



St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

November

Wed 11 Year 4 Reconciliation
Remembrance Day Mass 11am

Wed 18 Year 6 Reconciliation
Thur 19 SWPSA T20 Cricket Blast
Tue 24 Board AGM
P & F AGM

Wed 25 Year 3 Reconciliation
Sun 29 First Sunday of Advent

December

Wed 2 Whole School Thanksgiving Mass 9am
Year 6 Graduation Mass

Vision Statement

A welcoming faith
community

We value
relationships

We pursue excellence
in learning

We live the Gospel
message of love

The God of Humour

*Laughter is an important release in a person's life.
Children's Letters to God.....*

Dear God,

*Did you really mean do unto others as they do unto you?
Because if you did, then I'm going to fix my brother.*

Dear God,

*During the sermon when Father Ed spoke about giving
things up for Lent for 40 days, can it be shorter? 40 is
too long.*

Dear God,

*I bet it is very hard for you to love all of everybody in the
whole world. There are only four people in our family and I
can never do it.*

Dear God,

*Is it true my father won't get to Heaven if he uses his
fishing words in the house?*

Dear God,
Help us to
be more like
little children
and recognise
the humour in others as we
go about our daily lives.
May we become beacons
for those in distress and
use the gift of humour to
brighten their lives.
We ask this through Christ
our Lord.
Amen.



Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

With the weeks moving by quickly, we are now planning details for the meetings and events that are part of the end of year concert items, with practices to begin in next week or two. Teachers are completing assessments of student work and learning, compiling data in readiness to write Semester 2 reports. All students from Years 3 - 6 will have Reconciliation as part of preparation for Christmas. The end of year Mass of Thanksgiving is scheduled and planning for Year 6 Graduation Mass and Supper is underway.

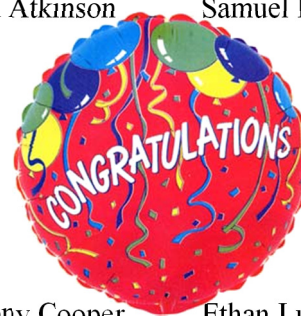
We also have our Annual Community Meeting on Tuesday 24 November at 7pm in the MPR. I ask all parents to give priority to attending this very important meeting where reports are presented by the P & F President, the School Board Chair and the Principal. The Budget for 2016 school year is presented by the School Board Treasurer.

Following reports, election of officer bearers for 2016 school year are held. An Agenda accompanies today's newsletter. A Board Member nomination form is also attached. Please read further details re criteria for School Board membership further on in the newsletter.

Maureen Tully
Principal

STUDENT AWARDS

YEAR 1	Keira Pitts	Emmi Cahill		
YEAR 2	Levi Postma	Neha Bobby	Pypah Atkinson	Samuel Pedley
YEAR 3	Keira Hall	Jessica Kennedy		
YEAR 4	Aidin Williams	Finn Johnston		
YEAR 5	Tom Steele	Tristyn Cream		
YEAR 6	Joshua Hewison	Eva Birmingham		
A.R. 50%	Sarah Gibbs			
A.R. 75%	Jai Cahill	Sage Gilroy	Anthony Cooper	Ethan Luff
A.R. 100%	Alexis Gianfrancesco	2nd Aleesha Zaccagnini	2nd Tenika Cross	Tristyn Cream
	Ethan Luff	Karis D'Andrea	Maddison Welsh	
PHYS ED 50KM	Elena Mazza	James Donovan	Elijah De Coppi	Jasmine Turner
100KM	Maya Lubcke	William Pedley	Daniel Norrish	



SCHOOL NEWS

REMEMBRANCE DAY, WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2015

This year marks the 97th anniversary of Armistice Day, which will be celebrated on Remembrance Day, 11 November. We will hold a Remembrance Day Service next Wednesday, 11 November, at 11am in the Undercover Area. This service will be led by student leaders and the Year 3/4 choir will sing "Lest we Forget". Parents and family members are invited to join us for this Remembrance Day Service. We will have recess at 10.30am on this day. Bunbury Sub Branch RSL have delivered poppies and a collection tin to our school. For a coin donation, these poppies can be purchased at the office.

