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St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

Dec

Thur 1	BCC Presentation Evening
Sun 4	Second Sunday of Advent
Mon 5	Kindergarten Concert Spelling Bee
Tue 6	Book List Pick Up Year 6 Graduation Mass and Supper 6pm DVD ORDERS DUE BACK TO SCHOOL!!
Wed 7	Reports Go Home
Thur 8	End of Year Concert Feast of Immaculate Conception
Fri 9	Last Day Students

Vision Statement

A welcoming faith
community

We value
relationships

We pursue excellence
in learning

We live the Gospel
message of love

1st Week of Advent

Father, we're going to celebrate your Son's birthday soon. We will be preparing our home, our gifts, our food. Help us to remember to prepare our hearts.

Help us in all our busyness to remember it's Your Son we're getting ready for. Help us help a friend, keep a promise, or visit someone lonely. Come Lord Jesus! We need you.

Happy 1st week of Advent!



**School Concert and Awards Ceremony commences at 1pm on
Thursday 8 December**

Principal's Welcome

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

The last two weeks of the school year are always very exciting with so much happening. While reports are being finalised, there are numerous end of year celebrations. Students' achievements are recognised, and students and staff are busy working on what should be a rather spectacular 'End of Year Concert' planned for next Thursday at 1pm in the hall. Thank you to Sonja Cahill who has arranged for 'School Memories Captured' to record the concert and DVD orders are due back by Tuesday 6 December 2017. There will be no awards given out at next Friday's morning assembly, nor will the canteen be operational.

Staffing for 2017 is complete and a Staff List is included in today's newsletter.

We extend our sincere condolences to Bianca and Simon Torrisi and their family on the recent loss of Simon's Nonna. May they find comfort in the Lord at this sad time.

God bless

Paul Cronin

KINDERGARTEN SHIRTS FOR 2017

Mrs Kerry Bonser has received her order of Kindergarten shirts and they will be available from the Uniform Shop tomorrow and next Friday from 8.30am to 9.30am. The shirts are not compulsory but are very popular!

STUDENT AWARDS

YEAR 1	Gabriel Gragasin	Wil Dabic			
YEAR 2	Grace Emerson	Keira Pitts			
YEAR 3	Jorja O'Reilly	Amahli Lowe			
YEAR 4	Elizabeth Curtis	Ranee Cross			
YEAR 5	Aidin Williams	Charlee Sidebottom			
YEAR 6	Lily Bott	Jake Michell			
A.R. 75%	Sage Gilroy				
A.R. 100%	Jedd Patterson	Aleesha Zaccagnini	Maya Lubcke		
A.R. 2ND 100%	Natalia Dillon	Chloe MacNeill	Nick O'Brien	Archie Pemberton	
	Caitlyn Hebbend				
PHYS ED 50KM	Wil Dabic	100KM	Baylee Brand		
OTHER	Year 5 Boys High Jump Record Jai Cahill 1.31m Year 5 Girls High Jump Record Maddison Lord 1.16m				

SCHOOL NEWS

ADVENT

Have you been noticing all the wonderful flowering of the jacaranda, and the coming into flower of the 'Christmas Tree?' This definitely signals the coming of **Advent – the season of new beginnings**. We have the new liturgical year starting on the First Sunday of Advent – the season of longing and light. Week by week candles are lit on the Advent Wreath, as we prepare ourselves for the celebration of the birth of Christ – Christ as God-with-us, God in human flesh. This is the Incarnation.

The Advent Wreath is a traditional centrepiece in preparation for Christmas. A candle is lit on each of the four Sundays leading to Christmas. The first candle (violet) represents **hope**, the second (violet) **peace**, the third (rose) **joy**, and the fourth (violet) **love**. The central white candle can be lit on Christmas Day and represents Christ. The Advent Wreath teaches us about Christian preparation for celebrating Jesus' birth and making our hearts truly ready to receive Him.

