



# St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### November

Wed 18	Year 6 Reconciliation
Thur 19	SWPSA T20 Cricket Blast
Tue 24	Board AGM P & F AGM
Wed 25	Year 4 Reconciliation
Sun 29	First Sunday of Advent

## Vision Statement

A welcoming faith  
community  
We value  
relationships  
We pursue excellence  
in learning  
We live the Gospel  
message of love

## WELCOMING GOD

Jesus came to a village where a woman called Martha opened her home to him. She became distracted by the preparations that had to be made while her sister Mary sat at the Lord's feet listening to him.

Martha implored Jesus to tell Mary to get up and help. Jesus answered, "Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her".

**Hospitality is more than merely serving food. The essence of hospitality is presence. The truly hospitable person is one who offers the gift of their time, attention and interest.**

**Lord, grant us the gift of hospitality and make us always eager to serve you. May you always be welcome in our lives.**

**Amen.**



Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

We are now past the mid point of Term 4, a busy term for staff, students and parents. I thank all for their ongoing support and encouragement of each other in the work we do together at St Mary's. With just over four weeks of term remaining, there is still much to be done. Yesterday, we celebrated a Remembrance Day Service led by our Year 6 leaders. It was a most respectful and appropriate service for primary school, with classes from Pre Primary to Year 6, all staff and a number of our family members attending. Thank you to our Year 3/4 students who added to the ceremony by singing 'Lest We Forget', a song they have learned in Choir this year and have performed at the Bunbury Eisteddfod.

We have had a whole school focus on students' uniform, in particular the boys having their shirts tucked in. The boys are to be acknowledged on how they have 'risen to the challenge', now needing only occasional reminders.

We now move on to an emphasis on students stopping and looking at the adult who is speaking to them, using the adult's name when responding and remaining to listen while the adult speaks. We have noticed a trend with a number of our students responding with "nah" or "yeah" when a teacher speaks to them or asks them a question, and walking off as the adult is speaking.

We ask that parents remind children of this aspect of manners and respect, and I thank you for your support with this. May we continue to move through Term 4 working together towards our common goal and our motto of Respect, Faith and Courage.

Maureen Tully

Principal

## STUDENT AWARDS

<b>YEAR 1</b>	Cooper Clark	Frances Best		
<b>YEAR 2</b>	Luca De Coppi	Lucas Maratea	Lily Kilpatrick	Taneisha Scott
<b>YEAR 3</b>	Koby Drage-Edwards	Natalia Dillon	Maddison Cream	Calla Bott
<b>YEAR 4</b>	Aleesha Zaccagnini	Kace Brand		
<b>YEAR 5</b>	Oscar Kitchen-Brown	Maya Lubcke		
<b>YEAR 6</b>	Georgia Pedrochi	Eva Birmingham		
<b>A.R. 50%</b>	Roisin De Coppi			
<b>A.R. 75%</b>	Raymond Do	Isabella Marshall		
<b>A.R. 100%</b>	Aurora Postma	Elijah De Coppi	Alex Ierace	Samuel Kirke
	Emma Norrish	Max Sarre <b>2nd</b>	Brian Pham <b>2nd</b>	
<b>PHYS ED 50KM</b>	Charlee Sidebottom	Lochlan Moore		
<b>200KM</b>	Jonah Lincoln			

*Congratulations!*

## SCHOOL NEWS

### SCHOOL BOARD 2016 NOMINATIONS

I thank all Board members for their work in planning for the present and future operation of our school and for liaising in matters relating to the financial management of the school. A term of office on the Board is for a two year period, following which a Board member may renominate for a further two year term. Membership of the School Board may continue for a period of six consecutive years. This year we have two Board members stepping down. I thank Daniel Marshall and Paddy Catalano for their service to the school community serving four years and three years respectively. Martin Hynes is renominating, following a two year membership period. Hence, there are three vacancies for Board membership in 2016; two positions are vacant without nomination and one position vacant with nomination. Nomination forms for membership of the School Board 2016 accompany this newsletter. Nominations must be received in the school office by Monday 23 November 2015.

### PROUD TO BE A WATERWISE SCHOOL

At a special school assembly on Tuesday afternoon, St Mary's School was presented with a certificate recognising the school's 10 year commitment to being a Waterwise school.

