



# St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### February

Mon 20	Swimming Training
Tue 21	Harmony Day
Wed 22	Kindy Visit Fr Abraham
	Swimming Training
Mon 27	Swimming Training
	WACA Day 20 Students

### March

Wed 1	Ash Wednesday Liturgy
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## Vision Statement

A welcoming faith  
community

We value  
relationships

We pursue excellence  
in learning

We live the Gospel  
message of love

# POPE FRANCIS' FIVE FINGER PRAYER

2.) THE NEXT FINGER IS THE INDEX. PRAY FOR THOSE WHO TEACH YOU, INSTRUCT YOU AND HEAL YOU. THEY NEED THE SUPPORT AND WISDOM TO SHOW DIRECTION TO OTHERS. ALWAYS KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS.

3.) THE FOLLOWING FINGER IS THE TALLEST. IT REMINDS US OF OUR LEADERS, THE GOVERNORS AND THOSE WHO HAVE AUTHORITY. THEY NEED GOD'S GUIDANCE.

1.) THE THUMB IS THE CLOSEST FINGER TO YOU. SO START PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO ARE CLOSEST TO YOU. THEY ARE THE PERSONS EASIEST TO REMEMBER. TO PRAY FOR OUR DEAR ONES IS A "SWEET OBLIGATION."

4.) THE FOURTH FINGER IS THE RING FINGER. EVEN THAT IT MAY SURPRISE YOU, IT IS OUR WEAKEST FINGER. IT SHOULD REMIND US TO PRAY FOR THE WEAKEST, THE SICK OR THOSE PLAGUED BY PROBLEMS. THEY NEED YOUR PRAYERS.



5.) AND FINALLY WE HAVE OUR SMALLEST FINGER, THE SMALLEST OF ALL. YOUR PINKIE SHOULD REMIND YOU TO PRAY FOR YOURSELF. WHEN YOU ARE DONE PRAYING FOR THE OTHER FOUR GROUPS, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SEE YOUR OWN NEEDS BUT IN THE PROPER PERSPECTIVE. AND ALSO YOU WILL BE ABLE TO PRAY FOR YOUR OWN NEEDS IN A BETTER WAY.

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

## Principal's Welcome

About ten families braved the bleak weather conditions and attended the Family Barbeque last Friday night. The indoor soccer game between parents and adults was highly competitive, with a great deal of creative teamwork and some miraculous goals scored. The students won in extra time 5-4.

It was encouraging to have a good number of parents at Tuesday evening's P & F meeting. All of the Year Representative positions have been filled. Unfortunately, the positions of President, Vice President and Secretary are yet to be filled. Thank you to Maryanne Pemberton who has volunteered to take on the role of P & F Representative on the Board. Please contact me if you would like to consider taking on one of the Executive positions, or would like further information as to what the positions entail.

At Tuesday evening's Board Meeting, it was agreed that roles would remain unchanged. Kim Piacentini will continue as Chairperson, Wayne Evans as Treasurer and Joanne Pitts as Secretary.

God Bless

Paul Cronin

## STUDENT AWARDS

YEAR 1	Louis Best	Margaux Ramsay	Cassie Turpin
YEAR 2	Flynn Fazey	Phoenix Panuccio	
YEAR 3	Jade Turpin	Eamon Ramsay	
YEAR 4	Gemelia Fiori	Jherick Babasa	
YEAR 5	Ryan Sutton	Jasmin Tan	
YEAR 6	Elena Mazza	Charlie Sidebottom	
PHYSED	Raymond Do		



## SCHOOL NEWS

### CONDOLENCES

We extend our sincere condolences to Signora Nita Scasserra and her family on the passing of her father. Our thoughts and prayers are with them at this sad time.

### MCEETYA DATA FORMS - PRE PRIMARY TO YEAR 2

These will be handed out to students from Pre Primary to Year 2 today. Please note that these forms are due back by Monday 20 February 2017. Thank you.

### 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 5pm and NOT 5.30pm as previously advertised in last week's newsletter.

### BOOK CLUB NOTES

Issue 1 orders for Book Club have been sent to Scholastic for processing and should arrive in approximately 2 weeks time.

### UNIFORM NOTES

With cooler weather just around the corner, winter orders are now being taken. Please check the fit of existing winter uniforms and place any necessary orders as soon as possible so that the necessary items can be ordered from the manufacturers.

### ST MARY'S NETBALL

An information session will be held for any parents who have a daughter aged 5-12 who would like to play netball (or Net-Set-Go) this year on Monday 20 February at 2.40pm. The session will be held in the undercover area by the stage. We hope to see you there.

Sonja & Mel

### SCHOOL CONCERT DVD 2016

Parents who ordered a 2016 Concert DVD are reminded that they are available for collection from the office. Please note that they must be signed for by an adult. Thank you.

