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St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

April

Thur 28 Fr Ed Kindy Visit
Fri 29 Dads' Night Out, Highway Hotel 7.30pm

May

Sun 1 Confirmation Commitment Mass 10am Cathedral
Mon 2 Year 6 Camp
Wed 4 Mother's Day Mass followed by Morning Tea 9am
Fri 6 Year 2 Assembly
Year 6 Return from Camp
Sun 8 Eucharist Commitment Mass 10am Cathedral

Vision Statement

A welcoming faith
community

We value
relationships

We pursue excellence
in learning

We live the Gospel
message of love

No two children are the same. Individual differences are what provide for each child's uniqueness. The first requirement of home and school is "good soil" - strong value systems that offer strong structural support. The second requirement of home and school is the addition of the correct "trace element" - the identification of uniqueness so that it can be cultivated and develop the individual to enrich the expression of both the home and the school.

"Lord, guide me so that all my energies are not directed solely towards caring for external needs of my children—food, clothing, shelter. Give me insights as to how I can care for their internal needs—values, morals, uniqueness. Amen."

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 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 Year 6 leaders led us in commemorating ANZAC Day with a service at which Mr Jeff Smith spoke. Thank you to those students who represented St Mary's at the Bunbury ANZAC March on Monday. Bishop Gerard met with the Year 6 students preparing for Confirmation on Wednesday afternoon. It is a wonderful opportunity for these young men and women to meet with the spiritual leader of the diocese and share stories of their faith journey. We keep those students, their families and friends in our prayers at this time of grace.

Please keep Year 4 students, and their friends and families in your thoughts and prayers as they too are preparing for the reception of the blessed Eucharist.

On Wednesday 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 sense of achievement and satisfaction in what you have done together as a parent group.

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.

Helen Brown
Principal

STUDENT AWARDS

YEAR 1	Angus Brown	Thomas Piacentini	Seton Do	Michael Twomey
YEAR 2	Olive Valli	Elianna Cross		
YEAR 3	Christian Spinelli	Rubee Males		
YEAR 4	Natalia Dillon	Maddison Cream		
YEAR 5	Lorenzo Fimognari	Kace Brand		
YEAR 6	Alexander Ierace	Maya Lubcke	Luke Giovanetti	
A.R. 50%	Amy Hunter	Archie Pemberton	Brady Emerson	Lance Santos



SCHOOL NEWS

YEAR 6 CAMP

Year 6 students, accompanied by Tino Alberti and Jennifer Noack, Shannon Michell, Lisa Vance, Jason Lubcke, Martin Hynes and Paul Brown, head off on Monday morning for an outdoor adventure camp at Nanga Bush Camp. They return on Friday afternoon. We wish them a happy, enjoyable and safe adventure where they will meet the challenges presented and strengthen the friendships they have developed with each other over the past years. All relevant details have been forwarded home with the Year 6 students. Mrs Jo Paini will not be accompanying the students at camp this year for health reasons.

KISS AND DRIVE

A reminder to start the term. Please inform all relatives, friends or care agencies that if picking up or dropping off students through Kiss and Drive, there are safety guidelines in place. There are two allocated bays and cars must line up single file making their way forward. For the safety of all, other vehicles must not pass the cars in these bays as students exit their car from the left side.

YEAR 6 CONFIRMATION AND COMMITMENT MASS

The Confirmation Commitment Mass will be held this Sunday 1 May. All members of the school community are invited to attend this Mass.

YEAR 4 EUCHARIST COMMITMENT MASS

Year 4 students will make their First Eucharist later this term. The First Eucharist Commitment Mass will be held Sunday 8 May. All members of the school community are invited to attend this Mass.

CONDOLENCES

We pray for Rowena, Melvin and the Santos family on the passing of their beloved father and grandfather during the holidays. Grant eternal rest to him O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon him.

MOTHER'S DAY MORNING TEA

Everything is set for a wonderful morning tea next Wednesday 4 May and we look forward to seeing everyone there!

Some of what will be available on the day:

- Homemade delights - cakes, slices, jams, chutneys
- Potted herbs and succulents
- Homemade children's clothing
- Books and framed prints
- Herb garden pallets
- Fabulous 'on the day' raffle
- Chocolate wheel

and lots, lots more!!!!

To give you a bit of an idea about the chocolate wheel - it will run this year as follows:

Instead of having multiple \$1 spins, this year the paddles will be \$5 for 5 spins, with 4 winners in each spin. This

will save us having to collect paddles each time and give you more time to chat!! There will also be 2 x \$5 spins for 2 major prizes up for grabs on these 2 spins. We have some amazing prizes and freebies so please bring all your coins and notes, take home some wonderful goodies and let's raise some money for our gorgeous kids and school! Thanks everyone.
Pre Primary group

SIBLING APPLICATIONS FOR KINDERGARTEN 2017

CAN PARENTS OF CURRENT STUDENTS WHO HAVE SIBLINGS DUE TO BEGIN KINDERGARTEN IN 2017, PLEASE ENSURE THAT APPLICATIONS ARE HANDED IN TO THE OFFICE BY THE END OF WEEK 2, AS PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS BEGINS IN TERM 2.

FOOTY TIPPING

Five rounds into the new season and the tipping is as hard as ever! Congratulations to the following winners for the first 5 weeks:

Week 1	Luke Skehan
Week 2	de Sullivan
Week 3	Jock
Week 4	Steve Hastie
Week 5	Steve Hastie

Steve Hastie is the overall leader with a total of 34 correct tips.

HPE NEWS

Fun Fitness Friday

Fun Fitness Friday is back on again from 8am to 8.30am. See how many laps you can do in that time. The Challenge is to run a lap without stopping that is equal to the grade you are in. Year 1 = 1 lap, Year 2 = 2 laps, etc.

