

St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

Nov

Thur 17 T4 School Fees Due

Reconciliation Year 4 9.50am

Sun 20 End of Year of Mercy/Feast of Christ the King

Mon 21 End of Year of Mercy Prayer 8.45am

Skin Cancer Action Week

Tue 22 AGM 7pm

Wed 23 Reconciliation Year 3 Fri 25 School Disco K - 6

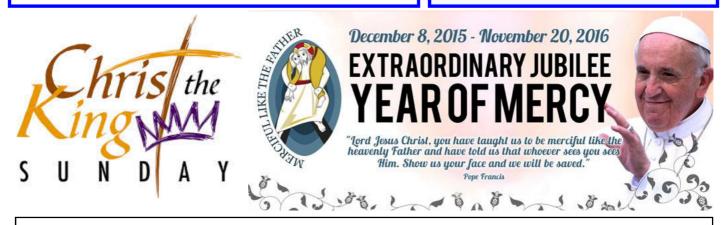
Vision Statement

A welcoming faith

We value relationships

We pursue excellence in learning

We live the Gospel message of love



Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

We thank God that Mr Cronin remained safe during the recent earthquakes in New Zealand and we pray for the families of those who have been affected by the disaster. We look forward to Mr Cronin's return next week with new ideas and affirmations of the work that we do at St Mary's.

We have had a very exciting week with Brant Garvey's visit last Friday and a visit from Scitech on Wednesday. A special thank you to the P & F Executive for organising Brant's visit. It was inspiring to listen to Brant speak about his journey of 'no excuses' and share his highs and lows of competing at the Paralympics in Rio. I was amazed by the depth of questions asked by the students and congratulate Taylor in Year 2 and Milly in Year 5 on winning a 'noXcuses' cap for their thought provoking questions: "Which of the three sports - running, cycling and swimming did you enjoy the most?" and "If you had two legs for a day, what would you do?" Brant graciously took the time to answer the questions and was also impressed by the level of interest from the students.

The children were very excited by the hands on activities provided by Scitech on Wednesday. Thanks to Mrs Murray for organising this interactive and very worthwhile event.

On Tuesday 22 November we have St Mary's Annual Community Meeting at 7pm in the MPR. This is an occasion where the community comes together to hear reports on work and achievements of both the School Board and the P & F during 2016. Following the reports, there will be nomination and election of office bearers for the 2017 school year. As per CEO School Board Constitution, no general business will be discussed. An agenda for the School ACM accompanies today's newsletter. Please note that paper copies will not be distributed on Tuesday evening. The ACM is an important event in the life and work of our school and I urge parents to attend, thus showing support and appreciation for the work of the P & F and School Board this year. As is tradition, two guest speakers from Headspace have been invited to address parents on the topic of 'Mental Health and Well Being.'

I have very much enjoyed my time on duty at kiss and drive for the past two weeks and I urge all users of St Mary's Kiss and Drive and the car park to follow the school guidelines. It is of particular importance to be conscious of safety for all when using this area of the school as we get busier and perhaps a little less patient as the year draws to a close.

Yours in Christ

Helen Brown

Short Term Principal

		STUDENT AWARDS		
YEAR 1	Georgia Rodgers	Oliver Stewart		
YEAR 2	Kody Hopley	Elianna Cross	Leo Pemberton	
YEAR 3	Olivia Bambrick	Christian Spinelli		
YEAR 4	Henley O'Reilly	Jasmin Tan	Amy Hunter	
YEAR 5	Kace Brand	Aurora Postma		
YEAR 6	Kayde Waldock	Raegan Carr	GONGRATULATIONS	
A.R. 50%	Xavier Hunter	A.R. 75%	Michela Villani Maddison Klem	
A.R. 100%	Lani Cahill	Mary Hynes	Jessica Kennedy	
A.R. 2ND 100%	Calla Bott			
50KM	Imogen de Chanéet	Lani Cahill		
CCHOOL VIEWS				

SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL DISCO

An end of year disco will be held on Friday 25 November in the hall with Kindy to Year 3 invited from 6pm to 7.15pm and Years 4 - 6 from 7.30pm to 9pm. The theme is Fancy Dress and the cost is \$3 per student.

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING



This Sunday celebrates the feast of Christ the King. This is the final Sunday in the Church's liturgical year. The title of the feast may sound triumphal, but the liturgy has us look at Christ on the cross. It is through the cross and by our union with Him that his Kingdom will come. The Bunbury Parish is coming together to celebrate a multicultural meal and celebration after the 10am Mass. All are invited to share in this celebration and are asked to contact the parish office 97212141 if attending.

BOOK CLUB

Issue 8 Book Club orders have been sent to Scholastic and should be back within the next two weeks.

UNIFORM NOTES

All Kindergarten and Pre Primary orders have been processed and will be distributed within the next few days. Students from Years 1 to 6 are welcome to place orders before the end of the school year by leaving an order at the Uniform Shop on Friday mornings or at the office. The Uniform Shop will be open on Friday 27 January 2017 from 8.30am to 10am for any uniform requirements.

