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St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

August

Fri 28 Aug

Book Week Assembly

September

Tue 1 Sept

Board Meeting 5.45pm

P & F Meeting 7pm

Fri 4 Sept

Year 2 Assembly

Fathers' Day Breakfast

Sun 6 Sept

Fathers' Day

Fri 11 Sept

Year 1 Assembly

Tue 15 Sept

Open Night

Wed 16 Sept

Grandparents Mass and Morning Tea 9am

Vision Statement

A welcoming faith
community

We value
relationships

We pursue excellence
in learning

We live the Gospel
message of love

Book Week

PRAYER

This being Book Week, we give thanks for books, libraries and all who work in them and the creative minds of writers and researchers.

God, our Father, we thank You for the inspired writings of the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures as contained in the Books of the Bible. Today we pray for the Librarians who provide great opportunities for us to be inspired by the creative minds of many gifted writers and researchers. We pray that our Librarian's work for us be pursued with diligence, love and astuteness. We pray that we be inspired to pursue knowledge, to use our Library facilities wisely and, through our example and guidance, encourage our students to do likewise.

St Jerome, patron of Librarians, pray for us and especially for all who work in our school Library. Amen.

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

On Tuesday evening we celebrated the sacrament of First Reconciliation for our Year 3 students. This is a special time of grace and joy in the lives of these younger students and their families. The students are congratulated on how they engaged with the preparation program and their prayerful and reflective behaviour at the Cathedral on Tuesday evening. Thank you to Mrs Coulson, Ms Brown and parents for your work in preparing the students for this sacrament. Thanks also to Fr Ed for his spiritual guidance and support, and to Fr Vittorio and Fr Francis who assisted Fr Ed on Tuesday night. May our students continue to grow in faith, grace and the love of God.

Thank you to parents who coordinated and prepared yesterday's celebration lunch for the class.

The staff and students are looking forward to Book Week Dress Up Day tomorrow. Following Assembly, classes will meet with a younger buddy class for shared reading.

Maureen Tully
Principal

STUDENT AWARDS

YEAR 1	Toby McGee	Lauren Dillon	
YEAR 2	Lily Kilpatrick	Lucas Pedrochi	
YEAR 3	Kiera Hall	Jasmin Tan	Bridie Kelly
YEAR 4	NO AWARDS		
YEAR 5	Jarrad Italiano	Mary Hynes	
YEAR 6	Emma Norrish	Isabella Marshall	Mia Allan
A.R. 75%	Austin Forrester	Billie Vance	Anoushka Heble
A.R. 100%	Tenika Cross		
OTHER	50km Luke Giovanetti	50km Jack Di Lallo	



SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The second School Board Meeting for Term 3 will be held next Tuesday evening at 5.45pm in the staffroom. Board members will attend an information workshop on the new Funding Allocation Model for schools at the Parish Hall on Monday evening, 31 August from 5-6pm. This workshop will be presented by the CEO Resources Team. I thank all Board members for their time and support with the financial management of the school.

P & F MEETING

The second P & F Meeting for Term 3 will be held next Tuesday evening at 7pm in the MPR. Thanks are also given to the P & F Executive for their work and leadership. The coming weeks see a busy time for the P & F. The Executive are planning a display for Open Night. Next week we have Father's Day Breakfast - now an important annual community friend raiser on St Mary's calendar. Grandparents Morning in September sees the P & F hosting a morning tea for these very important people in our children's lives. P & F are also coordinating and running the morning tea and sausage sizzle lunch fundraiser on Athletics Carnival Day. The P & F Survey has been sent out this week - link provided by SMS. The link is also provided later in this newsletter.

Please come along to next Tuesday's meeting - BRING A FRIEND - and hear the final details for the basketball court resurfacing in the October school holidays .

OPEN NIGHT

Open Night is on Tuesday 15 September from 6-7 pm. This is an opportunity for Pre Primary - Year 6 students to showcase their learning to their parents. The students guide their parents around the classroom to see the work on display, look through workbooks and see other everyday activities that are part of the everyday learning in the classroom. Our objective is not an "exhibition" style of presentation, but rather a look at everyday classroom life and learning - "How we learn and what we do in our classroom." The Science Room will be open for all families. This year we will not have Science investigations on display in the hall. The P & F will have a display in the Library. **PLEASE NOTE:** Following discussion at last month's School Board Meeting, Board members decided that food will not be made available on Open Night. Board members are unable to spend the evening coordinating and serving food as they wish to view their children's work and classrooms.

NAPLAN

Students in Years 3 and 5 will take home their NAPLAN reports today. A parent information pamphlet is provided to assist parents when reading and interpreting the report. Parents who have questions re their child's report are invited to meet with the class teacher.

It is important to acknowledge that the NAPLAN assessment is a one-off test at a particular point in time and should be used in conjunction with the student's other work and assessments to look both at learning progress and at where further emphasis and concentration must be. Teachers use the information, in conjunction with their own records, to inform their planning and classroom teaching in literacy and numeracy. The NAPLAN information is a part of the student's overall assessment and complements teachers' judgments.