The wreath itself is also symbolic. The circle of evergreen in which the candles are placed represents everlasting life. The seedpods, nuts and cones used to decorate the wreath are symbolic of life and resurrection. The laurel signifies victory over persecution and suffering. Pine and holly signify immortality, and fruits (such as apples) represent the nourishing fruitfulness of the Christian life.

The word 'advent' means 'coming.' Lighting the candles on the Advent Wreath symbolises the coming of Light (Jesus) into the world.

BOOK CLUB

Issue 8 orders have arrived and were distributed yesterday.

UNIFORM SHOP

All orders have been finalised and are awaiting collection. Kindy t-shirts are available for purchase in sizes 2, 4 and 6 on Friday mornings between 8.30am and 9.30am, along with any other school uniform requirements. The Uniform Shop will be open on Friday 27 January 2017 between 8.30am and 10am for any last minute uniform requests.

BOOKLIST/SCHOOL STATIONERY PICK UP

All Central News School Stationery Orders will be available for pick up next Tuesday 6 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.

PLAY CAFÉ OPENING FOR BUSINESS FIRST WEEK BACK TERM 1 2017

The revamped Play Café has been hugely successful this term, thanks largely to the enthusiasm of Rose Anderson, who is our coordinator. Rose has appreciated the support she has received each week from parents attending with their children. Families of children who are currently enrolled for Kindy in 2018 will soon receive an invitation in the mail to be involved in Play Café next year. With three full days of Kindy starting next year, the Play Café will operate on a Tuesday. Interviews for Kindy students for 2018 are planned for May.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

There was enough interest from families who completed the survey for Camp Australia for us to move forward. I will be meeting with team members on 16 December to finalise details and we will be making an application to start at the beginning of Term 2 with applications taking up to 90 days to process. I have already asked lots of questions with one being about how the rebate works. The answer was that Australian citizens automatically receive a 50% rebate (discount). 'Before School' will operate from 7am with breakfast included and 'After School' until 6pm with afternoon tea provided.

LAST DAY OF CANTEEN FOR THE YEAR—WEDNESDAY 14 DECEMBER

Since most of the classes will be holding shared lunches on the Friday 16 December, Wednesday 14 December will be the last day for the canteen for the year. Alison is extremely grateful for the assistance and support she has received and is looking forward to 2017. If you haven't had the chance to return your form and are still keen to be added to the roster to help, please complete the details in the newsletter.

Super Scientists at work...

In Year 3 we have been investigating different heat sources and how heat moves from one object to another. For our final activity, we created solar ovens out of Pizza boxes and watched as our marshmallows and chocolate melted to make delicious S'mores.



In Year 6 we have been having fun with our new Circuit and Electricity Kits. Thank you to our fabulous P and F for buying these for us to enjoy!!



School Disco



Disco Mania

We had close to 170 students across the year levels take up the opportunity to dance the night away for the annual school disco! Many students went to great lengths to dress up and the competition was fierce for limbo, dance and musical chair games. A huge thank you to our Year 6 team of students being who helped throughout the night in the canteen. Thank you also to our other key helpers in Mr Alberti, Ms Brown and Martin and Rosina Hynes.

ITALIAN LESSONS

Tomorrow, Friday 2 December, is the final day for Italian lessons for 2016. Thank you to Mrs Nita Scasserra for her work with our students in 2016 and we wish her a restful holiday break. Nita will return to St Mary's as Italian teacher in 2017. Mrs Scasserra will come in on Monday morning to make pizzas with the Year 6 students.

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 7 December.

THANKSGIVING MASS

Yesterday our school community celebrated our Thanksgiving Mass to celebrate parent and grandparent volunteers who regularly assist with programs such as reading. At the end of Mass, the Year 6 students performed a dramatized 'Farewell' that told the story of their time at St Mary's.

