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IMPORTANT DATES

June

28 June First Eucharist 10am Cathedral

July

2 July School Mass 9am

Mission Market Day

Reports home

3 July Last Day of Term Staff and Students

20 July First Day of School Staff

21 July First Day of School Students

Vision Statement

A welcoming faith
community

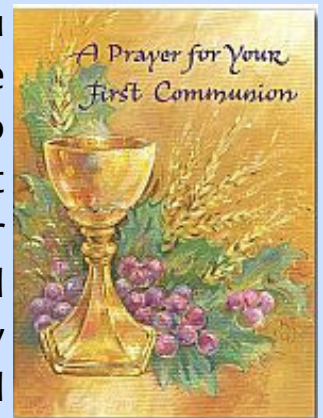
We value
relationships

We pursue excellence
in learning

We live the Gospel
message of love

Lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of the Eucharist You left us the outstanding manifestation of your limitless love for us. Thank You for giving our child the opportunity to experience this love in receiving the Sacrament for the first time. May your Eucharistic presence keep him/her ever free from sin, fortified in faith, pervaded by love for God and neighbour, and fruitful in virtue, that he/she may continue to receive You throughout life and attain final union with You at death.

Amen.



Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

Today we held St Mary's Cross Country Carnival, beginning at 9.00am with Year 1 class. Thank you to the students for their participation and sportsmanship in today's carnival. Thank you to Mr Alberti for his planning for and coordination of the carnival and for working with the students in preparation for today's event. Thank you to our parent helpers; we are always appreciative of the assistance and support our parent community provide for the many events we hold. Without your generous help we would be unable to provide these opportunities for our students.

Congratulations to Year 3/4 Choir and Year 5/6 on their performances at the Bunbury Eisteddfod last Friday. Both choirs were placed third in their choral sections. Students have been given a copy of the certificate and the adjudicator's report. Thank you to Mr Mills for his work with our choirs each week.

On Sunday we will celebrate First Eucharist with Year 4 students. The students are very excited and very much looking forward to this special occasion in their lives. Thank you to Mrs Webb and Ms Brown for their preparation of the students and planning for and coordination of Sunday's celebration. Thank you to Fr Ed for his spiritual guidance and support. The students celebrated Reconciliation yesterday morning. I pray that this be a joyous and grace filled time in the lives of our young students and their families.

Maureen Tully

Principal

STUDENT AWARDS

YEAR 1	Eamon Ramsay	Toby McGee	
YEAR 2	Jherick Babasa	Amahli Lowe	Bel Dabic
YEAR 3	Finn Marshall	Sophia Cross	
YEAR 4	Aidan Hall	Caitlyn Hebbend	
YEAR 5	Maya Lubcke	Madison Klem	
YEAR 6	Ethan Luff	Sam Italiano	
A.R. 50%	Lochlan Moore	Ned Pemberton	Raegan Carr
A.R. 75%	Molly Turner	Tom Steele	

Congratulations

SCHOOL NEWS

FEAST OF OUR LADY PERPETUAL HELP

The school will gather to celebrate its Feast Day on Thursday 2 July. Our Mass will focus on Mary and pay tribute to her in asking for assistance in our daily lives. The icon of the Blessed Mother with her Divine Son has helped provide strength, comfort and even miracles to the faithful for centuries. You are all invited to celebrate this Mass with us. Mass commences at 9am.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHOIR

Students from Years 3, 5 and 6 are asked to join the Parish Choir to help celebrate St Mary's First Eucharist at the Cathedral on Sunday 28 June. Students are asked to arrive 15 minutes before Mass and are to wear casual clothes. I will assist with the choir on the day.

Helen Brown

Assistant Principal

A REMINDER ABOUT STUDENT SAFETY

It has been noticed that some students and parents are still using the driveway between the chapel and the library to exit and enter the school. Please use the gate between the Science/HPE room and Year One to enter and leave school grounds. This is a matter of safety as several cars are entering the property during peak periods of student movement.

