

Mater Christi Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Pledge of Remembrance

Australian soldiers, hear this pledge, your flag flies in the sun. Today we take a minute to remember what you've done.

When you went away to battle, you were so proud as proud can be and you did it for your country, yes, you flew the flag for me.

Now we live our life in freedom when we work and when we play, for that my heart says, 'Thank you' on this very special day.

And so we go and take the words that sing Australia's song:

'I am young and I am worthy, I am brave and I am strong in the face of any challenge, I will strive to rise above. I deserve this opportunity to live, to learn, to love, I can truly make a difference; my path is up to me. And this is my commitment - to be the best that I can be.'



Grandparents Day: Today a special event was celebrated. The school was swarming with grandparents and visitors who were made to feel very welcome by their grandchildren, proudly showing them around their classroom. How lovely was it to sit together and share some food and enjoy one another's company. Love was very evident throughout the classrooms, lobbies and school.

"My Mum, Poppa and my Nanna are coming for lunch. I like it because it makes me feel happy and excited" (Thomas, PPB)

"It is a happy day because I get to have lunch with my grandparents" (Daisy, 2A)

"I love getting to show my grandparents the stuff that I do at school and I get to show them around" (Aria, 5C)

"You get to see the surroundings and get to meet the teachers. It is a fun day and the children enjoy it. We enjoy it too!" (Grandparents of Joseph, 6A & Amalija, KA)

"It is wonderful, absolutely wonderful. We get to meet all their classmates and their grandparents. We also get to bring in lots of treats to spoil them" (Nanna of Charlyze, 4A)

Dates for Next Week

**Monday
14th
November**

9am Mass (PPA)

**Tuesday
15th November**

Sports Captain
Speeches & Voting
Yr 4/5/6

6pm Kindy Info
Night (MCCC)

**Wednesday
16th November**

School Banking

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

**Thursday
17th November**

**Friday
18th
November**

9am Whole School
Mass (Yr3)

2017 Sports Captains
Announced in
Newsletter

Yr 1 Loose Parts
Incursion

Saturday 19th November

Sunday 20th November

Kindy Information Night: Next Tuesday 15 November we welcome our Kindergarten families for 2017 at the Parent Meeting in the Mater Christi Community Centre at 6pm. Parents will have an opportunity to meet the Kindy Staff and each other and for new families, to find out more about our wonderful school. The teachers will talk about Kindy expectations and be able to answer any questions from parents. Teresa Lawson our P&F President together with our Kindy Classroom Rep parents will also be in attendance. I extend a very special welcome to all the new families for 2017.

Annual General Meeting: Everyone is invited to attend to our Annual Community Meeting on **Wednesday 23 November at 7pm** in the Mater Christi Community Centre followed by a light supper. The meeting is a great way to come together as a community, listen to the many things that we have achieved and the projects that will be undertaken in 2017.

2017 SRC: At today's Assembly, the following worthy recipients were announced and presented to the community as the new leaders for 2017. We all congratulate them and are very proud that they have been chosen by their peers and staff to be our School Leaders.

Congratulations to:

Matilda Wehr
Charlize Rebelo
Denzel Ncube
Daniel D'Aurizio
Tahlia Johnson
Jonah Palelei
Olivia Chamberlain
Matthew Radanovic
Nicholas Cutri
Isabella Zammit

Reconciliation: On Saturday 12 November our final group of Year Three students will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Congratulations to all of these students! Thank you to the parents and our Year Three teachers, Miss McIntyre, Mr Magry and Mrs O'Donnell for preparing the students to receive this Sacrament. Jesus invites us to reconciliation with God, this is one of the most unique and beautiful aspects of Catholicism. The peace of mind and soul which this sacrament imparts to us is one for which there is no substitute. It is a peace that flows from a certainty, that our sins have been forgiven and that we are right with God. There is no better way to make progress on our spiritual journey than by returning in humble repentance and love to God, whose forgiveness reestablishes us as his children and restores us to peace with his Church and our neighbours.

