

Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents



Second Sunday of Advent "As the journey of Advent continues, as we prepare to celebrate the nativity of Christ, John the Baptist's call to conversion sounds out in our communities. It is a pressing invitation to open our hearts and to welcome the Son of God Who comes among us. Through the Gospel, John the Baptist continues to speak down the centuries to each generation. Through his hard clear words, the 'voice' of the great prophet asks us to prepare the way for the coming Lord in the deserts of today, internal and external deserts, thirsting for the water of life which is Christ." — Benedict XVI

Kindergarten 2016: On Monday our newest members to the school will join us. It will be great to have them in our community and we look forward to welcoming them back as our Kindergarten classes of 2016.

Staffing 2016: I am pleased to announce that Sandra Leavy has been appointed the new Year 2B teacher for 2016. Sandra will attend the Transition Morning on Monday to meet her class and spend some time with them. Also coming on Monday for Transition will be Mr Nick Magry – Year Three B; Miss Rebecca McMahon – Year Six A and Miss Adele Paino—Year One C, who is in a remote school up north has sent a video for her class. This will be a very special time for all classes to visit their new classrooms and take part in some activities with their next year's teacher. I am very happy that these teachers have made the effort to be with us on this day. If you do see them in the classroom on Monday morning, I know that everyone will make them most welcome.

Big Day Out and Big Day In: The children and staff are looking forward to the annual FUN FILLED Big Day Out and the whole community gathers for the Big Day In Concert next Thursday. Family and friends are most welcome. Don't forget to bring along your 'caroling voice' for our community carols at the end of the night.

Thank you Morning Tea: Our school could not operate without the generosity of parents and friends.



The staff and students at Mater Christi are grateful for the work of the parent body in supporting the needs of the school. Thank you for your generosity during the year and for those who were able to come along to the Morning Tea last Tuesday. The Staff are very appreciative of your time and support and I know your children love having you involved in their class, in the canteen, on excursion and helping out where possible. I'm

sure that 2016 will be another full year of opportunities to become involved.

Thank you.

1:1 MacBook Program: Thank you to the incredible number of Yr One to Three parents who have completed the survey – TERRIFIC! If you have not done so yet, please take the time, to complete it, as your feedback is very important to this process and us. The survey closes at 4pm on Monday and the results of the survey will be sent home to ALL Mater Christi families on Wednesday.

God Bless... Toni Kalat

Dates for Next Week

**Monday
7th December**

9am Mass (5C)
Transition Morning
(K-6) 9 – 10.30am

**Tuesday
8th December**

**Big Day Out
(K-6)**

**Wednesday
9th December**

Kindy Farewell (KA/KC)

Yr 6 Dance Practice
1.30-2.15pm
(MCCC)

School Banking

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

**Thursday
10th December**

9am Mass (2A)
Kindy Farewell
(KB/KD)

BIG DAY IN

9-11AM Graduation
Mass followed by
Morning Tea,
Presentations &
Dance

1.30pm Rehearsals
5pm Picnic on oval
(BYO)

6pm Presentation &
Concert

7.15pm Students
released back to
parents

**Friday
11th December**

Reports on SEQTA
**LAST DAY OF TERM
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**Saturday 12th December
Sunday 13th December**

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Religious Education

Term Four Free Dress Day

Please bring in a gold coin donation for our final free dress day for the year on Friday 11th December. All money raised will be donated to Caritas.

Mass

On Thursday, 10th December at 9am we will be celebrating our Year Six Graduation Mass. Family and friends are welcome to attend.

Christmas Food Appeal

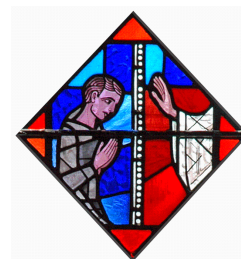
Once again we have had an overwhelming response to the Christmas Food Appeal. It is heartening to see the giving spirit shared amongst our students. Helping those in need has enabled our students to experience Gospel values in a beautiful manner. Thank you for your generosity and support. We look forward to your continued support in 2016.



Parish News

Sacramental Dates for 2016

In the Archdiocese of Perth and throughout Western Australia, *generally* children in Year Three make their **First Reconciliation**, children in Year Four receive their **First Holy Communion**, and children in their final year of primary school (Year Six at Mater Christi), receive the Sacrament of **Confirmation**.



