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St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

March

Thur 12	School Swimming Carnival
Fri 13	Ride2School Day
Tue 17	General Sacramental Meeting Years 3,4 and 6, 6pm Parish Hall (Parents only to attend) St Patrick's Day Year 2 Excursion Harris Dam
Thur 19	Interschool Swimming Carnival
Fri 20	Footy Colours Day
Sun 22	Confirmation Commitment Mass 10am
Mon 23	Parent/Teacher interviews this week
Wed 25	Young Writers Workshop, Bunbury Senior High School, 9am—3pm
Thur 26	Year 6 Skills for Life Programme

Vision Statement

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

No two children are the same. Individual differences are what provide for each child's uniqueness. The first requirement of home and school is "good soil" - strong value systems that offer strong structural support. The second requirement of home and school is the addition of the correct "trace element" - the identification of uniqueness so that it can be cultivated and develop the individual to enrich the expression of both the home and the school.



"Lord, guide me so that all my energies are not directed solely towards caring for external needs of my children—food, clothing, shelter. Give me insights as to how I can care for their internal needs—values, morals, uniqueness. Amen."

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

This afternoon, Year 4, 5 and 6 students take part in St Mary's School Swimming Carnival. I thank Mr Alberti for his planning for, and coordination of the Carnival. I applaud students who have come along on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7am for swimming training and I thank parents for their support. The determination and persistence of the students in working hard to improve their fitness, stamina, number of laps completed and speed is to be admired. I wish all students success in achieving their own personal best. While we celebrate students who get placed in the various races, we celebrate all students who start a race, give of their best effort and complete the race they started.

A special thank you to the parents who are assisting with the many roles and tasks at the carnival—announcer, judges, starter and marshalls. Without your support we would be unable to run these carnivals.

We look forward to a happy day together and will report on the carnival in next week's newsletter.

Happy St Patrick's Day for next Tuesday, 17 March, to all with Irish roots...and to those who wish they had.

Maureen Tully
Principal



STUDENT AWARDS

YEAR 1	Jacob Coulson	Jade Turpin	Toby McGee	Emmanuel Menzie
YEAR 2	Paige Hebbend	Luca De Coppi		
YEAR 3	Jedd Patterson	Lance Santos	Henley O'Reilly	
YEAR 4	Jacob Orsi	Raymond Do		
YEAR 5	Billie Vance	Anoushka Heble		
YEAR 6	Mia Allan	Holly Brittain		
HPE	Carly McIntyre	Charlee Jones	Georgia Pedrochi	Macie Hiscox
	Emma Norrish	Mia Allan	Sophie Kennedy	

SCHOOL NEWS

PRE PRIMARY MOTHER'S DAY MORNING TEA HELP PLEASE




Pre Primary are making some delicious home made goods for the upcoming Mother's Day Morning Tea and are URGENTLY requesting donations of any GLASS JARS or GLASS SAUCE BOTTLES with lids. The jars/bottles will be put to good use and would be of great help to our Pre Primary Mums . Any size would be greatly appreciated. They can be brought into the Front Office who will pass them on to us. Thank you!

UNIFORM NOTES

Thank you to those parents who have taken the time to place orders for winter school uniforms. If any parents still need to do so, there are less than 3 weeks of Term 1 left and **the Uniform Shop will not be open for the first 2 weeks of Term 2**, although it will be open on Friday 1st May between 8.30 and 10.00am

BOOK CLUB

Issue 2 orders are due back by 18th March at the latest to be received before the school holidays. 

CANTEEN SUPREME NEWS

Excellent to see so many Kindy parents ordering last Friday. We hope you continue the trend. Planning for the Winter Menu is well under way but I would love to hear any suggestions from Students, Parents and Staff about what you would like to see on the menu. Please remember that the canteen is regulated by the Traffic Light System – so a triple bacon, double cheese, hash brown, fried chicken burger is not possible – but all healthy suggestions will be considered.

This Friday our Canteen Beauties are Clare Kirke, Michelle Patane-Dillon and Catherine Dorant. Monday's lovelies are Kate Wright and Brenda Hall.

CANTEEN DAYS TO CHANGE

Following discussion at P & F meetings re lower numbers of lunch orders on Mondays, from the commencement of Term 2 the Canteen will open on Wednesdays and Fridays. *There will be no Canteen on Mondays.* We will then monitor the effect this has on numbers of families using the Canteen. I thank Natalie Berndt for accommodating the change.

