



St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

March

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)
Wed 8	Pre Primary - Year 2 Liturgy BCC Visit - Mr John O'Dea Speaking to Year 5 and Year 6 Students
Sun 12	Second Sunday of Lent Staff Commissioning Mass 10am
Mon 13	Swimming Training

Vision Statement

A welcoming faith
community

We value
relationships

We pursue excellence
in learning

We live the Gospel
message of love

Ashes on our foreheads,
A longing in our hearts.
Ready for a journey,
Beyond the cross.
Wanting to be changed,
To be transformed,
To be made new.
Jesus may we follow you,
On the pilgrim way of Lent,
Into the wilderness,
Beyond the ordinary,
To unexpected sacred places,
Filled with surprise,
New understanding of who
you are,
And who you
call us to be.

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Principal's Welcome

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

It was wonderful to see so many parents and grandparents attend our Ash Wednesday Mass that signals the beginning of Lent. One of our school priorities this year is to focus on Social Justice and at tomorrow's assembly they will hear another story from Caritas explaining more of the work that they do in the world to help the disadvantaged.

Another of our school priorities in 2017 is for students to gain a better understanding of Aboriginal culture and customs. On Tuesday 14 March, students from Pre Primary to Year 6 will benefit from an incursion titled 'Aboriginal for a Day.' We will be visited by three family members who will be teaching our students about Aboriginal art, dance and dreamtime stories. Parents are welcome to join us for part or all of the day.

God bless

Paul Cronin

MOSQUITO ALERT

We have had a number of parents contact the school expressing their concerns about children being bitten by mosquitoes while at school.

The City of Bunbury has been contacted and they are looking into the problem. Recent summer rains seem to have encouraged breeding. In the short term, parents may find it effective to apply their children with insect repellent before they leave home in the morning.

Paul Cronin



STUDENT AWARDS

YEAR 1	Isla Beswick Evelyn Liaros	Emma Di Lallo	Dean Mainstone	Charlotte Cross
YEAR 2	Angus Brown	Stella Dean		
YEAR 3	Keira Pitts	Elianna Cross		
YEAR 4	Jorja O'Reilly	Levi Postma		
YEAR 5	Keira Hall	Maddison Cream		
YEAR 6	Aidan Hall	Max Sarre		
HEALTH	Alexis Donovan			



SCHOOL NEWS



**Week one of Lent:
Dinia, Philippines**

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Dinia, widowed and shy, struggled on her own to make ends meet until her community encouraged her to participate in the Socio Pastoral Action Center Foundation Inc. (SPACFI) program, supported by Caritas Australia. SPACFI's Integrated Community Development Program helped her develop diverse ways to gain a sustainable livelihood, continue to send her children to school and contribute to her community. Now she inspires her neighbours through her commitment to the common good.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help our most vulnerable neighbours in the Philippines to build a stronger future for their families and their communities. You can donate through School boxes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

SCHOOL BANKING

Dear Banking Buddies

Welcome bank to another year of saving. Banking resumes this and every Monday in the uniform shop from 8.30am - 9am. Anyone who would like to open up a Catholic Development Fund (CDF) bank account please come in.

Jen Curtis

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. Parents and friends of St Mary's are warmly invited to attend. If you are available please let Ms Brown know.



DENTAL SCREENING

South Bunbury Dental Therapy Staff will be conducting Dental Health Screening at the school on Children enrolled in our service. This screening involves Pre Primary, Year 3 and Year 6 students and is a Dental Growth and Development Assessment. This is not a check up for cavities and any follow ups will be arranged by the Dental Therapy Centre.

South Bunbury Dental Therapy Centre. PH: 97211497

CANTEEN

Please note - Pizza Special is now only available on a Friday.

REMINDER!!

Camp Australia Parent Information Meeting,
Tuesday 7 March in the school hall

SHROVE TUESDAY

Years 2, 3 and 4 students enjoyed the opportunity to help make pancakes at school on Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday which is a long standing Catholic tradition. Ash Wednesday signals the start of Lent which is a time when Christians around the world give up certain foods or habits to demonstrate their commitment to their faith. Eating pancakes was a way of getting rid of their indulgent ingredients, by throwing them into one simple meal. Thank you to the staff who arranged the ingredients and to the team of parents who lent a hand with the cooking. \$114.30 was raised for Project Compassion.



PIANO LESSONS

Limited vacancies exist for piano lessons at St Mary's. For more information, please contact Ian Mills on 97972368.

LENTEN PRAYER PROGRAM

Parents are welcome to attend the Lenten prayer program hosted by Mr and Mrs Alberti starting Wednesday 8 March from 7pm to 8pm. It will be run at the Alberti house. Contact alberti.tino@cathednet.wa.edu.au for address details.

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. The Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 17 March from 9.30am – 12.30pm. The SWPSA Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday 23 March from 10am - 1pm.