School Staff 2017

Principal	Mr Paul Cronin
Assistant Principals	Ms Helen Brown
	Mr Ben Priest
Kindergarten Teacher	Mrs Elizabeth Harper (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday)
Kindergarten Education Assistants	Mrs Philippa O'Dea
	Mrs Joan Zolnier
Play Café	Mrs Rose Anderson (Tuesday morning)
Pre Primary Teachers	Mrs Anika Skehan (Monday - Wednesday)
	Mrs Bianca Torrisi (Thursday, Friday)
Pre Primary Education Assistant	Mrs Rosetta Anderson
	Mrs Philippa O'Dea (Tuesday morning)
Pre Primary Special Needs Education Assistants	Mrs Sue Palumbo
	Mrs Sharyn Illman
Year 1 Teachers	Mrs Cathy Mountford (Tuesday – Friday)
	Mrs Melissa Coulson (Monday)
Year 2 Teacher	Ms Carly Blechynden
Year 3 Teachers	Ms Helen Brown (Monday, Tuesday, Friday)
	Mrs Emma Hastie (Wednesday, Thursday)
Year 4 Teacher	Mrs Nikki Webb
Year 5 Teacher	Mrs Gillian Alberti
Year 6 Teacher	Mr Ben Priest (Monday – Wednesday)
	Mrs Melanie Toia (Thursday, Friday)
Science	Mrs Rebecca Murray (Wednesday, Thursday)
Health and Physical Education/Music/Drama	Mr Tino Alberti
Library	Mrs Melanie Toia
Literacy Extension	Mrs Megan Turpin
Italian	Mrs Nita Scasserra
Choir	Mr Ian Mills
Junior Primary Education Assistant	Mrs Kerry Bonser
Special Needs Education Assistant/ Learning Support Education Assistant	Mrs Sharyn Illman
Library Officer	Mrs Vicki Holdsworth
IT Coordinator	Ms Helen Brown
Learning Support Coordinator/Teaching and Learning Coordinator	Mr Ben Priest
Administration Officers	Mrs Anna Guzzi (Monday – Thursday)
	Mrs Aurelia Evans (Tuesday – Friday)
Canteen Manager	Alison Gray
Uniform Shop Manager	Mrs Kerry Bonser
Groundsman	Mr Darren Beaughole

GRADUATION

On Tuesday 6 December we celebrate the Graduation of our Year 6 students from primary school with Mass and a shared supper. Thank you to Mr Alberti and Mr Priest for your work in organising and coordinating this celebration. 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. We have 17 families in Year 6 who will leave us at the end of 2017 as this is their last or only child graduating from St Mary's Catholic Primary School. Thank you, farewell and God's blessing on the road ahead for you all. To all students, we wish you continued success and every happiness and blessing as you move to high school in 2017. A special word of thanks to Year 5 students who are forming the choir to sing at Tuesday's Graduation Mass.

CHRISTMAS PLAY



*Come and help your children to
discover the meaning of
Christmas!*

Sunday 18th December 2016
**At St Patrick's Cathedral after
the 10 AM Mass**



*The Council and Staff
of the Parents and Friends Federation wish you all a very
Happy and Holy Christmas
and we look forward to seeing you
in Term 1 2017!*



Child and Parent Centre
Carey Park



**Are you in Year 1, 2 or 3 and
love building things out of Lego?**

CRISTAL LEGO CLUB



Cristal Lego Club is a great place to make new friends, discover new things to build, use your imagination and have fun.

When: Wednesdays
Time: 3.30pm to 5.00pm
Venue: Child and Parent Centre – Carey Park
Ecclestone Street, Carey Park

Bookings are essential. Register by telephoning 9721 6991.
Every child must be accompanied by an adult.

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**Saturday 10 December
at 2.00 pm**

Bunbury Catholic College Hall

Rodstead St Bunbury

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- Confusion Children's Choir
- Bunbury Young Voices
- Clifton Park Primary School
- Out of the Blue

Tickets

Phone Chris 9795 5540
Adults \$15
Students & Concession \$10
Children under 12 years FREE
Tickets available at the door
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Afternoon tea available
Door Sales CASH ONLY.
No EFTPOS available.
General admission only



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to Sat

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Boxing Day,
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