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St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

August

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

September

Tue 1 Sept	Board Meeting 5.45pm P & F Meeting 7pm
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Vision Statement

A welcoming faith
community

We value
relationships

We pursue excellence
in learning

We live the Gospel
message of love



A Prayer for our First Reconciliation students

Loving God,

You are our friend always.

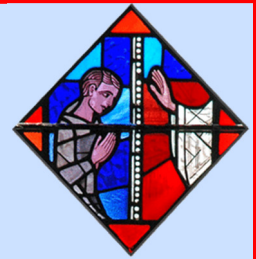
We are good people but sometimes we mess things up and hurt
one another.

We are sorry for the uncaring things we do.

Thank you for loving us all the time, even when we hurt one
another and make one another unhappy.

Help us to be more caring and thoughtful towards one another.

Amen.



Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

Students will take home their workbooks tomorrow. This is a component of our Reporting Policy. Please take time to look at the work with your children. Ask questions along the lines - What were you learning about on this page? What did you have to do? What was the difficult part that you had to concentrate on? What do you need to concentrate on or practise next to get better? What are you most happy/pleased about in your learning? What still confuses you/is still challenging?

It is important for students' progress that they can explain their learning (meta-cognition) and see themselves as active in their own learning. Please give specific feedback - I can see you worked hard at/are getting better at/have improved at/have learned lots about.... This type of feedback praises the effort and work habits of students and promotes a "growth mindset." - Success comes from working hard at something new or something I found difficult or challenging, rather than being good at something that is easy or something I knew or could already do.

Please return all workbooks on Monday so that students can continue to work in these.

Maureen Tully
Principal

STUDENT AWARDS

YEAR 1	Eamon Ramsay	Taj Allan		
YEAR 2	NO AWARDS			
YEAR 3	Harry Jones	Henley O'Reilly		
YEAR 4	Sarah Gibbs	Aurora Postma	Jayden Kelly	
YEAR 5	Carl McIntyre	Anoushka Heble		
YEAR 6	Holly Brittain	Lachlan Lord		
A.R. 50%	Raymond Do Maddison Welsh	Anthony Cooper	Karis D'Andrea	Ella Bele
A.R. 75%	Alexis Gianfrancesco Max Sarre Raegan Carr	Aidan Hall Lochlan Moore	Jai Cahill Gabriella Lang	Ned Pemberton Zak Ivey
A.R. 100%	Molly Turner Ciara Williams	Aidin Williams Thomas Buckley	Daniel Norrish Tom Steele	Sophie MacNeill Jake Michell
PHYS ED	50km Caitlyn Hebbend			



SCHOOL NEWS

GRANDPARENTS MORNING TEA - WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

For catering purposes, please return the reply slip attached to the invitation sent home two weeks ago. The RSVP should be returned by Wednesday 26 August.

YEAR 4/5/6 LITURGY

Parents and families are invited to join us for the Year 4/5/6 Liturgy in the Chapel at 9am on Wednesday 26 August.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

We look forward to celebrating First Reconciliation with our Year 3 students and their families on next Tuesday evening, 25 August at 6pm at the Cathedral. Thank you to parents who have volunteered to coordinate the celebration sausage sizzle lunch on Wednesday.

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.



FOOTY TIPPING

Congratulations to 'NEL' for winning round 20 footy tipping with a perfect score of 9 correct tips and the smallest margin, well done. The weekly prize money can be collected from the school office. NicNac remains in top spot (with 129) on the overall leader board. Good luck to everyone with their tips for round 21.

ALTAR SERVING TRAINING



Training for new altar servers will commence on Wednesdays starting 26 August from 4.30pm to 5.30pm in the Cathedral. There will be 4 training sessions. Please contact the Parish Office on 97212141 if you are interested or have any queries. Refreshments will be provided for those attending.



Making Waves – The Science of Light'

Try your Science knowledge with the questions below.

1. Gentoo, little and rockhopper are all types of what?
2. Most planets in our Solar System rotate anticlockwise except for two. Which two?
3. What is the name given to waves caused by the disturbance of a large volume of water, often as a result of an earthquake?
4. In the sky, what shape are rainbows?
5. What's the difference between a cyclone and a hurricane?
6. How long does it take a plastic drink bottle to break down? Is it a) 50 years b) 100 years, or c) 450 years?
7. The harlequin filefish looks like coral, but how else does it deceive predators?
8. What metal has the symbol Pb, after the Latin word for plumber?
9. Does sound move faster through air or water?
10. Diamonds are made from which element?

