



# St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### March

- Thur 19 Interschool Swimming Carnival  
Sun 22 Confirmation Commitment Mass 10am  
Mon 23 Parent/Teacher interviews this week  
Wed 25 Young Writers Workshop, Bunbury Senior High School, 9am—3pm  
**FRI 27 FOOTY COLOURS DAY (NOT FRI 20)**  
Sun 29 Palm Sunday  
Tue 31 Mass of Oils—10am, St Patrick's Cathedral. Year 6 class attend

### April

- Wed 1 Lenten Liturgy—2pm in the school hall (PP—Yr6). All parents and friends are welcome to attend.  
Last day for students  
Easter Raffle

## Vision Statement

A welcoming faith community

We value relationships

We pursue excellence in learning

We live the Gospel message of love

## Feast of St Joseph, husband of Mary

He was just an ordinary young man growing up in a village, planning to be a carpenter and raise a family. Yet because of his commitment to God and Mary, he found himself unexpectedly having to leave to take Mary and her unborn child to a safe haven. Imagine having to leave not just your friends and your town but your country so that your child would survive.

Today, parents like Joseph and Mary flee their country due to persecution or poverty that is killing their children. Many of them come to our country. Do we welcome them as we would Joseph, Mary and Jesus?

God, may we open our hearts and minds to those who seek refuge in this land as we would welcome Joseph, Mary and Jesus to our hearts and homes. Welcoming God, journey with us as we see refuge in you. Amen.



Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

Congratulations to all students in Years 4, 5 and 6 for your sportsmanship, participation and support of each other at the Swimming Carnival last Thursday. Thanks to our Year 6 Faction Captains for your leadership and organisation within your factions. Thanks to the parents who carried out a variety of roles at the carnival and thanks to parents and grandparents who came along to support the students. Today, the Interschool Team of 30 students from Years 4—6 are representing St Mary's at the Interschool Swimming Carnival.

On Tuesday evening, we held the General Sacramental Meeting for parents of students in Years 3, 4 and 6 who are making Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation this year. Fr Tony facilitated this meeting. Thank you to the teachers, Fr Ed and the large number of parents who attended.

Fr Tony spoke to parents about making the sacrament real for their children. "The sacrament is not just a ceremony where we take a nice picture, put it in a frame and say 'cute'. Kids need more than cute. We want to develop the spirit of our children as well as their bodies and minds. It's costly. But how much are our kids worth?" Fr Tony's presentation engaged parents in dialogue and was both challenging and real to the lives of families today. The challenge was to commit to doing things that make this a blessed year of growth for both the child and the family.

“Don’t have your child leave it at the classroom door as they head home after the school day and don’t lock it into some little church ritual.”

Fr Tony asked parents to pray each night with children and he acknowledged that this may feel awkward if you haven’t done this before. He suggested a start might be— “Tell me one thing you are grateful for today. Thank you God for...”

I pray that this year will be a blessed year of growth not only for students in Sacramental Years of 3, 4 and 6, but for all in our school community. Thank you God for the gift of Fr Tony to our school community.

### **ABOVE AVERAGE NAPLAN GAIN AT ST MARY’S**

We received the following notification from ACARA (Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority), who is responsible for Australia’s national reporting program, which includes MySchool.

*“Based on My School data, and using a methodology explained below, your school has been identified as demonstrating above average NAPLAN gain compared to schools with similar students. This gain is deemed to be statistically significant and worthy of highlighting and acknowledgement.*

*To identify your school as demonstrating this above average gain compared to schools with similar students and to deem this statistically significant, ACARA employed a methodology that considered three key factors being:*

- 1. Your overall gain compared to previous years;*
- 2. Your gain compared to schools with similar students based on the Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage (ICSEA) level; and,*
- 3. Your gain compared to other students at similar NAPLAN start points. “*

At St Mary’s we continue to regard NAPLAN as a “point in time” assessment and do not emphasise its importance to students, avoiding undue stress and pressure. As in all school work, we ask students to do their “very best work” in NAPLAN assessments. Given the above feedback from ACARA, I acknowledge the quality of the teaching and learning programs provided by the teachers and support staff at St Mary’s and I congratulate them on those significant gains. As research tells us:

“The quality of an educational system cannot exceed the quality of its teachers.” (Barber & Mourshed 2007)

