

St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES March **Sun 29** Palm Sunday Tue 31 Mass of Oils—11am, St Patrick's Cathedral. Year 6 class attend April Wed 1 Last day of Term for Students Easter Raffle Draw Holy Week Liturgy Thur 2 Pupil Free Day Staff PD Holy Thursday Fri 3 Good Friday Sun 5 Easter Sunday Mon 6 Easter Monday Mon 20 Term 2 commences for Students and Staff

Vision Statement

A welcoming faith community

We value relationships

We pursue excellence in learning

We live the Gospel message of love

Almighty God, on this day, your son Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed King by those who spread garments and palm branches along his way. Let those branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our Lord, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life.

Almighty God, your Son came to us humbly on a donkey's back and now he sits exalted by your right hand. As we enter into Holy Week contemplating his path of suffering, help us to become loyal and steadfast disciples, that we may always hear his word, follow his teachings, and live in his Spirit. Amen.

Palm Sunday

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

This week we have had Parent/Teacher Interviews for all classes, Pre Primary to Year 6. These meetings are an important component of our Reporting process. Discussions have centred around student progress, engagement and work habits, setting new learning goals and identifying where greater support or effort and application is required. It has been a very busy week for teachers with long days, some not finishing until after 6pm. Thank you to teachers for your work, your professionalism and your dedication.

Thank you to parents for your punctuality and for staying only the allocated time. This ensured that the afternoons stayed on schedule. I remind parents that, if there was a matter that required further discussion, you are invited to make another appointment with the teachers.

School will conclude for Term 1 on Wednesday next, 1 April. Staff will be involved in a professional development day on Thursday 2 April and the school office will be closed on this day. The final newsletter for Term 1 will be issued on Thursday morning. Term 2 commences for both staff and students on Monday 20 April.

Maureen Tully

Principal

STUDENT AWARDS

YEAR 1 Alek Liaros Ashton Spi

YEAR 2 Christian Spinelli Niamh Hamill-Harling

YEAR 3 Grace Sarre Lani Cahill Brady Emerson

YEAR 4 Max Sarre Molly Turner

YEAR 5 Alex Ierace Carl McIntyre

YEAR 6 Jack Madaffari Javene Fitch Sofia Fimognari

PHYS ED Jai Cahill Max Sarre

SCHOOL NEWS

YEAR 6—CHRISM MASS

Year 6 parents and students attended the Confirmation Enrolment Mass at 10am at the Cathedral last Sunday. Students will attend the Chrism Mass next Tuesday, 30 March at 11am at the Cathedral. At this Mass, the oils used in Church celebrations and Sacraments, including the Oil of Chrism used to anoint candidates at Confirmation, will be blessed. Year 6 parents are invited to join the class at this Mass next Tuesday. The students will travel to and from the Cathedral by bus, returning to school in time for lunch. I ask all in our school community to pray for our 30 Year 6 students and their families as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 24 May, Feast of Pentecost.

HOLY WEEK LITURGY

As is customary at St Mary's, we will conclude the term with a Holy Week Liturgy. This year we will reflect on the Stations of the Cross. Each class from Pre Primary to Year 6 will present 2 stations, 14 in total. Families are invited to join us for this reflective and prayerful liturgy at 2pm in the hall on Wednesday 1 April.

FOOTY COLOURS DAY

Thank you to students, staff and families who will support Footy Colours Day tomorrow and donate a gold coin, the proceeds will go to Caritas. Please dress in colours that support your football team. Students are asked to wear runners or school shoes—closed shoes. Thank you to Mrs Berndt in the Canteen who will provide a range of footy themed food. Thanks to our Student Executive who have coordinated the day and who will run games on the oval at lunchtime.

EASTER RAFFLE

Thanks to the Year 1 P & F Reps—Susan Mainstone, Chloe Pringle and the Ale Bouzada Olgiati, and Year 1 parents who have coordinated the very popular Annual Easter Raffle. Thanks to all families who have donated Easter eggs, chocolates and Easter themed items to be arranged as prizes. Thanks to all who have bought tickets. The winners will be announced and prizes presented at Assembly on Wednesday morning 1 April.

LOST PROPERTY

There are many items in the Lost Property Box in the office. Please check your child's uniform items and retrieve any missing items from the Lost Property Box by the end of term. Any items remaining after 1 April will be donated to charity.

A TIMELY REMINDER

Now that students have begun wearing jumpers, jackets and tracksuit pants on these cooler mornings, please ensure all these items are labelled clearly with your child's name. Please reinforce with your child that, if they take these clothing items off as the day warms up, they need to put them into their schoolbags and zip the bag up.

