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St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

Aug	
Fri 19	General Assembly Engineers visit for spaghetti bridge building in Year 5
Sun 21	Reconciliation Commitment Mass
Mon 22	Book Fair begins
Thur 25	Term 3 School Fees Due
Mon 29	Year 4/5 Duyfken Excursion
Tue 30	Year 3 Reconciliation 6pm St Patrick's Cathedral
Wed 31	Years 3/4/5/6 Liturgy
Sept	
Fri 2	Pre Primary Assembly

Vision Statement

A welcoming faith
community

We value
relationships

We pursue excellence
in learning

We live the Gospel
message of love



Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 15 August

Although she became the mother of Jesus, Mary was a simple woman who lived according to the customs and traditions of her Jewish faith.

Mary, mother of the poor, teach us to live simply.

Life was not always easy for Mary and Joseph. On one occasion they were forced to leave their home in order to find a place of safety to protect the child Jesus.

Mary, refugee and migrant, you understand what it is to leave your home and travel to an unknown place. Teach us to appreciate our families and homes.

Mary grew up in her knowledge and understanding of who Jesus is and what her role was to be in supporting his mission on earth.

Mary, first disciple and follower of Jesus, you always tried to do God's will.

Teach us to listen to God's voice and follow God's will.

Mary listened to Jesus. She listened to people telling stories to Jesus. She listened to God.

Mary, you recognised sacredness in others and found time to listen to their stories and journey with them through their good times and difficult times.

Teach us to be open, forgiving and accepting of other people.

AMEN

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

On Wednesday the school community gathered to celebrate the Assumption of Mary into heaven. The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven, before her body could begin to decay - a foretaste of our own bodily resurrection at the end of time. Special thanks to Father Edwin for leading this Eucharistic celebration. The children are to be commended on their prayerful and joyous participation in all parts of the Mass.

We are celebrating Science Week this week by holding lunchtime Science investigations for all grades. The junior primary celebrated Science by holding the Leonardo Day today. The students were very excited about participating in fun and unusual science activities. Thank you to the teachers, parents and volunteers who made this event possible. Thank you Mrs Murray for teaching science lessons to Years 1 - 6 each week and providing hands on

HOLY YEAR OF MERCY PRAYER

Lord, Jesus Christ,
You have taught us to be merciful
like the heavenly Father,
and have taught us that whoever sees you, sees God.
Show us your face so that we may be saved.
Amen



learning to develop science understandings, skills and knowledge. Thank you too for your hard work and dedication in highlighting the importance of Science in our lives.

On Friday last week, a number of students attended a Cross Country competition in Perth. It was wonderful to hear their stories of courage, perseverance, determination and success. You make us very proud.

On Tuesday evening, the Year 6 parents attended a workshop facilitated by Kirsten Italiano on 'Towards Adulthood.' This workshop is designed to assist and prepare parents for the Towards Adulthood workshops to be run with the Year 6 students. Thank you for your interest and commitment to your child and providing them with a rounded education.

Next week we will celebrate Book Week by holding a Book Fair at St Mary's. It will be an opportune time to highlight the importance of books, reading and literacy in our lives. Mem Fox, renowned Australian Picture Book author, strongly promotes the importance of reading aloud to children and the incredible emotional and intellectual impact reading aloud to children, from birth, has on their ability to learn to read. Visit memfox.com where you can listen to Mem read aloud three of her picture books. She also provides advice on how to read aloud with maximum impact and effect.

Being able to read and comprehend a range of texts, both fiction and non-fiction, supports learning in all the subject areas and gives students / adults access to knowledge, enables them to play an active part in society and contributes to their personal growth. At St Mary's we place high importance on literacy and learning to read. From Kindy to Year 6, we send home books so that students can be read to / read independently each night. Thank you to our parents who support their children in this. Our well resourced school Library has both fiction and non fiction texts that cater for a range of abilities and interest levels. Please support our school by purchasing books from the Book Fair and consider donating a text to the Library. Thank you to Mrs Palumbo, our Library Officer, who looks after our Library processing, shelving, keeping track of books loaned out and the general organisation of our resources. As part of Library lessons this term, students have been exposed to the books that have been shortlisted for this year's CBC awards.

Helen Brown
Acting Principal

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention this Month

Evangelization: Living the Gospel

that Christians may live the Gospel, giving witness to faith, honesty, and love of neighbour.

A prayer for living the Gospel

God of yesterday, today and tomorrow,
we call to mind your presence within us and around us.

Open our ears that we may hear your Word.

