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

ASSUMPTION OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

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.

The Assumption signals the end of Mary’s earthly life and marks her return to heaven to be reunited with Jesus. While the bodies of both Jesus and Mary are now in heaven, there is a difference between the Assumption and the Resurrection. Where Jesus arose from the tomb and ascended into heaven by his own power, Mary’s body was taken up to heaven by the power of her Son. For this reason we use different words to describe each event. One is the Ascension of Christ and the other, the Assumption of Mary.

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. Holy Days of Obligation are feast days on which Catholics are required to attend Mass. Please refer to your local Parish Bulletins for the times of Mass on Saturday.

UPDATING PARENT EMAIL ADDRESSES

Email communication to parents is a very effective manner of communication between the College and parents. However, it only remains effective if parent email addresses are kept up-to-date. If your primary email address has changed recently, please contact the College and provide an accurate email address that can be used in our communication with home.

YEAR 11 ENCOUNTER DAYS

This Thursday and Friday Year 11 students will be participating in a range of activities as part of their Encounter experience. There will be a day of workshops at the College and a day of service activity with various community organisations.

The Encounter Days are an integral part of the College curriculum and provide a different learning experience for students in environments outside the normal classroom. The outreach to others is an important part of our Social Justice program and provides the opportunity to put our beliefs into practice.

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.

BISHOPS RELIGIOUS LITERACY TEST

Our Year 9 students sat the Bishops Religious Literacy Test last week. This state-wide test is aimed at gauging the level of students’ understanding of the key themes in our Religious Education curriculum. Results will be available for distribution to parents early next term.

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. More details will follow in coming weeks.

TERMS’ 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’s leaving. We would like the opportunity to discuss these avenues before any final decision is made.

Please contact our Enrolment Officer, Mrs Angela Lourens, 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.
TERM 3, 2015 - DANCE PERFORMANCES

The Dei to Dance have several performances coming up in Term 3. Please see below for a list of the performances and details as to where tickets can be purchased. We hope to see lots of Mater Dei friends and family in the audience.

Mrs Wendy Martin
Health & Physical Education/Dance Co-ordinator

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Save the Date

Parents of the Year 7 students are invited to attend a cyber-safety session to be presented by Jordan Foster on 10 August, 6.30pm. of ySafe Solutions. Please follow the link for further information.

Year 11

The Year 11 Parent Information Evening is on Tuesday 11 August at 6.30 - 7.30pm in the Bernie Boss Hall, parking will be available on the College oval.

Mr Garry Grabski
Year 11 Coordinator

New Zealand Ski Trip

Year 11 Report

On the 8-16 July, thirteen Year 11 students joined twenty seven other students from Years 10 and 12 on a ski trip to Queenstown, New Zealand. After having our flight from Perth to Auckland delayed by two hours, and almost missing our connecting flight, we landed in Queenstown. We enjoyed our first day wandering through town, and looking forward to skiing and snowboarding the next day. The next five days involved starting the day with breakfast at 6.45am, while it was still dark, and leaving for the slopes at 7.45am. Our bus driver, Stoney, was full of exciting stories about his experiences on the slope, and was willing to pass his knowledge on to us. The five days spent at The Remarkables and Coronet Peak, skiing and snowboarding, which were heaps of fun. Especially once you got over the fact that you are going to fall over plenty of times before the slopes got better! In the evenings, we were allowed to walk into Queenstown for dinner and chill out in the common room. The weather on the trip was perfect until Mr Camuglia jinxed it on our last day of skiing/snowboarding. On our last full day in Queenstown, we had our Shotover Jet Boat ride cancelled, leading to some very disappointed students, then had the paragliding cancelled later in the afternoon. Instead, all of us went on the luge and gondola ride, and enjoyed it, even though it was very cold and raining, which wasn’t pleasant. The last morning came, and we all packed our bags onto the bus, ready for the return home. A final raid of the candy shop at Queenstown Airport, and the last video diary and photos inside the international departure gates at Auckland, and we were on our flight home. Throughout the trip, many fond memories were made, experiences shared and laughs had. The ski trip was an experience enjoyed by the whole group and an awesome experience to share with your friends and schoolmates. Thanks to all the staff who came for the great trip, and a big thank you to Mr Camuglia for the organisation of it. The ski trip is an experience none of us will ever forget, and something recommended for any student who wants to go.