LOST PROPERTY

A lady's engagement ring has been found within the vicinity of the school. If you suspect it may be yours, please contact the school office. Thank you.

CAN YOU ASSIST IN THE LIBRARY?

If you have a spare hour in week 8 (28 Nov -2 Dec) to assist with book covering, it would be greatly appreciated. We ask that helpers stay in the library to cover the books as we have a limited number of covering rolls.

Thank you Vicki and Helen

KISS AND DRIVE

Please inform all relatives, friends or care agencies that if picking up or dropping off students through Kiss and Drive, there are safety guidelines in place. There are two allocated bays and cars must line up single file making their way forward. For the safety of all, other vehicles must not pass the cars in these bays as students exit their car from the left side. Cars are not to reverse out of the parking bays in front of the administration building during drop off and pick up times.

HPE NEWS

Splash and Dash

The Bunbury Swimming Club will host a Fun Summer Carnival for 6 -14 Year olds on Sunday 20 November. Warm up at 9am for a 10am start. The online link for entries is: http://www.myswimresults.com.au/Meet.aspx? MeetID=AUS%7C3388

Busselton Iron Kids

Calling all kids aged 7-13! Become an IRONKIDS Champion on Saturday 3 December 2016 when you complete the kids only version of the SunSmart IRONMNAN Western Australia. See:

http://ap.ironman.com/triathlon/events/asiapac/ironman/western-australia/ironkids.aspx#ixzz4OeBMDLMk *Nina's Triathlon*

Congratulations to all the lady competitors who recently completed the Nina's Triathlon last Sunday. St Mary's entered a team made up of: Rose Anderson, Megan Turpin, Anika Skehan, Gill Alberti and Amy Andersson. Also competing at the Triathlon were parents Lee Dabic, Dannelle Steele and Ricky Smith. Apologies if I missed you.

Roses for Remembrance Day

A big thanks to Alison Piacentini for suppling the lovely roses for our Remembrance Day Service last Friday. My thanks also go to Kayde, Gabriella, Skye, Jake and Xavier for their efforts in preparing and running the service.

SCITECH INCURSION

We were lucky enough to have Scitech visit our school yesterday. The Year Ones to Threes enjoyed their show and workshop on 'Party Animals' and the Year Fours to Sixes were trying their best to be 'Nature Ninjas'.





















Before and After School Care

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Would a Before and After School Care service benefit you and your family?

Dear St Mary's Catholic Primary School Parent/Guardian,

Camp Australia in conjunction with St Mary's Catholic Primary School are currently conducting a survey to determine the level of interest in offering a Before and After School Care service, on the school campus, during the school terms.

We would like to encourage all parents to complete this brief survey to help us determine the viability of running this program.

The survey will take approximately 3 minutes of your time.

Please visit https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/StMarysCatholicPrimarySchoolBunbury

To find out more information about our FUN, QUALITY, ENGAGING and SAFE before and after school care programs, please visit our website at www.campaustralia.com.au

Thank you for your participation in this survey.

Regards.

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Camp Australia Team p. 1300 105 343 www.campaustralia.com.au

Cyber Safety Corner Topic 1

Keeping your children safe online

Your children's online world is as much a part of their life as offline, so it is crucial that you are as involved in supporting their online wellbeing as you are their physical health. Your skills in rule setting, support, guidance and respect are just as important to helping ensure your kids enjoy positive digital experiences and to help them gain confidence in asking for advice and support. Knowing they are equipped to make sound decisions and manage risks online is so important, especially with the number of internet-enabled devices that can be used without adult supervision (https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent/staying-safe/online-basics)

Next week's focus: Strategies used by parents to keep their children safe online.



COMMUNITY NEWS





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BISHOP GERARD'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2016



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

I invite you once again to consider donating to CatholicCare, the only appeal made each year for the needs of people within our own Diocese. The annual CatholicCare appeal allows us to help people in our own Diocese with welfare needs.

Over the past thirteen years, CatholicCare has been able to provide over \$200,000 to various apostolates within the Bunbury Diocese. These include Centrecare, Pregnancy Assistance, Mission to Seafarers, SJOG South West Community Drug Service Team and the St Vincent de Paul Society.

The focus this year

The focus for *CatholicCare* this year is to support the St Vincent de Paul Society. We have all heard of the exceptional work the St Vincent de Paul Society provides to those in need. In our Diocese alone there are 15 Society Conferences.

These provide assistance to a growing number of people in our community through the donation of food, clothing, furniture, fuel and assistance with medical and utility bills which is one aspect of assistance which has increased in volume and value in recent years. Many come for employment assistance.

One example of assistance by the St Vincent de Paul Society

One of the volunteers at St Vincent de Paul came into contact with an elderly man who was a long term alcoholic with associated mental health issues and was seeking help.

This gentleman had not had any contact with his siblings for many years, had no family of his own or any friends who could assist him. He lived in a Housing Department unit. He was a Catholic, had been educated in the Catholic schools, had been an altar boy, but had not practised his faith for many years.

