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St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

May

29 May Year 3 Assembly

June

1 June Public Holiday (WA Day)

2 June Catholic Day (Holiday for staff and students)

4 June SWPSA Winter Carnival Year 5 and 6

Term 2 Fees due

9 June Board Meeting 5.45pm

P & F Meeting 7pm

Year 4 'I am Jack' Workshop

12 June Year 5 Assembly

Vision Statement

A welcoming faith
community

We value
relationships

We pursue excellence
in learning

We live the Gospel
message of love

Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians – Patron of Australia

Almighty God, deepen in our hearts our love of Mary Help of Christians. Through her prayers and under her protection, may the light of Christ shine over our land. May Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace. Grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens. Bless especially the men and women of the Australian Defence Force and their families. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Mary Help of Christians, pray for us.



Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

What a joyous and faith filled celebration last Sunday's Confirmation was. Congratulations to Year 6 students who were confirmed by Bishop Holohan. Thank you to Mr Alberti, Mrs Brown, Mrs Paini and parents who supported the students as they prepared for the Sacrament. Thank you to Fr Ed for his support and his spiritual guidance. Thank you to St Mary's students who sang with the Parish Choir on Sunday, adding to the joy of the celebration. Thank you to the parish who provided the Confirmation cake that was enjoyed at the morning tea. May our students continue to grow in faith and develop the gifts of the Spirit as they grow into teenage years and beyond. We look forward to the long weekend that is coming up. Monday is WA Day and St Mary's staff and students have their Faith Holiday on Tuesday. I wish all families a happy, safe and relaxing time together. WA Day, formerly known as Foundation Day, gives us the opportunity to have a conversation about what is great about living in our great state, WA. Perhaps the family might disconnect from technology for a while and have this family conversation. How many ideas can you generate? What is the most original or quirky? Michael Grose, parenting expert, claims that parents' ability and propensity to engage in conversation with their children has a positive impact on school achievement. An article by Michael Grose, "Get More Conversations at Home" is included in today's newsletter.

Maureen Tully
Principal

STUDENT AWARDS

YEAR 1	Olive Valli	Noah Smith		
YEAR 2	Thomas Bouzada-Olgiati	Cadel Bele		
YEAR 3	Alexis Donovan	Max Di Lallo		
YEAR 4	Elena Mazza	Jonah Lincoln		
YEAR 5	Skye Carr	Madison Klem		
YEAR 6	Lachlan Lord	Chad De Zotti		
A.R. 50%	Daniel Norrish	Maddison Lord	Aidan Hall	Kayde Waldock
	Michela Villani	Xavier Hunter	Lily Bott	
A.R. 75%	Oscar Kitchen-Brown			
PHYS ED	50km Daniel Norrish			

SCHOOL NEWS

STUDENT WORKBOOKS

Thank you to parents who took the opportunity to look at student workbooks sent home last Friday and to engage in discussion with their children about their learning. Thank you for the prompt return of these books on Monday as students required them for their work in class. We send workbooks home as an element of our Reporting on Student Progress process, providing parents with the opportunity to see how children are going at the midway point of the term and to support and challenge their children to continue to work towards learning goals. Teachers will now commence work on Semester 1 Reports that will be provided for all students from Pre Primary to Year 6 in the last week of this term.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

School uniform as per Uniform Policy outlined in the Student Diary and provided on the school website is compulsory for all students. Thank you to parents who continually support this policy, ensuring their children wear all correct uniform items. We are currently noticing a small number of students wearing incorrect sports socks and coloured laces in white sports shoes.

It is a requirement that a signed explanation from the parent is required should a student need to wear an item outside the uniform code **for a short time** (usually one or two days). Teachers will send home a uniform note with students not following the uniform policy. I ask that parents support us in rectifying the situation. Please do not challenge the teacher on this. We expect our students to wear our school uniform correctly and with pride.

White school sports socks with three coloured bands at the ankle became a compulsory uniform item this year having been phased in gradually since early 2014. Students must wear white shoelaces in predominantly white sports shoes.

STAFFING CHANGES TERM 3

As Mrs Melanie Toia will commence Maternity Leave from Monday 3 August, Mrs Bianca Torrisi will teach Pre Primary on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from this date to the end of the school year. Mrs Anika Skehan will teach Pre Primary on Thursdays and Fridays during this period.

Mrs Mary Grace Tisdell will teach Year 1 on Mondays from Monday 3 August for the remainder of the school year. Mrs Jenny Noack will take Long Service Leave in Term 3. Mrs Julie Gibson will teach Science lessons from Year 1—Year 6 during Term 3.

