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

END OF SEMESTER

This week is the final week of Semester 1 and Term 2. It has been a very busy term, albeit a little longer in being eleven weeks, and this week is the final chance to end the term on a positive note.

For Year 12 students, the July break is the last real opportunity for respite before Term 3 and the run down to the WACE exams begins in earnest.

For students in the other year groups, the feedback from Semester Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews will point to some areas that need attention before the start of Term 3.

The Semester One Reports have been distributed electronically in the past week. Please let the College Administration know if there are any issues of access that need addressing.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Interviews between parents, students and teachers took place on Tuesday 30 June. This provided an important opportunity for conversations with teachers about students’ progress in Semester One. Thank you to the parents that attended.

SOUTHWEST TOUR

Our Music Students returned from their successful tour of southwest venues over the weekend. They performed at aged-care homes, schools and other venues in the Margaret River and Busselton regions. Once again, the musical prowess of our students astounded all the audiences in the various venues. Well done all!

TERM 3 DATES

Normal classes for Term 3 resume on Wednesday 22 July.

TERM BREAK

I would like to take this chance to wish all in our Mater Dei College community a safe and enjoyable term break and hope that a return to school in Term 3 will see a renewed and refreshed approach to College life.

Barry Alfirevich
**Term Events**

1-2 July
Year 10 Outdoor Education Camp

3 July
End of Term Assembly, p.6 - Announcement of the Student Leaders
Last day of Term

20-21 July
Staff Training Days

21 July
Board meeting

22 July
Students return, Term 3 begins
PC Times – Year Assemblies

23 July
Benedict Feast Day
PC Times – House Assemblies

27-31 July
Religious Literacy Test Week

28 July
ICAS English Competition

29 July
PC Times – Peer Support / Homeroom

30 July
Australian Maths Competition Years 7-12

31 July
Year 7 Fremantle Dockers Cup

Please click here to view the full Term Calendar

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**Message from Deputy**

**Whose Uniform Item Is That?**

There have been numerous reports of items of uniform (from ties to trousers and everything in between) that have gone missing during the term. It would be very helpful and much appreciated by some families if parents/guardians could check to ensure that all of the College clothing in your child’s possession has not been mistakenly accumulated when getting changed at school. This check, however, will only be of any value if the clothing has been marked with the child’s name. The importance of ensuring that every piece of clothing is permanently and clearly marked cannot be stressed enough.

If you locate any items of uniform or other such materials that have mistakenly been acquired, it would be appreciated if you return them to Student Services or to the Uniform Shop.

Mrs Erika Hancock
Deputy Principal

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**School Fees**

It was a College requirement that school fees be paid in full by 31 March for families that are not on an approved payment plan. As a matter of justice to other parents and students at the College all parents are required to meet their financial commitments. Consideration will be given to parents that are experiencing financial hardship. If you have not made arrangements to enter into a payment plan please make an appointment to discuss further with the Assistant Business Manager, Mr Sean McDonagh.

Mrs Kerry Davidson
Business Manager

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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 of ySafe Solutions. Please follow the link for further information.

MAAD Festival
Students enjoyed performances by the Junior Dance group and the Year 7 Cheer Leaders

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Please Note: The Mater Dei College Administration Office will be open from 9am to 3pm during the school holidays. Please refer to our website for any information regarding forthcoming events.
Year 10 Dance

Students in Year 10 Dance have been studying the Musical Theatre genre in Semester One. Recently the students attended the Broadway Musical Wicked. Wicked is the untold story of the witches of OZ.

The students also performed in the ACHPER Secondary Dance Festival. This performance was the culmination of the unit and involved the students performing a Musical Theatre routine titled “Steam Heat” from the Musical Pyjama Game.

These talented girls also choreographed their own contemporary piece titled “Love Me Like You Do”. Congratulations to you all!

Mrs Martin
Health and Physical Education

Year 11 & 12 Dance

The Senior Dance girls have been busy choreographing their dances for Dance Team in Semester One. We have been entered into several competitions and performances for Term 3. The first being the Catholic Performing Arts Festival, which will run on Monday 17 and Tuesday 18 August, at the Perth Convention Centre. Tickets will be available from Ticketek and will be available from Monday 20 July.

The second performance is Perth Dance Challenge and will be on either 29 - 30 August, at Southern River College, Gosnells. Our performance date has not yet been confirmed. Tickets for this performance can be purchased at the door.

We are also entered into YOFEST with the theme of Equality. This will be performed at Subiaco Arts Centre, 31 August – 3 September. Tickets for this performance are available from the venue and will go on sale from 1 July.

Lastly, we have been invited to perform in Catholic Education’s Carnevale, on Thursday 10 September. This performance will be at the Perth Cultural Centre.

