



St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

March

Fri 17	St Mary's Swimming Carnival 4/5/6 9.30am - 12.30pm
Sun 19	3rd Sunday Lent
Mon 20	Swimming Training
Tue 21	Ride to School Day
	Crazy Sock Day in Support of World Down Syndrome Day
	Harmony Day
	School Board Meeting 5.45pm
	P & F Meeting 7pm
Wed 22	Reconciliation Year 4
Thur 23	SWPSA Swimming Carnival 4/5/6 10am - 1pm
Fri 24	Earth Hour Schools Day
Mon 27	Parent Teacher Interview Week

Vision Statement

A welcoming faith community

We value relationships

We pursue excellence in learning

We live the Gospel message of love

God at the well, teach us to come to You when we are thirsty, and to welcome all who come to drink. Show us how we judge others and uproot it from our hearts so we, with Jesus, might offer water to all who are thirsty, life to all who fear death. Amen

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Principal's Welcome

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

On Tuesday night, the parents of children who will be receiving Sacraments this year were treated to a powerful presentation from Fr Tony on the importance of talking, listening and supporting their children as they grow in a complex world. For parents, Fr Tony pointed out that they only have one shot at Sacraments with their children and it is vital that parents discuss with their children the Sacrament they will be receiving, showing them that parents see it being worth talking about, and not just something that happens at school. There should be less emphasis on the shoes they will wear on the day and more on the impact the Sacrament will have on their lives. Fr Tony also looked at the huge pressures from society that young people are under and how parish communities can be a great support to them because it is where they are accepted and can develop a sense of belonging. The parish community wants to see them succeed, and be healthy and happy.

God bless

Paul Cronin

STUDENT AWARDS

YEAR 1	Zach Crowley	Levi Pense	Levi Grice
YEAR 2	Chevy Males	Ruby Maratea	
YEAR 3	Kody Hopley	Lauren Dillon	
YEAR 4	Paige Hebbend	Niamh Hamill-Harling	
YEAR 5	Kade Lubcke	Keira Hall	
YEAR 6	Jayden Kelly	Aidin Williams	

WELL DONE!

SCHOOL NEWS



Week three of Lent:
Uncle Richard, Australia

PROJECT
COMPASSION

First Australian Uncle Richard was kidnapped from his family as a child under policies that gave rise to the Stolen Generations. Uncle Richard was taken to Kinchela Boys Home (KBH) in NSW, and spent his childhood there. Today he is part of the KBH Aboriginal Corporation (KBHAC), established by KBH survivors to reconnect with one another and begin a healing and truth telling process for themselves, their families, and the wider Australian community. Caritas Australia supports KBHAC.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help Australia's Stolen Generations and their families to heal from the pain of the past. You can donate through School boxes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion



STUDENT SAFETY

On Tuesday this week, a BCC student was approached by a man in a white van as she was walking home in the rain, after getting off the bus. She did the right thing by saying "No, thank you," and then importantly she walked past her house until the van had disappeared, not entering her yard until she was confident the van was gone.

This is a timely reminder to the school community that we need to be aware of how to behave in situations such as this when they arise. Parents and students are urged to talk to each other and discuss what actions they would take in a similar situation. Is there a known "Safe House" you are confident of going to should the need arise? Is it possible for students to walk home in pairs? Having a mobile phone handy and knowing who to call in a situation like this could be useful. This alert is not to alarm our community, but just to ensure everyone is prepared for a similar situation, should it arise. The police and other schools in the area have been notified. This particular incident occurred in the Bunbury/South Bunbury area.

ABSENTEES

Parents are reminded that written absentee notes with student name, date, reason for absence and parent signature MUST be provided for all student absences - a legal requirement from the Education Department of WA. Please notify the school by phone call or email if your child will be absent.

When teachers have completed class rolls each morning, the school office will SMS parents for any unexplained/not notified absences each day.

