

Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT: Being a Christian is about believing and hoping in God and this firstly requires that we seek him! Seeking God requires that we don't expect all the answers about God at once; it's a quest; being a Christian is about the whole life journey. As we experience annual observations such as Christmas, we might regard them as a door to be opened; as we step through each doorway there is the opportunity for a new sense of direction for our life.

Life is almost a constant Advent season; we are continually waiting to become..., to discover..., to complete..., to fulfil. However Advent is also an invitation to remember, to see again the presence of God amongst us, God who is here from the beginning. When we look at the big picture, we find that Jesus is not just a special baby but the one who brings together all the promises, all the hopes, all the visions, all the miracles, all the dreams of all the people of God. Jesus is our promise, our hope, our vision, our miracle, and our dream because Christmas is our story and Advent is our time to remember our collective past and look forward in hope to our future. We all need times of waiting in our lives for during such times we mature. Sometimes we wait in darkness, when life is not so good, before we can appreciate the coming of the dawn.

Advent, the season of waiting in hopeful expectation, fits in very well with our own life's experiences of waiting, hoping and then enjoying the rewards of our hope and trust. Pope Benedict wrote: "Advent's intention is to awaken the most profound and basic emotional memory within us namely, the memory of God who became a child. It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open the doors of hope."

As we wait and listen in faith, we trust that memory and hope will come alive. Christmas, we will be open to the realisation that God became man, not so that he can be with us, but so that we can be with him.

Come, long expected Jesus, inspire me. Quicken my being with Your coming this Christmas.

1:1 Mater Christi Laptop Program: On Wednesday evening an Information session for all parents who have children in Years One to Three, was held in the MCCC, where Geordie Thuys (IT Coordinator), Nicole Cloutt (Curriculum Coordinator) and Daniel Franco (Winthrop Australia – Technology Education Services) presented information on the Why and How of the proposed 1:1 program. Thank you to all the parents who were able to come along and listen to the presentation, ask questions and seek clarifications. Although a long night - it was a very worthwhile and engaging event. Where to from here? I believe that at Mater Christi, parents and school, work together, we listen to each other, we respect similar and differing opinions and we trust that all decisions made are in the best interests of the children. Therefore, to truly gauge the support or lack of, at this point in time – I ask all the Year 1-3 parents to complete a short five-minute survey on this proposal. This survey will be on line and live from Monday 30 November – Monday 7 December. An email with the survey link will be sent out on Monday afternoon. The results of the survey will be communicated to all parents (at close of the school day) on Wednesday 9 December. Further to this – also on Monday, the FAQ sheet 1 (original sheet sent out) and Sheet 2 (questions from the Information Night), the cost of the 1:1 program and some literature will be available on the School Website – Communications – Latest News. This information may assist you in your decision making. Thank you for working with us on this very important decision.

God Bless... Toni Kalat

Dates for Next Week

Swimming Lessons Yrs 1 - 6

**Monday
30th November**

**Tuesday
1st December**

10.30am Volunteers
M/Tea (MCCC)

6-7pm Emmanuel
Yr 7 & Induction
Evening

**Wednesday
2nd December**

Yr 6 Dance Practice
1.30-2.15pm
(MCCC)

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

**Thursday
3rd December**

School Disco
PP-3 5.30 – 6.30pm
Yr4-6 7.00-8.30pm

**Friday
4th December**

Seton Yr 7 Welcome
Day

Saturday 5th December

Sunday 6th December

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Religious Education

Mass

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Whole School Mass this morning. Also, thank you to our Year Two Teachers and Students for preparing such a beautiful Mass.



Christmas Food Appeal

Thank you to all the amazing families in our school for your tremendous response to our Christmas Food Appeal. The children will create their Christmas hamper for their assigned family by **Friday, 4th December (Week 8)**. We thank you for supporting this wonderful cause!

Head Altar Servers 2016

Father Bryan is delighted with our Head Altar Servers for 2016, Caitlin Phillips and Jett Clothier. Congratulations!

Parish Corner

New Altar Servers

Last weekend 28 new Altar Servers were commissioned in the Parish. We hope you will keep these young people in your prayers as they begin what will hopefully be many years of service at the Altar. We believe this may be a WA record. Well done Mater Christi

Altar Servers – Save The Date

Altar Servers Christmas Function on Saturday 5th December.
More details to follow

School Disco

The Mater Christi School Disco will be held on Thursday 3rd 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
Mark Ryan
Assistant Principal

2016 Booklist Pick Up

On **Wednesday 2nd December** you will be able to pick up your 2016 Booklist Requirements if you chose this option on your list.
You will be able to pick them up from the **Mater Christi Community Centre from 8.30 until 9.30am**.
If you have not done so you can also pay on this day using credit card, EFTPOS or cash.
Thanks

Mark Ryan
Assistant Principal



Christmas Light Display and Celebration (Invitation from Jayla Oliver -4B)

On Saturday 19th December from 7pm-10pm Mudlark Way, Yangebup will be having a display of Christmas lights. Quite a few houses in the street will be participating. Stitches the Bear plus Disney characters will be walking around the street. An ice cream van, coffee van, local Cockburn fire truck, raffle and a variety of different fundraising events will be available. 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.

The Christmas lights will be turned on 1st December.



Class Representatives 2016

Are you interested in being a Class Representative in 2016?

