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# St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### June

- Fri 10 Year 3 Assembly  
Kindy Screening School Nurse
- Sun 12 60 Minute Challenge 9am
- Tue 14 Year 1/2 OT and Speech Workshop 9am (MPR)  
Board Meeting 5.45pm  
P & F Meeting 7pm
- Fri 17 Bunbury Eisteddfod Yrs 3/4, 5/6 Choirs
- Tue 21 Kindy Family Day 11.30am to 12.30pm
- Fri 24 St Mary's Cross Country Carnival PP - Yr 6
- Wed 29 Last Day of Term Students  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Mass 9 - 10am  
Mission Markets 10am - 12pm

## Vision Statement

A welcoming faith  
community

We value  
relationships

We pursue excellence  
in learning

We live the Gospel  
message of love

## GENEROSITY

In our daily lives we come across many opportunities to meet the needs of others. In the New Testament of the Bible, Jesus told the story of the poor widow who was only able to pay a tiny amount to the poor because she was so poor herself. Jesus said her donation was in fact greater than the larger amounts given by the rich because they could easily afford what they gave, while the widow made the sacrifice of money she needed for herself. They gave from their riches, she gave from her poverty but showed a big heart. It has often been said that the true mark of character is not what we have but what we give away.

There are two types of values:

'Held values are what people say.'

'Operational values are what people do.'

## 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



Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

A goal on our Annual School Improvement Plan 2016 is that 'all staff enhance expertise in giving specific feedback to students that promotes learning.' This semester, teachers have been learning and completing professional reading on this aspect of our work. A recent reading - 'Praise that makes learners more resilient' - provided for discussion and reflection at a staff meeting. We thought it would support and benefit our students, both as learners and as social individuals, to share this learning with parents. Last week's newsletter gave the introduction to this reading for parents to think about. This continues in this week's newsletter, with more to come. We invite parents to read, reflect on and discuss what they think about these ideas and how they implement some new strategies. Staff have reflected that it is an ongoing process of awareness on how we respond to students, their work, play and behaviour in order to change our habitual way of responding.

Let's continue to learn together to support our students' wellbeing and development.

Maureen Tully

Principal

## P & F MEETING

All parents are invited to the second P & F Meeting for Term 2 next Tuesday evening, 14 June, at 7pm in the MPR. We look forward to your support.

## BOARD MEETING

The second School Board Meeting for Term 2 will be held next Tuesday evening at 5.45pm in the staffroom

## BUNBURY EISTEDDFOD

Congratulations to the students who have performed at the Bunbury Eisteddfod last week. Determination, practice and persistence has seen them achieve success. This week sees singing and choral performances.

## STUDENT AWARDS

<b>YEAR 1</b>	Abigail Bovell	Angus Brown	Eva Edmondson	
<b>YEAR 2</b>	Taylor McNamara	Cooper Clark	Noah Smith	
<b>YEAR 3</b>	Cadel Bele	Samuel Pedley		
<b>YEAR 4</b>	Nick O'Brien	Max Di Lallo	Jedd Patterson	Jessica Kennedy
<b>YEAR 5</b>	Raymond Do	Elena Mazza		
<b>YEAR 6</b>	N/A			
<b>A.R. 50%</b>	Sanjan O'Brien	Alexis Donovan	Kade Lubcke	Marcus Smargiassi
	Catherine Pham	Bridie Kelly	Maddison Lord	Ashleen Moore
	Lorenzo Fimognari	Aurora Postma		
<b>A.R. 75%</b>	Max Di Lallo	Jayden Kelly		
<b>A.R. 100%</b>	Calla Bott	Amy Hunter		



## SCHOOL NEWS

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mrs Cathy Mountford who became a grandmother again last weekend. Cathy's daughter Jenny, and son-in-law John, had a little girl - Astrid Juniper. Grandmother is delighted and baby and parents are all well.

### PERSON PRAISE VS PROCESS PRAISE: WHICH WORKS BEST...AND WHY?

**Person praise undermines resilience after setbacks.** Person praise that focuses on students' ability ties their sense of self worth to the feedback they get: when it's positive, they feel good about themselves; but when it's negative, they feel bad about themselves. This leaves children vulnerable after they struggle or experience a setback. When they make a mistake, it implies that they are NOT smart or good, which can make them feel helpless. They feel they can't do anything to fix the situation. They often feel negative emotions, feel bad about themselves, and want to quit the task. They get fixated on errors (their own and other children's). They often continue to perform poorly.

**Process praise encourages resilience and motivation.** In contrast, process praise that emphasizes students' effort or strategy is more likely to lead to resilient responses after negative feedback or failure. Children can still feel positive emotions even after mistakes, because their value as a person hasn't been called into question.

There's no need to feel bad about themselves, since the mistake was due to the process they used, or other factors they can't change. The mistake tells them that maybe more effort was needed, so they should just try harder next time. Or that a new strategy is required, so they should try something different or seek help from a teacher if they really need it. These children are usually more willing to try again and put more effort in. They often can bounce back and do better on the next try.