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mel, Luke and Molly Toia on the birth of their son and brother Harry Edward Toia on Thursday 18 August.



P & F FUNDRAISER



Chalk catalogues were distributed last week to all families from Kindy to Year 1. A percentage of the sales goes back to the P & F to purchase items for the school. Please get your orders back in by Monday 7 September. Spare copies will be left in the front office for anyone else who may also like to have a look. Thanks. - Kelly and Liz

MAGGIE DENT

In this week's clip, Maggie discusses 'relational aggression'. Relational aggression refers to non-physical aggression which includes put downs, name calling, exclusion and sarcasm. <http://www.maggiedent.com/content/vblog/when-kids-are-mean-relational-aggression-0>.

CANTEEN SUPREME NEWS



A very big thank you to this Friday's Canteen Super Stars – Melissa Coulson, Suzie Liaros and Jaci Brasher. On Wednesday 26 August Beverly Barry will be our wonderful volunteer. We are still looking for extra help on Friday 4 September and Friday 18 September. Please let me know if you are available.

ABSENTEES

Please can parents/guardians not reply by text message to absentee smses as it is a 'do not reply service'. Please reply by calling the school on 97267500. Thank you.

P&F MEETING

Our next P&F meeting is coming up on Tuesday 1 September at 7pm. For this meeting we have a theme – BRING A FRIEND! – we would love to see some new faces (as well as our trusted regulars!), so bring your friend along and come and have your say about our school. - P&F Executive

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.

ANZ REBATE

Refinancing? Taking out a new loan? ANZ will pay a referral fee to the P&F (on average approximately \$1000) for every mortgage taken out. Simply mention St Mary's! Tell your family and friends as they can all help our school too! For more details contact Leanne Coutts on 0435 962 115 or email Leanne.coutts@anz.com

HPE NEWS

Cross Country Carnival in Perth

Well done to Jonah Lincoln, who finished 5th, and Jai Cahill, who finished 9th, in last Friday's 2015 Cross Country Carnival in Perth. There were 200 competitors in their race. Both Jonah and Jai have been invited to compete in time trials with the possibility of representing WA in next year's National Cross Country Championship.

Athletics Carnival

Our School Athletics Carnival will be held on Thursday 17 September at the South West Sports Centre. Students from Years 4 – 6 compete from 9.00am – 2:30pm and students from Pre Primary to Year 3 from 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 **parent carnival helper note at the bottom of the page** or send me an email please if you are able to assist.

Linking Up

Linking up is an opportunity for men to gather and share their story in a safe and caring environment. So often in the business 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

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Athletics Carnival

17 September 2015

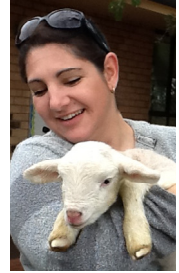
I am able to assist at the carnival

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Kindy Farm Fun

Our Kindy class was visited recently by some very special people and animals. Isabelle Hastie's grandparents Mr and Mrs Cavanagh (Poppy Cav and TT) brought lambs and marron from their farm in Donnybrook. With the help of Mr and Mrs Hastie every child had the opportunity to share in this special experience. It was so exciting to be able to see, touch, hold and learn about these two different animals. The smiles say it all!



Thank you to the Cavanaghs and the Hasties for the time and effort needed to bring the lambs and marron to us. We loved everything about your visit! The Kindy Class of 2015. 😊

ANSWERS TO SCIENCE QUESTIONS

1. *Gentoo, little and rockhopper are all types of **penguin**.*
2. **Venus and Uranus** are the two planets in our Solar System that don't rotate counter clockwise.
3. *Waves caused by the disturbance of a large volume of water are known as **tsunamis**.*
4. Rainbows are always **circles**. Depending on where the Sun is, you might just be seeing part of the rainbow.
5. They are different names for the same type of weather. A cyclone occurs in the **Southern hemisphere** near Australia and mostly **rotates clockwise**, while a hurricane occurs in the **Northern hemisphere** near the United States and mostly rotates **anti-clockwise**.
6. It takes around **450 years** for a plastic drink bottle to break down.
7. The harlequin filefish also **smells** like coral.
8. **Lead** has the symbol Pb.
9. Sound moves faster through **water** than air.
10. Diamonds are made from **carbon**.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Marist Cricket Club
Do you want to play cricket?
Everyone is welcome

Register now at maristcricketclub.com
All ages, boys and girls welcome

In2Cricket – Pre-Primary to Year 2
T20 Blast – Years 3 and 4
Junior Cricket – Years 5 to 12
Senior cricket.
Season starts in Term 4.

