

# Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers



December, with our end of year concert on Thursday 8 December.

Another date to be mindful of is the Annual School Community Meeting on Wednesday 23 November at 7pm in the MCCC.

## Athletics Carnivals

This week we celebrated sportsmanship, trying your best, great participation, encouragement, lots of fun and the never give up attitude from all the children who took part in the Junior and Senior Athletics Carnivals.

A special thank you to Mr Donnelly for his organisation of the events. It takes much planning and preparation for such events to run smoothly and he was still smiling at the end of the two days. Thank you to all the staff and parents who assisted on the days with various responsibilities. I also acknowledge and thank our Canteen ladies, Heidi Mann and Joh Perez. We appreciated our lunches which were delivered in a most timely manner. Our children were the stars during the two days and it was wonderful to witness their love of being outdoors, with their friends participating in many events. Congratulations to the Bandicoots for winning the 2016 Athletics carnival and to the Bobtails for the Most Co Operative Team award.

Well done everyone.

## Staffing

I am in the process of finalising staff for 2017. Whilst the interviewing and selection process is time consuming, it is one of the most important tasks that I do, ensuring we have quality teachers and teacher assistants in daily contact with your children. There has been much research into what factors impact the most on children's learning. Professor John Hattie has found that the quality of teaching is the single greatest influence on student achievement. We are fortunate to have great teachers and staff at Mater Christi. I will inform the community once staffing has been finalised.

## Dates for Next Week

**Monday  
17<sup>th</sup>  
October**

9am Mass (5B)

**Tuesday  
18<sup>th</sup> October**

9am Mass (2A)

7pm Board Meeting

**Wednesday  
19<sup>th</sup> October**

School Banking

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

**Thursday  
20<sup>th</sup> October**

9am Mass (6C)

Yr9 Emmanuel visit  
  
Yr1 Maths Diagnostic  
Testing NDA  
  
Yr6 Captain Roles  
Explained

**Friday  
21<sup>st</sup>  
October**

Mini Marathon  
PP - Yr 6

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

9-10.30am

First Reconciliation

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

## Library Books

Over the last few years we have had an increase in the number of library books that have been lost or damaged beyond repair. Because of this, we will have to charge accordingly for any lost and/or damaged books.

If your child has lost or damaged a book you will receive a 'Lost / Damaged Book' notification letter with the required payment to replace the book/s. The cost of our Library books can range from \$15 - \$40.

If you think your child has lost or badly damaged a library book, please contact your child's teacher or our Library Officer, Miss Richards.

Please encourage your children to look after their library books by:

- keeping library books in their library bag
- trying not to tear or crease the pages
- handling the books with clean hands
- not bending the spines back
- keeping books away from leaking water bottles.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation in this matter. Miss Richards

## Summer Uniform

The children have returned to school in summer uniform. A reminder that sports shoes are expected to be predominately white.

### A warm welcome to Mater Christi

Catia Letizia PPB  
Erin Brinkley PPA  
Patrick Day PPB  
Heidi Day 2A  
Beau Day 4A



### Did you know that...

Soa Pelelei (Father of Jonah 5C) will take part in the 24 hr grind (24 hours of grueling workouts) for Telethon. Together with friends Matt and Josh he hopes to raise more money than last year. Soa encourages everyone to donate to Telethon this weekend.



Our prayers and sympathies to

Mr and Mrs Gaglia, Vivian (6A) and Tory (2C) on the loss of their Great Aunty.

Mr and Mrs Hearn, Alyssa Hearn (4A) on the loss of a Father / in-law and Grandfather.

Mr and Mrs Manning, Joseph Manning (6A) and Amalija (KD) on the loss of a Father / in-law and Grandfather.

Let us keep these families in our prayers. May their loved one rest in the peace and love of God

## Purchasing of Student MacBooks

An email was sent out at the end of last term notifying parents that they were successful in securing a Student MacBook for \$300. We are still waiting to hear back from a number of people confirming that they are still interested. If you are one of these people, a second follow up email has been sent to you this week. If you received this email and have not responded, please respond by 3pm Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October at the latest. If we have not heard from you by then we will allocate the MacBooks to other families.

A reminder that payment of \$300 is due to the office by Monday Week Four (31<sup>st</sup> October).

