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St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

August

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| Fri 4 | General Assembly Year 3 Practice Bishop's Religious Literacy Assessment 11.15am |
| Mon 7 | Last Week of In Term Swimming Synth City Music Incursion |
| Tue 8 | Feast of Mary MacKillop |
| Wed 9 | Year 5 Bishop's Religious Literacy Assessment 9am |
| Fri 11 | General Assembly |

Vision Statement

A welcoming faith
community

We value
relationships

We pursue excellence
in learning

We live the Gospel
message of love

Feast of St Mary MacKillop, 8 August

Provident God, With grateful hearts we remember the power for goodness that Saint Mary of the Cross is for the people of Australia. As we celebrate her feast today, touch us anew with her spirit of charity and her generous participation in the mission of the Church. We ask this in the name Christ, the Lord. Amen.



*"Never see a need
without trying
to do something
about it"*

Mary MacKillop

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

Principal's Welcome

I am currently at the Catholic Principals' Conference in Perth and the theme of the conference is 'Getting Better at Being Better.' On Tuesday I had the opportunity to listen to Tim Costello, who is a Baptist Minister and the former Director of World Vision (and brother of Peter Costello). Tim spoke about how Australia needs to get better as a country and described the poverty we have in our own backyard. Tim quoted Bob Hawke's 1987 statement that 'By 1990, no Australian child will be living in poverty.' We still have 730 000, or 17.4% of Australian children living in poverty. Disadvantaged backgrounds often leads to limited educational opportunities making it hard for children to break the poverty cycle. Being disadvantaged results in students being 2 - 3 years behind on average in schooling by the age of fifteen. While the Federal Government is attempting to address the issue with additional funding for schools based on needs, money alone will not fix the problem. Tim says that a positive culture also promotes success, but Australia's culture is becoming more fragmented with less emphasis on community and more on individualism. Teenagers are gauging success in life by their number of online friends and they want to show that their life is more impressive than anyone else's by putting everything that they do on Facebook. But there is hope. Tim suggested schools need to teach about social justice and children need to develop an intrinsic fairness and that creating community is one of the world's greatest challenges.

God bless

Paul Cronin

During swimming lessons there will be no Canteen available during recess. Lunch orders will still be available.



Kiss and Drive Protocols

In the interests of the safety of our students, the School outlines the following directions for parents and students when using the Kiss and Drive area, either before or after school.

1. Students are to make their way to Kiss and Drive using the pathway between Year 3 and the Office. Please do not use the oval or pathway next to Year 2 to access Kiss and Drive.
2. Students are to stand with their siblings under the bus shelter facing Mary St. They are to watch for their car and move to the duty teacher when necessary.
3. 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. 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.
4. 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.
5. Children are **not to use the boot for schoolbags**. Again, this may be inconvenient, but we are concerned with safety of children and would not wish for children to be pinned between their vehicle and the one behind.
6. 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.
7. 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 8.30am and 8.45am and 3pm and 3.30pm**. The driver/car will need to wait until traffic has ceased.
8. 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. **All users** of the Kiss and Drive area **use these guidelines**, regardless of momentary inconvenience.

STUDENT AWARDS

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| YEAR 1 | Kesh Fildes | Dean Mainstone | Amelie Wright | |
| YEAR 2 | Lewis Evans | Grace Richardson | | |
| YEAR 3 | Zachary Bemrose | Noah Smith | | |
| YEAR 4 | Gemelia Fiori | Levi Postma | | |
| YEAR 5 | Ryan Sutton | Keira Hall | | |
| YEAR 6 | Alexis Gianfrancesco | Aurora Postma | | |
| A.R. 50% | Bridie Kelly | Alexis Donovan | Lochlan Moore | Aidin Williams |
| | Aidan Hall | Harry Kane | Harlyn Fiori | Eamon Ramsay |
| | Kody Hopley | | | |
| A.R. 75% | Gabrielle Hopley | Jessica Kennedy | Jade Turpin | Ashton Spinelli |
| | Grace Emerson | | | |
| A.R. 100% | Charlotte Brasher | Thomas Bouzada-Olgiati | Koby Drage-Edwards | Finn Drage-Edwards |
| PHYS ED 50KM | Flynn Smith | Kody Hopley | | |
| PRINCIPAL | Flynn Fazey | Emma Di Lallo | | |