Maureen Tully  
Principal

### **STUDENT AWARDS**

<b>YEAR 1</b>	Olive Valli	Baylee Brand	Finn Drage-Edwards	Taylor McNamara
<b>YEAR 2</b>	Louis D’Andrea	Levi Postma		
<b>YEAR 3</b>	Ranee Cross	Koby Drage-Edwards	Chloe MacNeill	Amy Hunter
<b>YEAR 4</b>	Ned Pemberton	Elijah De Coppi		
<b>YEAR 5</b>	Thomas Buckley	Xavier Hunter		
<b>YEAR 6</b>	Mia Allan	Isabella Marshall	Macie Hiscox	Jack Madaffari
	Charlee Jones	Chad Madaffari		
<b>SCIENCE</b>	Austin Forrester			

### **SCHOOL NEWS**

#### **PARENT/TEACHERS INTERVIEWS**

These interviews are an important component of our reporting process. Teachers have provided a class schedule of interviews to all parents. Parents are asked to arrive on time and to remain only the allotted time. Any matter that needs to be discussed in greater depth and requires more time will need to be scheduled for another meeting. At these meetings student progress, engagement and work habits will be discussed and goals set for the remainder of the school year. The interviews also provide an opportunity for parents to ask questions, provide feedback and collaborate with and support the teacher in their child’s learning. I thank our teachers for their preparation for these meetings and for giving of their time after school to facilitate these.

## **BUNBURY CATHOLIC COLLEGE VISIT TO ST MARY'S SCHOOL: 9.00AM TUESDAY 24 MARCH 2015**



Over the past years, there has been a tradition of the College Principal visiting schools with some ex students to speak with the Years 5 and 6 students about secondary schooling at Bunbury Catholic College. Some of the 2014 St Mary's Student leaders will join Ms O'Meara for this visit at 9.00am Tuesday 24 March. Parents interested in knowing more about the College are most welcome to attend. The College Prospectus is available from the BCC website—[www.bunburycatholic.wa.edu.au](http://www.bunburycatholic.wa.edu.au) for Years 5 and 6 students. The following dates are important for Year 6 students:

- The Academic Scholarship Exam will be held on Saturday 2 May 2015. Application Forms will be available from 16 March on the College website and from the College office.
- The Orientation Day will be held in Term 4 for Year 6 students and further information will be provided in Term 3.

## **WOOLWORTHS DOMINOES PROMOTION**

Year One are collecting the dominoes from the latest Woolworths promotion. Please ask friends and family to take up the offer of these promotional dominoes as we want to build up some class sets. When we have a selection, we can provide the opportunity for children to swap dominoes to complete their own personal sets. Thanking you in anticipation.  
Cathy Mountford and Kerry Bonser.



## **LOST PROPERTY**



A number of items have been handed in to the Office and have yet to be claimed. These include: A gold crucifix, a silver earring, various hair accessories and other uniform items, Optimus Prime Transformer, pink sunglasses, pink "Frozen" handbag and a charm bracelet. Please collect from the Office if you recognise any of these items as your own.

## **THERMOMIX RAFFLE**

Tickets will soon be going on sale for the Thermomix raffle. Watch this space for more details in the coming week.



## **EASTER RAFFLE COLOURING IN COMPETITION**

Entries close on 27 March. Make sure to get your entries in to have a chance at winning!

## **"HAVE SOME FUN" MATHEMATICS COMPETITION**



On Saturday, 2 teams of 6 students from Years 5 and 6 will represent St Mary's at the annual "Have Sum Fun" Mathematics Competition organised by the Mathematical Association of Western Australia. The "Have Sum Fun" Competition is an exciting mathematics initiative that uses a quiz night format where teams of six students, from schools around the South West, race against the clock to solve four intense rounds of eight challenging problems. Students representing St Mary's in 2015 are:

*Year 5:* Xavier Hunter, Jake Michell, Alex Ierace, Gabriella Lang, Mary Hynes, Michela Villani

*Year 6:* Emma Norrish, Samuel Kirke, Sophia Fimognari, Isabella Marshall, Sophie Kennedy, Javene Fitch

## **FAMILY DETAILS**

Please, can those families who have not yet returned their updated Full Family Details form do so as soon as possible, as it is imperative for the safety of the children at the school that we have the correct contact details. Please see the Office if you would like a reprint of the form. Thank you.

## **MOTHER'S DAY MORNING TEA**

Tickets for the Mothers Day Morning Tea are now on sale! We will be selling tickets outside the Kindy class before school on Tues 17th March and Friday 20th March and also at the same time in front of the school hall on Wed 18th March and Thursday 19th March. Please note that you will be still able to purchase tickets outside of these dates subject to availability. Please see Sandra Smith or Tammy Patterson if you would like to purchase a ticket. Thank you.

