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St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

February

Mon 27 Swimming Training
WACA Day for Students

March

Wed 1 Ash Wednesday Liturgy
Swimming Training
Young Writers Workshop
Fri 3 Schools Clean Up Day 12.30 - 12.45pm
Sun 5 First Sunday of Lent
Mon 6 Labour Day (Public Holiday)
Tue 7 Camp Australia Parent Information Meeting
3.15pm (School Hall)

Vision Statement

A welcoming faith
community

We value
relationships

We pursue excellence
in learning

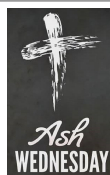
We live the Gospel
message of love

Encourage one another,
Build one another up.
Be at peace among yourselves...
Always seek to do good to one
another...
Rejoice always,
Pray constantly.
Give thanks in all circumstances;
For this is God's will,
In Christ Jesus, for you.
1 Thes. 5:11,13,15-18

encourage

one another

A REMINDER THAT ASH
WEDNESDAY IS NEXT
WEDNESDAY, 1 MARCH 2017



Principal's Welcome

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

School life continues to be filled with a huge variety of learning experiences for students. Besides the regular weekly exciting Science experiments, Maths challenges, singing and music opportunities, eleven students from Years 3 - 6 had the opportunity to compete in a tennis tournament in Bunbury. Next Monday, 22 Year 6 students will travel to the WACA to show off their cricketing skills during the lunchtime break of the Sheffield Shield match between WA and Victoria. Other students will begin four days of Young Writers Workshops and will have the opportunity to work with authors and with students from other schools. Who said school was boring?

It is wonderful to see parents (and grandparents) involved in so many ways at St Mary's. There are currently a number of parents working in teams behind the scenes, organising the Mother's Day Morning Tea, Easter Raffle and a Quiz Night that is planned for Term 2. Several parents volunteered to help with a tennis day for students in Years 3 to 6 and Mr Alberti has an army of helpers for morning swimming training. There are many regular parents participating in Fun Fitness Fridays and also eight parents and grandparents keen to be involved in next week's WACA expedition.

St Mary's P & F is still without a President, Vice President and Secretary for our P & F committee. These positions are vital to help steer the large number of parents who attend P & F meetings. If you are interested in nominating for one of these positions, please see me.

The first meeting regarding the Nature Playground was held on Tuesday evening under the guidance of Suzie Liaros. Several parents at the meeting volunteered to be part of the committee. Discussion was held regarding the best location to set up the playground as well as logistics like soft fall and reticulation. Suzie will be running a competition with the students on designing their own nature playground to help gather ideas. Watch this space for details on when the next meeting will be held.

God bless

Paul Cronin

STUDENT AWARDS

YEAR 1	Isabelle Hastie	Jack McGee	Scarlett White
YEAR 2	Oliver Stewart	Brianna Spinelli	
YEAR 3	Harlyn Fiori	Zac Bemrose	
YEAR 4	Rubee Males	Olivia Bambrick	
YEAR 5	Lance Santos	Koby Drage-Edwards	
YEAR 6	Lorenzo Fimognari	Aurora Postma	



SCHOOL NEWS

P & F

The outgoing Executive wish to thank everyone for their support. However, President, Vice President and Secretary are now officially vacated therefore nominations for these positions are required in order for the next P & F meeting to be held.

FAQ

Do you have to be on the Executive for 3 years?

No, the term is for 1 year with the maximum of 3.

Do you need experience?

No, everyone brings new and fresh ideas which benefit the P & F.

I hate public speaking, does that matter?

Other than chairing the meetings, support or alternatives are offered for public speaking occasions.

Do we need to follow the processes of the Executive?

You are free to coordinate as you please as long as it meets the requirements of the guidelines.

I don't have a lot of spare time!

Other than two meetings a term there is a great amount of flexibility.

EASTER RAFFLE

The Year One class are asking for donations for our annual Easter Raffle. Donations of anything Easter related can be placed in the boxes provided in each class, raffle tickets will be sent home next week, 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 kindly ask that all tickets sold or unsold are returned with monies by Friday 24 March ready for the big draw on Friday 7 April at 8.45am during assembly. We thank you in advance for your kind contributions and also a sincere thank you to Suzanne and Ian at Central News Bunbury for donating the tickets!

MOTHER'S DAY MORNING TEA

Blind Date with a Book

Thank you to the lovely people who have already started donating books! We will be continuing to collect novels until the end of term. Please place your books in the crate in the school office if you are able to help with this fundraiser. Thank you in anticipation from the Pre Primary Mums.

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.

CANTEEN

Please note that the canteen menu is available to view or download through either the 'Communications' tab on the school website or from the Week 1 newsletter. Hardcopies can also be collected from the office. Thank you to all parents who have volunteered to assist in the canteen this year. Please also note that Domino's Pizza will no longer be available on a Wednesday. It is now only available as a Friday Special. Thank you.

