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St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

April

- Sat 25 ANZAC Day Mass 9am Cathedral
- Mon 27 Public Holiday (ANZAC Day)
- Tue 28 Parent/Student Confirmation Meeting
- Wed 29 New Board Members Induction 7.30pm

Vision Statement

A welcoming faith
community

We value
relationships

We pursue excellence
in learning

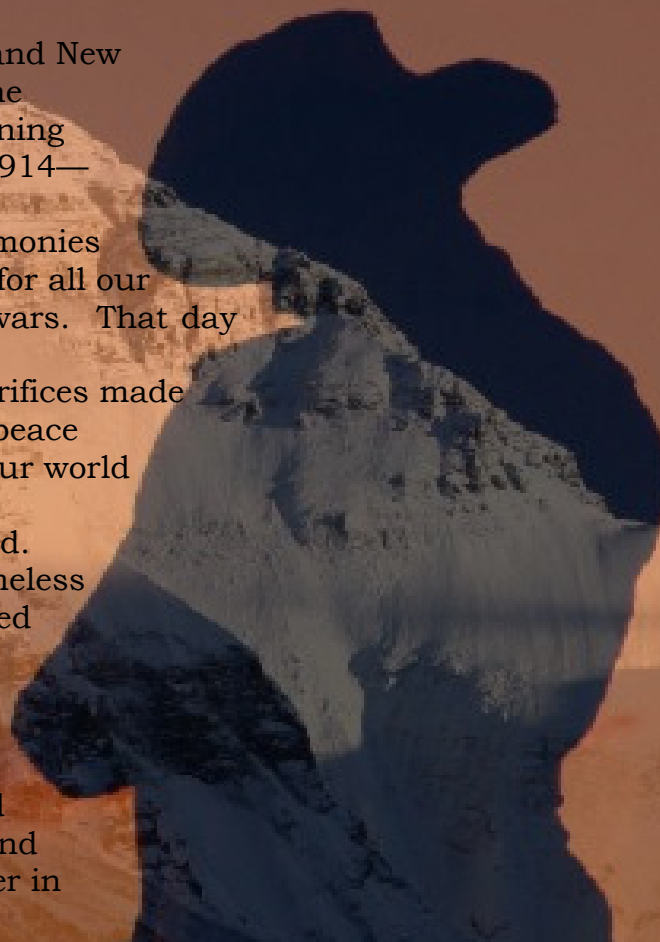
We live the Gospel
message of love

Anzac Day 100 YEARS

ANZAC was the name given to the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps soldiers that landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey early on the morning of 25 April 1915 during the First World War (1914—1918). As a result, one day in the year has involved the whole of Australia in solemn ceremonies of remembrance, gratitude and national pride for all our men and women who fought and died in all wars. That day is called ANZAC DAY—25 April.

We pause on ANZAC Day to remember the sacrifices made for our freedom and we pray that the spirit of peace and goodwill will descend upon the places in our world where many still struggle with war each day.

God of Peace, we pray for the peace of the world. Especially we commend to your mercy the homeless and refugees; those who have been dispossessed and have lost their employment; those whose families have been disrupted and who mourn the loss of loved ones. We pray for the situation in the Middle East and for peace and stability in Tibet. Grant that the sane and selfless councils may prevail in these places, and wherever there is warfare. We make this prayer in the name of Jesus—light of the world. Amen



Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

Welcome back to Term 2. How quickly the two weeks of holidays have flown by. I hope that all families had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday break. It was lovely to see our students return on Monday full of enthusiasm and energy, ready to tackle learning and looking forward to the challenges of the term ahead. Thank you to students and their parents in ensuring all returned well dressed in winter school uniform. There is a two week changeover period where students may wear summer or winter uniform as the weather conditions are changeable at this time of the year.

On Monday our student leaders in Year 6 led us in our Anzac Day service. We were joined in this by Mr Ross Stewart, who led the Anzac Day address. Mr Stewart then spent some time in the classrooms answering a myriad of questions from our students.

You are all invited to a special Anzac Day Mass at the Cathedral at 9:00am this Saturday morning. BCC Choir will be singing at the Mass and there is a display of children's art. Following Mass, students from St Mary's will participate in the Anzac Day March.

