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St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

March

Sun 8th	Staff Commissioning Mass 10am, St Patrick's Cathedral
Tue 10th	Board Meeting 5.45pm P & F Meeting 7pm
Thur 12th	School Swimming Carnival Yrs 4—6, 12-3pm

Vision Statement

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

Reflection

Life is an empty Bottle

Earlier this century, a woman went to her doctor with a catalogue of complaints about her health. The physician examined her thoroughly and became convinced that there was nothing wrong with her. He suspected it was her negative outlook on life—her bitterness and resentment—that was the key to her feeling the way she did.

The wise physician took the woman into a room in his office where he kept some medicine. He showed her a shelf filled with empty bottles. He said to her: "See those bottles? Notice that they are all empty. They are shaped differently from one another, basically they are alike. Most importantly, they have nothing in them. Now, I can take one of these bottles and fill it with poison—enough poison to kill a human being. Or I can fill it with enough medicine to bring down a fever, or ease a bad headache, or fight bacteria in one part of the body. The most important thing is that I make the choice, I can fill it with whatever I choose."

The doctor looked her in the eye and said, "Each day that we are given is basically like one of these empty bottles. We can choose to fill it with love and life affirming thoughts and attitudes, or we can fill it with destructive, poisonous thoughts. The choice is ours."

And what will you choose? Life-affirming, positive, healing thoughts? Or the seething poisons of anger, bitterness and prejudice? The choice is yours!

Giving God, we thank you for filling our world with so many good things and for the joy of living each day.

We praise you for showing us just how much you love us. Amen.

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

Being a week away from our Swimming Carnival, I congratulate the Years 4, 5 and 6 students who have come along to swimming training each Tuesday and Thursday this term. Some students have amazed and surprised both themselves and their parents with the improvements and gains they have made in times, stamina and number of laps completed. It has us reflect on the idea that setting goals is only the start of the journey; the next step towards the goal becoming a reality is determination, perseverance and usually hard work. Without these, our goal remains merely a dream or a wish. Goals are dreams with work boots on. This can apply to all areas of learning at school—success comes from focus, application and sticking in there, even when or if it gets hard. This is a worthwhile lesson for all areas of life and a valuable disposition for students to develop.

May we continue to support our students to achieve their goals.

Maureen Tully
Principal

STUDENT AWARDS

YEAR 1	Emmi Cahill	Noah Smith	Grace Emerson	Adam Mainstone
YEAR 2	Charlotte Brasher	Harper Panuccio		
YEAR 3	Elizabeth Curtis	Natalia Dillon	Sanjan O'Brien	Marcus Smargiassi
YEAR 4	Liam Collins	Flynn Smith		
YEAR 5	Kayde Waldock	Gabriella Lang		
YEAR 6	Matthew Allan	Isabella Marshall		

SCHOOL NEWS

P & F MEETING

The second P & F Meeting for Term 1 will be held next Tuesday 10 March at 7pm in the MPR. Following the very successful first meeting, the Executive have met on two occasions. I thank them for their enthusiasm and their work for the students, families and staff at St Mary's. Please continue to support their work by your attendance at next week's meeting.

FROM THE P & F EXECUTIVE

Current Agenda items to be discussed:

- Previous meeting fund requests
- Reserve fund remaining in the P & F account
- Court upgrade
- Request for funds—Mother's Day Morning Tea
- A five minute brainstorming session will be held regarding Dads becoming involved within the school community, if any Dads have an hour free Tuesday night please come along to the meeting.

Any additional Agenda items required please email Mel Sarre, sarre@westnet.com.au

The Executive look forward to seeing you all there!

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The second School Board Meeting for 2015 will be held next Tuesday evening 10 March at 5.45pm

TEACHING AND NON TEACHING STAFF COMMISSIONING MASS

At this Sunday's 10am Mass at the Cathedral, the staff of St Mary's, St Joseph's and Bunbury Catholic College will be commissioned to continue the work of Jesus within their respective schools. All are welcome to attend and support the staff of St Mary's at this liturgy.

