

Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents



This Sunday we celebrate a special feast of Jesus, the Feast of Christ the King. Jesus was a different kind of king.

He was born in a little village, the child of a peasant woman.

He learned to be a carpenter, and worked in his father's carpentry business until he was thirty years old. Then he spent three years as an itinerant preacher, telling people about God and God's love.

He never wrote any book. He never held any office. He never went to a university.

He never had a family or a house of his own. He never travelled more than 200 miles from the place he was born. He never commanded a great army and never won any wars - for he opposed violence.

Since then, many centuries have come and gone...

All armies ever to have marched, all ships ever to have sailed the seas, all parliaments that ever sat, all kings that ever reigned, ... have not had such a profound influence on the people of this planet as did this carpenter's life. This feast marks the end of the Church's year. We then commence the season of Advent the following weekend.

AGM: One of the terrific blessings that we acknowledge at Mater Christi is the wonderful partnership between home and school. Our capacity as educators to 'educate the heart' is made more powerfully when we know that we have the wholehearted support of our families. The saying 'An apple doesn't fall far from the tree' deeply reflects the strong impact that our families have on their children's development. We regularly witness the sense of compassion, empathy and determination modelled by our families. It is these characteristics that are then adopted by our students and utilised at our school.

We can be enormously proud of the many achievements here at Mater Christi by "us" this year. We have collectively worked together to make a successful and great school. Our collective community, rather than any one person should take credit for our successes.

Dates for Next Week

Swimming Lessons Yrs 1 - 6

Monday
23rd November

Tuesday
24th November

*Interschool Cricket
Carnival (Santich
Park, Spearwood)*

*7pm Board /P&F
Exec Dinner*

Wednesday
25th November

*Yr 6 Dance Practice
1.30-2.15pm
(MCCC)*

*1 to 1 Parent Info
Session 7-8.30pm
(Yr 1-3) MCCC*

School Banking

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

Thursday
26th November

*Yr 5 Christian
Service Learning*

Friday
27th November

*9am Whole School Mass
(Yr2)*

Iona Yr 7 Buddy Day

Saturday 28th November

Sunday 29th November
1st Sunday of Advent

Last night's AGM was testimony to this. Congratulations to all the new office bearers on the Board and P&F Executive. Further information on all positions is available on the following page. Thank you to all of you who were able to be there and reflect on the year that has been and the year ahead. Thank you to YOU for your tremendous support – small or big – in supporting our community, Parish and School.

Staffing & Class Lists 2016: Of the many roles that come with being Principal, is the complex task of staffing, employing staff and finalizing class lists. It requires careful planning, and a job that I take very seriously. For next year we have added five new staff to our school due to – maternity leave, restructuring and staff members taking up opportunities in other schools.

We will be saying goodbye to Emily Roche (Year Six) who will be returning to teach in Carnarvon; David Edwards will be joining Geordie Thuijs at Holy Rosary, Doubleview and only having to drive five minutes to reach his new school and Stacey Williamson will continue her maternity leave next year. To Emily, David and Geordie we will miss you and thank you for your contribution to our children and the life of the school. You are such wonderful people and we wish you every blessing in all that you do.

We will also welcome Nicholas Magry, Adele Paino, Rebecca McMahon, Diane Michaelas and Carmen Forde to our community. Please view the staff list for 2016 further in the Newsletter.

Class lists for 2016 were posted on each lobby door this morning. Please be aware that many factors are taken into account when balancing classes for the following year including social emotional needs, academic ability, gender, religion etc. As you can imagine a great deal of effort goes into this and I trust that the environment your child is going to go into next year, is one in which they will grow and thrive.

1:1 MacBook Program: Mater Christi has an established reputation for improving student achievement. We are committed to implementing innovative and highly effective, evidence-based teaching and learning strategies and resources to ensure that all students achieve their personal best. Our decisions and initiatives are aimed at promoting positive progress and achievement across all learning areas and they highlight our commitment to 'striving for excellence' in all that we do. On behalf of the School Leadership Team all Year One to Three Parents have been invited to an important **Parent Presentation**, on **Wednesday 25th November** from **7.00pm - 8.15pm** in our school Community Centre.

At this meeting we will further explore the WHAT –WHEN – WHERE - HOW and WHY of this initiative. Our presentation will be based upon our own school-based experience, current research and the experiences of other schools, who are currently running a 1:1 program. We will present some of the 'big picture' ideas, as well as explain the more practical details of the program and the benefits to your children.

Following this presentation, we will invite all parents of students in Year Four 2016 to provide any further feedback. This parent feedback will of course be taken into serious consideration as part of the decision-making process. A final decision will be made by the end of Term Four, 2015 and communicated to all parents.