Thank you to those that have already paid.

**Katie McNally**

# Religious Education

## **Sacrament of Penance – Rite of Reconciliation**

On Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> October, 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> November the children in Year Three will be receiving the Sacrament of Penance – Rite of Reconciliation - for the first time. The children have been preparing to receive this Sacrament for many weeks and I would like to thank the classroom teachers Miss McIntyre, Mr Magry and Mrs O'Donnell for all their efforts. I ask the school community to keep the Year Three students, their families and their teachers in your prayers.

## **Mass**

On Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November we are celebrating a Whole School Mass at 9am prepared by Year Two. Families and friends are welcome to attend.

## **Giving Day**

A gentle reminder that every Friday at Mater Christi is Giving Day. All donations of non-perishable food items would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support.

## **Best Wishes**

**Courtney Dunsire**

**Assistant Principal Religious Education**



# Parish News

## **Sacramental Program**

## **Reconciliation**

Online bookings for Reconciliation are now open. 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>



## Life Ed Van- Parent Information Session

Life Education is a non-government, not-for-profit organisation working with schools to deliver a curriculum-based program that empowers children to make safe and healthy lifestyle choices. Their programs support children, teachers and families to explore a range of health topics including nutrition, body knowledge, resilience, decision making, social skills, physical activity, personal safety, medicines, tobacco, alcohol and cybersafety.

Students will visit the Mobile Learning Centre during Weeks Two and Three, where they will meet "Healthy Harold" the giraffe and engage in an interactive learning session. This session is used as a platform to introduce and explore various health topics, which are then consolidated and extended further back in the classroom using comprehensive student and teacher resources.

Parents and care givers are also welcome to visit the Life Education Mobile Learning Centre during an 'Open Van' session from 8:30-9am on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October (Week Two). This is an opportunity for you to find out about the topics your children will be covering during their visit to the Life Education Van, and to meet the Educator for an informal chat.

You are welcome to visit the van at any time during this session.

**Thank you,  
Nicole Cloutt  
Acting Assistant Principal Admin**



## 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 minutes). Senior classes will walk the track around the lake (50-60 minutes). Kindy children will do a walk around the school grounds.

Sponsorship forms have been sent home. 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  
Nicole Cloutt  
Acting Assistant Principal Admin**



# **TERM 4**

**Wednesday 26 - 28 October and Monday 31 October**

**Before school: 8:00-9:30am**

**After School: 2.30-3.30pm**

**Picture Books, Novels, Activity Books, Fiction, Non-Fiction and more!!!**

**Eftpos and cash will be accepted on site.**

**'My Wish List' forms are available for parents that can't make the book fair. Children will be able to view books on sale during their library time. They can fill out their 'Wish list' form to bring home and discuss. Credit Card payments can be made online and then children can bring in the receipt number to collect their purchase.**

**Book Fairs are rewarding for our students and our School. It is a great way to celebrate reading and earn valuable resources for our school through the rewards earned from sales.**







# Paul Litherland

## **SURF ONLINE SAFE**

Paul was a Western Australia Police Officer for 21 years from 1993 to 2014, working in a diverse range of fields during a decorated career. During that time, Paul received 4 commendations from the Commissioner of Police and was also nominated for Police Officer of the Year on 2 separate occasions, being a finalist for one of those nominations.

Paul has worked extensively in the field of Technology Crime over the past 5 years. In that time he has gained a world of knowledge in all aspects of online crime, from Online Fraud to how Predators use the internet to groom our children. He has numerous qualifications holding him in good stead in an ever evolving environment. To view Paul's credentials, visit [au.linkedin.com/in/surfonline- safe](https://au.linkedin.com/in/surfonline-safe) or visit [www.surfonlinesafe.com.au/about.html](http://www.surfonlinesafe.com.au/about.html)

In June of 2014, Paul decided to leave the Western Australia Police to pursue his dream of educating and Surf Online Safe was born. Over the past 24 months, SOS has grown dramatically and Paul now presents to over 190 schools and organisations across Western Australia, including some of the states most prestigious colleges. Pauls' reputation as a high quality presenter is continuing to grow to the point that he is now considered one of Australia's leading experts on the subject of Cyber Safety.