## **SOUTH BUNBURY DENTAL THERAPY CENTRE**

The South Bunbury Dental Therapy centre will be open over the term holidays from Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April. For emergencies on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> & Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April, please phone Australind Dental Therapy on 97970266. For enquiries please contact the South Bunbury Dental Therapy ph: 97211497.

[southbunburydtc@dental.health.wa.gov.au](mailto:southbunburydtc@dental.health.wa.gov.au)



**BOOK CLUB**

Issue 2 orders have now closed and been sent to Scholastic and will hopefully be received before the end of term.

**UNIFORM NOTES**

All winter orders that have been received have been made up and are ready for collection. With only two uniform shop days left before the end of term, please place any uniform orders on a Wednesday morning between 8.30 and 9.30am or at the office to be filled at a later date. A reminder that the **Uniform shop will NOT be open on the first and second Wednesday of Term 2 but will be open on Friday 1 May at 8.30am.**

**CANTEEN SUPREME NEWS**



Winter menu is available for a sneak peak in the canteen if anyone would like to come and have a look or add any suggestions. It will be sent home with the last newsletter of this term. Copies will also be available from the canteen or from the Front Office for your convenience. Please remind all students to place lunch orders in their class basket first thing in the morning. On Monday we had a record number of late orders and to prevent tears (mostly mine) it would be appreciated if you reminded your child to place orders in the basket. This Friday's beautiful and talented volunteers are Belinda Males, Sonja Cahill and Catherine Dorant. On Monday I will have the pleasure of the company of the Susans – Mainstone and Bele.

**ST MARY'S LENTEN PROGRAMME**  
 All are invited to attend this worthwhile Lenten preparation that is held in the chapel at 9.30am on Tuesday mornings. Come along and share in reflection, prayer and discussion. See Ms Brown for further details.

WHERE:	Chapel
WHEN :	Tuesday 24 Mar
	Tuesday 31 Mar
AT:	9.30AM

**Website for Stations of the Cross for Families and Children**  
[http://cathfamily.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/cf\\_activity\\_familystations.pdf](http://cathfamily.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/cf_activity_familystations.pdf)

**Project Compassion**  
 If you have any Project Compassion boxes, they can be handed in to the Office. Thank you.

***Lent in Action This Week***  
***Talent***

*Everyone has been blessed by God with talents. We can practise the talent of alms by cooking a meal for a terminally ill person or an elderly shut-in. We can use the talents of our hands by helping to fix up someone's home or doing some spring cleaning for them. We can drive people to medical appointments or shop for the elderly and infirm. Lent is a time to both inventory the talents we have and to make use of them.*

***Use one of your talents in a practical way this Lent!***



**EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS AND  
DONATIONS ARE NOW DUE BACK  
PLEASE RETURN NO LATER THAN  
FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**



#### **SCHOOL FEES**

A reminder that Term One school fees are due today, 19 March 2015. Thank you to all parents who have already paid their fees this term, and to those families who have seen me regarding Health Care Cards Discounts and direct debit arrangements. I will be on leave from Friday 27 March 2015 until school commences for Term Two. If you have any concerns regarding your fees please see me before this date. Should you be experiencing difficulty in meeting your financial obligation to the school, please contact the office to arrange a confidential meeting with Mrs Tully.

Karen Depiazzi

Administration Officer - Finance

#### **HPE NEWS**

##### ***Swimming Carnival 2015***

Our Swimming Carnival was held last week Thursday. Thank you to all students for a great effort on the day.

Congratulations to Ursula. My thanks to our staff and parent helpers for ensuring things ran smoothly. Results and individual champions are listed below.



**Ursula 189**

**McAuley 157.5**

**Marcellin 142.5**

		Runner Up Champion	Pts	Champion	
Year 4	Girls	Molly Turner and Maddison Lord	5	Caitlyn Hebbend	15
	Boys	Max Sarre	9	Jai Cahill	13
Year 5	Girls	Raegan Carr	9	Skye Carr	12
	Boys	Kayde Waldock	6	Jack Di Lallo	12
Year 6	Girls	Mia Allan	9	Javene Fitch	15
	Boys	Chad DeZotti	10	Jack Madaffari	12

Three Swimming Records were broken. Jai Cahill broke Andrew Novak's 50m Freestyle record by 3 seconds. The new record is 40.19 seconds. Max Sarre broke Kayde Waldock's 50m Breaststroke record with a time of 54.60 seconds, which was 0.08 seconds faster. Jai Cahill broke Jack DiLallo's Backstroke record by over 2 seconds with a time of 50.53 seconds. Well done boys.