During World War One, on many of the devastated battlefields in France and Belgium where fighting had occurred, red poppies began to grow and flower. People saw the flowers as symbols of remembrance for those who had died. Today we wear poppies on Remembrance Day to honour all those who gave their lives in war.

SCHOOL BOARD 2016 NOMINATIONS

I thank all Board members for their work in planning for the present and future operation of our school and for liaising in matters relating to the financial management of the school. A term of office on the Board is for a two year period, following which a Board member may renominate for a further two year term. Membership of the School Board may continue for a period of six consecutive years. This year we have two Board members stepping down. I thank Daniel Marshall and Paddy Catalano for their service to the school community serving four years and three years respectively. Martin Hynes is renominating, following a two year membership period. Hence, there are three vacancies for Board membership in 2016; two positions are vacant without nomination and one position vacant with nomination. Nomination forms for membership of the School Board 2016 accompanies this newsletter. Nominations must be received in the school officer by Monday 23 November 2015.

MAGGIE DENT

How Risk Can Benefit Children

In this "Maggie Moment", Maggie talks about how as a society we can tend to focus too much on avoiding risk, thus missing out on the benefits of risk as an important teacher for our children. To view the clip, copy and paste the following link into your browser. From there select 'videos' from the Free Resources tab; <http://www.maggiedent.com/content/vblog/how-risk-can-benefit-children>.

BISHOPS' RELIGIOUS LITERACY ASSESSMENT

The results from the Bishops' Religious Literacy Assessment have been sent to the school. The purpose of the assessment is to identify student learning in Religious Education. The results assist the school in facilitating professional dialogue and planning in RE. The children in Year 5 performed above all schools' average in both the multiple choice and short answer sections. Students were required to answer questions based on the life of Jesus, the Bible, Sacraments and Prayer, and the Church. Results show a strength in Sacraments and Prayer and knowledge of Jesus, with knowledge of the Bible and the Church also being above average.

SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY POLICY

It is part of the school's technology policy that images of students and staff members can only be shared on digital media if permission is sought and granted from each person in the image. Please remember that if you take images of your child during school events, these cannot be placed on Facebook, Instagram and other social media sites without permission from all stakeholders. I thank you for your cooperation and support in this matter.

Helen Brown

LOST PROPERTY

The Lost Property box is overflowing with unclaimed (unlabelled) uniform items. Please check with the school office if you are missing anything. Any uniform items not claimed by the end of the year will be handed in to the Uniform Shop to be sold. Please be on the lookout at home or in your child's bag for a sports jumper labelled 'Darcy' in size 14 or 16. If found, please hand in to the Year 3 classroom. Thank you.

CANTEEN SUPREME NEWS

Please remember that all recess items are now 70 cents. I think this still represents good value for a freshly baked muffin, a pizza sub or a fresh fruit salad. Our delightful volunteers this Friday 6 November are Catherine Dorant and Medrica Di Lallo (if anyone could help for an hour with bags it would be very much appreciated). On Wednesday 11th Jaci Brasher will be our Canteen Super Star.



Swooping Birds!

In the walkway between the office and the Year Three classroom, there are two Willie Wagtails that are swooping people as they walk past.

Please remember that:

1. The Willie Wagtails are protecting their babies.
2. Don't go near the nest.
3. Try to walk around or go another way.



FACTS

- Willie Wagtails are the largest of the fantail bird family.
- They are very protective of their babies.
- They eat insects by picking them from the ground or darting through the air to catch them.

Thank you, Year 3.

