



St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

November

Tue 28 BCC Presentation Evening (High School Students)

Wed 29 Year 3 Reconciliation 10am

Thur 30 Year 6 Graduation, BCC Year 7 Orientation Day

December

Fri 1 Year 6 Excursion

Sun 3 Nature Play Busy Bee 8am

Wed 6 Thanksgiving Mass 10am

Thur 7 End of Year Concert

Fri 8 Last Day Students

Fri 15 Last Day Staff

Vision Statement

A welcoming faith
community

We value
relationships

We pursue excellence
in learning

We live the Gospel
message of love

Prayer to Jesus Christ the King

Almighty and everlasting God, through your beloved Son, King of the whole world, You have willed to restore all things anew; grant in Your mercy that all the families of nations, held asunder by the wound of sin, may be subjected to His most gentle rule. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns



Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

Principal's Welcome

Thank you to all of those who attended St Mary's Annual Community Meeting last night. We heard an engaging presentation from Jan Flemming who spoke on 'How to Help Your Child Succeed in the Early Years'. Jan is an ex-St Mary's parent who is now an Early Childhood Consultant at the Catholic Education Office in Bunbury. Jan spoke of the importance of play for children and the crucial role that parents have in their child's first few years of life. Jan also emphasised the importance of reading to your child and gave some reading comprehension tips.

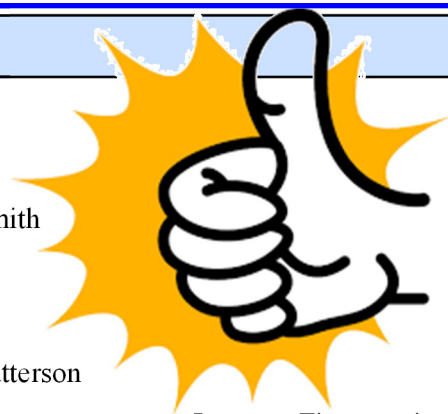
At the ACM, Martin Hynes was thanked for his four years on the Board and an election was held with three parents nominating for the position. Congratulations to Janine Stewart who will join the Board in 2018. Thank you to Kim Piacentini and Wayne Evans who presented their reviews of the 2017 year in their roles of Board Chairperson and Treasurer. Board positions for 2018 will be allocated at the first meeting next year.

Thank you to Suzanne Cross who presented her President's Report at the P&F ACM and announced that she is happy to continue in the role. We are grateful to Susan Mainstone for the work she has done in the position of P&F Treasurer over several years and she is stepping down at the end of the year. Kate Kelly has worked hard, wearing the combined hats of Vice President and Secretary for much of the year is also finishing. Renae Ursino has kindly offered to take on the Treasurer's role and Jo Spinelli is keen to stay on as Secretary. We are still searching for a P&F Vice President.

God bless

Paul Cronin

STUDENT AWARDS



YEAR 1	Sophia Clark	Emilia Cross	
YEAR 2	Max Woolhead	Kaden Hall	
YEAR 3	Leo Pemberton	Ashton Spinelli	Noah Smith
YEAR 4	Jherick Babasa	Trent Roberts	
YEAR 5	Lani Cahill	Grace Sarre	
YEAR 6	Caitlyn Hebbend	Sarah Gibbs	Milly Patterson
A.R. 75%	Trent Roberts	Samuel Pedley	Molly Turner
A.R. 100%	Lucas Pedrochi	A.R. 3RD 100%	Amy Hunter
PHYS ED 100KM	Eva Edmondson	Ruby Maratea	Evan Crowley
PRINCIPAL	Eamon Ramsay	Lily Kilpatrick	Lorenzo Fimognari

SCHOOL NEWS

UNIFORM NOTES

Uniform orders are gradually being made up and delivered to your child's class.

For all your uniform needs and back to school uniform requirements the uniform shop is open on Friday morning between 8.30 and 9.30am.

BOOK CLUB

Issue 8 orders have been sent to Scholastic and should be returned within the next two weeks.

END OF YEAR CONCERT (PRE PRIMARY TO YEAR 6)

Students from Pre Primary to Year 6 will be involved in the End of Year Concert on Thursday 7 December in the school hall. At 1.30 pm, awards will be presented to students in Years 4 to 6 and then the concert will begin with each class presenting an item under the title of 'The Magic of Musicals.'

