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St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

February

Thurs 9	Parent Information Evening K/Yr 3 - 6pm, Yrs 1/5 - 6.45pm (or 7pm if you attended on Monday Night)
Fri 10	Family Barbecue 5.30pm
Mon 13	Swimming Training
Tue 14	School Board Meeting 5.45pm P & F Meeting 7pm
Wed 15	Year 3 - 6 Liturgy
Mon 27	Swimming Training Swimming Training

Vision Statement

A welcoming faith
community

We value
relationships

We pursue excellence
in learning

We live the Gospel
message of love

Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of education in every form. As our children prepare to start a new year, may **confidence** be their foundation, may **grace** be their guide and may **hope** be their compass toward a bright future. We pray they would have eyes to see the needs of those around them, and a heart to love well. May they face each day with positivity, knowing that no matter what comes their way, they do not have to face it alone. Amen.



Principal's Welcome

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

On Monday night we had a huge number of parents take the opportunity to attend parent meetings to learn what will be happening in the children's classrooms this year. Sessions for Kindy and Year 3 start at 6pm in their classrooms this evening. Once those sessions finish, a group presentation will be held in the hall at 6.45pm and will be joined by Year 1 and 5 parents. Any parents who attended the group presentation on Monday night won't need to see it again. At 7pm Year 1 and 5 parents will move to individual classrooms.

The idea of new faction shirts has been well received which was a suggestion made by our P & F Executive. Students from Years 4 - 6 will get their first chance to wear them at the Swimming Carnival next month along with matching swimming caps.

Our first P & F meeting for the year will be in the hall on Tuesday 14 February (apologies for spoiling romantic Valentine's Day dinners) starting at 7pm. Thank you to the many parents who have already registered their interest to take on Class Representatives positions. The class representative system is a wonderful concept and a major driver in our P & F being so strong. We are still seeking parents for positions in Year 1, 5 and 6 as well as the Executive.

We had a very positive start to Friday Fitness last week with students and parents racking up the laps. As an added incentive to parents to encourage them to demonstrate the key message to their children that 'fitness is for life,' parents can register and record their laps and be in line for awards and a shirt if they reach the magic 100km mark. Another change this year, is that if students are able to get a team of five together for an outside running event and is approved by Mr Alberti, such as the 'Surf to Surf', then those distances will be added to their 100 Club tally.

God bless

Paull Cronin

SCHOOL NEWS

HPE NEWS

Swimming

Swimming Training has started and a note was sent out to all Year 4 – 6 parents with details. St Mary's Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 17 March from 9.30am – 12.30pm. The SWPSA Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday 23 March from 10am -1pm.

Fun Fitness Friday

Fun Fitness Friday will start this Friday, 3 February. All laps count towards the 100 Club. Remember 1 lap = 500m. 100 Club kids will have run 100km or more. T-shirts will be awarded to each students who can run 100km in 2017. A coffee van will be in attendance from 8am.

Clarification on When to Wear Sports Uniform

Students can wear their Sports Uniform on the following days:

Monday - Years 1, 3 and 6

Wednesday - Year 5

Thursday - Years 2 and 4

Friday - Years 1 - 6

MEDICAL

If your child has a medical condition (e.g. Asthma, Anaphylaxis, Allergies, etc.) please call in to the office so that we can update our records.

Dear Banking Buddies

Banking is back on Monday's 8.30-9.00am in the uniform shop. If anyone would like to open a new bank account please come in.

Jen Curtis



ST MARY'S NETBALL – WATCH THIS SPACE!!!

More information coming next week for all girls aged 5-12 who would like to play netball for St Marys this year. Stay tuned!



STUDENT LEADERS MAKE A PLEDGE OF COMMITMENT

Year 6 students were blessed by Fr Abraham at Wednesday's Mass as they were acknowledged for their appointed leadership roles in the school for this year. Each of the students will be given an opportunity to develop their leadership skills at various events and activities throughout the year.



