



St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

December

Thur 3	Year 6 Graduation Mass and supper 6pm
Sun 6	Second Sunday of Advent
Tue 8	Year of Mercy Commences School Stationery Order Pick Up 8-9.15am Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Wed 9	Reports Home
Thur 10	End of Year Concert 1pm
Fri 11	Last Day of Term for Students
Sun 13	Third Sunday of Advent
Fri 18	Last Day of Term for Staff
Sun 20	Fourth Sunday of Advent

Vision Statement

A welcoming faith
community

We value
relationships

We pursue excellence
in learning

We live the Gospel
message of love

Second Week of Advent

Prepare for the Lord

Waiting God... we are getting ready for Christmas: buying presents, preparing carols, practising our nativity plays. We thank you for all the preparations you made for the first Christmas: through the prophets you told people to get ready for Jesus: you gave a baby, John, to Zachariah and Elizabeth; you chose Mary to be Jesus' mother and Joseph to provide a home for them. As we prepare to enjoy Jesus' birthday, make us ready to listen carefully to the Christmas story and to make room for Jesus in our hearts.
Amen



School Concert and Awards Ceremony commences at 1pm on Thursday 10 December

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

Yesterday morning, we celebrated our end of year Mass of Thanksgiving. This was an occasion where we gave thanks for all the work we have done together this year, for how we cared for and supported each other and enjoyed friendships, fun and good times and for all those who helped us and cared for us as we travelled through the year. A special word of thanks to our many volunteers who have assisted in so many ways. We value and appreciate all that you do. A thank-you morning tea was held after Mass in the staffroom. Thank you to Mrs Jenny Noack who organised and catered for morning tea.

Fr Ed spoke at Mass about the importance of developing an "Attitude of Gratitude." At times, we may have a tendency to grumble about things that don't go our way; perhaps we need to make a conscious effort to truly appreciate all that we do have and to keep that thought in our minds and hearts as we head off soon to enjoy the celebrations of the Christmas and holiday season.

Thank you to families who have donated items and gifts towards our St Vincent de Paul Christmas hamper appeal. Baskets of food were part of the Offertory at Mass. We will continue gathering food items through to Friday 11 December, last day of term, when a representative from St Vincent de Paul will come to Assembly to accept the food hampers from St Mary's School Community.

Maureen Tully
Principal

STUDENT AWARDS

YEAR 1	Lauren Dillon	Taylor McNameanra		
YEAR 2	Christian Spinelli	Adrianna Minnella	Harry Piacentini	
YEAR 3	Max Di Lallo	Amy Hunter	Sanjan O'Brien	
YEAR 4	Ned Pemberton	Charlee Sidebottom	Lorenzo Fimognari	
YEAR 5	Xavier Hunter	Skye Carr		
YEAR 6	Chelsea Orsi	Brian Pham	Ethan Luff	Cassandra Babasa
A.R. 100%	Luke Giovanetti			
A.R. 2nd 100%	Daniel Norrish	Ned Pemberton	Aidan Hall	Anoushka Heble
	Billie Vance	Mary Hynes		
PHYS ED 100KM	Liam Collins	Max Di Lallo		

CONGRATULATIONS

SCHOOL NEWS

GRADUATION

Tonight we celebrate the Graduation of our Year 6 students from primary school with Mass and a shared supper. Thank you to Mr Alberti and Mrs Paini for your work in organising and coordinating this celebration. This is another historic moment for St Mary's, it being the first year we graduate Year 6 as the senior class in the school. We give thanks for our Year 6 students, for the uniqueness and giftedness of each boy and girl, for their parents and families and their contributions to St Mary's School community and for all staff members, past and present, who have worked with and supported the students and their families during their years at primary school. For 12 families, this is their last child graduating from St Mary's Catholic Primary School - a chapter closes in family life.

Thank you, farewell and God's blessing on the road ahead for the following families:

Allan, Birmingham, Brittain, Catalano, De Zotti, Fitch, Hewison, Hiscox, Kirke, Luff, Madaffari and Welsh.

For 13 families, this is the first child graduating from primary school - a new chapter begins. For the remaining five families, there are chapters open on both sides.

To all students, we wish you continued success and every happiness and blessing as you move to high school in 2016.

