



St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

September

Fri 4 Sept	Year 2 Assembly
	Fathers' Day Breakfast
Sun 6 Sept	Fathers' Day
Tue 15 Sept	Open Night
Wed 16 Sept	Grandparents Mass and Morning Tea 9am
Thur 17 Sept	St Mary's Athletics Carnival
Fri 18 Sept	Year 1 Assembly
Thur 24 Sept	Back up day Athletics
Fri 25 Sept	Last Day of Term
	Pre Primary Assembly

Vision Statement

A welcoming faith
community

We value
relationships

We pursue excellence
in learning

We live the Gospel
message of love

What Makes a Dad

God took the strength of a mountain...

The majesty of a tree...

The warmth of the summer sun...

The calm of a quiet sea...

The generous heart of nature...

The comforting arm of night...

The wisdom of the ages...

The power of the eagle's flight...

The joy of a morning in spring...

The faith of a mustard seed...

The patience of eternity...

The depth of a family need...

God knew the masterpiece was complete.

And so, God called it...Dad



Prayer

Father God, we pray for all fathers, young and old. Bless them for their love. We pray for those in our community whose fathers have died and for those who don't live near their fathers. Be a father to them this day, and especially for those who have difficult relationships with their children.

Amen

Happy Fathers' Day to all dads and grandfathers on Sunday

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

I thank the P & F and Year 4 parent group, capably led by P & F Reps Janelle Norrish and Kate Kelly, for their time and work in planning for the Fathers' Day Breakfast on Friday morning. This event has now become an annual community gathering on our school calendar. Breakfast commences at 7am, followed by a football game and other activities organised by the Year 6 Committees. The Year 2 class will present Fathers' Day Assembly at 8.45am in the school hall and they have been busy practising all week. We look forward to an enjoyable morning. The soccer oval will be open for parking on Friday.

Thanks to the Year 3 parents, capably led by Class P & F Reps Naomi Cross and Maria Smargiassi, who are coordinating Grandparents Morning Tea on Wednesday 16 September. We will commence with Mass at 9am and then ask our Grandparents to move across to the hall where our choirs will perform. Morning Tea will then be served. Grandparents are welcome to visit classrooms during Recess time, 10.50-11.10am.

Thanks to Year 6 parents, capably led by Catherine Dorant and Clare Kirke, who are coordinating the Sausage Sizzle lunch, morning tea and coffee van at the Athletics Carnival on Thursday 17 September. Lunch order forms have been sent home. Please remember to provide a lunch bag with your order.

As discussed at Tuesday night's P & F Meeting, all is in readiness for the basketball court resurfacing commencing in the October school holidays. I thank the P & F Executive, capably led by Chris Gibbs, for the time and expertise in discussing, planning, seeking quotes and advice and working towards this project becoming a reality. From the P & F survey in 2014 where feedback

was sought from the community on how P & F funds should be spent, the court resurfacing was seen as a major project toward which the P & F could contribute funds. The School Board has supported the work of the P & F by committing \$15,000 towards this project. While this project will use most of the funds the P & F currently hold, The Executive are currently conducting a 2015 survey, again seeking feedback to direct the work of the P & F into 2016.

The P & F Strategic Plan saw their work in 2015 captured in diagrammatic format, allowing for “What we’re about”, “What we’re working on” and what we’ve achieved” to be clearly seen. It provides for success and achievement to be celebrated and ensures a consistent focus on agreed goals and direction. I congratulate the Executive on this and on their leadership and work this year. A copy of the updated plan is available on the Notice Board outside the hall door.

The contribution by so many parents and families ensures the strong sense of community that is characteristic of our school. We can take pride in who we are as a school community and the work we do together - for and with each other. Our school is enriched by these great contributions from all. A sincere and heartfelt “thank you.”

