**Vision Statement**

Mater Dei College believes in the dignity and the nurturing of the individual and seeks to follow, with courage, Mary's example of faith.

**From the Principal**

On Thursday 6 August the Year 10 Enterprise students set up stalls in the Salvado courtyard during recess. They offered a range of food, such as soft drinks and Donuts. The stalls were such a success that the food was sold out within ten minutes.

**NAPLAN RESULTS**

Recently released NAPLAN results for Mater Dei College have shown our students in a very positive light. Whilst a single test is never meant to be the sole determinant of a student's ability, NAPLAN results are a useful profile of the year group.

Year 9 students have achieved Above Average results in every component of their NAPLAN tests. More importantly, there has been improvement on every measure since their last NAPLAN results as Year 7 students. This demonstrates that our teaching and learning programs have clearly "added value" to students' achievement levels.

Year 7 students' results are exactly on average when compared across other schools. Given that the NAPLAN tests are so early in the year for our Year 7 students, it is probably a better reflection of their primary years of schooling rather than any influence from Mater Dei College teaching and learning programs.

The Executive Director of Catholic Education, Dr Tim McDonald, was recently quoted as saying

"Catholic education has a sustained system-wide focus on school improvement and today's NAPLAN results reflect that focus. The improvement in results can be directly attributed to the leadership provided by our Principals and the efforts and energies of our teachers and school staff.

As a system we continue to learn from our data which clearly indicates that the longer a student receives a Catholic education, the better the results in standardized testing. This is a very powerful endorsement of the impact a quality Catholic education has on students in Catholic schools."

Well done students and staff!

**ST VINNIES WINTER SLEEPOUT**

The annual Winter Sleepout will be held on Friday 21 August. The gold coin donation is given to the St Vincent de Paul Society to support their work with disadvantaged families. Please give this very worthwhile activity your support.

**P&F QUIZ NIGHT**

Please mark Saturday 29 August in your family calendar. This is the date for this year’s P&F Quiz Night which is always a very fun-filled, social evening. Each House is asked to donate items for the Quiz Night prizes and Home Rooms are collecting these items every day.

**TERM’S NOTICE**

I remind parents that if there is a thought to withdraw their child from enrolment at Mater Dei College, a term's notice must be given in writing. If no term's notice is given, it is the College policy that a full term's fees will be charged in lieu of notice given.

I would also point out that the College has a number of schemes that parents can access if financial circumstances are the reason behind a student leaving. We would like the opportunity to discuss these avenues before any final decision is made.

Please contact our Dean's of Students Mrs Cosgrove and Mr Sullivan if there is the possibility that your child may not be returning to Mater Dei College.

**TERM DATES**

A student-free day is scheduled for Monday 24 August. Please mark this day in your family calendar as the College will not be open for normal business.

Barry Alfirevich
Cyber-safety

On Monday night, the year 7 parents had a visit from Jordan of Ysafe solutions, a company specialising in internet safety. Jordan discussed the top 10 Social Media platforms that teenagers use and explained how parents can help safeguard their children when accessing these sites and apps.

Jordan explained the importance of behaviour management and setting boundaries. Year 7 parents were provided with a fact sheet of very useful information and guidelines for setting up contracts at home to manage social network use.

You can access her website www.ySafe.com.au, email: info@ySafe.com.au for more information and resources. Along with a facebook page facebook.com/ySafeSolutions.

One very important topic addressed on the evening was the issue of sexting and the implications of sending inappropriate images and videos over social media and by phone. Click on the following link to see the laws relating to sexting.

http://www.lawstuff.org.au/wa_law/topics/Sexting#.VcjAh9GXv6E.mailto

It is a very important conversation to have with your teenagers, no matter what age, so they are fully informed and aware of the law. If you have any concerns or questions on the topic of social media safety, please contact your Year Coordinator or Dean.

