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# St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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## IMPORTANT DATES

<b>May</b>	
Fri 5	Year 6 Return from Camp General Assembly
Mon 8	Year 2 Excursion Wellington Dam
Tue 9	NAPLAN Years 3/5 First Eucharist Parent/Student Workshop, 6pm Parish Hall
Wed 10	NAPLAN Years 3/5
Thur 11	NAPLAN Years 3/5
Fri 12	Pre Primary Assembly
Sun 14	Mother's Day
Tue 16	School Board Meeting 5.45pm

## Vision Statement

A welcoming faith  
community

We value  
relationships

We pursue excellence  
in learning

We live the Gospel  
message of love

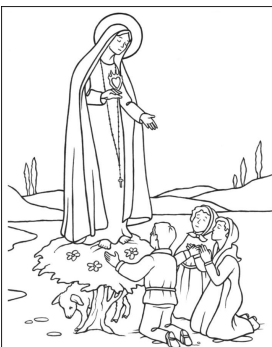
## Centenary of Our Lady of Fatima

The year 2017 marks the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady to the three shepherd children at Fatima, Portugal, where the Blessed Mother appeared once each month from May 13 until Oct. 13, 1917.

The message of Fatima highlights many central truths and devotions of the Catholic faith: the Trinity, the Eucharist, Penance, the Rosary and sacrifices for the conversion of sinners. There is special emphasis on the Immaculate Heart of Mary, because Mary is full of God's grace and is all pure. She has the heart of a mother who cares for her children and wishes them to be saved by her Son, Jesus.

Fatima is one of the most significant of all Marian apparitions. Along with Guadalupe (Dec. 12) and Lourdes (Feb. 11), it is one of three Marian apparitions honoured with a feast day by the Catholic Church. In 2002, Pope St. John Paul II added the May 13 feast of Our Lady of Fatima to the general Roman calendar.

It is estimated that some 4-5 million people visit Fatima each year, and more are expected for the centennial year, including a visit by Pope Francis, who plans to travel to Portugal to celebrate the 100 year anniversary.



O Most Holy Virgin Mary,  
Queen of the most holy Rosary,  
you were pleased to appear to  
the children of Fatima  
and reveal a glorious message.

We implore you,  
inspire in our hearts a  
fervent love  
for the recitation of the Rosary.  
By meditating on the mysteries  
of the redemption  
that are recalled therein  
may we obtain the graces and  
virtues that we ask,  
through the merits of  
Jesus Christ,  
our Lord and Redeemer.

AMEN.

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

## Principal's Welcome

On Tuesday I was in a privileged position to be invited to the Mother's Day Mass and Morning Tea. Father Abraham presented a tribute and blessing of the mothers and grandmothers and aunties present and it was a timely reminder of the love and care that they show us every day.

At the Mother's Day Morning Tea I was in awe of the organisation of the event. There was incredible support from local businesses and from those who attended. A huge thank you to Gemma Millar and Zoe Marwick for coordinating as Pre Primary P & F Reps, and to the huge team of Pre Primary parents who cooked, decorated, waited on tables, set up and dismantled what was a huge event. Those gathered were entertained with some impressive singing and dancing from our Pre Primary students. Special thanks also to Mel Toia who was our MC throughout the morning. We are also thankful to the seven Bunbury Catholic College students who assisted in

running a crèche for mothers involved. The St Mary's community is incredibly grateful to all of those involved and more than \$10 000 was raised to buy classroom resources for the benefit of our students.

After being at camp yesterday and staying overnight I am pleased to report that the Year 6 camp is going extremely well with the students accepting the many challenges they have been faced. Students have had to work in teams and listen and support each other to complete some difficult tasks from kayaking to rock climbing and abseiling. One of the cooks at camp said that in our group's first five minutes at camp, the class had said more "thank yous" than she had received in the previous two weeks! Mr Priest is doing an amazing job in marshalling the troops and he has been well supported by Mr Alberti, and a team of enthusiastic parents, with Mrs Toia driving up this morning.

Next week is an important one for our Year 3 and 5 students with them involved in NAPLAN testing. Testing across Australia will start on Tuesday and finish on Thursday. The tests are a useful tool to gauge a snapshot of students' progress and is one of many assessments used at St Mary's.

