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# St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### February

Wed 3	Year 1/2 Parent Information Evening 6pm Year 4 Parent Information Evening 7pm
Thur 4	Kindy Parent Information Evening 6pm
Fri 5	Year 6 Blessing and Commissioning Assembly 8.45am
Mon 8	Year 3 Parent Information Evening 6pm Year 5/6 Parent Information Evening 7pm
Tue 9	Safer Internet Day
Wed 10	Ash Wednesday Whole School Mass 9.30am
Thur 11	Gifted and Talented Testing Tanya Atherton (Year 4) Pre Primary Parent Information Evening 6pm
Fri 12	Sale of desk/chair sets 8am-9.30am

## Vision Statement

A welcoming faith  
community

We value  
relationships

We pursue excellence  
in learning

We live the Gospel  
message of love

## Back to School Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for our students. As they begin this school year, help them to use the talents and gifts you've given them to do their very best.

May they listen to their teachers with respect and open-minds. Help them to be honest and to always seek the truth. Help them to be kind to everyone at school, and to serve others as they would like to be served.

Help them to make good friends and be a good friend to someone in need. Lastly, help them to remember that You're always with them and that You'll never leave their side.

May they love You and follow You with all their hearts, soul, and strength. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

HAVE A GREAT SCHOOL YEAR!



## HOLY YEAR OF MERCY PRAYER

Lord, Jesus Christ,  
You have taught us to  
be merciful like the  
heavenly Father, and  
have taught us that  
whoever sees you, sees  
God.

Show us your  
face so that  
we may be  
saved.  
Amen



Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

Welcome back to the new school year. A special welcome to our new Kindy families and to the Bielawski family in Year 1. We also welcome Mrs Toia back from Maternity Leave, Mrs Murray as Science teacher and Mrs O'Dea from leave last year.

Staff returned last week to plan and prepare for students returning on Monday. Thank you to parents for your preparation of your children's return to school and your organisation of uniforms, school equipment and stationery, lunchboxes and drink bottles. All students looked very smartly dressed in school uniform on Monday. There are lots of very shiny black shoes and sparkling white sports shoes this week. Please do ensure you label all uniform items.

Students arrived with a can-do positive attitude, ready for the challenges, excitement and learning the year will bring. There were occasional students anxious about the "newness" of new classrooms and teachers, but these were put to rest as the routines got underway.

Parent Information evenings are scheduled for this week and next, and I thank teachers for giving of their time to facilitate these meetings at this busy time of year. Teachers will explain routines and outline expectations and learning programs. I thank parents for their support of class teachers and may we work collaboratively supporting each other, so that each student achieves to their ability and potential. I encourage parents to set and practise

positive school habits and routines - a set bedtime before school days, homework routines (time and quiet place away from screens), bags packed the night before, school uniform ready for the morning, a set place for school shoes and school bag, healthy recess and lunch foods and time to play outdoors each day.

Please do give the responsibility to our child to organise themselves, rather than doing things for them (though it may be quicker and easier for you to do these things, it is important that children learn responsibility for self).

I wish all students, staff and parents a successful year where we all - adults and children - learn and grow.

Maureen Tully

Principal

## STUDENT AWARDS

Awards to be presented at tomorrow's assembly will be recorded in next week's newsletter

## SCHOOL NEWS

### TIMETABLE

#### PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS

Date	Class	Time
Wed 3 Feb	Year 1	6pm
	Year 2	6pm
	Year 4	7pm
Thur 4 Feb	Kindy	6pm
Mon 8 Feb	Year 3	6pm
	Year 5	7pm
	Year 6	7pm
Thur 11 Feb	Pre Primary	6pm

### P & F MEETING

The first P & F meeting for 2016 will be held on Tuesday evening 16 February at 7 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room

#### **P & F Executive 2016**

PRESIDENT	Mrs Sonja Cahill
VICE PRESIDENT	Mrs Mel Sarre
SECRETARY	Mrs Naomi Cross
TREASURER	Mrs Susan Mainstone
BOARD REP	Mr Chris Gibbs