God Bless... Toni Kalat

Parish News

Sacrament of Penance – Rite of Reconciliation

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

Dates	Times
Saturday, 12 th November	9-10:30am

Reconciliation Certificates

Children receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation can collect their certificate in the Church foyer prior to the commencement of Mass over the weekend – Saturday at 6pm, Sunday at 8am, 10am & 5pm. At each of the Masses Father Dat will formally congratulate the children and the congregation will also acknowledge them. It is important that the certificate is collected, as this document will be needed to enrol in the First Communion Mass next year.



Religious Education

Reconciliation

Congratulations to all our students that have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation over the past three weekends, and those who will be receiving it on Saturday.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is God's gift to us. In the story of the Prodigal Son, Jesus tries to tell us that God is simply waiting for us to "come home." In the story, the father is not only waiting, he is out by the road longing for the wayward son to return. And when the son begins to give his practiced speech of repentance, the father interrupts him and shouts orders to begin the celebration. Jesus is telling us that this is how God feels about our Reconciliation. It isn't about us having to shame ourselves or face being scolded. It is all about letting ourselves receive the merciful and healing love and peace that only God's love can give us.



Mass

On Friday, 18th November we are celebrating a Whole School Mass at 9am prepared by Year Three. Families and friends are welcome to attend.

Grandparents Lunch

Thank you to all the Grandparents that were able to join their grandchildren for lunch today. It was such a wonderful afternoon and it was great to see so many happy families.



Best Wishes
Courtney Dunsire
Assistant Principal Religious Education

Macbook Collection Date

Thank you to our families that are recipients of a Macbook for finalising their payment.

They are now in the process of being serviced and will be available for collection on **Wednesday 7 December (Week 9) from the library at the following times 8.00 - 9.30am and 2.30 – 4.00pm.**

It is vital that you present your purchase receipt at the time of collection to assist us in the correct allocation.

If you have any difficulties with collecting the Macbook during these times you will need to contact Administration to make a special arrangement.

Please note we will not be allowing any Macbooks to go home with students

Katie McNally
IT Co-Ordinator

Library

Book club is due

Monday 21 November 3pm

No cash payments or paper orders please. Please use LOOP on scholastic website.

Any orders placed after the closing date and time will be charged \$4.99 for home delivery.

Thank you
Emily Richards
Library Officer

Term 4 After School Sport

It's that time again..SPORT TIME!

This term the Sporting Schools Club will be participating in a range of different sports, from dodgeball to AFL.

For those student who have received an acceptance letter, please see the timetable below for dates and times.

Year 4-6 Monday 3:15-4:15	Year 1-3 Wednesday 3:15-4:15
14 th November	16 th November
21 st November	23 rd November

Parents are to pick their child up from the school oval at **4:15pm. Please be on time.**

Please contact Mrs Williamson in 6C with any questions.

MATHEMATICS ACCELERATION PROGRAM: YEAR 7, 2017

Corpus Christi College, Bateman, is continuing to cater for the most Mathematics students by offering Acceleration Programs in Years 7-9. Many boys and girls start secondary school with a mathematical understanding beyond that required in the Year 7 Western Australian Curriculum. It is our belief that these students, with the proper guidance, would benefit from undertaking an Accelerated Program which focuses on the Year 8 Western Australian Curriculum.

There are numerous benefits to accelerating students appropriately, such as improving their skills and motivation, and creating opportunities in their pathways of study through to Senior School.

Any current Year Six student wishing to be considered for the Mathematics Acceleration Program in 2017 is invited to complete an assessment at the College on Saturday 12 November. This assessment is designed to identify students who possess the innate ability to cope with challenging Mathematics.

This opportunity is open to students who are currently enrolled at the College for commencement in 2017, as well as those who are not currently enrolled but who are considering attending the College in 2017.

For further information about this program, please contact the College at fitaliano@corpus.wa.edu.au



P&F News

Our last P&F meeting for the year is the AGM on Wed 23rd Nov. Please consider nominating yourself for a P&F position for 2017.

All positions are vacant and it would be much appreciated if people would be willing to help out by taking on one of the roles - President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, P&F Rep to the Board, Class Rep Coordinator, Parish Rep, PFFWA Rep, Sunsmart Rep, Food Coordinator, News & Information Coordinator or General Committee Member. Go to <http://portal.mcps.wa.edu.au/pf-minutes/> (password = mccpsparent) to see the Minutes of previous P&F meetings and/or click here <http://portal.mcps.wa.edu.au/pf-role-resources/> for some info on the P&F roles..