Parking is an ongoing problem, particularly outside the Kindy and Pre Primary classrooms. I have been made aware that the City of Bunbury Ranger has told some of our parents that if they park where they shouldn't they will be fined. I am keen to hear if you have ideas on solving the problem and will discuss the matter with staff and the School Board.

God bless

Paul Cronin

## SCHOOL NEWS

### HPE NEWS

#### ***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***

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

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

### ***Winter Sports Carnival***

For our Winter Sports Carnival to be held on Thursday 8 June from 10am to 2pm at Hay Park, we have a football team, 2 soccer teams, 2 netball teams and 1 hockey team. Parents who can assist with coaching or umpiring on the day please let me know.

### ***Hockey***

Years 4 – 6 will start hockey next week for 3 weeks. Students are encouraged to bring a mouth guard to school on their sport day. Thank you to Sanjan O'Brien who kindly donated 3 hockey sticks for school use.

Mr T Alberti

HPE and Music/Drama teacher

### **FRIDAY FITNESS JAMS AND CONDIMENT STALL**

A selection of jams and condiments that were left over from the Mother's Day Morning Tea will be available for sale during Friday Morning Fitness tomorrow morning. Thank you for your support.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**



Congratulations to Warwick, Renae, Levi and Nash on the safe arrival of Tanner Grice on 24 April 2017.

### UNIFORM NOTES

The Uniform Shop is open on Friday mornings for all your uniform requirements between 8.30 and 9.30am. Just a reminders that all children are required to be in full winter uniform, including the tie from Monday 8 May.

### BOOK CLUB NEWS

Issue 3 catalogues were distributed this week and orders are due back at school by Tuesday 9 May 2017. Thank you.

### SCHOOL BANKING

Dear Banking Buddies

There will be no banking available for the next two Mondays. Banking will reopen on 22 May.

Thank you.

Jen Curtis

### P & F MEETING

Thanks very much to all who attended last term's P & F meeting. Kate Kelly, Susan Mainstone and myself are driving the P & F this year to give the former Executive Committee a much needed rest after 3 years. We are trialling, with the support from Paul Cronin only one meeting in Term 2 and 3, both in week 5. The next P & F meeting will be held on 23 May. We need your support and YOU can do this by just attending the next meeting – many thanks in advance!

Suzanne Cross

P & F President

### FIRST EUCHARIST

A reminder that the First Eucharist parent/student workshop will be held in the Parish Hall at 6pm on Tuesday 9 May.

### KINDERGARTEN 2018

Siblings of current students who will be beginning Kindergarten in 2018 will receive enrolment letters tomorrow, Friday 5 May. Parents who have received letters from the school requesting outstanding documentation are asked to supply the remaining paperwork that has been requested. Once these documents have been received, your child's Application for Enrolment can then be processed.

### CAMP AUSTRALIA

A reminder that Before and After School Care is being offered at St Mary's CPS by Camp Australia.



we make kids smile



# Mother's Day Morning Tea

## Mother's Day Morning Tea Raffle Results

Congratulations to the following lucky ladies who won the major raffle. First Prize – Sellena Jones, Second Prize – Leisa Williamson, Third Prize – Katie Cosenza. Thanks to the entire school community for helping sell tickets.





