

St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

December

Fri 1 Year 6 Excursion

Sun 3 Nature Play Busy Bee 8am Wed 6 Thanksgiving Mass 10am Thur 7 End of Year Concert 1.30pm

Fri 8 Last Day Students Fri 15 Last Day Staff

<u>Vision Statement</u>

A Prayer for the First Sunday of Advent

God of light and life' give us hope as we wait for your coming again. When we are tempted to be grateful to have found you while others are lost, send us out into the darkness in search of those who need you most. Amen



Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

Principal's Welcome

Tonight we will celebrate the Graduation of our 2017 Year 6 Class with a Mass, followed by a look back at their primary school years. While there is a touch of sadness for some, when one door closes, another opens and our students are looking forward to their high school days. Thank you to the P&F who have kindly offered to sponsor the supper on the night. We are being joined by several ex St Mary's students who are now at high school and are coming back to assist during the evening.

Final preparations are under way for our End of Year Concert. Our Kindy students will be performing at 9.30am and Pre Primary to Year 6 from 1.30pm. There is a musical theme to the afternoon session with songs from spanning several decades. Chairs will be moved between sessions and seats cannot be saved. Doors will open at 1.15pm in the afternoon. If all goes to plan students' reports will be sent home next Wednesday. See you at Sunday's Busy Bee!

USE OF STUDENT IMAGES

Please be aware that images of children other than your own, cannot be uploaded to social media without their parents permission.

STAFFING CHANGES IN 2018

We have a number of staff members leaving at the end of this year. Mrs Anna Guzzi has done a wonderful job in the office this year while Mrs Karen Depiazzi has been on leave. Mrs Vicki Holdsworth is retiring from her Library Assistant position and is looking forward to having the opportunity to do more reading herself. Mrs Nita Scasserra will no longer be teaching Italian after 17 years at the school. Anna, Vicki and Nita have given so much to St Mary's and will be greatly missed. Mrs Marg Ashworth will be returning to St Mary's and working as an Education Assistant in our 3 Year Old Program.

INDONESIAN

Next year, Mr Ben Priest will be taking students across all year levels for Indonesian lessons. Mr Priest has studied Indonesian at a university level and lived in Yogyakarta for 3 months. He is looking forward to the challenge. We know that the best time to learn another language is in the early years so Mr Priest's lessons will start with our 3 Year Old Program. God bless

Paul Cronin

	STU	JDENT AWARDS				
YEAR 1	Isla Beswick	Levi Grice	_	J		
YEAR 2	Abigail Bovell	Imogen de Chanéet	4	Well		
YEAR 3	Nicholas Bouzada-Olgiati	Milly Sarre	Harlyn Fiori	Done 🗸		
YEAR 4	Adrianna Minnella	Luca De Coppi	V			
YEAR 5	Bridie Kelly	Amy Hunter				
YEAR 6	Lorenzo Fimognari					
A.R. 50%	Lucas Maratea	Milly Patterson	/			
A.R. 75%	Elijah De Coppi	Charlee Sidebottom		ノク		
A.R. 100%	Archie Pemberton	Louis Wright	Adam Warnock	Aidin Williams		
A.R. 2ND 100%	Catherine Pham	Sophia Cross				
PHYS ED 100KM	Eva Spinelli	Bernard Edmondson	Jedd Patterson	Finn Marshall		
	Natalia Dillon	Keira Hall	Kade Lubcke	Phoenix Panuccio		
	Flynn Fazey					
PHYS ED 150KM	Baylee Brand					

SCHOOL NEWS

CONDOLENCES

Staff, students and the school community at large extend our most sincere condolences to the MacNeill family on the passing of Chloe's grandfather Colin Harris last week.

MOTHER'S DAY MORNING TEA

We would love donations of any glass jars for the Mother's Day Morning Tea in 2018. Please leave clean jars in the box provided in the front office, preferably with labels removed.

Thank you!

Amanda Panuccio

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.

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.

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.

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Issue 8 orders have been sent to Scholastic and delivery is expected soon.

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is open Friday mornings between 8.30am and 9.30am. Long sleeve polo shirts will only be available from 2018 due to some manufacturing issues. Those that have been ordered will be delivered to your child's class when they arrive.