Register on line at
maristcricketclub.com
Further details contact
Jeff Wootton 0429 800 090



Alpha is a remarkable course that revitalises Christians who are already on their faith journey. It also leads those who don't know Jesus into a personal relationship with Him.
Thursday evenings in the Parish Hall at 7pm.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST AN OVERSEAS STUDENT?

Experience another culture, make new friends and improve your language studies at home

Hosting – An Experience for Life

Student Exchange is looking for host families across Australia to welcome overseas students into their home



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www.studentexchange.org.au
1300 135 331 (cost of local call)



Parent Forum

Tuesday 1st September 2015

"Nothing teaches children more than a parent who is willing to learn"

Venue – Bunbury Catholic College – Sports Pavilion

5.30pm	Registration and tea/coffee/nibbles
5.45pm	Forum opens Acknowledgement of Country and welcome Shelley Hill – Executive Officer, PFFWA
6.00pm	Keynote Address Phoebe Joyce, Schools Health Promotion Coordinator, Act-Belong-Commit "Creating mentally healthy school communities and families"
6.45pm	"Networking and Nourishment"
7.00pm	Information Session Mr Steve Donatti, Director, Examination Services – School Curriculum and Standards Authority "Curriculum in Western Australia – PP to Year 12"
7.45pm	Leg-stretch and cuppa
8.00pm	Open Forum and Panel Discussion "Young People & Alcohol Forum" Panellists – to be confirmed
8.45pm	Closing comments
9pm	Parent Forum concludes

This is a **FREE** event, however for catering purposes please RSVP to admin@pff.wa.edu.au or Sarah on 9271 5909



Creating mentally healthy school communities and families

Presenter: Phoebe Joyce, Schools Health Promotion Coordinator, Act Belong Commit

Act-Belong-Commit is a mental health promotion campaign that encourages individuals to take action to protect and promote their own mental wellbeing. The more mentally healthy we are, the more resilience we have to better cope and generally enjoy life! Being active, belonging to different social networks and your community and committing to a cause or challenge all contribute positively to our mental wellbeing. Phoebe will explore these notions throughout her presentation.

Curriculum in Western Australia – Pre-primary to Year 12

Presenter: Steve Donatti, Director of Examination Services, School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA)

The introduction of the Australian Curriculum across all schools in every state and territory has seen changes to what is being taught and how our children's achievement is reported to us as parents. Additionally, the Western Australian government has also brought in the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA) to ensure students graduate from school with an acceptable minimum standard. They have also implemented changes to the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) which will be fully applied by the end of this year. This is a great opportunity to hear about what's happening and more importantly, to ask questions and receive answers from Vanessa, who is best placed to answer them.

Young People & Alcohol Forum

Panellists: to be confirmed

The drinking habits of our young people are an increasing concern for parents today (even though ~80% of alcohol supplied to underage children is provided by their parents!). The amount of alcohol that is consumed, the physical harm it causes, peer pressure and the consequences of drinking will all be discussed in this open forum with experts to provide insight and comment.

We'd love to hear your opinion and have an open conversation on this topic that at some point, will touch every family in some way.



Battle of the Brains

TRIVIA NIGHT

FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR MARIST JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB



Saturday – 22nd August 2015

Doors open 6pm – Trivia 7pm start

Marist Junior Football Club Rooms
Bunbury Catholic College
Rodsted Street
BUNBURY WA 6230

Prizes
to be
won

BYO Food Platter for table
Food/Drinks/ alcohol available for purchase

\$10 per person, tables of 6 or 8. Only 15 tables available so book fast!!

For ticket sales, contact Frank Italiano on 0418198139

Event Hosted by: Marist Junior Football Club Committee Members