program Reconciliation

Online bookings for Reconciliation are now available. 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 staggered between 9-10.30am. For log-in details please refer to the Parish website: <http://www.materchristiparish.com>



# MATER CHRISTI MINI-MARATHON 2015

## Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

On Friday 23<sup>rd</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 – Year 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 – 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. We ask that all completed sponsorship forms are returned to school by Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. The forms will be signed by class teachers and returned to the students after they have completed the Mini-marathon. 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 4<sup>th</sup> November. Prize-winners will be announced via the newsletter on Friday 6<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 23<sup>rd</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

### Library

Please return all library books this week. There will be no further borrowing until Term Four.

Students in Year Four, Five and Six will be allowed to borrow Lexile books over the holidays.

If a book has been lost, please send a note to Miss Richards in the library.

Thank you have a great holiday!

Emily Richards  
Library Officer

### Footy Colours Day

This terms free dress day theme is inspired by the AFL finals.

Next Friday (last day of term three) we encourage all students to dress up in their favourite footy team's colours.

If you don't follow AFL it's ok to dress up in the colours of your favourite sports team. A gold coin donation is required and will be given to the Catholic Mission.

Looking forward to seeing all the colour next week.  
Mark Ryan  
Assistant Principal



## Making Jesus Real



Making Jesus Real provides students throughout the school with a language that allows them to evaluate their thoughts and behaviours and provides strategies for alternative actions.

The students are encouraged to be welcoming and positive; they are able to willingly say sorry and thank you. The students are taught about the importance of including people, about body language, eye contact and the importance of forgiveness and gratitude. The importance of reflection is also encouraged, where they are called to ask the big question, WHERE WAS JESUS IN MY LIFE TODAY?



## Our Focus - Social Decision Making

**Developing social decision-making skills helps us to consider the consequences of our actions for ourselves and others and helps us to make thoughtful, effective decisions. This involves:**

- Understanding how a social situation makes us feel
- Considering the different choices, along with the positive and negative consequences of these actions, when making a decision
- Making positive choices, while considering how these choices may affect ourselves and others

**Through explicit teaching and role play the children will be learning how to respond safely as a bystander in a bullying situation.**

The students are learning that to support someone when you see bullying happening has two benefits;

1. It helps the person being bullied
2. It sends a clear message to the person engaging in bullying behaviour that this behaviour is not tolerated in our school.

## Canteen

**Junior Athletics Carnival 21<sup>st</sup> September**  
**Senior Athletics Carnival 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

Dear Parents,

If you have ordered a sausage sizzle for yourself or younger siblings please note that the order will be sent to your child's classroom in the canteen basket.

Enjoy!

Thanks  
Heidi Mann  
Canteen Manager

## FAREWELL:

We farewell Aoife Deane (PPC) and her Family, who are moving from the area.

Thank you for being part of our school community, and we wish Aoife and her family every success in the future

# Catholic Performing Arts Festival 2015

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

Over three hundred students from Mater Christi participated in this year's festival. 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 and duets.

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 volunteered many hours of his time to rehearse with both the Junior and Senior Choir during Terms Two and Three in preparation for our performances at the PAF. Also to our Guitar Tutor Mr Rudy Yusof, for preparing our Guitar Ensemble. We are so grateful. Thank you both!

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

Last but not least, THANK YOU to all the Parents and Families who supported our students at the PAF 2015. Your time and effort to get your children ready and on time for rehearsals and performances is greatly appreciated.

Although the PAF has come to an end, we are very pleased to announce that Mater Christi received seven Certificates of Merit and six Honourable Mentions this year. A fantastic achievement!

A big congratulations to Pat Pottier and her Drama Group for receiving the PAF Shield for the Catholic Church Insurances Award for Primary Drama for the second year in a row.

Congratulations to the following students and their teachers on these wonderful achievements.

<b>PAF 2015 Certificates</b>		
<b><u>Certificate of Merit</u></b>	<b><u>Honourable Mention</u></b>	<b><u>Shields</u></b>
<b>Mater Christi Guitar Ensemble</b> <i>Instrumental Ensemble: Guitar</i>	<b>Mater Christi Dance Group</b> <i>Primary Dance</i>	<b>Catholic Church Insurers Award</b>  <b>Primary Drama</b>  <b>Mater Christi Drama Group</b>
<b>MC Christian Dance</b> <i>Christian Drama</i>	<b>Mater Christi Junior Choir</b>  <i>Primary Choral Singing: Beginning Choir</i>	
<b>Georgia &amp; Nicholas Goodin</b> <i>Instrumental Strings Duet</i>	<b>Mater Christi Senior Choir</b> <i>Primary Choral Singing: Beginning Choir</i>	
<b>2C Choral Speech</b> <b>Choral Speech</b>	<b>Mater Christi Drama Group</b> <i>Primary Drama</i>	
<b>3C Choral Speech</b> <b>Choral Speech</b>	<b>Year 6 Drama Group</b> <i>Primary Christian Drama</i>	
<b>6B Choral Speech</b> <b>Choral Speech</b>	<b>3A Choral Speech</b> <i>Choral Speech</i>	
<b>Alicia Savy</b> <b>Piano Solo</b>		

