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St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

April

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| Fri 7 | Last Day of Term Easter Raffle 8.45am Easter Liturgy - Stations of the Cross, 2.30pm, School Hall |
| Sun 9 | Passion Sunday |
| Tue 11 | Chrism Mass 11am St Patrick's Cathedral - Year 6 |
| Fri 14 | Good Friday |
| Sun 16 | Easter Sunday |
| Mon 17 | Easter Monday |
| Mon 24 | Staff Professional Development Day |
| Tue 25 | ANZAC Day |
| Wed 26 | First Day of School Students ANZAC Day Service 8.45am |

Vision Statement

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

Gracious Father in heaven, creator of heaven and earth, we ask that you protect all who travel over this holiday, whether it's to the shops or a faraway adventure. Keep those who drive alert at the wheel and their vehicles free from defects. We thank you for the freedom to travel and the resources to do so. Surround all who travel with your love and protection and bring them home again renewed and refreshed. Help us to see the joy in the journey as much as the destination and keep us free from accidents, injury and harm. Amen.



Principal's Welcome

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

On Tuesday night, parents, students and staff were treated to an unforgettable evening. The Year 6 students did an amazing job of preparing their displays, learning about their heroes from history, then taking on their characters and presenting on the night. Congratulations to the students for their displays and for the research they had carried out which meant they were able to answer complicated questions on their chosen notables. Thanks also to parents for their help with costumes for the students and to Mr Priest and Mrs Toia for developing the concept and helping to ensure quality presentations from the students.

The Year 5 students will be re-enacting the **Stations of the Cross tomorrow at 2.30pm** in the hall. The time has changed to 2.30pm so that parents can sign their children out after the performance if they wish.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff and students of St Mary's for a wonderful term filled with an array of challenging learning opportunities, supported by an incredibly committed parent group.

I hope that you have the chance to spend some quality time with your children over the holidays and Easter break and look forward to school returning on Wednesday 26 April.

God bless

Paul Cronin

Palm Sunday

On this day of great rejoicing,
Lord Jesus Christ, when we welcome
You as our King and Savior,
we also walk in the shadow of Your cross.

Hosanna! we cry.

Blessed are You who come
in God's name to save us.

Hosanna!

Strengthen our faith on this Palm Sunday

so that when the time comes
to carry the cross we might still
call out to You with heartfelt praise.

Give us the grace and the courage
to follow You this Holy Week
from death to resurrection,
from darkness to the fullness of light.

We need You,

Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Hosanna!



STUDENT AWARDS



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| YEAR 1 | Ayla Mighall | Kesh Fildes | Lucas Kilpatrick |
| YEAR 2 | Michael Twomey | Benjamin Lincoln | |
| YEAR 3 | Jacob Coulson | Frances Best | |
| YEAR 4 | Harper Panuccio | Lucas Maratea | |
| YEAR 5 | Alex O'Brien | Amy Hunter | |
| YEAR 6 | Molly Turner | Daniel Norrish | |
| A.R. 50% | Calla Bott | Sophia Cross | |

A.R. 75% Finn Marshall

SCHOOL NEWS



**Week six of Lent:
Aloma, Philippines**



When Typhoon Santi destroyed her home in 2009, Aloma feared for her family's safety and their future. Then, from 2011, as she participated in SPACFI's Integrated Community Development Program, confidence began to replace fear. She was empowered to strengthen her environment to reduce climate change effects, and to lead her community in caring for our common home.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help communities in coastal areas of the Philippines to care for their environment and develop resilience to disasters. You can donate through School boxes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



KINDERGARTEN 2018

Parents of existing students who have siblings due to begin Kindy in 2018, are encouraged to ensure that their Applications for Enrolment have been submitted to the office by the end of Week 2, Term 2. Late submissions cannot be accepted once class lists have been finalised. Thank you.

HPE NEWS

Year 5 and 6 SWPSA T 20 Blast

Many thanks to our Parent Managers/Coaches for supporting our T20 Blast teams last Thursday at the SWPSA T20 Blast Cricket Competition. They were: Mr Jason Lubke, Ms Jo Hopley, Mr Daniel Marshall and Mrs Jenelle O'Reilly. A big thank you to Mrs Alberti, Mr Cronin and Mrs Toia for your help on the day. 39 teams competed. St Mary's students were fantastic ambassadors of our school, displaying good sportsmanship and behaviour.