Congratulations:

Father Bryan presented the Sofia Memorial Scholarship Award in honour of a lovely young girl who is forever in our hearts. We extend our congratulations to Caitlin Phillips in Year Five C, and her family, on Caitlin receiving this very well deserved award.

Mr Leo Di Gregorio, Principal of Emmanuel College presented Lachlan Hegney in Year Five A, the Emmanuel College, 2017 Year Seven Academic Scholarship.

The Years Four - Six students have been listening to the Year Five students presenting their speeches and voting for the new Student Leaders for 2016. The SRC, Sport, Arts and Science leaders are announced in this week's Newsletter.

We are very proud of all these fine young people. Congratulations from all of us!

Pre Primary Assembly: I have heard so much about this assembly and everything that I have heard was absolutely true and so much more! Our very talented little people who were supported by the PP staff have worked so hard in preparing a most joyfilled and delightful Assembly. I think it may be time for a new Community Centre. I'm not sure if we would have been able to squeeze any more people into it. What an amazing assembly. Thank you beautiful and talented children, teachers and teacher assistants. *No pressure for next year!*

Wellness Week: *Did you and your family enjoy Wellness Week?* Next year this will be a feature on each term's calendar. I know that the staff enjoyed it too – even though they have been very hard at work writing reports and attending the AGM!

God Bless... Toni Kalat



2016 School Board Members

Chairperson: Darren Cutri
 Treasurer: Brad Pymont
 Secretary: Ange Radanovic
 P&F Rep: Karen Simons
 Principal: Toni Kalat
 Parish Priest: Fr Bryan Rosling

General Board Members:

Mark Clayden
 Julian Symons
 Thomas Heinzle
 Jodi Hampel
 Francois Langlois

2016 P&F Members

President: Teresa Lawson
 Vice President: Karen Simons
 Secretary: Belinda Weeks
 Treasurer: Belinda Stokes
 Board Rep: Karen Simons
 Class Rep Co-Ord: Leonie Jones
 City of Cockburn Rep:
 Traffic Management Rep:
 Sun Smart Rep: Michelle Hall
 Parish Rep: Marina Hayward

General Committee Members:

Kate Godwin-Johnston, Rebecca Wright,
 Christine McCallum, Kylie Galipo, Tina Stevens,
 Kelly Carradus, Sarah Bekkevold

Student Leaders

Over the past few weeks the Year Five students have been very busy preparing and making speeches to become SRC Members, Sports Captains, Arts Captains and Science Captains. All Year Fives that participated were very well prepared and should be proud of the speeches they made. It should be noted that all Year Four, Five and Six students and teachers were involved in the voting process and they took the responsibility to choose our next Student Leaders very seriously. After all the votes were counted congratulations goes to the following students who have been elected to a leadership position for 2016.

SRC	SPORT	ARTS	SCIENCE
Ashton Rebelo	Bobtails	Music	Sophie Sputore
Darcy West	Tijan McKenna	Jasmine Gregory	Jared Day
Tristan Smith	Jahla Thomson	Aliyah Portinha	Madison Loretto
Jack Hadley	Bandicoots	Drama	Talia Jones
Samuel Galipo	James McAleer	Gabriel Dias	
Olivia Cheong	Emily Watson	Trinity Rich	
Carys Vincent-Desouza	Magpies		
Madison Steele	Chantelle Zumerle		
Katrina Soares	Charlie Betts		
Annelise Meerton	Honeyeaters		
	Riley Lawton		
	Charlotte Wakeling		

Mark Ryan
 Assistant Principal



STAFFING 2016

CLASS	TEACHER	ASSISTANTS
ELC	Mandy Jeffery (Tues)	Karina Minervini
Kindy A&B C D	Jo Jensen Mandy Jeffery Christina Baldry	Karen Pitcher/Karina Minervini Diane Michaelas/Eileen Erzay Diane Michaelas/Eileen Erzay
Pre.Pr. A B C	Kate Cosnett Megan Hardie Donna Ward (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri)/ Michelle Romano (Wed)	Diana Wake Lisa Collins Miriam Gough
Yr 1 A B C	Kayla Massara Kirsty McCluskey Adele Paino	Donna Johnson " " Karina Minervini
Yr 2 A B C	Lauren Boland TBA Danielle McEwen	
Yr 3 A B C	Cathy Moran Nicholas Magry Siobhan O'Gara	
Yr 4 A B C	Katie McNally/Kate Payze Jacob O'Reilly Jessica Fic	
Yr 5 A B C	Sarah Lister Claire Nunes Amanda Kelly	
Yr 6 A B C	Rebecca McMahon (Sem 1) – Nicole Cloutt/Kate Payze (Sem 2) Courtney Edmondson Katie Meyerkort	

