

Mater Christi Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Receiving Advent

One year during Advent, a parish priest invited those present to write down on a slip of paper a word that named something that is keeping us from getting closer to God. He suggested it might be a fear, resentment, or an attitude that shuts us off from the love God so wants to give. We were to fold the paper over a few times, grasp it tightly in one hand, and make a fist around it while he began to preach on the Scripture readings.

After a minute, each person's hand began to ache. At two minutes, their hand grew numb. At three minutes, the hand started shaking uncontrollably. He told everyone to open his or her hands. Everyone found it hard to do that. After grasping the piece of paper so tightly, their hand had stiffened and seemed to have a mind of its own.

Many couldn't remember what else he said that day, but they have never forgotten that lesson. Hold on to a resentment, fear, or bad attitude long enough and you will become paralyzed.

As we begin Advent every year now, we may like to start with the realisation that we need to let go of any and all spiritual impediments we're hanging onto. Advent is a time of receiving. It's hard to receive if your hands are clasped shut.

So we begin Advent with this prayer: Holy Spirit of God, open my hands, my eyes, my ears, all my senses, and all of my heart so I will be ready to receive your Advent blessings.



1st Sunday of Advent

This Sunday we begin the season of Advent. It is the first season of the church's liturgical year; this season lasts four weeks and leads up to Christmas. During Advent we prepare for the coming of Christ and the Christmas celebration. During this season let us take time to reflect on what kind of person God wants us to be; what his plan is for us. We need to remember that what we are depends on what we allow Christ to mould us into.

Loving God, as we enter this Advent season,

we open all the dark places in our lives and memories to the healing light of Christ.

Show us the creative power of hope. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,

that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen

Dates for Next Week

**Monday
28th November** 9am Mass (1C)
9am Volunteers
Morning Tea

**Tuesday
29th November** 9am Mass (1B)
7pm Board / P&F
Executive Dinner

**Wednesday
30th November** School Banking
**Uniform Shop Open
8am to 10.30am
1.20pm to 3.20pm**

**Thursday
1st December** 9am Mass (2C)
School Disco
PP – Yr 3(5.30-6.30pm)
Yr 4-6 (7.00-8.30pm)

**Friday
2nd December** 9am Mass (3C)

**Saturday 3rd December
Sunday 4th December**

Sofia Memorial Scholarship

Father Dat and Mr Rodrigues presented the Sofia Memorial Scholarship Award in honour of past student – Sofia Rodrigues, a lovely young girl who is forever in our hearts. We extend our congratulations to Meghan Hayward in Year Five C, and her family, on Meghan receiving this very well deserved award.

School Board AGM:

Last Wednesday Darren Cutri presented his final Board report to the community after six years as Chair. We are all grateful to Darren for his service to our community and for his calm wisdom, probing questions and whole-hearted support for Mater Christi, school and parish. Darren was always conscious of the importance of community and that our strength comes from working for the good of all.

Ange Radanovic is also retiring after four years of service. Ange has been Board Secretary for part of her time on Board and a very conscientious team member.

Also on that night we we thanked and farewelled Belinda Weeks (P&F Secretary) and Belinda Stokes (P&F Treasurer) for the tremendous service to the P & F, the staff and families at our school.

On your behalf I thank these parents for their service and generosity to our community.

Special Morning Tea:

I look forward in sharing a 'cuppa' and saying thankyou to the many parents and grandparents who assist throughout the year in a variety of ways. We will come together on Monday 28 November at 9am in the Mater Christi Community Centre. If you are at school at that time – come and join us.

God Bless... Toni Kalat

2017 P&F Members Required

We are looking for people to fill the roles of Food Coordinator and Newsletter & Communication Coordinator



Our prayers and sympathies to

Mr and Mrs De Freitas, Jocelyn (4C) on the loss of their Father, Father-in law and Grandfather.

Jake (6B) and Jayelle (3C) Goncalves Great Grandfather
May their loved one rest in the peace and love of God

Our prayers also for a speedy recovery from surgery to -

Gabriel Dias (6A) Get well soon

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

On **Thursday 8th December** at 9am we will be celebrating our Year Six Graduation Mass. Family and friends are welcome to attend.

