



St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES IMPORTANT DATES

October

Tue 24 School Board Meeting 5.45pm
Wed 25 Year 5 Zoo Camp
Thur 26 SWPSA Years 4 - 6
Year 5 Return from Camp

November

Wed 1 All Souls Day Mass 10am
Wed 8 Year 6 Reconciliation 10am
Fri 10 School Disco
Wed 15 Year 5 Reconciliation 10am
Tue 21 School Board Meeting and ACM

Vision Statement

A welcoming faith
community

We value
relationships

We pursue excellence
in learning

We live the Gospel
message of love

Heavenly Father

You are the One from Whom every family derives its origin.

Grant that, in keeping with Your glorious riches
we may be strengthened with power through the Spirit
for the development of our inner selves.

Help us to develop our natural talents to the full
while at the same time growing in Your likeness
to Your Son Jesus Christ. Amen

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

Principal's Welcome

On Tuesday night, we had a fantastic attendance at our P & F meeting. Part of the meeting was spent planning for 2018 with next year's Class Reps putting their names forward to coordinate another huge variety of friend and fund raising events.

Congratulations to the many students and parents who took part in the 'Surf to Surf,' running and walking distances from 2 to 10 km. A team of five St Mary's super runners won the Primary School Team prize of a trophy and \$200 for the school. The group are currently working out what they would like to purchase for school.

Make sure you read the article on page two of this week's Bunbury Mail which features our amazing team of students who will be taking part in the twenty four hour Relay for Life which starts on 4 November. The team of eighteen students (and growing), along with their very enthusiastic parents, have raised more than \$3000 in support of the Cancer Council. Dr Ale Olgati also appears in the photo because of the free skin checks that she is offering the school community. See inside for details if you are interested in an appointment with Dr Ale.

Our Year 5 and 6 students showed off their mathematical knowledge by finishing first and second in the Bunbury Round of the Numero Challenge.

Next Wednesday and Thursday I get to drive the bus for the Year 5 Zoo Camp. Mrs Alberti has planned two full days of activities that are sure to create lifelong memories for the students.

God bless

Paul Cronin

STUDENT AWARDS

YEAR 1	Louis Best	Mia Panuccio	Scarlett White	Ayla Mighall
YEAR 2	Benjamin Lincoln	Michael Twomey		
YEAR 3	Cooper Clark	Eamon Ramsay		
YEAR 4	Lily Kilpatrick	Levi Postma		
YEAR 5	Natalia Dillon	Amy Hunter		
YEAR 6	James Donovan	Maddison Lord		
A.R. 75%	Neha Bobby	Harry Kane	Jai Cahill	Lochlan Moore
	Jedd Patterson			
A.R. 100%	Jasmine Turner	Caitlyn Hebbend		
A.R. 2ND 100%	Amy Hunter			
50KM	Sanjan O'Brien			
PRINCIPAL	Toby McGee	Jade Turpin		

**JOB
WELL DONE**

SCHOOL NEWS

SAME SEX MARRIAGE

Please see a letter from Bishop Holohan included in this newsletter regarding same sex marriage. If there are any queries or comments, can these please be made directly to the Bishop at bishop@bunburycatholic.org.au. Thank you.

BOOK CLUB

Issue 7 catalogues have been distributed and orders are due back by Monday 23 October 2017.

UNIFORM NEWS

Full summer uniform is to be worn from Monday 23 October. The Uniform Shop is open on Friday mornings from 830am to 9.30am, except for Friday 3 November.

On Friday 3 November, between 8.30am and 9.30am, Pre Primary parents are advised that students will be fitted out for their Year 1 uniforms in the Kindy room. There will be a selection of uniforms in various sizes that the children will be able to try on, and orders can be placed on this day.

Kindy parents who have children progressing to Pre Primary in 2018 will be able to place their uniform orders on Monday 6 November from 2.15pm to 3pm in the Playgroup room.