WOOLWORTHS DOMINOES PROMOTION



Year One are collecting the dominoes from the latest Woolworths promotion. Please ask friends and family to take up the offer of these promotional dominoes as we want to build up some class sets. When we have a selection, we can provide the opportunity for children to swap dominoes to complete their own personal sets. Thanking you in anticipation. Cathy Mountford and Kerry Bonser.

BABY NEWS

Congratulations to Mrs Jenny Noack who had the joy of becoming a grandmother this week to her first grandchild, a baby boy.



HPE NEWS

The Interschool Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday 19th March 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Hockey

Year 3 to 6 will learn hockey skills for the remaining 3 weeks of term. They will play in mini games of hockey. It is strongly recommended that a mouth guard be purchased and worn during Hockey. They can be purchased from a Chemist for under \$10. Year 2 will play indoor hockey with soft sticks. Year 1 and PP will continue to concentrate on Fundamental Movement Skills.

Skills for Life

Surf Life Saving WA will run a 'Skills for Life' session with Yr. 6 students on Thursday 26th March from 9am to 11am.

Back Beach Bike Blast

The Bunbury Triathlon Club and South West Cycling Club are holding a Ride Day on Sunday 29th March starting at 10am. The ride starts at the Northern Back Beach Car Park and is a 12.5km ride. Leaflets available from the front office.

Fun Run

It is my intention to hold a St Mary's CPS Fun Run in the form of a 60 minute Challenge on Sunday 14th June at St Mary's School. This will take the place of the Bunbury Half Marathon (no longer available to schools). I am calling on an organising committee to help run the event. Please email Mr A if you are interested in helping out.

Tino Alberti

HPE Teacher

alberti.tino@cathednet.wa.edu.au

AUSSIE OPTIMISM—YEARS 5 AND 6

This year we introduced the Aussie Optimism Social Life Skills Program into Years 5 and 6. This school based program aims to promote mental health and wellbeing in children and prevent emotional problems such as depression and anxiety. The program focuses particularly on the social or interpersonal domain and highlights the importance of social problem solving (decision-making), communication skills such as assertiveness and negotiation, a diverse coping skill repertoire to deal with interpersonal conflict and strong social support networks, as key skills to promote resilience. The program works through 10 modules and each student has his/her own student booklet that includes key messages and practice exercises, in addition to classroom learning, discussions and activities. Year 5 and 6 parents have received more detailed information about their children's learning in this program and students will take home their student workbooks at the end of Week 8. I encourage Year 5 and 6 parents to actively discuss and support their children's learning in this program.

"Building resilience in children" is an element of our Annual School Improvement Plan.

BUNBURY CATHOLIC COLLEGE VISIT TO ST MARY'S SCHOOL: 9.00AM TUESDAY 24 MARCH 2015



Over the past years, there has been a tradition of the College Principal visiting schools with some ex students to speak with the Years 5 and 6 students about secondary schooling at Bunbury Catholic College. Some of the 2014 St Mary's Student leaders will join Ms O'Meara for this visit at 9.00am Tuesday 24 March. Parents interested in knowing more about the College are most welcome to attend. The College Prospectus is available from the BCC website—www.bunburycatholic.wa.edu.au

for Years 5 and 6 students. The following dates are important for Year 6 students:

- The Academic Scholarship Exam will be held on Saturday 2 May 2015. Application Forms will be available from 16 March on the College website and from the College office.
- The Orientation Day will be held in Term 4 for Year 6 students and further information will be provided in Term 3.



Easter Raffle Tickets Due Back



All Easter raffle tickets sold or unsold are now due back and final Easter donations are to be in no later than **Friday 20th March. The Easter Raffle will be drawn on **Wednesday the 1st April** at the 8.45 assembly. Thank you on behalf of all the Year One Families.**

RE-USING ITEMS—Kindy

When you re-use something, it means that an item is used several times before throwing it away and contributing to landfill sites. Many household items that you throw away can be re-used in various ways such as Art, Craft, Science, and Maths. A yellow collection bin has been placed just inside the door of the Science lab or items can be left at Kindy. **Please ensure all items are clean.**

Rather than throw , check the list below .

Old towels
Ice cream containers
Margarine containers
Yoghurt containers
Corks
Plastic storage jars
Shoe boxes
Take away food containers + lids (round or rectangular)
Cardboard cylinders (no toilet rolls please)
Egg cartons



WANTED

The Year 5 class would like to compost fruit and vegie scraps for the garden so they are looking for a rotating compost bin. If you have one you no longer use, they would put it to good use.

BATTERY/PRINTER CARTRIDGE RECYCLING: Year 2

Batteries are made from a variety of chemicals. When batteries are thrown in the general waste, these chemical leak out and pollute the soil and water. All batteries collected by the Year 2 class are delivered to a facility in Bunbury where they are disposed of correctly.