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

Jo Paini

Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

KISS AND DRIVE

This week an incident occurred at the morning Kiss and Drive. As one car was parked correctly in the allocated Kiss and Drive bay, another car pulled up alongside this car to drop off students. This created a very dangerous situation for the student who had alighted their car. I ask parents to ensure that they inform relatives or friends, if they are picking up or dropping off their children, of the safety guidelines in place. There are two allocated bays. Cars must line up single file making their way forward. There must not be any passing of cars in these bays, as students exit their car from the left side.

P & F MEETING

Please note that our first P & F meeting for this term will take place **Tuesday 12th May at 7:00pm**. This is a different date to what is on your Term Planner. The meeting has been postponed to this date so as not to coincide with the Mother's Day Mass and Morning Tea preparations.

CASUALS FOR CATHOLIC CARE

Established by the Diocese of Bunbury, Catholicare raises funds to assist people with social needs in our community. This year St Mary's will hold our "Casuals for Catholic Care" day on Friday 1st May. We encourage the students to wear casual clothes on this day and bring a gold coin donation.

YEAR 6 CONFIRMATION

As you are aware, students in Year 6 will make their Confirmation this year on Pentecost Sunday, 24th May. On Tuesday evening, 28th April we will hold a Parent/Student Confirmation evening, as part of our students' preparation for this important sacrament. This meeting will be held at 6pm at the Parish Centre.

YEAR 4 EUCHARIST

Our Year 4 students will make their First Eucharist later this term on 28th June. Next Sunday morning, 3rd May, we will celebrate the Eucharist Commitment Mass at 10am. All members of our school community are invited to attend this Mass.

SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY

Next week, St Mary's, in conjunction with Catholic Education Office WA will conduct School Climate Surveys— the survey period will run over 2 weeks, concluding on 8 May. The data collected in the survey will benefit everyone within the school by providing valuable information about the ways in which our school can be improved. The survey takes about 30 minutes to complete. All staff, 60 randomly selected parents, 60 year 5 and 6 students and all School Board members will be invited to complete the survey. While participation is voluntary, we strongly encourage all to participate. The success of this important project is dependent on parents, staff, student and School Board involvement. The survey can be completed online or by paper copy returned in a sealed envelope to the school. All answers will go anonymously into a database managed by consultants, Insight SRC. No participant will be identified in the answers provided. Feedback will be provided to the school based on the collective answers of all participants.

St Mary's conducted this survey in 2013 and the feedback was used to see school improvement goals. Parents randomly selected to participate, will receive an addressed envelope next Monday.

Thank you to parents for your support.

NAPLAN 2015

Years 3 and 5 students will take part in NAPLAN testing in Week 3. Schedule is as follows:

Tuesday 12 May	Language Conventions; Writing
Wednesday 13 May	Reading
Thursday 14 May	Numeracy

NAPLAN tests provide a snapshot of a student's achievement in comparison to all students at the same year level across Australia. A NAPLAN information pamphlet has been sent home with all Year 3 and 5 students this week.

FOOTY TIPPING

The AFL season kicked off during the 1st Term holidays, isn't it good to have the footy back! We have had three rounds of the footy tipping competition to date with three different winners:

Round 1 - 'Spooner'

Round 2 - 'Elizabeth Curtis'

Round 3 - 'Santo La Pedalina'

The weekly winners can collect their prize (\$25) from the school office.

The overall leaders of the competition are 'Best on Ground' with a total of 21 correct tips to date. Good luck to everyone with their tips for round 4.

Thanks

Darren Coulson

HPE NEWS

Winter Sports Carnival

The Winter Sports Carnival will be held on Thursday 4th June at Hay Park from 10am to 2.00pm. We need coaches for Netball, Soccer and Hockey.

Protective Behaviours

A parent information session will be held on Tuesday 12th May at 6.00pm in the School Hall on Protective behaviours. All Year 3 parents and interested parents from other grades, are invited to attend as there will be a lesson taught to Year 3 students on Protective Behaviours. Mrs Tina Wallis from the Milligan Community Learning and Resource Centre will conduct the program. Please RSVP to my email address if you are attending so we can prepare resources.

60 Minute Challenge

The 60 minute challenge is a run/walk event to be held at St Mary's CPS on Sunday 14th June starting at 8am. Parents and students have to challenge themselves to see how far they can run/walk in 60 minutes. Preparation for the event will start **this Friday with Fitness Fun Day starting at 8am on the school oval!** More information to follow!

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HPE Teacher.

