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St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

August

Sun 16 Aug	Reconciliation Commitment Mass
Week 5	Science Week
Tue 18 Aug	Year 5/6 Choir CPAF
Wed 19 Aug	PP/1/2/3 Liturgy
Fri 21 Aug	Workbooks Go Home
Sun 23 Aug	Bishop Peter Quinn Anniversary Mass
Week 6	Book Week
Tue 25 Aug	Year 3 Reconciliation 6pm
Wed 26 Aug	4/5/6 Liturgy
Fri 28 Aug	Book Week Assembly

Vision Statement

A welcoming faith
community

We value
relationships

We pursue excellence
in learning

We live the Gospel
message of love



Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 15 August

Although she became the mother of Jesus, Mary was a simple woman who lived according to the customs and traditions of her Jewish faith.

Mary, mother of the poor, teach us to live simply.

Life was not always easy for Mary and Joseph. On one occasion they were forced to leave their home in order to find a place of safety to protect the child Jesus.

Mary, refugee and migrant, you understand what it is to leave your home and travel to an unknown place. Teach us to appreciate our families and homes.

Mary grew up in her knowledge and understanding of who Jesus is and what her role was to be in supporting his mission on earth.

Mary, first disciple and follower of Jesus, you always tried to do God's will.

Teach us to listen to God's voice and follow God's will.

Mary listened to Jesus. She listened to people telling stories to Jesus. She listened to God.

Mary, you recognised sacredness in others and found time to listen to their stories and journey with them through their good times and difficult times.

Teach us to be open, forgiving and accepting of other people.

AMEN

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

On Tuesday night, we held the parent/student evening for First Reconciliation. The Year 3 students are congratulated on their engagement and responses at the meeting and their enthusiasm with the preparation program in class. This sacrament is the second for these children, their first being Baptism. While we call this First Reconciliation, with the emphasis on saying sorry and restoring a relationship, Reconciliation is also called the Sacrament of Penance, where the emphasis may be on righting the wrong we may have done - reflecting on our actions, saying sorry and then showing our sorrow through prayer and action.

Next Sunday, 16 August, we will celebrate the First Reconciliation Commitment Mass at 10am at the Cathedral. First Reconciliation is now less than two weeks away - Tuesday 25 August at 6pm at the Cathedral. I ask all in our community to pray for our Year 3 students and their families that this be a time of grace and joy for them. Thank you to Ms Brown and Mrs Coulson who facilitated Tuesday evening's meeting and thank you to Fr Ed for his support and spiritual guidance. Thank you to parents for your support.

Maureen Tully
Principal

STUDENT AWARDS

YEAR 1	Adam Mainstone	Alek Liaros		
YEAR 2	Charlotte Brasher	Evan Crowley	Harry Piacentini	
YEAR 3	Grace Sarre	Jedd Patterson		
YEAR 4	Ashleen Moore	Lorenzo Fimognari		
YEAR 5	Michela Villani	Xavier Hunter		
YEAR 6	Karis D'Andrea	Javene Fitch		
A.R. 50%	Milly Patterson	Isabella Marshall	Samuel Kirke	Savanna Scasserra
	Madison Klem			
A.R. 75%	Flynn Smith	Kace Brand	Aleesha Zaccagnini	Ciara Williams
	Samuel Kirke	Tristyn Cream	Skye Carr	Kayde Waldoch
OTHER	50km Molly Lincoln	50km Evan Crowley		

CONGRATULATIONS



SCHOOL NEWS

WELCOME

Welcome to the Gibbs family as they join our school community. Sarah joined the Year 4 class on Monday.

YEAR 5/6 CHOIR - CATHOLIC SCHOOLS PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL

Next Tuesday, the Year 5/6 Choir (all students in Years 5 and 6) will travel to Perth to perform at the Catholic Schools Performing Arts Festival. This festival, held annually, showcases the Arts in Catholic Schools in WA - singing, dance, drama and the visual arts. The emphasis is on performance, not competition. As well as performing, our students have the opportunity to hear a range of choirs sing and also understand that they are part of something bigger than St Mary's Catholic Primary School, i.e. Catholic Education system in W.A. There is a long tradition of singing and music in our Catholic Education system. With the strong emphasis on student success in literacy and numeracy in Australian society generally, there is a need to provide our students with a broad curriculum that includes singing and performance, similar to our emphasis on physical education, sport and being active.

Thank you to Mr Mills who works with our choirs each week and to the students themselves for their work, attention and dedication. Mrs Paini and Mrs Alberti will travel to Balcatta on Tuesday with the students. We wish staff and students a pleasant and safe journey.

PRE PRIMARY - YEAR 3 LITURGY

Next Wednesday, 19 August, Pre Primary, Years 1, 2 and 3 will celebrate a liturgy in the Chapel at 9am. Parents and family members are invited to join the staff and students for this prayer liturgy.

BOOK CLUB

Issue 5 orders have been sent to Scholastic and should return within the next two weeks.

UNIFORM NOTES

The Uniform Shop is now open on Friday mornings between 8.30 and 9.30am for all your uniform needs. Please give some thought to summer uniform requirements and place an order within the next few weeks. Also, any girls' summer uniform that needs the emblem embroidered on, should be brought to the Uniform Shop before 28 August.

LINKING UP

Linking up is an opportunity for men to gather to share their story in a safe and caring environment. So often in the busyness of life we can become overwhelmed and confused. It is an opportunity to speak and listen to others and be affirmed. The first gathering will be on Wednesday 19 August in the School MPR (Hall) starting at 7pm. All men welcome.

RSVP to Tino Alberti alberti.tino@stmarysbnby.wa.edu.au

SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY



St Mary's is continually seeking to improve school effectiveness and we collect data, over time, to support improved decision-making. Both academic and socio-emotional outcomes for students are important components of an effective school.

