



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

Nov

- Fri 11 Remembrance Day (Year 6 students will be selling commemorative poppies)
Remembrance Day Prayer Service 10.50am
Undercover Area
Brant Garvey Visit 1.30pm - 3pm
- Wed 16 Scitech Incursion
- Thur 17 Reconciliation Year 4 9.50am
T4 School Fees Due
- Sun 20 End of Year of Mercy
- Mon 21 End of Year of Mercy Prayer 8.45am
- Tue 22 AGM 7pm

Vision Statement

A welcoming faith
community

We value
relationships

We pursue excellence
in learning

We live the Gospel
message of love

Lord, help me to remember that nothing
is going to happen today that
You and I together can't handle
Amen

Dear Parents, Students and Friends

We are now in the final weeks of Term 4 and the remaining five weeks promise to be very busy for all. I thank you all for your support and encouragement of one another in the work we do together at St Mary's. There is still much to be done and the staff and students are focused on learning and completing curriculum requirements.

On Friday we will commemorate Remembrance Day by participating in a Remembrance Day Service, led by our Year Six students. All are invited to attend and take a few moments to pause in their busy day. The service will commence at 10.50am in the undercover area.

We look forward to listening to Brant Garvey this Friday at 1.30pm in the school hall. Parents and friends of St. Mary's are invited to share in this inspirational athlete's journey and message of "No Excuses". We are very excited to hear about Brant's experiences in Rio this year at the Paralympics.

The Year Five class celebrated the Sacrament of Penance with Father Abraham on Wednesday. We treasure this sacrament as it provides all who receive it the peace of mind and soul for which there is no substitute. It is a peace that flows from a certainty, rather than from an unsure hope, that our sins have been forgiven and that we are right with God. It is wonderful to hear so many visitors and parents at St Mary's talk about the caring, respectful and inclusive atmosphere that exists in the classroom, the playground and car park. This doesn't just happen and takes a focused effort and explicit teaching of expectations. At this time of the year we remain vigilant in expecting good manners and behaviour throughout the school. One way to do this is to ensure that students stop and look at the adult who is speaking to them, use the adult's name when responding and remaining to listen while the adult speaks. In doing this, all at St Mary's have the opportunity to feel respected and valued.

It is great to see the pride that many students have in belonging to St Mary's. Parents are to be commended for the care they take in ensuring that their child/children come to school neat and tidy and wearing the correct uniform that is in good repair. Neat and tidy hair is part of this pride and we ask parents to support the school in this matter. Many children are now growing out of uniforms, shoes etc., and we understand the reluctance to purchase new uniform items, however, parents are asked to ensure that all uniforms are in good repair, the correct length and colour. Having a positive and neat image promotes St Mary's school to others and indicates a strong connection to its values and beliefs of Faith, Respect and Courage.

Yours in Christ

Helen Brown

Short Term Principal

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



STUDENT AWARDS



YEAR 1	Abbie Smith	Kobi Atherton		
YEAR 2	Harlyn Fiori	Jade Turpin	Alek Liaros	
YEAR 3	Taneisha Scott	Charlotte Brasher		
YEAR 4	Archie Pemberton	Lance Santos		
YEAR 5	Jacob Orsi	Lorenzo Fimognari		
YEAR 6	Savanna Scasserra	William Pedley	Oscar Kitchen-Brown	
A.R. 75%	Jack Di Lallo			
A.R. 100%	Ned Pemberton	Jacob Orsi		
A.R. 2ND 100%	Kade Lubcke	Amy Hunter	Ashleen Moore	
PHYS ED 50KM	Niamh Hamill-Harling	Taneisha Scott	Jorja O'Reilly	Jasmine Turner
	Rubee Males	Christian Spinelli		
PHYS ED 100KM	Molly Lincoln	Finn Marshall		
PRINCIPAL	Lochlan Moore	Ashleen Moore	Caitlyn Hebbend	Paige Hebbend
	Adrianna Minnella	Jorja O'Reilly	Rubee Males	Amahli Lowe

SCHOOL NEWS

APPOINTMENT OF NEW FINANCE OFFICER

Mrs Karen Depiazzi will be taking leave in 2017 before returning in 2018. In light of that, we recently advertised for a replacement and I am pleased to announce that Mrs Anna Guzzi will be joining the St Mary's staff. Anna comes to us with nine years experience in the role having worked at several schools in Perth. Anna will work alongside Karen from 21 November until the end of the year as part of a handover. We look forward to welcoming Anna into the St Mary's school community.