ST MARY'S DUTY OF CARE

St Mary's Catholic Primary School maintains supervision of students between the hours of 8.30am and 3.30pm. Children should not be on school premises outside these hours without the approval of the Principal or in the care of a caregiver/parent. On the occasion that a child might arrive early for any reason, they are required to sit outside the school office or in the area between Years 5/6 and 3/4. They are not permitted to walk around the school grounds or play with any equipment. At the conclusion of the school day, teachers are assigned duty at either Kiss and Drive, Mary St entrance or at the bus stop on Columba St. Students should be at either collection point or in the care of a parent/guardian/caregiver. These duties conclude at 3.30pm. It is the responsibility of parents/caregivers to collect children promptly at the conclusion of the school day. Students playing after school on school grassed areas, basketball court or play equipment may only do so under the direct supervision of parent/guardian/caregiver/coach. Please remind children that ALL SCHOOL RULES apply at any time they are on school grounds. This includes behaviour and language rules.

KINDERGARTEN HEALTH FORMS

Can parents please return the Kindergarten health forms to the school's front office by Monday 30 November 2015. If there are any queries please contact Jean Friend, the Community/Schools Nurse on 97913493. Thank you.

SAFETY IN THE CAR PARK

Parents and carers are reminded that the Kindergarten car park is entrance only and not exit. The speed limit in the car park is children's walking pace. Thank you.

FITNESS FUN FRIDAY

Friday at 8am on our 100Club track. All welcome

T20 BLAST

Years 5 and 6 are having an Interschool T20 Blast competition on Thursday 19 November at Forrest Park from 10am - 2pm. Permission notes have been sent home.

Tino Alberti alberti.tino@cathednet.wa.edu.au

HPE Teacher

UNIFORM NOTES

The Uniform Shop is open Friday mornings between 8.30 and 9.30am for all your uniform supplies.

Dates to Remember

Uniform fitting and ordering days will be as follows:

Wednesday 11 November, 8.30 - 9.30am - Kindergarten classroom

Pre Primary students progressing to Year 1 in 2016.

Friday 13 November, 8.30 - 9.30am - Play Group Room

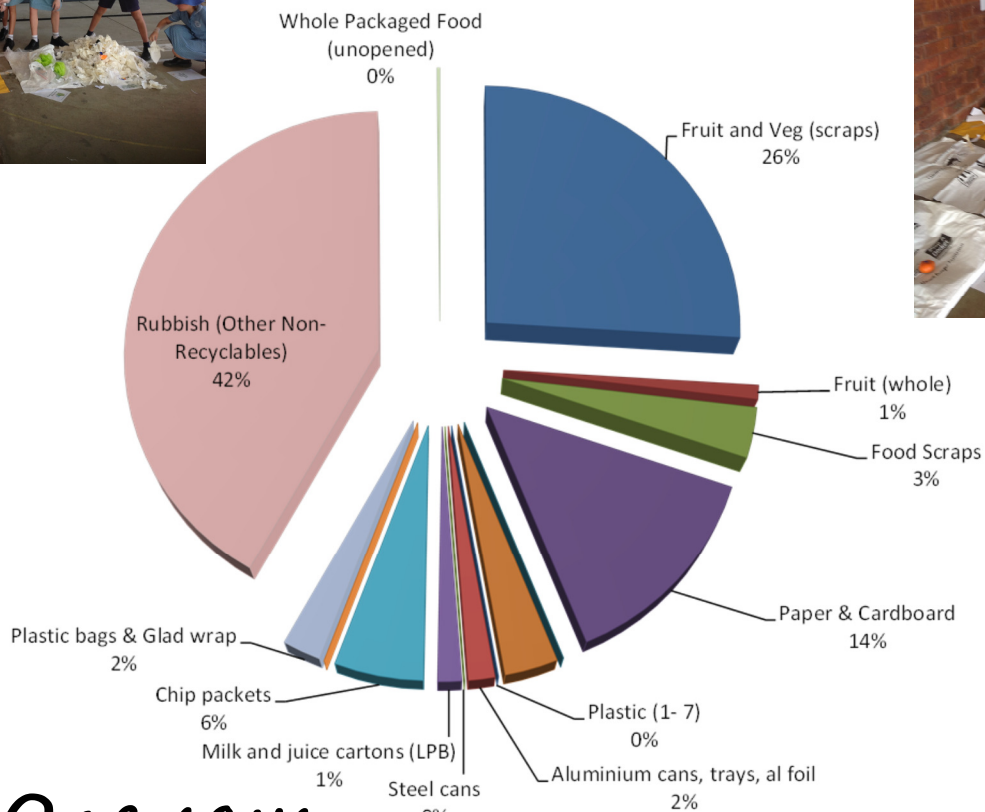
Kindergarten students progressing to Pre Primary in 2016

The Uniform Shop WILL NOT be open on Friday 13 November.
Any orders can be handed in at the school office for processing at
a later date.

