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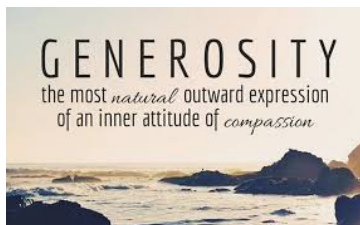
Christmas Reflection

One December evening after work, Woody Woodburn, a sports writer for a newspaper in California, stopped at a doughnut shop when he saw a group of heavily tattooed teenagers. The three boys and a girl were in a semi circle around an elderly, home-less man. Concerned the youths were going to mistreat the man, Woodburn lingered so he could observe their behaviour and if necessary, intervene. To his pleasant surprise, he misjudged the situation and the teens as he heard one of the boys ask the homeless man, "How do those feel. Do they fit?" The man took a few steps and said that the shoes were comfortable. All the teens smiled and one youth said, "Keep them. They're yours. I want you to have them".

Woodburn looked down and saw that the teen was barefoot. "The kid had just given the cold and probably homeless man his expensive skate-boarding sneakers and, apparently, his socks as well." The other two boys sat on their skateboards re tying their shoelaces. "They too, had let the man try on their sneakers to find which pair fit the best. The girl, meanwhile gave the cold man her oversized sweatshirt." Impressed and inspired by the youths Christmas spirit, Woodburn went into the shop and ordered a dozen doughnuts for the homeless man. The woman behind the counter, who had also witnessed the teen's compassion, refused to charge Woodburn for the doughnuts, adding a large coffee as well.

Those four teens exhibited the proper attitude toward Christmas which is about the giving of love, kindness and compassion to others.

Author Washington Irving observed, "Christmas is the season for kindling the fire of hospitality in the hall, the genial flame of charity in the heart."



This generosity of spirit was most evident in the many, many Christmas hampers that were made up by the staff for families in our community. The meaning of Christmas is truly alive at Mater Christi.

Dates for Next Week

**Monday
30th January**

**Uniform Shop Open
9.30am to 1pm**

**Tuesday
31st January**

**Uniform Shop Open
9.30am-1pm**

**Wednesday
1st February**

**STUDENTS
COMMENCE
TERM ONE**

School Banking

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

**Thursday
2nd February**

**Friday
3rd February**

Saturday 4th February

Sunday 5th February

Dear Parents and Carers

Teaching Staff:

I would like to acknowledge and thank Mrs Field (Enrichment), Miss Lynes (PPA), Mrs Leavy (Yr 2B), Miss Fic (4C), Miss Lister (Yr 5A) and Mrs Clemons (Yr 5B) for the enthusiastic way they have generously shared their gifts and talents and wholeheartedly embraced school life during their time at Mater Christi. They will be greatly missed and I wish them every blessing for 2017 and onwards.

End of Year Reports:

Parents are able to access the report for their child/ren as of 3pm this afternoon. These reports are a reflection of your child's learning and social development throughout the year and in particular for the second semester of this year. Teachers dedicate significant time to allocating the grades for each student. Grades are allocated based on a number of variables such as student work samples, assessment tasks, standardised tests, observations and class work. You may find that your child receives a higher or lower grade to what they received in the half yearly reports. This is due to the fact that they are being assessed on different work and may have achieved a different level of understanding in the different areas covered. It is important to remember that the majority of students will receive 'C' grades, which indicate that they are achieving the expected outcomes. I suggest that you sit with your child and talk to them about their learning. I would recommend that you first praise them for their efforts and look for any growth that may have occurred. You may like to ask the children if they have a particular goal that they can aim towards in 2017.

Back to School 2017: If you intend travelling overseas or interstate during the Christmas holidays and your child will be returning late to school in 2017 due to extended holidays or any other reason, could you please notify the office, in writing, and noting the date your child will be returning for the 2017 school year? This has important implications for the school census (State and Federal Government requirement) which is held early in the new school year.

On behalf of the staff of Mater Christi I would like to thank everyone for their outstanding support this year. I would especially like to thank the School Board, P & F Executive and all the class parents for their wonderful work and effort that makes our community so special. I wish everyone a very happy, safe and peaceful Christmas and restful break and look forward to welcoming you back in 2017.

