



St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

August

Fri 18	Year 1 Assembly Tristan Clemons Visit
Sun 20	First Reconciliation Enrolment Mass 10am
Wed 23	Year 3/4/5/6 Liturgy 10am
Thur 24	Leonardo Day
Fri 25	General Assembly
Mon 28	Catholic Day (No School for Staff and Students)
Tue 29	First Reconciliation St Patrick's Cathedral 6pm
Wed 30	Reconciliation Celebratory Sausage Sizzle 12.30pm

September

Fri 1	Father's Day Breakfast and Footy Game 7am Year 3 Assembly
Sun 2	Father's Day

Vision Statement

A welcoming faith
community

We value
relationships

We pursue excellence
in learning

We live the Gospel
message of love

O God, who has prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

Principal's Welcome

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter! At last night's P & F meeting it was suggested that not many people read the newsletter and it was asked if we could go back to hard copies? A great deal of time and effort from many people goes into creating an informative, entertaining(?) summary of what has happened at school and what is coming up at St Mary's. Not reading it could be dangerous!! If you send your children to school on 28 August because you haven't read the newsletter, there won't be anyone else at school. We do our best to capture many of the special moments that happen at school and our camera gets quite a work out. Bulk printing of the school newsletter would be an added expense to the school budget and not in line with current efforts towards creating a more sustainable environment. If you have problems with the internet and would like a hard copy sent home, that can be arranged.

Mrs Nikki Webb will be taking well earned Long Service Leave in Term 4. Mrs Megan Turpin will be replacing Mrs Webb in Year 4 until the end of the year. Currently, Mrs Turpin works half a day in Kindy. Mrs Melissa Coulson will be in Kindy in Term 4 on Thursday afternoons.

We have received our students' results from the NAPLAN testing that was carried out in May and I am pleased to say that overall the results are very impressive. Both the Year 3 and Year 5 classes achieved above the national NAPLAN average across all test areas and well above in many. The results reflect the positive home and classroom environments where high expectations of students and teachers help each child reach their potential. We also have in place support and extension programs so that students are continuously challenged. The table shown on the next page reflects just how well our students have done:

2017 NAPLAN Scores	Writing	Reading	Grammar and Punctuation	Spelling	Numeracy
National Average for Year 3	414	431	439	416	409
St Mary's Year 3	418	456	469	437	430
National Average for Year 5	472	506	499	501	494
St Mary's Year 5	523	535	555	547	525

Next year, St Mary's will be one of 100 schools across Australia to trial NAPLAN Testing online. What that means is Year 3 and 5 students will be required to type their written responses, so staff are currently exploring programs that we can have the students use to improve their typing skills. Students will have more opportunities to type at school as well as some typing built into homework activities.

Hard copies of each child's individual NAPLAN results in Year 3 and 5 will be sent home next week.

God bless

Paul Cronin

STUDENT AWARDS



YEAR 1	Sophia Clark	Levi Grice		
YEAR 2	Imogen de Chanéet	Georgia Rodgers		
YEAR 3	Leo Pemberton	Baylee Brand		
YEAR 4	Rubee Males	Lily Kilpatrick	Luca De Coppi	Jasmine Turner
YEAR 5	Finn Marshall	Harry Jones		
YEAR 6	Aidan Hall	Daniel Norrish	Aleesha Zaccagnini	Jacob Orsi
A.R. 50%	Jorja O'Reilly	Samuel Pedley	Harry Piacentini	Max Sarre
	Elijah De Coppi	Raymond Do	Ashleen Moore	
A.R. 75%	Taneisha Scott	Keira Pitts	Nick O'Brien	Lily Kilpatrick
	Gemelia Fiori	Abigail Hynes	Keira Pitts	
A.R. 100%	Nick O'Brien	Sophia Cross	Amahli Lowe	
PHYS ED 50KM	Calla Bott	Grace Emerson		
100KM	Alexis Donovan	Baylee Brand	Cooper Clark	
TOE BY TOE	Grace Sarre			
PRINCIPAL	Milly Sarre	James Donovan		

SCHOOL NEWS

CONDOLENCES

Staff, students and the school community at large extend our most sincere condolences to the Panuccio, Spinelli and Lubcke families on the sad passing of Francesco 'Frank' Panuccio. We are sorry for your loss, and pray for strength, peace and comfort for you all at this sad time.

FATHER'S DAY MORNING TEA

Parents are reminded that RSVPs for the Father's Day Morning Tea are due back by Friday 25 August 2017.