Printer cartridges are made up of a complex combination of plastics, metals, foam, ink and toner. Throwing them into landfill represents a waste of resources and contributes to the growing problem of electronic waste. By recycling your cartridges you are helping to reduce this waste.



There are two red bins in the Art Room where batteries and printer cartridges can be dropped to be recycled.

Lent in Action This Week

In our fast-paced world, time is the alms that is hardest to give. It might be a parent or a grandparent giving that form of alms to a child generously and regularly, or a person volunteering time at a homeless or women's shelter, or a person taking time to tutor adults in a literacy program. To give freely and generously of our time is a healthy practice of Lenten almsgiving.

Give generously of your time this Lent!

CHANGE OF IMPORTANT RE DATE

Please note that the new date for the Reconciliation Commitment Mass for Year Three students is on **16 August**

General Sacramental Meeting

This meeting, facilitated by Father Tony Chiera, will be held on 17 March at 6pm in the Parish Hall. Parents of children making the Sacrament of Penance, First Eucharist and Confirmation are expected to attend this worthwhile and relevant meeting. The aim of this meeting is to assist parents in furthering their understanding of the sacraments, the role sacraments play in daily life and helping them in the faith instruction of their child. This meeting is for parents only. The student/parent workshops will be at a later date.

ST MARY'S LENTEN PROGRAMME

All are invited to attend this worthwhile Lenten preparation that is held in the chapel at 9.30am on Tuesday mornings.

Come along and share in reflection, prayer and discussion. See Ms Brown for further details.

WHERE: Chapel
WHEN : Tuesday 17 Mar
Tuesday 24 Mar
Tuesday 31 Mar
AT: 9.30AM



THANK YOU

Thanks to the P&F for funds received this term for the following items

\$750	Damaged/worn books
\$500	A.R. Programme
	(\$750 + \$500 to be approved again in Semester 2)
\$64	2 x 65 litre red wheelie bins for recycling
\$195	Orbitor hand boiler for science
\$60	12 x storage boxes Years 1—6 Health & Science Books
\$180	24 whiteboard sets to replaced damaged ones – Years 2—6
\$1301.30	Soccer goals
\$204	144 mini whiteboard erasers for Years 2, 3 and 4
\$35	Folding table for Year 4
\$200	Easy read classroom clocks – Maths
\$160	Swimming caps for Interschool Swimming
\$1000	Pre Primary as per guidelines
\$1000	Kindy as per guidelines
\$5649.30	



Notice of change to PFFWA Constitution

The Parents and Friends Federation of Western Australia is proposing a minor change to their Constitution to alter the number of required general meetings each year from eight (8) to 4 (four). This change will be voted on at the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 27th May.

Rationale for change:

1. The ability to communicate with Councillors between face-to-face meetings has become increasingly easier and more convenient.
2. Councillors tend to be active on other committees within their school and community and one less meeting per term makes it easier for them to contribute to their other commitments.
3. It assists both in time away from home and meeting the cost of travel for country-based Councillors.
4. It still provides the ability to have more meetings should they be required.

A detailed notice of the change can be accessed on our website, www.pff.wa.edu.au. Should you have any queries, please contact Shelley Hill, PFFWA Executive Officer on 9271 5909 or execoff@pff.wa.edu.au

<https://www.facebook.com/pffwa>



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BUNBURY JUNIOR BADMINTON

HAVE A TRY & REGISTRATION EVENINGS

Ages 7 – 17, Primary & Secondary Groups

Racquets Provided

WEDNESDAY, 18TH MARCH 6 – 7 PM

WEDNESDAY, 25TH MARCH 6 – 7 PM

BADMINTON CENTRE, ROTARY DRIVE

NEXT TO SOUTH WEST SPORTS CENTRE

CONTACT: DONNA 0447 958 322

Marist Junior Hockey Club Registration Day

Saturday 14th March
at the Bunbury Hockey Stadium
(Parade Rd)
from 3-5pm
email:

maristjuniorhockeyclub@outlook.com

or phone Andrew Blee on
0415 918 315
EFTPOS available



St Patrick's Catholic Cathedral Bunbury Lenten and Holy Week Time Table for 2015



Liturgy	Date	Time
Stations of the Cross	Friday 6th March	6:00pm
Stations of the Cross	Friday 13th March	6:00pm
Stations of the Cross	Friday 20th March	6:00pm
Stations of the Cross	Friday 27th March	6:00pm
Lenten Reconciliation	Friday 27th March	10:00am (2nd Rite) 6:30pm (1st Rite)
Lenten Soup Evening	Friday 27th March	6:30pm
Paschal Supper (Booking Essential)	Monday 30th March	6:00pm
Mass of the Holy Oils	Tuesday 31st March	11:00am
Mass of the Last Supper	Thursday 2nd of April	7:00pm
Good Friday Stations of the Cross	Good Friday 3rd April	10:00am
The Lord's Passion	Good Friday 3rd April	3:00pm
Reconciliation	Holy Saturday 4th April	11:30am
Easter Vigil Mass	Saturday 4th April	7:00pm
Easter Sunday Masses	Sunday 5th April	8:00am, 10:00am, 6:00pm