The School Climate Survey measures multiple climates in a school. While culture refers to the norms, values and traditions of the school, climate is the behavioural and attitudinal manifestations of the school's culture. The behaviours and attitudes can be observed and measured. This is what the School Climate Survey seeks to do. By changing the day-to-day behaviours

and attitudes that make up the climate of an organisation, it is possible to gradually change the organisation's culture.

In May, St Mary's conducted the School Climate Survey. All staff, all Year 5 and 6 students and 60 parents (randomly selected) were invited to complete the survey. Thank you to the 48 parents from whom a completed survey was received. Included here is a report on the feedback received from parents.

Community Engagement

Parents at St Mary's feel that the school is focused on improvement and they are encouraged and have an opportunity to make a contribution to school planning. However, parents feel the extent to which the school is receptive of and understands the views and concerns of parents is an area for improvement.

Learning Opportunity

Parents believe that their children's homework aids their learning and teaches organisational skills. They also feel that the educational programs of the school address the needs of their children and that their children were prepared and supported during their transition to the next stage of the schooling.

Staff Engagement

Parents feel that teachers are passionate about their work and that they deliver classes that are interesting and challenging for their child. Behaviour management is an area that is not always managed effectively.

Student Engagement

Parents see their children looking forward to and enjoying the learning they do at school, but not always wanting to go to school. However, the difference is subtle due to the closeness of the responses from parents in this area.

Peer Relations

Parents feel their child has positive relationships with their peers but may not necessarily be developing valuable social skills.

Student Behaviour

Parents rated student safety at school as being very high; their child is not being subjected to harassment or bullying at school. However, they feel that behaviour in the classroom may be disrupting their child's ability to learn.

Catholic Culture Parents

Parents feel the school provides many opportunities for their child to practise the Catholic faith. The school encourages acts of compassion and there is a strong focus on social justice activities. However, the importance parents place on having their child attend a Catholic school is somewhat low.

CANTEEN SUPREME NEWS

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who happily give up what little free time they have to help in the canteen. Without your help, running a school canteen would not be possible. This week our Canteen Queens are Susan Mainstone, Jo Spinelli and Medrica Di Lallo on Friday 14th and Sharon Clark on Wednesday 19th. I am desperate for two more volunteers on Friday 4 September. If you can help out at all – even for an hour or so – please let the lovely ladies in the office know or come and see me.



CONDOLENCES

We extend our deepest sympathies to Mrs Rose Anderson and her family on the sad passing of her 'Nonno'.

FOOTY TIPPING

Congratulations to 'Al' for winning round 19 footy tipping with a perfect score of 9 correct tips, well done. The weekly prize money can be collected from the school office. NicNac remains in top spot (with 121) on the overall leader board. Good luck to everyone with their tips for round 20.

FATHERS' DAY BREAKFAST

Reminder: To finalise the organising and catering of the Fathers' Day Breakfast please return the RSVP slip by 22 August. Thank you.

Kate and Janelle.

HPE NEWS

Eagles Cup

St Mary's won their first game against Adam Road last Monday at 4.00pm. We then played St Joseph's in the Grand Final. How exciting. Unfortunately, we were unable to 'bring home the chocolates' as one parent put it to me. But well done to all our players on never giving up and playing the games in the right spirit. A big thank you to Mr Vince Di Lallo.

Athletics Carnival

Our School Athletics Carnival will be held on Thursday 17 September at the South West Sports Centre. Years 4 – 6 students, 9.00am – 2.30pm. Pre Primary to Year 3, 10.00am – 1.30pm. Students will be bussed to and from St Mary's. Parent helpers are needed to help with the running of the carnival. Please complete the form below or send me an email if you are able to assist. Thank you.

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HPE Teacher

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Athletics Carnival

17 September 2015

I am able to assist at the carnival

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

MAGGIE DENT

Following the successful workshop we had with Maggie Dent last week and in the spirit of keeping the conversation going regarding our children's social and emotional development, we will include each week in the newsletter a brief synopsis and link to one of Maggie's video clips. The clip for this week is titled "Understanding Children's Choices". The video looks at how children view the world and how as adults we can sometimes misinterpret how they see the world. Children don't always make the best choices but they are learning how to navigate the 'correct' things to do. To view the clip, copy and paste the following link into your browser - <http://www.maggiedent.com/content/vblog/understanding-childrens-choices>.

RE NEWS

Thank you to all parents, grandparents and students who attended the Reconciliation Workshop on Tuesday evening. It was a terrific opportunity to grow in faith together and the community is praying for each of you at this time of healing.

PLEASE NOTE

Commitment Mass is this Sunday 16 August at 10am. It will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral. Please sit as a group on the left hand side of the Cathedral.

BOOK WEEK 2015

This Year's theme is 'Books Light Up My World'. St Mary's will be celebrating Book Week with a parade on Friday morning 28 August. Mr Alberti will be the master of ceremonies for the parade. Children are asked to come dressed as their favourite book character on this day. Throughout the day children will have the opportunity share their love of books with others by gathering to read.



COMMUNITY NEWS



Win a
\$25,000
Kitchen Kart for your
school!




Why is it important for children to have access to cooking facilities at their school?

International research shows children who help prepare meals **eat significantly more vegetables** than those who are not involved in cooking. Thanks to a partnership with **Get Kids Cooking**, AIS and Nestlé Healthy Active Kids Program is giving parents and carers the opportunity to nominate their child's school to win a **Kitchen Kart valued at \$25,000**. The winning entry also receives **\$1000 cash** to go towards keeping their family healthy and active! **Parents and carers are invited to visit the Healthy Active Kids website to enter.** It's packed full of educational games, videos, recipes and activities to help kids live a healthy, active life at school and at home.





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