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St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

November

Fri 10	School Disco Remembrance Day Assembly
Mon 13	Book Week until Wednesday
Wed 15	Year 5 Reconciliation 10am
Tue 21	School Board Meeting and ACM
Wed 22	Year 4 Reconciliation 10am
Tue 28	BCC Presentation Evening
Wed 29	Year 3 Reconciliation 10am
Thur 30	Year 6 Graduation BCC Year 7 Orientation Day

Vision Statement

A welcoming faith
community

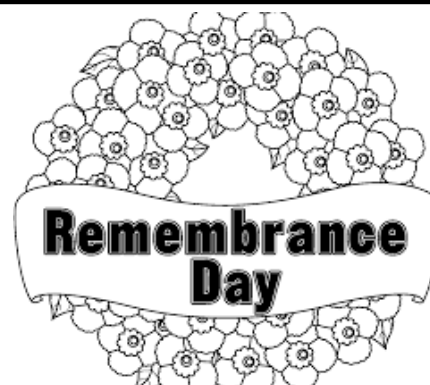
We value
relationships

We pursue excellence
in learning

We live the Gospel
message of love

A Prayer of Remembrance

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day; fulfil in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

The weeks are now flying by at an uncontrollable rate. Teachers are busy with final assessments and end of year preparations.

God bless

Paul Cronin

Principal's Welcome

BOOK FAIR

Special thanks to Mrs Mel Toia for organising Book Fair. Mel has an enthusiastic band of Year 6 students and parents who are arriving early and staying back after school to assist with the sales. It is wonderful seeing students getting excited about books.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Thank you for the very positive response from Year 5 parents on the Catering Survey for Year 6 Graduation. The P & F have offered to contribute on an ongoing basis to cover the cost of supper.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Our Kindergarten Orientation will be held on Friday 17 November from 9am. Parents will spend the first half hour with their children in the Kindy room. At 9.30am, the children will be supervised while the parents will move to the library for a question and answer session with Mrs Liz Harper and myself. A platter of fruit will be provided at 10am.

STUDENT AWARDS



YEAR 1	Ayla De Castro	Emma Di Lallo
YEAR 2	Flynn Fazey	Emily Chapman
YEAR 3	Toby McGee	Alek Liaros
YEAR 4	Rubee Males	Niamh Hamill-Harling
YEAR 5	Jedd Patterson	Maddison Cream
YEAR 6	Aidin Williams	Alexis Gianfrancesco
A.R. 75%	Harlyn Fiori	Emmanuel Menzie
A.R. 100%	Raymond Do	Alexis Donovan
PHYS ED 50KM	Amy Hunter	Levi Grice
HIGH JUMP	Jai Cahill	Flynn Smith

2ND 100% Niamh Hamill-Harling

SCHOOL NEWS

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Our Remembrance Day Service will be taking place in the Undercover Area on Friday 11.10am. All students are invited to bring a flower with them to school. These will form our school wreaths for the service. The Year 6 students will also be selling poppies on Friday morning. Students and Parents can purchase them for a gold coin donation. All proceeds are donated to the RSL.

BOOK CLUB

Issue 7 orders have arrived and have been distributed. Catalogues for Issue 8 have been handed out. Orders are due back by Monday 20 November 2017.

UNIFORM NOTES

Uniform orders for 2018 can now be placed at the office or the Uniform Shop on Friday mornings between 8.30am and 9.30am. Thank you to the Pre Primary and Kindy parents for taking time to place orders last week. These are in the process of being collated and should be ready for distribution over the next few weeks.

EARN AND LEARN SUCCESS

As a result of the efforts of the St Mary's community, the school earned 27,500 points to purchase items from Modern Teaching Aids. I am thrilled to inform students, parents and the community that 4 educational drones and the associated batteries, guards and drone blades as well as a coding game for early childhood have been ordered. Thank you again for your generous support of the school and its students.



DISCO

Thank you to the parents who have been working behind the scenes getting everything in place for Friday night's Disco. It promises to be a memorable night.

RELAY FOR LIFE

A huge congratulations to the twenty plus St Mary's students who were involved in the 24 hour Relay for Life. The students had little sleep and walked huge distances during the time frame. The students, along with their parents raised over \$6000 and won the award for the most money raised by a school group.



ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING

The Annual Community Meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 November in the hall, starting at 7pm. Our guest presenter will be Jan Flemming, who is an Early Childhood Consultant for the Catholic Education Office, and she will talk about 'Helping your child succeed in their first few years of school.'