NUDE FOOD DAY saw almost 70% of our students coming to school with Nude Food lunches.

Results from the Year 6 Waste Audit show less than 11% of our waste was from packaging, compared to 30% in 2014.

Well done students and PARENTS.



Year One says...



Don't forget Nude Food Thursdays!!

St Mary's School Board

Nominations for Membership for 2016

As the end of the school year approaches it is time to seek nominations for vacancies on the School Board.

This year, there are three (3) vacant positions available for nomination. Two positions are vacant without nomination, with one position vacant with nomination. One sitting member has re-nominated.

If you are considering nominating for the Board but are unsure of what membership involves, please talk to any of the current members.

Maureen Tully (Principal)	Ex-officio member
Martin Hynes (Chairperson)	Re-nominating
Daniel Marshall (Treasurer)	Not re-nominating
Chris Gibbs (P & F Rep)	Ongoing
Paddy Catalano	Not re-nominating
Kim Piacentini	Ongoing
Chez Spinelli	Ongoing
Jo Pitts	Ongoing
Suzie Liaros	Ongoing

The criteria for Board Membership are as follows:

- **Possession of special skills that will be an asset to the Board**
- **A deep interest in the welfare of all students and staff**
- **A desire to give service to the Catholic school community**
- **A keenness to promote Catholic schooling**
- **An ability to work cooperatively and constructively with all other members of the Board and sufficient time to devote to Board duties.**

An Information Kit, which includes a job description, Constitution, Mandate Letter and meeting details is available from the front office.

The positions up for nomination will be voted on at St Mary's Annual School Community Meeting, which will be held on **Tuesday 24 November 2015 at 7.00pm** (Nominations to be submitted by MONDAY, 23 November 2015 .

A light supper and drinks will be served at the conclusion of the meeting.

Nomination Form for Position on St Mary's School Board 2016

Please complete and return to the Office in a sealed envelope addressed to Maureen Tully by **MONDAY 23 November 2015**.

I _____ wish to nominate for membership of St Mary's School
(Please Print Name)
Board 2016.

Signed: _____

Seconded _____ Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please Print

Parent/Guardian of St Mary's Community

St Mary's Catholic Primary School Annual Community Meeting

Tuesday 24 November 2015

7pm St Mary's MPR

AGENDA

Welcome	Mrs Maureen Tully, Principal
Prayer	Ms Helen Brown, Assistant Principal
Guest Speaker	Ms Emma Lawrence, Occupational Therapist
	Nature Play – The risk of no risk

School Board Annual General Meeting

AGENDA

Chairperson's Annual Report	Mr Martin Hynes
Principal's Annual Report	Mrs Maureen Tully
Presentation of 2016 Provisional Budget	Mr Daniel Marshall
Election of 2016 Board Members	
Close School Board AGM	

P&F Annual General Meeting

AGENDA

President's Annual Report – Mrs Sonja Cahill
Treasurer's Annual Report – Mrs Jayne Lincoln
Election of Office Bearers for 2016
Election of Class Reps for 2016
Close P&F AGM

Light supper and drinks (Provided by School Board)

The Bunbury Catholic Parish

Warmly invites you to Holy Mass in Dalyellup



Venue: Dalyellup Community Centre, 6 Gosse Way

When: Every Sunday starting 22 November 2015

Time: 6:00pm

Enquiries: 9721 2141 (Tel)

Email: parishadmin1@bunburycatholic.org.au