LENTEN PROGRAM

The Lenten program will be run on Wednesday mornings at 9am in the St Mary's Chapel. Ms Brown will facilitate this one hour opportunity to gather, pray and discuss the readings during Lent. The program will start on Wednesday 1 March with attendance at the Ash Wednesday Liturgy. Parents and friends of St Mary's are warmly invited to attend. If you are available please let Ms Brown know.



Project Compassion 2017
Lent Calendar



Did you know Caritas Australia has created a free reflective Lent Calendar app for your Apple, Android and web devices?

Use the calendar to deepen your spirituality this Lent and learn about Caritas Australia's work in five countries across the globe. Explore Project Compassion, meet inspiring people and reflect on the Lenten period through daily readings, prayers and social justice actions.

A children's version is available online also; reflect together as a class, whole school, family and parish!

View or download at www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion/lent-calendar



Year Five Descriptive Paragraphs

The two daring hikers trudged up the mountain. They were sore but determined to get to the top before dusk. The cold stung their noses like bees stinging a possum trying to invade their flower. The mountains towered over them and they knew it was going to be worth the hike.

Brady Emerson



The frostbitten duo trudged intently through the Himalayas. The icy tips of the mountains towered over them like the Empire State towers over an ant. They felt like frozen icy poles on a winter's day. The coats they were wearing were like an electric blanket covered by a fur coat. Their hands were chafed badly from their hiking sticks.

Koby Drage-Edwards

The weary duo trudged along the path, their fingers feeling numb and their noses watering like a tap. The two burnt out men sighed as the bleak temperature covered them like a stone cold blanket. The leaves crunched under the men's boots while they plodded along. The hikers breathed silently, gazing at the mountains in awe. The frigid temperature made the pair's arms freeze, their feet going numb.

Natalia Dillon

The weary duo were hiking up a very extreme mountain. The mountain was exceedingly sharp and was soaring high over the clouds like a bird flying over the sky. The hikers were astonished by the combination of different shades of blue in the sky and the thick fluffy clouds like puffed out cottonwool below them.

Lance Santos

HPE NEWS

Swimming

Parents of students in Years 4 to 6 should have received the swimming nomination form by now. If you wish to compete in the Parent/Student/Staff relay event (4x50m Freestyle Relay) please let me know.

Note: No swimming training Monday 6 March 6th and Wednesday March 8th

Swimming Carnival Friday 17 March 9:30 – 12:30

SWPSA Swimming Carnival Thursday 23 March 10:00-1:00

Academy Plate Tennis Competition

The Academy Plate is a Tennis Competition open to students in Years 3 – 6. It is an annual competition with heats held in country centres throughout WA. School teams that win through to the finals will compete in Perth on Friday 17 March. This year the Academy Plate was played at the Bunbury Tennis Club on Monday 20 February. St Mary's CPS fielded 2 teams. They were as follows:



Team 1	Team 2
Maddison Lord	Elena Mazza
Thomas Bouzada Olgiati	Evan Crowley
Harry Piacentini	Kade Lubcke
Nicholas Bouzada Olgiati	Raymond Do
Eamon Ramsay	Jorja O'Reilly
	Luke Panuccio
Manager: Ashley Ramsay Alison Piacentini and Ale Olgiati	Manager: Nell O'Reilly, Naomi Panuccio and Paula Lubcke.

Many thanks to our parent managers. A meeting will be held post Academy Cup to discuss next year's carnival.

A Day at the WACA

Students in Year 6 have been given the opportunity to spend a Day at the WACA for the Sheffield Shield match between the Western Warriors and Victoria. At lunch time students will enter the WACA playing field to play Scorchers Ball and Batting Skills, two games that will be taught in the PE lessons. Students will depart St Mary's by bus on Monday 27 February at 8am and return by 5pm. Mr Priest, Mr Cronin and Mr Alberti will accompany the students.

Mr Alberti

HPE and Music/Drama Teacher

BUNBURY MEN OF SONG CONCERT SERIES

Bunbury Men of Song are presenting a free concert series at Bunbury City Council Gardens. On Sunday 26 February, Bunbury Young Voices will be performing from 4pm to 6pm.

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.

P & F FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION

The 2017 footy season is nearly here and so too is the St Mary's Footy Tipping Competition. Please see the flyer attached to the newsletter for details on how to be involved with this fund raising event. You can also register at http://www.footytips.com.au/comps/ST_MARYS_CPS



ST MARY'S P & F FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION

Footy Tipping is back, bigger and better for 2017!

