

Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents

A Prayer for Teachers and all who work in a School

God of Love... Thank you for every teacher who notices a child's special gift. Thank you for teachers who are listeners and gentle guides. Thank you for teachers who expect much and love enough to demand more. Thank you for the special teacher each one of us remembers.

God of Mercy... Sustain teachers who give everything they have and feel and so much more.

God of Strength... Encourage teachers to care and inspire them to nourish. Motivate teachers to keep on learning for the fun of it and to make learning fun for children.

We wonder at teachers who know how to quiet a class of five-year-olds or help children to be empathetic. Bless the people who are expected to accomplish these miracles and who know how to comfort children when miracles don't happen.

God of Justice... help our government leaders to support teachers in their special calling, wherever they teach and whatever the race or religion or gender or wealth of the children. We pray these things in the name of our great teacher, Jesus Christ.

This term, WEEK 6 (16 – 20 November) has been chosen as our first Wellness Week. Please set this week aside on your calendar.

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. On 20 November the class lists for 2016 will be put up on the Lobby doors.

25th Anniversary Photo

Following my letter that was sent out to all parents yesterday, I would like to once again apologise for any stress, anguish and concern that children and parents may have felt due to us being out on the oval for that length of time. It has been a lesson learned. Thank you all for your understanding with this difficult matter.

World Staff Day

I would like to thank all our Staff for the remarkable work they do with the students at our School. A special thank you to the P&F for organising a magnificent morning tea for the staff. The Staff truly appreciated the thoughtful and generous gesture.

God Bless... Toni Kalat

Dates for Next Week

Monday 26th October	9am Mass (4B)
Tuesday 27th October	9am Mass (PPC) Corpus Christi Yr 7 Fun Day Yr 5 SmartStart Incursion 9-11.45am
Wednesday 28th October	Numero Coastal Heat Competition (MCCC) Yr 6 Dance Practice 1.30-2.15pm (MCCC) School Banking Uniform Shop Open 8am to 10.30am 1.20pm to 3.20pm
Thursday 29th October	9am Mass (PPB) Yr 5 Christian Service Learning
Friday 30th October	9am Mass 6A / 5A

Saturday 31st October

9 - 10.30am First Reconciliation

Sunday 1st November

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Religious Education

Reconciliation

This weekend we have our first group of Students receiving the Sacrament of Penance. Please keep the children receiving this Sacrament in your prayers at this special time.



The Centre For Faith Enrichment

Spiritually Open? Would you describe yourself as spiritually open, but perhaps not the most frequent Mass-attender? You may enjoy the short, live online course called "The Lowdown on the On-High for Parents" being offered by the Centre for Faith Enrichment. Over three sessions, the course will give you the opportunity to discuss topics such as faith, meditation and spirituality – or you can just listen! It's soul food you can enjoy at home – with a glass of wine! Thursdays 5th-19th November, 8pm-8.30pm. For more information about this and other online courses, visit www.cfe.org.au, or call 9241 5221.

2016 Booklists

The stationary requirements list for 2016 were sent home with the Students last 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

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



Calling All New Altar Servers

This year's training course for new servers commences on Saturday 31st October. If you would like to become an altar server in Mater Christi Parish please collect an enrolment letter from the sacristy after Mass.

Parents, this is a wonderful opportunity for your child to become more involved in the celebration of Mass and in other activities in the Parish. Please encourage them. Any queries please see Fr Bryan after Mass.

KINDY

Term Four is going to be filled with fun and excitement as we extend our skills that we have learnt through out the year and become prepared for Pre-Primary!

We are continuing to focus on a story each week and will be making lots of wonderful creations relating to these texts, exploring different mediums and also Christmas craft.

Our focus points are:

- Speaking in short sentences, news telling and narrative retell skills.
- Learning the sound of the letters S,A,T,P,I,N,M,R,C,H,E,D,K,F,L,O,B,U,G
- Beginning to sound out three letter words with the letters above.
- Awareness of print concepts.
- Exploring the mathematics concepts of money, numbers, counting, ordering, addition, subtraction, sharing, fractions, graphs, patterns, subitising and using calculators.
- Making Jesus Real in our lives and learning about the Church, Catholic life and the Christmas story.
- Developing our fine and gross motor skills.

News telling/ Sound Development

During the literacy rotation activity time each week Kindy children will have the opportunity to tell news. This activity has a dual purpose – to stimulate oral language and develop sound identification awareness.

