



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

February

Mon 16	Professional Development Day (Pupil Free—OFFICE CLOSED)
Tue 17	Professional Development Day (Pupil Free—OFFICE CLOSED)
Wed 18	Ash Wednesday School Mass 9am
Fri 20	Welcome Morning Tea

Vision Statement

A welcoming faith community

We value relationships

We pursue excellence in learning

We live the Gospel message of love

Reflection

"I have always been delighted at the prospect of a new day, fresh try, one more start with perhaps a bit of magic waiting somewhere behind the morning..." *Joseph Priestly.*

God our Father, as we settle in to this new school year that we all share together, be amongst us and guide us to be generous and a source of encouragement to one another Amen.

Encourage one another,
Build one another up.
Be at peace among yourselves...
Always seek to do good to one another...
Rejoice always,
Pray constantly.
Give thanks in all circumstances;
For this is God's will,
In Christ Jesus, for you.



1 Thes. 5:11,13,15-18

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

This week teachers have held Parent Information meetings for all classes where they outlined classroom routines, expectations and learning programs. Thank you to parents who have attended these meetings. In our busy lives, time is a precious commodity for us all. I thank teachers for their time in planning for and presenting these meetings. Classroom programs are well underway, with students settled into new rooms and new routines. Parents are asked to ensure that students are well rested for the school day, with bedtime routines in place, so they are ready for the learning challenges and the social interactions that each day brings. It is particularly important that students, after a busy weekend, are in bed early on Sunday night. In the past couple of years, we have noticed an increase in the number of very tired children on Monday mornings. This results in decreased engagement and application for the start of the new week and an increase in irritability and lessened tolerance when playing with other children during recess and lunchtime.

As teachers outlined at parent meetings, parents are invited to meet with the teacher if they have concerns or questions. We will continue to work in partnership with parents so that our students thrive across all aspects of their learning and development.

Maureen Tully
Principal

STUDENT AWARDS

YEAR 1	Zachary Bemrose	Milly Sarre	Nicholas Bouzada Olgiati
YEAR 2	Cleo Pense	Samuel Pedley	Niah Bobby
YEAR 3	Max Di Lallo	Alexis Donovan	Sophia Cross
YEAR 4	Maddison Lord	Sebastian Hiscox	
YEAR 5	Luke Giovenetti	Tenika Cross	
YEAR 6	Whole Class Award		

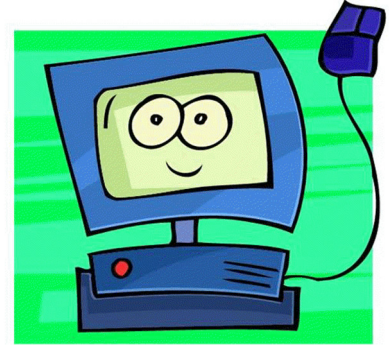
IT MATTERS

Dear parents,

With the busyness of ensuring that staff and students have had access to the new school Informational Technology interface and keeping up with minor issues that crop up at the beginning of any school year, we have not informed you of the changes that affect you. The parent page that used to contain RE Letters, term planners, canteen notes, policies, rosters, uniform etc. is no longer in existence. This information can now be found on the school website www.stmarysbnby.wa.edu.au. A new tab will be created for P&F information as well as a tab for curriculum information.

Parents are asked to access the school website to receive the school newsletter and other communications from the school.

- Helen Brown, IT Coordinator



IMPORTANT LITURGICAL DATES FOR ST MARY'S



We celebrate Ash Wednesday in our School

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

Friends and family are invited to join staff and students for our first Eucharistic Celebration of 2015 on 18 February 9am.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent for Catholics. The ashes we receive on our forehead in the shape of a cross serve as an outward sign of our sinfulness and need for penance. The ashes also symbolize our mortality, a reminder that one day we will die and our bodies will return to dust.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE ST MARY'S COMMUNITY LENTEN GROUP

Come and join a vibrant group for prayer, reflection and discussion to prepare for the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

WHERE: Chapel

WHEN : Tuesday 4 Feb
 Tuesday 3 Mar
 Tuesday 10 Mar
 Tuesday 17 Mar
 Tuesday 24 Mar
 Tuesday 31 Mar

AT: 9.15AM



SCHOOL NEWS

THREE YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN/ANNUAL SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Following consultation with staff, students and parents in Semester 2 last year, we worked with an external consultant to develop a three year strategic plan for St Mary's. From this, we developed our 2015 Annual School Improvement Plan. Copies of both plans are available on our school website along with today's newsletter.