Science	Brendwyn Ziegelaar	Support	Tracy Duffy (Coordinator)
Library	Emily Richards		Kate Payze
Music	Alison Clunies-Ross	Assistants	Deborah Gladwell, Stacey Harding, Deborah Carr, Carmen Forde,
Drama	Pat Pottier		Barbara Ludley
LOTE	Linda Piacente	Admin.	Robin Giles, Amanda Burke,
Phys Ed	Ryan Donnelly		Paula Nichols, Sr Emmanuel, Sally Van Pelt
Reading R	Paulina Sweeney		
Reading R	Tracy Duffy		
Canteen	Heidi Mann, Joh Perez	Assistant	Nicole Cloutt (Sem 1)
Grounds	Anthony Jenkins	Principals	Mark Ryan (Sem 2)
Uniform	Ilonka Heinzle		Courtney Dunsire
		Principal	Toni Kalat

Religious Education

Mass

On Friday, 27th November we are celebrating a Whole School Mass prepared by Year Two. Families and friends are welcome to attend.

Christmas Food Appeal

Each class has been allocated a family in need within our community, who they are responsible for making a special Christmas hamper. Within class this week, children began discussing the important items their allocated family will require this Christmas and each child is responsible for bringing in one non-perishable item. If you would like to contribute more than your item please do so. The children will then put together the Christmas hamper for their assigned family.

We thank you for supporting this wonderful cause. All hampers will be collected to give to St Vincent de Paul for delivery by **Friday, 4th December (Week 8)**.



Christian Service

Last Thursday another group of Year Five students attended Christian Service at Frank Prendergast House, Southern Cross Village Success. Our Mater Christi students decorated cupcakes with the elderly and they also shared afternoon tea.

Everyone had an amazing time!



Parish Corner

Christ The King

The Church's liturgical year concludes this Sunday with the celebration of the *SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING*. (Our new liturgical year begins next Sunday with the Season of ADVENT).

The feast of Christ the King is celebrated in honour of Jesus Christ as lord over all creation. The Kingdom of God is the central teaching throughout the Gospels, and Jesus begins his public ministry by preaching about the Kingdom.



ORDERING SPECIAL GROUP PHOTOS

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Specialist Groups photographed at **Mater Christi Catholic Primary School** are now available to order **online**.

To Order and View the groups online simply go to **www.msp.com.au** and click **Order Online**.

You will then be prompted to enter a **shootkey**. Please see below for the shootkeys corresponding to each group.



Group Name	Shootkey
25th School Anniversary - 2015	GS7KWYKX
Arts Captains - 2015	52CAEFT7
Dance - 2015	RMBYGJ4P
Head Altar Servers - 2015	R6399C77
Junior Choir - 2015	KAK38FC6
Science Captains - 2015	H25WLGJY
Senior Choir - 2015	PL2GDPFQ
Sports Captains - 2015	QM2CDYCY
Student Representative Council - 2015	77A7YQB4
Year 6 Graduation Muck Up - 2015	EYG9UUGF

Last Day for Ordering Online is Wednesday 25th November 2015

Please note: Any orders received after this date will incur a \$20.00 retrieval fee

Click *Add to Cart* to add the Group you have entered to your Order.

If you would like to order more than one type of group select the ***Change Shootkey*** option on the left and enter the Shootkey of the other group/s you would like, then press *Add to Cart* again.

Once you are finished click *Go to Cart* (located top left of the screen) to review and pay for your order. The photos will be delivered to the school within 2 weeks after the cut off date.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to call MSP Photography on 08 9342 3465 Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm.

SWIMMING LESSONS 2015

As part of the Physical Education programme, **all** children in **Years One to Six** will be attending **compulsory** swimming lessons at the Riverton Leisureplex beginning on **Monday 23rd November and concluding Friday 4th December 2015. This Year all classes from Year One to Year Six will have ten 35min lessons.**

Students will be bused to and from the Riverton Leisureplex under the supervision of their class teachers. Lessons will be conducted by qualified instructors, using the Royal Lifesaving Vacswim stages.

Each child is required to have bathers (worn under uniform to school each day), a towel and a pair of slip-on footwear (**to be worn to and from the pool only**) for each lesson. Goggles are optional, but highly recommended. All items are to be carried to and from the pool **in a clearly labelled swimming or plastic bag.**

PLEASE clearly label every item of clothing including bathers, towel, goggles, shoes, socks and underwear. We cannot be responsible for lost items of clothing.

The students are not allowed to wear thongs / flip flops to school.

Children will change into their slip-on footwear before they leave for the pool and put their uniform footwear on when they return to school.

