

Mater Christi Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers



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.

Annual School Community Meeting of the School Board and P&F

Parents on the School Board and P&F contribute their time and efforts to build and strengthen our school community. The P&F supported by the School Board do this through discussions and organising activities designed to help people interact socially. I sincerely thank the 2016 School Board and P&F for their enthusiasm and generosity. Thank you on behalf of all of us.

Everyone is invited to attend the Annual School Community Meeting on Wednesday 23 November at 7pm in the Mater Christi Community Centre.

Three and Four Year Old Orientation Sessions

Last Tuesday, many excited and nervous parents came together to hear what their child will experience in their Kindy environment in 2017. For many parents to hear information about curriculum, expectations, assessment and much more can be daunting. Will my child have fun, explore the world, wonder, play, interact socially.....? The answer – of course is YES.

Our belief is that all children experience learning that is engaging and builds success for later life. The ideas of belonging, being and becoming are interwoven throughout this belief. Planning and teaching for learning through a strong oral language programme, play, song, movement, inside and outside use of environments, story telling, games and so much more enable the child to interact socially, grow in their independence, their ability to share, take turns, have the confidence to try new experiences and most of all experience a sense of fun and a joy in learning.

It will be wonderful to welcome these delightful little people to their Kindy Orientation on Monday 5 December.

Dates for Next Week

**Monday
21st
November**

9am Mass (4A & PPC)

Arts & Science
Captain Speeches &
Voting Yr 4/5/6

**Tuesday
22nd November**

Interschool Cricket
Carnival
(Santich Park
Spearwood)

**Wednesday
23rd November**

6pm Board Meeting

7pm Annual School
Community Meeting

School Banking

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

**Thursday
24th November**

Yr 5 CSL

**Friday
25th November**

9am Assembly Mass
(Yr5) (Merit Awards)

2017 Arts, Science &
Sports Captains
Announced

Class lists go up
Yr 1 Loose Parts

Saturday 26th November

Sunday 27th November

Also parents and their cherubs wanting to commence the Three Year Old Early Learning Centre in Term One, 2017, will also have an opportunity to come to the centre on Thursday 1 December with their child.
All these children will experience secure, safe and engaging programs that promote play interactions and learning within a quality early childhood environment.

Class List for 2017

Class and classroom Teacher lists will be posted on each lobby door next Friday 25 November.

As you would be aware many factors are taken into account when balancing classes for the following years including social and emotional needs, academic ability, gender, religion etc

Also a great deal of time, discussion and reflection 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. It is important that we, the adults, help our children transition from one year to the next in a most positive way.

God Bless... Toni Kalat

Congratulations to:

SRC Captains

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

Sports Captains

Magpies –
Hannah Collins
Hudson Colborne
Bobtails
Jacob O'Brien
Alicia Savy
Bandicoots
Ella Forster
Zac Hampel, Liam Sweeney
Honeyeaters
Tayla Lawton
Darcy Miller



Our prayers and sympathies to

Mr and Mrs Sweetman, Korey (3B) on the loss of their Mother, Mother-in law and Grandmother.
Jones Family, Ethan (PPB) on the loss of a family member.

Let us keep the Family in your prayers. May their loved one rest in the peace and love of God
Our prayers are with all families and those in our community who are in need.

Parish News

LifeLink Appeal

The Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for LifeLink will be held this weekend on 19th & 20th November. Please collect your copy of Archbishop

Costelloe's personal letter at Mass over the weekend, read his message and give generously to support the valuable work of our Archdiocesan social service agencies. You may also donate securely online at www.lifelink.com.au



Religious Education

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, 2nd December (Week 8).**

Mass

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Whole School Mass this morning. Also, thank you to our Year Three teachers and students for preparing such a beautiful Mass. It was lovely to celebrate a Mass about forgiveness, with many of our Year Three students recently receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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

New Reading Books!

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

Thank you!



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
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.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open two mornings before school start in 2017.

The dates will be **Monday 30th of January and Tuesday 31st of January from 9:30am to 1pm.** Please remember that it can be very busy so please be patient if the lines get long.

Normal shop hours will commence from Wednesday 1st of February (first day of term 1). Just a reminder that we have online shopping and orders will be processed and sent to your child's class (please include their class on the online order next to their name). Shop hours are every Wednesday from 8:00am - 10:30am and 1:30pm-3:20pm.

Thank you and have a Blessed Holiday.