THE SNAIL RACE THAT STOPPED A NATION



The annual Year One Gastropod Cup was held on Tuesday. Once again overshadowing that other race held in Melbourne, on the same day. The atmosphere was electric as 'Rudolf,' trained by Miss Isabelle Hastie stormed, or rather, glided home. He or she (depending on the hermaphroditic option for the day) was followed closely by 'Roxie' (Miss Scarlett White) in second place. It was 'Speedy Stevie' (Mast. Bernard

Edmondson) by a tentacle in third. Rodger (Jack McGee) and DJ (Isla Beswick) were valiant in their efforts. It was a slime fest. Congratulations to all the entrants and trainers.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Steven, Hannah and Charlee on the recent arrival of Harry Charles Sidebottom!

BOOK FAIR PHOTOS



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Thank you to the wonderful Year 6's who have helped me prepare the library for Book Fair. It's so wonderful to see so many students eager about books and reading! A big thank you to the parents who have offered to help out during the before and after school opening times. Your help is greatly appreciated. Please note that Book Fair will be open between 6 and 8pm this Friday night during the school disco. This is adult only shopping though to allow 'surprise' purchases to be made.

Any parents wishing to make a donation to a classroom library can ask me for the Teachers Wish List. Once you purchase a book from the wish list, I will apply a special sticker so that for years to come students will be able to see who donated the books that they are enjoying in their classroom. Specialist teachers and staff from our Play Café and 3 Year Old Program have also completed wish lists if you would like to contribute to other areas of the school. *A reminder that we accept eftpos and cash at the Book Fair.* Thank you for supporting this wonderful reading event and fundraising opportunity.

Mel Toia

Nature Play News

Our highly anticipated Nature Playground is about to begin construction! Logs have arrived and soil is being delivered to form forts, mounds and tee pees to be enjoyed by all, but ...

We need your help!

If you are handy with a tool, love being part of an enthusiastic team and would like to help create this exciting new play area for our students, please join us:

Saturday 18th November from 8am on the school oval.

We hope to work on the following:

- Fort construction
- Gardening, digging, edging, retaining work
- Tee pee construction

Please bring along gardening gloves, shovels, gardening tools, water bottles and a hat.

Unable to help on the day? We would greatly appreciate any donations of food items to feed our fantastic helpers (sandwiches, morning tea, fruit etc).

Please be mindful that there will be various items being constructed over the coming weeks around the school oval and children are not permitted to play on the playground until it has been approved by Kids Safe.

Please RSVP by Wed 15th Nov to Melissa on lisscoulson@gmail.com if you are able to assist in any way, thank you!

Muscles required: 8 – 8:30am Friday 10th November

Help is required to lift/shift some logs so they can be sealed ready for use. Please see Melissa Coulson during 100 Club fitness if you are able to assist.

Recycling Nespresso Pods: Year 2

All pods collected by the Year 2 class are delivered to a facility in Bunbury where they are disposed of correctly. The capsules are shredded and melted down and turned into new aluminium products. Residual coffee is separated and sent to an industrial composting facility.

We are close to filling our first bin of pods so keep bringing them in. The final week of collection will be Week 7. Don't forget, to save them over the holidays as we will be back in 2018, aiming to recycle even more pods!



Piano/Keyboard Lessons

Mr Mills will have some vacancies in 2018.

For further information, please contact Mr Mills on phone no. 9797 2368 or email millsmusic@bigpond.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

Bunbury Musical Comedy Group Inc.
will be holding
AUDITIONS
Disney's
HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL
JR

Saturday 20th and
Sunday 21st January 2018

Young people aged 9 - 21 years are invited to audition
The musical is to be stage at The New Lyric Theatre
May 2018

For information and audition time please contact the
director Brigid Mills 0473447296 or
music_is_my_life_4_eva@hotmail.com

IRONKIDS
Busselton

Saturday 2 December
Check-In: 7.00am - 8.15am
Race Start: 8.30am
Age 7-13 years

Swim, Bike, Run or Swim, Run options available

Every IRONKID receives a MEDAL, T-SHIRT and a random PRIZE DRAW ENTRY!

REPRESENT YOUR SCHOOL!
Help them win the School Champions Trophy and \$1000!

Enter online www.ironmanwesternaustralia.com



WAAPA Summer School 2017/2018

This summer The Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) is again offering an exciting school holiday program for students in years 4 to 12. The Summer School includes classes in dance, drama, acting, screen performance, music theatre and of course, how to perform Shakespeare. For information about the fantastic courses on offer please visit [WAAPA Summer School](#) or contact Gabrielle Metcalf at g.metcalf@ecu.edu.au or 9370 6775.