God Bless... Toni Kalat

Term Dates 2017

Term One: Wednesday 1 February – Thursday 6 April

Friday 3 March Pupil Free Day
Monday 6 March Public Holiday
Friday 7 April Pupil Free Day

Term Two: Wednesday 26 April – Friday 30 June

Monday 24 April Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 25 April Public Holiday
Monday 5 June Public Holiday

Term Three: Tuesday 18 July – Friday 22 September

Monday 17 July Pupil Free Day

Term Four: Tuesday 10 October – Friday 8 December

Monday 9 October Pupil Free Day



Our prayers and sympathies to Mr and Mrs De Sousa, Rhys (3A) and Ziana (KC) on the loss of their nephew and cousin. May their loved one rest in the peace and love of God.

Let us keep the family in your prayers. Our prayers are with all families and those in our community who are in need.

We say Farewell to the following Families

Who leave Mater Christi due to their child graduating from our school. Some have been with us for a long time, others a short time. All have contributed to our community and school spirit. Thank you and know that you will forever be a part of the Mater Christi family.

16 Years	Henderson Family, Soares Family
15 Years	Betts Family
14 Years	Beswick Family, Karwacki Family
12 Years	Bok Family, Menner Family, Correia Family, Faliti Family, Lewis Family, Watts Family
11 Years	Mann Family, Revelo Family, Watson Family, Scaturro Family, Thomas Family
10 Years	Jones Family, Katsambalos Family, Steele Family
9 Years	West Family, Taylor Family
8 Years	Gaglia Family, Portinha Family, Prime Family, Roberts Family, Zumerle Family, Cukrov Family, Gregory Family, Meerton Family
7 Years	Mingay Family, Stokes Family
6 Years	Henri Family
5 Years	Dela Piedra Family
3 Years	Thomson Family, Lau Family, Maddern Golchert Family
2 Years	Hey Family, Silas Family

Religious Education

Christmas Food Appeal

Thank you for your tremendous response to our Christmas Food Appeal. On Monday morning we gave all of the Christmas hampers to representatives from St Vincent de Paul. They thanked our school for our support and they were overwhelmed with the amount of hampers that we had created. Your effort and generosity were greatly appreciated. We look forward to your continued support in 2017.

Sofia Memorial Scholarship

Congratulations to Meghan Hayward who has received the Sofia Memorial Scholarship for 2017.

Best Wishes

Courtney Dunsire

Assistant Principal Religious Education



Parish News

Third Sunday of Advent: Joy

As the journey of Advent continues, this weekend we light the rose pink candle on the third Sunday of Advent to represent joy, the joy that Jesus is almost here.



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 Thursday, the 22nd of December at 9.30am in the Mater Christi Community Centre. We look forward to seeing lots of families there.

From humble beginnings at Mater Christi Primary School to the world stage at Yale University.



" I think what started my passion for debating was at Mater Christi in Year Six with debate night. The excitement and adrenalin of collaborating with a team transforming questions into convincing facts right before the eyes of parents and students got me hooked. Without Mater Christi's guidance for eight primary school years and my many public speaking debuts and performing arts experiences, I believe I would never have arrived where I am today.

The incredible experience living in the shoes of a student at Yale University has changed my viewpoint of the world but I will always remember where my passion for learning began and was first nurtured." Talliah Galindo, 2015 Past Mater Christi Student.

Talliah, has participated in a year long round of academic competitions. She progressed from World Scholars Cup academic competitions at the Perth round, through to the Bangkok round (competing against 3000 students) and finally made it to the global round (with 699 students), held at Yale University America.

At the Yale competitions, Talliah came 12th overall in debating out of 699 gifted debating finalists from around the world.

Talliah's debate team came 5th overall, winning the first World Scholar's Cup trophy for her school (Iona Presentation College).

Talliah came 48th overall in all competition categories which included writing, debating, English Literature, Social Sciences, Science, History, The Arts and Music and Crime and Justice, at only 12 years of age against competitors up to 15 years of age.