Ilonka Heinzle

Uniform Shop Manager

Perm-a-Pleat

Merit Awards 25th November 2016

Year PPA	Siarra Ford, Conor Walsh
Year PPB	Austin Hall, Miguel Revelo-Galvez, Maddison Babich, Sienna Jamieson
Year PPC	Josh Biju, Brianna Rodden, Breanna East
Year 1A	Isla Lang, Tiana Basilio
Year 1B	Ava Collison, Lucas Jones, Adam Lipscombe
Year 1C	Oliver Hulme, Xander Novelli,
Year 2A	Daisy O'Sullivan, Hudson Ager, Jessica-Rose Gibson
Year 2B	Samuel Hopkins, Ethan Learmont
Year 2C	Joel Miguel, Joshua Bradford, Lucas La Macchia, Esperance Toh, Jenson Stewart
Year 3A	Dylan Flanagan, Tristan Galindo, Ryan Lipscombe, Jeremy Vu, Tiara Kutty
Year 3B	Hannah Petrovic, Matthew Sciascia, Elaina Roy
Year 3C	Jesse Dodd, Jayden Dzapata, Nathan Tay
Year 4A	Kiara Cleaver, Thomas Rich, Sienna La Macchia
Year 4B	Owen Phillips, Kashvi Patel
Year 4C	Venice Fazzino, Joss Stewart, Isabelle Finucane
Year 5A	Caelyn Brien, James Ford
Year 6A	Cooper Beswick, Vivian Gaglia
Year 6B	Noah Scaturro, Jasmine Gregory
Year 6C	Lachlan Hegney, Tryse Rioli

Enrolments are now open for the Autism West Holiday Makers Program.

Commencing January 2017, the Autism West Holiday Makers Program is an excellent opportunity for participants to learn new life skills while immersing themselves in holiday activities. As children with autism may require extra time and resources, siblings often have less bonding time with parents. The program is also a valuable form of respite for siblings and parents. *"We were so appreciative of your holiday program as it was a wonderful opportunity for [our daughter] to socialise and experience fun and stimulating activities in a safe and supportive environment. It also gave us a rare opportunity for respite as school holidays are a stressful time for [our daughter] and the family."* **Enrolments for the Autism West Holiday Makers Program close 2 December 2016.** For more information, contact Autism West on 08 93836123 or info@autismwest.org.au.



P&F News

The School Board and P&F Annual School Community Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for 7.00pm Wednesday November 23rd in the Mater Christi Community Centre. We look forward to seeing you there.

CLASS REP EVENTS

- **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



Three Generations of the O'Brien Family

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2017

Are you interested in being a Class Representative in 2017?

All year levels are available for nomination now by emailing **Leonie Jones** @ dj.lones@westnet.com.au **to put your name forward for a position.** Please include your phone number, email, your child's name and current class.

Class lists will be displayed on Friday 25th November from 8.30am and I will be available to take your nomination for your child's class in the Junior Courtyard from 8.30am to 9.15am.

Alternatively if you're not able to make it into school that morning you are most welcome to email me your interest with the final day to nominate being Monday 28th November.

Class rep positions for 2017 will be decided on Tuesday 29th November.

Listed below are the current number of nominations for each year level.

It's important to note all year levels are open for nomination.

Year Level	Number of Nominations
Kindergarten	8
Pre Primary	3
Year 1	4
Year 2	0
Year 3	0
Year 4	1
Year 5	1
Year 6	0

Just to clarify 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

Don't get more than you bargained for!

There's no doubt that spending time in 'the 'great outdoors' is part of the Australian way of life, but if you fail to protect your skin in the sun you could be getting more than you bargained for.

Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world due to high levels of ultraviolet radiation. Remember, it doesn't have to be hot to be a 'high UV' day.

To know when to protect yourself, look for the SunSmart UV alert on the weather page of the daily newspaper, download the SunSmart app, or go to myuv.com.au or the Bureau of Meteorology's website: www.bom.gov.au/weather/uv. The Alert tells you the maximum UV index forecast and the time period during which you need to be SunSmart for that day.



To enjoy your time outdoors safely, combine these five simple steps

- Slip on a shirt
- Slop on SPF 30 sunscreen or higher
- Slap on a brimmed hat
- Seek shade
- Slide on sunglasses

Use a combination of these sun protection measures outside when the UV Index is 3 or above.



school would be beneficial.

Please apply sunscreen BEFORE sending your child to school. Sun protection is currently required from 8.10am-4.10pm every day in the Perth area when the UV Index is higher than 3 (check the app for daily time updates).

All classrooms have sunscreen for children to re-apply before going outside at recess, lunch or for sport and a gentle reminder to your child to do this at



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.