STUDENT WORKBOOKS

These will be sent home with students tomorrow. This is an aspect of our reporting to parents on student progress and the work covered thus far in the school term. You are asked to spend time with your child looking at, discussing and asking them to explain some of the work and the concepts. Please encourage your child to take

responsibility for their own learning by asking open ended questions such as, "Tell me what you were learning about in Maths/ Religion/ Science/ Writing on this page? What are you most proud of in your Writing/Science/ Maths book? Show me the page you think is best. What is it that is good about this page/work? Is there something you think you need to work harder at? What would you like to get better at? How would you do that? Is there a page where you think you didn't work as well as you could have? What could you have done better/ differently?"

Provide positive feedback on successes and effort, including presentation of work. Please phrase the feedback around effort and work completed e.g. "It's wonderful to see how neat your work is"; "I like how you have listened to the sounds in words when you were spelling them. "Be specific about what the child has done. Please avoid use of "You are a clever girl" or "What a smart boy you are." This type of comment does not tell the child what it is that they have done well and what they need to do for further progress. We are about developing growth mindsets in students. Parents interested in knowing more about "growth mindsets" might read the work of Carol Dweck.

It is important that workbooks are returned to school on Monday morning as students require these for lessons. Thank you for your support and time in supporting your child's learning in partnership with teachers.

HAVE SUM FUN





HAVE SUM FUN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION



2 teams of students from St Mary's competed against 10 other teams, representing schools from around the region, in the annual Have Sum Fun Mathematics Competition on the weekend. Team 1 came third with a score of 21 points and Team 2 came in fourth place with a score of 20 points. Congratulations to all students for their fantastic efforts.

Here is a sample of some of their questions.

The sum of 3 consecutive whole numbers is 432. What is the smallest of the three numbers?

If it is 70'clock now, what was the time 55 hours ago?

Mr Gardener's flower bed is in the shape of an isosceles triangle with a border of length 25metres. If the shortest side is 6 metres long, what is the length of the next biggest size?

Jack's magic beanstalk doubled in height every day, until at the end of the 17th day it was fully grown and 100 metres tall. How many days did it take to reach a height of 25 metres?

ANSWERS: 143

12 o'clock 9.5 metres 15 days

ST MARY'S LENTEN PROGRAMME

All are invited to attend this worthwhile Lenten preparation that is held in the chapel at 9.30am on Tuesday mornings. Come along and share in reflection, prayer and discussion. See Ms Brown for further details.

WHERE: Chapel

WHEN: Tuesday 31 Mar

AT: 9.30AM

CANTEEN SUPREME NEWS

The Canteen will be taken over by all things AFL tomorrow. As a very special treat recess will consist of:-Club Cupcakes - vanilla cupcakes decorated in club colours



Bomber Burgers - mini beef and cheese burgers



Freo Jelly - red, green and purple jelly



Port Pizza - ham, cheese and pineapple rolls



Bull Dogs - mini hot dogs



St Kilda Rolls – fish finger, lettuce and mayo rolls



Eagle Rolls - chicken, lettuce and sauce

BOOK CLUB

Issue 2 orders have been sent to Scholastic and should be back very soon.



UNIFORM NOTES

Next Wednesday is the last day the Uniform Shop will be open till Friday 1 May at 8.30am. Any winter uniform requirements will have to be made on that day, keep in mind that children have a two week change over to winter uniform at the start of term two and can wear the summer uniform in its entirety or the winter uniform.

BABY NEWS



Congratulations to the Bovell family on the birth of their baby daughter, Jasmine, a sister for Abigail and Sara.

MOTHER'S DAY MORNING TEA THERMOMIX RAFFLE

Mother's Day Morning Tea raffle tickets go on sale this Friday 27th March. \$15 for your chance to win a TM5 Thermomix. Please contact Laura Maratea to purchase a ticket 0403 303 211.



HPE NEWS

Swimming Carnival 2015

10 Schools from across the South West competed is last Thursday's Interschool Swimming Carnival. St Mary's was very well represented with 30 swimmers from Years 4 – 6. A big thank you to all our swimmers and to our Swim Captains, Jack Madaffari and Javene Fitch. Well done Mrs Webb for your work as a place judge on the day!

Back Beach Bike Blast

The Bunbury Triathlon Club and South West Cycling Club are holding a Ride Day on Sunday 29th March starting at 10am. The ride starts at the Northern Back Beach Car Park and is a 12.5km ride. Leaflets available from the Front Office.

Winter Sports Carnival

Mr Di Lallo has already gone onto the front foot and offered to coach our Year 5 and 6 Winter Sports Carnival Football team. The Carnival will be held on Thursday 4th June at Hay Park from 10am to 2.00pm. We need coaches for Netball, Soccer and Hockey.

