



St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

May	
Fri 6	Year 2 Assembly Year 6 Back from Camp
Sun 8	First Eucharist Commitment Mass
Tue 10	NAPLAN Year 3/5 - Language Conventions, Writing Parent/Student Eucharist Meeting 6pm Catholic Care Casual Day The Fathering Project - Colin West 7pm MPR
Wed 11	NAPLAN Year 3/5 - Reading Year 6 Reconciliation
Thur 12	NAPLAN Year 3/5 - Numeracy
Fri 13	Fine Motor Skills Workshop - Kindy Parents
Sat 14	BCC Scholarship Exam
Sun 15	Pentecost Sunday Year 6 Confirmation Mass 10am Cathedral

Vision Statement

A welcoming faith
community

We value
relationships

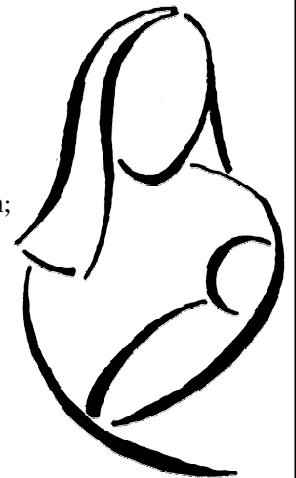
We pursue excellence
in learning

We live the Gospel
message of love

God our Creator, we thank you for the gift of motherhood and the blessings that our mothers are in our lives.

We pray for new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibility;
for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;
for those who are tired, stressed or depressed;
for those who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family;
for those who share the joys of parenting and those who raise children on their own;
for those who have lost a child;
for those who care for the children of others;
and for those whose children have left home.

Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender,
and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good,
living not for themselves alone, but for God and for others.
Amen.



Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

There was a buzz of activity in the hall since Monday afternoon as the Pre Primary parents set up for the wonderful Mother's Day Morning Tea enjoyed by so many yesterday morning. The months of planning and preparation by Vanessa Best and Renae O'Connor, Pre Primary Reps, and the Pre Primary parents ensured the event was a great success. A heartfelt thank you to all involved.

We look forward to our Year 6 campers returning tomorrow afternoon. Thank you to Mr Alberti for the planning and time and care given to accompanying the students for their week of fun, adventure and challenge. Thank you to our parents for your support - those who gave up their time to accompany the campers and all who trusted us with the care of their children for the week. You now have the return of all those cases full of dirty clothing to look forward to...and some of our students had very large cases.

I returned to school on Monday, having been overseas for a month on a combination of Long Service Leave and Professional Renewal Leave. Having listened to a number of eminent and world renowned experts in the field of education on what matters in education and what experiences our students need to be successful and fulfilled in life,

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



and having visited a number of schools, I plan to share these insights with both staff and families (via items in the newsletter.)

A point that was raised a number of times was the busy lives of young families and the sometimes lack of quality time children enjoy each day with parents or primary caregivers and the resultant levels of anxiety that children then bring into schools. It was reiterated a number of times that children need at least 10 minutes of quality conversation with a parent each day. Michael Carr Gregg also wrote about this same topic in the Weekend Australian recently; children need quality time and the undivided attention of a significant adult each day. This might be a worthwhile conversation topic for parents and a challenge to set this time daily - when you are not driving, cooking, shopping, cleaning, washing? Or perhaps have your child complete some chores/household tasks with you while you chat about a whole range of topics. Have fun.

Maureen Tully
Principal

STUDENT AWARDS

YEAR 1	Myra Patterson	Aaron Joseph	Wil Dabic
YEAR 2	Ashton Spinelli	Emmanuel Menzie	
YEAR 3	Olivia Bambrick		
YEAR 4	Chloe MacNeill	Lani Cahill	Elizabeth Curtis
YEAR 5	Jai Cahill	Aidin Hall	
YEAR 6	Zak Ivey	Riley Carter	
A.R. 50%	Max Di Lallo	Tristyn Cream	

Congratulations!

SCHOOL NEWS

THE FATHERING PROJECT

I encourage our Dads, Grandads and father figures to come along to the Fathering Project Presentation next Tuesday, 10 May, at 7pm in the MPR. Thank you to Tino Alberti and Suzie Liaros who have been instrumental in having this project get off the ground at St Mary's. Further information available at www.thefatheringproject.org. I ask our Mums to prompt and encourage Dads to come along. We look forward to a great turnout. See attached notice further on in this newsletter

NAPLAN

Year 3 and Year 5 students have NAPLAN Testing next week - Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. This testing provides a set point in time picture of students' performance in Numeracy, Reading, Writing and Grammar and Punctuation. While we encourage our students to do their best work, as we do each school day, we do not over emphasise and stress students. We ask that students have a smooth start to the day, have a good night's sleep and arrive at school promptly to settle into the day.

CONDOLENCES

Our sincere condolences are extended Quyen, Son, Raymond and Seton Do on the loss of their loved one.