### TABLE TENNIS TABLES WANTED

At the P & F meeting this week, an appeal was made for two table tennis tables to go with the one currently being used, in order to hold lunchtime competitions. It was suggested that a request be made through the newsletter to families who may have table tennis tables at home that are not being utilised, that can be purchased by the school. Please contact the office if you are able to assist. Thank you.

## **CAR PARK SAFETY**

In light of a number of incidents that have occurred this term, please read the guidelines below with regard to car park safety at St Mary's.



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**

## PRACTICAL SKILLS FOR LIFE

St Mary's staff spent a Professional Development day with a guest presenter from Perth, learning about new Ipad applications and ways of using technology to engage and challenge students. School staff aim to prepare our students for a changing world. One of the statistics presented, was that 60% of the jobs that our children will do, have not been created yet.

Students require opportunities to collaborate, problem solve and develop wider thinking. The school recently received some new shelving and Year 6 students were offered the opportunity to get permission from their parents to work at developing these crucial life skills. They would need to work with a partner and follow the instructions to put the furniture together. Elena, Ashleen, Flynn and Daniel were proud of their finished products and delivered the furniture to Pre Primary.



# Family BBQ





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My dear people

Who could not be shocked, horrified and disgusted to learn this past week of the scale of allegations of child abuse against priests, made by survivors who came forward to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. Speaking personally, I found it a numbing experience which has raised grave questions about the administration of the Catholic Church in Australia.

*My renewed apology*

Each victim is an individual and a son or daughter in a family. Having been privileged to meet many survivors through the *Towards Healing* process since becoming Bishop, I know that no one else can fully understand what each victim goes through. Once again, I repeat my heartfelt apology, expressed in my 2015 Christmas Pastoral Letter.

**I apologise to victims of abuse in the past by priests and others in the Church. I extend this apology too to the families of victims who always suffer with their abused love one."**

**"I apologise to all feeling alienated by Church leaders in particular who, instead of loving victims of the different forms of abuse, failed knowingly in their responsibility to protect our young and vulnerable. Who among us has not been dismayed, and even disillusioned, as we have learned of terrible examples of Church failings in this regard from the Royal Commission.**

*Renewed commitment to protection and care*

With the priests of our Diocese, I recommit myself to doing everything possible to ensure our Church is safe for children and other vulnerable people. With the other Bishops of Australia, I will continue in my determination to implement all the professional standards changes adopted by the Church since 1996 for the protection of the vulnerable in the parishes and schools of our Diocese, and care for the survivors of abuse.

I look forward to recommendations by the Royal Commission as to how we can do things even better.

***The Diocese of Bunbury***

Leaving aside the national statistics, questions have been raised about what exactly are the numbers of priests against whom allegations have been made in the Bunbury Diocese. I offer the following facts.

*How many priests have had allegations made against them?*

Over the past 60 years, six priests have had allegations made against them. Of these

- three are dead
- three were reported to the police
- of these three, two were charged and convicted. One of these two was jailed, the other given a non-custodial sentence.

*Is any priest against whom allegations have been made working in the Diocese today?*

None are in the Diocese today. Two retired in the 90's and one was dismissed from priestly ministry by Pope St John Paul II.

*Has there been any accusation against any priest serving today in the Bunbury Diocese?*

No. Also, I have full and unreserved confidence in the commitment of every priest in our Diocese today to the protection of children.

*How many priests have served in the Bunbury Diocese over the 60 years studied by the Royal Commission?*

The total number was around 117 priests of whom 69 were Diocesan and 48 religious order priests.

*How many priests and others across Australia have had allegations made against them over the 60 years?*

The Royal Commission states that of the total number

- 572 were priests (30%)
- 543 were laity (29%)
- 597 were religious brothers (32%)
- 96 were religious sisters (5%)
- 72 were people whose religious status could not be established (4%)

*Conclusion*

Let us renew our prayer and any opportunities we may have to help the healing of all survivors of child abuse who were betrayed by criminals within the Church and hurt as a result of failings by Church leadership, as well as beyond.

And let us share freely our feelings with each other - priests and parishioners. We are all shocked to find how many betrayed what the Church stands for, and how many Bishops failed in their responsibilities to their calling to be good shepherds of all in their pastoral care.

We will continue in our efforts to ensure that the failings of the past never happen again.

**Bishop Gerard Holohan**

10<sup>th</sup> February 2017

## New Outside School Hours Care at St Mary's Catholic Primary School OSHC.



Dear Families,

We are excited to be partnering with your school to deliver Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) **from Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

We will partner with your school community to deliver a tailored before and after school care program that is focused on bringing out the very best in kids. The program combines active games with structured and unstructured play, quiet time and a healthy snack. Every day is an adventure led by enthusiastic Camp Australia educators who are on a mission to make kids smile.

### Parent Information Session

To help families understand how the program is structured, to meet our educators, and to find out how to make bookings and manage your account, a Parent Information Session will be held at the school.

**When: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 3:15pm**

**Where: Hall**

We understand time is valuable to working parents and you may not be able to attend this information night. If this is the case, please visit [www.campastralia.com.au](http://www.campastralia.com.au) and use the school finder to find out all you need to know about the program.

