



# St Mary's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter

Thursday 2 May 2019

### Vision Statement

A welcoming faith community  
We value relationships  
We pursue excellence in learning  
We live the Gospel message of love

## Prayer

Lord, we pray that our school community will experience the peace of God this term that exceeds all understanding. We pray that we will not worry about things we cannot control, but that You will guard our hearts and minds and keep us trusting in You. We pray we will not only enjoy the peace of God, but peace with God. We pray we will develop a spirit of gratitude and thanksgiving as we look to You daily for our needs. We pray that You will give us the capacity for joy that bubbles up from Your peace. Amen

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## From the Principal

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,  
Welcome back to Term 2, how quickly the weeks of holidays have passed! I hope that all families had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday break. Staff and students returned on Tuesday and the transition was smooth. The children's excitement in seeing friends and their teachers was contagious and the energy in the classrooms and the playground was a delight to see. I am sure that each one of them will approach the learning challenges of the term ahead with dedication and enthusiasm.

Thank you to students and parents in ensuring all returned well dressed in winter school uniform. There is a two week changeover period where students may wear either summer or winter uniform as the weather conditions are

changeable at this time of year.

The Chrism Mass on Tuesday in Holy week was a special Mass for the students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. I was very pleased to hear that the small number of students and their parents who attended were captivated by the ritual and seeing the many priests of the Diocese on the Sanctuary. The oil of Chrism that was blessed by Bishop Gerard will be used during the Confirmation Mass.

Thank you to those students who represented St Mary's at the ANZAC Day Mass at St Patrick's as well as the Bunbury [ANZAC Parade](#) on Thursday. To those parents who brought their children to these two events, I am greatly appreciative of your support and commitment to the school and wider community.

Please keep Mrs Webb, the Year 4 students and their friends and families in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare for the reception of the blessed Eucharist for the first time.

On Tuesday next week we will celebrate the gift of Motherhood at our Mother's Day Mass at 9am in the Chapel. Following Mass, the P & F will host St Mary's annual Mother's Day Morning Tea. Thanks to the planning and work of Pre Primary parents. We look forward to an enjoyable morning together. May you feel a great sense of achievement and satisfaction in the event you have organised.

St Mary's will be hosting Mrs Helen Rabjones in Year Three as she completes a teaching practice for the first four weeks of the term.

I wish all students and families a successful term and encourage all students to work hard and do their very best work at all times. Students from Pre Primary to Year 6 will receive Semester 1 formal reports at the end of the term.

God bless,  
Helen Brown  
Short Term Principal

### **P & F President and Vice President Needed**

Are you passionately interested in your child's education?

Do you want to be a part of a vibrant and committed parent group?

Are you willing to set aside a couple of hours a month?

Then have I got the role for you!

If you are interested in taking on the role of P and F President or Vice President who is supported by a strong and experienced executive group, please see Ms Brown.

### **Mother's Day Morning Tea**

The Soccer Oval will be open from 8.30 on Tuesday morning to accommodate parking for the Mother's Day Mass and Morning Tea.

### **News on Mr Cronin**

Mr Cronin has been in touch with us as he recovers at home. He is feeling stronger every day and is looking forward to returning in Week 4.

### **Staff Professional Development Day**

On Monday this week the Staff of St Mary's participated in a Mindfulness and Meditation in the Classroom Workshop with Abbey Piggott. This was a very worthwhile session that looked at the major causes of stress on teachers, the impact on the body and the science behind the relaxation response. Abbey gave staff some simple stress management strategies that can be incorporated into everyday life. Staff were able to set a personal wellbeing goal and will check in with one another regularly to see how they are doing. The second session of the workshop focused on benefits for students when using mindfulness and meditation in the classroom. Many examples of calming strategies and resources were provided for teachers to use in their classroom. To finish the morning, Abbey ran a guided meditation that had all staff very enthused about using the practice with students.

The afternoon was spent with Troy Bennell on an Aboriginal Cultural Immersion Walkabout. Troy is a very talented story teller and throughout the session we learnt about our connection with the earth and one another. We visited The Big Swamp, Koombana Bay and Pioneer Park, three significant sites in Aboriginal Culture. We had a glimpse of the vast knowledge that Troy has and look forward to working with him more closely as we learn about our Aboriginal brothers and sisters. In developing a deeper understanding of the Aboriginal Heritage of our area, we hope to pass on this knowledge to our students and create a stronger relationship between our different cultures.

### **Important Safety Reminders**

All parents and carers are reminded that access to St Mary's School from Columba Street is through the gate closest to the Science room. The driveway between the Chapel and the school is not to be used by parents and students as a thoroughfare.

Please follow Kiss and Drive protocol as per school website. [Link](#)

Please note that reversing from parking bays is not permitted between 8.30 and 9.00am and 3pm and 3.30pm

### **Staffing Matters**

Mrs Anika Skehan will continue teaching in Kindy for the remainder of Term 2. Please keep Mrs Liz Harper in your thoughts and prayers as she continues to convalesce.