ST MARY'S' POLICY REGARDING GROOMING AS SET OUT IN THE PARENT HANDBOOK

Jewellery

No jewellery may be worn, other than a functional watch, and (if ears are pierced) ONE earring stud or sleeper in BOTH EARLOBES. This restriction is in keeping with school philosophy of reducing the importance of material goods and the risk of injury. Children are not permitted to wear nail polish.

Hair

Hair should be always neat and tidy and should not reflect the extremes of any current fashion. Long hair must be kept neatly tied back. Ribbons or clips **must be** PLAIN white or blue. Matching headbands can be purchased from the Uniform Shop. Hair must be kept at the student's natural hair colour, without artificial hair colour added.

ABSENTEES

Parents are reminded that written absentee notes with student name, date, reason for absence and parent signature **MUST** be provided for all student absences - a legal requirement from the Education Department of WA. Please notify the school by phone call or email if your child will be absent.

Remember, even though you may have notified the school of your child's absence via phone or email, you must still send a signed note. This is a legal requirement.

When teachers have completed class rolls each morning, the school office will SMS parents for any unexplained/not notified absences each day.

Students arriving at school late, i.e. after the morning siren, MUST come through the office and be signed in by their parent/caregiver. Students are NOT permitted to sign themselves in. Should a student need to leave school early, their parent/caregiver must sign the student out at the office, even if the class teacher has been notified. Our Duty of Care requires us to account for each student during school hours, 8:45am to 3:10pm.

BOOK CLUB

Issue 7 books have been distributed to students and orders from Issue 8 are due back to school by Tuesday 15 November 2016.

UNIFORM NOTES

Thank you to Pre Primary parents who attended their uniform ordering day yesterday in preparation for Year 1. Pre Primary and Year 1 uniform orders for 2017 have been collated and orders have been sent to our suppliers. Parents of students from Year 1 to Year 6 can place their 2017 orders at the Uniform Shop tomorrow morning between 8.30am and 9.30am. Alternately, orders can be left at the office to be processed before the end of term.

HPE NEWS

Splash and Dash

The Bunbury Swimming Club will host a Fun Summer Carnival for 6 -14 year olds on Sunday 20 November. Warm up at 9am for a 10am start. The online link for entries is:

<http://www.myswimresults.com.au/Meet.aspx?MeetID=AUS%7C3388>

Busselton Iron Kids

Calling all kids aged 7-13! Become an IRONKIDS Champion on Saturday 3 December 2016 when you complete the kids only version of the SunSmart IRONMAN Western Australia. See:

<http://ap.ironman.com.com/triathlon/events/asiapac/ironman/western-australia/ironkids.aspx#ixzz4OeBMDLMk>

Soccer

Well done to Tom Steele for his selection in the WA Walkabout Regional Soccer Squad which toured Singapore from 3 - 12 November.



BUNBURY CATHOLIC COLLEGE YEAR 7, 2018 ENROLMENTS

We have almost completed our Year 7, 2018 interviews.

Those families who intend enrolling their child/children for a place in Year 7, 2018 and have not yet done so, should forward their enrolment application forms to Bunbury Catholic College **ASAP**.

Enrolment applications can be downloaded from the College website at <http://www.bunburycatholic.wa.edu.au/cms/enrolment>.

All enrolments are assessed against our Enrolment Policy and the College Registrar will contact families accordingly to make interview arrangements.

Ms Denise O'Meara
Principal
Bunbury Catholic College

Super Scientists at work...

In Year 4 we have been exploring forces and what surface materials create the most friction. In this investigation we were measuring how far the car travelled down the ramp on a variety of surfaces like wood, bubble wrap, carpet and baking paper.



In Year 5 we have been exploring how light from a source forms shadows and can be absorbed, reflected and refracted. We investigated whether we could bend light using mirrors and other reflective surfaces.



In Year 6 we have been having fun constructing and representing electric circuits. We have been investigating what materials are conductors and what are insulators.

