



St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

- Sun 21 2nd Sunday of Lent
Catholic School Staff Commitment Mass 10am
- Tue 23 Before School Swimming Training
MSP Photo Day
- Thur 25 Kindy Visit – Fr Ed
Before School Swimming Training
BCC Visit Year 5 and 6
Year 6 Girls Cupcake Sale (Caritas)

Vision Statement

A welcoming faith
community

We value
relationships

We pursue excellence
in learning

We live the Gospel
message of love

A Parent's Prayer

Inspired by St. Francis

By Desiré Sobiech

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.
Where there is whining, let me sow communication;
Where there are mistakes, patience;
Where there are poor choices, consequences;
Where there is entitlement, hard work;
Where there is disappointment, encouragement;
Where there is selfishness, generosity;
And where there are tears, hugs.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
To have a clean house as to have a happy house;
To be right as to be approachable;
Or to be loved as to be a living sign of Your love.
For it is in giving that we will be asked to give more;
It is in caring that we are sometimes heartbroken;
And it is at home that we learn the true meaning
Of faith, hope, and love. Amen.



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



Holy Year of Mercy

The source of God's Mercy is love like no other, so intense that he 'thirsts' for us. Just as a thirsty person is desperate for water, God wants a close personal relationship with each

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

Thank you to parents who attended Tuesday evening's P & F Meeting. There is a great deal of energy and passion around the plans for what we will achieve together this year, with each class coordinating a friend raiser or fundraiser project; planning for some is well underway. Year 1 families are coordinating the Easter Raffle and Hot Cross Bun drive and Pre Primary families the Mothers' Day Morning Tea. Thanks to the P & F Executive and MDMT coordinators over recent years for drawing up guidelines for coordination of this event. St Mary's is well known in the Bunbury area for its MDMT. Thank you to all for your work and planning. Thank you to Jo Spinelli and Jodie Scott, Year 3 P & F Reps, for their coordination of the Welcome Morning Tea last Friday.

Our Annual School Improvement Plan 2016 has been placed on our school website at

http://www.stmarysbnby.wa.edu.au/?page_id=233&preview=true&preview_id=233&preview_nonce=8a9c7fc739.

One goal this year is to develop our skills in giving specific feedback to students that promotes learning. Our mantra is "Feedback helps me learn." Praise in the nature of "Good Boy", "Well done", "That's great", "Excellent", "You got 10/10", has value in itself. We all like praise. But it has little worth in telling what it is exactly that I did well (in relation to a goal), and what I need to do next to learn more, improve or get better.

There is greater worth in saying, "You thought carefully about what the question was asking, you read the question again and you decided on a strategy to solve the problem. Well done, that worked," rather than "You got it right." In this way, the student is being affirmed in what they are doing rather than just getting it right. The student is therefore more likely to repeat this process with the next problem/task. Similarly with reading: "You knew that word didn't make sense/didn't look right and you went back to have another go to sound it out/think about what made sense. Well done. That's a great way to work."

This affirms and develops students' skillsets. Parents might try this with affirming desired behaviours or completing chores. You may find it is not as easy to do as you might think and that it requires conscious effort to give specific feedback. Our goal is to develop our students as independent thinkers and problem solvers in all facets of life - academic and social.

Maureen Tully

Principal

STUDENT AWARDS

YEAR 1	Max Woolhead	Imogen de Chanéet	Phoenix Panuccio
YEAR 2	Keira Pitts	Adam Mainstone	
YEAR 3	Evan Crowley	Amahli Lowe	
YEAR 4	Henley O'Reilly	Amy Hunter	
YEAR 5	Molly Turner	Ashleen Moore	
YEAR 6	Kayde Waldock	Tom Steele	



SCHOOL NEWS

MSP PHOTO DAY

School photo day will be held on Tuesday 23 February 2016. As stated in previous communications to parents, ALL envelopes were due in by Friday 12 February. This includes envelopes of students who will not be purchasing photos (individual and/or family), as all students are photographed. These photos are attached to our school records. Thank you.

SCHOOL FEE STATEMENTS

School fee statements have been sent home with students this week. This statement shows the total fees for the year as well as the term one fees. Term one fees are due by Wednesday 16 March 2016.