WELCOME

We welcomed the Beswick family to our school community in Week 3 when Isla joined the Kindy class. Welcome also to Raymond Do who joined the Year 4 class. Raymond's brother is in Pre Primary, his second year at St Mary's.

BABY NEWS

Congratulations to Gerard, Tennille and Mia Panuccio on the birth of Coby, who was born Tuesday 3rd March!



KISS AND DRIVE GUIDELINES

Thank you to families for following our Kiss and Drive guidelines, ensuring the safety of all students. A copy of the guidelines accompanies the newsletter. Should a grandparent, family member or friend be picking up your children, parents are asked to inform them of the Kiss and Drive guidelines.

YEAR FIVE FOOD SCRAPS RECYCLING

The Year Five Class would like to make compost for our school veggie patch using food scraps collected during recess and lunch. We are looking for a second hand compost tumbler for this project. If you have one that you are prepared to donate to the class, please contact me in Year 5.

Thank you

Gillian Alberti



UNIFORM NOTES

Winter orders are now being taken, payment is not necessary until items are collected. Please take the time to place your orders as soon as possible so orders can be made up and delivered before the school holidays start. The Uniform Shop will NOT be open for the first two Wednesdays of Term 2, but will be open on Friday the 1st of May between 8.30 and 10.00am for any uniform requirements. The school Uniform Policy allows children a two week change over from summer to winter at the start of Term 2 and winter to summer at the start of Term 4.

BOOK CLUB

Issue 2 catalogues were distributed last week and any orders are due back on or before Wednesday the 11th of March 2015.



CANTEEN SUPREME NEWS



We welcome all Kindy students to the canteen lunch ordering system. Yes Kindy Kids can now order their lunches 'to go' and they will be delivered to the Kindy classroom in time to take home at 12.30 on Mondays and Fridays.

This week's talented and beautiful Canteen Queens are Mel Sarre, Laura Maratea and Rikki Smith on Friday 6th and Jaci Brasher and Lana Ivey on Monday 9th.



PRE PRIMARY MOTHER'S DAY MORNING TEA HELP PLEASE



Pre Primary are making some delicious home made goods for the upcoming Mother's Day Morning Tea and are URGENTLY requesting donations of any GLASS JARS or GLASS SAUCE BOTTLES with lids. The jars/bottles will be put to good use and would be of great help to our Pre Primary Mums. Any size would be greatly appreciated. They can be brought into the Front Office who will pass them on to us. Thank you!

HPE News

Swimming Carnival

Parents who have indicated that they will take their child home directly after the carnival are asked to touch base with the class teacher before departing. A staff/student/Parent relay will take place if we have enough takers. Let Mr Alberti know if you can swim in this relay! The Interschool Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday 19th March 9.30am to 12.30pm.



Hockey



Years 3 to 6 will learn hockey skills for the remaining 4 weeks of term. They will play in mini games of hockey. It is strongly recommended that a mouth guard be purchased and worn during Hockey. They can be purchased from a Chemist for under \$10.

Skills for Life

Surf Life Saving WA will run a 'Skills for Life session with Year 6 students on Thursday 26th March from 9am to 11am.

Tino Alberti
HPE Teacher.



SURF LIFE SAVING
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

ST MARY'S P & F ASSOCIATION

2015 AFL FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION

PLEASE SEE ENTRY FORM ATTACHED TO THIS WEEK'S NEWSLETTER

National Ride2School Day



National Ride2School Day will take place on Friday 13th March. One of the aims of National Ride2School day is to celebrate active travel. Mrs A and I will be at the Bird Park, Big Swamp at 8.00am, where parents and students can join us as we ride to school. We will use the cycle ways and the lollipop person to get to school. Please use parent discretion if your child is not a confident cyclist. To give me an idea of numbers please complete the form below and place it in the class office basket.

I will be a National Ride2School student.

Student Name: _____

I will be a National Ride2School parent.

Parent Name: _____

Tino Alberti
HPE Teacher.