SCHOOL NEWS

STUDENTS ARRIVING LATE TO SCHOOL

Students arriving at school late, i.e. after the morning siren which sounds at 8.45am, MUST process through the office and be signed in by their parent/caregiver. This includes Mondays and Fridays during assembly. Thank you.

ABSENTEES

Parents are reminded that written absentee notes with student name, date, reason for absence and parent signature MUST be provided for all student absences - a legal requirement from the Education Department of WA. Please notify the school by phone call or email if your child will be absent.

When teachers have completed class rolls each morning, the school office will SMS parents for any unexplained/not notified absences each day.

Remember, even though you have phoned or emailed the school with your child's absence, you must still send a signed note. This is a legal requirement.

HAIR

Hair should be always neat and tidy and should not reflect the extremes of any current fashion. Long hair must be kept neatly tied back. Ribbons or clips **must be** PLAIN white or blue. Matching headbands can be purchased from the Uniform Shop. Hair must be kept at the student's natural hair colour, without artificial hair colour added.

LOST SCHOOL SHOES

There is a pair of girl's size 6 Mary Jane school shoes that have been in the office since the end of Term 2. Please collect them if they belong to you. Thank you.

P & F QUIZ NIGHT

A huge thank you to all of the school and wider community who attended the St Mary's P & F Quiz Night last Friday. Special thanks to Rory and Viv McKenzie who prepared the questions and were the MCs for the evening. Thank you also to Nigel Snelson who helped with the scoring. Our team of Year 5 parents led by Suzanne Cross and Maryanne Pemberton did a wonderful job of setting up and organising prizes and games during the night. While fundraising was part of the purpose for the evening, it was also about building community which is so strong at St Mary's.

WELCOME

Congratulations to Matthew, Natalie and Alecia Wheeler who have recently welcomed baby Lucas into their family.

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Congratulations to our St Mary's team for their outstanding effort at this year's SWPSA Cross Country Carnival. All students represented St Mary's well, both on and off the track. Many thanks to Maddison Lord and Daniel Norrish, our Interschool Cross Country Captains for your assistance. A big thank you to all students involved in extra cross country training after school, and to parent helpers and supporters. Individual results have been posted on the noticeboard outside the hall.

THE SPARE PARTS PUPPET THEATRE

The Spare Parts Puppet Theatre will be coming to St Mary's CPS on Thursday 7 September to perform 2 shows of the Roald Dahl classic story of 'The Twits!'

Session 1 9.50am - 10.50am Kindy to Year 2

Session 2 11.40am - 12.40pm Years 3 to 6

The sessions will be held in the school hall. On Friday 8 September, The Spare Parts Puppet Theatre will be on hand to run workshops throughout the day for Years 1 - 6, and they will be making Junk Puppets. To make the puppets students are asked to bring in:

1 Base

A 2 litre milk carton (any sort of bottle with a handle - handles are best as this is a control point they can use to hold/move their puppet) or an egg carton.

1 x hair option

Good things for puppet hair may be: yarn, string, wires, wool, rope, old fabric scraps, videotape plastic, feathers that they find outside - anything they can imagine/find that could be used as hair.

1 x eyes option

Good things for eyes: Buttons, bottle caps, old computer keys, pieces of cut up coloured paper - anything you can imagine/find.

Give these items to your class teacher for storage. Bring in as many of these types of items as you can!!