Mrs Teresa Cosgrove
Dean of Students
Angelico Art Exhibition
Mater Dei Success

The annual Catholic schools Art exhibition, Angelico Art, opened on Tuesday, 11 August at the Forrest Centre on St George’s Terrace in Perth. Five Mater Dei College Visual Arts student’s works were selected and exhibited at this unique event. Congratulations to Brittney Martucci (Year 11), Alyssa Gillon (Year 12), Bailey Walker (Year 10), Charlotte Campbell (Year 10) and Ilona McGuire (Year 12), whose works were selected for their highly resolved finish and creative flair, they presented beautifully amongst the other works.

Special Congratulations to Ilona McGuire who received the 3rd Prize Overall for Years 11 and 12, for her mixed media drawing entitled “Life in a Self Portrait”. This piece is predominantly abstract in its design but had deeper representations for Ilona’s connection to the land and the significance of her family. This Award was judged and delivered by practising artist Yvonne Zago, who also happens to be an ex-Mater Dei student and, in fact, a foundation student. It was wonderful to see the two generations of students meet on stage with their shared passion for their creative pursuits. Ilona also had a second piece on show entitled “Pride in the face of adversity”, a very strong piece in its own right, a self-portrait surrounded by significant text and motifs.

The annual College exhibition Showcase 2015 is not far away now with the students working hard to resolve their pieces ready for the opening night on Wednesday 16 September. All are welcome to come along further details will be posted soon.

A special unveiling of a commissioned artwork by Yvonne Zago will take place at the opening of this year’s exhibition. Our guest artists are a group of painters and sculptors from CASM Contemporary Australian Surrealists Movement, featuring, our own Mr Ernst Schneider from Design and Technology displaying his sculptures.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Mr Brian Morison
Head of Arts Faculty
Mater Dei College Notices

Year 11 Retreat Mural

Yr 11 Retreat Visual Art Mural

Keep an eye out for this Mural to be hung around the school some time soon created by the entire Year 11 cohort.

Mr Brian Morison
Head of Arts Faculty.

New Zealand Ski Trip

Year 12 NZ Report

During the 8-16 July 2015, thirteen Year 12 students along with twenty seven other students from Year 10 and 11 and five teachers embarked on a journey to Queenstown, New Zealand. We had such an amazing experience skiing and snowboarding at the Remarkables and Coronet Peak for five consecutive days. Although our flight did get delayed we still had one of the best experiences. One of the nights that we will never forget is when all the Year 12’s and Mr Green went for a midnight Ferburger! and was one of the best burgers that we have ever had and the most delicious experience that we have ever encountered. Every morning we got on a bus and travelled up to the slopes, our bus driver Stoney, told us many stories about his experiences up on the mountains and was filled with excitement. During our skiing and snowboarding experience we had lots of stacks and falls but we were able to get back again. Throughout the trip we made lots of memories that will last a lifetime and never be forgotten. Thank you to all the staff who accompanied us on the trip and massive thank you to Mr Camuglia for organising the whole trip and making it one of the best experiences we could of asked for! This trip was an such an amazing time for all of us, to make new friends and new memories that we will never forget and definately recommend it for those we are interested in going.

Alicia McCoubrie &
Maegan Leaning
Year 12
Youth Parliament

During the first week of the holidays I was able to attend the Youth Parliament of Western Australia camp. This camp gave me the opportunity to visit Parliament and debate bills that we had written and amended in the previous months. We spent three of the six day camp in Parliament’s Lower House debating the six bills that the individual committees had written. Of these bills four were passed, including my committee’s bill. As well as getting to speak in Parliament we also had the great pleasure of being in caucus for a few hours a day, often later in the day, to prepare for being in Parliament the next. This meant that on a Monday night we would have dinner at six and then be in caucus at seven until just after nine.

On the last day of camp, we were given a tour of Government House and had our final ceremony in Council House. The Governor of Western Australia, Kerry Sanderson, spoke to us all and asked us questions about our time in Parliament. It was a great experience to meet her and listen to her stories about being in government.

I was the youngest person attending the camp, the oldest participant being 25 turning 26 a month or so after the camp. This was quite scary as I knew this meant I had to work harder to be able to understand everything that was going on. But because of how wonderful and helpful everyone at the camp was, I didn’t have to struggle as much as I thought I would.