Students arriving at school late, i.e. after the morning siren, MUST come through the office and be signed in by their parent/caregiver. **Should a student need to leave school early, their parent/caregiver must sign the student out at the office, even though the class teacher may have been notified.** Our Duty of Care requires us to account for each student during school hours, 8:45am to 3:10pm.

Remember, even though you have phoned or emailed the school with your child's absence, you must still send a signed note. This is a legal requirement.

BOOK CLUB

Issue 2 orders have been processed and sent to Scholastic and delivery is expected within the next 2 weeks.

UNIFORM NOTES

Thank you to parents who have taken the time to place their winter uniform orders. Most of these have been completed and returned to your child's class. We are still awaiting a few orders from the suppliers which should arrive in the coming weeks. Just a reminder that for the first 2 weeks of Term 2, students are permitted to wear either their summer or winter uniform. From week 3, full winter uniform is compulsory.

HPE NEWS

Swimming

Swimming Carnival Friday 17 March 9.30AM - 12.30PM

SWPSA Swimming Carnival Thursday 23 March 10AM - 1PM

Thank you to parents who nominated to assist. Your task is listed below!

Announcer	Maryanne Pemberton
Chief Judge	Ben Priest
First Place Judge	Medrica Di Lallo
Second Place Judge	Jason Lubcke
Third Place Judge	Siobhan De Coppi
Fourth Place Judge	Jenelle O'Reilly
Timekeepers for Records	Beverly Barry, Jolly Bobby and Laura Maratea
Recorders	Janelle Norrish, Rikki Smith and Paula Lubcke
Starter	Martin Hynes
Starter's Marshal	Daniel Marshall
Event Marshal	Chloe Fiori, Karen Donovan
Marcellin Bay	Mrs Toia
McAuley Bay	Mrs Webb
Ursula Bay	Mrs Alberti
Novelty helpers	Team Captains
Life Guard	Mr Alberti and Ale Olgiati

Ride to School Day

Tuesday 21 March (**Note: Change of date**) is Ride to School Day. Once again we will start at the Big Swamp Playground carpark. The route will be different to previous years. The route will cross over to the Big Swamp Cycle/Pedestrian path and proceed in an anti-clockwise direction around the Big Swamp. It will then cross over Prince Phillip Drive and continue along the Cycle/Pedestrian path, crossing Minnipup Road onto Constitution St, then turn left onto Spencer Street. It will then proceed to the Lollipop Crossing and come onto Paisley Street. Total distance is 3.12kms. Students need to be well versed in riding their bicycles and must be aware that the bicycle in front of them may stop without warning (we have had up to 60 bikes in previous years). Helmets must be worn. Parents who are concerned about their child completing the lap around the Swamp can join the group on the corner of Tuart and Prince Phillip Drive. Parent help will be required for supervision and crossing roads. We will depart Big Swamp Playground carpark at 7.50am.

Seasons for Growth

I will be away on Wednesday and Thursday attending a PD on Seasons for Growth. *Seasons for Growth* is based on the belief that change, loss and grief are a normal and valuable part of life. It examines the impact of changes such as death, separation, divorce, and natural disaster upon our lives, and explores how we can learn to live with and grow from these experiences. The core intentions of this program are the development of resilience and emotional literacy to promote social and emotional wellbeing. The program is educational in nature and does not provide therapy. Parents are welcome to discuss with their children, whether or not they feel they could benefit from such a program. They could then enrol their children into the program, which will proceed in group sessions of children from different age groups.

LENTEN PROGRAM

The Lenten program will be run on Wednesday mornings at 9am in the St Mary's Chapel. Ms Brown will facilitate this one hour opportunity to gather, pray and discuss the readings during Lent. Parents and friends of St Mary's are warmly invited to attend. If you are available please let Ms Brown know.



DENTAL SCREENING CHANGE OF DATE

Please note that due to unforeseen circumstances, dental screening for Pre Primary, Year 3 and Year 6 will take place on Thursday 6 April from 1.30pm to 3pm, not today as previously scheduled.