CANTEEN SUPREME NEWS



Parents and students please note that the nugget pack consists of 5 chicken nuggets, lettuce, cherry tomatoes, cucumber, carrot sticks and a fruit wedge and as such it is a “green” item on our menu. I acknowledge that not all children like all items in this pack and I am happy to delete **one** item – for example; no cherry tomatoes or no cucumber. The pack would still be considered “green”. Please do not request no salad or one vegetable only – this would make the pack into a “red” item and as such cannot be sold in the canteen. Canteen Queens on Friday 29th May are Sharon Clark and Medrica Di Lallo and another volunteer would be very much appreciated. On Wednesday 3rd June Beverly Barry is our Canteen Superstar.

FOOTY TIPPING

Congratulations to 'NEL' for correctly tipping 8 winners this week with a Friday night margin difference of 52 points. The prize money (\$25) can be collected from the school office. The overall leader of the competition is still 'RILES' with 52 correct tips in total. Good luck to everyone with their tips for round 9.

CHLOE'S GOLD APPEAL

Thank you to parents for their generosity towards the Chloe's Gold appeal. It raised an amazing \$7,263.00 from participating schools to assist the Sirolli family.

SCHOOL FEES

A reminder that payment of Term 2 fees is due by next Thursday – 4 June 2015. If you are experiencing difficulty in meeting your financial obligation to St Mary's, please contact the school office for a confidential meeting with the Principal. Payment options available are BPAY, EFTPOS- in school or phone by credit card (phone option available Monday – Thursday), Periodic Direct Debit - weekly, fortnightly or monthly – with the option to have it ongoing or end dated and cash or cheque.

Karen Depiazzi
Finance Officer

UNIFORM NOTES

The Uniform Shop is open Wednesday mornings between 8.30 and 9.30am for all your uniform requirements. Supplies are held of sports socks in all size ranges for your convenience.

BOOK CLUB

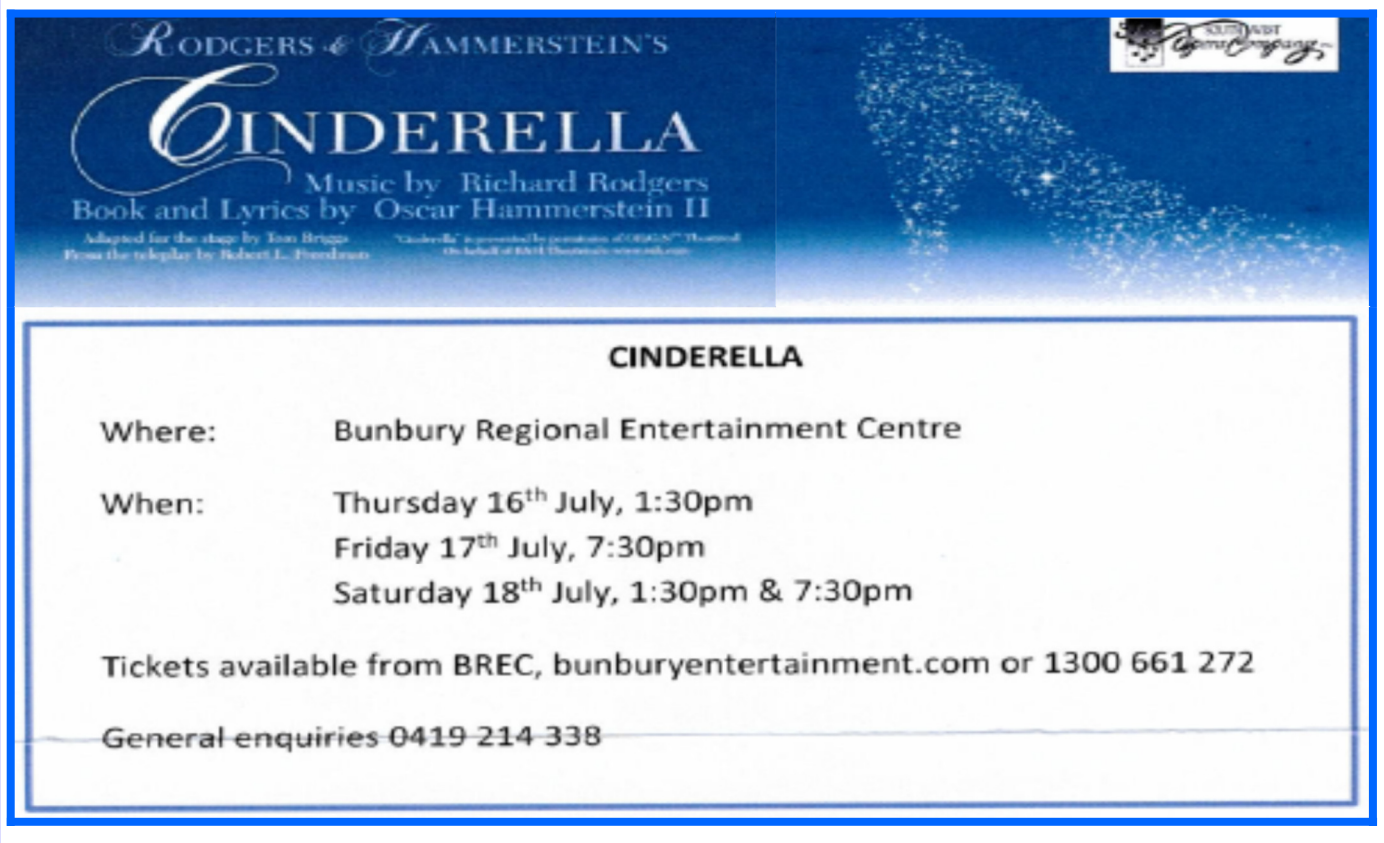
Issue 4 catalogues have been distributed and any orders are due back on or before Monday 8 June 2015