### Register and Book

Through your school page on our website you can request an information pack, or register and book your children into the program.

If you have any further questions, you can call our friendly Customer Service Team from Monday to Friday (8.00am – 6.00pm AEST) on 1300 105 343.

We look forward to seeing you in OSHC soon!

Yours sincerely,

Amanda Nixon  
**Camp Australia**  
Regional Coordinator



### Manage your Bookings

Register for an account and manage your bookings at [www.campastralia.com.au](http://www.campastralia.com.au) or call the Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343.



## COMMUNITY NEWS



*Promoting the love, appreciation  
and advancement of the  
performing arts in the community*

### Announcing the 2017 Season!

2017 will be our 59th consecutive season

#### Note from President – Myra Easton

Welcome to our first Newsletter for our 2017 Season! Last year was a hard and exhausting year and everyone really pulled together to ensure it was successful. Thank you to all involved from Committee, including the performers, audience, adjudicators, volunteers, BREC staff, schools, private teachers and anyone else that I have missed. Without your commitment and involvement we would not be heading towards our Diamond Anniversary in 2018.

We have been working hard to ensure our 59<sup>th</sup> Season is as successful as our 58<sup>th</sup>. Our major changes this year has been to the Schedule which is in the process of being uploaded to the website this week. As I stated there are MAJOR changes to our Categories and Sections. Please ensure you download it and read through it carefully.

We look forward to seeing everyone again along with some new faces and new entrants as we head towards our opening of our 59<sup>th</sup> Season.

If you have any queries or questions, please don't hesitate to contact us and we will be happy to assist you.

**This year our Season Commences  
Wednesday 24th May, and concludes on  
Saturday 24th June with the Gala  
Concert.  
Venue: BREC Cube & Stage One Theatre**



### Entries Open 13 Feb!

The 2017 Schedule will be available on our website shortly detailing Entry Fees, Rules & Conditions and Section Details. Please check regularly for updates.



### Volunteer Information Form 2017

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Surname First Name

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a Student? **Y / N**

- Have you volunteered before with WAPAE? Y / N  
If Yes, what year / role? \_\_\_\_\_
- Are you performing in the Eisteddfod? Y / N  
If Yes, what discipline? \_\_\_\_\_
- Are any of your immediate family performing? Y / N  
If Yes, name and section? \_\_\_\_\_
- Are you a performing arts teacher with students performing in this Eisteddfod? Y / N  
If Yes, what discipline? \_\_\_\_\_
- Availability** (arriving 30mins prior) Green Room (dance week) 1 hour  

Session Times:	Morning: 9.00am – 12.30pm	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	Afternoon: 1.30pm – 5.30pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Evening: 7.00pm – 10.00pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Role Preferences**  
 Foyer Information Table  Printing Certificates   
 Adjudicators Table: Music  Scribe (Dance Week)  Timer & Records   
 Backstage (WWIC Required) Green Room  Backstage Runner  Numbers Board

**Working With Children Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Expires:** \_\_\_\_\_

- Health and Safety**  
Is there anything we need to be aware of that may affect you while volunteering? eg: strobe lighting, stairs, restricted movement, etc.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Please nominate an emergency contact**  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Entries can be submitted online through our website using the Stardom (link)

### Entries CLOSE midnight 31 March

Late entries will be accepted until 7 April however a \$10 late entry fee will apply to each section.



### You Love Eisteddfod, Your Kids Love Eisteddfod and our Community Loves Eisteddfod.



**Show your love and Support Us by sharing some of your time!**

Work in a fun, creative atmosphere and be entertained by some of Australia's best up and coming performing artists.

Contact our Volunteer Coordinator Kate Turner by email at [bunburyeisteddfod@bigpond.com](mailto:bunburyeisteddfod@bigpond.com) or register your interest by completing the attached form.

### Contacts.

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Website [www.eisteddfodwa.org.au](http://www.eisteddfodwa.org.au)

**HAY PARK UNITED**

**JUNIOR REGISTRATION DAYS**

Saturday 18th Feb 9:30am - 12pm  
Saturday 25th Feb 9:30am - 12pm

Held at the Hay Park Club Rooms

Hay Park North  
(Opposite McDonalds)

For more information:  
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Find us on facebook  
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**KIDSPORT VOUCHERS ACCEPTED**



### BUNBURY UNITED SOCCER CLUB INC



#### Junior Soccer Registrations 2017

Thursday 16th & 23rd February 2017

At: Bunbury United Club Rooms, Parade Road Bunbury

Time: 4pm to 6pm

All old and new players welcome. (Ages 5-16)  
**(Need Girls for girls only teams 8-10 years and 11-13 years)**

Parents will be shown how to register online and all NEW children must have a copy of their Birth Certificate.

Any queries please email Carmela - [cgaric@hotmail.com](mailto:cgaric@hotmail.com)

We will accept registrations before the registration days!

Thank you!