CLASS REP EVENTS

- **Year KC – Friday 18th November – 7pm**
Dinner, Bathers Beach House, Fremantle
RSVP to your Class Rep by 15th November
- **Year PPA – Sunday 13th November – 12.30pm**
Lunch at Brooklands Tavern, Southern River
RSVP to your Class Rep by 11th
- **Year PPC – Friday 25th November – 3.30-6pm**
Class Christmas Party, Lollipops
RSVP to your Class Rep
- **Year 1B – Monday 21st November – 12pm**
Lunch, The Gate, Cockburn Gateway Shopping Centre, Success
RSVP to your Class Reps
- **Year 2 – Sunday 20th November – 11am**
Family BBQ / Picnic, John Graham Reserve, Coogee
RSVP to your Class Rep
- **Year 3A – Tuesday 22nd November**
Coffee Catch up after school drop off. Dome Café
Port Coogee
RSVP to your Class Rep

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

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2017

Many thanks to the six parents that have nominated to be the class representative for their child's class for 2017.

25 parents are needed in total to fill the positions so all classes have a representative.

We need your help!

Please consider nominating for a position as Class Representative for 2017 by emailing Leonie Jones @ dj.jones@westnet.com.au to express your interest by 28th November 2016.

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

Class rep positions for 2017 will be decided on 29.11.16

Class lists will be displayed on Friday 25.11.16 and all nominees will be contacted to confirm your interest and inform you if there are multiple nominations for your particular class.

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



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CATHOLIC COLLEGE

God is with us

2019 ENROLMENTS

Applications for enrolment into Emmanuel Catholic College for 2019 are now due.

Interviews commence Term 1 next year and applications need to be submitted by the end of this year to avoid missing out on a place. This is especially important for any families who have Siblings to enrol for 2019.

Applications can be downloaded from our website www.emmanuel.wa.edu.au or call the Registrar, **Kelly Lister** on **9414 4055** to have a Prospectus mailed out to you.

Places at Emmanuel are very competitive for 2017/2018 and we are envisaging that for 2019 all places will be full by Term 1 next year.

Don't miss out, apply now!



EDUCATING TOMORROW'S LEADERS, TODAY

Finding a Place

A Christmas Reflection in Word and Music



Eva-Marie Middleton (soprano) Christopher Waddell (bass)
Paul Wright (violin) Tracey Harris (trumpet)
Dominic Perissinotto (organ) The Basilica Choir

A captivating and beautiful evening of sacred music, readings and congregational carols to highlight the meaning of the Christmas gospel in our world today.

We are called to reach out to those who find themselves in the peripheries of our societies and to show particular solidarity with the most vulnerable ... (Pope Francis)

Thursday 15 December, 7pm
The Basilica of St Patrick, Fremantle

Adults \$30 / Concessions \$20 / 12 and under FREE
www.trybooking.com/NRVO, 9422 7933 or on the door

In support of Catholic Mission's work overseas with refugees and asylum seekers



Reach out. Give life.

With the end of term fast approaching, I am sure you will wish to thank your child's teacher for their inspiration and influence of your child, both academic and pastoral, throughout the year. What better way to show your gratitude than to give them a gift that truly changes lives – just like they do.

Catholic Mission offers a selection of life-giving gifts that will truly have a lasting impact for children and communities in desperate need around the world.

Choose from a wide variety of options at different price points that your teacher will love! Gift options include:

- a back-to-school kit for a primary school child (\$20)
- a bicycle so a child living in a rural area can travel to school (\$53)
- a wheelchair for a child with disabilities (\$220)
- catechism classes for children (\$60)
- living expenses for a child in an orphanage (\$48)

For each gift you order, you will receive a beautifully designed printed card portraying a photo of the gift you have purchased, as well as some information about what your gift represents. You will be able to write your own personal message on the card before passing it to your child's teacher.

Please allow up to 10 days to receive your printed card. Alternatively, e-cards are available when you order online. These can be sent immediately, or on a designated date.

Email us at relations.cm@perthcatholic.org.au for this unique gift catalogue to be sent out, or you can order easily online at www.catholicmission.org.au/gifts.

Thank you for giving a life-giving gift this Christmas.