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St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

March

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| Tue 15 | General Sacramental Meeting – Parish Hall Before School Swimming Training |
| Wed 16 | Year 5 Reconciliation |
| Thur 17 | St Patrick's Day Before School Swimming Training |
| Fri 18 | St Mary's Swimming Carnival |
| Sun 20 | Passion Sunday |

Vision Statement

A welcoming faith
community

We value
relationships

We pursue excellence
in learning

We live the Gospel
message of love

Holy Year of Mercy

God's face is the face of a merciful Father who is always patient. Have you thought of God's patience, the patience he has with each one of us? He always has patience, patience with us, he understands us, he waits for us, he does not tire of forgiving us if we are able to return to him with a contrite heart.

We create success by making sure that each and every day contains some triumph and discovery, no matter how seemingly small and insignificant, no matter how large the opposing problems.

In the end, these mundane rewards are what give us our sense of meaning, what makes us feel alive and engaged in the worlds around us.

Prayer

Dream in detail. Put it into your own hands. See its final outcome clearly in your mind. Mix it with a little effort and add a generous portion of self-discipline. Flavour it with a wholesome pinch of ambition. Stir briskly with confidence until the mixture becomes clear, the doubt separated from the resolution. Bake at an even temperature in a moderate mind until the dream rises and is firm to the touch. Decorate with individuality. Cut into generous portions and serve with justifiable pride.

Author Unknown



Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

We now move into the second half of Term 2 with a number of shorter weeks coming up. It is important that we all make best use of the time we have and that students have all the required books and equipment at school and arrive well rested and ready for the school day. Teachers have set times for Parent/Teacher interviews in the two weeks after Easter and a schedule has been sent home. Thank you to teachers who have spent time arranging these schedules so that family interviews are timetabled on the same day.

Congratulations to the Years 4, 5 and 6 students who have shown determination and persistence to improve their stamina and fitness, and do their best by their attendance at Before School Swimming Training on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Thank you to Mr Alberti who has coordinated this. Next Tuesday, 15 March is the final training session before the Swimming Carnival. After the Carnival, training will continue for students in the Interschool team and any other students who are interested in continuing.

Happy St Patrick's Day for next Thursday, 17 March, to all in our community...especially those with Irish roots (and those who wish they had).

Maureen Tully

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

There were no awards presented last week due to the long weekend.

SCHOOL NEWS

NATURAL LANDSCAPES

A focus on our Annual School Improvement Plan for 2016 is the development of our Natural Play Areas. Following a workshop earlier in the term, Mr Alberti has been considering how we can make more effective use of the landscape we currently have.

Thanks to the Hynes family who have donated three oak trees that now have pride of place in our courtyard between the Year 3/4 and 5/6 classrooms. Thanks also to the Hamill-Harling family who have donated three ceramic pots. Mr Alberti has bought 3 olive trees and the Environment Committee have potted these and are ensuring they are watered and cared for.

Students now have lunch in the front garden on the grassed area and under the trees. As there is limited shade here, Years 4, 5 and 6 alternate days with Years 1, 2 and 3 to have lunch in this natural landscape. Thanks to Mr Alberti for his leadership in this area.



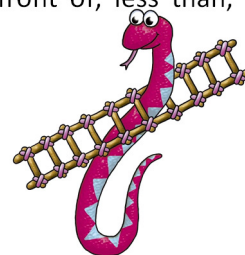
FOOTY TIPPING

The 2016 footy season is nearly here and so too is the St Mary's Footy Tipping Competition. Please see the flyer attached to the newsletter for details on how to be involved with this fund raising event'

WHY FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN SHOULD PLAY SNAKES AND LADDERS

It seems that the game Snakes and Ladders has become popular as a game on our phones and devices. At our Maths workshop last week, the presenter talked about the value of children playing games to reinforce mathematical concepts. I wonder if families have the board game at home and play it with their children. What can young children learn from playing Snakes and Ladders?

- Counting: 1-100
- Number recognition
- Counting on
- One-to-one correspondence
- Mathematical positional language - up, down, backwards, forwards, more than, in front of, less than, dice, numbers
- Turn taking
- Subitising (recognising the number a die shows without having to count the dots)
- Winning/losing (I don't always win)
- Playing fairly
- Persistence (don't give up/stop till the game is finished, even if I'm losing)
- Bridging the decade (19⇒20; 39⇒40 (not thirty nine 10))
- Place value concepts e.g. 16 is in the tens, 61 is a bigger number in the 60s (even though the two digits are the same).



Children learn these concepts incidentally while playing the game regularly. Talk about some of these things incidentally during plays; don't spoil the game by over emphasising. Have fun and learn at the same time.

