

St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES March Fri 18 St Mary's Swimming Carnival **Sun 20** Passion Sunday Mon 21 Harmony Day Year 2 Excursion Tue 22 Ride to School Day Kindy Family Day Year 6 Chrism Mass 11am Cathedral Board Meeting 5.45pm P & F Meeting 7pm Wed 23 Interschool Swimming Carnival Hot Cross Buns Delivered to Families Thur 24 Holy Thursday Liturgy 2pm

Assembly/Easter Raffle

SAINT PATRICK

St Patrick was born in Wales in about 385AD. At the age of 16 he was captured by slave raiders from Ireland and with a large group of prisoners he was transported to the island. After being captive for 6 years he made his way back home and went to Gaul where he studied in the monastery to become a priest. He had a strong desire to return to Ireland to teach the Irish about Christianity. He was eventually appointed as Bishop of Ireland. During his 30 years in Ireland, Patrick founded more than 300 churches and baptised more than 120,000 people. He escaped from 12 attempts on his life and died a natural death on 17 March 461.

Much Irish folklore surrounds St Patrick. St Patrick is said to have driven all the snakes from Ireland but of course no snakes were ever native to Ireland. One traditional icon of the day is the shamrock to explain the Trinity. He used the shamrock in his sermons to represent how the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit could all exist as separate elements of the same entity. This is probably why the shamrock, Ireland's national plant, is worn on his feast day.

Vision Statement

A welcoming faith community

We value relationships

We pursue excellence in learning

We live the Gospel message of love

St Patrick's Breastplate
Christ, be with me
Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ is with me. Christ beneath me, Christ above me.
Christ on my right, Christ on my left.
Christ where I love, Christ where I sit, Christ where I rise.

Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me.
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me.
Christ in every eye that sees me.
Christ in every ear that hears me.

Holy Year of Mercy

Let the church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved and forgiven. Tweet, June 16 2013

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

Our Parent Sacramental Meeting was held on Tuesday night and I thank parents who attended and heard Fr Wayne Bendotti speak about preparation for the Sacraments akin to being preparation for life. Fr Wayne spoke of this

time of preparation as a time of great opportunity and great blessing for the sacramental life of the child and for the life of the family. He said, "Our child's gift to us at this time is - Come with me on this journey." This is a time for deepening children's faith and spirituality and strengthening our own. The meaning of Reconciliation in our lives is - I belong to a community that accepts and forgives. I can make mistakes and face my failures. God can bring unity, peace and harmony.

The meaning of Eucharist in our lives is - I belong to a community that nourishes my life. I learn to listen, give thanks, find strength, share and celebrate. The meaning of

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

Confirmation in our lives is - I belong to a community with many gifts and I have something to share with others. have the support of others - parents, sponsors and the community.

These are profound thoughts and give meaning and values to our daily lives.

I encourage parents to support their child and use this time as an opportunity for blessing on the family by committing to one, two or three of the suggested ideas on the pages handed out last night. Copies are available from the class teacher if you were unable to attend.

May we, parents and teachers, be good teachers and models for our children at this special time of preparation in their lives.

Maureen Tully

Principal

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STUDENT AWARDS							
YEAR 1	Grace Richardson	Chevy Males	Bailee Murray	Kobi Atherton			
YEAR 2	Jade Turpin	Grace Emerson					
YEAR 3	Abigail Hynes	Taneisha Scott					
YEAR 4	Marcus Smargiassi	Catherine Pham	CONTE				
YEAR 5	Ned Pemberton	Aidin Williams					
YEAR 6	Austin Forrester	Michela Villani					

SCHOOL NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the family of Kaden in Year 1 on the birth of his baby sister, Zara.

CONDOLENCES

Sincere condolences to the Villani family on the loss of their father, grandfather of Michela.