To enable forward planning, the Sacramental dates for 2016 are as follows:

Sacrament	Event	Date
ALL Sacraments	Collection of all Sacrament Enrolment Forms	13 th /14 th & 20 th /21 st February
	General Sacrament Meeting for parents of ALL children receiving a Sacrament	Wednesday, 24 th February
	Return of all Sacrament Enrolment Forms	27 th & 28 th February
Confirmation	Confirmation Commitment Masses	12 th & 13 th March
	Confirmation Parent/Child Workshops	Tuesday, 5 th April & Wednesday, 6 th April
	Confirmation Meeting for Candidates	Wednesday, 11 th May @ 3:30pm
	Confirmation	Saturday, 14 th & Sunday, 15 th May
Communion	First Communion Commitment Masses	11 th & 12 th June
	First Holy Communion Parent/Child Workshops	Tuesday, 28 th June & Wednesday, 29 th June
	First Holy Communion	Sat 6 th & Sun 7 th August, Sat 13 th & Sun 14 th August, Sat 20 th & Sun 21 st August
Reconciliation	Reconciliation Parent/Child Workshops	Wednesday, 7 th September & Thursday, 8 th September
	Reconciliation Commitment Masses	10 th & 11 th September
	Reconciliation	Sat 22 nd October, Sat 29 th October, Sat 5 th November & Sat 12 th November

NOTE: These dates are published in good faith, however, due to unforeseen circumstances, may change. In this event, as much notice as possible will be given.

You and your child's presence at these Masses, meetings and workshops form an important part of your commitment to Sacramental preparation and as such are not optional.

Calling All Shepherds, Angels and Sheep

For all primary school aged children wishing to participate in the Nativity Mass at 6pm on Christmas Eve, there will be a rehearsal on the Wednesday, the 23rd of December at 9am in the Mater Christi Community Centre. We look forward to seeing lots of families there.



Library

ALL library books should have been returned this week. If you still have outstanding books please return them asap!

Making Jesus Real



As we are approaching the end of the school year, it is the perfect time to reflect on the year that was. As the Drama teacher, I have had the privilege of seeing all the students in our school and as I go through my day, I am greeted with beautiful smiles, morning greetings and hugs! **God Moments** are everywhere, in the classroom and in the playground.

Over the year, I have witnessed our students enjoying each other's company and having fun with friends. Sharing stories, older students looking out for younger ones and sisters caring for brothers when they are upset. It certainly warms the heart to be able to witness **The Spirit of Jesus** in our school community.

MJR values include respect, honesty and trustworthiness, understanding, tolerance and inclusion. They focus on the **Gospel values** of compassion, justice, humility and forgiveness. It is these values that encourage us all to do our best, treat others fairly, and be responsible for our actions.

In this Christmas Season, a reminder to us all that Jesus is not merely a person in history, Jesus is a mystery that is with us now.

The Spirit of Jesus is certainly apparent and living in the lives of those at Mater Christi !

Mrs Pottier (Drama Specialist)

Big Day In and School Concert Thursday 10th December

- **9-11am** Graduation Mass, (Yr Six students and families, and Yr Five students) followed by Morning Tea, Presentations & Dance (Year Six students and parents/guardians only)
- **1.30pm** - Concert Rehearsals

This term, students from Pre-Primary to Year Six have been busy preparing in Music and Drama for the 2015 Mater Christi Christmas Concert. The plans for the evening will be as follows:

- **5pm** - Picnic on the oval embankment (BYO everything). Bring the extended family. (and don't forget the aeroguard)
- **6pm sharp** - Presentation of Graduates followed by our PP – Six School Concert. (Kindy children do not form part of the concert but they and their families are welcome to join in the festivities) **Children must be seated in classes by 5.55pm.**
- **7.15pm** - Conclusion, students released back into the care of their parents/guardians.

People recording the event are asked to be mindful of other families viewing the show.

For safety reasons we ask that you keep a close eye on your children on the night and they **stay clear of the stage and sound area**. This is to ensure that all children are **safe** and we do not have any nasty accidents. We look forward to entertaining you and your families on Thursday evening. It should be a Hoot!

Please note Oval parking will be available and anyone that can volunteer their help with parking is asked to see the office before Thursday.