The certificate celebrates the work of students, staff and parents who have participated in activities that help us all to learn about water saving actions at school and at home.

Proud to be a  
**Waterwise  
School**



## MAGGIE DENT

### Helping Anxious Children

In this "Maggie Moment", we talk about anxiety in young children. Although anxiety is developmentally normal, particularly in children under 6, there are things that parents can do to prevent their children from being overly anxious, and to help soothe them. To view the clip, copy and paste the following link into your browser. From there select 'videos' from the Free Resources tab, <http://www.maggiedent.com/content/vblog/helping-anxious-children>.

## CANTEEN SUPREME NEWS

Well done to all our students who tried something new from the menu last week. I am very proud of you. It was a huge salad day on Friday, setting a Canteen Supreme record of 32 salads with nuggets, 10 Asian salads and 8 Bento boxes, as well as a heap of salad wraps and sandwiches. A very big thank you to Suzie Liaros who is our beautiful volunteer this Friday 13 November. ***I am desperate for someone else to help out so please let me know if you are available. On Wednesday 18 November help is also needed. Thank you.***



## FITNESS FUN FRIDAY

Friday at 8am on our 100Club track. All welcome.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

A big thank you to our Student Executive, Emma Norrish, Javene Fitch, Joshua Hewison and Lachlan Lord, for preparing and conducting our Remembrance Day Service yesterday. It was pleasing to see the respectful manner in which students conducted themselves. The singing from our Year 3 and 4 Choir was beautiful. Thank you Mr Mills. We also extend our thanks to Jayne Lincoln for laying a wreath on behalf of our parents, and Alison Piacentini for the beautiful red roses.

## T20 BLAST

Years 5 and 6 are having an Interschool T20 Blast competition on Thursday 19 November at Forrest Park from 10am - 2pm. Permission notes have gone home.

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**HPE Teacher**

## BOOK CLUB NEWS

Issue 7 orders should be back from Scholastic any day and will be sorted and delivered as soon as received.

## UNIFORM NOTES

***The Uniform Shop is closed tomorrow morning.*** This time has been allocated to uniform fitting and ordering for the 2016 Pre Primary class. This will take place in the Playgroup Room from 8.30 to 9.30am.

Summer orders are now being taken for the 2016 school year. These can be handed in at the school office or the Uniform Shop.

***Please note*** that the school emblem on the girls' summer dresses is now compulsory. There is a FINAL opportunity to have the emblem embroidered onto summer uniforms. Please ensure that uniforms requiring an emblem are handed in to the school office or Uniform Shop by Monday 16 November 2015.

## *Thought for the Week*

Thank someone for something. Go out of your way today to acknowledge the generosity of a person you know. It doesn't matter if you have known this man or woman your entire life, or have just met him or her, and don't know if you will ever see the person again. Thanking her for a service rendered, or a favour given, or for help of some kind will enlarge your personal community to include yet another person.

It makes even the most insignificant encounters, like a stranger holding the door for you at the deli, all the more meaningful. It's a way for two people who will probably never know each other's names to connect, even for a moment.

*Alan Epstein*





## The Zoo:

By Jake Michell

Monday 2 November at 8:30 in the morning was a special moment for the twenty-nine Year Five students, for this day was the day that we were all waiting for. We were off to Perth for our zoo camp.

We took the three hour bus trip to Perth. It was a bit awkward as we were on a public bus and we

are not used to travelling on a bus with people that we don't know. First we went to the statues we were studying called The Footsteps in Time which are statues of five men who contributed to the development of Perth over the years.

We then walked to the Perth Mint where we saw gold being poured. When we were there, we watched a video about the history of gold and how it came to Earth. We also saw gold ingots, nuggets and flakes. We felt how heavy half a gold ingot was, and last of all we weighed ourselves to see how much money we would be worth if we were gold. Then we saw the full cycle of a gold ingot as it got melted, moulded and cooled down which was really cool.



We then went to another statue at Hay Street which I think most of you have seen. It's the man on his hands called Percy Button. We also played in the water fountain's maze. Most of us got soaked!

We went to the Stirling Gardens to see two statues called Alexander Forrest at the entrance and the Memory Markers at the back. We also went there to have lunch.