2015 SWIMMING TIMETABLE

Classes Week 7 & 8	Depart School	Lesson Time	Depart Pool	Return to School
1C, 3C & 6C	8.50 am	9.25 – 10.00am	10.05am	10.25am
1B, 4A & 6A	9.35am	10.05 – 10.40am	10.45am	11.10am
1A, 4C & 6B	10.25am	11.00 – 11.35am	11.40am	12.05pm
2A, 3A & 5B	11.10am	11.40 – 12.15pm	12.30pm	12.55pm
2B, 3B & 5C	12.05pm	12.45pm – 1.20pm	1.25pm	1.50pm
2C, 4B & 5A	12.55pm	1.25pm – 2.00pm	2.10pm	2.35pm

Thank you
Mark Ryan

P & F

Mater Christi is now a part of the Red25 club at The Australian Red Cross. Red25 is a united group of blood donors across Australia whose aim is to provide 25% of all required blood donations. Click here www.donateblood.com.au/who-can-give/red25/join-group if you are an existing donor and wish to join, or if you are not a registered donor then please call 13 14 95 to get your ID. If you want to get together with a group of 3 or 4 people, transport can be arranged to our local centre in South Fremantle.

Come to the Mater Christi Market Day **THIS** Sunday, 22nd Nov at 11am. Over 25 stalls will be set up and there will be raffles on the day so you might be lucky and win a prize!

Kate Godwin-Johnston, P&F

Uniform Shop

All interschool shirts should be washed and returned promptly after your sports event please. You can now return it any time to the office BUT make sure you have your name on the bag so your deposit can be returned to you as soon as I receive the shirt.

Ilonka Heinzle
On behalf of the MC P&F association.

Library

Book club is due Tuesday 24th November by 3pm
No cash payments or paper orders. Please use LOOP
on Scholastic website.
Any orders placed after the closing date and time
will be charged \$4.99 for home delivery

Class Rep Events

- **KB – Sunday 28th November – 1.30pm – 3.30pm**
Rollerways, O'Connor, \$10 per person
Cash only. All Family members welcome.
RSVP to Class Reps
- **1A – Sunday 6th December – 1pm**
Last Drop, Beeliar, RSVP to Class Rep by 30th November
- **1C – Sunday 6th December – 10am,**
Woodman Point Family Picnic, BYO Food, RSVP to your Class Reps by email
- **2C – Sunday 22nd November – 12pm,**
Lunch, Clancy's Fish Pub, Fremantle, whole family
RSVP to your Class Rep by 20th November



Mercedes College

**Victoria Square
PERTH WA 6000**

Early in 2016, Mercedes College will commence interviewing Year Five students who are due to start Year Seven in 2018. If you are considering enrolling your daughter at Mercedes and have not yet requested an information pack, please contact Mrs Julie Lamb on 9323 1340 as soon as possible. Further information about enrolments is available on our website, www.mercedes.wa.edu.au.

Relationships Australia

**Parent-Teen Connection – Saturday 28th November
9.30-4.30 \$50 per person/ \$75 per couple – West
Leederville.**

We have all come through adolescence – do we remember? It has always been a challenging, sometimes frustrating period of life's journey. Thankfully, today's parents are usually more inclined to listen. Living with teenagers can be confusing and even worrying, but also rewarding. This course reduces stress and teaches parents to communicate, negotiate and minimise conflict. For further information please phone 6164 0200

Mater Christi Market Day

Sunday 22nd November

11am

Mater Christi Community Hall

Come and join the fun! Featuring some of the following stalls:

Lorraine Lea, Hair clips by Boo, Nutrimerics, Perth Aquile Futsal Club, Jamerry Nails, UK2you Fashion, Glow Wicks, Doterra, Tupperware, Partylite, Enchanted Fairytales and many many more!

Fundraiser

All Proceeds Go To Mater Christi Playgroup

Due to the overwhelming popularity of our last fundraiser, we have been able to secure for the month of December, discounted cases of wine again!

Cases range in price from \$84 to \$132 per dozen depending on the range and ordering is done online with delivery to your door at only \$4 per case!

Perfect for your Christmas functions, gifts and to take along to all of the parties that the festive season has to offer.

Ordering is so simple. Go to

www.cleanskincellars.com.au/Fundraising/home The user

name is **mater** and the password is **playgroup**

All families are welcome to participate, please feel free to share the link with your friends and family so that everyone can take advantage of these great prices.

Hurry though! Last orders are Friday 11 December



City of Cockburn Events

We have the following coming up.

- Children's Fiesta Saturday 28 Nov
- Celebrate Ability – International Day of People with Disability Friday 4 Dec
- Children's Reference Group – Call for new members for next year (up to 12 years old)
- Christmas Concert – Family Fun Saturday 12 Dec

**Saint Vincent De Paul
Christmas Appeal 2015**

*"It's not how
much
we give, but how much
LOVE
we put into giving."*

-Mother Teresa



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