



# St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### February

- Fri 12 Sale of Desk/Chair Sets 8am-9.30am  
School Photo Day Envelopes due Back  
JUST Leadership Year 6 9-12.30  
Welcome Morning Tea 9am
- Tue 16 Board Meeting 5.45pm  
P & F Meeting 7pm  
Before School Swimming Training
- Wed 17 Year 4-6 Liturgy 9am
- Thur 18 Before School Swimming Training
- Sun 21 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent  
Catholic School Staff Commitment Mass 10am

## Vision Statement

A welcoming faith  
community

We value  
relationships

We pursue excellence  
in learning

We live the Gospel  
message of love

## ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday begins our forty day season of Lent that leads to Easter. We remind ourselves that we don't always follow God's ways and we need to ask for mercy and forgiveness. Like the people in the Old Testament, we use ashes to show our sorrow and that we want to turn away from sin and whatever keeps us from God. We want to change our hearts so we can live in right relationship with God and with each other. In this Special Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis reminds us how important it is to be compassionate and merciful.

## PRAYER

God our Father, help us to see that Your merciful love is with us always, even when we wander from You. We ask You to change our hearts so we might be better followers of Your son, Jesus. May our prayers and sacrifices in these days of Lent lead us to see Jesus in each other, the poor, the sick and the lonely. Loving God, walk beside us as we begin this special journey through Lent. Help us to come closer to You. We make this prayer to You in Jesus' name. Amen.



Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

Thank you to parents who have attended Parent Information Evenings last week, and this week with the final meeting - Pre Primary - being held this evening. Thank you to teachers who have planned for and facilitated these meetings.

Being a parent is a hard job, a complicated job and sometimes a lonely job. Probably, it's the most important job parents will ever have because, as their child's first teacher, they will make a difference one way or another. However, parents have the opportunity to form a viable partnership with their child's teacher, because together they have a common goal: a successful school year for each child. Teachers need to know that Parents are on their side and if they aren't, they need to be able to express themselves as to why not.

It's important to remember that parents and teachers are partners in helping each child achieve a successful transition to adulthood. This combined support is essential if the transition is to be a positive developmental experience for your child. A good relationship with your child's teacher will make it easier for you to stay informed about your child's progress across all areas of schooling and to work together if problems arise during the year. On occasion, you might find that your teacher has constructive

## 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



feedback about your child; it's important to keep an open mind to the teacher's comments. Neither the child nor the teacher is perfect – nor parents for that matter. So, if a problem arises, it's important to consider both sides of the story. The outcome should be the one that helps your child succeed at school. There needs to be a sensitivity that respects the teacher as a well-trained professional and respects the parents who have special knowledge of their child.

Teachers are dedicated and caring and want to be good teachers. Everyone likes to be appreciated and teachers are no exception. If you go for the "We" attitude and work with your child's teacher, then your child will have a great school year and so will you, and, with a bit of luck, so will the teacher. Have a successful year.

Maureen Tully  
Principal

#### STUDENT AWARDS

<b>YEAR 1</b>	Nate Bielawski	Elena Gibbs	Holly Bambrick
<b>YEAR 2</b>	Noah Smith	Leo Pemberton	
<b>YEAR 3</b>	Molly Lincoln	Louis D'Andrea	
<b>YEAR 4</b>	Lance Santos	Keira Hall	
<b>YEAR 5</b>	Aleesha Zaccagnini	Flynn Smith	
<b>YEAR 6</b>	Jack Di Lallo	Tenika Cross	



#### SCHOOL NEWS

##### ITALIAN TEACHER TERM 1

Mrs Scasserra is on leave until the end of Term 1. Mr Piparo will teach Italian on Fridays, commencing tomorrow 12 February, until the end of term. Italian lessons will be on Fridays. Years 1, 2 and 3 will have 30 minute lessons. Years 4, 5 and 6 will have 60 minute lessons. We welcome Mr Piparo to St Mary's.

##### HOT WEATHER ARRANGEMENTS



Due to the very hot weather this week, students have not been permitted to play outside or use sports equipment during Recess and Lunch times. Students have gathered in the air conditioned hall to eat, and then to play board games, draw, chat in small groups or watch a DVD. Yesterday's Ash Wednesday Mass was celebrated in the Hall, rather than the Chapel. All Phys Ed lessons were taught in the Hall this week.

##### 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.

##### BOARD MEETING

The first School Board Meeting for 2016 will be held next Tuesday evening at 5.45pm in the Staffroom.

##### P & F MEETING

The first P & F Meeting for 2016 will be held next Tuesday evening at 7pm in the MPR. We look forward to seeing you there.