Throughout the week I got to meet three members of parliament, two from the Lower House and one from Upper House, and I also got to hear from ex-members and some other inspirational people. Getting to speak and hear from these people taught me a lot about what it was like to work in Parliament or working with youth organizations.

I am truly grateful that the College sponsored me to have this amazing experience and I wanted to say a big “Thank you” to everyone who helped me prepare for the camp.

Charlie Morgan
Year 10

Maths Challenge

2015 Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians

In Term 2, Mater Dei College had 12 students enter the Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians. This is a problem-solving activity organised by the Australian Mathematics Trust which is aimed at the top 15% of Mathematics students in their year level. The Challenge took place over three weeks in Term 2. Students received a booklet containing the problems and were required to present written solutions. The problems were challenging and required time and persistence and the results were very pleasing. The most outstanding results were John Paul Acres who received a certificate of High Distinction and Harrison Watson who received a Distinction certificate. Well done to all those students who participated.

Year 8: John Paul Acres, Harrison Watson, Heather Bongiovanni, Lucida Thai-Letran
Year 9: Haydn Lawson, Claudia Desveaux, Monique Ferritto, Ebony Cleland, Millicent Redden.
Year 10: Muskan Sharma, James Howson, Bruce Patmore.

Mrs M Williams
Maths Department.
Kagoshima Student Visit

From July 29 to August 8, Mater Dei College had the privilege of welcoming 8 students, accompanied by two English teachers and a supervisor from Perth’s sister City of Kagoshima. While in Perth, the Japanese group visited Caversham Wildlife Park, the Pinnacles, Fremantle, Perth City and Hillary’s Boat Harbour for our final farewell party. They also had the opportunity to make Boomerangs with Mr Norgrove, enjoy lunch and coffee served by the Hospitality students and learn the basics of AFL with Mr Golding, as well as participate in a variety of lessons and assist in Japanese classes. By the end of the second week nobody wanted to return to Japan!

I thank all the host families for making them feel so welcome. The Smith family, Linahan family, Firth family, Hemmy family, Huett family, Hartnup family, Tuckey family and the Nicomeades family. I would also like to thanks Mr & Mrs Camuglia and Ms Croasdale for hosting the English teachers. I hope everyone enjoyed the experience and the friendships will continue for years to come.

Mrs Rosanne Jacobs
Head of Language other than English
The Senior boys AFL Team won the Grand final match in the Glen Jakovich division of the Schoolboys Cup. The final score and best players are listed below:

Mater Dei College 10 : 5 - 65
Halls Head College 5 : 7 - 37

Best player award – Andrew Smartt
Other fine competitors included – Conal Lynch, Zac Turner, Dion Stasev, Bailey Kempton, Alex Johnson.
Goals – Alec Johnson – 5; Conal Lynch – 2; Jayden Taddei, Jake Demiris, Andrew Smartt – 1.

Year 7 Girls Football

Congratulations
The Year 7 Girls were runners up in the Grand Final of the Dockers Cup

Congratulations, Year 7 Girls.

Football World Championships Representation

Congratulations
Nicholas Prescott (Year 10), has been selected for the 2015 CP Football World Championships U19’s.

Congratulations, Nicholas.
On Thursday July 30, a squad of Year 7 boys were provided with the opportunity to participate in the Fremantle Dockers Shield, held at Lightning Park in Noranda. It shaped up to be a fantastic day with the expected poor weather holding off and the team experiencing some success throughout the day.

A total of 8 schools took part in the one-day football carnival including: La Salle, Mercy, Irene McCormack, St Mark’s, St Stephen’s Duncraig, Peter Moyes and Sacred Heart.

Our students were very competitive throughout the day in a number of close games. There were some ‘stand out’ individual performances from Saverio Marafioti and Kye Smith, who continually displayed a keen desire for the footy and demonstrated a high level of skill. Congratulations to them for being voted Fairest and Best on the day by the Coaches and Year 10 helpers. Although there were only two awards, it was an incredibly difficult decision and there were a vast number of other students who played exceptionally well.

Overall, it was a great day and there are some positive signs that the Junior Boys Football Team will have some key inclusions for 2016.