A special word of thanks to Year 5 students who are forming the choir to sing at tonight's Graduation Mass.

ITALIAN LESSONS

Tomorrow, Friday 4 December, is the final day for Italian lessons for 2015. Thank you to Mrs Nita Scasserra for her work with our students in 2015 and we wish her a restful holiday break. Nita will return to St Mary's as Italian teacher in 2016. Mrs Scasserra came in on Monday morning to make pizzas with the Year 6 students. Thank you to parents who assisted with this.

SEMESTER TWO REPORTS

Semester 2 Reports for students from Pre Primary to Year 6 will be sent home with students in sealed envelopes next Wednesday. Parents are asked to read their child's report from the perspective of acknowledging and celebrating learning, development and achievement; having done this, it is then time to look at where further practice, reinforcement and future focus is needed. In reporting, teachers report objectively, using data and evidence from students' work, assessments and testing, in order to indicate current level of achievement.

Please keep in mind that a C grade is at the expected year level standard, therefore, the majority of students in any class would achieve a C grade. A small number of students might achieve a B grade, with perhaps an occasional student receiving an A grade. Some students may receive a D grade; this may be because students find the subject area challenging, despite hard work, dedication, application and extra support from school and home. These students must be acknowledged for working hard and achieving to the very best of their ability. There may be a small number of students who, though they have the ability and potential to achieve a C Grade (or maybe higher), have not worked or applied themselves as was required and expected and achieve a D grade. These students must be challenged to achieve to their best.

As a school, we are conscious of reporting honestly and fairly on students' progress and achievements. Teachers have been, or will be, in contact with parents of students who will receive a D grade in Literacy or Numeracy. An

important aspect of our reports is student self management, social management and awareness of self and others. Parents are also asked to acknowledge their child's strengths in these areas and to consider if goals may also be necessary in these aspects of development.

I extend a huge thank you to our teachers who have completed the enormous workload of completing student reports - much of this in their own time in the evenings and at the weekends - and I ask that parents acknowledge their appreciation to their child's teacher.

We appreciate the support of our parents as we strive to provide learning programs that meet both WA Curriculum guidelines and the specific and individual learning needs and social and emotional needs of each student.

I congratulate students on their successes, hard work, determination and application to their learning.

BCC MUSICAL PRESENTATION

On Tuesday 8 December at 2pm, music students from BCC will performing for the students of St Mary's. It is an opportunity for BCC to showcase their musical talent and for the students of St Mary's to listen to and explore music.

RE NEWS

Sacramental Dates 2016

Confirmation

General Parent Sacrament Meeting	March 15	Tuesday	Parish Hall	6.00pm
Confirmation (Pentecost)	May 15	Sunday	Cathedral	10.00am
Commitment Mass	May 1	Sunday	Cathedral	10.00am
Mass of Oils Year 6	March 22	Tuesday	Cathedral	10.00am
Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting	April 5	Tuesday	Parish Hall	6.00pm

Eucharist

General Parent Sacrament Meeting	March 15	Tuesday	Parish Hall	6.00pm
Eucharist	May 29	Sunday	Cathedral	10.00am
Commitment Mass	May 8	Sunday	Cathedral	10.00am
Eucharist Parent/Student Meeting	May 10	Tuesday	Parish Hall	6.00pm

Reconciliation

General Parent Sacrament Meeting	March 15	Tuesday	Parish Hall	6.00pm
Reconciliation	August 30	Tuesday	Cathedral	6.00pm
Commitment Mass	August 21	Sunday	Cathedral	10.00am
Reconciliation Parent/Student Meeting	August 9	Tuesday	Parish Hall	6.00pm

HOLY YEAR OF MERCY

December 8 2015 – November 20 2016

The Holy Year of Mercy will commence with a Diocesan Mass at the Cathedral on Tuesday at 11am. All parents and friends of St Mary's are invited to attend and experience the 'opening of the doors of Mercy'. Pope Francis calls us all to "... gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives." Mrs Tully, Joshua (Head Boy) and Emma (Head Girl) will attend the Mass to represent St Mary's.

On Monday morning, 7 December, our assembly will focus on the Year of Mercy. You are invited to share in this opportunity to gather as a school and pray for extraordinary blessings throughout the year.