CATHOLIC DAY

A reminder that Catholic Day will be held on Monday 28 August 2017. There will be no school on this day for Staff or students.



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

14 August 2017

Confession in the Catholic Church is a spiritual encounter with God through the priest. It is a fundamental part of the freedom of religion, and it is recognised in the Law of Australia and many other countries. It must remain so here in Australia. Outside of this all offences against children must be reported to the authorities, and we are absolutely committed to doing so.

Archbishop Denis J Hart
Archbishop of Melbourne and President of Conference

Super Science Week...

In Year 6 Science the students have been investigating reversible and irreversible changes. This week we explored the effect of the quantity of water on the amount of salt dissolved.



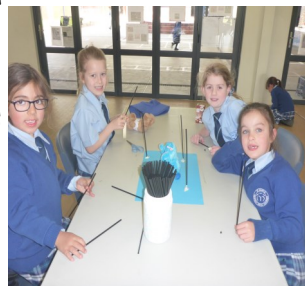
In Year 2 Science we have been exploring mixtures, and this week we made ice cream in a bag. We used ice, salt and a lot of shaking to help our mixture freeze quickly. It was a difficult lesson but someone had to do it! We can't wait to see what mixture we will create next week!



SCIENCE WEEK ~ Lunch time STEM challenges! There were many eager competitors and some interesting designs when creating our straw and newspaper structures. Lower Primary students were challenged to create a 'house' for their creature and our older students attempted to create a geodesic dome, big enough to fit a student in.



**** LEONARDO MORNING**** Pre Primary - Year 3 students will be involved in a series of Science and STEM activities organised by our fantastic teachers next Thursday 24 August from 9am until recess. Students in these years **are asked to wear Sports Uniform on this day**. Any parents who would like to volunteer for the morning, please let Mrs Murray know ASAP!



SEASONS FOR GROWTH® PROGRAM LEARNING TO LIVE WITH CHANGE AND LOSS

Change and loss are issues that affect all of us at some stage in our lives. At St Mary's CPS we recognise that when changes occur in families through death, separation, divorce and related circumstances, young people may benefit from learning how to manage these changes effectively. We are therefore offering a very successful education program called Seasons for Growth. This program is facilitated in small groups and is based on research which highlights the importance of social support and the need to practise new skills to cope effectively with change and loss. The program focuses on issues such as self esteem, managing feelings, problem solving, decision making, effective communication and support networks. If you think your son or daughter would benefit from Seasons for Growth we would encourage you to talk to him/her about participating in the program. St Mary's is pleased to be able to offer this important program and we are confident that it will be a valuable learning experience for those who request to be involved. If you require further information please contact Mr Tino Alberti.

EAGLES AND DOCKERS CUP

There will be no more Eagles or Dockers Cup games after school in 2017. Thank you to all who have assisted.

ST MARY'S ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our annual Athletics Carnival for Pre Primary to Year 6 will be held at the Athletics Centre, Hay Park, on Friday 15 September. We will be looking at a revised format to promote that 'carnival atmosphere.' Students are asked to wear their faction coloured shirts on the day. Marcellin - Blue, Ursula - Red and McAuley - Green.

60 MINUTE CHALLENGE 2017

On Friday 8 September, we will run our third annual 60 Minute Challenge with a 4.30pm start! For those of you who are unaware, the 60 Minute Challenge is an endurance race to see how many laps you can run in 60 minutes. It is a personal challenge for each individual runner! The event will be staged at St Mary's CPS and both our oval and South Bunbury's oval will be used. If you would like a sausage sizzle then complete the form below to assist with catering. Helpers are needed on the day!

Mr T Alberti
HPE and Music/Drama teacher



2017 60 Minute Challenge Enrolment Form

Friday 8 September 4.30pm – 5.30pm

Name: _____ Year: _____

Sausage Sizzle \$2.00 each: _____ (no. required)

I can help as a:

1. Marker _____

2. Sausage sizzle chef _____

P & F NEWS

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Please keep collecting the stickers from Woolworths, the more stickers, the more opportunities St Mary's have to obtain some very cool equipment. Sticker sheets are available from the office or alternatively just bring the stickers in to school, or place in the boxes provided at Woolworths marked for St Mary's at Woolworths Plaza and Eaton Fair.

Father's Day Breakfast

The lovely Year 4 parents are hard at work getting the Father's Day Breakfast ready for a fun morning on Friday 1 September. Remember to RSVP by 25 August.

