



# St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### March

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| Mon 13  | Swimming Training   |
| Tue 14  | General Sacramental Meeting 6pm – Parish Hall<br>Aboriginal Immersion Day Incursion |
| Wed 15  | Yr 3 Class Visit Fr Abraham<br>Swimming Training                                    |
| Thur 16 | South Bunbury Dental Screening PP/Y3<br>WACA Day Perth                              |
| Fri 17  | St Mary's Swimming Carnival 4/5/6 9.30am-12.30pm                                    |

## Vision Statement

A welcoming faith  
community

We value  
relationships

We pursue excellence  
in learning

We live the Gospel  
message of love

Jesus, you came among us with the irresistible power of a baby,  
requiring both our hands and captivating our whole hearts.  
Help us to cast aside the sin and brokenness that we cling to,  
so we might be ready to hold you when you come again.



Amen

[www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

## Principal's Welcome

On Tuesday afternoon, Amanda Nixon from Camp Australia visited St Mary's to answer parents' questions about the establishment of After School Care. Amanda said that we would start with afternoons from the beginning of Term 2. She explained many aspects of the program, from signing in to what is offered for afternoon tea. Some key points included:

- \$29 for a regular session and parents will receive at least a 50% rebate.
- \$34 for a casual session which can be booked ahead of time or on the day in case of an emergency at home.
- A healthy afternoon tea is provided.
- The carers can run a 'Homework Club' for students if parents are keen for that to happen.
- All carers are trained and Camp Australia has a variety of policies in place for student safety.
- An afternoon session runs from the end of school, up until 6pm if needed.
- Kindy students can use the program. If Kindy students are involved, the ratio of students to carers changes from 13:1 to 10:1.

We have had \$12,000 worth of equipment already delivered to the school for the use of students who access the program.

If there is the need, the program can extend to before school and run on Pupil Free Days and possibly school holidays.

If parents have made a permanent booking that falls on a public holiday, it is not charged.

A carer will be in every afternoon, even if there are not any bookings, in case there are last minute emergencies.

An information pack will soon be emailed by Amanda to those who attended the meeting. If you would like more information please email [cronin.paul@cathednet.wa.edu.au](mailto:cronin.paul@cathednet.wa.edu.au).

### Visit from BCC

On Wednesday we had a visit from Mr John O'Dea, Deputy Principal from Bunbury Catholic College, who came to speak to students in Years 5 and 6 about what life is like in high school. Mr O'Dea was accompanied by last year's Head Boy and Head Girl, Kayde Waldock and Gabriella Lang, who shared their experiences of high school. The students listened keenly to the three presenters and asked a variety of questions. One of the points that Mr

O'Dea raised was that students should check with their parents that they are enrolled into high school as it is important that applications are received early. Information regarding Bursaries and Scholarships at the College can be found as an attachment to this newsletter.

***Toe-By-Toe***

A huge thank you to the parents and grandparents who have answered Mr Priest's call to assist with the 'Toe-By-Toe' Reading Program before school. The program has been proven to make a positive difference in children's reading over time. I would like to remind parent/carers of the need for confidentiality when assisting. Volunteers are discouraged from discussing the children with whom they are working, with the children's parents or other members of the school community.

***Sacramental Meeting for Year 3, 4 and 6 Parents***

On Tuesday 14 March at 6pm at the Cathedral, there will be a parent meeting for all parents of children who will be involved in a Sacramental meeting this year. The meeting will be with Fr Tony and he will be talking about the importance of the Sacraments in today's society and how the school and home can work together to prepare the students.

***Fundraising for Caritas***

The Year 6 students coordinated a 'Create Your Own Delicious Masterpiece' as a fundraiser for Caritas. Students queued up for the chance to decorate their biscuit using a wide array of yummy toppings.