Maureen Tully
Principal

STUDENT AWARDS

YEAR 1	Nicholas Bouzada Olgiati	Jacob Coulson		
YEAR 2	Niamh Hamill-Harling	Molly Lincoln	Luca De Coppi	
YEAR 3	Brady Emerson	Ranee Cross		
YEAR 4	Milly Patterson	Raymond Do	Elena Mazza	Jonah Lincoln
YEAR 5	Luke Giovanetti	Austin Forrester		
YEAR 6	Roisin De Coppi	Lauren Catalano		
A.R. 50%	Jonah Lincoln	A.R. 75%	Charlee Sidebottom	
A.R. 100%	Xavier Hunter	Lily Bott	Skye Carr	Maya Lubcke
	Michela Villani	Ashleen Moore	Maddison Lord	
PHYS ED	50km	Liam Collins		



SCHOOL NEWS

HELP PLEASE—SANDPITS



We have ordered 5m³ of clean sand from the Bunbury Port Authority so that we can refill the sandpits in the Pre Primary/Kindy play areas and the Junior Playground near the basketball courts. We expect this sand to be delivered on the oval near the Pre Primary fence next Tuesday morning and would like to move it into the sandpits that afternoon. However, we seek your able bodied assistance on Tuesday afternoon between 1.30 - 3pm to load and wheel barrowfuls of sand. It’s best to move the sand as soon after delivery as possible as the temptation to the Years 1 - 6 to run up and down the load of sand (and thus spread it across the oval) can only be resisted for a short time. If you can assist (and we really need your help), please write your name on the list on the Pre Primary and Kindy notice boards. Our students will enjoy the new, clean refilled sandpits.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Mrs Angela Vitalone who has been teaching Italian at St Mary’s this term while Mrs Scasserra is on leave. Tomorrow will be the last day for Italian lessons in Term 3. Mrs Scasserra will return in Term 4. We wish Mrs Vitalone safe travels and an enjoyable holiday in Italy.

HAPPY FATHERS’ DAY

Happy Fathers’ Day on Sunday to all Dads, Grandfathers and father figures in our children’s lives. May you feel loved and appreciated for the care, love and joy you give.

GRANDPARENTS MASS

All are invited to celebrate with the school on Wednesday 16 September at 9am. Mass will be followed by morning tea in the hall.

[P & F FUNDRAISER](#)

Chalk catalogues were distributed to all families from Kindy to Year 1. A percentage of the sales goes back to the P & F to purchase items for the school. Please get your orders back in by Monday 7 September. Spare copies will be left in the front office for anyone else who may also like to have a look.

Thank you.
Kelly and Liz



[ATHLETICS CARNIVAL LUNCH ORDERS](#)

Can parents please ensure that they place their Athletics Carnival lunch orders in a **LUNCH BAG WITH THE EXACT AMOUNT OF MONEY ENCLOSED** as per request on lunch order form. There should also be **SEPARATE ORDERS AND PAYMENTS FOR SIBLINGS**. Thank you.

The Year 6 Parents are managing the catering at the Athletics Carnival. Students lunch order bags and money need to be returned to school by **Friday 11 September** at the latest. Students lunches will be prepared on the day, placed in lunch order baskets and delivered to each class group. We will have sausages in buns and delicious cakes on sale for parents. We have also arranged for coffee van 'Le Chariot' to be on site for the whole day. So please come on the day with some extra dollars to spend at our stall. Also please consider bringing a 'keep cup' (travel mug) for your coffees so we can reduce the waste from having take away coffees.

[SIGNING STUDENTS OUT DURING SCHOOL TIME](#)

Parents are reminded that if they collect their child/children BEFORE the end of the school day (due to illness or other reasons), please ensure that you sign them out at the Front Office before they are taken off school grounds, as this is a legal requirement of the Department of Education.

Thank you.



[MAGGIE DENT](#)

This week's clip is in honour of Father's Day. We know that mums AND dads matter, and that perhaps dads don't realise just how important they are to their child. Here Maggie discusses why dads really matter. To view the clip, please paste this in your browser: <http://www.maggiedent.com/content/vblog/celebrating-dads>

[FOOTY TIPPING](#)

Congratulations to 'Steve Hastie' for winning round 22 footy tipping with 8 correct tips and the smallest margin, well done. The weekly prize money can be collected from the school office. As we head into the last round of the season, it is tight at the top with NicNac remaining in top spot (with 141) followed by RILES in second with 140 and Jayden Kelly third with 139. It will be interesting to see who comes out on top!