The St Vincent de Paul volunteer visited him weekly, drove him to do his shopping or to pay bills and, at other times, it was just to take the gentleman for a drive. Mostly the St Vincent de Paul volunteer simply talked to him. Over the weeks the volunteer was able liaise with a Home Care service provider that offered regular social visits and regular cleaning of his unit.

During the time this gentleman was being helped by St Vincent de Paul he suffered two strokes and was in and out of hospital and, eventually, was moved to a Nursing Home. Prior to his second stroke, which left him paralysed and unable to communicate, he asked for a priest to visit him and he received Holy Communion and the Anointing of the Sick. A week later he passed away.

The St Vincent de Paul's assistance did not end there. Members met the responsibility of arranging his funeral Mass and for his ashes to be interred.

We can help as a Diocese

Our ability as individuals to help others in need is limited. As a Diocese, we can achieve much more. By supporting CatholicCare, you give The St Vincent de Paul Society the chance to deliver Church based care and support. Together we can make a difference and I appeal to your generosity.

The CatholicCare Foundation

The CatholicCare Foundation is a fund that is invested in perpetuity. Interest from this Foundation is used also to assist various needs within our Diocese. The Foundation will provide a stable source of income for organisations that respond to these needs. If you prefer, you could make a donation to this Foundation instead of the Christmas Appeal.

Donation Details

To make a donation to the CatholicCare Christmas Appeal and/or the CatholicCare Foundation, please complete the donation slip below and place it with any weekend collection, or simply return it to your Parish which will then forward it on to me. I assure you that your personal details and gift will be kept confidential. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible and a receipt will be provided if requested, provided your name and address details are supplied.

I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a holy, happy and safe Christmas and ask that this Christmas, you pray for the poor and needy in our Diocese.

God Bless You All

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BISHOP GERARD'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR CATHOLICCARE - DONATION REMITTANCE Name
16 November 2016
Most Reverend Gerard J Holohan Bishop of Bunbury
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Parish Yes No Do you require a receipt GIFTS OF \$2 OR MORE ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE CATHOLICCARE FOUNDATION I wish my donation to go into the CatholicCare Foundation to be invested in perpetuity. PLEASE ACCEPT MY DONATION OF: (Please tick Ø one box only) \$20 \$250 \$100 \$50 Other \$ ☐ Enclosed is my cheque for Bishop Holohan's Christmas Appeal \$_ Please debit my: (Please tick ☑ one box only) Visa Card Master Card Bank Card Credit Card Number Cardholder Signature ___ Expiry Date

CatholicCare adheres to the private sector amendments to the Privacy Act (1988). To obtain a copy of our Privacy Policy write to us at CatholicCare, PO Box 2005 Bunbury WA 6231.

Note: Please do not send cash in the post but place your envelope in the parish collection basket. Each Parish has been provided with instructions on how to deal with cash donations. Thank you for your assistance.



Do you like music? Do you enjoy singing? Would you like to meet young men and women with a similar interest? **Bunbury Young Voices could** be the group for you.

This enthusiastic and talented group of 10-17 year olds are offered a broad choral experience, beyond the scope of school music programmes.

Bunbury Young Voices is a community organisation that aims to foster excellence in singing within an enjoyable and educational environment. Members develop skills in vocal and choral techniques, choreography, music reading, rehearsal, performance and the social aspects of being part of a team.

Audition application forms available in the office.

SHAKESPEARE INTENSIVE

Three days of Magic, Mayhem and Murder! Discover ways to unlock Shakespeare's words so you can speak them like they were your own. Learn how to perform some of Shakespeare's most famous scenes and have a sword fight with Romeo.

 School Year:
 Suitable for Years 7-12

 Dates:
 23-25 January, 2017

 Time:
 10.00am-5.00pm
 Full \$320 / Earlybird \$290

THE TOTAL WAAPA EXPERIENCE

After this behind the scenes experience, you won't want to leave WAAPA! See where sets are constructed, lights and sound are operated and actors do their warm-up. Enjoy fun drama activities plus put together your very own sound and light production in one of WAAPA's theatres.

School Year: Suitable for Years 7–12 18-20 January, 2017 Dates: 10.00am – 5.00pm Full \$320 / Earlybird \$290

OUR TUTORS

WAAPA's Summer School provides tutors who are experienced industry professionals. They maintain the highest standard of tuition, training and directing. They will also create an environment that fosters creativity, discovery and lots of fun!





All courses are subject to minimum enrolment numbers Check the WAAPA website for full details and to apply.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Summer School Course Coordinator Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts 2 Bradford Street, Mount Lawley, Western Australia 6050 Gabrielle Metcalf

(08) 9370 6775

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

Please choose your course carefully as full refunds will only be given if a course has been cancelled in the case of illness, a partial refund will only by granted upon presentation of a valid medical certificate within seven days of the course end date. Refunds will incur an administration charge of 15% of the total course fee.

No refunds will be given once a course has commenced, except in

*Earlybird pricing closes 15 December, 2016

*All details are correct at time of print.



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of exciting courses for children and young people

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