Ms Alison Ross  
Music Specialist  
PAF Coordinator





# Catholic Performing Arts Festival 2015



# Athletic Carnivals 2015



**Junior Carnival (PP – Yr 2) – 21<sup>st</sup> September**  
**Senior Carnival (Yr 3 – 6) – 23<sup>rd</sup> September**



## Important Reminders

- Parents join in the fun and support your team. Students would love to share recess and lunch with you!
- **All events have been pinned up in the undercover area and are on the School Website - Class Blog under the "Latest News". Please check it out and make sure your children have too. Events are subject to change.**
- Please ensure children have their sport uniform, hat and plenty of sunscreen.
- The students should have their recess, lunch and plenty of drinking water.
- No spike running shoes are allowed.
- The Junior Carnival finishes at Lunch time. **Parents are free to take their children home. They must be signed out as normal and the class teacher informed.**
- **No students can leave before presentations on the Senior Carnival Day unless organised prior to the day.**
- **Parent help on the day is greatly needed and appreciated. Please see Mr Donnelly if you can help.**

### **Junior Carnival Programme - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September (Back Up – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September)**

9.00am to 10:30am (Team Games)

11.00am to 12:30pm (Running and Relays)

### **Senior Carnival Programme – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September (Back Up – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October Term Four)**

9.00am to 10:30am (Team Games)

11.00am to 12:30pm (Running Events)

1.30pm to 2.30pm (Relays and Presentations).

**Senior students selected to run in the 400m (Yr Three – Six only) will do so on Monday afternoon following the Junior Carnival (approximately 1:30pm onwards)**

## Class Rep Events

- **PPB – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October –9.30am,**  
*Family Catch Up, Bibra Lake Park – RSVP to your Class Rep by Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October*
- **2A– Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September –3.00pm - onwards,**  
*The Iris Bar and Restaurant, 10 Dean Road, Jandakot*
- **4C – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September –3.00pm,**  
*Afternoon Tea, Dome, Port Coogee, RSVP to your Class Rep*

## Well Done Calum!

Calum represented Mater Christi at the State School Mountain Bike champs race held as part of the Dwellingup 100 event last weekend.

He finished 6<sup>th</sup> in his category, took 5 mins off last year's time but most importantly enjoyed flying through 14k's in the bush!

## P & F

Look out for the new tents being used to provide shade for the students at next week's sports carnivals - your P&F contributed \$1500 to the school to help pay for them.

The Senior First Aid Course, run by Royal Life Saving, was held last Friday and attended by seventeen people. Only positive feedback has been received about how it was managed including much appreciation expressed for the P&F subsidising the cost by \$20 per person and for providing morning tea (thanks Belinda Stokes) and having the canteen available for lunch orders (thanks Heidi, Joh and helpers). The second session of the course, proposed for Sat 19th Sep, is not going ahead due to lack of interest. Thanks very much to everyone who helped me organise it.

Don't forget to hand in your Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers or completed Sheets into the School Office by next Mon, 21st Sep so that the school can get lots of fantastic resources. Also don't forget to return your tickets and money for the Car Bay Raffle by then too - additional tickets can be purchased at the Office or Junior Sports Carnival up until Mon 21st Sep and then the winner will be announced at the Senior Sports Carnival on Wednesday.

Have a good weekend,  
Kate Godwin-Johnston, P&F

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## Upcoming College Tour

4pm to 5pm Tuesday 22 September  
Please register your attendance by email

1:1 IT Program  
Gifted & Talented Program  
Emmanuel Kings Football Academy  
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For further information and bookings please contact  
our Registrar on 9414 4055 or email: [lister.kelly@emmanuel.wa.edu.au](mailto:lister.kelly@emmanuel.wa.edu.au)



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**MISSION CONCERT – THE WALKER TRIO  
INFANT JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH, MORLEY -  
SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER, 3pm**

Catholic Mission presents an afternoon of beautiful  
music.

Jessica Gethin (violin), Sophie Curtis (cello) and Ray Walker (jazz guitar) will perform an original and exciting fusion of classical / jazz / popular chamber music in aid of Catholic Mission. Monies raised will support a girl child education project in Bangalore, India. Complementary afternoon tea.

Adults: \$25, Concessions: \$15.

Children are free if accompanied by an adult.

Tickets from [www.trybooking.com/JAHF](http://www.trybooking.com/JAHF), from Catholic Mission - 9422 7933, or on the door.

## Year 7— 2017 Emmanuel Catholic College Sibling Interviews

If there are any brothers or sisters of Emmanuel Catholic College students that haven't applied as yet, please ensure you do so as soon as possible, as we are having our Sibling Interview Evening on 27 October 2015.

We are currently interviewing for Year 7 2017 so if families have not yet applied it is essential that you download our Application for Enrolment form at [www.emmanuel.edu.au](http://www.emmanuel.edu.au) and return it to the College to prevent missing out on a place.

**If you require further information please contact our Registrar Mrs Kelly Lister on 9414 4055 or via [enrolments@emmanuel.wa.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@emmanuel.wa.edu.au)**