Seasons for Growth® Program Learning to live with change and loss

Change and loss are issues that affect all of us at some stage in our lives. At St Mary's CPS we recognise that when changes occur in families through death, separation, divorce and related circumstances, young people may benefit from learning how to manage these changes effectively. We are therefore offering a very successful education program called Seasons for Growth. This program is facilitated in small groups and is based on research which highlights the importance of social support and the need to practise new skills to cope effectively with change and

loss. The program focuses on issues such as self esteem, managing feelings, problem solving, decision making, effective communication and support networks. If you think your son or daughter would benefit from Seasons for Growth, we would encourage you to talk to him/her about participating in the program. St Mary's is pleased to be able to offer this important program and we are confident that it will be a valuable learning experience for those who request to be involved. If you require further information please contact Mr Tino Alberti.

Term 2 Sport Dates

Year 5 and 6 Winter Sports Carnival – Thursday 8 June from 10am to 2pm at Hay Park.

St Mary's Cross Country Carnival Friday 23 June starting at 9.30am.

Mr T Alberti

HPE and Music/Drama teacher.

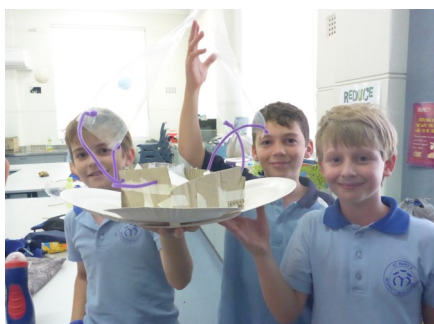
Super Scientists...

In Year 3 Science, the students have been exploring how heat can be produced in many ways and can move from one object to another. Last week we tested our Solar ovens that we had been making over the term. We thought that the best way to test if our ovens worked would be to create S'mores using a cracker, marshmallow and chocolate. If we successfully melted the marshmallow and chocolate, then we were able to indulge in our treats..... lucky the Solar Ovens worked!!!!



Year 5 STEM-gineers

As part of Year 5 Science, Mrs Murray has set a series of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) challenges that have tested students inquiry skills, group work and the ability to design and create a variety of projects. Last week we tested our Egg Protection Devices (E.P.Ds) by dropping very special cargo (a raw egg) into our specially made devices from increasing heights. We also added in some rocky terrain as the E.P.Ds were so well made that there were no eggs breaking! Finally after many, many rounds, we had a winning E.P.D designed by Calla Bott, Jedd Patterson and Rane Cross.



The Winning E.P.D.



Egg Survivor tests



Other E.P.D. designs





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KNOW?**

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3.9 BILLION
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CONDOLENCES

The St Mary's school community sends its sincere condolences to the family of Siobhan, Luigi, Roisin, Elijah and Luca De Coppi on the passing of Siobhan's father. Our thoughts and prayers are with them at this time.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Can all Project Compassion boxes please be returned to school before the end of this Term. Thank you.

MOTHER'S DAY MORNING TEA RAFFLE

Huge thanks to everyone who has already returned their Mother's Day Morning Tea Raffle tickets. We are so grateful for your support. We still have a few that need to be returned (sold or unsold). Please try to get back any unreturned tickets by Friday before the end of the school term. Thank you.

MORE FROM MR CRONIN

Delay With the Solar Panels

There has been a hold up with the solar panels and they will go in after the school holidays.

After School Care

After School Care is set to begin at St Mary's on Wednesday 26 April. Parents can book their children in for sessions at www.campaustralia.com.au. If you have questions, their Customer Service team can answer them and their number is 1300 105 343 (6am-4pm Monday to Friday).

Altar Servers' Training

Students in Years 4 and 5 will have the opportunity to be involved in a training session on Thursday 4 May which will then allow them to be rostered to altar serve at the Cathedral on Sundays. Year 6 students will find out soon when they can attend training. Many of our students have indicated they are keen to take part. Year 4 and 5 students are asked to return their forms by Monday 1 May.

CATHEDRAL PIETY STORE

Parents are advised that sacramental gifts can be purchased from the Piety Store at St Patrick's Cathedral. It's opening hours are from 9am to 3pm.

CANTEEN

Mrs Gray would like to thank all volunteers for their precious time in canteen. Enjoy your Easter holiday break and we look forward to having you all back in Term 2. Thank you also to all the terrific Year 6 students who have helped in the canteen this term.



BEE BOT CHALLENGE

On Monday, the Year 4 students were keen to share their Bee Bot challenges with the Year 2 class. There had been a lot of preplanning and preparation to get to this day.

The Year 4s who were being introduced to coding had to design and test a Bee Bot board, then

create, draw and measure it to the exact size from their scaled model drawings.

They then had to test out their instructions that they had written. Many amendments were made due to mixing up right and left when working with a bot.