LOST PROPERTY

If you have misplaced A Salon Sugar Gift Certificate or a blue wallet, please call in to the office to collect them.

BOOK CLUB

Issue 1 orders have been received and distributed. Issue 2 catalogues have been distributed and orders are due back by Monday 14 March 2016.

UNIFORM NOTES

A reminder that any winter uniform orders need to be placed as soon as possible as there are only 4 Uniform Shop days left before the school holidays. Winter uniform is to be worn in Term 2 and 3.

CANTEEN SUPREME NEWS



I totally understand if it is not possible to make your canteen shift on the day you have been allocated, but if you can please let me know as soon as possible or arrange a swap, it would be very much appreciated. If all else fails, can you please leave a message with the lovely ladies at the office so that I don't spend the morning looking longingly out the window, and waiting hopefully for someone to turn up.

This week's canteen queens on Friday 11th are Sellena Jones, Carmel Sutton and Carol Kennedy, and on Wednesday 16th Beverly Barry will be our Canteen Super Star.

GENERAL SACRAMENTAL MEETING

All parents of children in Year 3, 4 and 6 who will be preparing for the reception of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation this year are invited to attend the Sacramental Meeting on Tuesday 15 March, 6pm at the Cathedral Parish Centre, Money St Bunbury. The meeting will be facilitated by Father Tony Chiera. The theme of the meeting is 'The Sacraments and our children's future' — exploring challenges for children today, and how Faith and the Sacraments support and sustain us.

This meeting is the first formal step, this year, towards the preparation for Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. It is an expectation that at least one parent attend. We look forward to seeing you at this meeting.

Helen Brown

Assistant Principal

CONDOLENCES

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Fimognari family on the passing of their beloved Mother and Nonna, and with the Gilroy family on the passing of their grandfather.

HPE NEWS

Our Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 18 March 9.30am – 12pm. Tuesday 15 March is our last training session prior to our Carnival. **Monday 21 March we will have swimming training for our Interschool and keen Swimmers from 7am to 8am.** The Interschool Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday 23 March between 10am and 12pm.

Parents can nominate to swim in the **4 x 50m Parent vs Student vs Staff freestyle relay**. Either let me know your team of four swimmers or nominate yourself and I will put you in a team. My email address is below (**Zero nominations to date**).

Tuesday 22 March will be our **Ride to School Day**. We will meet at the Big Swamp playground for an 8am departure for school. Students must be capable and confident on their bike. We will use cycle ways to St Mary's but need to cross-over on roads. Parents are welcome to join us.

Design the new **St Mary's Football Guernsey Competition** entry forms were handed out last Tuesday. The competition closes on Friday 18 March. The winning design will become the new St Mary's CPS football jumper! A football will be presented to the winning entry.

Our annual **Year 5 and 6 T20 Cricket Carnival** will be held in Term 1 this year, Thursday 31 March at Forrest Park, 10am - 2pm.

Have a happy, healthy, fit, fun week.

Tino Alberti

HPE Co-ordinator

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P & F NEWS

CASH FOR CLASSROOMS PROMOTION

Please see the attached flyer regarding collecting the coupons from the Weekend West for the next few weeks. Tell your family and friends too!

Coupons can be left in the P & F Tray in the office.

Thank you!



The flyer is designed to look like a page from a spiral-bound notebook. At the top, the title 'CLASSROOM CASH' is written in large, colorful, block letters. Above the title are various school supplies like scissors, pencils, and a ruler. To the right of the title is a blue speech bubble that says '\$20,000 IN CASH TO BE WON!'. Below the title, there is a paragraph of text explaining the promotion: 'Caltex, The West Australian and Channel Seven are giving West Australian schools the chance to WIN a share of \$20,000 to help buy the things you need that make learning that much more fun! On weekends March 5-6, 12-13 and 19-20, an entry coupon will appear in The Weekend West. To be in the running to WIN, schools must register their participation with The West Australian and then collect as many entry coupons as possible through their school, friends and family.' Below this text are three boxes: an orange box titled 'BOOST YOUR COLLECTION!' with details about sponsored copies of The Weekend West; a green box titled 'BONUS!' stating that the first 100 schools to register will receive a \$50 gift card; and a pink box titled 'CASH POOL CONSISTS OF:' listing four prizes: a first random draw prize of \$5000, five random draw prizes of \$1000, a school with most entries of \$5000, and a school with most entries per student of \$5000. At the bottom, there is a small line of text: 'Terms and conditions online at thewest.com.au/classroomcash.'

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BOOST YOUR COLLECTION!

