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St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

May

- 22 May Year 6 National Evangelisation Team Visit
- 24 May Year 6 Confirmation 10am Cathedral (Pentecost Sunday)
- 27 May Year 4, 5, 6 Liturgy
- 29 May Year 3 Assembly

June

- 1 June Public Holiday (WA Day)
- 2 June Catholic Day (Holiday for staff and students)
- 4 June SWPSA Winter Carnival Year 5 and 6

Vision Statement

A welcoming faith
community

We value
relationships

We pursue excellence
in learning

We live the Gospel
message of love



When it is really windy, your hair blows all around, your clothes whip around, and leaves and dust blow wildly. The Holy Spirit is like the wind. When the wind blows in, things change; rain comes, or cold weather comes, or snow comes, or sometimes a violent storm comes. When the Holy Spirit blows in, people change. The Holy Spirit can make people brave, smart or excited about God.

After Jesus ascended to heaven, his friends were feeling confused and afraid. The first time the Holy Spirit blew in those feelings of being smart, brave, and excited about God was the day we call Pentecost. The Spirit blew these feelings into Jesus' followers and that was the first day of the Church. We call it the birthday of the Church.

John 20: 10-23

On the evening of the first day of the week, when the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Those sins you forgive they are forgiven, and those sins you retain they are retained."

With this Sunday, feast of Pentecost, we come to the end of the Easter season—the fifty days that follow the forty days of Lent.

Prayer for Confirmation

Creator Spirit, strengthen our children with Your gifts of grace, to love and serve as disciples of Christ. Grant that they may grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ. Fill them with the joy of Your presence. Increase in them the fruits and gifts of Your Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of courage, knowledge and reverence, the spirit of right judgment and the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence.

Amen

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

We look forward to celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation with our Year 6 students and their families on Sunday, the feast of the Pentecost, at 10am Mass at the Cathedral.

Thank you to Mr Alberti who has taught the Religious Education Confirmation program to students this year. Thank you to Ms Brown for her planning for and coordination of Sunday's Mass. Thank you to Fr Ed for his spiritual guidance and support. Our work at St Mary's is to support parents in the faith journey of their children as they prepare for this important milestone and we look forward to seeing this collaborative and mutually supportive work between school and families come to fruition in a faith filled celebration on Sunday.

Bishop Holohan visited our school yesterday and spent time talking to the Year 6 students in small groups. He also had morning tea with the staff. Thank you to Fr Ed who celebrated Reconciliation with the Year 6 students yesterday. The students will have a reflection/retreat day on Friday facilitated by the National Evangelisation Team.

I ask that all in our community pray for our students and their families at this special time in their lives. May the strength of the Holy Spirit given at Pentecost continue to help our students to live as Jesus taught—to love and forgive and to be compassionate, just, tender and act as peacemakers in our world. May they continue to develop their gifts of wisdom and understanding, right judgement and courage, knowledge and reverence and wonder and awe in the presence of God. May God bless them on their journeys.

Maureen Tully

Principal

STUDENT AWARDS

YEAR 1	Taylor McNamara	Lauren Dillon	Frances Best
YEAR 2	Neha Bobby	Lucas Pedrochi	Evan Crowley
YEAR 3	Lance Santos	Natalia Dillon	
YEAR 4	Lochlan Moore	Lorenzo Fimognari	
YEAR 5	William Pedley	Savanna Scasserra	
YEAR 6	Eva Birmingham	Isabella Marshall	Georgia Pedrochi
A.R.	Molly Turner	Tom Steele	Jake Michell

SCHOOL NEWS

JUNE PUBLIC HOLIDAY LONG WEEKEND

A reminder to all families that, in addition to Monday 1 June being a Public Holiday, Tuesday 2 June is a school holiday at St Mary's for both students and staff. This holiday was listed on the Term Planner. In recognition of their commitment to Church activities, Catholic school staff are granted one extra day's leave to be taken during the year and adjoining school term holidays or a weekend.

AUSTRALIAN EARLY DEVELOPMENT CENSUS

This term, St Mary's will be taking part in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC). This is a nationwide census of early childhood development. Based on their observations of each child, Pre Primary teachers record information re development and ability. This census is completed every three years and gives each community in Australia a snapshot of how children have developed by the time they start full time school. The data gathered helps communities and governments to pinpoint the services, resources and support that young children and their families need to help shape the future and wellbeing of Australian children.