\$50 entry fee—\$20 to P & F remainder to prize pool

\$20 + 'Full of Beanz' coffee voucher weekly prize and overall winners (1-2-3) will share the major prize pool



REGISTER AT: http://www.footytips.com.au/comps/ST_MARYS_CPS



Step 1 - register online at http://www.footytips.com.au/comps/ST_MARYS_CPS (follow the prompts)

Step 2 - Complete Entry Form below

Step 3 - Drop Entry Form and payment off at School Office. If unable to drop off at school please contact Darren Coulson (darrencoulson4@bigpond.com)

Step 4 - Start tipping!

Registration and payment must be received prior to AFL season **23 March**.

All tips to be done on line before each game. The site will display the current round fixtures for you to make your selection, your tips they will be automatically recorded.

Results can be viewed online and winners will be announced in the school newsletter each week

ENTRY FORM

NAME

EMAIL

TELEPHONE

REGISTERED NAME

Please complete and return to school office with payment



SUSTAINABILITY NEWS - Three Top Conservation Tips!

Here at St Mary's we know how much our students love our wonderful planet! But are you doing your bit to help look after it? Check out these four super-simple environment-saving tips...



1. Turn Off The Taps!

You wouldn't flush the loo the whole time you were on it, would you?! But some folks leave the tap running while they're cleaning their teeth - which could waste 35,000 litres of water per family per year. So remember to **turn those taps off** while you're scrubbing your gnashers - because you'll save water AND money. Bonus!



2. Be Switched On - Switch Off!

We're sure you already turn the lights off when you leave a room. But have you noticed those other little lights that continue to glow in the dark? The tiny red or green ones on your TV, computer and stereo? Well, those 'stand-by' lights show that energy is still being used. So **switch off all your gadgets** at the mains. It could cut electricity use in your home by up to 10%. Wow!



3. Say 'No' To Plastic Bags!

Did you know that a single plastic bag can take up to 500 years to fully disintegrate in landfill? And that around 1 trillion bags are used every year worldwide? Yikes! Next time you hit the shops, **take a reusable canvas bag** with you, instead. Simple.

Year 4: Smooth Moves in Science



The Fantastic Year 4s have been investigating how surface friction can affect how far a car travels down a ramp. We realised that bubble wrap and carpet created a lot of friction as the car didn't travel far down the ramp. The baking paper and laminate were the surfaces that had the least amount of friction with the car.

P & FUNDS GREATLY APPRECIATED

At last week's P & F meeting over \$20 000 of money raised last year was granted for Wish Lists provided by teachers. A wide range of resources will be purchased for students across the year levels, from four tricycles for Play Café to robotics and table tennis tables. The tricycles have already arrived and the Year 6 students enjoyed another 'real-life' Maths lesson putting them together.

Looking
confused?!...



The finished
products!!





Mother's Day Morning Tea *News*

Tickets for this years Mother's Day Morning Tea, Tuesday 2 May 2017 will be on sale for Kindy Parents on Wednesday 1 March outside the Kindy room. Tickets will then go on sale to the rest of the school from Friday 3 March outside Admin. Tickets are \$15 each with a limit of 2 per person. Please have correct cash if you can. Crèche slips will also be available to make your crèche booking. Please note, crèche is limited to 30 children.

Raffle tickets will be sent home with your child in Week 6 and are due back by Monday 3 April.

The **sponsorship** co-ordinators are seeking donations of goods and vouchers as well as Table Sponsorships (min \$100 per table). If your family owns a business who would like to donate please contact Kim Fildes 0419175141 Kimhead79@optusnet.com.au or Brooke Frieberger 0409087754 jadenbrookef@bigpond.com
Likewise if you know of a business who would like to donate.

We would also like to request **donations** of books, baked goods, preserves and any other home made items.

ALL DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

20 February 2017

Dear Catholic school communities

On Thursday, 16 February, the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse released the full report of its survey results on claims made against Catholic organisations for alleged child sexual abuse.

The public release of this information has finally provided a voice for the victims of abuse and has justifiably been deeply distressing and confronting for Catholics and society in general. As a Catholic education community in Western Australia and nationally, we are profoundly saddened and shamed by the failures of so many in our Church to care for our children and young people.

It is my deepest hope that the challenging work of the Royal Commission, and its findings, will help heal some of the unimaginable pain of the victims of this abuse. As a Catholic community, we acknowledge the victims who have come forward and shared their stories, and we thank them for their extraordinary bravery and willingness to help Australians understand what happened to them.