Open our hearts that we may understand your Word.

Open our mouths that we may speak your Word.

Inspire us with the Gospel message,
that we may celebrate all that is life-giving,
restore hope where it has been lost,
and work to bring about change where it is needed.

May we live the Gospel with courage,
constancy and love.

May we be open to the challenge
of your call to true freedom.

May we be faithful to you in our daily choices
and decisions.

May we make your love known
through our words and actions.

May the triune God reign in our hearts, now and forever.
Amen

STUDENT AWARDS

YEAR 1 Year 1 Class

YEAR 2 Ashton Spinelli Zachary Bemrose

YEAR 3 Charlotte Brasher Jorja O'Reilly

YEAR 4 Elizabeth Curtis Max Di Lallo

YEAR 5 Adam Warnock Jayden Kelly

YEAR 6 Maya Lubcke

A.R. 50% Aleesha Zaccagnini

A.R. 75% Kade Lubcke Marcus Smargiassi Harry Jones Molly Turner

Aurora Postma Lily Bott

A.R. 100% Maddison Cream Archie Pemberton Caitlyn Hebbend

OTHER **50KM** Molly Lincoln



Sustainability News - Battery Recycling

The Year Two class is doing an amazing job of recycling batteries this year. As a school community, we have already surpassed last year's total amount of batteries collected!

It is estimated that around 345 million handheld batteries (batteries weighing less than 1kg) are consumed each year. This category includes all of the common household batteries, such as AAA, AA and D alkaline and carbon zinc batteries, as well as more specialised batteries for laptops, mobile phones, power tools, MP3 players, hearing aids etc. Only 6% of these by weight and 4% by count are recycled at present. The majority are disposed of at landfills at the end of their life (around 183 million batteries). For more information head to:

<http://www.batteryrecycling.org.au/recycling/batteries-and-the-environment>

Keep an eye out for eco-friendly batteries at the supermarket - batteries made from recycled batteries!

Please continue your awesome efforts by bringing old batteries to Year Two to be recycled!



SPINE SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA—NATIONAL SELF DETECTION PROGRAM FOR SCOLIOSIS (NSDP)

Scoliosis (spinal curvature) is an important health problem for adolescent girls and twenty five per thousand are at risk of developing a significant curve. Three girls per thousand require active treatment (spinal brace or surgery.) Because in the early stages the condition is most often asymptomatic, screening in the range 11-13 years is a sound preventative health measure. When school screening was abandoned, the Self Detection Program was introduced as a practical alternative. The Society's policy on the matter is fully explained on their website: www.scoliosis-australia.org.

The website contains comprehensive credible information about the symptoms and treatment of scoliosis. Using the forum on the website, girls and their parents can obtain general advice from certified specialists who manage patients with spinal curvature. The forum is a useful resource in providing searchable information posted by its members. It offers a strong support base for adolescent patients with scoliosis and their parents.

The Self Detection Brochure for Scoliosis can be accessed directly via the website's home page.

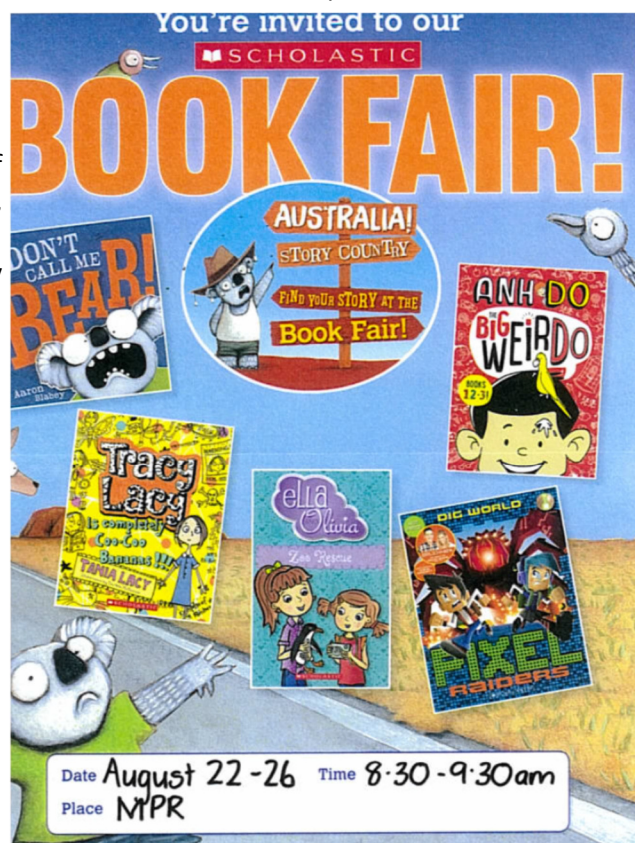
KISS AND DRIVE

Please inform all relatives, friends or care agencies that if picking up or dropping off students through Kiss and Drive, there are safety guidelines in place. There are two allocated bays and cars must line up single file making their way forward. For the safety of all, other vehicles must not pass the cars in these bays as students exit their car from the left side.

