



# St Mary's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter

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### IMPORTANT DATES

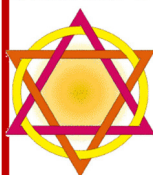
#### May

Fri 20	Year 6 Assembly Lapathon
Wed 25	NET Ministries Day Year 6 Year 4 Reconciliation
Thur 26	Kindy Teacher/Parent Interviews
Fri 27	Kindy Teacher/Parent Interviews Year 4 Assembly Young Writers' Workshop - Year 6
Sun 29	First Eucharist 10am

### Vision Statement

A welcoming faith community  
We value relationships  
We pursue excellence in learning  
We live the Gospel message of love

### TRINITY



### SUNDAY

When we bless ourselves we make the Sign of the Cross and say 'In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit'. We call that the Trinity - one God that is three persons - The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. This Sunday we celebrate Trinity Sunday.

*My God you give me life.  
Keep my life in your hands.*

*Jesus, you love me.  
Let me learn to love you and follow your ways.*

*Holy Spirit you are my peace. Teach me to pray, teach me to 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



Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

How quickly this busy term is moving along. We celebrated Confirmation for our Year 6 students on Sunday and are now counting down the days to First Eucharist for Year 4 students on Sunday 29 May, just over a week away. Sacraments are a special time of grace in our children's lives and in the life of a family. Bishop Holohan, at Confirmation last Sunday, explained that a Sacrament is a lens through which we meet Jesus in a personal way and we bring him our lives - our joys, our concerns and our questioning.

I pray that this last week of preparation for Year 4 students and their families be a special time in their lives.

Last week Kindy parents had a Motor Skills Workshop where Mrs Harper presented information on the importance of developing these skills. Then students and parents rotated around a series of fine motor activities. I encourage parents to practise/play those games/activities with children at home and not leave this as a one off event. We all must work together to support our children's development.

Next week, staff will have a workshop with an Occupational Therapist and Speech Therapist on how to support children's development in these areas.

Maureen Tully

Principal

### STUDENT AWARDS

<b>YEAR 1</b>	Michael Twomey	Chevy Males	Holly Bambrick
<b>YEAR 2</b>	Emmi Cahill	Louis Wright	
<b>YEAR 3</b>	Year 3 Class		
<b>YEAR 4</b>	Kade Lubcke	Jessica Kennedy	
<b>YEAR 5</b>	Charlee Sidebottom	Milly Patterson	
<b>YEAR 6</b>	Thomas Buckley	Sage Gilroy	
<b>A.R. 50%</b>	Finn Marshall	Jasmin Tan	Sarah Gibbs
<b>A.R. 75%</b>	Amy Hunter	Archie Pemberton	Jai Cahill

*Congratulations!*

## SCHOOL NEWS

### FEEDBACK RE NAPLAN RESULTS - MATHEMATICS

Several years ago, and after much research, St Mary's staff elected to use the Origo Stepping Stones Maths Resources as our prime Maths text. This text is recognised by those in WA Maths Associations as being a referred text in primary schools. This week we were notified that from the results of a 5 year longitudinal study, St Mary's NAPLAN results for schools using this program are in the 'Strong Performance' category. Well done to staff on successfully implementing this program and students for working very hard at their Maths.

Jo Painsi

Assistant Principal

### CASUALS FOR CATHOLIC CARE FUNDRAISER

Thank you to students, staff and parents who supported last Friday's Casuals for Catholic Care fundraiser. A total of \$233.80 was raised. This money has been forwarded to the Diocesan Office.

### FR ED STEWART

Fr Ed has recently announced his retirement. Fr Ed will still be living in Bunbury and will still say Mass from time to time for the parish. Due to a number of priests in the diocese being away on holidays during May, Fr Ed is acting as supply priest for the Margaret River/Augusta parish on weekends until the end of May. We thank Fr Ed for his ministry and spiritual guidance and support at St Mary's over the last three years and wish him every blessing in his retirement. A farewell morning tea for Fr Ed will be organised in June (date TBA).

Fr Abraham has been appointed chaplain at St Mary's.

### P & F LAPATHON

We look forward to the Lapathon tomorrow and have our fingers crossed for fine weather. Thank you to Rikki Smith and Brenda Hall, Year 5 class reps, and the Year 5 parents, who are coordinating this fundraiser. Thank you to students and families who are seeking sponsorship and collecting funds. Students are asked to wear sports uniform and enjoy the "crazy socks theme."

Thank you to the P & F Executive who have made arrangements for a guest speaker, Brant Garvey, to talk to the students. Brant is a para-triathlete who is aiming to go to the Olympics at Rio. Brant is currently fundraising to support this goal.

The schedule for Friday is as follows:

Kindy Lapathon	-	10.00 - 10.20am
Recess	-	10.20 - 10.40am
Lunch	-	12pm
Brant Garvey talk	-	12.30 - 1.00pm
Lapathon Years 1 - 6	-	1pm start

Thank you to Mrs Gray in the canteen for adjusting recess and lunch times to fit in with the Lapathon schedule.