As the Archbishop of Perth, the Most Rev Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, has expressed, *"each substantiated case represents a child or young person who had their innocence stolen from them, nearly always with devastating and long lasting effects on their lives. Each incidence of sexual abuse by a priest represents a chilling and destructive betrayal of everything the Catholic Church purports to stand for. Beyond the almost unimaginable suffering of the victims and survivors of this abuse, the circle of suffering widens out to include their families, their friends and the wider community."*

As a father with children in Catholic schools, I am aware of the burden that is carried by our schools and learning communities at this time. I acknowledge the damaging impact this has on the faith of many in our communities, but also the trust and confidence that families have in Catholic education.

To provide some reassurance to our Catholic education community, I accepted an invitation from the Royal Commission to participate on a panel with other members of Catholic Education in Australia. My participation last Thursday focused on the governance structures in Catholic Education Western Australia, as well as current child-protection and child-safety policies and procedures in Catholic schools.

Significantly, it illuminated the ongoing work of our schools to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students in our care remains our highest priority. In summarising the panel discussions, Royal Commission Chair, The Hon Justice Peter McClellan AM, acknowledged the important role our schools play in providing safe learning environments and commended Catholic Education for its commitment to child safety.



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I remain enlivened by the deep commitment of Principals, teachers and staff in our schools who reinforce our policies with strong pastoral support and focus on maintaining safe and engaging learning environments where all students can flourish.

This is a time of real change, a time to recognise the opportunity of healing and hope that the Royal Commission provides not only our Catholic community but our society as a whole. It allows us individually, and as Catholic learning communities, to reflect on the healing that is taking place.

This transformation will be a journey, but it is equally an imperative for Catholic Education Western Australia. I am confident that we will emerge from this time of deep reconciliation as a faith-filled Catholic education system; filled with determination and commitment to provide all students with the knowledge, skills, hope, optimism, and a Catholic worldview, to live meaningful lives, and shape and enrich the world.

As we continue to focus on our purpose of transforming learning for all, I thank you for entrusting your child's learning to one of 163 Catholic schools in Western Australia.

Yours sincerely

Tim McDonald



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COMMUNITY NEWS

it's **My** **O**rienteering **G**ame!



For ages 10 – 15 years
Registration at 3.30pm with event start at 4.00pm

Series registration also now open @

www.wa.orienteering.asn.au/clubs/swot

Events run from 3.30pm – 5pm

3.30pm Registration
4.00pm Events starts
4.45pm Results and spot prizes!



Search: orienteeringmygame

*This series is run at the same time/place as the SWOT club events.
Families are welcome to join in with the club event while the O-MG runs

For more information contact: Robyn Phillips on robcliff05@bigpond.com or 0418 953 614

Park&Street Orienteering

Mind and Body Fitness with Family and Friends



12 Feb 4pm Queens Gardens
19 Feb 4pm South Dalyellup Lakes
26 Feb 4pm Marlston
12 Mar 4pm NE Dalyellup
19 Mar 4pm South Bunbury
26 Mar 4pm SE Dalyellup
1 Apr 4pm Wollaston
2 Apr 9am Maidens



SWOrienteering



Start locations at www.eventor.orienteering.asn.au/Events
www.wa.orienteering.asn.au Phone Don 9795 7706

Junior Hockey – Hookin2 Hockey 2017

Students interested in trialling hockey in 2017, can register for the Bunbury Hookin2 Hockey program which will commence on Saturday 11 March at 9am. The program runs over 4 weeks and gives students a chance to learn about hockey and gain some new skills. Registration is via

<http://hookin2hockey.com.au/> cost is ~ \$85 and includes all equipment for the program.

To see what is included in the packs click on

<http://hookin2hockey.com.au/participant-packs/>

Any questions please e-mail development@bunburyhockey.org.au

The Marist Junior Hockey season kicks off from the 26 April 2017. The club registration day for all junior and senior players in season 2017 is from 4pm on Saturday March 18 at Bunbury Catholic College or register your interest at maristjuniorhockeyclub@outlook.com

ANZ Tennis Hot Shots at Saint Mary's Primary School

Years 1-3

Monday Mornings 7:30 - 8:30am

Years 4-6

Thursday Mornings 7:30 - 8:30am

\$15 per session

PROGRAMS START MONDAY 27TH FEBRUARY

Contact: Andrew Woodward | bunbury@tennisexcellence.com.au | 1300 424 544

Payments can be made via EFT to Tennis Excellence – Bunbury:

BSB: 306066 A/C: 2599362. Please include player name as reference.

www.tennisexcellence.com.au



Putting the FUN back into FUNDamentals

Children and Grief

an evening with Maggie Dent

Cost: \$22

6pm to 8pm

Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017

Bunbury Regional Entertainment

Centre - The Cube Theatre,

2 Blair Street, Bunbury.

Bookings through BREC from February 17.

www.bunburyentertainment.com

or 1300 661 272

"A child can live with anything as long as he or she is told the truth and is allowed to share with loved ones the natural feelings people have when they are suffering"

Eda LeShan

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