Head Altar Servers 2017

Father Dat is delighted with our Head Altar Servers for 2017, Meghan Hayward and Massimo Kwiatkowski. Congratulations!

Best Wishes

Courtney Dunsire

Assistant Principal Religious Education



Parish News

ADVENT

Welcome to the Season of Advent, a **deeply Christian and reflective time of preparation** for the festival of Our Lord's birth.

Advent marks the beginning of the new Church Year, this year we are in Year A.

SVDP GIVING TREE

The Vinnies Giving Tree has now been placed in the foyer of the church. Each year we distribute gifts to many children – **infant-19years, single parents and some elderly community members.** Mater Christi parishioners have always been so generous, the Vinnies are looking forward to your continued support for Christmas 2016. All gifts are required by Sunday 11th December so they can be prepared with the hampers and delivered to families in time for Christmas Day.

PRAYER TREE

Our magnificent Prayer Tree is impossible to miss in the corner of the church near the organ. There are plenty of cards available for you to write the name of the people you wish to **offer prayer for during this Advent Season.** Place the intention side of the card on the tree, and give the other side of the card to the person for whom you are praying.



STAFFING 2017

CLASS	TEACHER	ASSISTANTS
ELC	Mandy Jeffery (Tues)	Karina Minervini
Kindy A&B C D	Jo Jensen Mandy Jeffery Christina Houdek	Karen Pitcher/Karina Minervini Diane Michaelas/Eileen Erzay Carmen Forde /Eileen Erzay
Pre.Pr. A B C	Kirsty Cunningham Megan Hardie Donna Ward	Diana Wake Lisa Collins Miriam Gough
Yr 1 A B C	Kayla Trimble / Michelle Romano(Fri) Hannah Kolbusz Adele Paino	Donna Johnson " " Susan Cattalini
Yr 2 A B C	Nicole Miller Sarah Cooke Danielle McEwen	Karina Minervini Karina Minervini / Susan Cattalini Karina Minervini
Yr 3 A B C	Sarah McIntyre Nicholas Magry Siobhan O'Donnell	
Yr 4 A B C	Laura Barker Jacob O'Reilly Lauren Boland	
Yr 5 A B C	Katie McNally / Tamara Yock (2days) Ivana Kezic Amanda Kelly	
Yr 6 A B C	Rebecca McMahon Courtney Edmondson Katie Williamson	

Science	Brendwyn Ziegelaar	Support	Tracy Duffy (Coordinator)
Library/Maglit	Emily Richards		Katie McNally (Enrichment / It Coordinator)
Music	Alison Clunies-Ross		Tania Marraffa (Snr Classes)
Drama	Pat Pottier	Assistants	Deborah Gladwell, Stacey Harding, Deborah Carr, Carmen Forde, Michelle Tipic
LOTE	Linda Piacente		Rebecca Rowland
Phys Ed	Ryan Donnelly	Counsellor	Robin Giles, Amanda Burke,
Reading R	Paulina Sweeney	Admin.	Paula Nichols, Sr Emmanuel, Sally van Pelt
Reading R	Tracy Duffy		
Canteen	Heidi Mann, Joh Perez	Assistant	Nicole Cloutt
Grounds	Anthony Jenkins	Principals	Courtney Dunsire
Uniform	Ilonka Heinzle	Principal	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

Arts Captains

Music
Zoe Pendleton
Caitlin Cypelt
Drama
Isabella Campeotto
Tadhg O'Connor

Science Captains

Nicholas Goodin
Aria Symons
Samuel Petrovic
Liam Haskins

Congratulations

To Carys Vincent-DeSousa (6B)
Has been accepted into the 2017 Accelerated Maths Programme at Corpus Christi **WELL DONE!!**

2017 School Board Members

Chairperson:	Mark Clayden
Vice Chair Person:	Francois Langlois
Treasurer:	Brad Pymont
Secretary:	Jodi Hampel
P&F Rep:	Karen Simons
Principal:	Toni Kalat
Parish Priest:	Fr Dat Vuong

General Board Members:

