



St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

June

Fri 3	Year 6 at SW Science and Engineering Discovery Day
Mon 6	WA Day Public Holiday
Tue 7	Catholic Day – Staff and Students
Wed 8	Year 5 Reconciliation
Thur 9	Kindy Screening – School Nurse
Fri 10	Year 3 Assembly Kindy Screening School Nurse
Sun 12	60 Minute Challenge
Tue 14	Board Meeting 5.45pm P & F Meeting 7pm

Vision Statement

A welcoming faith
community

We value
relationships

We pursue excellence
in learning

We live the Gospel
message of love

A Prayer for Winter

We give thanks for the blessing of winter:
Season to cherish the heart.

To make warmth and quiet for the heart.

To make soups and broths for the heart.

To cook for the heart and read for the heart.

To sleep deeply and gently at one with the heart.

To dream with the heart.

To spend time with the heart.

A long, long time of peace with the heart.

We give thanks for the blessing of winter:
Season to cherish the heart.

Amen

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

Congratulations to our 30 Year 4 students who received their First Eucharist last Sunday. Thank you to Mrs Webb, Ms Brown, Fr Ed, Fr Abraham and parents for the work you have done together to prepare the students for this special celebration.

Thank you to parents who attended the Speech and OT Workshop on Tuesday morning. The importance of supporting the development of fine and gross motor skills are essential for physical development and also for learning to write, draw, play sport, sit in a desk/chair and the many other physical activities we engage in each day. I wish all students, staff and families an enjoyable and happy 'extra-long weekend.' Travel safely. School resumes for both staff and students on Wednesday 8 June.

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

YEAR 1	Kobi Atherton	Ruby Maratea	Brianna Spinelli	Georgia Rodgers
YEAR 2	Frances Best	Eamon Ramsay	Jacob Coulson	
YEAR 3	Harry Piacentini	Levi Postma		
YEAR 4	Alexis Donovan	Jessica Kennedy		
YEAR 5	Elijah De Coppi	Charlee Sidebottom		
YEAR 6	Maya Lubcke	William Pedley	Jarrad Italiano	
A.R. 50%	Ranee Cross	Sophia Cross	Natalia Dillon	Anoushka Heble
A.R. 75%	Lance Santos	Finn Marshall		

CONGRATULATIONS!

SCHOOL NEWS

WELCOME

Welcome to Ayla Mighall and family. Ayla joined the Pre Primary class on Monday.

SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING DISCOVERY DAY

Year 6 students and 4 Year 5 students will participate in the 2016 Science and Engineering Discovery Day at the South West Sports Centre tomorrow, Friday 3 June. This is a day long competition designed to provide primary school students with a positive experience of science and engineering. Students will compete in small groups in activities that range from design-and-build projects, to logic, teamwork and task-oriented challenges. This event is presented by the University of Newcastle in cooperation with The Rotary Club of Bunbury/Leschenault. Students are to be transported to and from the venue by their parents and are asked to wear their sports uniform. Full details have been forwarded home with all Year 6 and Year 5 students that are participating. Thank you to Mrs Rebecca Murray who has coordinated St Mary's participation in this day. We wish them an interesting and enjoyable day.

STAFFING

Mrs Melissa Coulson will commence Maternity Leave from the beginning of Term 3. Mrs Megan Turpin has been appointed as Year 3 teacher, Monday - Thursday for Terms 3 and 4.

Mrs Vicki Holdsworth will take Long Service Leave in Term 3. Mrs Sue Palumbo will work as Library Officer, in addition to her roles as Kindy Special Needs Education Assistant, while Vicki is on leave.

ITALIAN LESSONS

The final day for Italian lessons for Term 2 will be tomorrow. I thank Mr Lib Piparo for his work with our students this semester. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Scasserra back to school at the beginning of Term 3.

LOST PROPERTY

There are a number of unnamed school jumpers that have been handed in to the office this term. Any uncollected items will be handed over to the Uniform Shop on Friday 10 June 2016.

LAPATHON

On behalf of the Year 5 families we would like to thank everybody who participated, supported and enjoyed our School Lapathon on Friday 20 May.

It was a privilege to share our Lapathon day with Para-triathlete, Brant Garvey.

Special thanks to the P & F for coordinating his visit.

The afternoon began with the children listening intently to Brant's talk in the School Hall. They were then gifted the memory of being able to run side by side with this courageous athlete. His motto of "No excuses" is a positive mantra we can all adopt into our everyday lives.

Here are some interesting facts and figures from the Lapathon event:

- The Kindy class completed 165 laps of the St Mary's oval
- Pre Primary to Year 6 completed a total of 1,890 laps which is the same as completing 945kms

The Year 5 families are pleased to announce that as a school, we raised \$4,545.55 towards our P & F funds.

Thank you again to all the helpers, organisers and families that supported our fund raising event. The success of the day is a reflection of your amazing community spirit.

Rikki and Brenda

Year 5 Reps

FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES

Parents from Kindy and Pre Primary who take their children to watch assemblies on Fridays are requested to sign them in at the office before they are taken to their respective classes as our Duty of Care requires us to account for each student during school hours, 8:45am to 3:10pm. By the time the students in Kindy and Pre Primary arrive in class after Assembly, the attendance register in class has been done. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

BOOK CLUB

Issue 3 books have been distributed to students. Orders for Issue 4 close on Wednesday 8 June 2016. Thank you.

PRAISE THAT MAKES LEARNERS MORE RESILIENT

"You're so smart at that!" "You're so talented!" Common sense suggests that telling children they are the best will make them feel confident and motivated. And it feels good to tell children things that will make them feel good.