Ride to School Day

Wednesday 22 March is Ride to School Day (please note change of date from Thursday 16 March.) Once again we will start at the Big Swamp Playground carpark. The route will be different to previous years. The route will cross over to the Big Swamp Cycle/Pedestrian path and proceed in an anti-clockwise direction around the Big Swamp. It will then cross over Prince Phillip Drive and continue along the Cycle/Pedestrian path, crossing Minnipup Road onto Constitution St, then turn left onto Spencer Street. It will then proceed to the Lollipop Crossing and come onto Paisley Street. Total distance is 3.12kms. Students need to be well versed in riding their bicycles and must be aware that the bicycle in front of them may stop without warning (we have had up to 60 bikes in previous years). Helmets must be worn. Parents who are concerned about their child completing the lap around the Swamp can join the group on the corner of Tuart and Prince Phillip Drive. Parent help will be required for supervision and crossing roads. We will depart Big Swamp Playground carpark at 7.50am.

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT BATTERIES?



Australians use about
250 MILLION
AA and AAA batteries each year!

When you throw a **battery in the bin**, there is a risk of **toxic substances** entering our **earth and ground water**

Batteries contain heavy metals and other toxic elements such as Nickel, Cadmium, Mercury and Lead Acid.

What can we do?

Do you know you can dispose of your batteries safely, **free of charge**? Most tips will have a separate area to dispose of batteries and items that contain batteries e.g. phones, cameras. Still not sure where? Give us a call 9792 7350

Have you thought about rechargeable batteries? Technology has greatly improved in recent years. Many rechargeable batteries can now be recharged hundreds of times. This will help the environment and save you money long term. Why not give them a go?

Together we can watch our waste and help create a sustainable future for the South West



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Follow us on Instagram:

https://www.instagram.com/bunbury_wellnoton_reuse/

Cricket at the WACA

We were disappointed to have to cancel our trip to the WACA last Monday! Thanks to Jason Behrendorff's brilliant bowling spell the Western Warriors were able to get the job done in two days! So, a new plan! We have rescheduled for Thursday March 16th, day 1 of the Western Warriors v NSW Blues game! Year 6 students will be given an opportunity to play on the WACA surface during the lunch break and tour the WACA museum! Now, let's not even consider the possibility that rain might stop play!!!!

Mr Alberti

HPE and Music/Drama Teacher

MORE FROM MR CRONIN

Family Orienteering Opportunities

Tomorrow at our morning assembly, Jill Egerton will be speaking to our students about orienteering opportunities in the South West. On Sunday 19 March at 4pm, the grounds of St Mary's and South Bunbury Primary School will be inundated by groups of students using compasses to find clues and attempting to be the first to solve the puzzle. South West Orienteering Trekkers (SWOT) have eight sessions over the season across Bunbury. There are prizes up for grabs and I have a few free registration tickets for those interested in taking part. Students under ten years old will need the help of an adult and children over the age of ten can work with a buddy.

Young Writers

Seven of our Year 6 students have travelled to Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School for their first day of the Young Writers Program. James Moloney is the visiting author for today's session and the students will hear his story and receive some writing tips that they can transfer to their own writing. James Moloney is from Sydney and is a prolific writer of children's books aimed at the ages of 7 to 17. The students will have one day each term during the year working with students from a variety of schools.

Combined Parent Sacramental Meeting

There is a meeting for all parents of children in Years 3, 4 and 6 who will be involved in a Sacramental program this year. It will be held on Tuesday 14 March at 6pm in the parish hall at St Patrick's Cathedral. The meeting with Fr Tony will provide guidance as to how parents can support their children through the sacramental preparation process and complement the learning that is happening at school.

UNIFORM NOTES

Winter uniform orders can be left at the Uniform Shop or the school office to be completed within the next few weeks. Sizing for the winter uniform items are the same as the summer uniform items and can be swapped if unmarked or unwashed. With the end of term fast approaching, please take the time to place your orders.

BOOK CLUB

Issue 1 orders have been distributed and with points accumulated, the school has been able to purchase books and a STEM robot mouse coding set to the value of \$95.00. The points have also contributed to jumping bags for sporting activities.

ST MARY'S NETBALL

Anyone wishing to register their daughter please contact Sonja Cahill on 0407 559 979 or Sonja.david@bigpond.com. Alternatively, go to <http://bunburynetballassociation.wa.netball.com.au/> and go to *Registration Forms* and register for Net/Set or Junior Netball by following the prompts. Registrations for St Mary's close on 14 March 2017.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Bookings for

Friday/Saturday evenings-8pm
March 17th, 18th, 24th, 25th

Online:

trybooking.com/251745

Bookings for

Sunday Matinees-2pm
March 19th & 26th

Central News, 98 Victoria St Bunbury

(Cash Only)

Tickets will be available at the Theatre Box Office 1 hour prior to performance (If not Sold Out - Cash Only)



South West Phoenix FC FOOTBALL FEDERATION AUSTRALIA

Academy 2017

TERM 1

Skill Acquisition Program

The Skill Acquisition Program (SAP) focuses on teaching players functional game skills.

Striking the Ball, First Touch, 1v1, Running with the Ball.

These are the technical skills required to perform effectively during a game.



Register at: myfootballclub.com.au

Age: 9-11 years boys and girls

Training: Thursdays

Cost: \$ 80.00 Returning Player

\$120.00 New player (includes training kit)

STARTS: 9th February 2017

EMAIL: info@swpfc.com.au for further information