RE-USING ITEMS—Kindy

When you re-use something, it means that an item is used several times before throwing it away and contributing to landfill sites. Many household items that you throw away can be re-used in various ways such as Art, Craft, Science, and Maths. A yellow collection bin has been placed just inside the door of the Science lab or items can be left at Kindy. **Please ensure all items are clean.**

Rather than throw , check the list below .

Old towels
Ice cream containers
Margarine containers
Yoghurt containers
Corks
Plastic storage jars
Shoe boxes
Take away food containers + lids (round or rectangular)
Cardboard cylinders (no toilet rolls please)
Egg cartons



WANTED

The Year 5 class would like to compost fruit and vegie scraps for the garden so they are looking for a rotating compost bin. If you have one you no longer use, they would put it to good use.

BATTERY/PRINTER CARTRIDGE RECYCLING: Year 2

Batteries are made from a variety of chemicals. When batteries are thrown in the general waste, these chemical leak out and pollute the soil and water. All batteries collected by the Year 2 class are delivered to a facility in Bunbury where they are disposed of correctly.

Printer cartridges are made up of a complex combination of plastics, metals, foam, ink and toner. Throwing them into landfill represents a waste of resources and contributes to the growing problem of electronic waste. By recycling your cartridges you are helping to reduce this waste.



There are two red bins in the Art Room where batteries and printer cartridges can be dropped to be recycled.

ST MARY'S LENTEN PROGRAMME

All are invited to attend this worthwhile Lenten preparation that is held in the chapel at 9.30am on Tuesday morning. Come along and share in reflection, prayer and discussion. See Ms Brown for further details.

WHERE: Chapel

WHEN : Tuesday 10 Mar
Tuesday 17 Mar
Tuesday 24 Mar
Tuesday 31 Mar

AT: 9.30AM



COMMUNITY
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Year One Fundraiser

We are still asking for donations of Easter goods for the raffle and these can be placed in the baskets provided at each class. Thank you to all those families who have already contributed.



COMMUNITY NEWS



BUNBURY JUNIOR BADMINTON

HAVE A TRY & REGISTRATION EVENINGS

Ages 7 – 17, Primary & Secondary Groups

Racquets Provided

WEDNESDAY, 18TH MARCH 6 – 7 PM

WEDNESDAY, 25TH MARCH 6 – 7 PM

BADMINTON CENTRE, ROTARY DRIVE
NEXT TO SOUTH WEST SPORTS CENTRE

CONTACT: DONNA 0447 958 322

Marist Junior Hockey Club

Registration Day

Saturday 14th March

at the Bunbury Hockey Stadium

(Parade Rd)

from 3-5pm

email:

maristjuniorhockeyclub@outlook.com

or phone Andrew Blee on

0415 918 315

EFTPOS available



Club sign on day

March 7th at 9am - 12noon

Bunbury Hockey Stadium

Junior contact

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TSHC senior coach Shane Jamieson

Junior development training session

10am to 12 noon



Dear Parents

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

1. 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. (It has been reported that some parents are stopping inside the entrance in the morning to drop off children. Please do not continue with this unsafe practice.)
2. 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 in a bay instead.
3. When stopping and waiting in the Kiss and Drive, 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.
4. DO NOT have children use the boot for schoolbags. Again, this may be inconvenient, but again, we are concerned with safety for young children and would not wish for children to be pinned between their vehicle and the one behind.
5. 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.
6. Parents/visitors who park in the diagonal bays in the car park at the front of the school are not permitted to reverse out of these bays into the flow of traffic between 3:10 and 3:30pm. The driver/car will need to wait until traffic has ceased.
7. Please advise grandparents/friends/family members who may be occasionally pick up children from school about this regulation.

New signs with these directions have been installed in the Kiss and Drive area. These directions are made in the interests of safety for our students. I ask that all users of the Kiss and Drive area use these guidelines, regardless of momentary inconvenience. Parents not happy to follow these guidelines are asked not to use the Kiss and Drive area.

Thank you all in anticipation of following these safety guidelines.

Maureen Tully
Principal