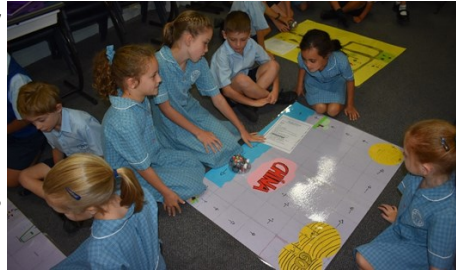
The engagement and excitement noises coming from the Year 4 room on Monday indicate that this visit was a great success. Enjoy our photos.

Amahli said "it was interesting and fun. The Year 2s could learn about the bots with us and we could teach them how they work."

Lily said "it was interesting and the Year 2s learnt about how the bots work."

Samuel said "It was funny because some moments our instructions weren't followed correctly and the bot went off the board."

The Bee Bots were able to be purchased by the P & F. Thanks to the P & F. Mrs Webb



SCHOOL FEES

Dear Parents and guardians, just a friendly reminder that Term 1 school fees should have been paid and that Term 2 school fees will be issued in Week 1 Term 2. Thank you.

NIGHT OF THE NOTABLES


On Tuesday evening the Year 6 students were in total character as they transformed themselves into their chosen Notable for the night.

It was amazing to see so many parents, family, teachers and students there on the night to celebrate their learning. Throughout the term the students have been involved in a deep and thorough research of a chosen notable who has made a positive contribution to humanity. Well done Year 6, you were AMAZING!

(Please see photos on the following page.)

TERM 2 PLANNER

A copy of the Term 2 Planner can be found under the Communications tab on the school website. Thank you.





Disney

Quiz Night

Friday, May 19th at 6:00 pm
St Marys School Hall

Dads and Kid's tables of 6
Cost: Dads \$5.00 each Kids free
Fathers are responsible for their own children
BYO Nibbles and Drinks
RSVP: Martin- martin@mhyneslawyers.com.au
0409 990 365
Nick - nick.Brasher@farmwest.com.au
0409229655
Ben - b.dechanneet@recruitwest.com.au
All St Mary's Fathering Project events are alcohol free



YEAR 6 - NIGHT OF THE NOTABLES...



Science and Engineering Challenge

Wow, what a day! The Year 6 students and 3 lucky Year 5 students headed to the South West Sports Centre to build, collaborate and create for the day. They were engaged in earthquake testing, bridge building, moon buggy activities and many, many more fun activities. Thank you Mrs Murray for organising this fantastic day. What an opportunity.



Kindy Family Picnic

On Thursday 23 March, we invited our families to come along to share a picnic lunch with us. It was a very exciting time leading up to this special day and it was with great enthusiasm the children suggested things we could do to make our families feel welcome. We sang some of our favourite songs, said a few poems and demonstrated our growing vocabulary of Auslan Sign Language signs.

The weather was looking doubtful for a picnic out in the open with a shower of rain in the morning but we like to think our heartfelt prayer to God in the morning for good picnic weather was heard. Thank you God for the clear skies just at the right time!

It was wonderful to see such a good turn out with everyone having family members join them for lunch. It was a great opportunity for some of our families to meet each other in a relaxed setting. After lunch many family members looked around the Kindy classroom finding their child's work and asking questions. The children were very proud to show their work on the walls and eager to show some of the outdoor areas they like to play in daily.

Thank you to all those who were able to join us, we really loved sharing our picnic lunch together.

Mrs Harper and the Kindy Crew



Hosting French Students in July (14 July-16 August)

For the last 9 years a programme has been in place offering the opportunity to young French students aged 14-17 years to discover Australia and its education system.

We are looking for families willing to host students for the four weeks of their visit. They will travel to and from School with your children. The purpose of the programme is for these French students to experience living with an Australian family, to see how an Australian school operates, to improve their English language skills through this full immersion and to create a strong friendship with their Anglophone peers. The programme is highly successful and both Australians and French students greatly enjoy the exchange. Many families still keep in touch with each other.

The students are fully briefed about the school rules, are not to leave the school premises and will attend classes daily. They will be fully covered by appropriate insurance.

Host families will be visited prior to the arrival by the organiser to explain the programme.

We believe such an exchange is also highly beneficial for our Modern Languages students, opening their eyes (and ears!) to similarly minded students for an extended period.

Please contact **Martine Floyd**,

email: martine.floyd@iinet.net.au, mob: 0403 019 609

if you are interested in hosting.



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and advancement of the
performing arts in the community*

EXTENDED CLOSING DATE
PLEASE NOTE:

**Entries WILL NOW CLOSE MIDNIGHT,
Monday 10 April.**



The 2017 Schedule IS available on our website detailing Entry Fees, Rules & Conditions and Section Details. Please check regularly for updates.

Entries can still be submitted online through our website using the Stardom (link)



**Our 59th Season Commences Wednesday 24th
May, and concludes on Saturday 24th June with
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Venue: BREC Cube & Stage One Theatre

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