CRAZY SOCK DAY IN SUPPORT OF WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

St Mary's school are helping to raise awareness about people with Down syndrome by wearing crazy socks and donating a gold coin on Tuesday 21 March. We would love to see staff and students in their brightest pair of socks or simply pin a colourful sock to your shirt. All money will go to Down Syndrome Western Australia to help provide support to people with Down Syndrome.



P & F FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION

The 2017 footy season is nearly here and so too is the St Mary's Footy Tipping Competition. Please see the flyer attached to the newsletter for details on how to be involved with this fund raising event. You can also register at http://www.footytips.com.au/comps/ST_MARYS_CPS.

CARITAS FUNDRAISING

Last week's biscuit decorating fundraising event, raised a total of \$181.40 towards Caritas' Project Compassion. Thank you to all students who participated.

LOST PROPERTY

If anyone in the school community has lost a locket watch on a chain or SWSC access card, please contact the school office. We also have a girl's Smiggle wallet and a floral purse with a clasp. Thank you.

EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you for all the donations that have come in, we have a couple of weeks left to leave Easter related goods in the boxes which are in the classrooms. Thank you.



MORE FROM MR CRONIN

Guitar Lessons

St Mary's is currently negotiating with a guitar teacher to offer lessons to students. Watch next week's newsletter for more information.

Long Sleeved Polo Possibility

The possibility of making long sleeved polo shirts part of the school sports uniform is being considered. The shirts would offer additional sun protection. Please contact the office by the end of March if you would consider purchasing a long sleeved polo shirt for your child.

P & F President

The P & F is pleased to announce that Suzanne Cross has volunteered to take on the role of P & F President. Suzanne has been President before and we thank her for her commitment to St Mary's over the past ten years.

P & F Meeting

The next P & F meeting will be on Tuesday 21 March at 7pm in the school hall. Come along and see how you can be involved in school life.

Board Meeting

There is a Board meeting for Board members on Tuesday 21 March at 5.45pm in the staffroom.

Aboriginal for a Day Incursion



One of St Mary's School priorities for 2017 is to increase students' understanding and appreciation of Aboriginal culture. Our incursion titled 'Aboriginal for a Day' helped us along the way. Students had the opportunity to learn about and be involved in traditional dance, were taught and applied symbols used in Aboriginal art and heard dreamtime stories. The feedback from students and parents was very positive. Big Al, Pancakes and Leonie are from the southwest but currently live in Victoria and travel around Australia sharing their traditional ways and helping to unite our country.

Some Year 4 Reviews

"The best bit was when I danced" *Sam*

"Today at school Pancakes, Big Al and Leonie visited. We did Aboriginal art with Leonie, Big Al told us dreamtime stories and Pancakes taught us how to dance. My favourite was when we had the dance show" *Amahli*. "Big Al told us a dreamtime story about a man who bragged and he wrestled with a croc and the croc and the man died. In dance I was an emu."

"The best part of the day for me was the first session I was in. It was dancing. I also like it because I got to listen to a didgeridoo." *Jasmine*



Mr A on 'L' Plates



ST MARY'S P&F FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION

Footy Tipping is Back, bigger and better for 2017!

\$50 entry fee—\$20 to P & F remainder to prize pool

\$20 + 'Full of Beanz' coffee voucher weekly prize and overall winners (1-2-3) will share the major prize pool



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 23rd March. 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 they will be automatically recorded.

Results can be viewed online and winners will be announced in the school newsletter each week

ENTRY FORM

NAME

EMAIL

TELEPHONE

REGISTERED NAME

Please complete and return to school office with payment



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Wednesday 12 April

GRANDFAMILIES FUN DAY



**\$3 entry
under 3s
free!**



10am to 4pm

Bunbury Wildlife Park

- Animals
- Photo booth
- Info stalls
- Pony rides
- Balloon twister
- Festival Brass
- Face painting
- Sausage sizzle
- Zumba
- Train rides
- Activities
- Cafe available