CANTEEN SUPREME NEWS

I am in the middle of doing the roster for Term 3, so if you are unavailable could you please let me know. Also if your situation has changed and you would like to join our volunteer roster I would love to hear from you. Our beautiful volunteers for the rest of the term are: Friday 26 June – Susan Mainstone, Renae O'Connor and **HELP!** Wednesday 1 July – Beverly Barry. Friday 3 July – Siobhan De Coppi, Michelle Patane-Dillon and Jodie-Anne Scott



FOOTY TIPPING

Congratulations to 'Three Amigos' for correctly tipping 4 winners this week with a points margin of only 3. The prize money (\$25) can be collected from the school office. 'NicNac' remains on top of the overall leader board with 73 correct tips in total. Good luck to everyone with their tips for round 13.

DO YOU WORK FOR ALCOA? DO YOU HAVE A CHILD OR GRANDCHILD AT ST MARY'S



If yes – we need your help! The P&F are applying for an Alcoa grant to help fund the basketball resurfacing. Alcoa have advised that we can apply for a larger grant if we have 10 or more Alcoa employees within our school (this can include grandparents). To do this we need to know how many Alcoa Employees/Contractors we have - can you please email Mel at sarre@westnet.com.au ASAP with contact names so that we are able to finalise our grant application. Thanking you in advance.
P&F Executive

VISITORS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Parents are reminded that children who are not students of St Mary's may only come on school grounds under supervision of a parent or responsible adult, and must remain under the direct supervision and control of that adult. All who enter our school grounds, either adult or child, do so with the implicit permission of the principal and must therefore comply with school procedures, processes, policies and guidelines.

SEMESTER ONE REPORTS

Semester 1 reports for all students from Pre Primary to Year 6 will be sent home with students in sealed envelopes next Thursday.

Students in Years 1—6 will receive an overall grade (A-E) for their achievement in each learning area. In some learning areas, they will also receive a grade for the learning area components. Students will also receive a rating for attitude and effort within the learning areas, the scale being as follows:

O	=	Outstanding
VG	=	Very Good
S	=	Satisfactory
I	=	Inconsistent
U	=	Unsatisfactory

The grading scale for the learning areas is as follows:

GRADE	DESCRIPTION
A	The student demonstrates excellent achievement of what is expected for this year level
B	The student demonstrates high achievement of what is expected for this year level.
C	The student demonstrates satisfactory achievement of what is expected for this year level.
D	The student demonstrates limited achievement of what is expected for this year level.
E	The student demonstrates very low achievement of what is expected for this year level.

The A—E grade scale summarises the standard of achievement associated with each learning area. The scale describes the depth of knowledge, understandings and skills that children working at that standard typically show. If your child receives a 'C' grade, they are achieving at the required level for the year.

Maintaining a grade in a learning area from one semester to the next is an indication of positive achievement and expected development.

A child who is on an Individual Education Plan will have progress reported against learning outcomes outlined in the Individual Education Plan—not using A—E grades. Parents, please be aware that the comparative report facility is no longer available as a new reporting system has been adopted

Students in Pre Primary also have a five point scale, but A—E grades are not used. The ratings Exceptional, Exceeded, Expected, Working Towards and Below Expected Standard are used instead.

Reports provide feedback on students' successes, achievements and learning, as well as indicating where the next set of challenges and goals must be.

Parents are asked to read their child's report with a view to acknowledging and celebrating achievements and successes. Having done this, it is then time to look at where further practice, reinforcement and future focus are needed for continued growth and development, both academic and also social and emotional. In our reports, we aim to report objectively, having used data from students' work, assessments and testing and from teacher observation to indicate current level of achievement. Teachers have been in contact with parents of students who will received a D grade in order to discuss progress and to work together to ensure ongoing learning and progress.

I extend a huge thank you to our teachers who have undertaken the enormous workload of completing student reports—much of this in their own time in the evenings and at weekends. I ask that parents acknowledge their appreciations to the teacher.

I congratulate the students on their hard work and application to their learning and on how much they have learned, achieved and grown in Semester 1.