God Bless  
Paul Cronin

**STUDENT AWARDS**

|                  |                    |                 |               |
|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <b>YEAR 1</b>    | Bernard Edmondson  | Liam Jones      | Sophia Clarke |
| <b>YEAR 2</b>    | Kaden Hall         | Bailee Murray   |               |
| <b>YEAR 3</b>    | Toby McGee         | Alek Liaros     |               |
| <b>YEAR 4</b>    | Neha Bobby         | Lucas Pedrochi  |               |
| <b>YEAR 5</b>    | Brady Emerson      | Chloe MacNeill  |               |
| <b>YEAR 6</b>    | Gabrielle Hopley   | Elijah De Coppi |               |
| <b>PRINCIPAL</b> | Christian Spinelli | Olivia Bambrick |               |



**SCHOOL NEWS**

**LENTEN PROGRAM**

The Lenten program will be run on Wednesday mornings at 9am in the St Mary's Chapel. Ms Brown will facilitate this one hour opportunity to gather, pray and discuss the readings during Lent. Parents and friends of St Mary's are warmly invited to attend. If you are available please let Ms Brown know.



**P & F FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION**

The 2017 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. Also you can register at [http://www.footytips.com.au/comps/ST\\_MARYS\\_CPS](http://www.footytips.com.au/comps/ST_MARYS_CPS).

For Martina, a mother of eight, escaping domestic violence was the first step in her journey to a new life. Uma PAS, the shelter where she sought refuge, is a partner in Caritas Australia's Protection Program, a holistic community-wide program that offers women like Martina economic empowerment and a life of safety in a supportive community.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help domestic violence victims in Timor-Leste to build a secure future, and live in communities that uphold everyone's dignity. You can donate through School boxes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion)



### DENTAL SCREENING

South Bunbury Dental Therapy Staff will be conducting Dental Health Screening at the school on Children enrolled in our service. This screening involves Pre Primary and Year 3 students and is a Dental Growth and Development Assessment. This is not a check up for cavities and any follow ups will be arranged by the Dental Therapy Centre. South Bunbury Dental Therapy Centre. PH: 97211497

### MOTHER'S DAY MORNING TEA RAFFLE

Raffle ticket books have been sent home this week with the eldest child from each family. There are 5 tickets in each book. There are some fantastic prizes in this years' raffle, and we're sure everyone will want to have a few chances to win. If anyone would like extra tickets, please email Denica Gibbs [denica.gibbs@bigpond.com](mailto:denica.gibbs@bigpond.com). Please ensure all tickets (sold and unsold) are returned to school by Monday 3 April. Thanks everyone for your support!

## The Sunday Mass *A Gathering of Family*

*Many people ask: Why Go to Church when I can pray alone? True, you can pray anywhere. But being a Christian is more than just having a personal devotion to God. It's about relationship: a relationship with Jesus and a relationship with his body, the Church. Going to Mass is not only about expressing your personal devotion, it's about being part of a community. The Church is really the family of God. Just like families need to spend time together, so also do we need to spend time with our Christian brothers and sisters. This is where our faith is nurtured and developed.*



## ST MARY'S P&F FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION

Footy Tipping is Back, bigger and better for 2017!

\$50 entry fee—\$20 to P & F remainder to prize pool

\$20 + 'Full of Beanz' coffee voucher weekly prize and overall winners (1-2-3) will share the major prize pool



REGISTER AT: [http://www.footytips.com.au/comps/ST\\_MARYS\\_CPS](http://www.footytips.com.au/comps/ST_MARYS_CPS)



Step 1 - register online at [http://www.footytips.com.au/comps/ST\\_MARYS\\_CPS](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](mailto:darrencoulson4@bigpond.com))

Step 4 - Start tipping!

Registration and payment must be received prior to AFL season 23rd 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 they 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



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## HPE NEWS

### Swimming

Parents of students in Years 4 to 6 should have received the swimming nomination form by now. If you wish to compete in the Parent/Student/Staff relay event (4x50m Freestyle Relay) please let me know.

Swimming Carnival Friday 17 March 9.30am – 12.30pm.

SWPSA Swimming Carnival Thursday 23 March 10am - 1pm.