P & F MEETING

Thank you to all the parents who attended Tuesday night's P & F Meeting. It was very heartening to see the great turnout and the P & F Executive greatly appreciate your support. There was extensive discussion on allocation of P & F funds this year. Minutes from the Meeting will be available on the school website.

The next P & F meeting will be on Tuesday 10 March

Term 2 Meetings: Tuesday 5 May; Tuesday 9 June

Term 3 Meetings: Tuesday 28 July; Tuesday 1 September

Term 4 Meeting: Tuesday 20 October

AGM: Tuesday 24 November

Forward Planning Meeting (Term 4) - date TBA

P&F NEWS

A big thank you to all of the parents that purchased their school supplies through Central News. Thanks to your support Suzanne and Ian Cross of Central News have very kindly donated \$1899.56 back to the P&F. Thank you Suzanne and Ian and Central News.

BOARD MEETING

The first School Board Meeting for 2015 was held on Tuesday night. Welcome to our new Board members—Joanne Pitts, Suzie Liaros, Kim Piantentini and Chez Spinelli.

Congratulations and thank you to Martin Hynes who has taken on the role of School Board Chair in 2015. Other Board members are:

Daniel Marshall—Treasurer

Chris Gibbs—P & F Board Representative

Paddy Catalano

The role of Board Secretary will be decided at our next Board Meeting on Tuesday 10 March. Thank you to all Board members for volunteering their time and expertise in planning for the present and future operation of our school and managing all the finances associated with school.

PUPIL FREE DAYS

Next Monday and Tuesday, 16 and 17 February, are Professional Development days for staff and are pupil free. On Monday, teachers will work with Dr Lorraine Hammond to refine our Explicit Direct Instruction pedagogy, with particular emphasis on Checking for Understanding (CFU). On Tuesday, teachers will discuss the continued implementation of this instructional approach and set up student GAFF pages for accessing AR, internet, etc. In the afternoon, staff will have a workshop on Meroes Protective Behaviours Program.

HEALTH CARE CARD DISCOUNT

Health Care Card holders are provided with a discount on Tuition Fees. This HCC Tuition Fee Discount Scheme was introduced in 2005. The discount applies to tuition fees only and does not cover additional charges such as camps, text books, building levy, insurances and other charges. Parents are asked to provide a copy of their HCC to the office in order to avail of the discount.

SCHOOL CHOIRS

This year we have two school choirs—Year 3/4 Choir and Year 5/6 choir. All students in these classes have a half hour choir lesson with Mr Ian Mills each week. As well as learning to sing in tune, students also refine their listening skills and the discipline of performing as a group. As the year progresses, both choirs will have the opportunity to perform in public.

ITALIAN LESSONS

We welcome Mrs Nita Scasserra back next Wednesday, 18 February, as Italian lessons commence for 2015. Thank you to parents and staff who signed the Italo-Australian Cultural Centre petition as advertised in last week's newsletter. Mrs Scasserra has forwarded this signed petition to Perth.

FULL FAMILY DETAILS INFORMATION SHEET

A Full Family Details information sheet has been sent out to each family this week. Please carefully check your family details and update them. If your details have not changed please sign the information sheet and return it to school. Please return the Full Family Details sheet by Wednesday 18 February.

It is very important that we have the correct information for your children's safety and well-being.

UNIFORM NOTES

All items of uniform are available for purchase from the uniform shop on Wednesday mornings between 8.30 and 9.30am. Parents who have ordered school jumpers, I am still waiting for delivery and will forward to you as soon as they arrive.

WHAT DO TEACHERS AND STUDENTS USE SMALL WHITEBOARDS FOR?

Teachers use whiteboards to "check for understanding." Whiteboards allow teachers to check all students at once rather than calling on a few students to answer. Whiteboards are small erasable boards where each student individually writes an answer. The teacher then calls for all students to hold them up and show their answers, often with a prompting phrase such as "One, Two, Three, Show Me!" or "Ready, Set, Show." With a quick glance around the room, the teacher can determine if all students have understood the concept.

Examples of questions teachers might ask:

Write a number with 7 in the thousands place

Write three verbs that drop the 'e' before adding 'ing'

Write the number that comes before 7

On the smart board are 4 sentences. Write the number of the sentence, i.e. 1,2,3 or 4 that is the simile.