At the beginning of the week Kindy children bring in one item (with their name marked on it) that begins with the letter/sound of the week. These items will be displayed on the sound table for the week for discussion about what items begin with this letter and sound. This item will also be used for their news telling. Items may include a photo, picture, drawing or an object.

An outline for the letter/sound is as follows:

Week	Letter/sound
2	Letter H items.
3	Letter E items.
4	Letter D items.
5	Letter F items.
6	Letter L items.
7	Letter O items.
8	Letter B items.

Essential Items to bring in this term:

It is required that each child brings in the following items by week four:

- 1 White pillow case for Christmas craft
- Toy catalogues

We look forward to another wonderful term in Kindy!

Pre Primary

What a busy and exciting term we are going to have in Pre-Primary!

We have waited all year for the biggest production Mater Christi has ever seen...

THE PRE-PRIMARY ASSEMBLY!!!

Term Four will be a time for revising and consolidating our learning as we work towards becoming independent readers and writers.

In Religion we will begin to talk about the Christmas story and the reasons why God chose to send Jesus to earth. We will conclude the year by beginning to transition the children to their new year one classes and celebrate the end of year with our big day out.

Egg Cartons Required

Does anyone have any spare empty egg cartons ?

Pre Primary B are building a house to use with our Fairytale theme. The house is half built and we need a lot more to complete it. If you have any please drop them off to PPB.

Thank you
Pre Primary B

Year One

Welcome back to what will be another busy and challenging, but exciting fourth term.

We are looking forward to swimming lessons and our Big Day Out towards the end of the term.

Advent is always an exciting time of the year as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. The units of work that we will be covering in Religious Educations this term are: Prepare, Loving Others and Just Imagine.

Our focus in Literacy is exploring a range of different fiction and non-fiction book and working on our reading comprehension skills.

In writing we are practicing sentence structure and using punctuation effectively.

During Numeracy we are focusing on statistics and probability and measurement and geometry, There will also be a big focus continuing to building our mental strategies.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Year Two

Welcome back to Term Four.

We are preparing for a very busy and exciting end to the year.

This term our integrated focus will move to Australia and the many intriguing things our beautiful country has to offer.

In Literacy, the children will be writing to persuade an audience.

During Maths lessons we will be learning about patterns, volume and capacity, Mass and of course lots of revision. Our mental maths focus will include revising addition and subtraction strategies as well as beginning to consolidate the two, three, five and ten times tables.

The two topics for Religion are 'Empowered to Love' and 'Truth of the Gospels'. To end this wonderful term, the children of course, look forward to Christmas craft, the 'Big Day Out' and the Christmas concert.

Year Four

It's the home stretch! Term Four sees our amazing Year Four's round out their final nine weeks before the long break. However, there is little respite, as this term shapes up to be absolutely jam-packed!

In Religious Education, students explore their conscience and how our inner voice affects how we act. They also learn about advent in the lead up to our Christmas celebrations.

In Maths, we take a close look at Australian currency, as students develop skills in giving change and rounding the nearest five cents. Later, they delve into angles and mapping and finish the term with some word problems and pattern breaking.

In English, Year Four's work to create persuasive texts, developing tools to effectively argue a range of topics.

In Reading, we take a look at a range of texts to consolidate the reading comprehension strategies taught throughout the year.

SOSE sees students taking a guided tour through history, journeying from before time all the way through the 1700's, 1800's and 1900's to the current day.

In Health, students analyse advertising throughout the food industry and explore how it affects society and our habits.

This term is set to be a cracker and we can't wait to see what our students achieve by the end of it!

Year 4s WILL work to create

Year Three

The term ahead is definitely a busy one for the Year Three.

We begin the term with final preparations for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and then we move into our final units of work for the year, Gathered As One (Church) and Gifted By The Word (Advent/Lent).

During Literacy we will tackle both Poetry and Myth, Legends and Fables with the students. Our Numeracy program sees us continue to focus on number & place value with students revising and consolidating concepts such as addition, subtraction, multiplication & division.

Our SOSE program takes us back to in time as we explore the past and present. In Health we will be focusing on building resiliency.

We are looking forward to a fantastic term in Year Three.

Year Five

'The sun is shining, the birds are singing and there is light at the end of the tunnel as we begin Term Four in Year Five. We have had a great year so far and we have come back refreshed and eager to learn with what is going to be an exciting term.

In Literacy we will be looking at reviews, recounts and also learning to follow and write procedures.