Congratulations

The following past students were nominees of the St Mary of The Cross Award at Corpus Christi College: Julyan Tan (Y9) Calum Milne (Y7) and Benjamin Cutri (Y7).

Congratulations to Benjamin Cutri on winning the St Mary of the Cross Award for Year Seven at Corpus Christi College.

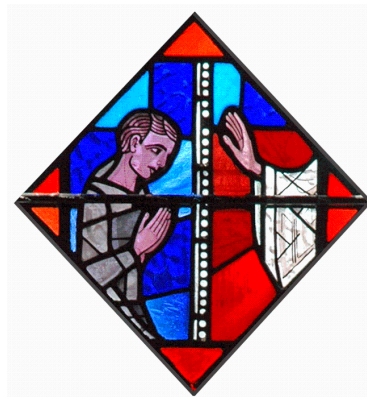
Well done to all these special young people. We are very proud of you.



Parish News

Sacramental Dates for 2017

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 2017 are as follows:

Sacrament	Event	Date
ALL Sacraments	Collection of all Sacrament Enrolment Forms	18 th & 19 th February
	General Sacrament Meeting for parents of ALL children receiving a Sacrament	Wednesday, 22 nd February
	Return of all Sacrament Enrolment Forms	25 th & 26 th February
Confirmation	Confirmation Commitment Masses	25 th & 26 th March
	Confirmation Parent/Child Workshops	2 nd & 3 rd May
	Confirmation Meeting for Candidates	Wednesday, 7 th June @ 3:30pm
	Confirmation	Saturday, 10th & Sunday, 11th June
Communion	First Communion Commitment Masses	24 th & 25 th June
	First Holy Communion Parent/Child Workshops	25 th & 26 th July
	First Holy Communion	Sat 5th & Sun 6th August, Sat 12th & Sun 13th August, Sat 19th & Sun 20th August
Reconciliation	Reconciliation Commitment Masses	9 th & 10 th September
	Reconciliation Parent/Child Workshops	12 th & 13 th September
	Reconciliation	Sat 21st October, Sat 28th October, Sat 4th November & Sat 11th 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.

School Counsellor

We have been very fortunate to have the services of Rebecca Rowland throughout this year, working with students, families and classes.

Rebecca is employed for the school year and therefore is unavailable during the school holidays and will commence her service in February next year.

Happy
New Year
2017

We say Good -Bye:-

The following students will be leaving us this year:-

Archer Bermingham, Evonne Roy, Lucy Hatton, Marley-Rose Makaea, Tory Gaglia, Sebastian Park, William Hatton, Tristan Galindo, Venice Fazzino, Preston Cifuentes, Charlotte Dawson, Christopher Filipowicz, Elaina Roy, Tiahna Commins, Caitlyn Foster, Charlize Pereira, Ashleigh Smith, Caelyn Brien.

Good Bye and Good luck

Georgia Fundraiser

You're on a Jar This Month

From the 1st December and for the entire month of December, Georgia's Gigantic Grin is on a Local Matters Jar at Grill'd Cockburn.

We have been selected to participate in Local Matters at Grill'd Cockburn this December.

Local Matters is the Grill'd community donation program that sees each Grill'd restaurant donate back into the community every month. The donation is split between three local community groups \$300 / \$100 / \$100

How can you Help?

We'd love your support in receiving the highest \$300 donation! Simply head to Grill'd Cockburn during December for a burger and pop your Local Matters token in our jar. The group with the most tokens at the end of the month receives the largest donation.

It's a simple (and delicious) way to show your support!

You'll find us on a jar at Grill'd Cockburn, Cockburn Gateway Shopping Centre 816 Belliar Drive Cockburn.

P&F News

The P&F office bearers for 2017 are:

Teresa Lawson (President)
Marina Hayward (Vice President)
Chantelle Botica (Secretary)
Rebecca Exham (Treasurer)
Food Co ordinator
Communication Coordinator
Leonie Jones (Class Rep Coord)
Michelle Hall (Sun Smart Rep)
Marina Hayward (Parish Rep)

Any comments, suggestions or queries are warmly welcome.