ANNUAL REPORT 2016

The Annual Report to the School Community, incorporating the Principal's Report, Board Chair's Report and P & F President's Report, is now available on the school website under the Compliance Data link.

MAGGIE DENT

Boys, Boys, Boys

In this 'Maggie Moment', Maggie talks about her own experience of raising four sons and discusses some of the ways in which boys are different from girls, and how it's important to understand these differences in order to raise our boys sensitively. To view the clip, copy and paste the following link into your browser. From there select 'videos' from the Free Resources tab, <http://www.maggiedent.com/content/vblog/boys-boys-boys>.

FIRST EUCHARIST CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulate Sarah Gibbs, Year Four, on receiving her First Eucharist this week. May you always feel the presence of the Lord, now and forever as you receive Him at your First Holy Communion. God bless and Congratulations.

BOOK CLUB

Issue 8 orders have been placed and are due back within the next week. Late orders will arrive at a later date.

UNIFORM NOTES

Uniform orders that have been fully paid have been delivered to students, with the exception of plain front boys' shorts. These will be delivered as soon as the stock has arrived. The Uniform Shop is open for the next two Friday mornings between 8.30 and 9.30am for all your uniform requirements. It will reopen on Wednesday 27 January 2016 between 8am and 10am for any last minute uniform requirements.

CANTEEN SUPREME NEWS



"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time, they just have the heart." A huge thank you to all who have volunteered in the Canteen this year. Your smiles, good humour and tea making abilities are truly appreciated. Jo Spinelli, Rikki Smith and Laura Maratea are our canteen lovelies this Friday. On Wednesday 9th we have Belinda Males and Trish Moore and on Friday the 11th the beautiful and talented Sharon Clark, Catherine Dorant and Clare Kirke will be making their final appearances at the St Mary's Canteen before they move on to bigger (but not better) Canteens. Please know ladies, that you are always welcome back. Have a happy and safe Christmas.

Natalie

BANKING BUDDIES

Final banking day for 2015 is this Monday. If you have any outstanding interest to be updated in your bank books, please come in on Monday between 8.30am and 9.00am. For any parents that would like their child to open up a Catholic Development Fund Bank Account and get into the good habit of saving each week, please come in and see me in the Uniform Shop on Monday mornings. Banking will resume on 8 February 2016. Merry Christmas to all.

Jen Curtis

BOOKLIST/SCHOOL STATIONERY PICK UP

All Central News School Stationery Orders will be available for pick up next Tuesday 8 December, between 8.00am and 9.15am from the MPR room. Please note that orders will not be given to children and must be collected by an adult. If you are able to help on the morning, please email Suzanne Cross at ian.suzanne5@gmail.com.

Thank you.

CARITAS DONATION

Thank you to all in our school community who have supported our missions fundraising in 2015. A cheque for \$1350.00 was presented to Mr Ray Lowe, Diocesan Caritas Co-ordinator, at last Friday's assembly.

**WEEK 10 NEWSLETTER WILL
BE PUBLISHED ON FRIDAY 11
DECEMBER 2015**



We need fresh water thinkers this summer

Discover waterwise holiday tips at watercorporation.com.au/discover



As our water consumption continues to soar and students are about to head off for the summer school holidays, we are encouraging them to be fresh water thinkers this summer. We have tips and games for students and parents to discover on our website. Simple actions such as reducing the time in the shower and being conscious when using water for recreational activities all contributes to keeping our water use down.

Parish Christmas Time Table:

- Christmas Vigil - *Thursday 24 December at 6:30pm.*
- Midnight Mass - *11:30pm Carols followed by Mass at midnight.*
- Christmas Day Mass - *8am and 10am (NO 6PM MASS)*
- Carmelite Monastery Gelorup - *Christmas Vigil Mass Thursday 24 December at 8pm. Christmas Day at 9am.*
- DALYELLUP: Christmas Day at 9:30am

Children are invited to dress up as Nativity theme characters for the Christmas Vigil Mass on Thursday 24 December at 6:30pm.

Parish Ministry Fair

Saturday 5 December and Sunday 6 December

All are welcome to come and have a look at the wonderful work being done in the Parish of Bunbury by the many ministry groups that exist. St Mary's will have a display that showcases the various ways in which we are a faith community committed to living as Jesus did, with courage, determination and Faith in God. Look forward to seeing you there!