Winter Sports Carnival

Students in Years 5 and 6 will be given the opportunity to choose a winter sport for the upcoming Winter Sports Carnival to be held on Thursday 2 June. The Carnival is held at Hay Park and runs from 10am to 2pm. Sports on offer include: Football, Soccer, Netball and Hockey. Parent coaches are needed. Please let me know if you can assist.

ANZAC Day Service

St Mary's CPS conducted their ANZAC Day Service at 10.30am on Tuesday in the hall. Mr Jeff Smith was present to represent the RSL and give the ANZAC address. Thanks to Gabriela, Skye, Jake and Kayde for your coordination.
Tino Alberti
HPE Co-ordinator

CANTEEN CHATTER

Welcome back to Term 2 and I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday. The new canteen menu is in the process of being completed and will be in use from next week. There have been some small changes with pricing, please read carefully. Keep an eye on the white board outside the canteen for daily specials. Any meal ideas are most welcome as it is your canteen. Next Wednesday is the Mother's Day Morning Tea and on Friday 6 May our helpers are Kim Fildes, Carmel Sutton and Susan Mainstone.



DADS' NIGHT OUT

There will be a Dads' Night Out evening at the Highway Hotel tomorrow at 7.30pm

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

LAPATHON – FRIDAY 20 MAY 2016



Dear Parents and Students,

It's time for the St Mary's kids to put on their running shoes for this year's Lapathon Fun Day, to be held on **Friday 20 May** on the school oval.

Come dressed in your Sport's Uniform and enjoy our *crazy sock theme!*

The Kindy children will be the first of our runners, with a starting time to be confirmed. Guest Speaker Brant Garvey will begin at 12:30, with Lapathon starting at 1pm for Pre Primary – Year 6.

Please ask family and friends to sponsor you prior to this event and use the attached form to record their name and amount pledged.

All sponsorship money kindly needs to be returned to school by **Wednesday 25 May**

Please ensure the money is placed in an envelope with your child's name and Year group on the front and 'Lapathon Money' clearly marked.

Thank you to Mrs Gray in Canteen Supreme for adjusting the Canteen hours to fit in with our Lapathon schedule.

Thank you for your support

Rikki & Brenda
Year 5 Reps



KINDY LAPATHON



Please note that Kindy students will run their Lapathon from 10am to 10.20am

LAPATHON SPONSORSHIP FORM – FRIDAY 20 MAY 2016

The logo of St. Mary's School is a circular emblem. At the top, the text "ST. MARY'S" is written in a semi-circle. In the center is a stylized monogram of the letters "M" and "S" intertwined, topped with a crown. At the bottom, the words "RESPECT - FAITH - COURAGE" are written in a semi-circle.

Number of laps I completed: _____

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Thank you for your support

St Mary's Lapathon

Friday 20th May



JOIN IN and have some fun while raising money for St Mary's Catholic Primary School P&F

Please return forms & any money to your teacher by WEDNESDAY 25th MAY
Thank you



Kindy: 10am - 10.20am

PP to Year 6—Guest Speaker from 12:30

Lapathon Start: 1pm

FAITH*RESPECT*COURAGE

We are so honoured to have BRANT GARVEY, a professional triathlete and a member of the elite Australian Paratriathlon team, join us for our School Lapathon.

Brant is currently preparing for the 2016 Paralympics in Rio de Janeiro





ANZAC DAY

LEST WE FORGET





BUNBURY CATHOLIC COLLEGE YEAR 7, 2018 ENROLMENTS

Year 7, 2017 enrolment interviews are near completion and Year 7, 2018 interviews are now underway.

Those families who intend enrolling their child/children for a place in Year 7, 2018 and have not yet done so, are encouraged to forward their enrolment application forms to Bunbury Catholic College by **31 May 2016**.

All enrolments are assessed against our Enrolment Policy and the College Registrar will contact families accordingly to make interview arrangements.

Ms Denise O'Meara
Principal
Bunbury Catholic College

EXPAND YOUR WORLD

Capture the spirit of fun and friendship in your own backyard! Department of Education-approved Southern Cross Cultural Exchange is pleased to provide a different educational and cultural experience for you and your family. Don't miss the invaluable opportunity to learn about your favourite foreign culture, and even improve your languages' score.

Our volunteer families come in different sizes but all have big hearts in choosing to share their daily life and culture with an international exchange student. Volunteer families are more than wonderful hosts. They are a crucial part of S.C.C.E.'s tireless award-winning efforts to embrace our world through international cultural understanding and help put Australian culture on the map. Their voluntary accommodating of a 15-17 year old sporty, adaptable and nature-loving young individual brings with it unexpected rewards as the opportunity offers everyone a unique experience to learn, gain and adjust.

Exchange students will be arriving soon in mid-July. Select your choice of a French, German, Italian, Spanish, Swedish, Finnish, Danish or Norwegian student and according to your family's availability. S.C.C.E. takes care of all the arrangements including school.

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National Families Week AMAZING RACE

The Communicare National Families Week Amazing Race is a fun filled family day out to build ***stronger families*** and ***stronger communities***.

This year we are encouraging all families to revel in their community by spending time together to enhance family wellbeing.

Download our [clues](#) to find each destination, take a photo of your family together at each destination and enter them into our competition.

**Five lucky families will win a Fremantle Prison
Torchlight Tour for their family to enjoy!**

Forward this email to all your families for their chance to win.

*The competition is open from Sunday April 17th 2016 and will close Thursday May 19th 2016. Terms and conditions apply. See page 3 of the Clues for more details.