BARBECUE

The weather forecast for tomorrow night's Family Barbeque is not brilliant but it will still go ahead! If it is wet, we can use the undercover area and the hall. Please bring your own meat or fish and drinks. Families from Kindy to Year 2 (eldest child) are asked to bring a salad to share. Years 3 - 6 are asked to bring a dessert. Chairs and tables will be provided.

NATURE PLAY

Parents who are interested in being involved in the construction of St Mary's Nature Play Playground are encouraged to attend a meeting in the hall on Tuesday 21 February at 5.30pm.

PLAY CAFÉ TAKES OFF

Our first Play Café session for the year was an outstanding success! We had 22 children with their mums, dads and younger siblings along to enjoy each other's company as well as activities set up by Mrs Rose Anderson who is coordinating the program. Play Café is open to children who will start Kindy in 2018 and runs from 9am to 11am on Tuesday mornings in the Kindy room and costs \$50 a term.

NEW FACTION COLOURS!

Jacob, Molly and Gabrielle proudly showing off the new faction colours.



Just Leadership



On Monday this week, St Mary's hosted a Caritas presentation from Anita Finneran on Just Leadership. We had 80 student leaders from Catholic schools in the Bunbury Diocese take part. Anita's messages of 'we need to do something' and 'you can make a difference' along with her engaging presentation helped to inspire the students to take an active role in fundraising back in their schools to help Caritas in the work they do around the world.

SCHOOL BOARD

The first School Board Meeting for 2017 will be held on Tuesday 14 February at 5.45pm in the Staffroom. Thank you to parents who have nominated to serve on St Mary's School Board in 2017.

P & F MEETING

The first P & F meeting for 2017 will be held on Tuesday evening 14 February at 7 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. At this stage, while most of the Classroom Rep positions have been filled, we are still in need of volunteers for the positions of President, Vice President and Secretary of the P & F. Parents are asked to consider taking on one of these vital roles and these will be discussed on 14 February at the meeting. At last year's AGM, Chris Gibbs stepped down as the P&F Representative on the school Board to take up a Board position so we are also in need of a P & F Board Representative.

Facelift for Early Childhood Playground

The School Board approved a painting upgrade of playground equipment in Kindy and Pre Primary over the Christmas holidays. Much of the outdoor playground has been restored to its former glory and looks much more appealing.

Before



After



Year 6 Leadership Groups

2017

Year 6 2017	Ursula	McAuley	Marcellin
Mercy Shield	1. Elena Mazza	1. Elijah De Coppi	1. Adam Warnock
	2. Lorenzo Fimognari	2. Charlee Sidebottom	2. Gabrielle Hopley
	3. Raymond Do	3. Sarah Gibbs	
Swimming	1. Caitlyn Hebbend	1. Aidin Williams	1. Kace Brand
	2. Aleesha Zaccagnini	2. Jayden Kelly	2. James Donovan
Cross Country	1. Jacob Orsi	1. Molly Turner	1. Alexis Gianfrancesco
	2. Daniel Norrish	2. Ashleen Moore	2. Milly Patterson
	3. Maddison Lord		
Athletics	1. Ned Pemberton	1. Lochlan Moore	1. Liam Collins
	2. Aidan Hall	2. Jai Cahill	2. Max Sarre

HANDWRITING AT ST MARY'S

Staff analysed a variety of handwriting font options in 2016. It was agreed that St Mary's should teach the NSW Foundation font across all grades to bring them in line with Kindy and Pre Primary. Year levels will cover skills that are developmentally appropriate. Classroom teachers in the younger years have been making reference to the font style during group parent meetings this week. If you have any questions, please speak with your child's teacher.



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.

Paul Cronin
Principal



CATHOLIC EDUCATION
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Dear parents and caregivers

Welcome to the start of the 2017 school year. This year promises to be full of exciting new opportunities and possibilities for your child in Catholic Education.