### **Interschool Swimming Carnival**

The Interschool Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 10.00am to 1.00pm.

### **Back Beach Bike Blast**



The Bunbury Triathlon Club and South West Cycling Club are holding a Ride Day on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March starting at 10am. The ride starts at the Northern Back Beach Car Park and is a 12.5km ride. Leaflets available from the front office.



### **Fun Run**

It is my intention to hold a St Mary's CPS Fun Run in the form of a 60 minute Challenge on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June at St Mary's School. This will take the place of the Bunbury Half Marathon (no longer available to schools). I am looking at putting together an organising committee to help run the event. Please email Mr A if you are interested in helping out.

### **National Ride2School Day**

Well done to all students, parents and friends who participated in our ride from the big swamp to school last Friday morning. 68 students rode. Well done everyone.



**Tino Alberti**  
HPE Teacher

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A HUGE THANK YOU to Larry Gleeson and the South Bunbury Football Club for their donation of football training equipment. This is an exciting boost for all our up and coming footy stars!

## Year 2 Excursion

The Year Twos had an excellent time visiting Harris Dam and Wellington Dam to learn more about water.

A big thank you to Lucy and Syd from the Water Corporation and our parents who came with us.



## CAN RECYCLING

### Year 3

WHY RECYCLE ALUMINIUM CANS?



Recycling your aluminium cans really does make a difference. You save energy; making cans from recycled aluminium uses 95% less energy than making them from scratch. You also save water, prevent destruction of habitat and reduce greenhouse gas production.

The metal is melted down to create useful everyday objects such as foil packaging, new cans, car engines, window and door frames, wheel chairs and prosthetic limb knee joints.

*Recycling just one aluminium can saves enough electricity to power a TV set for 3 hours !*

**Cans** need to be **washed, crushed** and **COUNTED** before they are left in the green & yellow bin outside the Year 3 Classroom.

Winner of the Year 3 design completion is Koby Drage-Edwards.  
This poster will be used to promote can recycling throughout the school.



# St Patrick's Catholic Cathedral Bunbury Lenten and Holy Week Time Table for 2015



Liturgy	Date	Time
Stations of the Cross	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	6:00pm
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Lenten Reconciliation	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	10:00am (2 <sup>nd</sup> Rite) 6:30pm (1 <sup>st</sup> Rite)
Lenten Soup Evening	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	6:30pm
Paschal Supper (Booking Essential)	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	6:00pm
Mass of the Holy Oils	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	11:00am
Mass of the Last Supper	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> of April	7:00pm
Good Friday Stations of the Cross	Good Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	10:00am
The Lord's Passion	Good Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	3:00pm
Reconciliation	Holy Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	11:30am
Easter Vigil Mass	Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	7:00pm
Easter Sunday Masses	Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	8:00am, 10:00am, 6:00pm

**ST MARY'S P & F ASSOCIATION**  
**2015 AFL FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION**  
 PLEASE SEE ENTRY FORM ATTACHED TO THIS WEEK'S  
 NEWSLETTER

**Marist Auskick registrations are now open ( Boys and Girls welcome)**

Who can Join—Pre Primary to Year 3

Where—Marist Footy Club - Bunbury Catholic College

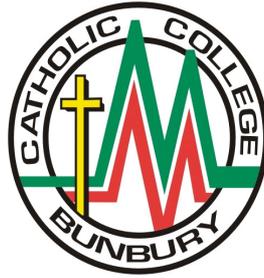
When—Saturday Mornings 8.30-9.30am from early May ( excluding School Holidays) through to August. Dates TBC please include contact emails on application.

Register at <https://reg.sportingpulse.com/v6/regoform.cgi?aID=5312&pKey=0a32ea376ccd7606a109dc9e54ac9576&cID=31872&formID=36056>

Cost of Registration includes Auskick bag filled with goodies and lots of fun and fitness. Parents encouraged to be involved

Queries to [president@maristjfc.com.au](mailto:president@maristjfc.com.au)





*Bunbury Catholic College is a co-educational school of approximately 1 400 students from Years 7 to 12 in two campus. BCC offers a caring community environment that promotes the education of the whole person: the spiritual, academic, physical and cultural dimensions of each child.*

**Marist Campus - Bunbury  
Mercy Campus - Australind**

**YEAR 7 2016  
ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS,  
INDIGENOUS AND P&F BURSARIES**

**Make the most of these opportunities for current Year 6  
students. It is free to apply for the  
Scholarships and Bursaries.**

**ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS**

The scholarship covers tuition fees and it  
is renewable each year up to the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of high school  
subject to continued academic excellence.