MASS FOR OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Please note that the date for this mass has changed to Thursday 2 July 2015.

CINDERELLA

Two of our students, Ciara Williams and Georgia Pedrochi, will be performing in an upcoming production of Cinderella with the South West Opera Company. Performances will be held at the Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre during the July school holidays. Information regarding dates, times and ticket availability are detailed below.



The image shows a promotional poster for the musical Cinderella. The top half features the title 'CINDERELLA' in large, stylized white letters against a dark blue background with a starry, magical effect. Above the title, it says 'RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S'. Below the title, it says 'Music by Richard Rodgers' and 'Book and Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II'. There is also a small logo for 'SOUTH WEST OPERA COMPANY' in the top right corner. The bottom half of the image is a white box with a blue border containing event details for 'CINDERELLA'.

CINDERELLA

Where: Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre

When: Thursday 16th July, 1:30pm
Friday 17th July, 7:30pm
Saturday 18th July, 1:30pm & 7:30pm

Tickets available from BREC, bunburyentertainment.com or 1300 661 272

General enquiries 0419 214 338

P & F SURVEY

Thank you to families who completed the recent P & F Survey on the Mothers' Day Morning Tea. A range of views was collected and feedback on results will be presented at the next P & F Meeting on Tuesday 9 June at 7pm. The discussion will have a "solution focus" with a view to making decisions re this P & F fundraiser into future years. Thanks is extended to the P & F Executive for their leadership in seeking feedback and input from families to ensure all voices are heard prior to decision making processes.


P & F REWARD YOUR SCHOOL PROMOTION

Thank you to parents who are putting their receipts from Bunbury Forum retailers in the St Mary's barrel located outside Coles at the Forum. After Week 1, St Mary's is in second place in the promotion. However, rankings are extremely close. Please continue to put your receipts (minimum value of \$100) in the barrel and ask friends and family to do likewise.

CITY OF BUNBURY EISTEDDFOD CHORAL PERFORMANCE SESSIONS—19 JUNE

Please be advised that tickets for the Salute to the Anzacs: Choral performances as part of the City of Bunbury Performing Arts Eisteddfod are NOW ON SALE. The session sheet below details the available sessions. Tickets for these sessions can be purchased online at the Buy Tickets section of our website at www.bunburyentertainment.com (direct link: http://purchase.tickets.com/buy/TicketPurchase?agency=BREC&organ_val=21820&schedule=list), by calling the Box Office on 1300 661 272 or by visiting the Centre during office hours of 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday. Parents and family members please note that these events will be Reserved Seating and we do recommend that they purchase prior to the night to ensure they get their preference of seating.