We'll be rolling in Money as we jump into Mathematics this term (sadly, not literally) as we investigate, budgets, incomes and expenses. We will also be looking at reflections (sadly not our own) ,mapping and transformations.

SOSE explores all types of resources and in T&E we will be designing a rubbish eating animal that will save the world's resources.

Our Religion units look at Helped By The Word and the Church Community.

In Health we learn about safety and protective behaviors and we also understand more about our online etiquette.

Christian service will continue with a group of students attending Frank Prendergast House every two weeks.

With swimming lessons, concerts and Christmas preparations happening towards the end of term it will be a jam-packed term which we are excited to get into!

Let's goooooo Year Five!

Year Six

It is hard to believe that Term Four is here already but the countdown to Graduation has definitely begun.

We have started working on our Passion Projects during Genius Hour, reading the novel, 'Wonder' and writing narratives in our Literacy Dedicated Time.

During Numeracy Time we are finishing off our studies into Fractions, Decimals and Percentages followed by an investigation into statistics and probability and The Cartesian Plain.

In Religion we are continuing to learn how to Make Jesus Real in our lives as we discover how he can help us to better prepare ourselves for high school.

For more information on our term dates and activities, please see the class blogs.

class6a2015.blogspot.com.au
class6b2015.blogspot.com.au
class6c2015.blogspot.com.au

Have a great term

Miss Cloutt, Miss Roche and Mr Thuijs

Drama

- This term in Drama the students will prepare for the end of year concert. Each year level will go through the process of a rehearsal schedule. Learning choreography, practising, collaborating as a group and putting the song and dance routine together for a performance on the oval.
- Both the Junior and Senior students will also be given the opportunity to use their imagination to improvise skits with the use of props, materials and costumes.
- Our Resiliency programme is an ongoing focus with the use of the "Friendly Schools Plus" Resource. This term the focus is on 'Social Decision Making' – helping us to consider the consequences of our actions.
- This will involve :
 1. Understanding how a social situation makes us feel.
 2. Considering the different choices we have and the positive and negative consequences of each of these choices.
 3. Making positive choices, while considering how these choices may affect ourselves and others.

PE

Term Four is a short one, but we are going to pack a lot of things into it. The students will get to try their hands at a number of different sports.

The Senior students will be partaking in some cricket, handball and netball.

The ankle biters (Juniors) will get to play some cricket, do some fundamental movement skills and a variety of movement games.

On top of all this action all Year One – Six students will jump into their togs and get wet doing some swimming lessons at the end of term.

At an Interschool level the school will be participating in two carnivals namely the Athletics and Cricket Carnivals. Training has already commenced for the Interschool Athletics and the students are raring to go.

Ryan Donnelly (HPE Specialist)

Music

Welcome back to another exciting term of Music with Ms Ross!

Preparations are underway for the 2015 Mater Christi End Of Year Christmas Concert. Students from Pre-Primary to Year Six will be preparing for our annual concert during Music and Drama lessons and let me tell you, everyone is super excited!

More information regarding times and costumes will be placed in the newsletter further in the term.

Our Instrumental Program is up and running. Forms to learn an instrument in 2016 will go out in week five, so please keep an eye out.

Please note that students do not automatically stay in the Instrumental Program. You must re-enroll your child if they wish to continue in 2016.

Please feel free to come and see me in the Music Room if you have any further questions.

I look forward to seeing you all in the Music Room.

Ms Ross
Music Teacher



Science

Welcome back to Term Four Science!!


As usual life is pretty busy in the Science lab with loads of Earth and Space concepts being investigated. There is a big emphasis on using the correct terminology this term, so everyone is busy learning our new vocabulary and learning how to use it correctly.

If anyone has any spare square ice cream container lids could you please drop them into the Science lab and say Hi!