Thank you to parents who have nominated to assist. Your task is listed below!

|                                |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| <b>Announcer</b>               | Maryanne Pemberton                            |
| <b>Chief Judge</b>             | Ben Priest                                    |
| <b>First Place Judge</b>       | Medrica Di Lallo                              |
| <b>Second Place Judge</b>      | Jason Lubcke                                  |
| <b>Third Place Judge</b>       | Siobhan De Coppi                              |
| <b>Fourth Place Judge</b>      | Jenelle O'Reilly                              |
| <b>Timekeepers for Records</b> | Beverly Barry, Jolly Bobby and Laura Maratea  |
| <b>Recorders</b>               | Janelle Norrish, Rikki Smith and Paula Lubcke |
| <b>Starter</b>                 | Martin Hynes                                  |
| <b>Starter's Marshal</b>       | Daniel Marshall                               |
| <b>Event Marshal</b>           | Chloe Fiori, Karen Donovan                    |
| <b>Marcellin Bay</b>           | Mrs Toia                                      |
| <b>McAuley Bay</b>             | Mrs Webb                                      |
| <b>Ursula Bay</b>              | Mrs Alberti                                   |
| <b>Novelty helpers</b>         | Team Captains                                 |
| <b>Life Guard</b>              | Mr Alberti and Ale Olgiati                    |

### Ride to School Day

Tuesday 21 March (**Note: Change of date**) is Ride to School Day. Once again we will start at the Big Swamp Playground carpark. The route will be different to previous years. We will cross over to the Big Swamp Cycle/Pedestrian path and proceed in an anti-clockwise direction around the Big Swamp. We will cross over Prince Phillip Drive and continue along the Cycle/Pedestrian path, crossing Minnipup Road onto Constitution St, then turn left onto Spencer Street. Will then proceed to the Lollipop Crossing and come onto Paisley Street. Total distance is 3.12kms. Students need to be well versed in riding their bicycles and must be aware that the bicycle in front of them may stop without warning (we have had up to 60 bikes in previous years.) Helmets must be worn. Parents who are concerned about the child completing the lap around the Swamp can join the group on the corner of Tuart and Prince Phillip Drive. Parent help will be required for supervision and crossing roads. We will depart Big Swamp Playground carpark at 7.50am.

### Cricket at the WACA

Due to our Year 6 Students being at the WACA on Thursday 16 March they will have their Dental Screening rescheduled for later in the year!

### UNIFORM NOTES

Winter uniform orders are now being taken and can be left at the office or Uniform Shop. Orders made within the next two weeks are guaranteed to be completed before the school holidays. There are surplus uniform items but our suppliers take between 6 and 10 weeks to manufacture and deliver uniforms. The Uniform Shop is open on Friday mornings between 8.30 and 9.30am for all your uniform requirements.

### BOOK CLUB

Issue 2 catalogues have been handed out and orders are due back at school by Monday 13 March 2017

### MOTHER'S DAY MORNING TEA - REMAINING TICKETS FOR SALE

There are a limited number of seats still available for the Mother's Day Morning Tea. Tickets will be available to buy this week on 10 March at Fun Fitness Friday. For those of you who have tickets on hold, please come along on Friday to pay for, and collect your tickets as well.



# Sustainability at St Mary's

**DID YOU KNOW:** *Food waste is 13% of an average WA school's waste. Composting decreases our school's food and garden waste.*



Our wonderful **Year 5's** ensure we have scrap buckets out at lunchtime so that we can put our fruit and veg scraps in. The Year 5's then use some of these scraps for our school compost bins and some for chook food for our families. Please let Mrs Alberti know if you would like food scraps for your chickens!!



**DID YOU KNOW:** *that your used Nespresso coffee capsules are recyclable?* Collect and deposit your used capsules into the Nespresso recyclable canister at the Year 1-2 Shared Space and the **Year 2 Superstars** will do the rest! Used capsules are sent back to Nespresso's recycling plant where the aluminium is separated from the coffee grounds and recycled into new aluminium products and natural fertilisers.



**Fantastic Year 4's** are in charge of recycling dental products. This includes toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes and boxes and floss containers. There is a Dental Recycling bin in the Year 1-2 Shared Space ready for your empty containers!