# Thank you to our amazing Sponsors...

Freedom Bunbury	Bunbury Drive In Chemist	Full of Beanz Coffee	Roberts Tilt Tray
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Ella Bache Bunbury	Bunbury Skin Cancer Clinic	Howshique	Soho for Hair
Bank West	Bunbury Ten Pin Bowl	HSCP Pty Ltd	Soul Tree Beauty
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Denning Boxing & Fitness Gym	Bunbury Wildlife Park	JCW Electrical	South West Environmental Insect Control
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Johanna Resta Photography	C & V Marwick	Kmart Eaton	Sportsgirl
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The Passionate Baker	Cakeworks Bunbury	Laser Electrical	Studio 66
The Security Man	Catherine Decastro Makeup Artist	Laubman & Pank Bunbury	Studio of Contemporary & Classical Dance
Wish Hair Studio	Cathie Rice Travel	Life & Soul Boutique	T & J Depiazzi
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Xscape to the Cape Fun Park	Coles Centre Point	Lost Bills	The Green Depot
4 Lady's	Coles Parks Centre	Luxe Hairdressing	The Happy Wife
A & L Printers	Coles Bunbury Forum	Maggie Dent	The Hockey Shed
AMD Accounting	Collins Bookstore	Mangles Deli	The Natural Beauty Spot
Ashlee Docking - Lorraine Lea	Connop Metals	Market Eating House	The Parade Hotel
Auto One Bunbury	Cousins Electrical	Martina Brow Artistry	The Potted Warehouse
Autumn Zovko	DBC	Mesa by Casellas	The Pottery Boutique
Azura for Hair	De Bortolli Wines	Michael Hill Jewellers	The Townhouse Cafe
Back Beach Cafe	Debbie's Kitchen	NAB	The Wardrobe
Bank of Queensland	Dianella Electrics	Natural Hair Studio	Tokyo Jacks
BCF	Dig Deep	Natural Temptation	Tri Nature - Kim Fildes
Beacon Lighting	Dolphin Discovery Centre	Naturaliste Skin Clinic	Tuart St Wines
Benesse	Dome	Nexus Risk Services	Vat 2
Blush Beauty Bar	Eastman and Co	Nitalie Delouse Bunbury	Victoria Street Barbers
Brain Spice	Eaton Tavern	Novus Auto Glass	Water's Edge Cafe & Restaurant
Bridge Street Hair Studio	Envy	Odyssey Float Studio	Wildwood Handcrafted Jewellery
Brooke Fiore for Hair	Essence	Officeworks	Wizard Pharmacy
Buckingham Family Butchers	Evedon Park Retreat	Palmer Wines	Woolworths Bunbury Forum
Bunbury Automotive Spray Painters	FADS Homewares	Panuccio Autos	Yahava Koffee Works Wholesale
Bunbury Catholic College Principal & Students (Crèche)	Fashion House	Pete's Fruit Truck	Yoga Life Studio
	Filtrex	Phoenix Hair Studio	Younique - Rowena Santos
	Fiore Contracting	Piacentini & Sons	Yours or Mine
	Fleurs	Platform One Five	
	Florist Gump	Recruit West	
	Forty Winks Bunbury & Busselton	Retravisson	



# Year 6 Camp 2017





Live  
Learn



## Empowering Parents & Families

with aMaze Parenting

Wednesday 17th May 2017  
9.30-10.30am @ Withers Community Library

Are you a parent that needs support?  
Where do you go for information and advice?  
What services are available in the local community?

The aMaze program is a free government initiative that helps families to develop strategies for overcoming barriers and obstacles. In this Live & Learn session Community Service Consultant Renae Brown will outline the services offered by aMaze and explain how it can help families transform their lives.



Pathways Through Parenting

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LIBRARIES

Places are limited.  
Please book via our website or  
call one of our Libraries.



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## Parents and Friends Federation

### WA Presents

Dr Debbie Pushor

Saturday 20th May 2017

9:30am-12:30pm

Corpus Christi College, Bateman



### Leading The Way in Parent Engagement

The PFFWA are excited to announce that whilst she is in Australia for the ARACY Conference, Dr Debbie Pushor will be joining us to present a workshop entitled "Leading the Way in Parent Engagement".

Debbie is a Professor in the Department of Curriculum Studies at the University of Saskatchewan in Canada and is a passionate advocate for authentic parent partnerships.

In Debbie's early career she worked as a teacher, consultant, principal and central services administrator. It was her experiences as a parent of school aged children that caused her to engage in research and work for solutions around school and parent relationships.

Debbie's research program uses stories of parent knowledge, parent engagement and leadership to develop opportunities for partnering and she has recently co-authored two books on parent engagement.

You are invited to attend this important workshop.

Please encourage at least one member of the school leadership team, as well as members of your P&F executive/school community to attend.

For further information and to register click on Eventbrite [HERE](#) or contact  
admin@pff.wa.edu  
phone 9271 5909.

## 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](mailto:martine.floyd@iinet.net.au), mob: 0403 019 609

if you are interested in hosting.