This year to reduce the collection of money in class rooms for events such as the swimming carnival, athletics carnival, winter carnival and in term swimming lessons during the year, we have included these in the swimming/athletics fee. This has been calculated for each year level to include only the ones students from that year will participate in. Students will need to pay as you go for events where there is a selection/qualifier process to participate, i.e. Interschool events.

St Mary's offers EFTPOS facilities, BPay, direct debit and cash/cheque options for payment. Should you wish to set up a direct debit for fee payment, please collect a form from the school office. There are also forms available from the office if you need to change details for existing direct debits.

LAST CALL for Health Care Card – Parenting Pension Single discount applications. This is a significant discount offered by the Catholic Education Office for those parents who have a current HCC, LIH, PPS or DVA PCC (Blue) card. This discount doesn't apply to HCC held by a student.

Should you have difficulty at any time meeting your financial obligation to the school, please contact the office for a confidential meeting with the Principal.

BOOK CLUB

Issue 1 Book Club orders have been sent to Scholastic and should be supplied within the next 3 weeks.

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is open Friday mornings between 8.30am and 9.30am for all uniform requirements. Winter uniform orders can now be made at the Uniform Shop.

BCC VISIT TO YEARS 5 AND 6

There has been a tradition of the BCC Principal visiting St Mary's to speak to Years 5 and 6 students about secondary schooling at BCC. Ms O'Meara will be accompanied by past students of St Mary's.

They will visit St Mary's on Thursday 25 February at 9am and will meet with the students in the hall. Parents wishing to know more about the College are most welcome to attend.

The College prospectus is available on the BCC website at www.bunburycatholic.wa.edu.au and from the College office.

The following dates are important for Year 6 students:

- Academic Scholarship Exam - Saturday 14 May 2016. Application forms will be available from 20 March on the BCC website and from the College office.
- Orientation Day for Year 6 students - Friday 28 October. Further information will be provided to families in Term 3.

MESSAGE FROM THE P & F - BULK EMAILS

Please be aware that viruses and spam-bots are now designed to go through mail files and address books looking for potential addresses. Sending a single message individually addressed to a large list of people increases the chances that they will all be spammed or send a virus should any one of them be infected.

CANTEEN SUPREME NEWS

Just a reminder to all new parents to NOT order recess on your child's lunch order bag. We are trying to encourage all students to get used to handling money and building confidence by telling the lovely ladies at the canteen what they would like for morning tea. Please tell your little one that although the line may look daunting we take particular care of our Year 1s as they get used to the big school system. Our outstanding Canteen queens for this Friday are Michelle Patane-Dillon, Medrica Di Lallo and Janelle Norrish and on Wednesday Brooke Brand will be our Canteen Super Star.



HPE NEWS

I attended a Nature Play workshop on Monday. I was struck by this statement: "Kids who are given the opportunity to get back to nature can 'reset' themselves. This leads to a happier, healthier and more balanced lifestyle." More will be said and done regarding nature landscaping at St Mary's CPS. On this note, I'm looking for large pots and small trees to put in our Undercover and Quadrangle area. Please contact me if you can help.

Fun Fitness Friday will not restart until after Easter.

Swimming training at the SWSC on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7am is going well. This will continue until Tuesday 15 March, including Thursday 3 March, when students are not at school.

Our Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 18 March from 9.30am until 12pm. Please note, the nomination note says Thursday 18 March which is incorrect. Cost of entry for training is \$4.30, or you can purchase 10 entry passes for \$33.

The Interschool Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday 23 March between 10am and 12pm.

Have a happy, health fit fun week.

Tino Alberti

EVACUATION DRILL

An evacuation drill was carried out at school today. We carry out drills to prepare for the effective response to an emergency situation. Evacuation and lockdown drills enable those at St Mary's to respond quickly, calmly and safely when in an emergency.

JUST LEADERSHIP DAY

On Friday 12 February 2016, Year 6 were joined by other schools to have a 'Just Leadership Day.' The day was kindly hosted by Mrs Troost. The other schools were: St Joseph's Bunbury, Leschenault CPS, St Mary's Donnybrook and St Brigid's Collie. We did lots of fun activities and learnt more about CARITAS. We came to realise that others are not as fortunate as us and what sort of things CARITAS does to assist them. We all had a very enjoyable day. On behalf of all students present we would like to thank Mrs Troost for making this day happen.