Next we went for a swift walk to the Bell Tower. There were eighteen over two hundred and fifty kilogram bells. We all got to ring one which was awesome. We then went up to the top. Even though we were only twenty-five metres above ground, it felt like we were over a hundred (maybe only for me because I am extremely afraid of heights). When we got back to the ground, we walked to the banks of the Swan River to catch a ferry to a place we've all been waiting for: The Perth Zoo.

When we arrived, we met our zoo instructors, Steve and Lindsay, and walked to the place we would be sleeping, the Homestead Barn and put our bags away. We then got our first activity, The Race to Save. The



Race to Save is a bit like the Amazing Race. We go around the zoo in five groups, coming to endangered animal exhibits where we find a question, then we answer it, put it on a crossword and find a clue to the next animal. The team with the most correct answers win. I'm pretty sure we won. We then petted an Inland Bearded Dragon, and got to build an animal enrichment object. We did it for the Sun Bears, Boppa and Jamran. We built a huge ice block with little bits of salmon inside. The last thing we did for the night was a night walk in the African Savanna.

We got to see pretty much every animal except the Fennec Foxes which almost never comes out, the giraffes and the meerkats. After that we were all asleep as soon as our heads reached our pillow.

The next day we had breakfast and then said goodbye to Steve and Lindsay after we played a game of scrambled eggs and a remembrance game. Then we toured around the whole zoo in the same groups as The Race to Save. Our group got to see every single animal in the zoo. Then we took the long road home.

THIS CAMP WAS SO MUCH FUN!

## St Mary's School Board Nominations for Membership for 2016

As the end of the school year approaches it is time to seek nominations for vacancies on the School Board.

**This year, there are three (3) vacant positions available for nomination. Two positions are vacant without nomination, with one position vacant with nomination. One sitting member has re-nominated.**

If you are considering nominating for the Board but are unsure of what membership involves, please talk to any of the current members.

Maureen Tully (Principal)	Ex-officio member
Martin Hynes (Chairperson)	Re-nominating
Daniel Marshall (Treasurer)	Not re-nominating
Chris Gibbs (P & F Rep)	Ongoing
Paddy Catalano	Not re-nominating
Kim Piacentini	Ongoing
Chez Spinelli	Ongoing
Jo Pitts	Ongoing
Suzie Liaros	Ongoing

The criteria for Board Membership are as follows:

- **Possession of special skills that will be an asset to the Board**
- **A deep interest in the welfare of all students and staff**
- **A desire to give service to the Catholic school community**
- **A keenness to promote Catholic schooling**
- **An ability to work cooperatively and constructively with all other members of the Board and sufficient time to devote to Board duties.**

An Information Kit, which includes a job description, Constitution, Mandate Letter and meeting details is available from the front office.

The positions up for nomination will be voted on at St Mary's Annual School Community Meeting, which will be held on **Tuesday 24 November 2015 at 7.00pm** (Nominations to be submitted by MONDAY, 23 November 2015 .

A light supper and drinks will be served at the conclusion of the meeting.

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### Nomination Form for Position on St Mary's School Board 2016

Please complete and return to the Office in a sealed envelope addressed to Maureen Tully by **MONDAY 23 November 2015**.

I \_\_\_\_\_ wish to nominate for membership of St Mary's School  
*(Please Print Name)*  
Board 2016.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please Print*

Parent/Guardian of St Mary's Community

# PEOPLES CLIMATE MARCH

## Sunday 29 November 2015

Family friendly event

Caring for our planet

11am-2pm

Live music

Info stalls

Guest speakers

Community banner painting



Bring your banner & represent your community group

Coffee van

Food & drinks

Face painting

Climate quiz (for 6-14yo)

Bring a picnic, hat & water bottles

Be sun smart

## BUNBURY

**Meet at:** Graham Bricknell Memorial Music Shell

**Time:** Gather from 11am to 2pm

**Bring:** Your groups' banners/signs/flags/dress up/costume/campchair  
Bring a waterbottle - free water refill station

**Book:** Your groups' stall or display with Rosina Mogg (Event Coordinator)  
via email: [moggiesden@bigpond.com](mailto:moggiesden@bigpond.com)

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Alcohol &  
Smoke Free Event

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