All Pre Primary parents received a letter this week explaining AEDC. Participation is not compulsory and if any parent does not want their child's teacher to complete the data for their child, they must return the signed opt-out form by Friday 29 May. All data made available publicly is de-identified and does not include children's names, ages, addresses or schools. Results from the 2009 and 2012 data collections are available through a national report, online maps and community profiles. To see these AEDC results, go to www.aedc.gov.au

KISS AND DRIVE CAR PARK SAFETY

It is very concerning that, for the third time this term, we have had a vehicle overtake another stationary vehicle in one of the drop off bays in the morning before school. This morning saw a student almost step out of their car in front of the overtaking car which was not following our guidelines. We reiterate again: Cars moving in the Kiss and Drive through area at the front of the school must not overtake, but **MUST** wait behind vehicles in front of them. I have been given the registration number of the offending vehicle and will go through a process of identifying the driver and addressing our safety concerns with them. The frustration and concerns re safety that this unsafe driving in our Kiss and Drive area is most concerning.



Maureen Tully
Principal

CANTEEN SUPREME NEWS

We have had a number of our super star mums return to full time employment lately and this has unfortunately created a few gaps in the canteen roster. If you were thinking of joining our happy team, now is the time to pop your head in to the canteen. Coffee and tea and lunch provided and your help will be truly appreciated. This Friday I am looking forward to the delightful company of Jo Spinelli, Jodie-Anne Scott and Pauline Harling and on Wednesday 27 May, Lana Ivey will be our special guest star.



REWARD YOUR SCHOOL PROMOTION

St Mary's school has been selected in a promotion to reward our school by simply shopping at the Bunbury Forum. This is an easy and free fundraiser potentially winning a share of \$12,000.00 for school equipment. The promotion runs from Monday 18th May through to Sunday 14th June. Simply collect your shopping receipts (and ask your friends and family too as well!) and place them in the barrels placed outside Coles or place them in the envelope provided and hand them into the office. Last year St Mary's won the promotion and took home \$2500.00, so we know we can do it! Thanking you in advance.

The P&F Executive

FOOTY TIPPING

Congratulations to the 'Hynes Family' for correctly tipping 8 winners this week with a Friday night margin difference of just 3 points, and beating the 5 others with 8 correct tips to the prize. The prize money (\$25) can be collected from the school office. The overall leader of the competition is 'still RILES' with 46 correct tips in total. Good luck to everyone with their tips for round 8.

HPE NEWS

Winter Sports Carnival

The Winter Sports Carnival will be held on Thursday June 4th at Hay Park from 10am to 2.00pm. Training will take place on Friday 29th May from 2.00pm -3.00pm at St Mary's. An information/permission note went home last week.

60 Minute Challenge

The 60 minute challenge is a run/walk event to be held at St Mary's CPS on Sunday June 14th starting at 8am. Parents and students have to challenge themselves to see how far they can run/walk in 60 minutes. We are now calling for nomination to be a part of this event. Please complete a nomination form and return to front office.

NET to Visit Again

The National Evangelisation Team will visit St Mary's on Friday 22nd May to run a workshop with Year 6 for the day. Their visit last year was very well received by students.

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

PRE PRIMARY EXCURSION

On Wednesday the Pre Primary class went on an exciting excursion to Piacentini and Son in Picton. The class got to have a tour of the yard, explore the workshop and even experience being a junior simulator operator. A HUGE thank you to the Piacentini family for their hospitality and for the sausage sizzle lunch. The children were bursting with excitement to be going on a school bus for the first time and a visit from Mr Whippy at lunch time was certainly a highlight. Thank you also to those parents who were able to come and help with supervision. A great day was had by all!



COMMUNITY NEWS



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Dear Maureen

Casuals for CatholicCare Day

I write to acknowledge receipt of the donation from St Mary's Catholic Primary School in the amount of \$231.90 in support of Casuals for CatholicCare.

Please thank your staff, students and parents for once again generously supporting this worthy cause. I am most grateful to you all.

With sincere thanks and blessings

Most Rev Gerard J Holohan
Bishop of Bunbury

11th May 2015

BROADEN YOUR HORIZONS. EXPAND YOUR MIND. MAKE FRIENDS FOR LIFE.



SOUTHERN
CROSS
CULTURAL
EXCHANGE

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2015 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and Finland will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on **1800 500 501**, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!



With the Parents and Friends Federation of WA AGM / Mini Conference fast approaching on Wednesday 27th May, we would like to take the opportunity to remind parents in schools that are affiliated with PFFWA that you are eligible to nominate for the Federation Council.

PFFWA Council are keen to recruit two to three new council members this year and are particularly interested in hearing from parents with experience in the following areas:

Post school pathways
Vocational Education & Training (VET)
Accounting
Students with Disabilities

However as always we are keen to hear from committed and enthusiastic parents who have skills or experience that may contribute to the ongoing work of the Federation.

To find out more about this opportunity please email execoff@pff.wa.edu.au or call the office on 9271 5909 for an information pack or a chat.



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