##### BOOK CLUB

Issue One catalogues for 2016 have been distributed and orders are due back on or before Monday 16 February.

### UNIFORM NOTES

The Uniform Shop is open every Friday morning between 8.30 and 9.30am for all your uniform requirements.

### YEARS 4 - 6 LITURGY

Years 4 - 6 will celebrate a Liturgy next Wednesday, 17 February, at 9am in the Chapel. All parents and family members are invited to join us for this Liturgy.

### VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The 2016 school year is well underway. Once again, we are seeking volunteers to assist with some of our support and reading programs. The Toe-by-Toe Program (reading support) runs each morning, Monday - Thursday, from 8.30 - 9am, and our Reading Program during AR time from 1.30 - 2pm.

Our volunteer program provides valuable support to students and relies on the generosity of families in our school. If you can give a half hour of your time on any day to help the students in our school, it would be greatly appreciated. Please leave your name and preferred day/time at the office or with the class teacher. Grandparents are also very welcome; grandparents must have a Working With Children Card (WWCC). The application form is available from the Post Office. Please tick the volunteer box on the form and leave it at the office for Mrs Tully to sign.

Thank you to parents, who have already started work with the Toe-by-Toe program this week.

### KISS AND DRIVE GUIDELINES

Thank you to students and families for following our Kiss and Drive Guidelines, ensuring the safety of all who use this facility to pick students up after school and to drop students off in the morning. A copy of the guidelines accompanies this newsletter. Should a grandparent or other family member be picking up your children, parents are asked to inform them of the Kiss and Drive process and guidelines. Also, please be aware that if you park in diagonal parking in the car park in front of the Administration building on Mary Street at the end of the school day, you may not reverse out into the flow of Kiss and Drive traffic, but will need to remain there until the traffic has finished - usually 3.30pm. This condition is in place to ensure safety of students and to avoid vehicle collisions - vehicles using Kiss and Drive are not expecting cars to reverse out of the diagonal parking.

### CANTEEN SUPREME NEWS



Attached to today's newsletter is a new and improved Term 1 Volunteer Roster. We had some late entries and some late withdrawals so hopefully this roster will be the final roster for the Term. Again, if the day does not suit, please let me know and I will try and arrange a swap for you.

We have had an average start to the year – several forgotten lunch orders, one left on the kitchen bench, one still in the car and one hidden in a secret compartment of the school bag. Hopefully this week will be better.

### MSP PHOTO DAY

School photo day will be held on Tuesday 23 February 2016. As stated in text message/email to parents on Tuesday, ALL envelopes are due in by tomorrow Friday 12 March. This includes envelopes of students who will not be purchasing photos, as all students are photographed. These photos are attached to our school records. Thank you.

### WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN



Thanks to your generous support of St Mary's Catholic Primary School, the music department has been able to purchase a selection of musical instruments. We look forward to using the new instruments during music lessons and making beautiful music. We were one of 15,064 schools that participated in the program and it is great to be able to provide new and interesting equipment to assist learning.





## Sustainability 2016

St Mary's strives to **Reuse, Reduce and Recycle** wherever possible. Each class is responsible for particular tasks, which are listed below.

Class	Responsibility
Kindy	Collect and reuse materials for craft activities
Pre Primary	Grow their own food in their vegie patch
Year One	'Litter Busters' - care for the school grounds
Year Two	Collect used batteries and printer cartridges to be recycled (bins in class)
Year Three	Collect cans to be recycled (bin in class)
Year Four	Collect dental hygiene products to be recycled (bin in class)
Year Five	Collect food scraps for compost bins and chooks
Year Six	Run committees throughout the year (growing vegetables to sell at Friday assemblies and emptying paper recycling bins)

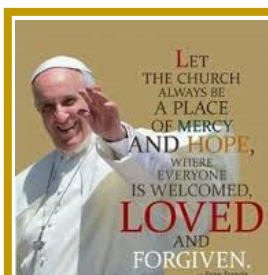
We appreciate all support of our students' wonderful efforts! Thank you!

Please note that each **Thursday** will be '**Nude Food Day**' where children can earn tokens for their faction by having a lunch box free of rubbish (packaging and wrappers). Please encourage your child to help pack a 'nude' lunch each Thursday.

**Reusing tip** - if you have water left in your water bottle that has gone hot or undrinkable, try tipping it onto plants and garden beds to give them an extra drink!