Skills for Life

Sur Lifesaving WA have postponed their Skills for Life session that was to be held this term at St Mary's for our Year 6 students. This will now take place later on in the year. As soon as a date has been provided we will let our Year 6 Parents know.

ANZAC Day Service

St Mary's will conduct a school ANZAC Day Service on Monday 20th April at 11.10am in the undercover area. All welcome.

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HPE Teacher.

COMMUNITY NEWS

ST MARY'S P & F ASSOCIATION 2015 AFL FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION

PLEASE SEE ENTRY FORM ATTACHED TO THIS WEEK'S NEWSLETTER



The Astronomical Society of the South West (Inc) will be holding open astronomy nights for the public at their Observatory, Keble Heights, College Grove, Bunbury, during the middle weekend of the April School Holidays. The Observatory will be open on Friday 10th, Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th of April each night from 7.00pm to 10.00pm, weather permitting.

Cost: - Adults \$10.00; Children \$7.00; Family - \$25.00. Further Information, Phone: Cameron on 9795 8204



TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful experience of having an international 'big brother' or 'big sister' by hosting one of our exceptional, carefully-screened international students for a 3, 5 or 10 month program. We have students aged 15-18 arriving from France, Germany, Italy, Spain and Scandinavia in July 2015 seeking welcoming families all over Australia, in both rural and urban communities. They will live like a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Capture the spirit of family and friendship - visit us on Facebook or at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501 to request a booklet of international students.



Marist Auskick registrations are now open (Boys and Girls welcome)

Who can Join—Pre Primary to Year 3

Where—Marist Footy Club - Bunbury Catholic College

When—Saturday Mornings 8.30-9.30am from early May (excluding School Holidays) through to August. Dates TBC please include contact emails on application.

Register at https://reg.sportingpulse.com/v6/regoform.cgi?
aID=5312&pKey=0a32ea376ccd7606a109dc9e54ac9576&cID=31872&formID=36056



Cost of Registration includes Auskick bag filled with goodies and lots of fun and fitness. Parents encouraged to be involved

Queries to president@maristjfc.com.au



St Patrick's Catholic Cathedral Bunbury Lenten and Holy Week Time Table for 2015



Liturgy	Date	Time
Stations of the Cross	Friday 27th March	6:00pm
Lenten Reconciliation	Friday 27th March	10:00am (2nd Rite) 6:30pm (1st Rite)
Lenten Soup Evening	Friday 27th March	6:30pm
Paschal Supper (Booking Essential)	Monday 30th March	6:00pm
Mass of the Holy Oils	Tuesday 31st March	11:00am
Mass of the Last Supper	Thursday 2nd of April	7:00pm
Good Friday Stations of the Cross	Good Friday 3rd April	10:00am
The Lord's Passion	Good Friday 3rd April	3:00pm
Reconciliation	Holy Saturday 4th April	11:30am
Easter Vigil Mass	Saturday 4th April	7:00pm
Easter Sunday Masses	Sunday 5st April	8:00am, 10:00am, 6:00pm

THE RINK

The Rink is promoting physical activity for school aged children over the school holidays. Vouchers have been handed out to all classes.



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EASTER + APRIL 2015 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
We are CLOSED GOOD FRIDAY.

Then we are OPEN EVERYDAY from SAT 4TH APRIL - SUN 19TH APRIL with PUBLIC SKATING EVERY DAY BETWEEN

10 AM & 3 PM regular entry \$12 inc equipment

Learn to Skate Classes = Mon & Thurs 5 pm & Sat 3 pm = \$10





Bunbury R.Skate Club
Easter FunSkate Night
all welcome 6 - 7.30 pm
Saturday 28th March
Dress up - Games - GR8 Prizes
\$10 public / \$5 members



ST MARYS P&F ASSOCIATION 2015 AFL 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. Prizes will be calculated from the total prize pool (\$30.00 multiplied by the number of competitors). There will be a weekly prize of \$25.00 with the end of season prizes being devised as 1st will receive 50% of prize pool, 2nd 30% and 3rd 20%.

Our footy tipping competition is so easy and we encourage our school families and friends to participate.

YOU CAN REGISTER AT: http://www.footytips.com.au/comps/ST MARYS CPS

- Once registered online please complete the attached registration form.
- Registration form with payment can be dropped off at the school office.
- Those unable to drop off at school please contact Darren Coulson (<u>darrencoulson4@bigpond.com</u>) by email.
- Registration and payment must be received prior to AFL kick-off -2^{nd} April.
- All tips to be done on line before the games. The site will display the current round fixtures for you to make your selection, once you have entered your tips they will be automatically recorded.
- Results can be viewed online and winners will be announced in the school newsletter each week.

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NAME
TELEPHONE
EMAIL
REGISTERED NAME

Please complete and return to school office with payment