CANTEEN

Canteen Roster until Friday 27 October:

Friday 20 October	-	Carmela Spinelli
Wednesday 25 October	-	Helper required
Friday 27 October	-	Carmel Sutton

Please note that fandangles, which are currently sold in the canteen, are being deleted as a canteen item. A few of each flavour are still available until sold out. They will not be replaced. Still available are icy poles, vanilla ice-cream tubs and frozen yoghurts; mango, strawberry and raspberry.

Canteen volunteers are much needed for 2018. If you are available to assist, please fill in the attached form and return to the front office or canteen before the end of term or early 2018.

Alternatively it can be emailed to : ali.gray@cewa.edu.au.

St Mary's Dads and Male Care Givers Get Together

Who: St Mary's Dads and Male care givers

Where: Rose Hotel Main Bar

When: 7 pm Friday the 20/10/17

Interschool Numero Challenge

What a fantastic sight it was seeing over 70 enthusiastic mathematicians at work at the Numero Inter Schools Challenge on Tuesday. 18 teams of students from various schools participated in the Numero Challenge. Throughout the morning there was a continuous buzz, as the students solved challenges and played games against each other. St Marys entered 4 teams, 3 of which were placed in the top six; a fantastic result.

The overall winning team was our very own Numero Ninjas which consisted of Jacob Orsi, Elijah De Coppi, Jai Cahill and Aidan Hall. In second place was the Wildcard Wackos with Molly Turner, Aurora Postma, Kace Brand and Lorenzo Fimognari. This team won the games and scramble sections of the competition.

The Human Calculators and Maths Machines consisting of Archie Pemberton, Max Di Lallo, Nick O'Brien, Raneer Cross, Calla Bott, Sophia Cross, Koby Drage-Edwards and Lance Santos, competed very well for their first time at the competition.

Overall a very good result from all our teams.
Gillian Alberti



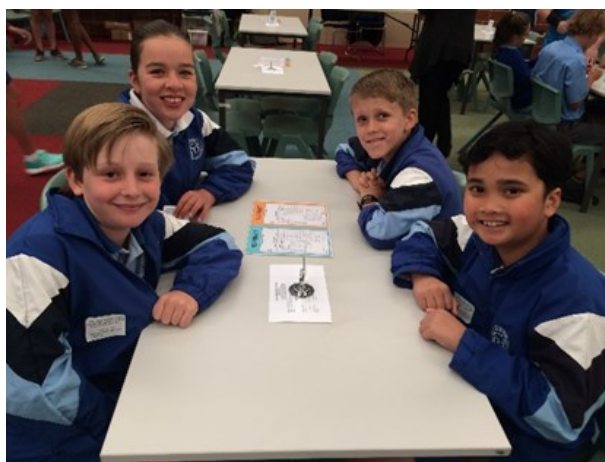
Wildcard Wackos



Numero Ninjas



Human Calculators



Maths Machines



Piano/Keyboard Lessons

Mr Mills will have some vacancies in 2018.

For further information, please contact Mr Mills on phone no. 9797 2368 or email millsmusic@bigpond.com



SCHOOL FEES

The final school fees statements for 2017 have been sent home this week. School fee payments should be finalised by the end of November. Should you have any difficulty with regard to payment, please contact Mrs Guzzi in the office (Monday - Thursday,) to set up a payment plan.



Proud to be a
**Waterwise
School**

The theme for National Water Week this year is **'Water – the Heart of our Culture'** which encourages young people to explore how water shapes our everyday lives through recreational activities, the natural world and our community values.

The week is a call to action, challenging us all to make changes to our day-to-day lives to protect this essential resource which shapes almost everything we do.

Water wise tips for the home:

- If you read your water meter regularly, you will be able to detect any irregularities, such as leaks. This will save both water and money.
- Turn the tap off while you brush your teeth. Simply wet your toothbrush before you begin and use a glass of water to rinse your mouth.
- Always repair leaking taps. Just one tap left dripping at a drop per second wastes up to 50 litres of water a day. That's over 10,000 litres of water a year!
- Install a water efficient shower head, which can save about 14,500 litres of water per household per year.
- Wait until you have a full load in your dishwasher or washing machine and use the economy mode. This can save you water and energy.
- Keep your pool covered when not in use. Without a cover, more than half the water in your pool can evaporate over a year.