### P & F CLASS REPS

KINDY	Denica Gibbs and Anita Logiudice
PRE PRIMARY	Vanessa Best and Renae O'Connor
YEAR 1	Kristy Richardson and Annaleisha de Chanéet
YEAR 2	Lisa Emerson and Liz McGee
YEAR 3	Jo Spinelli and Jodie Scott
YEAR 4	Medrica Di Lallo and Justine Bow
YEAR 5	Rikki Smith and Brenda Hall
YEAR 6	Jemma Lang and Kerry Italiano

### STUDENT EXECUTIVE 2016

HEAD GIRL	Gabriella Lang
HEAD BOY	Kayde Waldock
DEPUTY HEAD GIRL	Skye Carr
DEPUTY HEAD BOY	Jake Michell

### SCHOOL BOARD

The first School Board Meeting for 2016 will be held on Tuesday 16 February at 5.45pm in the Staffroom. Thank you to parents who have nominated to serve on St Mary's School Board in 2016.

#### **School Board Members 2016 are:**

Mrs Maureen Tully - Ex-office member  
 Mr Martin Hynes  
 Mr Chris Gibbs - P & F Representative  
 Mrs Joanne Pitts  
 Mrs Suzie Liaros  
 Mr Kim Piacentini  
 Mr Chez Spinelli  
 Mr Wayne Evans

**Board Chair, Treasurer and Secretary to be decided at first meeting**

### YEAR 6 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

All year 6 students will have leadership roles and responsibilities. Each student will work on a committee - Equipment, Events, Community, Environment. Each student will also have a role as Captain or Vice Captain at one of the various sports carnivals or competitions this year.

The Year 6 class have set a very positive tone and example this week for all younger classes and we look forward to encouraging and affirming their leadership skills and sense of responsibility and duty as the year progresses. We will have a Leadership Blessing and Commissioning Assembly tomorrow morning and invite all families to join us at 8.45am in the School Hall.

### END OF YEAR CONCERT

Uncollected DVDs of the end of year concert have been given to the respective students.

### **MSP PHOTO DAY**

School photo day will be held on Tuesday 23 February 2016. Envelopes will be handed out to students when they arrive at the beginning of next week.

### **FULL FAMILY DETAILS UPDATE**

Full Family Details forms will be sent home today. Please update any changes and return the form by Friday 12 February. If there are no changes, please sign the form and return it by the aforementioned date. It is important to inform the office if there have been changes to family contact details: address, phone number, email, emergency contact details. In order to provide duty of care for our students, these details must be kept up to date. Thank you.

### **HPE NEWS**

Welcome to the first Health and Physical Education (HPE) snippet for the Newsletter. Monday is Health day for Years 2 – 5. This week's topic is 'Sun Smart'. Parents of Years 2 and 3 can ask their children about George, the Sun Smart Super Star. Fun Fitness Friday will not begin until after Easter.

Years 4, 5 and 6 are invited to attend swimming training at the SWSC from Tuesday 9 February at 7.00am. Training will run for about 50 minutes, and will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays until Thursday 15 March. Cost of entry for training is \$4.30, or you can purchase 10 entry tickets for \$33.

Our Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 18 March from 9.30am until 12pm. The Interschool Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday 23 March between 10am and 12pm.

Have a happy, healthy, fit and fun week.

Tino Alberti

HPE Co-ordinator

### **HOMEWORK FREE NIGHT**

Each Wednesday night on the odd weeks - Weeks 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 - is homework free. This practice at St Mary's is to encourage and support families in spending quality time together - talking, playing board games, playing outside, enjoying each other's company. We do encourage reading - either all family members read (depending on children's ages) or read to your child. Maybe talk about your favourite book/story as a child, or orally retell fairy tales. How many fairy tales could you tell your child? Perhaps challenge each other as parents as to how many you remember.

