

Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to the final Term of 2015. As the children return in summer uniform, I trust you have had an enjoyable and relaxing two weeks with the children at home. Term Four promises to be a busy one for Families and Staff as the countdown to Christmas commences.

Wellness Week

At Mater Christi we believe in promoting and developing the mental health and wellbeing of our Students, Staff and Parents. And so, each term we will choose one week where there will be no homework for the Students and the Parents. Everyone is encouraged to do something during that week that will promote family time, outdoor activities, catching up with friends, playing board games, reading a book, preparing dinner together, going for a walk, watching a movie together, looking through family photos together etc.

This term, WEEK 6 (16 – 20 November) has been chosen as our first Wellness Week.

Please set this week aside on your calendar and I would love to know if you too believe that this is something of great importance to value and promote within our community.

2016 Classes

Currently, at the end of Kindy, Year Two and Year Four, the children in each of these year levels are re-mixed.

After much discussion with Staff, as of this year, **ALL** year levels will now be allocated new classes.

In making the decision as to which class to place the ninety children in each year level, many hours go into this process by the teachers who use their professional judgment and knowledge of the learning, social and emotional needs of the students in their care.

The following are some of the factors that will be taken into consideration:

- Academic – ability and learning needs;
- Socialisation – at least Two/Three of your child's friends are in the same class; (I would like to think that all the other children are their friends too!)
- Creating an opportunity to meet new children;
- Personalities and group dynamics;
- As well as other considerations that the teacher would be privy to.

Dates for Next Week

**Monday
19th October** 9am Mass (6B)

**Tuesday
20th October** 9am Mass (2C)

**Wednesday
21st October** 25th Anniversary Whole
School Photo

Yr 6 Dance Practice
1.30-2.15pm
(MCCC)

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

**Thursday
22nd October** 9am Mass (1C)

**Friday
23rd October** Mini Marathon PP–Yr 6

Saturday 24th October

9 - 10.30am First Reconciliation

Sunday 25th October

Every effort will be made for students to be with at least two/three friends. Each new year is an excellent opportunity for them to cultivate new learning partnerships with a variety of students within the grade. Children are very fortunate that being in a triple stream school they have a greater opportunity for a wider circle of friends.

If, however, your child has needs that we are not aware of, please send a note or an email to me: admin@mcps.wa.edu.au. Of course, this is not an exercise in the selection of teachers whose year levels are yet to be determined. Please understand that where your child will be placed the following year is not the sole task of each class teacher. Initially the three teachers in each year level meet and discuss various list combinations. The leadership team then reviews these. Finally, the decision where each child is placed is ultimately mine.

Let me assure you that children cope far better with change than we adults. They are also far more resilient than we give them credit. Mixing the classes is in the best interest of the children, both on an educational and social level. It also reflects real life – no-one goes through life without mixing with and encountering new people, opportunities and challenges.

On 20 November the class lists for 2016 will be put up on the Lobby doors. Talking positively about meeting new children and increasing their circle of friends, will further help to ease your child's normal transition from one year level to the next as they will see this experience to be an important, exciting and normal part of their life.

Thank you for the trust you have placed in us as the second educators and guardians of your child. We take our role and your trust seriously. I believe that the environment your child is going to go into next year, is one in which they will grow and thrive. *Together* we continue to build the foundation on which children build the rest of their lives.

God Bless... Toni Kalat

2016 Booklists

The stationary requirements list for 2016 were sent home with the Students on Wednesday of this week. The hardcopy booklist orders need to be returned to school on or before the 2nd November and online orders close on the 8th 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. 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. This year each of the booklists have been reduced anywhere between \$20 and \$40 from the previous year. Copies of the lists have also been placed on the Class Portal area of the website.

Thank you
Mark Ryan
Assistant Principal

Congratulations!

Congratulations are extended to a number of our past Mater Christi students:

- Tony Ziegelaar and Riley Burke who will be prefects at CBC in 2016
- Ruby Higgins, Matilda Hayward, Iesha Palelei and Carissa Soares who have all been elected as prefects at Mercedes College for 2016
- Ana Ika who has been elected the 2016 Head Girl at Santa Maria College.
- Liam Gasbarro who has been elected as a prefect at Seton College in 2016.

Congratulations to them all! What wonderful role models you are for Mater Christi Catholic Primary School.





Dear Parents/Guardians

Please join us in celebrating

**Mater Christi Catholic Primary School's
25th Anniversary**

Date: Friday 6 November, 2015

Time: **9.00am** – Mass at Mater Christi Church
10.00am – Morning Tea in the
Mater Christi Community Hall followed by a
Memory Walk (photographic display) in the
Undercover Area

Venue: Mater Christi Catholic Primary School
340 Yangebup Road, Yangebup

RSVP: Friday 23 October, 2015
For catering purposes it would be very
much appreciated if you could kindly RSVP
to Amanda Burke on 9417 5756 or
admin@mcps.wa.edu.au

Religious Education

Whole School Mass

On Friday 6th November Mater Christi Catholic Primary School will be celebrating our 25th 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 Term Three all of our Students were encouraged to wear free dress for a gold coin donation. From our free dress day and the mission money donations throughout Term Three we raised \$700 for the Catholic Mission. Thank you for giving so generously.

Reconciliation

In our Parish this term we have students receiving the Sacrament of Penance. Please keep the children receiving this Sacrament in your prayers at this special time.