Mr Wells and Mr Sinagra
**Mater Dei College Cafeteria**

**Breakfast**
The Canteen is open at 7am and offers 2 slices of buttered toast for $1.00 along with a special if they buy toast and hot milo for $2.50.

**Please Help!!!** The canteen needs some helpers, if you can spare a little of your time we would really appreciate it.

To put your name down on the cafeteria roster, please contact:

**Beryl Lythgoe**, Cafeteria Manager, on 9405 0528.

**Mater Dei College Uniform Shop**

**Term 3: Trading Hours**

**Week 3 - 4**  
Monday: 8.00am-12.00pm  
Wednesday: 8.00am-12.00pm/12.30pm-4.30pm

**Week 5 - 10**  
Monday: 8.00am-12.00pm  
Wednesday: 8.00am-9.30am  
Thursday: 8.00am-12.00pm/12.30pm-4.30pm

**Payment options**

Student Smartrider Card, EFTPOS and Credit Card facilities available

**Please note:** Uniform shop does not accept cash.

Telephone: Mrs Linda Caporn on 9405 0539  
Email - linda.caporn@mdc.wa.edu.au

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**Latest Recipients of Merit Certificates**

**Romero House**

Jaime Mamales (Year 8), 2 merit certificates  
Kai Hughes (Year 8), 1 merit certificate

**Siena House**

Vanessa Firth (Year 7), 5 merit certificates  
Matthew Holgate (Year 7), 4 merit certificates

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**Extra Curricular Clubs & Activities 2015**

A list of extra-curricular activities is on our website. Please click on the link below for details about the extra-curricular clubs and activities that are happening around the College in 2015.

Careers Information

Australian Apprenticeships and Traineeships Information Service Information Sessions
The sessions will take place on 26 August 2015, 9.30am, Clifton's Perth, Ground Floor, Parmelia House 191 St Georges Terrace, Perth. Information sessions are provided regularly to help people get the most out of the Service's websites www.aatinfo.com.au and www.aapathways.com.au. The one hour sessions are provided free of charge. http://www.aatinfo.com.au/What-s-New---FAQ/Events

NOTRE DAME OPEN DAY
Sunday 16 August, 10am-3pm
Explore Notre Dame's Fremantle campus, find out more about courses and the application process, student life, and enjoy interactive activities, entertainment and food at the university with WA's highest graduate employment rate.
Customise your day and register at www.notredame.edu.au/openday

Skills West Expo
Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre
Western Australia's leading, largest and most attended careers event that enables visitors to explore real job opportunities, tertiary and VET course options, find traineeships, apprenticeships and plan new career pathways.
Skills West Expo is free for all visitors to attend and will be held on 21-23 August at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre.

The College of Electrical Training
The College of Electrical Training (CET) is holding an Open Day at the Joondalup and Jandakot campuses on Saturday 29 August 2015 between 11.00am and 2.00pm.
We encourage electricians and contractors to come along and find out about CET’s diverse range of electrical and telecommunications post-trade courses, speak to the instructors and tour the facilities. Attendees receive a $50 voucher towards their next post-trade course.
This is also a great opportunity for high school students considering a career in the electrical industry to find out more about studying an electrical apprenticeship at CET. Electrical Group Training (EGT), the largest employer of electrical apprentices in the country, will also be in attendance to speak with students about potential employment opportunities. All students will receive a NECA Student Edge discount card and a free NECA show bag!
Why not pop in with the family to enjoy a free sausage sizzle and giveaways from our sponsors? We look forward to seeing you there!

Central Institute of Technology: Open Afternoon
Wednesday 2nd September, 3pm - 6:30pm @ Northbridge Campus, 30 Aberdeen St, Northbridge
Prospective students have the opportunity to get inside Central and experience the facilities whilst speaking with teaching staff and finding out about uni pathways and courses offered.
http://www.central.wa.edu.au/openarvo/Pages/default.aspx

UWA ‘Engineering Information Evening’
Our final UWA ‘Engineering Information Evening’ of the year will take place on Thursday 3 September, 6:30 - 7:30pm, Weatherburn Lecture Theatre, Room G40, Mathematics Building.
The session will provide high school students with course and prerequisite advice, information on career paths and guidance on the different areas of engineering you can specialise in.