Dinny Kutty
Julian Symons
Thomas Heinzle
Luke Zammit

2017 P&F Members

President:	Teresa Lawson
Vice President:	Marina Hayward
Secretary:	Chantelle Botica
Treasurer:	Rebecca Exham
Board Rep:	Karen Simons
Class Rep Co-Ord:	Leonie Jones
Food Co Ordinator:	vacant
Newsletter &	
Communication Coordinator:	vacant
Sun Smart Rep:	Michelle Hall
Parish Rep:	Marina Hayward

General Committee Members:

Tina Stevens, Leah Rheinberger, Belinda Weeks
Christine McCallum



7PM | 3 DECEMBER | NICHOLSON RESERVE, YANGEBUP

Carols - Candles - Choirs - Christmas Story - Camels - Animals - Food and more!

Dear Parents/Guardians

An important reminder to please check that your SEQTA login is working.

In readiness for reports being available on the December 9, 2016 we would like to make sure everyone has access to SEQTA.

If you are experiencing any problems please contact one of our Admin staff for assistance.

Please do not ignore this notice as administrative assistance will not be available after the 9th December, 2016.

Those families leaving the school in 2016 have been sent a separate email regarding access to their child's report.

**Kind regards
Administration**

School Disco

The Mater Christi School Disco will be held on Thursday 1st December in the Mater Christi Community Centre.

The Junior Disco for Pre Primary to Year Three Students will be from 5.30 to 6.30pm.

The Senior Disco for Year Four to Year Six Students will be from 7.00 to 8.30pm.

The cost will be:

\$2 for the Junior Disco

\$3 for the Senior Disco

\$5 for a family

The disco is for students only and parents/guardians need to make sure their child/children are **picked up on time from the MCCC.**

**Thanks
Nicole Cloutt
Assistant Principal Administration**

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 one). 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**

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!

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**

Donations Welcome

We are looking to expand our resources for Digital Technologies for 2017 and are looking for some donations. If you have any Lego people and pieces that you are no longer using, we would love to use them for stop motion animations.

We are also looking at using Virtual Reality in the classroom by using a tool called Google Expeditions and Google Cardboard but require a device in each Virtual Reality Viewer. If you have any old iPhone's (Preferably nothing older than an iPhone 5) that you are no longer using and are willing to donate them to the school, we would really appreciate it. If you would like to know more about Google Expeditions visit this website.

<https://www.google.com.au/edu/expeditions/#explore>

Any donations can be left with the ladies in the office.

**Thanks in Advance!
Katie McNally
IT Co-Ordinator**

P&F News

As this year is drawing to a close, the following is a list of achievements of the Mater Christi P&F for 2016 (apologies for anything that has been missed)

- Kindy Morning Teas were hosted at beginning of the year.
- Coordination of Class Representatives - including receiving nominations and confirming Class Reps for each year. Tasks throughout the year include distributing Class Lists, writing emails to inform parents, writing emails to assist Class Reps with duties which include organising social get-togethers for parents. The extra tasks required for Year Six Graduation are also managed within this role.
- Meetings are held every month during school term. The agenda and minutes of the meetings are posted on the school website at <http://portal.mcps.wa.edu.au/> (password = mccpsparent).
- Information about the Parents and Friends Federation of WA Inc is provided. Parents are encouraged to look at the website via the link provided on the portal page (as above, under the 'MC Parents and Friends' drop-down menu). Mater Christi is an affiliated school so parents have been provided with the 'Parents' password so they can access further information. The P&F offered to pay for two parents to attend the State Conference in May.
- 'Australia's Biggest Morning Tea' was held in June to raise funds for the Cancer Council.
- The P&F hosted free Kidsafe Car Seat Safety Checks.
- Funded and hosted the Mothers' Day Stall and Father's Day breakfast.
- P&F members helped with grooming students on Photo Day.
- The Mater Christi Parents Business Directory was produced and is available on the school website.
- Display Pockets were offered at \$5 each. Funds received supported purchases for the Science lab.
- Morning tea was hosted after Fr Bryan's farewell Mass.
- Two Guest speakers were funded - Claire Orange who spoke about Resiliency and had resource books for sale; Paul Litherland who presented about 'Surf Online Safe'.
- Advertised and encouraged parents to nominate staff for the National Excellence in Teaching Awards (NEiTA).
- Provided \$11,578 to purchase PP-Yr3 Literacy Resources incl Home Readers and Comprehension Packs.
- Funded and presented 'An Afternoon on the Green' last month which was a great community event.
- P&F members attended Kindy Info night held recently for 2017 Kindy parents.
- Advertised and encouraged parents to nominate themselves for a P&F role for 2017.