**Praise works by feeding into mindsets about ability.** So how does process praise promote positive motivation in students? Praise affects students' mindsets about ability and the nature of learning, and these mindsets about ability affect their motivation. Person praise emphasises deep internal causes for success. This highlights unchanging ability, leading to a *fixed mindset* about ability. Process praise emphasises the process used by the student. This highlights the effort controlled by the student, leading to a *growth mindset* about ability.

This is why praise can have such powerful effects - because it feeds into these mindsets about ability, which can get reinforced over time in ways that increase or decrease students' motivation. When students who have come to hold a fixed mindset struggle and then give up, it feeds into their belief that they don't have the ability and never will. In contrast, when students holding a growth mindset struggle and then try harder, it often leads to success, which reinforces their belief that they can get better.

## 2016 ST MARY'S CPS MERCY SHIELD TALLY

<b>Term 2</b>	<b>Marcellin</b>	<b>McAuley</b>	<b>Ursula</b>
<b>Week 6</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>388</b>



## St Mary's Book Week 2016



This year's theme is PJs and pillows. Come dressed in your favourite PJs and slippers to enjoy a treat and read a good book.

Visiting guest author.

Date to be confirmed.

**WATCH THIS SPACE!**

## St Mary's Playgroup

Playgroup is back!

**When:** Every Wednesday from 15 June

**Where:** Kindy Playgroup Room

**Time:** 9am - 11am

**What to bring:** A Piece of fruit, Gold coin donation

*All are welcome for a cuppa and a very casual play!*

If you have any queries, please contact Mary Grace Tisdell on 0412736073



## Science News

Last Friday the Year 6 students, accompanied by the talented Molly, Flynn and Jacob from Year 5, participated in the South West Science and Engineering Day run by the University of Newcastle.

The students competed in numerous challenges against other schools, including designing a Mars Rover that could travel over bumpy surfaces, creating 'Earthquake-proof' towers made out of paper and straws, constructing catapults that propel a ping pong ball and developing rail networks that convey trains in the most efficient way possible.

The students all had an amazing day and enjoyed the challenges set for them. It was fantastic to see all of the students so engaged in Science challenges!!!

Mrs Murray



### BOOK WEEK

The P & F are seeking to borrow an adult sized costume for Book Week, preferably a book character. If you are happy to lend or perhaps 'dress up,' please contact Susan Mainstone on 0455998893. Thank you.



### CANTEEN

Our helpers for tomorrow are Lee-Anne Westwood and Kristy Richardson. Next Wednesday the 15th are Rosina Hynes and Peta-Marie Lord. Thank you to our volunteers!

### YEAR 1/2 PARENT WORKSHOP - OT AND SPEECH

This will be held on Tuesday 14 June in the MPR at 9am. We look forward to a great attendance by our Year 1 and 2 parents at the Speech and OT Workshop presented next Tuesday 14 June at 9am in the MPR. This workshop will provide insight into supporting development of these skills - so necessary for Literacy development across all subject areas and for effective communication and socialisation. Parents of children in other grades are also most welcome to attend.

### HPE NEWS

#### St Mary's CPS 60 Minute Challenge

This is a fun run that is to be held at St Mary's CPS at 9am on Sunday 12 June. It extends for 1 hour and the challenge is to see how many laps you can run in that hour. Each competitor has a 'bib' that is 'marked off' as they complete each lap. Bibs can be collected from class teachers, the front office or on the day! Parent helpers are needed to 'mark off' the laps completed.

#### Cross Country Carnival

St Mary's Cross Country Carnival will be held on Friday 24 June from 9am. The first 6 runners in Years 3 – 6 for each race will gain selection to our Interschool Cross Country Carnival to be held on Thursday 28 July at Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School. Please contact me if you can assist with our School Cross country Carnival.

#### Winter Sports Carnival

St Mary's Year 5 and 6 and some Year 4 students had a fantastic day of Soccer, Football, Netball and Hockey. A big thank you to Mrs Eleece Bambrick, Jaxon Illman, Hayden Smith, Vince Di Lallo, Jenelle O'Reilly, Paula Lubcke, Sharyn Illman, Nichole Johnson, Sonja Cahill and Mel Sarre for giving up their time to coach, umpire and mentor our students. Job well done and much appreciated.

### THANK YOU FATHER ED

At the Year 3 assembly tomorrow the school will make a special presentation to Father Ed for his retirement. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Father Ed for his spiritual guidance and loving support of the community of St Mary's school whilst he was our Chaplain. We pray that his retirement will be one filled with good health, peace and contentment. All parents and friends are invited to share in this special occasion.

Time: 8.45am

Venue: St Mary's Hall

### PARISH GRAPEVINE

After much deliberation by the parish, it has been decided to cease printing The Grapevine in its current format as of June 2016. The last printed edition will be mailed to schools 27 June.

As of July 2016 The Grapevine will become an online publication. It will come into effect at the same time as the new diocesan website.

Stories will be published immediately on the diocesan website and a copy will be emailed to interested individuals, families and schools once they have registered on the website.

This is an exciting development and an opportunity to share more information to a wider audience using the latest technologies.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

**FOOTBALL:**  
the fun game for all!  
**BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 4-11**



**Club:** SOUTH WEST PHOENIX FC

**Venue:** PREMIER PITCH HAY PARK

**Start date:** JULY 11 - 14 10AM - 12PM

**Contact:** Jen Curtis 0438900704



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