We look forward to your company.

End Of Year Christmas Concert!



On **Thursday the 10th December**, the students of Mater Christi will be performing in the End of Year Christmas Concert '**The Game of Life**'.

Students need to be in full costume and seated in their year groups by **5.55pm**.

Please see the table below for each year levels costume ideas.

There will be pre-show entertainment provide by the **MC Guitar Ensemble** and **PAF Dance Group** from **5.45pm**.

*If your child is participating in these performances please meet at the sound tent in their year group costume at **5.30pm**.

The concert will begin at **6.00pm** followed by Carols by candlelight.

Flameless candles will be on sale for **\$2.00** so that everyone can join in the festivities.

Be on the look out for the concert booklet with our Christmas songs in it so you can sing along ☺

We look forward to seeing you all there!!

Ms Alison Ross & Mrs Pat Pottier

Music & Drama Specialists

Year	Milestone	Costume Ideas
Pre-Primary	L.O.V.E Getting Married	Girls: Party dress Boys: Dress shorts with white t-shirt (Bow tie provided by school)
Year 1	ABC Going To School	Girls: Shorts/skirt, white t-shirt, suspenders/braces & nerdy glasses. Hair in pigtails or plaits. Boys: Shorts, white t-shirt, suspenders/braces, nerdy glasses. Hair combed over with GEL.
Year 2	RIO Travelling	Girls: Costume provided. Costumes will be sent home in Week 9. Hair in a bun. Boys: Shorts & Coloured/Hawaiian shirt. Anything tropical.
Year 3	CELEBRATION Having a family	Girls: Party Clothes Pink Boys: Party Clothes Blue
Year 4	CAR WASH First Job	Girls: Denim shorts/skirt/overalls with white t-shirt and a rag. (Put some dirt on your face ☺) Boys: Denim shorts/pants/overalls with white t-shirt and a rag. (Put some dirt on your face ☺)
Year 5	JUMP Taking Risks	Girls: Dress like Rock Stars Boys: Dress like Rock Stars
Year 6	Graduation Mash-up	All: Graduation Shirts Girls: Any pants/skirt/leggings Boys: Any pants or shorts with closed in shoes.

All students need to be wearing closed/semi closed in shoes and should be dressed appropriately

Class Representatives 2016

Are you interested in being a Class Representative in 2016? Class Representatives are needed for the following classes.

CLASS	2016 TEACHER
Kindy A & B	Jo Jensen
Kindy C	Mandy Jeffery
PPC	Donna Ward/Michelle Romano
Year 2A	Lauren Boland
Year 2B	Sandra Leavy
Year 3C	Siobhan O'Gara
Year 4A	Kate McNally
Year 4B	Jacob O'Reilly
Year 4C	Jessica Fic
Year 5A	Sarah Lister
Year 6B	Courtney Edmondson

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 click on the link below to contact Leonie Jones, Class Representative Coordinator <mailto:dj.lones@westnet.com.au>. - Subject=Class Rep 2016

For those classes that have more than one person nominate for the role the decision will be made by a "name in the hat draw" at the beginning of week 2 in 2016 to make it completely fair. Thank you for your support of this new system.

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

Uniform Shop

YOU CAN NOW ORDER YOUR UNIFORM ONLINE

On the school's website go to the uniform page and simply click

**ONLINE
ORDERING**

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



Mater Christ Catholic Primary School

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

- **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

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.



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

Parish Corner

Advent / Christmas Timetable 2015

Weekend Masses : **6pm** (vigil)
8am, 10am, & 5pm

Weekday Masses : **9am** (Mon. Tues, Thurs Fri)
Wednesdays: 5pm Holy Hour; **6pm** Mass

Christmas Carols: **6pm** – Sunday 20th December

Family Reconciliation **7pm** -Wednesday 16th Dec.

Anointing of the Sick : **All Masses** –
Saturday 19th Dec. & Sunday 20th Dec.

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve (vigil) 6pm - Children's Mass
8pm – Mass at Hammond Park
(Catholic Primary School, 25 Woodrow Ave)

9pm - Family Mass
12am - Solemn Midnight Mass
(preceded by carols)

Christmas Day 8 am - Family Mass
10am - Family Mass

Please note: NO 5pm Mass today

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