Friday, 19 June 2015
SALUTE TO THE ANZACS: Choral
Dr Jonathon Welch



10:00 AM

CH1010 Junior Primary Choir- Up to and including Year 4 Students

1 St Mary's Catholic PS Bunbury Years 3 & 4 Choir	<i>Down the River</i>
	<i>Lest We Forget by R Macker</i>
2 Bunbury Primary School Junior Choir	<i>World War 1 Medley</i>
	<i>The Cat Came Back</i>
3 St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Choir	<i>I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles</i>
Bunbury Junior Primary Choir	<i>Sharing It With Me by Natalie Sleeth</i>

CH1030 PRIMARY SCHOOL Mixed Age Choir

1 Georgiana Molloy Anglican School Junior Showstoppers	<i>Keep the Home Fires Burning by I. Novello</i>
	<i>The Kazoo Concerto by M. Donnelly</i>
2 Clifton Park Primary	<i>Ordinary Miracle by Sarah McLachlan</i>
	<i>Pack Up Your Troubles/ It's a Long Way to Tipperary</i>
3 Cornerstone Christian College Choir	<i>Keep the Homefires Burning- Novello & GuilbertFord</i>
	<i>My Favorite Things by Rodgers & Hammerstein</i>
4 Austin Cove Baptist College Primary School Choir	<i>Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho</i>
	<i>In Flander's Field</i>
5 Leschenault Catholic Primary School Choir	<i>Keep the Home Fires Burning - Novello & Guilbert-Ford</i>
	<i>What a Wonderful World by Weiss and Thiele</i>
6 Cowaramup Primary School Choir	<i>Life Without Music by Grant J Ward</i>
	<i>Light A Candle by Marta Keen</i>

Adjudication

1:30 PM

CH1013 Senior Primary Choir- Years 5-7

1 St Josephs Catholic Primary School with Bunbury Primary School Senior Choir	<i>Keep The Home Fires Burning by Ivor Novello</i>
	<i>Take These Wings by Don Besig</i>
2 Bunbury Primary School Senior Choir	<i>And The Band Played Waltzing Matilda by Eric Bogle</i>
	<i>Alone in the Universe- L. Ahrens & Stephen Flaherty</i>
3 St Mary's Catholic PS Bunbury Years 5 & 6 Choir	<i>Let's Make Music by N Sleeth</i>
	<i>How" Ya Gonna Keep 'Em Down on the Farm</i>

CH1031 Small Schools Mixed Age Choir/Ensemble

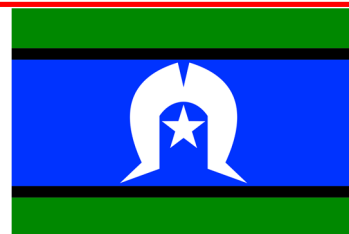
1 Clifton Park Primary	<i>Seasons of Love by Jonathan Larson</i>
	<i>The Last Anzac by Michael Travers</i>
2 St Michael's Catholic Primary School	<i>The Last Anzac by Michael Travers</i>
	<i>Day Is Done by P Yarrow</i>

Adjudication

BULB FUNDRAISER

Bulbs have arrived and were distributed through the classroom baskets on Tuesday.
Happy planting!

We thank everyone who supported this P&F fundraising activity.
There were 23 orders which raised a total of \$487.50 for the school.
Kim Doyle & Sam Waldock (Year 5 P&F Reps.)



ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLES

It is the time of the year when we consider and celebrate the journey for the original custodians of this land, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Over the next five weeks there are various events occurring around the country and in our communities to reflect on and raise awareness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, both the richness of their culture and difficulties experienced by so many since European colonisation of Australia.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

National Reconciliation Week is from the 27 May to 3 June 2015. This week celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians.

On our pathway towards reconciliation, Sorry Day, held on 26 May is an important time to remember the past policies of forced child removal. Here, we reflect on the sad and painful history of the Stolen Generations and recognise moments of resilience, healing and the power of saying Sorry. On 26 May 1997 the 'Bringing them Home Report' was tabled in the Federal Parliament. Since then, Sorry Day commemorations have acted to raise awareness about the significance of the forcible removal policies and contributed toward the important process of healing.

There are many events planned for this week around Australia. Some highlights for NRW 2015 are: the Sing Loud! original song competition, The Long Walk at Federation Square with Michael Long, open discussions about racism in Australia, commemorative ceremonies to recognise the service and sacrifice of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander servicemen and women, and the AFL Indigenous Round to name a few. There are many more events listed on the www.reconciliation.org.au/nrw website. So have a look and join in with a local event.

NAIDOC WEEK

NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. NAIDOC Week runs from 5 to 12 July 2015. The theme for this year is, '**We All Stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate**'. This year the theme highlights Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' strong spiritual and cultural connection to land and sea. The theme is an opportunity to pay respects to country; honour those who work tirelessly on preserving land, sea and culture and to share the stories of many sites of significance or sacred places with the nation. The National NAIDOC Committee encourages all Australians - young and old - to embrace the 2015 National NAIDOC theme and to celebrate local and national sacred places, taking the time to learn of their traditional names, history and stories.