In 2015, over 45 thousand students, parents and educators had seen an SOS presentation. This was during almost 200 sessions, across 126 schools and organisations. So far in 2016, Paul has already conducted over 200 presentations. The demand for Pauls' services has increased dramatically and this clearly reflects on the high quality of his work and the passion he has for education on this ever changing environment.

Paul is a former Mater Christi Catholic Primary School parent and also a member of our Parish. Paul will be presenting to our Year Five and Six students and will also be running two parent sessions. If you would like to attend a parent session, please refer to the information below.

**Date:** Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016

**Where:** Mater Christi Community Centre

**Time:** Parent Session One 1:20pm & Parent Session Two  
6:30pm

**RSVP:** [admin@mcps.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@mcps.wa.edu.au) by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October

## New Reading Books!

Our school and the P&F have recently purchased some new reading books. We would love volunteers to help cover all our new resources. If you would like to help cover the books, please see Miss Emily Richards in the library.

Thank you!



## P&F News

The Protective Behaviours Workshop was a resounding success last term as many people have said how informative and helpful it was -

'Fantastic information for parents - a MUST SEE next time it comes'.

'The Protective Behaviours Workshop gave me some great skills and tips on how to talk to my children about some difficult topics. After listening to some really important information I now feel more confident in my knowledge of how I, as a parent, can empower my children to be safe without me being there'.

Paul Litherland will deliver 'Surf Online Safe' presentations to parents on Wed 2nd Nov, 1.20pm or 6.30pm in the MCCC. RSVPs are required by Fri 28th Oct to [admin@mcps.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@mcps.wa.edu.au). We strongly recommend this to all parents to assist with helping our children to be safe while they are online. We are truly in the digital age and so much has changed since us parents were at school.

Mater Christi P&F are proud to fund and present a free family event - An Afternoon on the Green - after school on Friday 28th October until 7pm. There will be vendor-operated inflatable rides, food trucks and lots of other fun stuff. Please put it in your diaries and come along to a great family event.

The P&F is seeking businesses and sporting groups within our community who wish to have a market stall at the event. Please email Michelle at [michellehall080@gmail.com](mailto:michellehall080@gmail.com) to book your stall or for more information

### 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)**

Mater Christi P&F PRESENTS a FREE fun *family* event

FREE CRAZY HAIR  
FREE 'VENDOR OPERATED'  
INFLATABLE RIDES  
FREE RAFFLES

FOOD & DRINKS  
AVAILABLE TO  
PURCHASE  
SAUSAGE SIZZLE  
THE PIZZA LOUNGE  
THE SPUNKY SPUD  
MR MOCHA  
THE MILKY MONSTER  
CAKE STALL

MARKET STALLS  
LOCAL BUSINESSES

FUNDRAISER FOR  
GEORGIA

*an afternoon*  
**ON THE GREEN**  
*@ Mater Christi*  
*free entry*  
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**DOOR PRIZES**  
**3.05PM**  
**Friday**  
**28th OCT**

## 2017 Booklists

The stationary requirements list for 2017 were sent home with the Students on Tuesday of this week.

The hardcopy booklist orders need to be returned to school on or before the 28th October and online orders close on the 1st November.

We encourage you to order using one of these methods as we get a rebate via our booklist provider, which is used in a variety of ways to benefit our students.

Homework Satchels, Library Bags and Desk Mats are on the list again for next year and only for those classes, where a request was made by a Class Teacher.

If in good condition these items can be retained from previous years. If you do not require any items, all you need to do is cross them off the list. Copies of the lists have also been placed on the Class Portal area of the school website.

**Thank you**  
**Nicole Cloutt**  
**Acting Assistant Principal Admin**



## SETON CATHOLIC COLLEGE YEAR 7 2019 ENROLMENTS

We would like you to consider enrolling your son or daughter at Seton Catholic College in 2019.

We are a Catholic co-educational school that places the student at the centre of all we do. This is achieved by creating a supportive environment in consultation with parents. Seton Catholic College offers a comprehensive educational programme that enables students to reach the goals they establish for themselves. It is complemented by a vibrant and strong vertical Pastoral Care structure.

At Seton Catholic College, we see the development of students as essential. The educational programme is supported by an extensive Sports and Arts programme. These areas, along with the curriculum, we believe, enable all students to grow in a positive learning environment.