JUNIOR PRIMARY



Junior Primary Creative Play Tubs



We are seeking donations of old dress ups, sand toys, pots and pans, plastic cups, jugs, kettles, saucers and cooking utensils, etc. These items will go into tubs that our junior primary children can use for creative play during recess and lunch times. Donations can be given to Mrs Torrisi or put in the labeled tubs in the art room.
Thank you

P & F BULB FUNDRAISER

REMINDER—ORDERS DUE 24th APRIL. Additional order forms are available for collection at the office.

BULB FUNDRAISER

ORDERS DUE FRIDAY 24TH APRIL
CASH or CHEQUE ONLY

Create a magnificent garden with your kids and support St Mary's Primary School. We receive 50% of all bulb orders (25% on all sticker fun products).

Details about the bulb fundraiser should have come home with your children on Monday. Additional order forms are available at the office for family and friends. We encourage you to take bulb orders from your friends and extended family when you see them at Easter and over the school holidays.

Make sure to write your Child's name and class on the order form. Don't worry about writing your address, as all orders will be delivered to school individually prepacked and labelled.

Please return your order to the SCHOOL OFFICE BY Friday 24th April. Payments Type: Cash or Cheques (made out to St Mary's CPS P & F).

Orders will arrive at school and be available for collection around 21 May.

For further information contact Year 5, P & F Reps: Kim (0411 136187) or Sam (0400 247441)

CANTEEN SUPREME NEWS

Thank you to all students and parents for remembering Canteen days are Wednesday and Friday. And well done everyone for using the Winter Menu—copies are available from Reception or the Canteen. Our Canteen Superstars for this Friday 24 April are Catherine Dorant and Jo Spinelli. If anyone else can help it would be very much appreciated.



COMMUNITY NEWS



Drama Classes

- Fun-filled classes taught by our experienced team of drama teachers & performers, improving your child's **communication** & **self-confidence**.
- Ignite their **imagination** and **creativity** through participation in games and performances.



Tuesdays - ages 10 & over
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• Book your place now!

Class for ages 6-9 yrs opening soon
please register your interest today

Inspiring children for over 10 years

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SPECIAL OFFER! FREE TRIAL FIRST CLASS, commencing Tuesday 28th April

BUILD YOUR OWN

Jetty & WIN



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Recycled
Materials

An Idea

Your
Imagination

=

CREATIVE EXPLOSION



| be original | be brave | be bold | think **BIG** |

The Busselton Jetty is celebrating 150 years in 2015 and we would like our local schools to build their own Jetty using recycled materials such as toilet rolls, pop sticks, old buttons, agricultural parts, car parts, milk bottles etc.

Tell us what the Jetty means to you, your family & friends *(to receive extra points from the Judges)*. Do you fish from it? Jetty Jump or Swim from it? Snorkel around it? Dive under it? Do you boat near it?

Your entry can be as small as you want or up to 100cm square, to easily fit inside the Busselton Jetty Interpretive Centre or at Westpac where we will proudly display your Jetty creation for all to see.

Be artistic, creative, and sparkle for our 150th Birthday!

Entries open 1st April 2015



Early entrants also have a chance to WIN some Early Bird Prizes so *Be Quick!*

Entries will be judged on the Busselton Foreshore on Sunday 6 September at 11am. The Judges will choose the finalists and the public will vote for our **WINNERS**. *Good luck!*

For more information please call 9754 0900



JUDGED CATEGORIES

#1. Preprimary - Year 2

#2. Year 3 - Year 7

WIN \$150 Jetty Gift Voucher

#3. High School Age

WIN \$150 Westpac Student Acct

#4. Best Class Group

WIN UWO Mini Tour with your entire class and teacher.

#5 Best Overall Jetty 2015

WIN \$150 Hillzeez Gift Voucher



BUSSELTON
JETTY





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Carey Park



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Supporting positive and close relationships with your child

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two or all
three sessions!**



**Free program
Free creche
Free morning tea**

**Come along and learn some simple and fun strategies to
confidently build strong, healthy relationships with your child.
All Bunbury families welcome.**

**Session 1: The Power of Positive Parenting
Session 2: Raising Confident Competent Children
Session 3: Raising Resilient Children**

The groups will be held at:
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Parade Road, Bunbury
on **Thursday 7, 14 and 21 May** from **9.00am to 12.00pm**
A free crèche service will be provided for all workshops – bookings essential.

For more information / bookings please contact the
Child and Parent Centre - Carey Park
Telephone: 9721 6991

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