SIBLING APPLICATIONS FOR KINDERGARTEN 2017

CAN PARENTS OF CURRENT STUDENTS WHO HAVE SIBLINGS DUE TO BEGIN KINDERGARTEN IN 2017, PLEASE ENSURE THAT APPLICATIONS ARE HANDED INTO THE OFFICE BEFORE THE END OF TERM 1 2016, AS PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS BEGINS IN TERM 2.

UNRESOLVED ABSENCES

Parents who have not signed and returned the absence follow up letters that have been sent home, are requested to sign and return them to the class teacher/office. All parents are reminded that it is a requirement that all non notifications of absences, and notifications by email or phone call, <u>MUST be followed up by a signed note from the parent/caregiver.</u>

AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP

Parents are asked not to park in the bus bays on Columba Street as a number of buses pull in here both morning and afternoon. Thank you for you support in this.

ST MARY'S SWIMMING CARNIVAL

We look forward to our School Swimming Carnival tomorrow. Students will travel by bus to and from the Carnival, returning to school in time for lunch. Normal school timetable will operate in the afternoon. Thank you to Mr Alberti for his planning and organisation for the carnival. Thank you to parents who have volunteered to assist with the many tasks and roles that ensure a smooth and efficient day. Thank you and congratulations to the students who have been coming to Before School Swimming Training on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. There have been some very impressive goals set, with students working hard and achieving new personal bests.

Good luck to all students tomorrow. While it may not be possible for all students to be placed, students who complete the race they started, giving it their best, are winners. May it be an enjoyable day for all - students, staff, parents and spectators.

HPE NEWS

It has been a fantastic experience to run Swimming Squad training for our Year 4-6 students over the past 5 weeks. The students have certainly benefitted from all their hard work and some good progress has been made. I would like to thank Kylie Drage-Edwards and Sienna Smargiassi for their assistance. I'm looking forward to our Swimming Carnival this Friday starting at 9.30am. A program of events was sent home with students on Tuesday. A \$2 spectator entrance fee applies.

The Interschool Sports Carnival will be run on Wednesday 23 March from 10am to 12pm.

Thank you to Martin Hynes (3 oak trees) and Philippa Hamill (3 large pots) for their kind donations. We now have 6 plants in our courtyard area.

A reminder that the Design a Football Jumper competition closes this Friday.

Running Club will commence Friday 1 April 8am.

Tuesday 22 March will be our **Ride to School Day**. We will meet at the Big Swamp playground for an 8am departure for school. Students must be capable and confident on their bike. We will use cycle ways to St Mary's but need to cross-over on roads. Parents are welcome to join us.

Tino Alberti HPE Co-ordinator alberti.tino@cathednet.wa.edu.au

EASTER RAFFLE

A reminder that tomorrow, Friday 18 March is the final day for:

- All Easter raffle tickets (sold or unsold) to be returned;
- All Easter raffle donations to be made; and
- All order forms for Hot Cross Buns to be returned with correct money.

Thank you.

Kristy Richardson and Annaleisha de Chanéet

Year One Reps

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Excerpt of letter received from the Society of St Vincent de Paul:

'Please convey our sincere thanks to the staff and students of the school for their donation of food and gifts to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal.

Your generous donation has assisted the society in providing additional items in our Christmas hampers. We were able to meet every request received by providing a substantial hamper which included gifts for both children and parents.'

CANTEEN SUPREME NEWS

I'm looking for an extra helper on the last day of term – Friday 8 April. If you can help (even for an hour or two) please let me know. A big thank you to Carmela Spinelli and Kristy Richardson who are our lovely volunteers this Friday and to Rosina Hynes for volunteering on Wednesday 23 March.



YEAR 2 EXCURSION

To support their learning in Science, Year 2 students have an excursion to Harvey Dam and Wellington Dam on Monday. Mrs Murray and Ms Blechynden and a group of parents will accompany the students. All details have been sent home with the students.