Exam: 9.00am on Saturday 2 May 2015.

Venue: Bunbury Catholic College

**INDIGENOUS BURSARIES**

**PARENTS & FRIENDS BURSARIES**

**Applications close on Tuesday 21 April 2015**

**For further information and an application form  
please visit [www.bunburycatholic.wa.edu.au](http://www.bunburycatholic.wa.edu.au)  
or contact the College on Ph 9721 0004, Fax 9721 0044  
email: [admin@bunburycatholic.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@bunburycatholic.wa.edu.au)**



## ST MARYS P&F ASSOCIATION 2015 AFL FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION

Why not register for this year's football tipping competition and put your footy tipping skills to the test for a weekly prize or the big prize at the end of the season. Entry fee of \$50.00 with \$20.00 going directly back to St Mary's P & F. Prizes will be calculated from the total prize pool (\$30.00 multiplied by the number of competitors). There will be a weekly prize of \$25.00 with the end of season prizes being devised as 1<sup>st</sup> will receive 50% of prize pool, 2<sup>nd</sup> 30% and 3rd 20%.

Our footy tipping competition is so easy and we encourage our school families and friends to participate.

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

- Once registered online please complete the attached registration form.
- Registration form with payment can be dropped off at the school office.
- Those unable to drop off at school please contact Darren Coulson ([darrencoulson4@bigpond.com](mailto:darrencoulson4@bigpond.com)) by email.
- Registration and payment must be received prior to AFL kick-off – 2<sup>nd</sup> April.
- All tips to be done on line before the games. The site will display the current round fixtures for you to make your selection, once you have entered your tips they will be automatically recorded.
- Results can be viewed online and winners will be announced in the school newsletter each week.

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### ENTRY FORM

NAME .....

TELEPHONE .....

EMAIL .....

REGISTERED NAME .....

Please complete and return to school office with payment

Flippa Ball (Junior Water Polo) is a great sport that combines swimming, team work, ball skills and fun.



**Starts** Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 4:15-5:30pm  
**At the** Southwest Sport Centre Hay Park Bunbury  
**Requirements** Under 10's to Under 13's, Mouthguard



Be able to swim 25m freestyle  
Come and try it first week free

**Cost** \$25 per person for 10 week programme (2<sup>rd</sup> term) plus pool entries

**Contact** David O'Connor 040 337 6286

## FLIPPABALL RULES

The game consists of four quarters of five minutes duration.

To start the game, players line up along the goal line. At a signal from the referee, one player wades or swims towards the centre where the referee has thrown the ball and passes the ball backwards to team-mates.

The team then maneuvers the ball towards the opponent's goal with the aim of scoring a goal.

A goal is scored when the ball passes completely over the goal-line in the goal area.

When a goal has been scored the players retire to their own halves and a member of the team that did not score the goal takes a throw from the halfway-line.

Players are allowed to swim or wade to get into position but are not allowed to move while holding the ball.

Players may catch the ball with two hands but throw with one.

No player may hold the ball for longer than five seconds without passing it or playing it on the water.

The ball can be dribbled by pushing it along in front of the player.

The ball can be stolen from a player who is dribbling the ball provided that the player is not contacted.

If the ball passes over the goal-line outside the goal area, when thrown by an attacker, a free throw shall be awarded to the goal-keeper. If last touched by the goal keeper, a corner throw shall be taken by an attacker from the two-meter line near the side of the pool.

No player may tackle another player whether in possession of the ball or not.

No player may swim on or over an opponent's legs.

No player may take the ball underwater.

An infringement of the rules results in a free throw, signaled by a whistle from the referee and a hand signal pointing to the attacking teams goal to show which way the throw is awarded. The free throw is to be taken from the spot where the foul occurred.

No player is allowed to enter the opponents' two-meter area unless the player has the ball or the ball is in front of the player.

Any foul by a defending player in the five-meter area which stops a shot at goal shall result in a penalty shot. The shot may be taken by any opposition player from the five meter line without interference by an opponent. The goal-keeper must stand behind the goal-line until the referee blows the whistle. The goal keeper can then attempt to stop the penalty shot. The penalty shot must be thrown immediately after the whistle is blown.

The penalty for tackling a player shall be exclusion from the game until the next goal is scored, or until the end of the quarter. The penalty for abusive behavior or language is the exclusion for the remainder of the match with a substitute.

The penalty for aggression is exclusion from the game for the remainder of the game with a substitute.

Coaches and Referees should implement all rules with discretion and judgment, encouraging a free-flowing and continuous game, but discourage unsportsmanlike behavior or deliberate body contact.

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