The Uniform Shop will be open on Monday 29 January 2018 from 3pm to 4pm.

KISS AND DRIVE/SCHOOL CAR PARK

Parents are asked to follow the arrows when accessing the school car park and Kiss and Drive. Please do not drive the wrong way through the car park as this could endanger the health and safety of the rest of the students and parents who access the car park. Thank you.

Nature Play Busy Bee this Sunday from 8am

We are in need of more volunteers. If you can spare any time, even an hour or two, to assist with the construction of this exciting new play area, we would really appreciate it.

There will be scrumptious morning tea provided by generous school families, sausage sizzle lunch and drinks to toast the hard work completed!

DONATIONS of any succulents, agaves, agapanthus, lavender, rosemary, mint, basil or plants/herbs will be gratefully collected on Friday afternoon in the Undercover or can be dropped off on the day.

Please see last week's newsletter for full Busy Bee details.

Thank you in anticipation,

The Nature Play Committee



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

St Mary's Staffing 2018								
Principal	Mr Paul Cronin							
Assistant Principals	Ms Helen Brown, Mr Ben Priest							
Administration	Mrs Karen Depiazzi, Mrs Aurelia Evans							
3 Year Olds	Mrs Bianca Torrisi							
Play Cafe	Mrs Rosetta Anderson							
Kindy	Mrs Elizabeth Harper, Mrs Bianca Torrisi							
Pre-Primary	Mrs Anika Skehan, Mrs Melissa Coulson							
Year 1	Mr Tino Alberti, Mrs Cathy Mountford							
Year 2	Ms Carly Blechynden							
Year 3	Mrs Melanie Toia, Mrs Megan Turpin							
Year 4	Mrs Nikki Webb							
Year 5	Mrs Gillian Alberti							
Year 6	Mrs Rebecca Murray, Ms Helen Brown							
Indonesian	Mr Ben Priest							
Science	Mrs Emma Hastie							
PE	Mr Tino Alberti							
Health	Mr Tino Alberti							
Music/Drama	Mr Tino Alberti							
Digital Technology	Mr Ben Priest							
Library	Sue Palumbo							
Education Assistants	Mrs Joan Zolnier, Mrs Philippa O'Dea, Mrs Loredana Villani, Mrs Rosetta Anderson, Mrs Sue Palumbo, Mrs Kerry Bonser, Mrs Sharyn Illman, Mrs Marg Ashworth							
Canteen	Mrs Alison Gray							
Grounds/ Maintenance	Mr Darren Beauglehole							
Music/Choir	Mr Ian Mills							



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 2018!





SCHOOL FEES 2018									
	1 st Child	\$284.20 per Term \$1136.80 per annum							
TUITION FEE	2 nd Child discount 20%	\$ 227.40 per Term \$909.60 per annum							
Pre-primary to Year 6	3 rd Child discount 40%	\$ 170.50 per Term \$682.00 per annum							
	4 th Child	FREE							
Health Care Card & PPS Card	Yr. PP – Yr 6	Tuition \$300.00 p.a. \$836.80 Discount—first							
Holders Concession	(on application)	child. Sibling discounts apply.							
	1 st Child	\$ 155.00 per Term \$620.00 per annum							
	2 nd Child discount	\$ 124.00 per Term \$496.00 per annum							
TUITION FEE	3 rd Child discount	\$ 93.00 per Term \$372.00 per annum							
Kindergarten	4 th Child	FREE							
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Health Care Card & PPS Card Holders Concession	Kindergarten (on application)	Tuition \$300.00 p.a. \$320.00 Discount—first child							
	Per family	Sibling discounts apply. \$57.00 per Term \$228.00 per annum							
Building Levy Amenities & Photocopy levy	Kindergarten	\$ 93.40 per annum							
Amenities & Filotocopy levy	Pre-primary	\$ 93.40 per annum							
	Year 1 – Year 6	\$ 161.40 per annum							
INSURANCE CCI	Per Student	\$ 15 per annum							
P& FLEVY	Pre-primary to Year 6	\$ 5.00 per annum							
P & F VOLUNTARY	Pre-primary to Year 6	\$ 20 per annum							
CONTRIBUTION	Tre-primary to Tear o	5 20 per annum							
YEAR 5 CAMP	Year 5	\$140.00							
YEAR 6 CAMP	Year 6	\$ 500.00							
Text Books	Kindy	N/A							
Text Books	Pre Primary	N/A							
Text Books	Year 1	\$21.00							
Text Books & Diary	Year 2	\$89.00							
Text Books & Diary	Year 3	\$98.00							
Text Books & Diary	Year 4	\$101.00							
Text Books & Diary	Year 5	\$77.00							
Text Books & Diary	Year 6	\$102.00							
Swimming /Athletics/Incursions	Pre Primary	\$80.00							
Swimming /Athletics/Incursions	Year 1	\$80.00							
Swimming /Athletics/Incursions	Year 2	\$100.00							
Swimming /Athletics/Incursions	Year 3	\$80.00							
Swimming /Athletics/Incursions	Year 4	\$90.00							
Swimming /Athletics/Incursions	Year 5	\$90.00							
Swimming /Athletics/Incursions	Year 6	\$90.00							
One to One Device	Year 4	\$221.00 1 st Year (\$100 2 nd & 3 rd Year) \$100.00 2 nd Year instalment							
One to One Device	Year 5	\$100.00 Z Year instalment							