### **ASH WEDNESDAY MASS**

All community members are invited to join us for Ash Wednesday Mass next Wednesday morning, 10 February, at 9.30am in the Chapel. This day marks the beginning of Lent. Fr Abraham will say Mass as Fr Ed is on leave. Pre Primary will not attend Mass. Fr Abraham will go across to Pre Primary to distribute ashes.

### **CHOIR**

Choir classes began this week and we have the expertise of Mr Ian Mills to conduct these classes each week. We have 3 groups - Years 5/6 and Years 3/4 on Tuesdays and Year 1/2 on Wednesdays. Years 5/6 and Years 3/4 will perform at the Bunbury Eisteddfod in June. Choirs will not travel to Perth this year to sing at the Catholic Performing Arts Festival.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Mr Ian Mills who was presented with the Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Award in recognition of his many years of tireless contribution to the performing arts in Bunbury. His dedication to teaching music to school and youth choirs, and the time spent in a voluntary capacity, is to be commended.

### **WORK PLACEMENT**

We welcomed Demi Cheek on work placement in Kindy and Pre Primary today. Demi will work in these classrooms on each Thursday in Term 1. It is great to have you return to us, Demi, and we wish you every success in your learning. Thank you for your work and support.

### **PIANO LESSONS**

There are limited vacancies for piano lessons conducted by Mr Mills. Please contact the school office for further details.

### TERM DATES

A tentative calendar of Term 1 dates accompanies today's newsletter. These dates will be confirmed in the weekly newsletter as the term progresses.

The 2016 school year dates, indicating holidays and pupil free days, also accompanies today's newsletter.

Please note that Thursday and Friday, 3 and 4 March, are Pupil Free Days, followed by a Public Holiday on Monday 7 March.

### CANTEEN ASSISTANCE NOTE

The school Canteen is unable to function without the generous assistance of parents. A note requesting Canteen assistance was given to students on Monday. If you are able to assist, please return the signed note stating days that you are available. Spare forms can be found in the office.

### CANTEEN COORDINATOR

Sadly, Mrs Natalie Berndt will finish working in our school Canteen at the end of this term. The Canteen position vacancy is advertised in today's South Western Times and is included in this newsletter.

Thank you to Natalie for your dedication and enthusiasm in providing a Canteen menu that is healthy, nutritious, varied and interesting over the past two years.

### 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.

Students arriving at school late, i.e. after the morning siren, **MUST** come through the office and be signed in by their parent/caregiver. 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.***

### LATE ARRIVAL/EARLY DEPARTURE

Students arriving late or leaving early must come through the office and be signed in/out by their parent/caregiver. Arriving late, but before 9.40 am, will be recorded as LATE. Arriving after 9.40am will be recorded as a half day absence. Leaving early, before 2:45pm will be recorded as a half day absence.

### PARENTS VISITING DURING SCHOOL HOURS

Parents are reminded that if they visit the school during school hours (including parents assisting in classes and the Canteen), they are required to sign in and sign out at the office. This enables us to account for everyone on the school site in the case of an emergency. Our Duty of Care also requires us to know who is on the school site during school hours.

### SCHOOL FEE DISCOUNTS FOR HEALTH CARE CARD AND PENSION CONCESSION CARD HOLDERS

#### **Do you have a Family Health Care Card or Parent Pension Card?**

The Catholic Education Office provides discounts for the above Centrelink Concession cards. A substantial discount is allocated to the tuition cost for each student on completion of a claim form and presenting your card at the office for copying. Claim forms are available from the school office and attached with this newsletter.

If you have another type of concession card that is an asset tested concession, please see Karen Depiazzi to check if you are eligible to receive the discount.

Applications are to be submitted by Wednesday 10 February 2016.

### BANKING BUDDIES

Welcome back to another year of banking. Banking is open from 8.30am – 9.00am every Monday morning in the Uniform shop. If you would like to open up an account, please come in for an application form, or pick one up from the front office.

Jen Curtis



## CANTEEN SUPREME NEWS



Attached to today's newsletter is the all-important roster for Term 1. Thank you to all the wonderful mums who have volunteered their time – I could not do it without your support. To all the new mums who will be canteen first timers – please do not stress. This is the one job you can never be fired from. Just turn up on your allotted day with closed in shoes, a shirt with sleeves, and a sense of humour. It is not too late to return your volunteer form. We can never have too many helpers.