NAIDOC Week occurs during the school holidays however schools are invited to celebrate this week around the time that suits them. St Mary's will be celebrating NAIDOC Week in the last week of school this term so keep an eye out for the happenings around our school and in the classrooms.

Don't be afraid to enter any competitions you see advertised, as last year one of our students, Elena Gibbs (Kindy), won a medal for her winning entry in the K-2 colouring in competition.

HPE NEWS

Winter Sports Carnival

The Winter Sports Carnival will be held on Thursday 4th June at Hay Park from 10.00am to 2.00pm. Training will take place on Friday 29th May from 2.00pm to 3.00pm at St Mary's. **We need 2 Hockey umpires, 3 Netball umpires and 2 Soccer referees. Please let me know if you can assist.**

60 Minute Challenge.

The 60 minute challenge is a run/walk event to be held at St Mary's CPS on Sunday 14th June starting at 8.00am. Parents and students have to challenge themselves to see how far they can run/walk in 60 minutes. 16 students have enrolled to date.

NET Visit

The National Evangelisation Team paid a visit to St Mary's on Friday 22nd May and ran a workshop titled, 'Encountering Jesus in our Daily Lives' with the Year 6 class. Their visit was very well received by students.

Tino Alberti
HPE Teacher

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Harvey & Brunswick Parishes

Invite you to join them in a

Parish Retreat

Saturday 20th June 2015

Kinsella Parish Hall

9.00am-1.00pm *followed by Lunch*

Presenter—Most Rev Barry Hickey

(Emeritus Archbishop of Perth)

Please RSVP by 15th June to 9729 1699 or harveycatholicparish@gmail.com

WE ARE

On the edge of a vast land
With people from many places
Lovers of long white sandy beaches
Custodians of an unforgiving environment
Harnessing resources from our rich red earth
Resilient in reaping new harvests from parched soils
Welcoming new arrivals while enjoying old friendships
Connected to an ancient culture that stretches across the land
Blessed by beauty we've inherited and communities we've created
We are Western Australians



**29 MAY
- 1 JUNE
2015**



Get more conversations at home – Michael Grose

The links between school achievement and parents' ability and propensity to engage in conversation with kids from a young age is indisputable.

The language stimulation they receive when they talk with parents is one factor. The language of first borns is generally more extensive and richer than their siblings who spend less time in one-on-one situations with a parent.

But engagement in conversation with parents benefits kids in a far broader sense. It is trite to say that kids learn a great deal from their parents but, in fact they do when we talk with them.

In many ways it is through conversations that kids get a real sense of us and who we are. It is by talking with kids that we impart some of our knowledge, ideas, wisdom and thoughts as well as how we get a window into their worlds and how they think.

Getting conversations going with kids can be a massive challenge. Busy schedules, homes designed for individual enjoyment rather than group living, and kids that clam up are some of the blockers to conversation that parents meet.

So you may need to be a little cunning, a little proactive and little inventive to get some chat going at home.

Here are five ideas to help you get more conversation going in your family:

1. **Turn off the TV (and other screens):** Most homes have a range of electronic screens that you compete with to get their attention. Don't be afraid to take control of those screens and create a little conversational space. Start with a screen-free day each week or screen-free hour each day if you are a home full of screen junkies.
2. **Turn on the TV (and other screens):** If you can't beat them, join them. Some television programs provide great conversational fodder particularly for older children and teens. This can range from "who's going to win Australian Idol?", "what happens to the winners of Australian Idol?" to "what is the point of Australian Idol?"
3. **Have more mealtimes (with the TV off):** The family that eats together talks together...or they should. I have a theory that families with a strong food culture (i.e. they love food and value the whole eating experience) have strong bonds. So make mealtimes special and insist that kids sit until everyone finishes rather than they eat all their peas. Avoid turning mealtimes into food fights that you can't win.
4. **Move more:** If sitting and chatting is not your child's thing then try getting them up and moving. Boys will often talk when they walk or play so consider getting some action happening. When their hands are busy the tongues will often loosen up.
5. **Try shoulder-to-shoulder parenting:** Sitting together in a car, washing dishes and playing a game can provide opportunities for talk. Take the eye contact out of the equation and you may find the talk just flows with some kids.

Every family has their own way of getting the talk happening. Figure out what works for you and make sure it happens. It seems to me that the best communication in families happens when no one is working at it BUT in busy modern families you do need to work at communication. That is the way of it. You have to work hard at family.