MOTHER'S DAY MORNING TEA

TICKETS FOR THIS YEAR'S MDMT, WEDNESDAY 4 MAY WILL BE ON SALE FOR KINDY PARENTS ON MONDAY 21 MARCH OUTSIDE THE KINDY ROOM (LIMIT OF 2 PER PERSON). TICKETS WILL THEN BE ON SALE TO THE REST OF THE SCHOOL FROM TUESDAY 22 MARCH IN THE AREA OUTSIDE ADMIN. CRÈCHE SLIPS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE TO MAKE YOUR CRÈCHE BOOKING. PLEASE NOTE, THERE ARE ONLY 30 SPACES AVAILABLE IN THE CRÈCHE SO FIRST IN, FIRST SERVED. TICKETS ARE \$15 EACH. PLEASE HAVE CORRECT CASH IF YOU CAN. THANK YOU!

UNIFORM NEWS

Winter uniform orders are now being taken and can be handed in at the Uniform Shop or at the office for processing. A reminder that there are only 3 weeks left until the end of term and only 2 Uniform Shop days available.

BOOK CLUB

Orders for issue 2 have now closed and should be received within the next two weeks.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The second School Board Meeting for Term 1 will be held next Tuesday evening at 5.45pm in the Staffroom.

P & F MEETING

The second P & F Meeting for Term 1 will be held next Tuesday evening at 7pm in the MPR. All are welcome.

Thank you to Year 1 Reps - Kristy Richardson and Annaleisha de Chanéet and Year 1 parents who are coordinating the Easter Raffle and Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser. Thank you to all families who are supporting these P & F Fundraisers by providing donations and purchasing tickets.

Pre Primary Reps, Vanessa Best and Renae O'Connor, and Pre Primary parents are working and planning towards Mother's Day Morning Tea on Wednesday 4 May.

Thank you to all parents and families for your work in supporting St Mary's P & F.

NEW CANTEEN MANAGER

We will welcome our New Canteen Manager, Mrs Alison Gray, to St Mary's on Wednesday 30 March. Alison will work with Natalie on both Wednesday 30 March and Friday 1 April as a handover/orientation period. Natalie's last day at St Mary's is Friday 1 April. Our thanks and greatest appreciation to Natalie for her great work in our canteen over the past two years. We wish her good luck and God's blessing as she moves onto a new road in life's journey.

Science news

In Year 2 we are learning all about water. We have been investigating how water is used, where we can find it, what happens to water and how to use it responsibly.







Discovering what happens when water falls on different surfaces.



We have learnt about the Harris and Wellington Dams with our Guest Speaker, Mr Snelling - we can't wait for our excursion next week!

The Fantastic Fours are exploring fun facts about soils, rocks and erosion. We have enjoyed comparing different types of soils, creating our own (rather messy) soil solutions and investigating what happens to rocks in a stream by shaking model rock balls in jars of water.









Earth Hour will be held on Saturday 19 March between 8.30 and 9.30pm

The event is held worldwide annually encouraging individuals, communities and households to turn off their non-essential lights for one hour as a symbol for their commitment to the planet. Let's get involved by turning off our lights (you can register for Earth Hour at www.earthhour.org.au/home/) and enjoy the time getting back to basics, candlelit dinners, creating shadow puppets, tenting outside, playing hide and seek or possibly a few zzzzzz!

Did you know Earth Hour was inspired by a demonstration in Sydney in 2007, when more than 2.2 million residents and more than 2000 businesses switched off lights for one hour to make a powerful statement about the leading contributor to global warming: coal-fired electricity.

HOLY WEEK LITURGY

You are invited to participate in St Mary's Holy Week Liturgy on Thursday 24 March at 2pm in the school hall. Pre Primary - Year 6 students have a role to play in the retelling of this story. As a Christian Community we remember Jesus' journey, from his triumphant entry into Jerusalem to his crucifixion on Calvary. It is a time of reflection and getting ready for his resurrection from the dead three days later. The Easter Season is the most important season in the liturgical calendar and we are encouraged to participate in the many services that are occurring.

