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St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

May

- 8 May Year 6 return from camp
Return of Parent Climate Surveys
- 10 May Mothers' Day
- 12 May NAPLAN Language Conventions, Writing (Year 3 and 5)
Board Meeting 5.45pm
Protective Behaviours Workshop 6pm
P & F Meeting 7pm
- 13 May NAPLAN Reading (Year 3 and 5)
- 14 May NAPLAN Numeracy (Year 3 and 5)
- 15 May Year 6 Assembly 8.45am

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,

What a wonderful community gathering and celebration yesterday morning's Mothers' Day Morning Tea was. All who attended thoroughly enjoyed the event. Great thanks are extended to the Pre Primary parents who, under the leadership of Tammy Patterson and Sandra Smith, spent a lot of time discussing, planning, organising and catering for this special event. Planning began at the end of 2014. I hope all feel a real sense of satisfaction and achievement in what you have achieved together as a parent group. Thank you to all who contributed in a great many ways, too numerous to mention. A group of parents began setting up the hall on Tuesday morning and transformed it into an "Autumn Harvest" Spectacular. Thank you to parents who prepared food, served and cleaned up afterwards yesterday. The Pre Primary class entertained with their rendition of "You are my Sunshine", which saw tears of love and joy on the faces of many.

Everyone who attended went home happy and carrying a gift or a prize; some were lucky to have both. Thank you to Laura Maratea who coordinated the main raffle and was very active in selling tickets for the Thermomix. Thank you to all families who bought tickets and congratulations to the prize winner Natalie Evans.

A report on the Morning Tea will be presented at next Tuesday's P & F meeting.

We commenced the day yesterday, as is appropriate for a Catholic School, with a school Mass, giving thanks for our mothers and grandmothers and all who carry out a mothering role in our lives.

Thank you to Helen Brown who coordinated this Mass and to all staff and students who supported Helen. I wish all mothers and grandmothers on staff and in our school families a very happy Mothers' Day on Sunday. May you feel loved and appreciated for all the care, love, kindness and joy you give. God bless you all.

We will welcome our Year 6 students, Mr Alberti, Mrs Paini and parent helpers back from camp tomorrow afternoon. They, no doubt, will have lots of tales of adventure to tell. I wish you all a restful and relaxing weekend after the week's activities.

Thank you to our Year 5 students who have shown leadership skills in the very capable and efficient manner in which they carried out the many tasks of the senior students committee groups. You were champions and will make high quality leaders in 2016.

Maureen Tully
Principal

STUDENT AWARDS

YEAR 1	Ashton Spinelli	Milly Sarre	
YEAR 2	Rubee Males	Lucas Maratea	
YEAR 3	Jessica Kennedy		
YEAR 4	NO AWARDS THIS WEEK		
YEAR 5	Maya Lubcke	Tristyn Cream	
YEAR 6	Emma Norrish	Roisin De Coppi	Macie Hiscox
A.R.	Tenika Cross		

SCHOOL NEWS

NAPLAN

Students in Year 3 and 5 have NAPLAN testing this week. The completed assessment booklets are sent to a central depot for marking. The school will receive the individual student reports and a school report later in the year. Parents are asked to ensure the students are well rested and have a calm start to the day on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday before arriving at school so that they are ready and able to do their best work. While there may be media hype next week, parents are asked not to put undue pressure or stress on students, other than encouraging them to do their best work—as you encourage them to do in all their work and learning at St Mary's.

JUNE PUBLIC HOLIDAY LONG WEEKEND

A reminder to all families that, in addition to Monday 1 June being a Public Holiday, Tuesday 2 June is a school holiday at St Mary's for both students and staff. This holiday was listed on the Term Planner. In recognition of their commitment to Church activities, Catholic school staff are granted one extra day's leave to be taken during the year and adjoining school term holidays or a weekend.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The first School Board Meeting for Term 2 will be held next Tuesday evening, 12 May, at 5.45pm in the staffroom.

P & F MEETING

The first P & F Meeting for Term 2 will be held next Tuesday evening, 12 May, at 7pm in the MPR.

PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS PARENT WORKSHOP

A parent information session will be held on Tuesday 12th May at 6.00pm in the School Hall on Protective Behaviours. All Year 3 parents, and interested parents from other grades, are invited to attend. There will be a lesson taught to Year 3 students on Protective Behaviours. Mrs Tina Wallis from the Milligan Community Learning and Resource Centre will conduct the program. Please RSVP to Mrs Coulson's email address if you are attending so we can prepare resources, coulson.melissa@cathednet.wa.edu.au. Thank you.

CASUALS FOR CATHOLIC CARE

Thank you to all families who supported Bishop Holohan's Casuals for CatholicCare appeal last Friday. Your generosity saw a total of \$231.90 being forwarded to the Bishop's Office.

MOTHERS' DAY MASS

A special thanks to Alison Piacentini for providing all the lovely roses for the Mothers' Day Mass and for her donation of two beautiful vases.