BOOK CLUB NOTES

Issue 3 catalogues have been distributed and orders are due back by Monday 9 May 2016.

UNIFORM NEWS

Full winter uniform is compulsory from next Monday 9 May 2016. Purchases can be made at the Uniform Shop on Friday mornings between 8.30am and 9.30am.

STUDENTS ARRIVING LATE TO SCHOOL

THERE ARE AN INCREASING NUMBER OF STUDENTS ARRIVING LATE TO SCHOOL, WHO ARE NOT BEING SIGNED IN. PARENTS ARE REMINDED THAT THE START OF THE SCHOOL DAY IS 8.45AM. ANY STUDENTS ARRIVING AFTER THIS TIME ARE REQUIRED TO BE SIGNED IN BY THEIR PARENT/CAREGIVER AT THE OFFICE BEFORE THEY ARE TAKEN TO CLASS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

YEAR 6 CAMP

Year 6 set off for Nanga Bush Camp on Monday morning, accompanied by Mr Alberti, Mrs Noack and parents Shannon Michell, Lisa Vance, Jason Lubcke, Martin Hynes and Paul Brown. We look forward to hearing their stories of adventure and challenges overcome when they return tomorrow afternoon.

Last minute instructions...



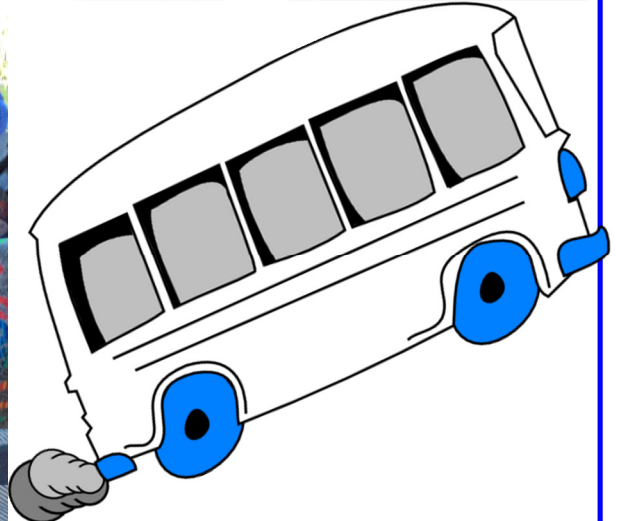
Yes I can carry my own bags!



Bringing your own pillow!



Can't wait to get on the bus!



Happy campers ready to go!

RIP - BISHOP MYLES McKEON

We were saddened to hear of the death of Bishop Myles McKeon on Monday morning. We received the following announcement from Bishop Holohan:

'With great sadness, I have to announce the death this morning of Bishop Myles McKeon, the Second Bishop of Bunbury. He was 97 years of age.

Bishop McKeon served the Bunbury Diocese from 1969 with his resignation for reasons of health in 1982. Prior to this he was a priest of the Archdiocese of Perth from 1947 to 1962 when he was consecrated Auxiliary Bishop of Perth. He served in that role until his appointment to the Diocese of Bunbury.

Bishop McKeon is well remembered still as a kind and caring pastor. He was also one of the four Western Australian Bishops who collaborated for the founding of the Catholic Education Commission and the Catholic Institution of Western Australia, both of which were unique in the world of that time.

Funeral arrangements will be announced after contact has been made with the Bishop's family in Ireland. It is anticipated the funeral will be in the week of 17th May 2016.

May he rest in peace.

+ Gerard J Holohan

Bishop of Bunbury

2nd May 2016'

FIRST EUCHARIST ENROLMENT MASS

The children of Year 4 will be accepted into the sacramental program by the parish community at this weekend's 10am Mass. Parents are asked to publically affirm their commitment to strengthening their child's faith and spiritual development. Please keep these families in your prayers at this time of grace and preparation.

FIRST EUCHARIST PARENT/STUDENT WORKSHOP

This workshop will be held at 6pm on Tuesday 10 May in the Parish Hall. It is an expectation that all students and at least one parent attend this event. We look forward to working in partnership with you, the parents, to deepen your child's understanding of the Eucharist and the important role it plays in everyday living.

CASUALS FOR CATHOLIC CARE DAY

All children are asked to wear casual clothing on Tuesday 10 May and make a gold coin donation to raise funds for CatholicCare. By doing this you are showing Mercy to those in need. Your support helps church based organisations such as St John of God South West Community Drug Service Team, St Vincent de Paul Society, Apostleship of the Sea and Centrecare provide care and assistance for people in our local communities.

SUSAN FUHRMANN CUP 2016

Congratulations to the St Mary's Year 4 Netball team for participating in the Susan Fuhrmann Cup hosted by the Bunbury Netball Association on Sunday 1 May. The girls learned how great it was to be part of a team, winning well, how to bounce back from a loss and even coping with unpleasant experiences such as bent back fingers and blisters! Well done Lani, Grace, Keira, Abigail, Jasmin, Catherine, Jessica and Maddison!