### HPE NEWS

- The Cancer Council Australia website states that, '2 out of every 3 Australians will be diagnosed with skin cancer by the time they turn 70.' Let's keep reinforcing the Sun Smart message by what we say and what we do!
  - Fun Fitness Friday will not restart 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 Tuesdays and Thursdays until Thursday 17 March. Our Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 18 March, (note: The nomination note says Thursday 18 March which is incorrect), from 9.30am until 12pm. Cost of entry for training is \$4.30, or 10 entry tickets can be purchased for \$33. The Interschool Sports Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday 23 March between 10.00am and 12.00 noon.
  - The 2016 Sports dates are attached!
- Have a happy, healthy, fit, fun week.  
Tino Alberti  
HPE Co-ordinator



### **Holy Year of Mercy**

What is Mercy?

The bringing together of two basic human experiences. The inner movement to be understanding and the attitude of desiring to help when someone is in trouble or in need.

### **ST MARY'S CPS BUNBURY SPORTS DATES 2016**

Years 4 – 6 Swimming Carnival 18 March 9.30am - 12pm SWSC  
Years 4 – 6 SWPSA Swimming Carnival 23 March 9.30am - 12.30pm SWSC  
Years 5 and 6 T20 Blast Cricket Carnival 31 March 10am - 2pm Forrest Park  
Years 5 and 6 Winter Sports Carnival 2 June 10am - 2pm Hay Park  
St Mary's 60 Minute Challenge Sunday 12 June 9am - 10am St Mary's  
PP - Year 6 Cross Country Carnival 24 June 9am St Mary's  
Years 3 - 6 SWPSA Cross Country Carnival 28 July 10am - 1pm BCGS  
PP - Year 6 Athletics Carnival 16 September 9am - 2.30pm Hay Park  
SWPSA Athletics Carnival 20 October 9.30am - 2.30pm Hay Park  
PP - Year 6 In-Term Swimming 24 October to 4 November SWSC

### **FULL FAMILY DETAILS UPDATE**

Full Family Details were sent home last Thursday. Please update any changes and return the form by tomorrow 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.

### **STUDENT BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT**

Students at St Mary's are supported in their learning, socialising with others, resilience and behaviour regulation and management. St Mary's Behaviour Management Policy is available on the school website.

Expectations, rules and consequences (both positive and negative) are clearly explained to students. There is a strong emphasis on providing positive and affirming feedback to students.

Occasionally, a student may have playground privileges withdrawn - either sit on the bench or walk with the duty teacher - as a consequence of inappropriate behaviour.

This year, a sticker will be placed in the student's diary/communication book to notify parents if this occurs. Parents are asked to support the school in developing positive and appropriate student behaviours by discussing with the child what they did wrong and their expectation that school rules are followed. Thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring a safe and harmonious learning and play environment at our school.

\_\_\_\_\_ lost play privileges today  
\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ at Recess/Lunch for \_\_\_\_\_ minutes. Reason:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your support in discussing expected and acceptable behaviours.

### **SAFER INTERNET DAY**

A day during this week was designated Safer Internet Day.

You can carry out an eSafety health check at home.

1. Treat your password like your toothbrush – don't share it with anyone and change it regularly.
2. Revisit your privacy settings to protect your personal information.
3. Reconsider the kinds of pictures you send – Nude pics can spread quicker than a virus.
4. When cyberbullying occurs, report it: [safety.gov.au/reportcyberbullying](http://safety.gov.au/reportcyberbullying)
5. Don't act in the heat of the moment – stay calm and chill.
6. What you post online, stays online – think about your digital reputation.

There are many games and interactive activities on the following website that you could enjoy with your child.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/about-the-office/events/safer-internet-day-2016>

Happy exploring!

**SAMPLE**

### **DIOCESAN LAUNCH PROJECT COMPASSION**



At Mass on Wednesday, the Diocese of Bunbury launched its Project Compassion initiative. Mr Ray Lowe explained that the students of St Mary's represented all Catholic Schools, parishes and groups that would show love this Lent by collecting money for those who experience great poverty.



## 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

## 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** & **creativity** through participation in games & performances

**4 – 5pm Thursdays**  
**Hudson Road Family Centre**  
**Bunbury**  
Book your place now!

Call Terry on 0407 197 037, or email: [terry@actingup.com.au](mailto:terry@actingup.com.au)

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## BUNBURY JUNIOR BADMINTON REGISTRATION EVENINGS

**Tuesday, 9th March 6 – 7:30 pm**  
**Tuesday, 16th March 6 – 7:30 pm**



### Have a Go at Badminton! Ages 7 - 17

Come along to the Try Out nights at the Badminton Centre next door to the South West Sports Centre.