The summer menu for Term 1 is also attached.

A very big thank you to Belinda Males and Susan Mainstone who are our Canteen Queens this Friday (we could do with another helper if anyone is keen) and to Brenda Hall who will be my able assistant next Wednesday.

## MOTHER'S DAY MORNING TEA 2016

The planning for this year's Mother's Day Morning Tea is well underway! We would like to extend the opportunity for any businesses out there amongst our school community to sponsor a table. The cost is \$100 and your business will be acknowledged on the table as well as our sponsor board.

Please contact the Pre - Primary reps, Renae O'Connor on 0405 976 479 or Vanessa Best on 0439 528 694, if you would like to sponsor a table or if you have any further queries regarding this. Thank you in advance and look out for more Mother's Day Morning Tea news in the near future!

## JARS! JARS! JARS!

The Mother's Day Morning Tea committee would like jars of all sizes, particularly small jars (baby food jar size). A box will be placed in the Admin office from next week, so if people could start rummaging through their cupboards for empty jars, that would be great! Thank you.

## LENTEN PROGRAM

Parents and Friends of St Mary's Community are invited to participate in a Lenten Program that will commence on Tuesday 16 February in the school Chapel. The focus this year is **Jesus, the face of the Father's Mercy**.

If you have an hour to spare in your busy schedules to stop, pray and reflect on the Lenten readings, you would be warmly welcomed. Helen Brown



Day: Tuesday 16, 23, 30 February, March 1, 8, 15  
Time: 10am  
Venue: School Chapel

## DESKS AND CHAIRS FOR SALE

The School has taken delivery of new desks for Years 1 - 3. The School Board is, therefore, offering the old units (desk/chair set) to our school community for \$5 a set. They will be available for purchase on FRIDAY 12 FEBRUARY from 8am - 9.30am at the OLD SCHOOL HALL.

The sale will be cash and carry only with no holds. The funds raised will help go towards the payment of the new desks.

Thank you, Jo Pitts and Chez Spinelli, School Board members.

PLEASE NOTE: This will be the only time these sets will be available for purchase.



## **PLEASE NOTE**

Term 1 2016 Canteen Roster

Term 1 2016 Summer Menu

Term 1 2016 School Planner

HCC Tuition Fee Discount Application Form

*are attached separately to this newsletter*



## 2016 Welcome Morning Tea

**Friday 12 February**

All new and existing families of the St Mary's Community are invited to join the 2016 Parent and Friend Representatives for an informal tour of the school, followed by morning tea.



Please meet outside the Kindy classroom for a 9:00am start.  
Siblings Welcome.

Please RSVP by **Tuesday 9 February**:

Jodie: [pandjscott@bigpond.com](mailto:pandjscott@bigpond.com)

Jo: [jmspinelli@hotmail.com](mailto:jmspinelli@hotmail.com)

## St Mary's Catholic Primary School

### TERM DATES 2016



#### Term 1

Staff return	Thursday 28 January
Term 1 commences for students	Monday 1 February
Professional Development Days (Pupil Free)	<b>Thursday 3 March</b>
	<b>Friday 4 March</b>
Public Holiday	Monday 7 March
Good Friday Public Holiday	Friday 25 March
Easter Sunday	Sunday 27 March
Easter Monday Public Holiday	Monday 28 March
Easter Tuesday Holiday	Tuesday 29 March
End Term 1 for students	Friday 8 April

#### Term 2

Public Holiday (ANZAC Day)	<b>Monday 25 April</b>
Term 2 commences (staff and students)	Tuesday 26 April
Public Holiday (WA Day)	<b>Monday 6 June</b>
Catholic Day (Holiday for staff and students)	<b>Tuesday 7 June</b>
End Term 2 for students	Thursday 30 June
Professional Development day for Staff	<b>Friday 1 July</b>