SURF TO SURF FUN RUN

The City of Bunbury Surf Life Saving Club's annual Surf to Surf Fun Run will be held on Sunday 15 October 2017. Once again they will hold a Fast 5 Schools Challenge and the Handicap Shield. The Fast 5 will be determined by an average of the fastest five students representing their school over 5km. The Handicap Shield will be determined by the highest entries per school population. Prizes will be awarded to the Primary and Secondary school with the highest entries per school population - Handicap Shield and the Fastest 5 School Award in both Primary and Secondary categories. For further information, contact funrun@bunburyslsc.com.au.

EAGLES CUP

Eagles Cup is due to start on Monday 7 August. Notes went home on Monday of this week for all interested players. To Date no fixtures have been released.

FRAMED AUSTRALIAN JERSEYS

We are fortunate to have on display in our school hall, two Australian jerseys that were worn by former students of St Mary's when they were representing Australia. One is the Hockeyroos jersey that was worn by Tristan Clemons, the Hockeyroos' goalkeeper. The other is a Socceroos jersey that was worn by Joshua Risdon when he played for the Socceroos. I look forward to inviting both of these athletes back to St Mary's at some time in the near future!

Mr T Alberti

HPE and Music/Drama teacher.



Tristan attended St Mary's
from
1992 - 1999

Joshua attended St Mary's
from
1997 - 2004

RED NOSE DAY

Thank you to the whole school community for your support for this years RED NOSE DAY. \$171 was raised, thank you!

Every year in Australia, over 3200 families experience the sudden and unexpected death of a baby or child. With your support, we can continue to save the lives of babies and children and support people impacted by the death of a child.

For me, it is not just about researching how SIDS (sudden infant death syndrome) can be prevented. But it is also the support offered to parents and families in the time after losing a child. Red Nose provide peer support counselling and support for families who lose children from pregnancy through to teenagers - not just if the death is SIDS related. As friends, we can often feel completely helpless in the aftermath of these tragic events. But by contributing to the RED NOSE CAMPAIGN it can help us to feel a little more useful. This has been my experience and I sincerely thank you all for supporting Red Nose on my behalf.

ST MARY'S QUIZ NIGHT

Many thanks to everyone who attended last week's Quiz Night. Everyone had a fantastic time and it was a very social occasion as commented by many. A huge thank you to all the Year 5 parents and others who assisted and donated.

Suzanne Cross & Maryanne Pemberton
YEAR 5 REPS



WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

St Mary's Catholic Primary School Bunbury is registered for the Woolworths Earn and Learn again this year. If all families could collect stickers when shopping at Woolworths, attach them to the sheets distributed, and bring the forms back into the office, that would be great. The more stickers we get, the more rewards our children will enjoy. Don't forget to get all the family involved. Extra sheets are available from the school office.



CANTEEN

Parents and caregivers are asked to please check their menus as lunch orders are still arriving at the Canteen with old prices (drinks are \$2.50.)

Term 3 Canteen Roster

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| <i>Friday 4 August</i> | Annaleisha de Chanéet | <i>Wednesday 9 August</i> | Trish Moore Beverley Barry |
| <i>Friday 11 August</i> | Laura Maratea Carmel Sutton | <i>Wednesday 16 August</i> | Jo Spinelli Siobhan De Coppi |
| <i>Friday 18 August</i> | Alison Piacentini Medrica Di Lallo | <i>Wednesday 23 August</i> | Jaci Brasher |
| <i>Friday 25 August</i> | Carmela Spinelli Jenelle O'Reilly | | |

Last Friday we celebrated Planet Ark's National Tree Day by planting two trees. The first tree was a Silver Birch and was planted outside the Year 1 and 2 classrooms and will eventually create a shady play area. In Pre Primary Mrs Anderson sourced a Ficus tree for the class to plant in a big pot that can be moved indoors and outdoors.



The Year 3s had been researching Western Ring-tailed Possums in Science last term and decided to put 3 possum dreys into different trees on our school grounds

to encourage our possums to stay out of the Science room roof. They celebrated Tree Day by asking Mr Beaglehole to fix them onto suitable trees that they deemed 'Possum worthy.'