Over the next three to four years, Seton Catholic College is embarking on exciting times with the refurbishment of existing learning spaces as well as creating collaborative work spaces in a new Digital Communications, Design and Arts facility. The rationale behind these enhancements is to facilitate and develop the skills students need to prepare them for the working opportunities they will encounter post school.

If you are interested in enrolling at Seton Catholic College, we ask that you contact the College to receive an application package. This will need to be returned to the College prior to Friday 4 November 2016, so that we are able to process the enrolments in preparation for interviews during Semester One, 2017.

Further information can be accessed through the College website. You may also ring the Enrolments Officer on 9314 1816 or send an email to [admin@seton.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@seton.wa.edu.au) to gain further information. Please contact us if you would like a tour of the College.

We also have limited places available in other year groups for 2017.

We look forward to working with you in developing the skills, talents and abilities of your child.

## CLASS REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2017

**Are you interested in being a Class Representative in 2017?**

**Please email Leonie Jones @ [dj.lones@westnet.com.au](mailto:dj.lones@westnet.com.au) to nominate for a position by 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016.**

Please include your phone number, email, your child's name and current class.

**Class reps positions for 2017 will be decided on 29.11.16** after the class lists have been displayed.

All classes are open for nomination. If there is a single nomination for the class the role will go to that person. If there are multiple nominations the decision will be made by "name in the hat draw" by one of the staff.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or would like more information on what's involved in being a class representative.

Thank you for your support.

**Leonie Jones**  
**Class Representative Coordinator**

## After-School Soccer Coaching Clinics (Term 4)

All Kindy to Year Two children were given a registration form for an After-School Soccer Coaching Clinic starting Wednesday the 26th of October (3.25pm – 4.25pm). We will conduct it on the school grounds.

The activity is coordinated and run by Physical Education and/or Soccer Specialists; all with their Working With Children Checks. The Clinic focuses on **Maximum Participation** during **Organised** and **Fun** 7 x 1 Hour sessions. The cost for the clinic is \$70.00 per child.

If you are interested in letting your child learn and play this World Game in fun sessions and you have not yet registered, then please register online at [www.play4life.com.au](http://www.play4life.com.au) or complete the registration form and return it to reception by Tuesday the 25th of October. (Spare registration forms are available at reception). If you have any queries, please call Jacob Aquino on 6162 0932.





## Boots For The Boys Program

Good afternoon,

I write to you today in regards to Boots For The Boys, a program set up by a group of year 11 students at Emmanuel Catholic College.

A month or so ago, 7 of us Emmanuel students were fortunate enough to go on an immersion program to the remote Indigenous community of Warmun. Warmun is roughly 200 kilometres south of Kununurra in the East Kimberly. We volunteered in the local school for a week and made many friendships and memories with the locals.

On our last day, I was lucky enough to watch the high school boys play in there last football carnival for the year against other Indigenous towns and communities.

The talent of our Warmun boys was incredible, however, they were disadvantaged from the very beginning. Only two of our players had football boots. It was inspiring and heart-warming to see that the two pairs of boots were shared around so everyone had the opportunity to play in them. By the last game, I saw some of our players wearing only one boot with nothing on the other foot. I was confused as to why they would do this and so I asked one of our players. He replied with "I'm a left footer so I have the left boot on, I gave the right boot to Bobby because he is a right footer, that way we both get to play in boots." That one sentence really touched me and has inspired me greatly.

As a way to continue making a difference while not in the community, we have come up with a program called Boots For The Boys. The aim is to collect second hand football boots to send to Warmun and the surrounding communities, so that next year they are not so disadvantaged.

So why am I emailing you?

I email to ask if you would like to assist the program and do a boot collection of your own. We would prefer boots from students in years 4-6 due to the size but are more than happy to take smaller boots. Any boots that are too small, slightly broken, or just not needed any more are perfect and would be going to a great cause instead of the bin.

**The red collection bin will be outside Administration until 3pm Monday 17 October.**

Regards,

Joe Waters  
Boots For The Boys Organiser

The link to our facebook page which is under construction. We will be using the page so people can follow their boots up to Warmun and eventually see where they have gone and who is using them. The link is <https://www.facebook.com/bootsfortheboys>



**BOOTS FOR THE BOYS**