On top of all this, the class also recently attended a contemporary dance performance titled, Be Yourself, by ADT. Term 3 is certain to be one busy term!

Mrs Martin
Health and Physical Education
Kenya Mission

We congratulate the College on their marvellous fund raising effort. On Wednesday 24 June, in bitterly cold weather, students wore their House uniform in support of the Kenya Mission. We raised over $820 for the children of Songa Mbele.

We are also very fortunate that Sr Mary, Head of Mercy Sisters Kenyan Mission projects, will be able to speak with students at the final assembly on Friday 3 July. We know that her long experience, over 25 years, in Kenya, working in tough conditions will be inspirational for the students.

Ms Amanda Dawson
English Teacher & Salvado House Leader

MADD Festival

Music, Art, Dance and Drama Festival

You may have seen the origami and paper butterflies on the Romero building and the Student Services, these installations are part of the MADD festival at the College.

The festival will include recess and lunchtime performances from the Music and Drama departments, along with an Open Air Art Studio.
Year 7 and 8 Social

On Friday 12 June the year 8s and year 7s had their social. It went from 7:00 to 9:30pm. The theme for the social was blockbuster. Around 180 students attended and all dressed up. It was lots of fun! There was a DJ and we enjoyed pizza and a soft drink. We danced and had lots of photos taken. Everyone made a huge effort in finding a costume to wear. Prizes were awarded to the best dressed person, best dressed group and best dancer for each year. Some winning costumes included Little Red Riding Hood, Katniss Everdeen, The Mad Hatter and Mean Girls. Thanks to everybody that helped make this a great night. It was such a fun night!

Aiysha Wigley

Music Tour 2015

On Thursday the 25 June, 23 students from the College Concert Band, Swing Band and Dixie Band travelled down south to Busselton to tour around various locations performing at a variety of venues. We departed from the College after lunch, and arrived at the campsite by 4pm, after a long trip.

The next day, after an early start, we were to perform at two Catholic Primary Schools, St Thomas Moore in Margaret River and St Joseph's in Busselton. The children at the two schools were beyond enthusiastic, singing and dancing along to the performances. During our performance at St Joseph’s Primary School, we were joined by musicians from the local Catholic college, MacKillop College. Returning to these two schools, after two years, was a great way to start the tour after feeling so welcomed.

On this day we were also given the opportunity to do some sight-seeing, visiting the Candy Cow in Cowaramup; a popular lolly shop which brought an extra level of sugar-filled excitement to our already amazing tour. Later that evening, we were also joined by and Miss Urquhart.

On Saturday the Dixie and Swing Bands departed for Cape Care; an aged care retirement home in Busselton, to perform some classic jazz favourites for them. This was a great opportunity for the students to perform for a different type of audience and we were happy to see them so delighted by the music. After several encores, we returned to the campsite for lunch before heading off to Simmo’s Ice Creamery. Here, all three bands performed for the ice cream lovers of Dunsborough. This was a great way to conclude our tour performances and we were pleased with the crowd that came along.

Thanks must go to all the staff who attended including: Miss Urquhart, Mr Reimers and Miss Wheeler who looked after us so well and made sure we were well organised. Grateful thanks to Mrs Biagioni and Mrs Cooper, who cooked all our delicious food for us while we were away and organised an amazing Christmas in June/July evening. Of course Mr Basile must also be thanked, without whom the whole tour would not have been possible and who made it such a memorable experience for all!

Emma-Jane Potter, Amy Haigh and Connor Goddard
Mater Dei College Cafeteria

Please Help!!! The canteen desperately 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 2: Trading Hours

Week 11
Monday  8.00 am - 12.00 pm
Wednesday  8.00 am - 9.30 am
Thursday   8.00 am - 12.00 pm
                      12.30 pm - 4.30 pm

Please Note: Closed during school holidays

Student Smartrider Card, EFTPOS and Credit Card facilities available

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

Term 3: Trading Hours

Week 1 - 2
Monday: 8.00am-12.00pm
Wednesday: 8.00am-9.30am
Thursday: 8.00am -12.00pm/12.30pm-4.30pm

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

Latest Recipients of Merit Certificates

Benedict House

Daniel Fazari (Year 7) has been awarded his Bronze level card. Congratulations
Heather Bongiovanni (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.

http://www.mdc.wa.edu.au/programmes/co-curricular/
Junior Girls Soccer

Our last match in the Champion Schools Football Cup Round Robin Competition was away at Ashdale. The match was played in fine but chilly conditions with a good crowd of supporters for both sides. The MDC girls took charge of the game from the get go with strong defence and dominating in attack. Once again it took a while to score but once we did we were on a roll. Our striker Taneesha Baker scored 3 goals in the first half, the second being an excellent penalty shot. The girls went into the second half feeling confident until Ashdale started to display a more attacking style of game and managed to score. With some strong work in defence, led by our sweeper Emily Bennett, we held them at bay and Taneesha scored the final goal to give us a resounding win! We have won three of our four matches in the round robin competition so look set to go through to the next round. Congratulations to all girls on an excellent display of teamwork and sportsmanship and to all parents who came along to support us.