We welcome Mrs Joan Zolnier back to her role as Kindy Education Assistant. Mrs Melissa Coulson will teach Pre Primary Monday – Wednesday and Mrs Megan Turpin will teach Pre Primary Thursday and Friday.

Mrs Sue Palumbo is on leave for the first three weeks of term and Mrs Belinda Males will be assisting in Year 1 and 2. Mrs Kerry Bonser will also be assisting in Year 2. Mrs Kim Fildes will be working in the library on Monday to Thursday afternoons 1.30-3pm.

### **Woolworths Earn and Learn**

Woolworths Earn and Learn is back for 2019. Anyone who shops at Woolworths from Wednesday 1st May until Tuesday 25th June 2019 can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. A single Sticker will be given to a customer with every \$10 spent in a single transaction at Woolworths Supermarkets. The more stickers we collect, the more educational resources based on its specific needs,

across all curriculum areas, including Maths, English, Science, Art and Craft, Digital Technologies, Sports and more that we can redeem. Let's stick together and make this one the biggest yet.

### Car Key Found

A car key has been found on the school grounds. Please contact the school office if you are missing a key.

## Calendar Dates

### APRIL

#### Monday 29

Staff Professional Development Day

#### Tuesday 30

First Day Students

### MAY

#### Wednesday 1

Woolworths Earn and Learn Begins

#### Friday 3

General Assembly

#### Tuesday 7

Mother's Day Mass and Morning Tea

#### Friday 10

Pre Primary Assembly

#### Sunday 12

Mother's Day

#### Tuesday 14

NAPLAN Year 3 and 5

#### Wednesday 15

NAPLAN Year 3 and 5

#### Thursday 16

NAPLAN Year 3 and 5

[Link to Term Planners](#)

[Link to 2019 Term Dates](#)

[St Mary's Sports Dates 2019](#)

## Student Awards

### WEEK 9 Term 1

**Year 1** Eleanor Emerson, Mark Procopio, Olivia Devereux, Toby Bemrose

**Year 2** Layla Fildes, Cooper Hopley

**Year 3** Zach Crowley, Emilia Cross

**Year 4** Myra Patterson, Georgia Rodgers

**Year 5** Jade Turpin, Jacob Coulson

**Year 6** Christain Spinelli, Mia Ivey

**Principal** Jasmine Turner, Thomas Bouzada-Olgiati

**A.R. 50%** Kaden Hall, Grace

### WEEK 10 Term 1

**Year 1** Theo Males, Armani

Panuccio, Braxton Lowe

**Year 2** Nyah Twomey, Ryan Coulson

**Year 3** Kesh Fildes, Sophia Machado

**Year 4** Abbie Smith, Kobi Atherton

**Year 5** Alek Liaros, Louis Wright

**Year 6** Levi Postma, Niamh Hamill-Harling, Charlotte Brasher

**A.R. 50%** Rhesty Payapag, Seton Do, Aaron Joseph

**A.R. 75%** Holly Bambrick

**Principal** Thomas Bouzada-Olgiati, Amahli Lowe, Gemelia Fiori, Rubee

Richardson, Abigail Bovell  
**P.E.** Mr Chris Gibbs - Swimming  
training

Males, Tyler Williams, Nuala Hamill-  
Harling

## Important Information

### **Kindergarten 2020**

Families with children currently attending St Mary's Bunbury and who have children due to begin Kindergarten in 2020, are asked to ensure that their Applications for Enrolment have been handed in to the school office as soon as possible, as processing for Kindergarten 2020 has begun.

### **Absentees**

Parents are reminded that written absentee notes with student name, date, reason for absence and parent signature **MUST** be provided for all student absences - a legal requirement from the Education Department of WA. Please notify the school by phone call or email if your child will be absent. When teachers have completed class rolls each morning, the school office will SMS parents for any unexplained/not notified absences each day. A follow up phone call will be made if the school receives no response to text messages. Students arriving at school late, i.e. after the morning siren, **MUST** come through the office and be signed in by their parent/caregiver. **STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO SIGN THEMSELVES IN.** Should a student need to leave school early, their parent/caregiver must sign the student out at the office, even though the class teacher may have been notified. Our Duty of Care requires us to account for each student during school hours, 8:45am to 3:10pm. Remember, even though you have phoned or emailed the school with your child's absence, you must still send a signed note. This is a legal requirement.

### **Library News**

A very BIG thank you to Stella Potter, Kelly Bemrose, Denica Gibbs and Liz McGee for volunteering in the Library last term. Together with the help of Mrs Palumbo the ladies found many fiction and non fiction books that have been added to the AR program in recent years. Thanks to all their hard work and patience we now have many extra books located in the AR section of the library and it didn't cost us a cent! Check out [this photo](#) - it's only half of the books that were found.

Mel Toia

**Book Club**

Issue 3 of Scholastic Book Club went home with students this week. This issue is filled with lovely books and great deals. Remember, every dollar you spend earns rewards points for the school to spend on learning resources for our children. All orders for issue 3 (both online using LOOP and cash orders via classroom red baskets) are due by Friday 17 May.