EASTER LITURGY

You are invited to participate in the Easter Liturgy on Wednesday 30 March at 8.45am in the school hall. We come together to celebrate Jesus' rising from the dead. We hold this service after Easter Sunday as it is not liturgically correct to celebrate his resurrection before. We hope that you can join the school community on this day so that the emphasis is placed on the resurrected Christ rather than his agony and passion.

CHRISM MASS

On Tuesday the Year Six class will be attending the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral at 11am. This is an important Mass because it provides the priests of the Bunbury Diocese and opportunity to join Bishop Gerard and celebrate. This Mass is a sign that the Bishop and his priests are unified. The Bishop blesses three oils — the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Infirm and Holy Chrism — which will be used in the administration of the Sacraments throughout the Diocese for the year. This tradition is based in the early Church. Throughout the Bible, various references indicate the importance of olive oil in daily life. Oil was used in cooking, particularly in the making of bread, that basic food substance for nourishment e.g. Nm 11:7-9; as a fuel for lamps Mt 25:1-9; and as a healing agent in medicine Is 1:6 and Lk 10:34. Moreover, with oil the Jews anointed the head of a guest as a sign of welcome (e.g. Lk 7:46), beautified one's appearance (e.g. Ru 3:3) and prepared a body for burial (e.g. Mk 16:1). Oil was also used to offer sacrifices and as a spiritual symbol.

The Oil of Chrism is used in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders. The blessing of the Holy Chrism is different from that of the other oils: here the Bishop breathes over the Vessel of Chrism, a gesture which symbolizes both the Holy Spirit coming down to consecrate this oil, and the life-giving, sanctifying nature of the Sacraments for which it is used. The concelebrants at the Chrism Mass also extend their right hands toward the Chrism as the Bishop says the consecratory prayer, signifying that in union with their Bishop, they share "in the authority by which Christ Himself builds up and sanctifies and rules His Body," the Church. In the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Bishop anoints the forehead of the candidate with Chrism saying, "Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Activity

Water Project

Complete the task below to find out if you can slash your water use by using only 140 litres of water in 40 hours. This is the amount recommended by the Australian government. Challenge yourself and find out how much water you really use. Your whole family can try it.

Challenger:

Water Use Action	Amount Of Water	Tally	Total (litres)
Getting a drink	0.5 litre		
Washing face/ hands	2 litres		
Bath – high water level	150 litres		
Bath – low water level	80 litres		
Brushing teeth – water off	1 litre		
Brushing teeth – water on	8 litres		
Showering	50 litres		
Laundry	110 litres		
Cooking a meal	7 litres		
Dishwasher	15 litres		
Washing up by hand	20 litres		
Flushing toilet – half	4.5 litres		
Flushing toilet – full	9 litres		
Other			

The average amount of water used for each action has been supplied as a guide to complete this project.

This activity has been adapted from the 40 hour drought www.abc.net.au/water/40hourdrought/

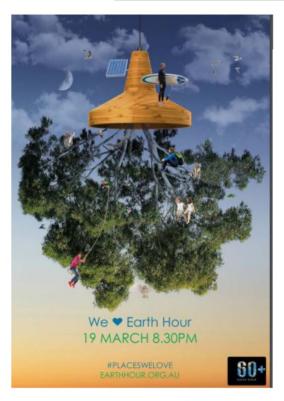
STEPS:

- Record all your water use over a 40 hour period in the table left. For example you could start at 7am on a Tuesday and finish at 11pm on a Wednesday.
- Use tally marks to record each time you complete a Water Use Action.
- To fill in the Total column, multiply the Amount Of Water used by the number of times you recorded the action in your Tally.
- Add up all of the results and record in the Total column (e.g, washed face 6 times; 6 times x 2 litres = 12 litres used).

