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# St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### Sept

Fri 9	General Assembly 60 Minute Challenge
Thurs 15	Walk to School Day 8am
Fri 16	Athletics Carnival Pre Primary to Year 6
Tue 20	Open Night 5.45pm - 7pm Kindergarten Open Day
Wed 21	Grandparents Mass and Morning Tea
Fri 23	Last Day of Term Staff and Students

### Oct

Mon 10	First Day Staff and Students
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## Vision Statement

A welcoming faith  
community

We value  
relationships

We pursue excellence  
in learning

We live the Gospel  
message of love



If you ever feel distressed during your day - call upon Our Lady - Just say this simple prayer:

‘Mary, Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now.’ I must admit - this prayer has never failed me.

*Blessed Saint Teresa*

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

Thank you to those who organised the Father's Day Breakfast. The morning was a great success with many dads and grandads sharing some special time together. The football game was a little chaotic but a lot of fun and I'm pleased that we didn't have any injuries.

On Monday, St Mary's football team created history by winning the prestigious Eagles Cup defeating Dalyellup by twelve points. It was an incredible win considering that Dalyellup apparently have four Year 6 classes and our team was made up of Year 4, 5 and 6 students. Special thanks to Vince Di Lallo for coaching and to Mr Alberti for helping out.

On Tuesday night I was delighted by the attendance at the P&F meeting. We had 21 parents who were prepared to give up their time for the benefit of their children. There were several requests from various teachers across the school and the group approved the purchase of equipment ranging from sand toys for the Kindy and Pre Primary, to reading books for Year 5. The idea of having Class Reps is a wonderful idea and helps to develop a supportive culture.

This Friday we are hoping for a big crowd for the 60 Minute Challenge. Mr Alberti again is the driving force and students are keen to continue to add to their distances for the 100 Club.

God bless.

Paul Cronin

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



## STUDENT AWARDS

YEAR 1	Elena Gibbs	Michael Twomey		
YEAR 2	Jade Turpin	Louis Wright		
YEAR 3	Amahli Lowe	Thomas Bouzada-Olgati		
YEAR 4	Finn Marshall	Nick O'Brien		
YEAR 5	Daniel Norrish	Alexis Gianfrancesco		
YEAR 6	Xavier Hunter	Anoushka Heble		
A.R. 50%	Kayde Waldock		Billie Vance	
A.R. 75%	Ned Pemberton	Alexis Gianfrancesco	Lochlan Moore	Kace Brand
A.R. 100%	Catherine Pham	Sophia Cross	Ashleen Moore	
PRINCIPAL	Gabriella Lang	Jake Michell		

## SCHOOL NEWS

### UNIFORM SHOP/SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note that the Uniform Shop will not be open on Friday 16 September. The school office will open briefly on that morning and then close for the duration of the Athletics Carnival. Following the Carnival, the office will reopen until 4pm as per normal closing time.

### 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.

**Remember, even though you may have notified the school of your child's absence via phone or email, you must still send a signed note. This is a legal requirement.**

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. Students are **NOT** permitted to sign themselves in. Should a student need to leave school early, their parent/caregiver must sign the student out at the office, even if the class teacher has been notified. Our Duty of Care requires us to account for each student during school hours, 8:45am to 3:10pm.

### SPORTS CARNIVAL ABSENTEES/BUS TRAVEL

Please note that the Kindergarten class will run as normal on Athletics Carnival Day and all children are expected to be in attendance. Students who will not be attending school are required to provide a note to the school, that is signed by their parent/caregiver **BEFORE** the day of the carnival.

Parents are also reminded to sign and return the Athletics Carnival bus travel permission note by **Wednesday 14 September 2016**. Thank you.

### NETSETGO SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC

Netball WA will be holding an ANZ NetSetGO School Holiday Clinic at the South West Sports Centre on Thursday 29 September 2016. The clinic aims to engage children between the ages of 5 and 10 years old, introducing them to a variety of netball skills, games and activities to build confidence and of course have fun. Should any prospective participants have any questions regarding the ANZ NetSetGO School Holiday Clinic, please do not hesitate to contact the Community Engagement Team at Netball WA.

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### TOY FUNDRAISER CATALOGUES

Just a reminder to fill out the order forms in your Parent Direct and Chalk catalogues. You only have a few more days left to peruse and select from the diverse range of toys, puzzles and more. If you have misplaced your catalogue there are still more available in the school office. Orders are due into the office this Friday 9 September. And remember, each order the school submits, the more funds we raise for our school!

### FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

The Father's Day Breakfast was a successful 'friend-raiser' with over 200 adults and students sharing breakfast and partaking in the tabloid sports or football game afterwards. A huge thank you to the Year 4 parents who baked muffins, bought the supplies, cooked and served on the day, or assisted with the sports games. Thank you to the Year 6 students who helped set up in the morning and Mr Cronin who generously (bravely?) umpired the Fathers vs students football game. Thanks are also extended to the Year 4 parents who donated items for the raffle and to the Eaton Tavern for their voucher donation. The raffle was won by Sean Marwick. Many thanks also to the St Mary's P & F Executive for their support and guidance. - Medrica Di Lallo and Justine Bow, Year 4 Class Reps.

### SUSTAINABILITY NEWS



On Wednesday the Community Committee planted our seedlings for the school vegetable gardens. We have planted tomatoes, snow peas, cucumbers, lettuce, carrots, spring onions and basil. We had asked Alison in our Canteen what vegetables she would like us to grow so hopefully we will be able to provide some yummy vegetables for our lunches!  
- Mrs Murray



### TIPS ON CHOOSING SEEDLINGS

- Avoid plants that look over or under watered - this will show as stunted growth and yellowing of leaves.
- Avoid any seedlings that show signs of insect or physical damage.
- Seedlings that are leggy, yellow in colour or browning off are no good. These plants are under stress and have the propensity to bolt to seed after they're planted out.



Next week we celebrate Enviroweek. As a school we do a lot to look after our environment. We reduce, re-use and recycle and participate in many environmentally friendly activities.

Next week we will be **Waste Warriors** and conduct a waste audit to identify where we can improve on reducing our daily rubbish. Once we have collected our data, we will be able to make positive changes starting with reintroducing our **Nude food Days** next term!



### LUNCH ORDERS - ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Parents are reminded that lunch orders for next Friday's Athletics Carnival are due back by tomorrow Friday 9 September 2016.

### UNIFORM NOTES

Surplus second hand uniform items are available for a gold coin donation. These will be on sale for the whole of next week in the Hall. Proceeds will go to Caritas. Items could be used for patches, spare buttons or future uniform requirements.

### BOOK CLUB

Issue 6 orders have been submitted. Orders will be available for distribution before the end of this term.



## HPE NEWS

### St Mary's CPS 60 Minute Challenge

Friday 9 September 4.30PM – 5.30pm. No prior registration required. The timer will start at 4.30PM and finish at 5.30PM. Challenge yourself to see how many laps you can run. All laps run count to the 100 Club. Collect your bib when you arrive. BBQs will be set up for families wishing to stay on. **Note: There is no sausage sizzle. You need to bring your own food.**

### Athletics Carnival

Our annual Athletics Carnival for Pre Primary to Year 6 will be held on Friday 16 September. **Parents who are available to assist with running the carnival please email me on:** [alberti.tino@cathednet.wa.edu.au](mailto:alberti.tino@cathednet.wa.edu.au). We need parents for the Junior Primary events.

### Walk to School Day

This will be next Thursday 15 September. All those taking part are asked to meet at the Big Swamp Playground at 8am.

### Relay For Life

A flyer will be sent home with the eldest in each family with information on Relay for Life. If you are interested in being a part of Relay for Life please let me know.

Mr Alberti

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Last Tuesday, 30 August, the Year 3s made their First Reconciliation at St Patrick's Cathedral. The following day the students celebrated by having sausage sizzle and cupcakes provided by the parents.





## School Holiday Clinics

Netball WA is excited to be presenting the ANZ NetSetGO School Holiday Clinics, this September school holidays, for 5-10 year olds!

Running from 9am to 3pm, these action-packed days will help participants build their teamwork skills, all while introducing them to the fun game of netball!

Registration costs will be \$80.00. \*This includes an ANZ NetSetGO School Holiday Participant Pack

### Craigie Leisure Centre

Tues 27 September, 9am to 3pm

South West Sports Centre, Bunbury  
Thursday 29 September, 9am to 3pm

Ray Owen Sports Centre, Kalamunda  
Tuesday 4 October, 9am to 3pm

State Netball Centre, Jolimont  
Thursday 6 October, 9am to 3pm

For more information, please contact  
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Child and Parent Centre  
Carey Park



## Let's get creative

For 6 to 8 year olds



Encourage your child's imagination and creativity with drama, music and craft activities.

**Date:** Wednesday 5 October 2016

**Time:** 10.00am to 11.00am

**Venue:** Child and Parent Centre – Carey Park  
Ecclestone Street, Carey Park.

Bookings are essential on T: 9721 6991.

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**10am – 5pm Festival**

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