By Kayde and Gabriella

Year 6 Cupcake Sale

The Year 6 girls will be selling goodies and baked treats on Thursday 25 February.

Baked Treats: 20¢ - 50¢

Chocolates, lollies, etc: 50¢



All the money raised will go to Caritas

YEAR ONE FUNDRAISER

EASTER RAFFLE

The Year One class are asking for donations for the annual Easter Raffle. Donations of anything Easter related can be placed in the boxes provided in each class OR alternately, a small monetary donation can be made towards the purchase of Easter goods. There will be money jars in each box. We thank you in advance for your kind contributions. This week, raffle tickets will be sent home for the Easter Raffle. A booklet of 10 tickets at 50 cents per ticket will be allocated to each family with more available at the front office if required.

We ask that all tickets - sold or unsold be returned with monies by Friday 18 March ready for the big draw on Thursday 24 March at assembly.



HOT CROSS BUN DRIVE

This year, the Year One class will also be coordinating a Hot Cross Bun Fundraising Drive. We have partnered with Bakers Delight, who will donate back to the school \$2 from the sale of each pack of hot cross buns. Order forms and more details will be provided later this month. Orders will be due back on 18 March for delivery before the Easter break.



COMMUNITY NEWS

The Astronomical Society of the South West (Inc) will conduct Astronomical Classes for Beginners at their Observatory, Keble Heights, College Grove, Bunbury for six consecutive Thursdays commencing on Thursday 3 March 2016. This is a great chance for anyone keen about the stars to learn all about the wonders of astronomy!

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

BOOKINGS are essential.

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



The Council and Staff of the Parents and Friends Federation of WA would like to welcome everyone back to the new school year. We trust that at this stage, into week 2, you are all back into the routine of lunches, uniforms and searching for those elusive permission slips at the bottom of school bags.

The staff here in the office have hit the ground running and are currently working hard to get information about our upcoming conference in May out to all schools. The dates for the conference this year are Friday 20 and Saturday 21 May. The Awards of Excellence in Building Positive School Communities will be presented at the conference dinner on Friday 20 May. Nomination forms for the Awards of Excellence are already available on our website, so get your entry in early!

We are also receiving many calls in the office from parents who are working hard to ensure P&F and parent groups get off to a good start for the year. If you need any information about office bearers' roles, governance or just some general advice please don't hesitate to contact us.

Theresa McDonnell, the new Liaison Officer at the Federation, has settled beautifully into our small office and she, along with Siobhan Allen (our Executive Officer) is looking forward to getting out and about and meeting with parents and parent groups in Catholic schools throughout the state. If you would like to arrange a visit from PFFWA to your school, please contact the office or email theresa@pff.wa.edu.au and we would be delighted to organise a time.

Best wishes

PFFWA Council and Staff



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BUNBURY JUNIOR BADMINTON

REGISTRATION EVENINGS

March 9, 2016 6 – 7:30 pm

March 16, 2016 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

FITNESS * STRENGTH * CONFIDENCE
FLEXIBILITY * COORDINATION * FOCUS * BALANCE
WA AERIAL
FITNESS STUDIO



!!PARTIES!!

Do something different for your child's birthday this year and party with us!

Hula Hooping, Plate Spinning, Hat Flipping, Balance, Aerial Hoops and Aerial Silks!

With games, plenty of laughs and a heap of fun activities your party is guaranteed to be a hit! Contact us today for more information and to reserve your date!



!!CLASSES!!

Our qualified instructors will take your child to new heights with our kids classes! Combining fun with fitness and skill development



Aerial Silk and Aerial Hoop ⁴
Kids!!

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Marist Junior Football Club Registrations are now open for the 2016 season.

Registering is easy. Simply follow the link below to register and pay online.

[Marist JFC 2016 Registration](#)

If you would like to register and pay by cash or if you would just like to come and meet a few of the committee members from the Marist Junior Football Club you can come down to the Marist clubrooms (Building on the Bunbury Catholic College Oval) between 10am AND 12pm Sunday 21 February 2016.

Hope to see you there.