#### Term 3

Term 3 Commences for staff (Professional Development)	<b>Monday 18 July</b>
Students commence	Tuesday 19 July
End Term 3	Friday 23 September

#### Term 4

Term 4 commences (staff and students)	Monday 10 October
End of Term 4 for students	Friday 9 December
End of Term 4 for staff	Friday 16 December

## COMMUNITY NEWS



YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND  
AN EVENING WITH

**Martin Mazinga**

**Martin Mazinga** is the National Programs Coordinator of the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi (CADECOM), Caritas Australia's local partner. Martin began working with CADECOM in 2012. He brings a wealth of experience in project management, community engagement, capacity building and research from his roles at the Women's Legal Resources Centre, the University of Malawi, and the Catholic University of Malawi.

Martin and his team at CADECOM ensure that Caritas Australia's programs create meaningful and sustainable development opportunities for the most marginalised communities. With a focus on food and water security, Martin's work tackles inequality at its roots, empowering people to develop livelihoods, earn an income, to learn new skills and access education.

Martin is passionate about working at the grassroots. To him, Malawi has some of the richest communities in the world. Through Caritas Australia's partnership with CADECOM, Martin works with communities to harness their unique strengths, skills and natural resources and to realise their vision of a just and equal world.

Martin will be the guest speaker at  
St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Hall, Bunbury  
on Sunday February 21<sup>st</sup>.

Mass will be held at 6pm followed by a shared supper in the hall at 7pm  
(Please bring a plate to share)

After supper, Martin will give a short talk  
followed by the opportunity for questions and discussion.

Please register with Emma on 9721 0509 if you would like to attend.



PROJECT  
COMPASSION



CATHOLIC EDUCATION  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to the start of the 2016 school year. The year promises to be full of possibilities in all our 163 vibrant, faith-filled learning communities each of which are centred on the person and teachings of Jesus Christ.

Pope Francis has declared 2016 the 'Year of Mercy'. This challenges us all to be 'merciful like the father' in our daily lives. Imagine the transformative effect our school communities could have on society, if we were to take up Francis' challenge, in our families and those we work with, as well as those who find themselves alienated, lonely and despised in society. Your school community will be creating a range of opportunities for students and families to honour and celebrate this special year and I encourage you to get involved.

If you are new to our system I would like to extend a very warm welcome to you and your family. You are joining Catholic education at an exciting time. We are in a period of significant growth and we have once again demonstrated sustained system-wide improvement in last year's WACE results.

In the last three years we have opened seven new schools and colleges and 2016 marks the opening of Salvado Catholic College for the first time. I wish the students, parents and caregivers involved in the College's foundation year all the very best.

All Catholic schools rely on the contribution of the parish, staff, students and parents working in partnership to sustain their vibrancy, educational excellence, and faith life. With your support and involvement in your child's learning, the efforts of more than 11, 000 dedicated school staff and principals can ensure that our Catholic schools help students across the state reach their God-given potential.

Thank you for your continued support and I wish you all the best for the year ahead.

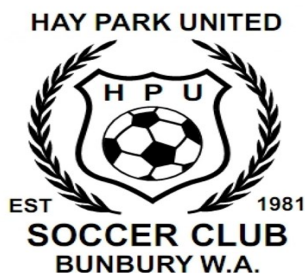
Yours sincerely

*Tim McDonald*

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## HAY PARK UNITED JUNIOR SOCCER REGISTRATIONS

WHEN: Saturday 13 and 20 February  
WHERE: Excies Clubrooms at Hay Park/ or online  
TIME: 9.30am - 12pm

Contact Danny Tamayo on 0429925391 for more information

### CATHOLIC AFTER SCHOOL SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Enrolment forms are available at the Parish Office or on the parish website at [www.bunburyparish.org](http://www.bunburyparish.org). Please enrol your child as early as possible, as the deadline will be 23 February 2016. Children may only receive one sacrament per year. Please also remember that we need a copy of your child's baptism certificate, along with those of any other sacraments received.