Athletics Carnival Lunch Orders

Lunch orders for this year's Athletics Carnival will be sent home on Monday. Please look out for these and have them returned by 1 September. This year we have organised for Nibblez catering to come and make the lunches, so there are a few options to choose from. Parents and spectators are welcome to buy straight from the food van on the day. Coffee and hot drinks will be available from the coffee van.

Quiz Night

Thank you to Suzanne and Maryanne, the Year 5 parents and all those who contributed to the Quiz night held on 28 July. It was a fabulous night that also made over \$2000 for our school.

Spare Parts Puppet Theatre

The P & F were asked to contribute to the Spare Parts Puppet Theatre to be held at school. It was agreed \$1200 would be contributed to subsidise the cost to parents.

P & F Meetings

The next P&F meeting will be held on 17 October at 6.30pm. This will be a short meeting, followed by a Forward Planning meeting at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and we would love to see as many people as possible. If you have a great idea or would like to be a Class Rep, member of the Executive, or you would just like to come and see what goes on, we would LOVE to see you there. The Forward Planning meeting is an opportunity to plan and brainstorm fund raising and friend raising ideas for 2018.

SCHOOL DIARY COVER PAGE DESIGN COMPETITION

All students in Years 2 - 5 are encouraged to participate in the school's Diary Cover Page Design competition. If you need a new proforma, please see your classroom teacher. The theme is 'Courage.'

COMMUNITY NEWS



LEGO NINJAGO MOVIE
Setagaya Good Will Tour 2017 Fundraiser



ADULT TICKET \$20
CHILD TICKET \$15

DATE Saturday 23 September
TIME 12:30pm
VENUE Grand Cinemas Bunbury

All funds raised go towards the Bunbury Setagaya Good Will Tour. We thank you for your support.

CONTACT Isabel 0419 049 451 For Tickets



TENPIN BOWLING GAME VOUCHERS
\$12 per voucher
One (1) game per person per voucher

Valid until 31st March 2018

Valid only at Bunbury Ten Pin Bowl & Family Fun Centre
136 Strickland Street Bunbury

All funds raised go towards the Bunbury Setagaya Goodwill Tour. We thank you for your support.

BUNBURY TEN PIN BOWL & FAMILY FUN CENTRE



Father's Day Fun Run 2017

All inclusive Family Fun Run – But Remember

"it's all about the Blokes"

Bring Partners, Husbands, Fathers, Uncles, Sons.

Children and Prams welcome

Sunday 3rd September 2017 - 7am Start

Playground, Prince Phillip Drive

2 Events to keep it simple "blokes like that"

1 Lap Big Swamp

2 Laps Big Swamp

Entry on the day from 6.00am – Donation – Proceeds will go to Mens Health Organisation

No official Timing- The Timing Clock will be in Place

Some "Blokey" Spot Prizes will be Presented

This is an inaugural event to establish a longer term fitness objective for all

PAY LESS FOR AFTER SCHOOL CARE



Are You Maximising Your Government Rebates for Outside of School Hours' Care?



If not, you could be paying more than you should. With **Child Care Benefit (CCB)** and **Child Care Rebate (CCR)** you could save 50% off the price of after school care.

What's the CCR?

The Child Care Rebate offers a 50% reduction on your after school care fees. It is paid by Centrelink directly to your service, which means your out of pocket costs are halved. The CCR is currently NOT means tested and so long as you meet Centrelink's minimum work standards, you should be eligible to apply.

What Exactly is the CCB?

It's a Government allowance aimed at helping low income earners with the cost of out of school care. Paid by Centrelink, the CCB is means tested so you'll need to be assessed for your eligible allowance rate. The maximum allowance you can receive from CCB will cover 85% of your after school care fees.

Maximise Your Rebates, Here's How!

How Do I Find Out If I Am Eligible?

For more information on Government rebates, how to locate your family Customer Reference Numbers (CRN) and how to claim, please call the Family Assistance Office on 13 61 50.

You can link your CRN's to your Camp Australia account via the Parent Portal, alternatively you can call our friendly Customer Care Team on 1300 105 343.

Program Details

For information about our program and to book visit www.campaustralia.com.au or stop by and visit us in the program and see for yourself how we make kids smile.

From the Team at Camp Australia



* Out of pocket expenses to be used as a guide only as rebates are based on individual circumstances and are subject to change. For a full listing of program details and fees for the service, please visit our website.



we make kids smile