To give your school a boost, Caltex is providing a limited number of sponsored copies of The Weekend West on March 5-6, 12-13 and 19-20 for participating schools including delivery on the Monday following the entry coupons. To order your sponsored sets, go online to www.thewest.com.au/classroomcash or fill in the registration form below and indicate how many sponsored sets your school will require.

BONUS!

The first 100 schools to register will receive a \$50 gift card.

CASH POOL CONSISTS OF:


- First random draw prize **\$5000**
- Five random draw prizes **\$1000**
- School with most entries **\$5000**
- School with most entries per student **\$5000**

Terms and conditions online at thewest.com.au/classroomcash.


MOTHER'S DAY MORNING TEA

TICKETS FOR THIS YEAR'S MDMT, WEDNESDAY 4 MAY WILL BE ON SALE FOR KINDY PARENTS ON MONDAY 21 MARCH OUTSIDE THE KINDY ROOM (LIMIT OF 2 PER PERSON). TICKETS WILL THEN BE ON SALE TO THE REST OF THE SCHOOL FROM TUESDAY 22 MARCH IN THE AREA OUTSIDE ADMIN. CRÉCHE SLIPS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE TO MAKE YOUR CRÉCHE BOOKING. PLEASE NOTE, THERE ARE ONLY 30 SPACES AVAILABLE IN THE CRÉCHE SO FIRST IN, FIRST SERVED. TICKETS ARE \$15 EACH. PLEASE HAVE CORRECT CASH IF YOU CAN. THANK YOU!

COMMUNITY NEWS



Child and Parent Centre
Carey Park




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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Toileting issues in Children

Parents and care givers information session


Toileting can be a bit of a maze! The session goes beyond the nuts and bolts of children's toileting and addresses:

- Why do children have problems with wee and poo
- Assessing readiness and skill acquisition
- Common training issues
- Bladder and bowel dysfunction
- Problem solving
- Referral to PEBBLES continence service for children with a disability
- Products



Date: Tuesday 22 March 2016
Time: 9.30am to 11am
Venue: Adam Road Primary School, Hotchin Street, Bunbury.

Register now (bookings for the workshop and crèche are essential) on 9721 6991.

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NolaMarino

Focused on Forrest

8th March 2016

Dear Principal

Cyberbullying is an important concern for all schools and as a community we all have a role to play in helping children have safe and enjoyable experiences online.

The 2016 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence will be held on Friday 18 March. This is a key anti-bullying event for schools and communities to help deliver the powerful message that violence and bullying will not be tolerated.

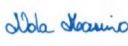
In support of the National Day of Action, the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner (www.esafety.gov.au) will be hosting free Virtual Classrooms—a series of interactive presentations to help students understand and manage cyberbullying and communicating online. I encourage you to talk to your teachers and register for the event at www.esafety.gov.au/nda so that your students can participate. By working together we can encourage students to 'take a stand together'.

The sessions are suitable for upper primary and will assist students to:

- understand the possible consequences of posting images
- be a good bystander
- communicate online respectfully
- understand how to report inappropriate material and contact.

For more information about National Day of Action please visit www.bullyingnoway.gov.au or if you have any questions relating to the Virtual Classrooms contact outreach@esafety.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Nola Marino MP
Federal Member for Forrest
Chief Government Whip
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PLEASE NOTE the contact number and fax number on the bottom of this page is incorrect as we have moved office. THE NEW DETAILS are Ph: 9721 3788 and Fax: 9721 4911



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ST MARY'S P & F ASSOCIATION FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION

Why not register for this year's football tipping competition and put your footy tipping skills to the test for a weekly prize or the big prize at the end of the season. Entry fee of **\$50.00** with **\$20.00** going directly back to St Mary's P & F. The remaining \$30 will go to the prize pool with weekly and overall prizes to be determined based on the number of entries. The competition is open to all of our school families and friends to participate, so please spread the word!



REGISTER AT: http://www.footytips.com.au/comps/ST_MARYS_CPS



Step 1 - register online at http://www.footytips.com.au/comps/ST_MARYS_CPS (follow the prompts)

Step 2 - Complete Entry Form below

Step 3 - Drop Entry Form and payment off at School Office. If unable to drop off at school please contact Darren Coulson (darrencoulson4@bigpond.com)

Step 4 - Start tipping!

Registration and payment must be received prior to AFL season **24th March**.

All tips to be done on line before each game. The site will display the current round fixtures for you to make your selection, your tips will be automatically recorded.

Results can be viewed online and winners will be announced in the school newsletter each week

ENTRY FORM

NAME

EMAIL

TELEPHONE

REGISTERED NAME

Please complete and return to school office with payment