We will also have some friendly students on-hand to answer any questions about university life or being a member of one of the faculties exciting student clubs.
Attendees will be given a folder of course information and a special gift from the Faculty.

To book onto the session please see our webpage:
http://www.ecm.uwa.edu.au/community/engineering-info-evenings

New Arrangements for the TFN Application Process for Secondary School Students
Applying online and presenting POI documents at a participating Australia Post Office is the fastest and most convenient way for students to get a TFN. More information on applying online can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for ‘QC27248’

CareerLink Expo
To be held on 18 August, 2015, for further information please see the flyer. Please view the flyer for the available courses.

Starting your first job or university?
Australia Post now verifies your ID for tax file number applications
http://www.auspost.com.au

Go to www.ato.gov.au/TFNapply to find out more.
If you are interested in any of the following please come along to find out more information and have chat with the Lecturers:

- Cert II Automotives
- Cert II/III Business
- Cert III Community Services
- Cert II Construction Pathways
- Cert II Construction Pathways (non-trade, i.e. estimating/drafting, etc)
- Cert II Data and Voice Communications
- Cert II Electrotechnology
- Cert III Early Childhood Education and Care
- Cert III Education Support
- Cert III Fitness
- Cert III Health Services Assistant
- Cert II Leadership
- Cert II Plumbing
- Cert II Retail Make-up and Skin Care
- Cert II Sport and Recreation
P&F Quiz Night

The P&F Quiz Night is being held on Saturday 29 August, 7.00pm in the Bernie Boss Hall. To find out further information please view the flyer. Bookings can be made by following the link, http://www.trybooking.com/IPQX

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QUIZ NIGHT

Date: Saturday 29 August 2015
Time: 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. start
Venue: Bernie Boss Hall
Tables of: Eight
Cost: $10.00 per head
Alcohol: will be available for purchase
B.Y.O: nibbles

Tickets may be purchased through Trybooking,
http://www.trybooking.com/IPQX

Come along and join in the fun!
Volunteer Expo
Volunteers are the heartbeat of our community! The upcoming Volunteer Expo on Saturday 22 August, 11am-3pm, at Craigie Leisure Centre, is set to be another fantastic event showcasing a broad range of wonderful volunteering opportunities. Clubs, groups and organisations will host stalls promoting a range of volunteering opportunities... from environmental conservation, advocacy and events through to writing, being on community boards, bus driving and everything in between.

Feast of the Assumption
Celebrated every year on August 15, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven, before her body could begin to decay—a foretaste of our own bodily resurrection at the end of time. Because it signifies the Blessed Virgin’s passing into eternal life, it is the most important of all Marian feasts and a Holy Day of Obligation.

History of the Assumption
The Feast of the Assumption is a very old feast of the Church, celebrated universally by the sixth century. The feast was originally celebrated in the East, where it is known as the Feast of the Dormition, a word which means “the falling asleep.” The earliest printed reference to the belief that Mary’s body was assumed into Heaven dates from the fourth century, in a document entitled “The Falling Asleep of the Holy Mother of God.” The document is written in the voice of the Apostle John, to whom Christ on the Cross had entrusted the care of His mother, and recounts the death, laying in the tomb, and assumption of the Blessed Virgin.

Mass Times
St Anthony’s
Saturday 6.30pm
Sunday 7.30am | 9.00am | 6.00pm

Our Lady of the Mission
Saturday – 8.30am | 6.30pm
Sunday – 8.00am | 9.30am | 11.00am | 5.45pm
Francis Jordan Catholic Primary School 20th Anniversary

Francis Jordan Catholic School cordially invites past students and staff to an Afternoon Tea to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Francis Jordan Catholic School (formerly Currambine Catholic Primary School) in the Sue Groves Hall at the School From 3.30pm to 5pm on Sunday September 13, 2015. Please RSVP to huggins.cathy@fjcs.wa.edu.au before August 31 2015 for catering purposes.