We ask that all sponsorship money be returned by Wednesday 25 May. Place money in an envelope with the student's name and year level on the front and 'Lapathon' clearly marked. Thank you to all families for your support.

### P & F MEETING

Thank you to all parents who attended Tuesday night's P & F meeting. A number of funding requests were approved.

Congratulations once again to the Pre Primary parents, capably led by Renae O'Connor and Vanessa Best, on their very successful Mother's Day Morning Tea fundraiser. It was reported at the meeting that a total of \$17,131.00 was raised. What an amazing result.

### BOOK CLUB

Issue 3 orders have been submitted and are due back within the next few weeks.

### UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is open on Friday mornings between 8.30am and 9.30am for all your uniform requirements. Summer dresses that require the school emblem to be embroidered on them can be left at the office or at the Uniform Shop. They should be labelled and accompanied by \$5.50.

### MOTHER'S DAY MORNING TEA 2016

The Pre Primary group are very pleased to announce that the total raised was .....

**\$17,131**

A final thank you to everyone that was involved in making this event so enjoyable and successful.

Also, thank you to everyone that attended and supported this event in any way, this figure would not have been possible without you!!

Vanessa Best and Renae O'Connor

### HPE NEWS

#### NET Team Visit

The National Evangelisation Team will conduct their annual retreat with the Year 6 Class on Wednesday 25 May in the school Hall. The theme 'Who am I' is to enable students to reflect on and enhance their self image.

#### Winter Sports Carnival

The carnival will be held at Hay Park on Thursday 2 June and runs from 10am to 2pm. Coaches are: Football - Mr Di Lallo, Hockey - Mr Smith, Netball - Mrs Lubcke and Mrs Cahill/Mrs Sarre, Soccer ?? (2 needed).

#### State Cross Country Championships

We wish Jai Cahill all the best as he prepares to compete in the State Cross Country Championships tomorrow at 9.15am in Perth. This event is by invitation only and is a precursor to the National Championships to be held in Canberra later in the year!

#### LATE ARRIVAL/EARLY DEPARTURE

Students arriving late or leaving early must come through the office and be signed in/out by their parent/caregiver. Arriving late, but before 9.40 am, will be recorded as LATE. Arriving after 9.40am will be recorded as a half day absence. Leaving early, before 2:45pm will be recorded as a half day absence.

#### PARENTS VISITING DURING SCHOOL HOURS

Parents are reminded that if they visit the school during school hours (including parents assisting in classes and the Canteen), they are required to sign in and sign out at the office. This enables us to account for everyone on the school site in the case of an emergency. Our Duty of Care also requires us to know who is on the school site during school hours.

## **WA PUBLIC HOLIDAY LONG WEEKEND**

**A Reminder to all families that the Public Holiday - WA Day, on Monday 6 June is followed by the Faith Holiday on Tuesday 7 June. Staff and students return on Wednesday 8 June.**

### *Year 6 Camp 2016. 2 May – 6 May Nanga Bush Camp, Dwellingup*

*Billie Vance: It's great, it's fun, it's something to look forward too, and it's only three words: 'Year 6 Camp!'*

*Austin Forrester: On camp we did Rock Climbing and Abseiling. Some people were scared but some people were not.*

*Maya Lubcke: Year 6 Camp was the best experience I have ever had, and I think the whole class, will have great memories from it.*

*Alex Ierace: The Year 6 Camp was really fun, but my favourite part was the Zip Line!*

*William Pedley: Make sure to bring your water shoes on the morning walk because you will get wet!*





Year 6 Camp



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Hosting French Students in July (17 July - 16 August)

For the last 8 years a programme has been in place offering the opportunity to young French students aged 14 - 17 years to discover Australia and its education system.

We are looking for families willing to host students for the four weeks of their visit. They will travel to and from school with your children.

The purpose of the programme is for these French students to experience living with an Australian family, to see how an Australian school operates, to improve their English language skills through this full immersion and to create a strong friendship with their Anglophone peers. The programme is highly successful and both Australian and French students greatly enjoy the exchange. Many families still keep in touch with each other.

The students are fully briefed about the school rules, are not to leave the school premises and will attend classes daily. They will be fully covered by appropriate insurance.

Host families will be visited prior to the arrival by the organiser to explain the programme. We believe such an exchange is also highly beneficial for our Modern Languages students, opening their eyes (and ears!) to similarly minded students for an extended period.

Please contact **Martine Floyd**, email: [martine.floyd@iinet.net.au](mailto:martine.floyd@iinet.net.au), mob: **0403 019 609** if you are interested in hosting.



### BUNBURY CATHOLIC COLLEGE YEAR 7, 2018 ENROLMENTS

We have now commenced Year 7, 2018 interviews.

Those families who intend enrolling their child/children for a place in Year 7, 2018 and have not yet done so, are encouraged to forward their enrolment application forms to Bunbury Catholic College by **31 May 2016**.

Enrolment applications can be downloaded from the College website at <http://www.bunburycatholic.wa.edu.au/cms/enrolment>.

All enrolments are assessed against our Enrolment Policy and the College Registrar will contact families accordingly to make interview arrangements.

Ms Denise O'Meara  
Principal  
Bunbury Catholic College



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