But this type of praise can backfire. Praise is an opportunity to show a child why you think he/she succeeded. And getting praised for ability tells children that what's valued is a fixed trait or talent. You either have it or you don't. It highlights the fact that children are being judged or evaluated. This can make children feel helpless if they feel like they're being judged on the basis of something they have no control over. So it's important to show children that what adults really value is something children can control: their effort, their problem solving strategies, and seeking help when they really need it.

What you praise sends a message about what you value. Different types of praise sends different messages. *Person* praise (You're a good drawer!") sends the message that adults value the trait or ability. *Process* praise ("You worked hard and did a good job drawing!") sends the message that adults value the effort or process. When students succeed, these types of praise teach students different reasons for their success. Person praise implies to students that success is due to fixed traits that they possess, but can't control. Process praise implies that success is due to their effort and the strategy they used, which they can control. (Reference: Allison Master, Mindset Scholars Network)

HPE NEWS

St Mary's CPS 60 Minute Challenge

This is a fun run that is to be held at St Mary's CPS at 9am on Sunday 12 June. It extends for 1 hour and the challenge is to see how many laps you can run in that hour. Each competitor has a 'bib' that is 'marked off' as they complete each lap. Bibs can be collected from class teachers, the front office or on the day! Parent helpers are needed to 'mark off' the laps completed.

Cross Country Carnival

St Mary's Cross Country Carnival will be held on Friday 24 June from 9am. The first 6 runners in Years 3 – 6 for each race will gain selection to our Interschool Cross Country Carnival to be held on Thursday 28 July at Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School. Please contact me if you can assist with our School Cross country Carnival.

UNIFORM SHOP

Winter uniform is available for purchase from the Uniform Shop on Friday mornings between 8.30am and 9.30am. Summer dresses requiring embroidering of the school logo can be handed in at the Uniform Shop or the school office, along with a payment of \$5.50.

DATE CHANGE FOR FEAST DAY MASS AND MISSION MARKET DAY

To accommodate both the school and the parish, the date for the whole school Mass celebrating Our Lady of Perpetual Help and the school Mission Market Day will be held on **Wednesday 29 June**, the last day of term for students, not as previously advertised. Thank you for your understanding and support in this matter.

CANTEEN

Our wonderful helpers this Friday are Brooke Brand, Maryanne Pemberton and Megan Turpin. Next Wednesday, we have Renae Ursino and would greatly appreciate an extra pair of hands.

CARE FOR THE COLD AND HOMELESS

Melanie Toia and Rose Anderson led staff prayer this morning with a prayer for the cold and homeless. Their prayer concluded with the following:

'Things that we take for granted to keep us warm during winter are a luxury for some of our homeless locals.

We are leaving a basket on the staffroom table for the next week to give you the opportunity to buy a winter warmer for a homeless person living in Bunbury. Warm socks, a beanie or gloves will only make a small dent in your weekly shopping budget but will make a huge difference to someone in need.

Thanks.

Mel and Rose'

We'd like to invite families to support this caring initiative and will leave a collection box in the office over the next week. Thank you to Mel and Rose for leading this project.

National Day of Real Play by Nature Play WA

The **5th of June** is officially the National Day of Real Play! It is an annual celebration of everything that makes play so important for children's health and happiness, and it's a chance for families all over Australia to get outside and remind themselves to make real play part of every day. - See more at: <http://www.natureplaywa.org.au/programs/national-day-of-real-play#sthash.UjuSONPe.dpuf> Real play has no rules and no formula. That is what makes it great! Real play is about having time to go outside, to make stuff up, and make mistakes, to enjoy being active and letting our imaginations run free.

Here are some ideas to get you started this long weekend!



You may even like to make a 'Real Play Bucket List' with your family and stick it on the fridge so you can mark off each experience!



White Elephant Stall



The Year 2 Class is running the White Elephant Stall at the Mission Markets. We are seeking donations of pre-loved toys, books and small trinkets in good, clean condition. No baby items please.

Please bring any donations to Year Two by Monday 27 June.

Thank you.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Hosting French Students in July (17 July - 16 August)

For the last 8 years a programme has been in place offering the opportunity to young French students aged 14 - 17 years to discover Australia and its education system.

We are looking for families willing to host students for the four weeks of their visit. They will travel to and from school with your children.

The purpose of the programme is for these French students to experience living with an Australian family, to see how an Australian school operates, to improve their English language skills through this full immersion and to create a strong friendship with their Anglophone peers. The programme is highly successful and both Australian and French students greatly enjoy the exchange. Many families still keep in touch with each other.

The students are fully briefed about the school rules, are not to leave the school premises and will attend classes daily. They will be fully covered by appropriate insurance.

Host families will be visited prior to the arrival by the organiser to explain the programme. We believe such an exchange is also highly beneficial for our Modern Languages students, opening their eyes (and ears!) to similarly minded students for an extended period.

Please contact **Martine Floyd**, email: martine.floyd@iinet.net.au, mob: 0403 019 609 if you are interested in hosting.





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Dear Maureen

Casuals for CatholicCare Day

I write to acknowledge receipt of the donation from St Mary's Catholic Primary School in the amount of \$233.80 in support of Casuals for CatholicCare.

Please thank your staff, students and parents for once again generously supporting this worthy cause. I am most grateful to you all.

With sincere thanks and blessings

Most Rev Gerard J Holohan
Bishop of Bunbury

24th May 2016