As a school we look at whole school data over time and how our school mean compares with the National Mean to determine where our school focus for continued improvement and development must be and where our staff focus for professional learning needs to be.

MAGGIE DENT

In this 'Maggie Moment', Maggie talks about the unintended phenomenon of unhealthy perfectionism and unhealthy striving that our modern world has created for many children. She talks about strategies to encourage your kids to fail, experience disappointment, as well as how to help your child develop a flexible mindset that helps them be resilient in life. To view the clip, please paste this in your browser: <http://www.maggiedent.com/content/vblog/perfectionism-children>

FOOTY TIPPING

Congratulations to 'DomPap' and 'JAXON' for both winning round 21 footy tipping with 8 correct tips and the same margin of 22, well done. The weekly prize money can be collected from the school office. NicNac remains in top spot (with 135) on the overall leader board. Good luck to everyone with their tips for round 22.

CANTEEN SUPREME NEWS

PLEASE do not use staples to seal your lunch orders. It is dangerous to have them in the vicinity of food preparation areas. Simply fold your lunch order bag several times to keep payment in place. Our Canteen Legends this week are Laura Maratea, Clare Kirke and Janelle O'Reilly on Friday 28 August and Siobhan De Coppi on Wednesday 2 September.



P & F SURVEY

It's that time again! We would love to hear your thoughts – please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GMTT23L> and complete our survey to be in the running to win a \$50 Benesse voucher!

Thank you
P&F Executive

EARN & LEARN

Please bring completed sheets and spare stickers into the office by Friday 4 September for counting.

Thank you.
P & F Executive

SYMPATHIES

Our deepest sympathies go out to the Smith family on the passing of boys' great grandfather. May he rest in peace.

PRAYER FOR CREATION

Pope Francis has made 1 September 2015 a day for Catholics across the world to pray for creation. In this, they join the Orthodox churches, who have done so on this day for many years. The Holy Father has asked for special prayers that day. As requested by Bishop Holohan, our students will pray the following prayer next week.

Blessing for Creation

*Blessed are you, O God
Creator of the universe,
who have made all things good
and given the earth for us to cultivate.
grant that we may always use created things gratefully
and share your gift with those in need,
out of the love of Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you for ever and ever.*

R. Amen



JOHN WALKER MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

In memory of the late Mr John Walker, Principal at St Mary's for 12 years (2001 - 2012) and at other Catholic Primary schools in the Bunbury Diocese, the South West Catholic Primary Principals have instituted the John Walker Music Scholarship to honour John's love of music and his work in Catholic education. This scholarship aims to assist a student to develop their own passion for music. The scholarship will be awarded annually. Only students who currently attend a local Catholic Primary School are eligible to apply. The scholarship will cover full music tuition fees for one year for a student entering Year 7 at Bunbury Catholic College, either Marist or Mercy campus. The scholarship will be funded by an annual contribution from each Catholic Primary School in the Bunbury Diocese.

All details have been emailed home to all Year 6 families yesterday.

A copy of these details, including the application form, is included with today's newsletter.

FIRST RECONCILIATION SAUSAGE SIZZLE



BOOK CLUB

Issue 5 orders have been received and distributed earlier this week. Issue 6 catalogues were sent home on Wednesday and any orders are due back on or before Friday 4 September.

UNIFORM NOTES

Summer orders can now be placed with delivery before the start of Term 4. Any girls summer dresses requiring the compulsory school logo can be left at the Uniform Shop before 28 August for this to be completed before the start of Term 4

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our School Athletics Carnival will be held on Thursday 17 September at the South West Sports Centre. Students from Years 4 – 6 compete from 9.00am – 2.30pm and students from Pre Primary to Year 3 from 10.00am – 1.30pm. Students will be bussed to and from St Mary's. Permission notes went home on Monday. Parent helpers are needed to help with the running of the carnival. To date we have 6 parent helpers for Years 4 – 6 (we need 16) and 2 for Pre Primary – Year 3 (we need 4). Please complete the **parent carnival helper note at the bottom of the page** or send me an email if you are able to assist.

Tino Alberti alberti.tino@cathednet.wa.edu.au

HPE Teacher

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Athletics Carnival

17 September 2015

I am able to assist at the carnival

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

BUILD YOUR OWN Jetty & WIN

Recycled Materials + An Idea + Your Imagination = CREATIVE EXPLOSION

be original | be brave | be bold | think **BIG** |

The Busselton Jetty is celebrating 150 years in 2015 and we would like our local schools to build their own Jetty using recycled materials such as toilet rolls, pop sticks, old buttons, agricultural parts, car parts, milk bottles etc. Tell us what the Jetty means to you, your family & friends (to receive extra points from the Judges). Do you fish from it? Jetty Jump or Swim from it? Snorkel around it? Dive under it? Do you boat near it?

Your entry can be as small as you want or up to 100cm square, to easily fit inside the Busselton Jetty Interpretive Centre or at Westpac where we will proudly display your Jetty creation for all to see.