Enrolment Form for Baptismal Preparation for Children 6 years of Age and Older



The parish is arranging baptismal instructions 3 times a year for children who wish to be baptized that are 6 years of age and older. Parents will be required to participate with their child in these instructions because they are the first teachers of faith. Instructions will comprise of 4 meetings to be conducted by Fr Vittorio Ricciardi on Thursday afternoons from 4pm to 5pm. The parish is providing these baptismal instructions as baptism is the first sacrament of Christian Initiation. Once children are baptized they can be enrolled for instruction to receive the other sacraments of Christian Initiation: i.e. Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation.

The first instructions for this year will commence on Thursday the 30th of April to the 21st of May 2015. Please register by completing the details below:

Once instructions have been completed, parents are requested to contact the parish office to arrange the baptism of their child with a priest or deacon of their choice.

Please enrol your child, as early as possible, as the deadline will be the 23rd April 2015.

For further information contact: Catholic Parish Office 9721 2141

11 Money St Bunbury Fax 9791 3257

Email: parishadmin1@bunburycatholic.org.au

AFTER SCHOOL SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME.

Enrolment forms are available in the parish office.

Please enroll your child as early as possible, as the deadline will be the 23rd of April 2015.

Children may only receive one sacrament per year. Please also remember that we need a copy of your child's baptism certificate, along with those of any other sacraments received. This year we would like to invite all children from 6 years and older to participate in a special Lenten Programme for children on the 19th and 26th of March 2015 at 4pm in preparation for Easter. It is a wonderful opportunity for these children to gain a greater insight into the meaning of Easter. Please do not forgo this opportunity.

Children 6 years of age and older who have not been baptized are required to register for baptismal instructions. Please register as soon as possible before the 23rd of April 2015. The first baptism instructions will take place on Thursdays from the 30th of April to the 21st of May 2015. Please, collect an enrolment form in the cloister or contact the Parish Office for further details. (9721 2141).

ST MARY'S P & F ASSOCIATION

2015 AFL FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION

PLEASE SEE ENTRY FORM ATTACHED TO WEEK 5'S NEWSLETTER

"IMPORTANT NETBALL MESSAGE"

FOR ALL PARENTS WHO HAVE NOT YET REGISTERED THEIR DAUGHTER TO PLAY NETBALL FOR THE 2015 SEASON, IT MUST BE PROCESSED AND PAID ONLINE—EITHER RENEW REGISTRATION OR NEW REGISTRATION BY MONDAY 16TH MARCH AT THE VERY LATEST. THIS IS THE CUT OFF DATE AND IF YOU HAVE NOT PROCESSED YOUR DAUGHTER'S REGISTRATION, THEY WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR THE 2015 SEASON. (THEY WILL MISS OUT). WE ARE LACKING NUMBERS IN THE FOLLOWING GRADES:

NET 5—7YR OLD GROUP (PRE-PRIMARY TO YEAR 2)
JUNIORS 10YRS AND UPWARD (YEAR 4,5,6).

NET 5-7YR OLDS \$85.00 (Parents need to decide if they want to run mid week after school or Saturday 8.30am BNA courts)

SET 8-10YROLDS \$115.00

JUNIORS \$150.00

Please note if you are having difficulties registering or need further information please phone Jenelle O'Reilly on 0407 912 701 ASAP. I will also hang around after assembly on Friday if anyone has any questions.

IF NOT REGISTERED BY MONDAY 16TH MARCH AND PAID THEY CANNOT PLAY!!!!!!



Child and Parent Centre
Carey Park



Easy lunchboxes

Tired of making packed lunches already?

Are you looking for healthy, tasty lunchbox ideas?

We'll prepare and taste some healthy new recipes.



Tuesday 17 MARCH

9.00am-11.00am

Hudson Road Family
Centre, Withers

12.30pm - 2.30pm

Child and Parent
Centre, Carey Park

Free cooking workshop

Free crèche available. Bookings essential.

**For more information/bookings telephone the
Child and Parent Centre on 9721 6991**

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