RESULTS:

- 1. Did you use more than 140 litres of water?
- 2. Did you surprise yourself?
- 3. What will you do from now on to save water?

Sustainability News



Earth Hour - Switching off at home

Switch off for the Places We Love in 2016

One of the things that makes Australia so great is the beautiful outdoor lifestyle we live. From beaches, rainforests and rivers, to snow-capped mountains, coral reefs and lakes, we have one of the most beautiful countries in the world.

But the healthy, outdoors lifestyle we enjoy is under threat from rising temperatures and more extreme weather caused by carbon pollution - it only takes a small change in the climate to mess up the delicate balance of nature.

That's why in 2016, we'll be switching off to protect the Places We Love!

For ideas on how to involve your children in Earth Hour, head to https://earthhour.org.au/kids/



World Water Day – Water and Jobs March 22nd, 2016

Why a World Water Day?

World Water Day is an international observance and an opportunity to learn more about water related issues, be inspired to tell others and take action to make a difference. World Water Day dates back to the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development where an international observance for water was recommended. The United Nations General Assembly responded by designating 22 March 1993 as the first World Water Day. It has been held annually since then. Each year, UN-Water — the entity that coordinates the UN's work on water and sanitation — sets a theme for World Water Day corresponding to a current or future challenge. The engagement campaign is coordinated by one or several of the UN-Water Members with a related mandate.

Water Project Challenge: Activity page attached to newsletter

Find out if your family can slash their water usage by using only 140 litres of water in 40 hours! (per person)

For more information about World Water Day, head to http://www.unwater.org/worldwaterday/about/en/



ST MARY'S P & F ASSOCIATION 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. The remaining \$30 will go to the prize pool with weekly and overall prizes to be determined based on the number of entries. The competition is open to all of our school families and friends to participate, so please spread the word!



REGISTER AT: http://www.footytips.com.au/comps/ST_MARYS_CPS



- Step 1 register online at http://www.footytips.com.au/comps/ST_MARYS_CPS (follow the prompts)
- Step 2 Complete Entry Form below
- Step 3 Drop Entry Form and payment off at School Office. If unable to drop off at school please contact Darren Coulson (darrencoulson4@bigpond.com)
- Step 4 Start tipping!

Registration and payment must be received prior to AFL season <u>24th March</u>.

All tips to be done on line before each game. The site will display the current round fixtures for you to make your selection, your tips 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 EMAIL TELEPHONE REGISTERED NAME

Please complete and return to school office with payment



COMMUNITY NEWS

Louis / Forest or Thoras Table							
Lent/Easter Time Table							
Date	Venue	Liturgy	Time				
Friday 18 th March	Cathedral	Stations of the Cross	6:00pm				
Friday 18 th March	Cathedral	Lenten Soup Evening	6:30pm				
Saturday 19 th March	Cathedral	Lenten Reconciliation Liturgy	11:30am				
Monday 21 st March	Parish Hall	Paschal Supper	6:00pm				
Tuesday 22 nd March	Cathedral	Mass of the Holy Oils	11:00am				
Thursday 24 th March	Cathedral	Mass of the Last Supper	7:00pm				
Good Friday 25 th March	Cathedral	Stations of the Cross	10:00am				
Good Friday 25 th March	Cathedral	The Lord's Passion	3:00pm				
Holy Saturday 26 th Mar	Cathedral	Reconciliation	11:30am				
Holy Saturday 26 th Mar	Cathedral	Easter Vigil Mass	7:00pm				
Easter Sunday 28 th Mar	Cathedral	Easter Sunday Masses	8:00am, 10:00am, 6:00pm				
Thursday 24 th March	Carmelite	Mass of the Last Supper	8:00pm				
Good Friday 25 th March	Carmelite	The Lord's Passion	3:00pm				
Holy Saturday 27 th Mar	Carmelite	Easter Vigil Mass	8:00pm				
Easter Sun 28 th Mar	Carmelite	Easter Sunday Mass	9:00am				
Good Friday 25th March	Dalyellup	Passion of Our Lord	3:00pm				
Holy Saturday 26 th Mar	Dalyellup	Easter Vigil Mass	7:00pm				

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 teammates.