If you are new to our system, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to you and your family. I am delighted that you have chosen to join the Catholic Education Western Australia system, which provides a faith-based education and inspires a passion for learning and discovery for more than 75,000 students in 163 school communities right across the State.

You are joining Catholic Education at an exciting time of system success, growth and transformation.

In 2016, one of the many encouraging indicators of the success of our system was the WACE achievement of our Year 12s. Approximately 96 percent of CEWA students achieved a WACE, above the total State average, while CEWA students improved their Median ATAR again to 81.95, and were awarded a total of 33,178 VET Certificate 2 or higher.

In the past four years, our system has grown with the opening of seven new schools and colleges. Early Years Learning and Care is a key focus for us moving forward in 2017 as we seek to offer exceptional learning experiences for children in a vital period of their development, while meeting the needs of today's families.

This year we aim to reimagine collaborative learning at every school across our system by implementing our digital transformation initiative, LEADing Lights. LEADing Lights is a single digital eco-system, designed to equip students with the 21st century technologies and deep learning skills that will best prepare them for the future. Much work is underway in this space to ensure that this initiative supports world-class learning and development experiences for both students and staff.

Catholic schools rely on the contribution of parish, staff, students and parents working in partnership to sustain their vibrancy, educational excellence, and faith life. With your support and involvement in your child's learning, the efforts of our dedicated staff and Principals, we will ensure that our Catholic schools help your child reach toward their God-given potential.

Thank you for your continued support and I wish you all the best for the year ahead.

Yours sincerely

Dr Tim McDonald
Executive Director, Catholic Education Western Australia

COMMUNITY NEWS



Bunbury City Bulls Junior Rugby Club

Registration Day Saturday 18 February
10.30am – 1.30pm

The Bullring, Wallabies Way, Hay Park
Bunbury

Registrations also available online please contact
Juniorbulls.bunbury@gmail.com for the link

Training starts: Thursday 2 March
Games start: Sunday 30 April
Contact Sally Horsley on 0400 701 413 for further details



The Astronomical Society of the South West (Inc) will conduct Astronomy Classes for Beginners at their Observatory, Keble Heights, College Grove, Bunbury, for six consecutive Wednesdays, commencing on Wednesday 22 February 2017 at 6.00pm. This is a great chance for anyone keen to know more about what's up in the night sky to learn all about the wonders of astronomy!

FEES: for the six weeks course are: Adults - \$80.00; Full-time Students - \$40.00; (Under 9 yrs - Free.); Family - \$150.00; Taster (First Night only) - \$30.00 per person. **BOOKINGS are essential.**

For Bookings or further information. Phone: Cameron - 9795-8204

South West Phoenix FC FOOTBALL FEDERATION AUSTRALIA

Academy 2017

TERM 1

Skill Acquisition Program

The Skill Acquisition Program (SAP) focuses on teaching players functional game skills.

Striking the Ball, First Touch, 1v1, Running with the Ball.

These are the technical skills required to perform effectively during a game.



**COME ALONG FOR A NO
COMMITMENT FIRST
SESSION**

Register at: www.myfootballclub.com.au

Age: 9-12 years boys and girls

Training: Thursdays 5.30-6.30pm

Cost: \$ 80.00 Returning Player

\$120.00 New player (includes training kit)

STARTS: 9th February 2017

EMAIL: info@swpfc.com.au

MOBILE: 0438900704

for further information



Come join the winning team!

Marist Registration Day 12/2/17 at 9am-12 pm

To be held at the Marist Junior Football Club rooms,
Albert Oval Bunbury Catholic College



Footys will be out for a kick with your mates

Come down, sign up, have a sausage sizzle and support
your club or you can register online on the link below

[Marist JFC 2017 Registration Form](#)

For more information call Frank on 0418198139



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Oval Bunbury Catholic College



Girls, interested in playing for Marist?

Register your interest for the proposed 2017 girls comp.

Come down, have a sausage sizzle and support your club

For more information call Frank on 0418198139