What the Principal heard this week...

What do you love about your Mum?

Nyah (Kindy)
She always pretends to be a clown at night time
Amber (Kindy)
She gives me kisses and cuddles
Harry (4)
She's nice to us and when we want something, we have to say please
Alexis (4)
She is very kind and loving and she loves us
Nuala (Kindy)
She kisses me
Lucas (3)
She cooks great food
Bel (3)
She plays Lego with me
Abigail (3)
We have girls' nights
Angus (1)
She plays Snap with me and I always win
Levi (PP)
She bakes cakes and biscuits
Amelie (PP)
Her hugs and kisses
Nate (1)
She brings me toys
Archie (4)
She makes spicy stir fry for us

What does your Mum do for you?

Layla (Kindy)
She lets me have milk at bedtime
Kade (4)
She looks after me when I'm not feeling well
Koby (4)
She does my ironing and washing
Henley (4)
She makes my lunch in the morning
Taylor (2)
She helps me when she does the washing
Paige (3)
She makes meals for us
Grace (4)
She helps me with my homework when I'm stuck
Frankie (2)
She helps me with my reading
Keira (3)
She always goes for a walk with me in the afternoons on school days
Sophia (PP)
She puts my clothes on me
Ruby (PP)
She helps me clean up my room

What is Mum good at?

Thomas (1)
Running
Nick (4)
Soccer
Marcus (4)
Cooking

What is Mum good at?

Taneisha (3)
Skipping
Lani (4)
Gardening
Elianna (2)
Cooking

What is Mum good at?

Darcy (Kindy)
She's good at swimming in the pool
Tate (Kindy)
She's good at washing my hands when I get germs on them
Milly (5)
Singing a lot around the house
Baylee (2)
Mowing the lawn
Alek (2)
Cleaning up the dishes and my bedroom
Caitlyn (5)
She participates in events for helping sick people
Brady (4)
Cutting hair and fringes...and sewing
Lauren (2)
She's faster at cleaning than I thought she would be...and she's a fast walker
Adrianna (3)
Riding her bicycle
Imogen (1)
Playing hockey for Marist
Adam (2)
Washing dishes

Happy
Mother's
Day



FOOTY TIPPING ROUND 6 RESULTS

A big congratulations to Abigail Bovell in Year 1 who took out the Round 6 Footy Tipping. Well done! Good luck to all tipsters for the coming round.

Better Soil, Better Life, Better Future



Monday 2 to Sunday 8 May, is **International Composting Awareness Week**. Throughout the year, the Year Five class help the environment by making their own compost. Each day, the composting committee collect food scraps from the students and add them to the composting bins. The dry and wet content are monitored and adjusted accordingly and this week, the team had beautiful rich compost to add to the vegetable gardens. Great work Year Fives!

Lorenzo Fimognari and Aidin Williams add the compost to the vegetable garden.

COMMUNITY NEWS

**Central NEWS
BUNBURY**

Central News Bunbury has a range of sacramental gifts and cards for Eucharist, Reconciliation and Confirmation available in-store. Centrally located on Victoria Street. Tel: 97212114
Open: 6.30am - 5.30pm,
(7pm Thursday), 7am - 5pm Saturday



Invitation
to Fathers & Father-Figures.

Come along and hear about:

“The Powerful Role of Men in Young Lives”

Guest Speaker: Colin West, Schools Manager, The Fathering Project

Tuesday, 10 May 2016
7pm to 9pm

Multipurpose Room
St Mary's CPS

- 7:00pm - Meet & Greet
- 7:30pm - Introduction
- 8:00pm - Break
- 8:15pm - Champion Dads' in your school
- 9:00pm - Finish

Register interest with Tino by Monday, 02 May 2016
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www.thefatheringproject.org



Bunbury Indoor Cricket

T20 Blast: Girls and Boys (Ages 7 – 11yrs old)
10 Week action packed program
4pm -5:30pm - Wednesday Afternoon
Free Come & Try 11th May (Giveaways and WACA appearances)
\$99 per child (Includes players pack & skill coaching)
Register online at playcricket.com.au

Junior Indoor: (11's, 13's, 16's Age Groups)
Friday Afternoon's (29th April – 16th Sept)
Game Times: 4:00pm, 5:00pm, 6:00pm (\$5 per game)

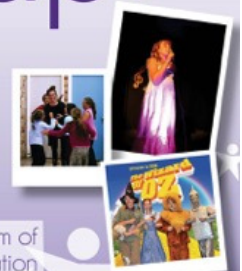
Ladies: (16yrs+)
Thursday Nights (21st April – 23rd Sept)
Game Time: 7pm-8pm

Contact:
Phil Nuttall (Bunbury Cricket Centre):
0419 047 328
Rachel Norman (South West RCM):
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