Additionally, May is National Family Reading month and Scholastic is running a 'Read More In May' challenge. You can find out more about the challenge, the prizes on offer and register your family by visiting [scholastic.com.au/nfrm](http://scholastic.com.au/nfrm) The 'Read More In May' challenge hopes to fill everyone's homes with hours of delight, experiencing the pleasures and benefits of reading every day during the month of May. Good luck and happy reading!

**Mother's Day Morning Tea**

TUESDAY 7 MAY 2019

A reminder to those of you who have purchased a ticket to this year's Mother's Day Morning Tea to bring your entry ticket and small change. EFTPOS will also be available on the day. The stall will be full of homemade treats, preserves, plants, lucky dips, gift packs and much more. We look forward to enjoying a lovely morning with you.

\*\* tickets are still available. Contact Jess Kelly [jkelly@sw.dalealcock.com.au](mailto:jkelly@sw.dalealcock.com.au) if you would like to purchase one \*\*

**Catholic Mission - Baptised and Sent Song Competition**

Please see below for competition details and information.

[Information Sheet](#)

[Registration Form](#)

**Parents of Students in Years 7 and and 8 at Bunbury Catholic College**

BCC MARIST CAMPUS SUNDOWNER YEAR 7 & YEAR 8 PARENTS/CARERS

You are invited to attend BCC Sundowner this Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May from 4pm at Prince of Wales. Your \$15 ticket includes a welcome drink and finger food.

Tickets available from school reception or online:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sundowner-bunbury-catholic-college-marist-year-7-yr-8-parents-tickets-59650413994>

## St Mary's Photo Day

**St Mary's Catholic Primary School**  
**SCHOOL PHOTOS INFORMATION**

**Our School Photos will be taken on:****Thursday 23rd of May 2019****Class Photos/Portraits:**

- Every Student will have their photo taken, whether they are purchasing photos or not.
- The school has chosen to use the online ordering system. Your child has been given an online ordering instruction slip and a unique student shootkey. Log onto [www.msp.com.au](http://www.msp.com.au) and follow the prompts to place your order.
- If you lose your shootkey, the school reception will have a copy to quote back to you.
- The expiry date for online ordering is the 29.05.2019. Any orders received after this date will incur a \$30.00 archive fee. You can email your order request through to [reorders.perth@msp.com.au](mailto:reorders.perth@msp.com.au) or call our office on 08 9240 8000

**Family Photos:**

- Envelopes can be obtained from Administration.
- Family photos are taken in the morning before school from 7.45am.
- Please ensure that your family envelope and payment are handed to the Photographers on photo day.
- If you do not have the correct money we will provide any change needed when photos are delivered to school.
- Family photos cannot be ordered online.

**Special/Sports Group Photos:**

- If your child is in a Special Groups photo you will receive a link and password to the online gallery after photo day. You can then view and order if required. Photos will be delivered with the school's bulk order.

Please Note: Class Groups, Individuals and Family Photos are not available to view online

## Health & Physical Education

**Carnivals and PE Events for 2019**

Click [here](#) for the link on our website which lists all our PE carnivals and activities for 2019.

Tino Alberti

Physical Education Teacher

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## Science Discovery Day

On Wednesday and Thursday in the last week of Term 1, the Year 5 and 6 classes were lucky enough to compete against 8 other schools in the Science and Engineering Discovery Day. It was a day of new experiences and great learning as teams were given the opportunity to make things such as bionic hands, moon buggies and earthquake towers and send codes through fibre optic rods. The teams demonstrated skills such as extreme persistence, great communication and supportive group work which contributed to their incredible achievements. So successful, that the Year 6 class won the day and scored the highest score in the state so far. The Year 5 class came second on their day with another impressive score. I am beyond proud of their personal and group accomplishments and look forward to seeing our upper primary students continue to succeed! Click [here](#) for photos.

Mrs Hastie

## Canteen

The canteen requires volunteers on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9am to 11.15am for Term 2. Please put your name on the roster available in the office or see Jenelle O'Reilly in the canteen on Wednesdays and Fridays, or contact her on 0407912701. Thank you in advance, your time is very valuable to us!!

[Canteen Menu 2019](#)

## 2020 Entertainment Membership

**Support St Mary's Catholic Primary School Bunbury!**  
**Get your new Entertainment Membership today.**

The 2019 | 2020 Entertainment Memberships are here, with exclusive offers for everything you love to do. It's our best Membership yet, packed with amazing offers for activities, attractions, shopping, travel and all kinds of tasty treats -



from cool cafes to fabulous fine dining.

**With Entertainment there are thousands of experiences you can enjoy,  
while raising funds for the things you care about.**

Click [here](#) to support us now.

## Community News

### Flippa Ball

Flippa Ball [Flyer](#)

Flippa Ball [Rules](#)

### Parenting Programs

Better Health [Term 2 Program](#)

[Parenting Connection South West](#)

[South West Parenting Calendar](#)

[Relationships Australia](#)

[Managing Fighting and Aggression](#)

[Bridget Hennen](#) Acting Classes for Kids

Carey Park [Scout Group](#)

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