Our Kindy students know how to be Water Wise

Super Scientists...

In Year 1 Science the students have been bug detectives. Last week we went on a bug hunt around the school and found slaters, ants, dragonflies, spiders, snails and lots of other interesting creatures. We loved exploring our schoolyard in the sunshine with our magnifying glasses and clipboards like true biologists!!!



In Year 2 Science we were lucky enough to get TADPOLES!!!! The students were very excited to see the different stages of a frog's life cycle and learn more about how these amphibians survive in their environment.



YOU'RE INVITED TO

ST. MARY'S
Beach
DISCO



FRIDAY 10th NOVEMBER

K TO YEAR 3 – 5:15PM TO 6:45PM & YEAR 4 – YEAR 6 – 7PM TO 8:30PM

Dress in your summer brights

HOT DOUGHNUTS, LOLLY & CAKE STALL, LUCKY DIP AND RAFFLES ON THE NIGHT.

\$3 ENTRY OR \$5 ENTRY INCL SAUSAGE SIZZLE & JUICE



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Dear Parishioners and Parents of Catholic school students

I am writing this letter because I am concerned about some confusion in relation to possible consequences for Catholic schools of a YES vote in the current plebiscite about same-sex marriage. Currently, Australians basically are being asked whether two very different committed relationships should be called by the same term, 'marriage'.

One of these relationships is between a man and a woman who can conceive children: the other is between two people of the same sex who cannot.

Currently, there are those who suggest that there will be no consequences for schools and other organisations – or for parents and others with conscientious objections to calling same sex relationships 'marriage'. Perhaps they do not realise that Australia has no Bill of Right to provide protections such as New Zealand enjoys.

Those advocating same-sex marriage need to demonstrate that consequences elsewhere will not happen in Australia.

Consequences in other countries

In other countries, such as Canada, for example

- parents have been denied the right to withdraw their children from sex education classes because they found lessons related to homosexual practices objectionable
- Catholic schools have been compelled to host 'Gay-Straight Alliance' clubs as part of their school life.

There have been violations too of religious freedoms. For example

- religious organisations have been fined for not renting facilities for same-sex marriage relations
- a baker in Northern Ireland was fined for refusing to write 'I support Gay Marriage' on a cake
- Lutheran ministers in Denmark now are not permitted to refuse same sex marriages
- preachers in Canada have been subject to investigation by human rights tribunals for speaking about Christian teaching on marriage
- in Sweden, the Prime Minister has said priests should not be allowed to refuse requests for same-sex wedding ceremonies
- in Britain, the Speaker of the House of Commons says that 'proper equal marriage' will not happen until churches are forced by law to marry same-sex couples.

There are numerous other examples.

Threats already to freedom in Australia

In Australia, State laws and institutions have been used against basic freedoms and rights.

They will be used further by activists. For example

- In Tasmania, Catholic Archbishop Julian Porteous was subject to a complaint for a booklet explaining Catholic teaching on marriage. This complaint was eventually withdrawn as people generally began to realise the implications for religious freedom and freedom of speech if same-sex marriage becomes law.
- in Victoria, the so called Safe Schools programme, which promotes the idea that gender identity is not from nature but from social attitudes and that a person's

sexuality can be fluid, has been made compulsory in State schools regardless of parental objections, and advocates are pushing for the programme to be made compulsory for all schools, including Catholic schools

- the Greens party is advocating the winding back of religious freedoms – such as those of religious schools to protect their ethos. One example is being able to select staff who support this ethos.

Across the world, complainants against organisations and individuals who promote Jesus' teachings on marriage have been funded by State bodies, and this has disadvantaged those without the resources to fund legal defences. This has created an inequality.