KINDERGARTEN CONCERT

Kindergarten students will be displaying their talents at their Christmas Concert in the School Hall on Thursday 7 December at 9.30am. There will be a great deal of singing and the children are very excited about their time to shine.

ADVENT PROGRAM

The St Mary's Advent Program will begin on 30 November at 9am in the school chapel. It will be held every Thursday until December 14. For any queries, please contact Helen Brown 9726 7500 Thank you.

END OF YEAR THANKSGIVING MASS

All parents, family and friends of St Mary's are warmly invited to celebrate the 2017 school year with Mass at 10am on Wednesday 6 December. Father Abraham will lead us in giving thanks for our achievements as a school community, asking for blessings on those who have shaped our lives and praying for those who are leaving the school. We look forward to sharing in this special celebration with you.

THANK YOU MORNING TEA

Following the Thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday, there will be a thank you morning tea for those parents and friends who have generously given of their time and talents to assist in the school during the year. Those volunteers will receive a formal invitation to attend.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

It is that time of the year when we start thinking about Christmas and the wonderful blessings this time brings. Unfortunately, there are people in our community who will have very little this Christmas with no food and certainly no presents. Please give generously to the St Vincent de Paul collection to make someone's Christmas brighter. Donations of non perishable food and gifts are greatly appreciated and the collection boxes are in each classroom. We will present the donations to a representative from the Bunbury St Vincent de Paul Society on Friday 8 December 8.45am

SCHOOL FEES

As the school year is coming to an end, with only two weeks remaining, school fees should have been finalised unless payment arrangements have been put in place. Families that are leaving St Marys are asked to ensure that all outstanding accounts are settled.

Thank you,
Mrs Guzzi

PRESENTATION TO CARITAS

The St Mary's School Community will be making a presentation to Mr Peter Williams, Caritas DD Bunbury Diocese at assembly on Friday 8 December 8.45am. The funds for Caritas came from the generosity of students and families during Mission Market Day and other fundraising events.

CONCLUSION OF A.R for 2017

This year the students have been extremely conscientious in reading and testing for A.R. The program will conclude for 2017 on Friday 24 November. This allows for all books to be returned to the Library and a stock-take to be held. If your child is very close to reaching 100% then please talk to your child's classroom teacher about providing further time to do so.

100 CLUB

The opportunity to reach 100 laps and become a member of the 100 Club will close on Friday 24 November. Students have been aware of this date and have been running extra laps to reach their goal. Thank you for supporting the school on this cut off date as laps need to be finalised, shirts ordered and badges embroidered.

PARKING COMPLAINT

We have had a resident across the road from school on Mary St complaining that our parents are parking on his verge and breaking his sprinklers. Please do your best to find a designated parking bay. Mr C

YEAR 5 LEADERSHIP SPEECHES

Congratulations to all of the Year 5s who presented their election speeches to Year 3, 4 and 5 students. There were some interesting election promises made in a bid to win over voters in the hope of being elected Head Boy and Girl and Deputy Head Boy and Girl. Overall, the students did an excellent job speaking publically and the voting results will be announced at the End of Year Concert. Mr C

ALTAR SERVERS' EXCURSION

This year, students in Year 4 and 5 were given the opportunity to be trained to altar serve at weekend Masses at the Cathedral. We had eight students take up the opportunity and they have been serving regularly in groups of four. Some of the students are ultra-keen and are serving fortnightly. Talking to the group, several of them are really looking forward to altar serving at the Christmas Eve Mass. As a thank you for their commitment, the eight students were taken to X-Scape in Dunsborough for a day of fun. The students had a fabulous time, as did the three mums who came along and helped with transportation. Enthusiasm is high amongst the Year 3 students and many of them are looking forward to being involved in altar serving next year. Mr C



Nature Play Update

Our Nature Play playground has started construction! Thank you to the amazing team of helpers who braved the warm weather to install the logs that will form three different level forts for the children to enjoy! A special mix of soil and sand has been delivered to create grass mounds for the children to roll, run and slide on!



We need your help!

If you are handy with a tool, love being part of an enthusiastic team and would like to help create this exciting new play area for our students, please join us:

Sunday 3 December , from 8am on the school oval.