**DID YOU KNOW:** *Once collected, the tubes and brushes are separated by composition, shredded and melted into hard plastic that can be remoulded to make new recycled products.*



**DID YOU KNOW:** *Over 50% of plastic is only used once before we throw it away!* Our amazing **KINDY** and **PRE PRIMARY** classes are in charge of collecting containers that we can reuse for arts and crafts. If you have any plastic containers (E.g. Yoghurt or ice cream tubs, margarine containers, Chinese containers, dip containers with lids), then bring them in so that we can reuse them!



Our fabulous **Year 3 class** are collecting milk and juice bottle lids and we will repurpose them for a future sustainable art project. Please bring your clean lids and place them in our classroom box.

**DID YOU KNOW:** *Plastics are the most common rubbish item found on Clean Up Australia Day, representing over 30% of all rubbish collected over the past 10 years.*



**DID YOU KNOW:** *The recovery and recycling of batteries will reduce pollution from landfills. As batteries start to break down in landfill heavy metals can leach into surface and groundwater.* Our incredible **Year 1 students** have the important job of recycling batteries this year. Please bring your batteries in and place them in the Red Battery Bin located in the Year 1-2 Shared Space.



Our incredible **Year 6 class** is in charge of managing our Nude Food Days. Each Thursday we are trying to be plastic free and minimise our waste. They are also in charge of Nude Food Day and our Waste Audits later in the year.

**DID YOU KNOW:** *Australians use 1.3 million tonnes of plastic each year. Over half of our waste still ends up in landfill causing serious problems for the environment.*

## Super Scientists

In Year 1 Science the students have been exploring different ways to produce sound using familiar objects . The students enjoyed trying to play Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star on glass bottles filled with differing amounts of coloured water and talking on their rope phones!



In Year 2 Science we have been identifying push and pull forces. Last week we created paper helicopters and investigated how changing the size of a helicopter's wings can affect its fall time.



## BUNBURY UNDERWATER HOCKEY CLUB SUB JUNIORS



Ages 7 and up!

Do you like swimming and water based activities as well as team sports? Then Underwater hockey may be the game for you!

Bunbury Underwater Hockey Club is a family orientated organisation based at the South West Sports Centre, that meets to play every Monday and Thursday night at 6pm.

We are looking for young boys and girls to play in our sub juniors games. We would love to have you there! All children are coached and mentored in the water by experienced and safe underwater hockey players.

All inquirers to  
Shane Blackham: 0438851920  
Clayton Jendrezjak: 0417994004



## BUNBURY JUNIOR BADMINTON HAVE A TRY & REGISTRATION EVENINGS

Ages 7 - 17

Racquets Provided

Wear sports clothes and non-marking soled shoes

**29 March 2017 5.30 - 7 pm**

**5 April 2017 5.30 - 7 pm**

Season Runs - Sub Juniors/Beginners - Tuesday, Juniors Wednesday - Terms 2 and 3

Badminton Centre, Rotary Drive  
Next to South West Sports Centre  
Contact: Donna 0447 958 322



## MARIST HOCKEY CLUB REGO & FUN DAY

**WHERE:** Bunbury Catholic College  
Rodsted Street

**WHEN:** Saturday March 18th 2017

**TIME:** 4:00PM onward

**JUNIORS:** School years 2 & under, 3/4, 5/6, 7/8,  
9/10 and 11/12

**SENIOR:** All men's and women's grades  
A3 - SWHL

**CONTACT:** Andrew Blee: 0415918315

**EMAIL:** maristjuniorhockeyclub@outlook.com





The first 40 people to sign up to **Marist Auskick** this year and attend 10 sessions either get your 2018 Auskick fees back or \$70 off or club registration in 2018

Register for Marist Auskick 2017 at [www.aflauskick.com.au](http://www.aflauskick.com.au)

Click register, enter 6230 and we are Marist Auskick

For more information contact Frank at [president@maristjfc.com.au](mailto:president@maristjfc.com.au) or on 0418198139



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