Recognising differences is not unjust

Recognising difference is not unjust discrimination any more than it is unjust discrimination to call some vehicles trucks and others cars. Both have equal rights to the road – but they are not the same. Nor is the same word used for both these vehicles.

We do not see awarding gold medals to Olympic champions; the awarding of prizes to students who do well in their studies; or giving scholarships to some rather than others as unjust – and yet all are examples of discrimination. The same is true for women's and men's football and cricket competitions.

Not really about equality

According to Tanya Plibersek, Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Commonwealth Parliament, all legal discrimination against gay people was removed by the Rudd Government in 2008, so we are not really talking about equality for gay people. After all, we do not consider the love between parents and children or brothers and sisters any less equal than that between a husband and wife: they are just different.

Conclusion

Legalising same-sex marriage will set the law of the land in conflict with the laws of most non-Christian and Christian religions in Australia. It will set the scene for societal conflict as activists use state laws and anti-discrimination bodies to try to force religious to change.

The same sex marriage debate is not about equality in any substantive sense. However, extending the word marriage to include same sex relationships has had major consequences, often unforeseen, elsewhere – and inevitably will do so in Australia.

The meaning of marriage for Catholics

For Catholics, the meaning of marriage in our Creator's plan for human nature – has been revealed by God and taught by Jesus Christ. The notion of same-sex marriage is not only different, but completely opposite to this. Jesus told us to live his commandments so no Christian church has the authority to change this teaching.

Christian teaching is also that all people's rights and dignity must be respected. But to have different terms for different relationships violates no one's dignity or rights. The term 'civil union' is used for committed same-sex couples in some countries – so why not here?

Thank you for reading this letter. I felt it important to offer considerations relevant to the present debate, characterised more by slogans than substance. I for one will be voting NO.

God bless you
+GJH

14th October 2017

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Canteen Supreme Support Saviour 2018

Canteen support hours are 8.30am – 12.30pm. Phone: 97267530

Experience is not necessary as you will have on the job training....

Salary is an 'A la carte' lunch and drink with endless coffee and tea. Best of all, you will have fun in a pleasant atmosphere surrounded by friends.

Your bonuses will be seeing the smiles on your child/children's faces when they see you.

Application closure is never.

Your appreciation is most welcomed and valued at all times. Thanking you in advance.

Please complete the form below and return it back to the canteen as soon as possible. Your roster will be sent home to you.

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NAME: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Please circle the days and frequency you would prefer to volunteer:

WEDNESDAY FRIDAY

Once a term Twice a term Monthly

The canteen is always looking for feedback in regards to menu ideas.
Please add your ideas below.

IRONKIDS
Busselton

Saturday 2 December
Check-in: 7.00am - 8.15am
Race Start: 8.30am
Age 7-13 years

Swim, Bike, Run or Swim, Run options available

Every IRONKID receives a MEDAL, T-SHIRT and a random PRIZE DRAW ENTRY!

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9am-2pm

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- Coffee/Cakes/Snacks

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Popular meals and snacks we cook in OSHC are:

- ✓ Cheese naan bread
- ✓ Rice paper rolls
- ✓ Fruit smoothie
- ✓ Orange and sultana biscuits
- ✓ Carrot dip and much more

Come along and see what we're cooking up!

You can visit us in the program to see what healthy meals and snacks are on the menu and enjoyed in every session.

Program Details

To find out more about our program, view fees and to register visit www.campastralia.com.au

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we make kids smile

**Bunbury Musical Comedy Group Inc.
will be holding
AUDITIONS**

Disney's

**HIGH
SCHOOL
MUSICAL**



**Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st
January 2018**

Young people aged 9-21 years are invited to audition

**The musical is to be staged at The New Lyric Theatre
May 18th - 27th 2018**

**For information pack and audition time please contact the
director: Brigid Mills 0467955348 or
email music_is_my_life_4_eva@hotmail.com**