Thank you to Darren Coulson (Jake and Ryan's dad) for all of your help organising our trees and possum dreys and to Mr Beaglehole for risking his life on his ladder to make our Year 3 class happy!



National
Tree Day
PLANET ARK





ST MARY'S PRIMARY
SCHOOL WOULD LIKE TO
INVITE YOU TO
CELEBRATE

FATHER'S DAY!

BRING ALONG YOUR DAD, GRANDPA,
UNCLE - ANYONE WITH WHOM YOU
WOULD LIKE TO CELEBRATE FATHER'S
DAY

WHERE: ST MARY'S HALL

WHEN: FRIDAY 1
SEPTEMBER

TIME: BREAKFAST FROM
7AM – 8.30AM

RSVP – please return the
attached form by Friday 25
August 2017

'Fathers vs Students' football game and
other activities from 8.30am

St Mary's Catholic Primary School Father's Day Breakfast

RSVP

Name of Father/Guardian attending: _____

| Name of child attending | Year at St Mary's |
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Breakfast will be served from 7am until 8.30am. A 'Fathers vs Students' football match will commence at 8.30am. This is suitable for children aged 7 years and above. Other tabloid sports will be organised for younger children.

Please return this slip to the front office of St Mary's by Friday 25 August 2017.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Balingup Medieval Carnivale

26 & 27 AUGUST 2017



Entry \$20, Weekend \$30, Kids U12 FREE
www.balingupmedievalcarnivale.com.au



Step back in time and dress up in Medieval costume. It's a family affair.

Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 August 2017
 Gates open 10am
 Entry \$20, Weekend Pass \$30
 Children under 12 FREE

- ✦ Over 100 variety stalls
- ✦ Food for all tastes
- ✦ Local wine and cider tasting
- ✦ Grand parade daily 1pm
- ✦ Live music and dance
- ✦ Fighting knights live action reenactors
- ✦ Entertainment and stage shows for kids
- ✦ Blacksmiths demonstrations
- ✦ Burning of the dragon with fire performers Saturday night 6pm



General enquiries phone 0498 088 093
www.balingupmedievalcarnivale.com.au

WASCA General Meeting & Wellness workshop

Dear WASCA Member,

The President and Executive Committee invite you to attend the WASCA General Meeting and workshop, Wednesday 23 August 2017, Floreat Surf Life Saving Club, West Coast Highway, Floreat Beach, 3.30pm.

Program:

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| 3.30pm | WASCA General Meeting |
| 4.15pm | Presentation of the Nan Marlow Award for Excellence in Volunteering <i>Thanks to Just Pizza Company, presented by Simone Trehwella</i> |
| | Afternoon tea |
| 4.30pm | Wellness workshop by Direction Psychological Services |
| 5.30pm | Close |



Wellness workshop

Keeping mentally healthy is just as important as keeping physically healthy.

Working within a school means you regularly engage with a wide range of people. This often includes students who have emotional and psychological distress. It is important to understand your personal and professional boundaries, and the impact of compassion fatigue.

Clinical Psychologist Karen Huggett, *Direction Psychological Services* Director, has over 20 years' experience working with adults, children, families and couples. She has a particular interest in working with children and teenagers and a focus on providing early intervention and preventative programs within the Perth community. The workshop will include:

- The most common child & adolescent mental health issues and how to recognise the signs
- Understanding your school policy, including referrals to a psychologist
- Compassion fatigue: what is it and what are the signs
- Strategies for setting practical boundaries at work
- Recognising your own signs of stress
- Implementing self-care and stress management strategies.



Who should attend: canteen staff and volunteers, parent body representatives, parents and school nurses. Other members of your school community, including the Principal and teachers, are also welcome to attend.

Please RSVP by Friday 18 August on 9264 4999 or michelle.calder2@education.wa.edu.au

We look forward to seeing you there.



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