Please contact us on: pandf@mcps.wa.edu.au

Class Representatives For 2017

Are you interested in being a Class Representative in 2017?

Listed below are the classes no one has yet nominated for.

CLASS	2017 TEACHER
Kindy A	
PPB	
Year 1B	
Year 2B	
Year 3A	
Year 4B Year 4C	
Year 5A	
Year 6B Year 6C	

Just to clarify all other classes ARE still open for nominations. The cut off for nominations is Monday 28th November at 7pm so please be sure to email me before then if you are interested in the role. Thank you very much to everyone that has contacted me so far. Your generous support is very much appreciated.

Following the cut off date if there was a single nomination for that class the role will go to that person. If there were multiple nominations the decision will be made by "name in the hat draw" by one of the teachers.

All nominees will be contacted in the following week and the list of class representative for 2017 posted in the newsletter that Friday.

If anyone would like to nominate for any classes or simply would like any further information please don't hesitate to contact me on dj.lones@westnet.com.au

**Kind regards,
Leonie Jones
Class Representative Coordinator**

Class Rep Event

- **Year PPB – Wednesday 30th November
3.30pm, Bibra Lake Playground**



Christmas Lights Fundraiser (Invitation from Jayla Oliver -5C)

On Friday 16th December from
7pm-10pm Mudlark Way,
Yangebup

Raffles,
Fire Truck,
Giveaways and Lots more
Come and Meet Santa, Stitches the Bear, Supergirl and
Wonderwoman
Ice Cream, Coffee and Food Vendors
Loads of Lights and fun for the kids

All proceeds collected will go to PMH.

The residents of Mudlark Way would love to see as many
families from Mater Christi come along. See you there.



Applications for Admissions

Parents of current Year 4 students (entering Year 5 2017) who are interested in joining the Corpus Christi College community for Year 7 in 2019 are invited to submit their enrolment applications. To ensure priority consideration, please complete and submit any application for Yr 7 2019 by **January 31 2017**.

Sibling offers will be forwarded to current families applicants mid-January 2017. Sibling students do not normally require an interview, unless specifically requested by the Principal.

Interviews for non-sibling applicants wishing to join the Corpus Christi College community for Year 7 2019 will commence late Term 1 2017.

Please telephone the College Registrar Susanne Pass on 6332 2567 should you have any further enquiries.

Limited vacancies for suitable applicants are available for Year 11 and 12 2017.

Community Cricket Camp in Summer Holidays

As school holidays are looming we wanted to let parents and students know of a cricket camp that'll be running in the second week of January in 2017.

It is run by the Mt Lawley District Cricket Club for any children in the community that want to come along.

Join us
on **January
9th till the
12th, 9.00am
to 1.00pm** each
day.

For 4 days of
cricket
fun. Western
Warriors players
will visit the
camp.

Cost \$120 – Earlybird offer before Jan 1st (save 10%)
Call David Virgo M: 0439 091 418 or
email info@cycd.com.au
www.cycd.com.au/services/summer-holidays-cricket-camp



**PERTH
SCORCHERS**

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC

**Have your child learn to play
the Scorchers way at #TheFurnace
these school holidays!**

Over two action packed mornings, participants will take part in MILO T20 Blast skill sessions, be involved in social cricket games and have the chance to meet our mascots Blaze and Amber!

Registration is open to boys and girls of all abilities aged 5-14 years old. The focus of the clinic is to have fun, participate and develop your child's cricket skills.



When: Monday 19 &
Tuesday 20 Dec 2016

Time: 9am - 12pm

Where: #TheFurnace
(WACA Ground)

What to Bring: Hat,
water bottle, sport shoes,
cricket gear (if owned)

Cost: \$80

Please note: A healthy
morning tea will be provided

**CLICK HERE
TO REGISTER**