**Racquets are provided** and **no cost** is involved in these evenings.

**Wear:** sports clothes and sneakers – non marking soles.

(Season runs Terms 2 & 3)

### Did you know?

- Badminton is the **FASTEST** racquet sport in the world with the fastest smash at 493 km/hr!!
- The sport is played indoors with feather shuttles.
- Games played are singles, doubles and mixed doubles.



Bunbury Badminton has produced many State Junior players with some current kids looking at following suit.

Contact **Donna Senbergs** on 0447 958 322 for further information

## Marist Junior Hockey Club



have our registration day this Saturday from 8am - 11am at the Bunbury Hockey Stadium to coincide with the Australian Games being held on the Friday and Sunday. Age groups are from J2/U up to J9/12.

## Bunbury United Soccer Club Inc

### Junior Soccer Registrations 2016

**Saturday 20 Feb (10 – 2pm) and  
Friday 26 Feb (4 – 7pm)**

**At: Bunbury United Club rooms,  
Parade Road Bunbury**  
**All old and new players welcome.**  
**(Ages: 5 - 16)**

**This is only for NEW PLAYERS  
who will be given information on  
how to register on-line.**

Any queries please contact Carmela on:  
0417963014 or email: [cgaric@hotmail.com](mailto:cgaric@hotmail.com)  
All other players can register on line now! Coach  
will be in touch for training!  
First game: 30 April 2016



Thank you





# St Mary's Catholic Primary School Canteen Roster

## Term 1 2016

WEDNESDAY

FRIDAY

3 February 2016		5 February 2016	Belinda Males
			Susan Mainstone
10 February 2016	Brenda Hall	12 February 2016	Suzie Liaros
			Eboney Edwards
			Annaleisha de Chanéet
17 February 2016	Beverly Barry	19 February 2016	Michelle Patane-Dillon
	Trish Moore		Medrica Di Lallo
			Janelle Norrish
24 February 2016	Brooke Brand	26 February 2016	Maryanne Pemberton
			Cherrie Woolhead
			Jodie Scott
2 March 2016	Sellena Jones	4 March 2016	PUPIL
			FREE
			DAY
9 March 2016	Jaci Brasher	11 March 2016	Jenelle O'Reilly
			Carmel Sutton
			Carol Kennedy
16 March 2016	Peta-Marie Lord	18 March 2016	Carmela Spinelli
			Kristy Richardson
23 March 2016	Rosina Hynes	25 March 2016	GOOD
			FRIDAY
30 March 2016	Renae Ursino	1 April 2016	Kim Fildes
			Sandra Smith
6 April 2016	Shannon Atherton	8 April 2016	Rikki Smith
	Megan Turpin		Janine Stewart
			Moana Edmondson



Dear Parents

In the interests of safety of our students, the School Board outlines the following directions for parents and students when using the Kiss and Drive area, either before or after school.

1. Students may only exit or enter the car when the car is stationary in either of the yellow bays at the exit end of the drive through area. It has been reported to the Office that some parents are stopping inside the entrance to drop off children in the morning. Please do not continue with this unsafe practice.
2. If a parent needs to get out of the car to assist a child/children with bags, then please do not use Kiss and Drive, but park your vehicle instead.
3. When stopping and waiting in the Kiss and Drive area, please put on handbrake while car is idling. This may be inconvenient but the driver can become easily or momentarily distracted, causing the car to move forward into the vehicle in front.
4. DO NOT have children use the boot for schoolbags. Again, this may be inconvenient but, again, we are concerned with safety for children and would not wish for children to be pinned between their vehicle and the one behind.
5. Children need to exit and enter the car from the left hand side, thus avoiding the need to walk between two "idling" vehicles. We acknowledge that some families have baby seats, making it difficult for older children to get out. Children who need to exit or enter from the right hand side of the vehicle must walk in front of their own car. In this way, the parent can ensure their own child has crossed safely before the car moves on.
6. Parents/visitors who park in the diagonal bays in the carpark at the front of the school are not permitted to reverse out of these bays into the flow of traffic between 3:10 and 3:30pm. The driver / car will need to wait until traffic has ceased.
7. Please advise grandparents / friends / family members who may occasionally pick up children from school about this regulation.

Signs with these directions are installed in the Kiss and Drive area. These directions are made in the interests of safety for our students. I ask that all users of the Kiss and Drive area use these guidelines, regardless of momentary inconvenience. Parents not able to follow these guidelines are asked not to use the Kiss and Drive area.

Thank you all in anticipation of your support in following these safety guidelines.

**Maureen Tully**  
**Principal**