 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.

- 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 goalkeeper. If last touched by the goalkeeper, a corner throw shall be taken by an attacker from the two metre 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 team's 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-metre 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 metre 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 metre line without interference by an opponent. The goalkeeper 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.

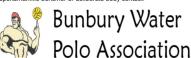
- penalty short must be thrown immediately after the whistle is blown.

 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 judgement, encouraging a free flowing and continuous game, but discourage unsportsmanlike behavior or deliberate body contact.

David O'Connor 040 337 6286



NATIONAL DAY OF **ACTION AGAINST BULLYING & VIOLENCE**

Friday, 18th March 2016

Bullying, NO WAY!



The 6th National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence is being held on Friday, 18 March 2016.

This annual day is Australia's key anti-bullying event for schools, and encourages all students to 'take a stand together' against bullying and violence in schools, the classroom and beyond.

Help deliver a powerful message that bullying and violence is NOT okay.



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

Starts Friday 29 April 4:15-5:30pm at the Southwest Sport Centre Hay Park Bunbury shallow end of Olympic pool

Requirements Under 10s to Under 13s; mouth guard. be able to swim 25m freestyle Come and try it first week free

Cost \$25 per person for 9 week programme (2nd term) plus pool entries



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OUR LADY OF THE CAPE PRIMARY SCHOOL, DUNSBOROUGH 20TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY **CELEBRATIONS**

Friday 1 April

10.00AM: Mass

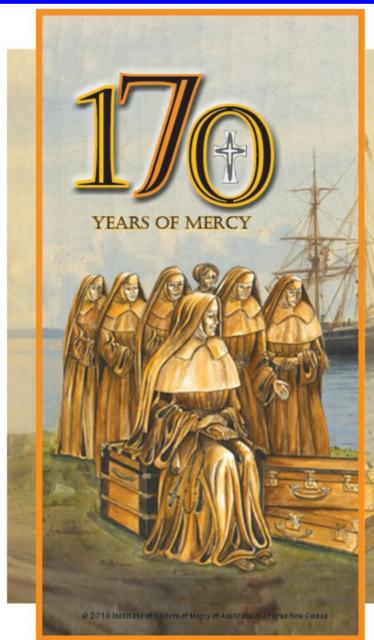
Morning Tea

11.45-12.45 AM: **Open Classrooms**

6.00PM: **Family Bush Dance**



All past and present community, students, parents and staff are invited to attend our celebration of 20 years of Catholic Education in Dunsborough. For further information please call 97553866 or email admin@ladyofcape.wa.edu.au



On January 8, 1846 the first community of Sisters of Mercy arrived in Australia from Ireland, disembarking at Fremantle, Western Australia.

They were:
Sr. M. Ursula Frayne
Sr. M. Catherine Gogarty
Sr. M. Anne Xavier Dillon
Sr. M. Ignatia de la Hoyde
Sr. M. Aloysius Kelly
Sr. M. Paptist O'Donnell
Catherine O'Keilly
[Later Sr. M. Evangelista]

We give thanks for their generosity and courage and remember and celebrate the women who have followed them and all women and men who today continue the mission of Mercy.



Walking in their Footsteps - Saturday the 9th of April.

An experience of **PILGRIMAGE** for the Sisters of Mercy, their colleagues and friends.

We will begin our journey at the Swan River and walk to the

Convent of Mercy Victoria Square,

where we will bless our new Holy Door.

Followed by morning tea.

All are welcome

There will be various starting points.

RSVP to: Jan.elliott@ismapng.org.au or call: 08 9328 6991

By 4 April for catering purposes.

Upon registration material regarding the Pilgrimage route will be sent to you.