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

Advent / Christmas Timetable 2016

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

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

Christmas Carols: **6pm** Sunday 18th December

Family Reconciliation: **7pm** Tuesday 20 December

Anointing of the Sick: **All Masses** Saturday 17 Dec
& Sunday 18 Dec

Christmas Masses

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

9pm Family Mass
12am Solemn Midnight Mass
(preceded by carols 11.30)

Christmas Day: **8am** Family Mass
10am Family Mass

Please Note: No 5pm Mass Christmas Day

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Online Uniform Purchase

Please note that all online uniform orders **as from Thursday 08 December until 23 January** will be processed and ready for pick up on the two days we are open in January. (**Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st from 9:30-1pm**).

If your order does not reach me before the 23rd January it will not be ready for pick-up.

If your order is not urgent and you do not wish to pick up on those two days it will be sent to your child's classroom on the first Wednesday, normal trading day (1st of February).

Kind Regards
Ilonka Heinzle
Uniform Shop Manager
Perm-a-Pleat

Class Representatives For 2017

Many thanks to the wonderful volunteers who are your Class Representatives for 2017.
Your generous support is greatly appreciated.

Is your child in Miss Megan Hardie's PPB class next year?

This class has no representative and your help is needed to fill this position.

Please contact me at dj.lones@westnet.com.au if you would be able to help.

Kind regards,

Leonie Jones

Class Representative Coordinator

2017 Class Representative List

Class	Teacher	Parent(s)	Child
Kindy A	Mrs Jo Jenson	Jessica Burleigh & Guila Orlando	Sienna Sabina
Kindy B	Mrs Jo Jenson	Leah Rheinberger & Cherie Moon	Zachary Aubrey
Kindy C	Mrs Mandy Jeffery	Brooke Velterop	Connor
Kindy D	Ms Christina Houdek	Louise McEntee	Colm
PP A	Mrs Kirsty Cunningham	Michelle Hall	Anya
PP B	Miss Megan Hardie		
PP C	Mrs Donna Ward	Kelly Lambert Tanya Forzatti	Ethan Isaac
Year 1 A	Mrs Kayla Trimble & Mrs Michelle Romano	Clare Yakas	Alivia
Year 1 B	Miss Hannah Kolbusz	Loretta Formato	Olivia
Year 1 C	Miss Adele Paino	Helen Walker & Nicole Moutinho	Elizabeth Amira
Year 2 A	Miss Nicole Miller	Jo Djamil	Gemma
Year 2 B	Miss Sarah Cooke	Tracy Trolio	Kayla
Year 2 C	Miss Danielle McEwen	Tina Stevens	Thomas
Year 3 A	Miss Sarah McIntyre	Nicole Murtagh	Flynn
Year 3 B	Mr Nick Magry	Bec Wright	Gemma
Year 3 C	Mrs Siobhan O'Donnell	Andrea Hegney	Charlie
Year 4 A	Mrs Laura Barker	Simone Douglas	Kaelan
Year 4 B	Mr Jacob O'Reilly	Michelle Dobson Michelle Pelliccione	Ruby Troy
Year 4 C	Mrs Lauren Boland	Bev Sweetman	Korey
Year 5 A	Miss Katie McNally & Mrs Tamara Yock	Natalie Rijavec	Tayla
Year 5 B	Miss Ivana Kezic	Bridget Chamberlain	Hannah
Year 5 C	Mrs Amanda Kelly	Karen Hearn	Alyssa
Year 6 A	Miss Rebecca McMahon	Karen Simons	Tate
Year 6 B	Miss Courtney Edmondson	Nicoletta Nici	Luca
Year 6 C	Mrs Katie Williamson	Leanne Clarke	Charlie
	Class Representative Co-ordinator	Leonie Jones	Joshua (4B)



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Instrumental Program 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are now taking enrolments for the Instrumental Program for 2017.

The Mater Christi Instrumental Program is offered to students in Pre-Primary to Year 6 who are interested in learning an instrument.

Learning an instrument is both a challenging and rewarding experience. We currently have approximately 100 students who are enrolled in this program.