Tuesday June 23, 2015  Mater Dei 4 def Ashdale 1

Mrs Janine Boyle
Junior Girls Soccer Coach

Inter-School Lightning Carnival

A huge thank you has been given by St Anthony’s, for the outstanding contribution made by a group of Mater Dei students, acting as referees and umpires, to the success of the primary school lightning Carnival on Friday 5 June. The stirling work by the students not only helped in the smooth running of the day, but that they actually had a major impact through their positive approach which was mentioned by many. As Anne Shakespeare from St Anthony’s primary commented “The carnival would not have been such a success without their help”. I’m not sure if this comment came from the fact that many of the referees from Mater Dei were ex-St Anthony’s students!

Well done to Shay Taaffe, Abby Turner, Keely Lynch, Georgia Chomiak, Shanai Beezley, Meg Daly, Emilia Severenson, Estelle Burke, Christian Vest, Nathan Webster, Cody Bingham, Zoe Jones, Elise Andreiou, Giorgia Andreiou and Georgia Charles.

Mr David Green
Year 8 Coordinator
Curtin University Parent Information Evening
YEAR 12 – Sunday, 2 August
This event is intended to help demystify university preferences and the TISC process. There will be an opportunity to speak with Curtin experts from admissions, scholarships, university support services and faculties.

Curtin University: Medical School Approval
Curtin University welcomes the Federal Government’s approval for its Medical School. From 2017 Curtin will offer a five-year direct-entry medical degree that will help the state meet an urgent doctor shortage. The program will be the only undergraduate entry program in the State.

Polytechnic West: Pre-Apprenticeships
Polytechnic West offers a range of pre-apprenticeship courses to assist you in gaining an apprenticeship. Pre-apprenticeship courses are full-time and provide background skills and knowledge to make a future apprenticeship easier.
http://www.polytechnic.wa.edu.au/content/pre-apprenticeships

University of Notre Dame: School Holiday Outreach Programs
Wednesday 15 & Thursday 16 July @ University of Notre Dame, Fremantle
Notre Dame’s Academic Enabling & Support Centre organise outreach programs for students to achieve success in Years 11 and 12. The sessions cover time management, study skills, and dealing with procrastination. Cost: $60.
http://www.nd.edu.au/academic_support/outreach

University of Western Australia
Day in the Life of a Uni Student events have opened for registration. To apply please follow the link:
http://www.studyat.uwa.edu.au/about/events/DITL
This July holidays they have a bigger range than previous years, including Business, Engineering, Architecture, Psychology, Botany (includes Marine and Agricultural Science), Law and Physics. The closing date for applications is 30 June.

Mining Careers.com
Interested in a career in the mining industry? Visit this website to find out about the many jobs within the industry, including education pathways, potential salaries and jobs in demand.
http://www.miningcareers.com/

ApprentiCentre
ApprentiCentre manages the apprenticeship and traineeship system in WA. They aim to assist employers, apprentices and trainees through every stage of their apprenticeship/traineeship. The website features a library of information on apprenticeships and traineeships including a jobs board with over 100 opportunities across the state.
Community Events

Seasons For Growth

An adult grief and loss programme to help people cope with death, separation, divorce, any loss in our lives, will commence 29 July, 5, 12, 19 August 7.00-9.30pm for four Wednesdays at Mater Dei College, Edgewater.

If you have any questions regarding the program or would like to register your interest, please contact: Sr Margaret Kane rsj 94403914 email margk2@bigpond.net.au

School Holiday Activities

Anchors Youth Centre

Online registrations are now open for the Winter 2015 Anchors Youth Holiday Program!
For bookings and to view the full program of activities, please visit City of Joondalup’s youth website here.

Please note:

- If the young person has any Special Needs, please contact the office before placing your bookings on 9400 4228

- Due to the popularity of activities, places cannot be held without the online registration and participant details forms being completed no less than two (2) days prior to the activity date/s

- Don’t forget! Anchors Drop In will still be open throughout the holidays with extended operating hours from 4pm to 9.00pm for Free-For-All-Fridays

College Contacts

Please note the College Administration and Student Services office hours are 8.00 am - 4.00 pm

College Administration – 9405 4777
Students Services – 9405 0563
Absentees – 9405 0599
Uniform Shop – 9405 0539
Cafeteria – 9405 0528