[CANTEEN SUPREME NEWS](#)

I am still hopeful that we will find another volunteer for this Friday 4 September. If you can help at all, even for an hour – it would be very much appreciated. Thank you to Brooke Brand and Susan Mainstone who have volunteered this Friday and to Peta-Marie Lord who will be helping on Wednesday 9 September.



[YEAR 1 ASSEMBLY](#)

Please note that the Year 1 Assembly has now been rescheduled to Friday 18 September. Year 1 families have been notified about this change of date.

[HOLIDAY LIBRARY FUN](#)

The Bunbury Libraries are organising fun activities for the kids these school holidays to keep them busy. Come play Board Games and Lego, get crafty with badge making or have a blast with friends at Ultimate Nerf games. Check out the Library's Facebook page or drop in to find out about session times. Flyer attached at the end of this newsletter.

[UNIFORM NOTES](#)

The Uniform Shop is now open Friday mornings for all your uniform supplies. Please keep in mind summer uniform is worn in Term 4 and swimming lessons will be held in the first two weeks of the term. Please check uniforms for correct fit and place any orders if necessary.

Book Week



LIBRARY

There is a new book available in the parent library at St Mary's. The Cancer Council of Western Australia has published a booklet to assist schools and parents when talking to loved ones about cancer. It is currently being accessioned and will be available for borrowing shortly. Don't forget that there are also several books by Maggie Dent available for borrowing. Please see Mrs Holdsworth or Ms Brown.

RE NEWS

At our last school Mass Fr Ed explained 'The Collect'. For those of our community that may not have been able to celebrate with us, I have included the explanation below:

The Collect is a prayer spoken by the priest to gather the intentions of all gathered in Jesus' name and unite them in one Mass intention. It helps us to prepare ourselves for the celebration of the Eucharist. It is usually addressed to God the Father through Christ in the Holy Spirit. The Collect is part of the introductory rites that go before the Liturgy of the Word, where we hear God speaking to us.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

If you are interested in learning more about the Sunday readings, head to the St Mary's website. A new page has been added to further your understanding of God's Word.

BOOK CLUB

Issue 6 orders are due back tomorrow, Friday 4 September at the latest to guarantee delivery before the school holidays.

HPE NEWS

Interm Swimming

Notes for Interm Swimming went home yesterday. Please complete the Enrolment Form and the Bus Permission note, and return to class teachers.

Athletics Carnival Schedule

This note went home yesterday as well. It is your copy for carnival day. We are in need of more parent helpers. Please email me (Mr A) if you can assist.

Tino Alberti alberti.tino@cathednet.wa.edu.au

HPE Teacher

COMMUNITY NEWS

School Holidays

Bunbury

Ultimate Nerf Games – 30min session

Wednesday 30th September
10am 11am 2pm 3pm



Lego

Friday 2nd October - 2pm

Board Games

Friday 9th October - 2pm



Ultimate Nerf Games – 30min session

Wednesday 7th October
10am 11am 2pm 3pm

Withers

Badge Making

Tuesday 29th September – 2pm

Board Games

Thursday 1st October – 2pm

Lego

Thursday 8th October – 2pm



The time will soon be upon us - The City of Bunbury Surf Life Saving Club season is about to kick off. If you want:

- An awesome family environment for your kids to learn.
- To get involved and feel part of the community.
- Learn about how to become a Life Saver.
- Keep fit and healthy.

Then the City of Bunbury SLSC is the place for you. Please join us for our Expo Day to gather information on our great Club and how to register.

- Sunday 20th September 2015
- 11.00am to 2.00pm
- Surf Club, Ocean Drive, Bunbury
- Merchandise Shop Open
- Sausage Sizzle Gold Coin Donation

Activities are open to all ages - Parents are required to accompany their children

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LIBRARIES

Bookings are essential please contact the library below

Bunbury: 9792 7190 or builib@bunbury.wa.gov.au
Withers: 9792 7244 or wrslib@bunbury.wa.gov.au

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