Mater Christi is currently offering the choice of the following instruments:

- Piano
- Guitar
- Drums
- Vocal
- Violin

If you would like your child to participate in the Mater Christi Instrumental Program for 2017, please complete the **Instrumental Program Tuition Agreement** and return it to school by **Friday 9th December 2016**.

If your child is currently enrolled and intends to continue next year, a new Instrumental Program Tuition Agreement is required to confirm re-enrolment in 2017.

Lessons will begin in Week 2, Term 1 2017. Students will be notified of their lesson day by the end of Week 1 by their tutor.

We look forward to working with you and your child.

Kind Regards

Ms Alison Clunies-Ross
Music Specialist
Instrumental Program Co-ordinator



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Instrumental Program 2017 Information LESSONS

Students will receive weekly lessons which can be taken individually or through shared lessons of 2-3 students. Lessons are held during school hours and are scheduled on a rotating timetable.

Individual Lessons	30 mins	\$250	8 Lessons per term
Group Lessons	30 mins	\$180	8 Lessons per term

*Please note that group lessons are not available for Vocal or Piano lessons

PAYMENT OF TUITION

Fees for lessons are to be paid each term. Tutors will invoice and advise when the payment is due. Payments are to be paid directly to the tutor. There are 8 lessons per term, due to the school's scheduled events and tutor availability.

PRACTICE AND COMMUNICATION BOOK

Each student will be provided with a practice and communication book. Tutors will use this book to communicate with parents regarding homework or any other important information.

PURCHASING OF MATERIALS/TEXT

Tutors will specify books that are for students to learn and practice from. It is the responsibility of the Parents/Guardians to purchase these books as soon as possible, Tutors are aware of costs, and try to keep requests at a minimum.

MISSED LESSON

Missed lessons cannot be rescheduled unless at the fault of the tutor. If it is known that your child cannot attend a scheduled lesson, at least 24 hours notice must be given to the tutor. In the event you decide to take your child on holiday during the term, please advise the tutor prior to the commencement of the term. Failure to do so will result in lessons being forfeited.

WITHDRAWAL OF LESSONS

If your child wishes to withdraw from the Instrumental Program, it is required that both the instrumental tutor and the instrumental coordinator are informed of this prior to the end of term.

INSTRUMENT HIRE

If instrument hire is required, this is to be arranged directly with a hire company. The school does not hire instruments.





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Program Tuition Agreement 2017

I would like to participate in the Instrumental Program in 2017

Student's Full Name: _____

Class in 2017: _____

Please tick:

() New Student () Ongoing 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 (*not available for vocal & piano*)

Student Requirement:

- One lesson per school week during school hours. (8 lessons per term)
- Regular, daily practice as indicated by tutor.
- Attendance with textbook, instrument and practice book.

Parent Involvement:

- Supervision of regular home practice and communication book check.
- Where rental of an instrument is necessary the cost is to be paid by the parent/guardian directly to the hire company.
- Fees to be paid directly to the tutor upon receipt of the invoice.
- Fees are on a per term basis. All scheduled lessons must be paid for. Missed lessons will not be re-scheduled unless at the fault of the tutor.
- If your child wishes to withdraw from the Instrumental Program, it is required that both the instrumental tutor and the instrumental coordinator are informed of this prior to the end of term.
- Commencement of tuition implies agreement with all conditions stated.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Home Ph: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

THANK YOU MATER **CHRISTI!**

Another year done and dusted!!

We would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to everyone for attending the 2016 End of Year Christmas Concert. It was a great night and the kids looked outstanding!



It was lovely to see the Mater Christi community come together and celebrate another wonderful school year.

Thank you to the fantastic Concert Committee of Education Assistants and Teachers who made all the fabulous props and costumes.

Thank you to the students who danced and sung their little hearts out to every song. You are the reason why we do what we do! ٥

Lastly, we would like to thank all the staff and parents for their support over the last couple of weeks preparing for the big day.

We are truly blessed to have such an amazing school community and we are grateful that we get to be a part of it.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Love to you all!!

Ms Ross & Mrs Pottier

Music & Drama Specialists