Mikaela Pryce & Michael Cole
Year 11
**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

**Latest Recipients of Merit Certificates**

**Benedict House**

Rheannon Dalton (Year 10), 1 merit certificate

**McCormack House**

Rhys Whiting (Year 7), 2 merit certificates

**Romero House**

Megan Rosser (Year 8), 4 merit certificates  
Keeley Graham (Year 8), 1 merit certificate

**Siena House**

Charlotte Lyons (Year 8), 2 merit certificates

**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, Cliftons 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. http://www.skillswestexpo.com.au/

Murdoch University Scholarships
Murdoch University offers a large range of scholarships, prizes and awards that help assist students to achieve their potential. High achievers, students facing financial hardship, from a regional or remote location, with a disability, or students who have faced disruptions or educational disadvantages are encouraged to apply for financial support. http://our.murdoch.edu.au/Student-life/Finances/?pid=SEM1_2016_UGPG_HP_mod_scholarships

UWA OPEN DAY
Sunday 9th August from 10am to 4pm. http://www.myprogram.openday.uwa.edu.au/

CareerLink Expo
To be held on 18 August, 2015, for further information please see the flyer. The available courses will be listed in next week’s newsletter.

EXPO
Information Evening Showcasing Vocational Education and Training Courses 2016
Meet with the Registered Training Providers offering a range of courses
Students select preferences for Courses

TUESDAY 18th AUGUST 2015
Introduction at 6.45 pm
Exhibitors conclude at 8pm

Venue:
Sacred Heart College
Gymnasium
McInerney Centre
Hocking Parade
Sorrento

Students from member schools include
Vale School
Irene McCormick Catholic College
John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School
Lake Joondalup Baptist College
Mater Dei College
Sacred Heart College
St Mark’s Anglican Girls’ School
St Mary’s Anglican Girls’ School

The VET Coordinator from your School will be based at the Information Desk to answer your enquiries
Enter School via Hocking Parade and exit West Coast Highway

ANY STUDENT THINKING OF JOINING CAREERLINK IN 2016 SHOULD ATTEND THE EXPO
Community Events

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

Mater Dei College
P & F

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!
Funeral Notice

It is with great sadness that we inform the Mater Dei College community of the passing of Father Paddy Boyle. Fr Patrick (Paddy) Boyle passed away on Sunday morning August 2 at 4.00am. Fr Paddy was the longest serving Parish Priest of St Anthony’s Parish. He served two terms: 1960-1968 and 1982-2002.

Fr Paddy, originally from county Donegal in Ireland, has become a household name in this parish. So many people have benefitted from his call to serve Christ in the priesthood. I have never heard a bad word spoken about Fr Paddy throughout my 8 years of service in this area. That is extraordinary and a witness of sorts to the goodness of God shining so brightly through his life and ministry. From his first Mass in the old St Anthony’s church on a cold Monday morning with just 2 parishioners to the construction of the current church in 2001…everything he did was in service of the people. He stands as a wonderful witness and challenging example to each of us. Let us pray that God’s presence will be so easily traced in our lives once we have returned to God.

REST IN PEACE GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT… Slán abhaile!

Fr John Daly

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FUNERAL NOTICE FOR FR PADDY BOYLE OSM

ROSARY
ST ANTHONY’S CHURCH WANNEROO
SUNDAY EVENING AUGUST 9
AT 7.30PM

FUNERAL MASS
ST ANTHONY’S CHURCH WANNEROO
MONDAY MORNING AUGUST 10
AT 10.30AM
ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE DAY MASS

All are warmly invited to attend this special Mass on 11 August, celebrated by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, at St Mary’s Cathedral, Victoria Sq, Perth, at 7.00 pm. A blessing will be bestowed on all married couples.

Do you know a couple celebrating 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 or even 70 years in 2015?
The Bishops would like to give these couples a special commemorative certificate as part of the celebration.

Details must be received at Catholic Marriage and Fertility Services by 22 July, 08 9241 5000, derek.boylen@perthcatholic.org.au.

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.