BUNBURY CATHOLIC COLLEGE STUDENTS ON WORK EXPERIENCE

Next week, we welcome back three ex-students, Harrison Webb, Jackson Illman and James Keddie, who will complete work experience. The boys will assist with a range of tasks and across a range of classrooms.

STAFF ON LONG SERVICE LEAVE

Mrs Paini will be on Long Service Leave next week, with Mrs Johnson replacing her in the Year 6 class on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. We wish Mrs Paini safe travels and an enjoyable holiday. Mrs Zolnier will be on Long Service Leave next week and in the first week of Term 3, returning to work on Monday 27 July. We also wish Mrs Zolnier safe travels and an enjoyable holiday.

NAIDOC WEEK

Reminder that the NAIDOC theme for this year is: "We all stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate." It is a time we take to remember the history and sacredness of the land we walk on. More information regarding NAIDOC week activities will be provided in next week's newsletter.

Elizabeth Harper
Kindergarten Teacher



ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS and P & F BURSARIES

The Principal and Bunbury Catholic College Community congratulate these students on their achievements and welcome them to our College:

Year 7 2016

MARIST CAMPUS - BUNBURY

Academic Scholarship

Anai Gelmi—Our Lady of Lourdes School DARDANUP (full scholarship)
Emma Norrish—St Mary's School BUNBURY (half scholarship)
Edward Smith—St Joseph's School BUNBURY (half scholarship)
Norah Harkin—Picton Primary School GLEN IRIS (half scholarship)

P & F Bursary

Maria Aguilar—St Joseph's School BUNBURY

MERCY CAMPUS - AUSTRALIND

Academic Scholarship

Jack Cross—St Michael's School BRUNSWICK (half scholarship)
Kira Walker—Brunswick Primary School (half scholarship)

P & F Bursary

Matteo Ruggieri—St Michael's School BRUNSWICK

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KINDY FAMILY DAY

On Tuesday, the Kindy class celebrated their Term 2 Family Day with a performance, some games and a delicious healthy food feast. Over the term our class has been learning about keeping our bodies healthy, how to help our bodies grow, have strong muscles, stay safe, think more clearly and fight off illness.



Another activity that has been happening in our classroom during outdoor play is a circus. To make our family day a great success, we needed to make a plan for our family day that included some of the activities we have been doing in class.



We decided to have a 'party' theme and show everyone that we can have fun with healthy foods at a party. The children put together a list of healthy foods that the parents could bring along, discussed the classroom set-up, made a list of decorations needed, thought of some songs to perform as well as choosing games we could play with our families. We even made some of the healthy foods ourselves.



Luckily the weather was kind to us and we had a fantastic day with our families. We especially liked having our parents play our games of "I'm Going to the Circus" and "Hokey Pokey." The food was so yummy that we ate it all up and went home with our stomachs full of healthy food.



Thank you to everyone who came along and joined us for this healthy, fun and family filled day. — Elizabeth Harper, Joan Zolnier, Loredana Villani and the Kindy Kids of 2015





2015 Awards of Excellence in Building Positive School Communities

The Awards presentation cocktail evening is set for **Wednesday 5th August** to be held at **The Classroom**, 1/356 Charles St, North Perth from 6pm to 8.30pm. The **closing date for entries** in the four categories has been extended to **Thursday 30th July**. Nomination forms for this year can be found on our website at <http://pff.wa.edu.au/building-positive-school-communities-awards/>.

This is a fantastic opportunity to recognise and celebrate the amazing work being done in our schools to build positive school communities, so if you have an amazing **Principal**, awesome **P&F**, outstanding **Parent** or wonderful **Parish**, please nominate for these awards. Anyone in the school community can nominate their Principal, P&F, Parent or Parish. Applications are welcome from all Catholic schools however, only affiliated schools are eligible to win a prize.

The venue for this year's presentations is aptly named, "The Classroom", a bar and restaurant in North Perth. This is a free event for everyone in our schools and drinks and snacks will be provided.

For more information and to register please go to <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/2015-awards-of-excellence-night-tickets-17406432107>

Registration is **FREE!**

Best wishes,

PFFWA Council and Staff

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