Be artistic, creative, and sparkle for our 150th Birthday!

Entries open 1st April 2015

Early entrants also have a chance to WIN some Early Bird Prizes so Be Quick!

Entries will be judged on the Busselton Foreshore on Sunday 6 September at 11am. The Judges will choose the finalists and the public will vote for our WINNERS. Good luck!

For more information please call 9754 0900

JUDGED CATEGORIES

- #1. Preprimary - Year 2
- #2. Year 3 - Year 7
- WIN \$150 Jetty Gift Voucher
- #3. High School Age
- WIN \$150 Westpac Student Acct
- #4. Best Class Group
- WIN UWU Mini Tour with your entire class and teacher.
- #5 Best Overall Jetty 2015
- WIN \$150 Hillzees Gift Voucher

150 BUSSELTON JETTY

HILLZEES

ACT-BELONG-COMMIT

Art Break Day

10AM - 4PM

FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2015

ART BREAK DAY TAKES PLACE ANNUALLY ON THE FIRST FRIDAY IN SEPTEMBER. ART SITES ARE SET UP IN CITIES AROUND THE WORLD AND EVERYONE IS INVITED TO SIT DOWN, TAKE A BREAK, AND MAKE ART FOR FREE!

ANZAC PARK | ST JOHN'S STATUE | PAISLEY SQUARE

STIRLING STREET | CNR STEPHEN & VICTORIA STREETS | CNR STEPHEN & ARTHUR STREETS

WWW.BUNBURY.IWA.GOV.AU | WWW.BRAG.ORG.AU | WWW.STIRLINGSTREETARTS.COM.AU

ART BREAK DAY

CITY OF BUNBURY

BUNBURY REGIONAL ART GALLERIES

stirling street arts centre
where community meets creativity

act belong commit

healthway

Child and Parent Centre
Carey Park

1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching

a simple yet effective behaviour management program for parents and carers of children between 2 and 12 years of age



1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching:

- is easy to learn and it works
- is an approach which allows parents to be firm yet caring when managing behaviour
- helps avoid the most common pitfall – talking too much and getting too emotional in response to some behaviours

The workshops will be held at:
Adam Road Primary School
on Wednesday 2, 9 and 16 September from 9.00am to 11.00am
A free crèche service will be provided for all workshops – bookings essential

For more information/ bookings please contact the
Child and Parent Centre – Carey Park
telephone 97216991

In partnership with **Investing in the Future Inc.**



Parent Forum

Tuesday 1st September 2015

"Nothing teaches children more than a parent who is willing to learn"

Venue – Bunbury Catholic College – Sports Pavilion

5.30pm	Registration and tea/coffee/nibbles
5.45pm	Forum opens Acknowledgement of Country and welcome Shelley Hill – Executive Officer, PFFWA
6.00pm	Keynote Address Phoebe Joyce, Schools Health Promotion Coordinator, Act-Belong-Commit "Creating mentally healthy school communities and families"
6.45pm	"Networking and Nourishment"
7.00pm	Information Session Mr Steve Donatti, Director, Examination Services – School Curriculum and Standards Authority "Curriculum in Western Australia – PP to Year 12"
7.45pm	Leg-stretch and cuppa
8.00pm	Open Forum and Panel Discussion "Young People & Alcohol Forum" Panellists – to be confirmed
8.45pm	Closing comments
9pm	Parent Forum concludes

This is a **FREE** event, however for catering purposes please RSVP to admin@pff.wa.edu.au or Sarah on 9271 5909



Creating mentally healthy school communities and families

Presenter: *Phoebe Joyce, Schools Health Promotion Coordinator, Act Belong Commit*

Act-Belong-Commit is a mental health promotion campaign that encourages individuals to take action to protect and promote their own mental wellbeing. The more mentally healthy we are, the more resilience we have to better cope and generally enjoy life! Being active, belonging to different social networks and your community and committing to a cause or challenge all contribute positively to our mental wellbeing. Phoebe will explore these notions throughout her presentation.

Curriculum in Western Australia – Pre-primary to Year 12

Presenter: *Steve Donatti, Director of Examination Services, School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA)*

The introduction of the Australian Curriculum across all schools in every state and territory has seen changes to what is being taught and how our children's achievement is reported to us as parents. Additionally, the Western Australian government has also brought in the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA) to ensure students graduate from school with an acceptable minimum standard. They have also implemented changes to the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) which will be fully applied by the end of this year. This is a great opportunity to hear about what's happening and more importantly, to ask questions and receive answers from Vanessa, who is best placed to answer them.

Young People & Alcohol Forum

Panellists: *to be confirmed*

The drinking habits of our young people are an increasing concern for parents today (even though ~80% of alcohol supplied to underage children is provided by their parents!). The amount of alcohol that is consumed, the physical harm it causes, peer pressure and the consequences of drinking will all be discussed in this open forum with experts to provide insight and comment.

We'd love to hear your opinion and have an open conversation on this topic that at some point, will touch every family in some way.