Christian Service

On Thursday afternoon our third group of Year Five students attended Christian Service at Frank Prendergast House, Southern Cross Village Success. Our Mater Christi students played board games with the elderly and shared afternoon tea. It was an amazing experience for our students and everyone had a brilliant time!



Parish Corner

The Centre for Faith Enrichment Presents...

Jesus and the Church: The Two Great Sacraments of Love



This short course offers an opportunity to enrich your understanding of the nature of the Sacraments in a relaxed, interactive and friendly environment (with no exams or assignments!)

Presenter? Dr Margaret Scharf, OP. Sister Margaret is an internationally renowned liturgist, sacramental theologian, composer and retreat director

Where? Parish Centre, Mater Christi Parish, Yangebup

When? Tuesdays 20th October – 10th November (4 sessions), 7pm-9pm.

Cost? The course costs \$25 (in total)

Contact? To register, or for more information, call the Centre for Faith Enrichment on 9241 5221, email cfe@perthcatholic.org.au, or visit www.cfe.org.au

Who? **EVERYONE** is welcome to attend! Completion of the course will fulfill hours towards ongoing renewal for those holding a CEO Accreditation Certificate

The Centre for Faith Enrichment (formerly "Maranatha") is the adult faith education agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth



A warm welcome to Mater Christi

Kingston Gee KB
Jack Hunter 4A
Lucas Hunter KC
Jacob Lorenzo PPA
Girik Sahni 1B

Canteen

Dear Parents

The new Term Four school canteen menu is now available on the school website. We have added a few more delicious food items for the summer months. Enjoy!

Heidi and Joh
Canteen staff



Making Jesus Real

The main focus is on the resurrected Jesus that is within each of us in our daily life.

LOOK FOR JESUS IN YOURSELF AND THOSE AROUND YOU.

We are the instruments of the Holy Spirit working through us. It is important to connect with the Jesus who dwells in us, as well as the Jesus who dwells in those people around us.

THIS IS DONE THROUGH THE EVENTS IN OUR DAILY LIFE

Jesus walked with his disciples on the journey but remained unrecognized until he broke the bread with them. In all the events in our daily lives the risen Christ is there, often unrecognized. It is only afterwards, when we reflect upon what has been happening that we recognize the unseen presence of God. When we can rewind our memory we can see the gifts that we received during the day. It could be as simple as a friendly smile from someone, a thank you, or even an apology. To become more aware of the Spirit of Jesus, it is important to reflect at the end of each day and ask ourselves - Where was Jesus in my life today? He is there – you have to look to find him. Each day he is in a different event or person. Raise the bar and press the rewind button in your mind – life will take on new meaning.



To provide families with practical strategies to support the school to reduce bullying.

We can help children to feel safer and happier at school by demonstrating that families and schools work together as partners. The support of families is very important in creating a friendly and supportive school environment.

How can families help create our supportive school culture?

- Get to know our school's behavioural policies that address bullying/cyber bullying and discuss these with your children.
- Maintain regular contact with your children's teacher.
- Try to attend school functions, for example assemblies and/or volunteer at school to demonstrate your support for your children and the school.
- Read the school newsletter and discuss items of interest with your children.
- Model a positive attitude toward school and encourage your children to see the positive aspects of school life.
- If there is a problem with your children at school, try to work together with the school to overcome the problem. This shows a committed partnership between families and the school to work towards positive solutions.

Please Remember !

Leaving a child on their own, locked in a car on any day, especially a hot day, even for a short period, can be fatal. The temperature inside a car can very quickly climb to dangerous levels. Children are more at risk from heat-related problems because they can lose fluid very quickly and become dehydrated, leading to heat stroke and potentially death.

In all states and territories in Australia, it is illegal to leave a child unattended in a vehicle.

Loom Bands Required

We would ask Parents to send in any Loom Bands that may be spare at home to the 3A classroom for an activity for the 25th Anniversary Celebrations?

Thank You
Cathy Moran

MATER CHRISTI MINI-MARATHON 2015

Friday 23rd October

Next Friday 23rd 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.

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 22nd 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 23rd October. The final date to have money back is Wednesday 4th November. Prize-winners will be announced via the newsletter on Friday 6th 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 23rd 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

Term Four Library



Wednesday 28 October-30 October 2015

(Possible extension to Monday 2 November depending on stock levels)

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.

P & F

Tuesday night's P&F meeting was well attended and everyone's contribution was appreciated. Watch out for the minutes of the meeting, which will be uploaded to the usual spot on the MCCPS Portal in due course.

All P&F Committee positions including President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary will be vacant at the Annual School Community Meeting to be held on Wed 18th November at 7pm. Please consider nominating for a P&F Position or at least save the date so that you can attend this very informative evening during which the new Board and P&F Committee for 2016 will be determined.

25th Anniversary – Subway Lunch

The P&F will be providing students with the opportunity to order a Subway lunch on 6th November. All details together with the order form will be sent home with your child early next week.

Mater Christi Market Day 22nd of November

If your family has a business and would like to register interest for the day please email Sarah Bekkevold sbloirainelea@outlook.com or call 0433 116 174 for further information. Registration forms will be sent home with children shortly.

Kate Godwin-Johnston, P&F

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P&F ASSOCIATION

Nomination Form

I wish to nominate for election to the P&F Association Committee

Name: _____ Tel: _____

Mob: _____

Signature _____

Position Nominating For: President Vice President
 Treasurer Secretary
 General Committee Member

Reason for nomination: _____

Seconded by: Name: _____

Signature _____

Please return to school office by 3pm

Friday 13th November