YEAR 6 ASSEMBLY

The first class assembly for 2015 will be presented by the Year 6 class next Friday, 15 May, at 8.45am in the hall. This year, staff have made a decision to hold Performance Assemblies only. In previous years, Prayer Assemblies were presented; however, following staff discussion, it was decided that Prayer is not a performance and should be held as a Liturgy and not an assembly. Next term, Years 4, 5 and 6 will have class Masses; Pre Primary to Year 6 will have a Liturgy.

CLIMATE SURVEYS

We sent home 60 parent School Climate surveys last week. By this morning Thursday 7 May, we have received 37 back. We are aiming to have all 60 returned. Thank you to families who have generously given time to complete and return the survey, giving feedback on what we as a school community are doing well and on areas that might need discussion and consideration as school improvement goals for 2016.

If you still have a Climate Survey at home, please complete and return to school tomorrow. We do need your feedback. All staff, Year 5 and Year 6 students and all School Board members have also been invited to complete the survey.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Please, can all Project Compassion boxes be returned by Monday 11 May. This will enable us to calculate the total amount and return the donations to Caritas. Thank you.

FOOTY TIPPING

Congratulations to Santo La Pedalina for winning the week 5 round of footy tipping, the first person to win multiple rounds! The prize money (\$25) can be collected from the school office. The overall leaders of the competition are 'RILES' with 33 correct and a superior points margin over 'NicNac' and 'Bests on Ground'. Good luck to everyone with their tips for round 6.

CANTEEN SUPREME NEWS

Just another friendly reminder to parents, please do not:

- sticky tape lunch order bags closed
- write orders in fluorescent pen
- wrap money in alfoil or tissue
- enclose money in zip lock bags

Please can the bag just be folded a couple of times and the money will stay in place. Canteen Super Stars for this Friday 8th May are – Janelle O'Reilly, Jo Spinelli and Belinda Males. On Wednesday 13th May Jaci Brasher and Susan Bele are our fantastic helpers.

PLAYGROUP

Playgroups doors are open. Come for a cuppa and bring fruit for your little person to share. Wednesday morning 9.00 to 11.00am. Thanks

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY 21 MAY 2015

Individual envelopes were sent home with students from Pre Primary to Year 5 yesterday. Kindy received theirs today and Year 6 classes will receive theirs on Monday. Family envelopes are available for collection at the Front Office. Please return your orders to the office and they will be given to the class teachers on photo day.

YOUNIQUE

A huge thanks to everyone who purchased the 3D Fiber Lash mascara. Over \$300 worth of products have already been ordered. Younique products will be available to sample and order through the Front Office until the end of Friday afternoon. There are also lip swabs for those who would like to try the different shades of lipstains and lipgloss. Younique uses mostly natural and/or organic ingredients that are not animal tested. It has a wide range of products that are oil-free, gluten-free and vegan. We also have the Love It Guarantee where we give a full refund within 14 days. Orders can also be placed via my website: www.wonderlashbyrowena.com. Please attach your order to the party named St. Mary's Mothers' Day Morning Tea Fundraiser when you checkout. 15% of the total sales made will go towards the refurbishment of the school's basketball courts. Your orders are much appreciated! I can be contacted for queries on 0405167932.



Junior Primary Creative Play Tubs



We are seeking donations of old dress ups, sand toys, pots and pans, plastic cups, jugs, kettles, saucers and cooking utensils, etc. These items will go into tubs that our junior primary children can use for creative play during recess and lunch times. Donations can be given to Mrs Torrisi or put in the labeled tubs in the art room. Thank you

COMMUNITY NEWS



FUNDRAISING AND FRIENDRAISING is the theme of this year's AGM and mini conference, being held at St Peter's Catholic Primary School, 103 Wood Street, Inglewood on **Wednesday 27th May 2015** from 5pm-8.30pm.

We have **Mandy Weidmann**, CEO, The Fundraising Directory coming from Queensland to speak to us on *how creative fundraising builds strong communities*. The Fundraising Directory book will be complimentary for each parent who attends the evening.

We also have **Allan Blagaich**, CEO, School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA), coming to outline the *changes to the curriculum from pre-primary to year 12*. Allan is a wonderfully engaging speaker and is very happy to answer any questions you may have. We promise to squeeze the formalities of the AGM between our two guest speakers.

Light supper and drinks will be provided and there is plenty of on-site parking available. For more information and to register please go to <http://pffwa.eventbrite.com.au/>. Registration is free for parents of affiliated schools, however everyone is welcome to attend. Please register for catering purposes by Friday 22nd May.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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CARITAS NEPAL EARTHQUAKE APPEAL:

Our prayers and thoughts are with the communities in Nepal, and neighbouring countries, devastated by a 7.9 magnitude earthquake on 25 April 2015.

Caritas Australia staff are currently on the ground working with local partners to respond to immediate needs. We

urgently need help to provide food, shelter and clean water to support the long term recovery.

Donations can be made on the Caritas website

www.caritas.org.au, via phone 1800 024 413, or the Bunbury office P.O. Box 2005 Bunbury WA 6231. It should be marked

'Attention Diocesan Director Caritas' stating that the donation is for the Nepal Earthquake Appeal. Thank you, Ray Lowe, DD Caritas.