Class Representatives play a vital role supporting parents in our Mater Christi Community. If you are interested in taking up this rewarding role or you simply would like further information, please contact Leonie Jones, Class Representative Coordinator, at dj.lones@westnet.com.au

After much consideration and listening to feedback from parents I would like to trial a new system for class representatives. In the past the role of class rep has been offered to one parent from each class. Often it is to the person who has been a rep the previous year or if the position is vacant the first person to email the coordinator has filled the role.

However for 2016 I think it is very important as the classes will all be changed that everyone has an opportunity to be class rep if they wish. What this means is if more than one person does volunteer for the role it will be decided by a draw. The names of the interested parents for that particular class will be placed "in a hat" and I will ask a teacher to draw a name to make it completely fair.

I do sincerely hope this does not offend anyone as your generosity in offering your time to be a class rep in subsequent years is very much appreciated and very much needed. The experience a rep can bring when they have been in the role more than a year is invaluable so I do hope current class representatives consider offering to continue in your role for 2016.

Kind regards,
Leonie Jones

MATER CHRISTI INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAMME 2016

We are coming to the end of another fantastic year for the Mater Christi Instrumental Programme.

It is important to note that students DO NOT automatically stay in the Instrumental Programme. You must re-enroll your child if they wish to continue in 2016.

Notes will be given out to all our current students.

If your child does not currently learn an instrument and would like to start in 2016, please fill out an Instrumental Programme form found in the office.

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

Alison Clunies-Ross
Music Specialist
PAF & Instrumental Programme Coordinator

P & F

A whole new P&F committee was elected at last week's AGM. Our new office bearers are:-

Teresa Lawson (President), Karen Simons (Vice President and Board Rep), Belinda Weeks (Secretary), Belinda Stokes (Treasurer), Leonie Jones (Class Rep Co-ord), Michelle Hall (Sun Smart Rep) and Marina Hayward (Parish Rep) .

Kate Godwin-Johnston, P&F

Uniform Shop

INTERSCHOOL SHIRTS

Please return all interschool shirts as soon as possible to the uniform shop on Wednesdays or any other day to the front office. Make sure to tell the office ladies who you are so I can get your deposit to you as soon as I receive the shirt.

Thank you.
Ilonka Heinzle
On behalf of the MCPS and P&F association



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Instrumental Programme Tuition Form 2016

Student Details

Student's Name: _____
Surname: _____
Class: _____
Name of Parent/Guardian: _____
Contact No: _____ Mobile: _____
Music Tutor: _____
Please circle: Ongoing / New Student



Instrument Preference

Please tick adjacent to the instrument you would like your child to learn.

- ☐ Piano
☐ Guitar
☐ Violin
☐ Drums/Percussion
☐ Voice



Tuition Fees

A Flat Rate is charged per term as follows- Please tick your preference.

- ☐ Private Lesson-30 mins \$250.00 per term
☐ Group Lesson-30 mins \$180.00 per term
(2 per group-Guitar, 2 per group for all other instruments)



- Students can begin the Instrumental Programme in Pre-Primary.
- 8 lessons per term. Make up lessons will be arranged if less than 8 lessons have taken place. (Due to illness or if a tutor is absent).
- A term's notice MUST be given if the student is withdrawing from the programme.
- Tutors will invoice and collect fees from Parents/Guardians.

Instrument Hire

It is essential that you purchase or hire an instrument. If you require further information please feel free to contact the Instrumental Tutor or Ms Ross.

Address for Mailing Account

Name: _____
Address: _____



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
- **KINDY Sunday 13th December – 10am – 12pm**
Combined Kindy Playdate, John Graham Reserve
Playground, Woodman Point
- **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



City of Cockburn Events

We have the following coming up.

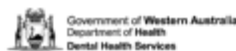
- Children's Fiesta Saturday 28 Nov
- Celebrate Ability – International Day of People with Disability Friday 4 Dec
- Children's Reference Group – Call for new members for next year (up to 12 years old)
- Christmas Concert – Family Fun Saturday 12 Dec

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

South Lake Dental Clinic



DT 46

This centre will be closed

From 22-12-2015 To 1-2-2016 INCLUSIVE

Emergency dental treatment is available at the
Mt Henry Dental Therapy Centre
43 Mt Henry Road, Salter Point
PHONE: 9313 0555

Between the hours of 8:15 am & 4.30 pm
Monday - Friday excluding public holidays

Emergency dental treatment is available at

CARALEE DENTAL THERAPY

8.00 AM - 4.00 pm

27.1.2016 - 29.1.2016 INCLUSIVE

After hours emergency

The School Dental Service does not provide **after hours** emergency treatment.

In the **metropolitan area** - please contact your local private dental practitioner or if eligible, the **after hours** emergency service on **9325 3452**.

In a **country area** - please contact your local private practitioner



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January Head Start Program

January Head Start Program for Year 6 students who will be starting high school in 2016

Help build your child's confidence as they transition to high school with courses that will cover English and Maths skills development and Learning Skills for high school, NAPLAN preparation, persuasive essay writing, Interactive Science and Computer Coding.

Dates: Two day courses, three hours per day between January 18th – January 28th 2016.

Cost: \$180. **10% discount if you enrol and pay by 21st December 2015.**

Venues: Rossmoyne SHS and Churchlands SHS

Older siblings? Courses are available for students from Years 7 – 12 in various subjects.

For further information and enrolment

Phone: 9314 9500

Email: learn@academictaskforce.com.au

Website: www.academictaskforce.com.au

**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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