The sacramental programme will start on 25 February 2016 to prepare the children for both Lent and Easter. This is fundamental for the development of a child's and parents' faith.

Late registrations will not be accepted.

Please contact the Catholic Parish Office for further details on 9721 2141.

**Children 6 years of age and older who have not been baptised** are required to register for baptismal instruction. Please register as soon as possible before 23 February 2016. The baptismal instruction will take place from 24 February to 16 March 2106. Please collect an enrolment form in the Cathedral cloister or contact the parish on 9721 2141 for further details.

Enrolment forms are also available on the parish website [www.bunburyparish.org](http://www.bunburyparish.org).

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### Jan 2016 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME FOR BAPTISIM OF 6 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER

Parents Name..... Phone.....

Address.....

E-mail.....

Please prepare my child/children for Baptism as follows:

Child's Name	Age	School Yr	School Name
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**THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO THE PARISH OFFICE**

⇒ Postal address: **PO Box 2005 BUNBURY 6231**

⇒ Street address: **11 Money Street, Bunbury**



# Does your child like singing and performing?

**SWOCLETS may be for them!**

recent performances include  
Beauty and the Beast, Frozen in time, Wizard of Oz & Cinderella

Monday Nights from 6.15  
in Bunbury (starting Feb 2016)  
Free Trial-Open Night Monday 8th Feb



Enquires to Naomi Pedrochi  
naomipedrochi@hotmail.com  
0438954070

## SHANI WAUGH GOLF SCHOOL

Have you ever wondered what playing golf is like? Don't know where to start or who can help you? Even if you've never hit a golf ball in your life or are trying but struggling to get it right... this programme will have you enjoying the game and playing better than you thought possible in just 6 short weeks!

WA Golf Foundation  
Growing the game of Golf



*Ladies,*  
Let's Golf  
Bunbury



**THE NEXT 6 WEEK BEGINNERS GOLF PROGRAMME IS COMMENCING SOON!**

**Mondays 8<sup>th</sup> February to March 14th 2016**  
Choice of two Monday timeslots...morning OR afternoon  
**CHOOSE** either 9:30am OR 5:15pm

COST IS ONLY \$165.00 FOR 4 WEEKS TUITION BY BOTH QUALIFIED  
COMMUNITY COACHES AND GOLF PRO - SHANI WAUGH  
**PLUS** 2 WEEKS OF ON-COURSE MONITORED PRACTICE PLAY

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|------------|----------------------|
| ● Driving  | ● Putting            |
| ● Irons    | ● Bunker Shots       |
| ● Chipping | ● Develop your swing |

**Come & join like-minded women in a series of structured golf clinics conducted in a fun relaxed atmosphere and you will be hooked!**

For further info or to book your spot call Shani on 0400 204 220  
or email Shani on [shani@shaniwaughgolf.com.au](mailto:shani@shaniwaughgolf.com.au)



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### CANTEEN POSITION

**Part Time: 14 hr / week - 7 hours each Wednesday and Friday during School Terms. Commencing Wednesday 28 April 2016.**

St Mary's is a Catholic co-educational school, K-6, 235 students, situated in central Bunbury.

Persons with the following attributes are invited to apply:

- Organised, efficient, honest, cheerful and uses initiative.
- Knowledge of food preparation and related health standards.
- Able to manage and supervise volunteers effectively and respectfully.
- Able to manage the financial bookwork, ordering etc.
- Willing to attain or currently holds appropriate Canteen accreditations.

The applicant must be fully supportive of the Catholic Ethos of the school, and willing to obtain Accreditation to work in a Catholic School.

Please send a covering letter and written CV with three phone referees, one being the current employer. A current Working with Children Card and National Police Criminal History Check (both dated within last 6 months) are also required. This Police Clearance Consent Form is available from the Catholic Education Office website:  
[www.ceo.wa.edu.au/Employment/Pages/Vacancies.aspx](http://www.ceo.wa.edu.au/Employment/Pages/Vacancies.aspx).

Address applications to: Principal.

**Applications close: 26 February 2016**