The uses for individual student whiteboards are numerous. Calling on students in this way holds all students accountable to answer, not just the few that the teacher might call on. It also allows the teacher to check if students have grasped the learning, or whether a concept needs to be retaught.

LIBRARY HELPERS NEEDED

If you are able to cover books for the school library, please see Mrs Brown or Mrs Holdsworth so that your name can be placed on a volunteers list

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL - BUNBURY CONFERENCE

St Mary's received a letter from the St Vincent de Paul Bunbury Conference thanking us for our donation of food and gifts for the Christmas appeal. Our donation assisted the society in providing additional items in their hampers. The Society was able to meet every request received by providing a substantial hamper which included gifts for both children and parents. Thank you!

BOOK CLUB

Issue 1 catalogues were distributed last week and any orders should be returned before Wednesday the 18th of February. All purchases earn our school points which in turn we can use to purchase resources.

HPE News

Swimming Training has commenced. Every Tuesday and Thursday morning at the SWPC, 7.00-7.45am. (Even next Tuesday when there is no school for students).

Parent helpers to date for our Swimming Carnival are: Terry Williams, Trish Welsh, Siobhan DeCoppi and Sapna Heble. We need at least 10 more parent helpers. The Carnival is on Thursday 12th March, 12.30-2.30pm.

No Friday Fitness Fun until further notice. We're waiting for the weather to cool down.

PRE PRIMARY MOTHER'S DAY MORNING TEA HELP PLEASE

Pre Primary are making some delicious home made goods for the upcoming Mother's Day Morning Tea and are URGENTLY requesting donations of any GLASS JARS or GLASS SAUCE BOTTLES with lids. The jars/bottles will be put to good use and would be of great help to our Pre Primary Mums. Any size would be greatly appreciated. They can be brought into the Front Office who will pass them on to us. Thank you!

CANTEEN NEWS

Attached to today's newsletter is the new Canteen Roster for Term 1. Thanks once again to all our beautiful volunteers. I could not do this job without your support and good humour.

Canteen will be operating this Friday as per usual and due to pupil free days next week we will only be open on Friday 20th.

Natalie Berndt





BUNBURY UNITED SOCCER CLUB INC

Junior Soccer Registrations 2015

DATE: Friday 20th and 27th February 2015

AT: Bunbury United Club rooms, Parade Road Bunbury

TIME: 4PM TO 7PM

All old and new players welcome. (Ages 5-16)

Parents must sign registration forms and all NEW children must have a copy of their Birth Certificate.

Any queries please ring Carmela on: 0417963014 or email: cgaric@hotmail.com.

We will accept registrations before the registration days!

Thank you!



FAMILY/REGISTRATION DAY

DATE-SATURDAY 21st FEBRUARY

TIME-11am-2pm

VENUE-South Bunbury Football Club (Hands Oval)

The South Bunbury Junior Football Club is a community based club, which promotes and encourages the Australian Rules Football game for girls and boys from Year 4 up to Year 11. Last Year we brought in a Youth Girls Team (Ages 13 and up).

We aim to provide a safe and fun environment for boys and girls to participate in, and learn the game of Australian Rules Football within our community based club and promote and create club spirit. We are a family orientated football club supporting full participation from all our families and offer volunteer opportunities for all associated roles and responsibilities critical to the safe and effective running of our football club.

We have fantastic support from our Senior Club who provide things like the Development Squad, Senior Players to help with junior training, and a Junior Footballer mascot at every senior home game.

You can also Register online-<http://sbfc.eom.au/junior-online-registration/>

Please contact President: Steve Kirby-PH-0429916756,

Email-sbjfc.president@gmail.com

www.sbfc.com.au

HAY PARK UNITED JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB REGISTRATION DAYS

WHEN: Saturday 28th February and Saturday 7th March

TIME: 9AM - 12PM

WHERE: Excies Hockey Club at Hay Park (Opposite McDonald's)

Contact Danny Tamayo on 0429925391 for more information.



The Astronomical Society of the South West (Inc) will conduct Astronomical Classes for Beginners at their Observatory, Keble Heights, College Grove, Bunbury for six consecutive Wednesdays commencing on Wednesday the 18th of February 2015 at 6.00pm. This is a great chance for anyone keen about the stars to learn all about the wonders of astronomy!

FEES: for the six weeks course are: Adults, - \$80.00; Full-time Students, - \$40.00; Family (Under 9yrs free), - \$150.00; Taster (First Night Only), - \$30.00 per person. **BOOKINGS are essential.**

For Bookings or further information: Phone: Cameron - 9795 8204.