Year Level	Topic overview
PP	Weather in my world. - Weather Students develop an understanding about; • the air, sun and wind. Students will investigate; • how the characteristics of weather affect their daily lives.
1	Up, down and all around - Seasons Students explore; • natural, made and managed features that undergo change. Students investigate; • the daily, weekly and seasonal changes in their local environment.
2	Water works. - Water Students develop; • an understanding of, and appreciation for, a precious natural resource. Students explore; • how water is used, • where water comes from • how to use it responsibly.
3	Night and day. – Rotations of the earth / moon / sun. Students explore; • The sizes, shapes, positions and movements of the Sun, Earth and Moon. They investigate; • How shadows change throughout the day and link these changes to the Sun's apparent movement across the sky. • explain night and day in terms of the Earth spinning on its axis.
4	Beneath our feet. - Erosion Students explore; • how natural processes and human activity shape their surroundings. • understanding of soils, rocks and landscapes and how they change over time. Students investigate; • factors that affect the erosion of soils.
5	Earth's place in Space – Rotation of the planets, space, solar system Students explore: • how the patterns in the sky relate to days, months and years. • How observation and models can be used to shape ideas. Students also investigate: • The elements of our Solar System and Earth's position within it.
6	Earthquake explorers. – Natural disasters, earthquakes. Students develop; • an understanding of the causes of earthquakes and • how they change the Earth's surface. Students explore : • earthquake magnitude data from Australia and neighbouring countries, drawing conclusions about patterns in the data.

Yours in Science

Brendwyn Ziegelaar



Interschool Athletics Training

Interschool Athletics training has commenced.

Relay Times have been amended.

Below are the details.

Any Year Three - Six student who placed third in a throwing or jumping event is welcome to come to training so they are ready in case of an injury or sickness. Love to see you there.

DAY	MORNING (8:00 – 8:30am)	LUNCH (12:40 – 12:55pm)	1:15 – 1:30pm	1:30 – 1:45pm
Monday	Throws/Jumps/Running			
Tuesday		Leaderball		
Wednesday	Throws/Jumps/Running		Relays – Yr 4/5	Relays – Yr 3

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.

Class Rep Events

- **KB – Wednesday 28th October – 11.30am – 2.30pm**
Play at "Crocs", Playcentre 49-67 Armadale Road Jandakot
- **KD – Friday 20th November – 12pm**
The Pizza Lounge, RSVP to Class Rep
- **1C – Friday 13th November – 7pm,**
Mum's Dinner, Venue to be Confirmed, RSVP to your Class Reps by email
- **1C – Saturday 6th December – 10am,**
Woodman Point Family Picnic, BYO Food, RSVP to your Class Reps by email
- **2A – Friday 30th October – 8pm,**
Joy Kitchen, 72 Marine Tce, Fremantle, RSVP to your Class Rep by 28th October
- **3C – Friday 6th November – 7pm**
Dinner, Venue to be decided.

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 4th of November (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** 6 x 1 Hour sessions.

The cost for the clinic is \$60.00 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 or complete the registration form and return it to reception by Tuesday the 3rd of November. (Spare registration forms are available at reception).

If you have any queries, please call Jacob Aquino on 6162 0932.

Mater Christi's Annual School Community Meeting

Dear Parents

We would like to invite you to attend Mater Christi's Annual School Community Meeting:

**WEDNESDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2014
7PM
MATER CHRISTI COMMUNITY CENTRE**

This is a shared meeting between our School Board and our Parents and Friends Association.

The purpose of the meeting is:

- To report to the school community on the activities of the Board and P&F during the 2015 school year;
- To outline plans for 2016; and
- To conduct elections for both bodies.

The Agenda therefore is as follows:

School Board

1. Welcome
2. Prayer
3. Apologies
4. Chairman's Report
5. Treasurer's Report including 2015 Report and 2016 Budget
6. Elections - criteria for membership and voting
7. Principal's Report
8. Announcement of new Board Members

Parents & Friends

1. Apologies
2. President's Report
3. Treasurer's Report
3. Election of Office Bearers for 2016
4. Closure

Everyone is invited to stay for refreshments.

P&F Nomination forms can be found on the school website in the Class Portal or in this newsletter.

School Board Nomination Forms can be collected from our Office.

Please return all P&F and School Board nomination forms to the school office by 3pm Friday 13th November.

Yours sincerely

Toni Kalat
Principal



P & F

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 sblorrainelea@outlook.com or call 0433 116 174 for further information.

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 click here - <http://pff.wa.edu.au/resources/help-sheets/> for more info about the executive roles & responsibilities and then consider nominating for a position.

Please note the password (which is only available to affiliated schools) to view the helpsheets is Parents1954 - this can be used to browse the entire PFFWA website. We look forward to as many nominations as possible.

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

**CARNIVAL
OF
EVENTS**



Cockburn Spring Fair
Sunday 25 October
All day fun, 11am – 8pm
Manning Park, Hamilton Hill



Teddy Bears Picnic
Wednesday 28 October 2015
10am – 1pm, Manning Park
Azelia Road, Hamilton Hill