Every bit of help will be greatly appreciated and will directly benefit all St Mary's students! Please email Melissa at lisscoulson@gmail.com if you can assist us in this wonderful project.

We hope to work on the following:

- Fort construction
- Gardening, digging, edging, retaining work
- Tee pee construction

Please bring along gardening gloves, shovels, gardening tools, water bottles and a hat. You don't have to stay all day, any time you can spare would be wonderful!

Unable to help on the day? We would greatly appreciate any donations of food items to feed our fantastic helpers (sandwiches, morning tea, fruit etc).

Please be mindful that there will be various items being constructed over the coming weeks around the school oval and children are not permitted to play on the playground until it has been approved by Kids Safe.

SCHOLASTIC Book Fairs



On behalf of the St Mary's School Community a **MASSIVE** thank you to all families who came and supported Book Fair this year. Not only was it wonderful to see so many children excited about books and reading, your support has also resulted in the school being able to purchase **\$1 500** worth of Scholastic books and teaching resources for the school library and classrooms.

We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our families and have decided to purchase some books to donate to The St Patricks Christmas appeal so that other students not as fortunate as ours can experience the joy of opening a book present on Christmas morning.

Melanie



Thank you so much to the wonderful Mums who gave up their time to come and help us at Book Fair.

Also a big thank you to the wonderful Year 6 students who gave up their own time before and after school to help out at Book Fair!

The Staff and Students are truly thankful to you for being so generous with your time!



Competition winners:

DRAW YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER:

PP/YR 1: Ayla De Castro Yr2/3: Finn Drage Edwards Yr 4/5: Lance Santos

LIBRARY BORROWER RAFFLE:

1st Prize: Finn Marshall 2nd Prize: Kobi Atherton

3rd Prize: Leo Pemberton

Congratulations to all winners, we hope you loved spending your Book Fair Vouchers!

Did you buy this Neon Scratch and Draw Christmas book at Book Fair???

This insert was left on the counter during the week so someone has taken home the scratch and draw part but not the book part.

Please see Mrs Toia if it belongs to you!



COMMUNITY NEWS



Calling all budding archaeologists and Egyptologists to the Museum for a very important expedition into the Mummies tomb! Come in and create your own fossils! Design a Canopic Jar that was used to store the organs of the dead Egyptian Pharaohs for the afterlife. Ages: 6 – 12 years (accompanied by an adult)

Dates:

Wed 24/01/2018

Thurs 25/01/2018

Times: 10am – 12pm

Bookings: Museum Education Officer on 9792

7199

Cost: \$5.00

IRONKIDS
Busselton

Saturday 2 December
Check-In: 7.00am – 8.15am
Race Start: 8.30am
Age 7-13 years

Swim, Bike, Run or Swim, Run options available

Every IRONKID receives a MEDAL, T-SHIRT and a random PRIZE DRAW ENTRY!

REPRESENT YOUR SCHOOL!
Help them win the School Champions Trophy and \$1000!

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SOUTH BUNBURY SCHOOL FETE

South Bunbury Primary will be holding their school fete on Saturday 25 November. They will be using some of St Mary's oval to accommodate the stalls. You are invited to come along and join in the fun between 9 and 3pm

GUITAR LESSONS FOR 2018

Mrs Vicky Cornford introduced private guitar lessons at St Mary's this year and students have enjoyed the opportunity. Some of Vicky's students will be performing at an assembly on Friday 24 November.

If you are interested in enrolling your child in guitar lessons for 2018, enrolment forms are available at the front office. If you want to find out more, you can contact Vicky directly on 0408 902 943 or email

vcornford@bigpond.com.



Piano/Keyboard Lessons

Mr Mills will have some vacancies in 2018.

For further information, please contact Mr Mills on phone no. 9797 2368 or email millsmusic@bigpond.com

Bunbury Musical Comedy Group Inc.
will be holding
AUDITIONS
Disney's
**HIGH
SCHOOL
MUSICAL**
JR
Saturday 20th and
Sunday 21st January 2018

Young people aged 9 - 21 years are invited to audition
The musical is to be stage at The New Lyric Theatre
May 2018

For information and audition time please contact the
director Brigid Mills 0473447296 or
music_is_my_life_4_eva@hotmail.com