CANTEEN SUPREME

A huge thank you to Michela (L) and Sage (R) for assisting Mrs Gray during recess. They both did a great job.

Our amazing volunteers for Friday 19 August are Suzie Liaros and Anneleisha de Chanéet, and on Wednesday 24 August our awesome helper is Beverley Barry.



All purchases benefit our school!

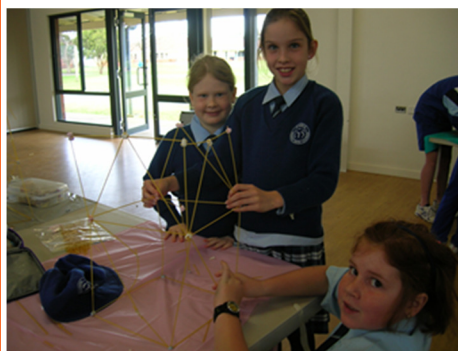
SCHOLASTIC
Book Fairs

Science Week

This week to celebrate Science Week, the students were given the opportunity to participate in some lunchtime S.T.E.M challenges. The first challenge was to create the highest tower out of spaghetti, marshmallows and some tape. With over 85 students participating, there were some fantastic structures!

Phoenix, Thomas, Lewis (Year 1) and Xavier (Year 6) had the tallest tower with an impressive 98cm high! Wednesday's challenge was to create a boat out of different materials that doesn't sink when extra weight was placed on it! We definitely have some Super Scientists at our school - Well done everyone!

Bec Murray



Science
4 FUN

FATHER'S DAY MORNING TEA

Parents are reminded that RSVPs for the Father's Day Morning Tea are due back by 25 August 2016. Forms are available from the office or last week's newsletter.



HPE NEWS

St Mary's CPS 60 Minute Challenge

Friday 9 September from 4.30pm – 5.30pm.

Athletics

Our annual Athletics Carnival for Pre Primary to Year 6 will be held on Friday 16 September. Parents who are available to assist with running the carnival can email me on: alberti.tino@cathednet.wa.edu.au.

Eagles Cup

Well done to our Eagles Cup Team who won both games again last Monday! No fixtures have been received to date for future games!

Cross Country Carnival

Well done to those boys and girls who registered to run in last Friday's Cross Country Carnival in Perth. Each race had around 200 competitors. Rane Cross and Max Di Lallo have been invited to compete in a future Cross Country Carnival in Perth based on their finishing results.

Towards Adulthood

Mrs Kirsten Italiano gave an informative talk on the presentation she will deliver to our year 6 students on Wednesday 7 September. Thank you to all parents who attended and to those who gave their apologies.

The Potted Warehouse

Many thanks to Tony and Amanda Panuccio from the Potted Warehouse for supplying our 'new Olive Tree' pots for the courtyard area at a very generous discount. Thanks also to the P & F for approving the purchase of the pots.

LOST WATER BOTTLES

The office has accumulated a collection of water bottles. Any that remain unclaimed by the end of week 6 will be thrown away.



MISSING JUMPERS

Can parents please check the names on their children's jumpers as a number of jumpers with sewn in name tags are missing. Thank you for your cooperation.

COMMUNICATION TO PARENTS

Please be aware that the school has procedures and guidelines in place when providing information to the parent body regarding student health and wellbeing. Your child's health and wellbeing is always the school's main priority.

Parents are asked to contact the office to inform the school of issues that arise. The school will then notify other parents should it be required. We ask for your support and assistance in this matter.

ST MARY'S UNIFORM STANDARD

It is really important that each student takes responsibility for following St Mary's uniform code. When pride is shown in the uniform and general neatness, the atmosphere in the school is positive and promotes a good learning environment. Please ensure that your child/children have the correct uniform as highlighted in pages 6 and 7 of the School Diary. Uniform order forms can be collected from the office and placed with Mrs Bonser. The Uniform Shop is open on Friday mornings. From 8.30am to 9.40am.

SCHOOL FEES

A reminder that school fees are due on 26 August 2016.