^{***} Swimming / Athletics/ Incursion incorporates in-term swimming lessons, athletics and swimming carnivals and Incursions. Major excursions will be charged via classrooms.

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY BUNBURY 2018 SCHOOL FEES

SUMMARY OF SCHOOL FEES & CHARGES 3YR OLD		KG PP		PP	YR1		YR2		YR3		YR4		YR5		YR6		
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TUITION FEES	\$63.00 (per day)	Ş	620.00	Ş	1,136.80												
TOTAL AMENITIES AND LEVIES		\$	108.40	\$	188.40	\$	277.40	\$	365.40	\$	354.40	\$	588.40	\$	583.40	\$	854.30
(including camps)																	
TOTAL FAMILY LEVIES		\$	253.00	\$	253.00	\$	253.00	\$	253.00	\$	253.00	\$	253.00	\$	253.00	\$	253.00
TOTAL SCHOOL FEES PER STUDENT	\$63.00 (per day)	\$	981.40	\$	1,578.20	\$	1,414.20	\$	1,755.20	\$	1,744.20	\$	1,978.20	\$	1,973.20	\$	2,244.10

DISCOUNTS FOR FAMILIES

 2nd child enrolled
 20% of the child's tuition fees

 3rd child enrolled
 40% of the child's tuition fees

 4th child enrolled
 100% of that child's tuition fees



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Sadly, in the recent debate about homosexual marriage, many homosexual people – along with their parents, family members and friends - have been hurt by what they have been told is Catholic teaching on homosexual people. Catholic teaching on the dignity of homosexual people is one thing: Catholic teaching on marriage is another.

At one level, it is understandable unfortunately that the two have become confused – particularly as a result of media misunderstanding; the expressed views of Catholics who do not follow Catholic teaching; and the insensitivity of some Catholics during the recent debate. Many of you – like me – have been asked questions by family members of people who are homosexual.

Catholic teachings

I offer the following – which really is no different from Catholic teaching on how all people should be loved. Catholics are called to love those of homosexual orientation, for they

- are loved completely and unconditionally by God
- share the same human dignity as all other human beings
- are human persons with gifts from God, and should never be categorised simply by their sexual orientation
- are entitled to the same respect as everyone else
- must never be treated unjustly.

Jesus died on the cross for the salvation of all people, including those of homosexual orientation. He calls them to experience him, his guidance and his power in their daily lives as members of his Body, the Church.

Every parish needs to reach out and to welcome its homosexual brothers and sisters. They should not be treated any differently from other parishioners.

Homosexual people, like everyone else, are called to live all of God's commandments as Jesus taught them. Many live the chaste life style no less than others.

Some find the Sixth Commandment difficult to live, as do many who are not homosexual. The Church calls all to seek the power Jesus offers, particularly through the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, to help them live God's Commandments and seek God's forgiveness.

What are our personal attitudes?

There has been prejudice against homosexual people across society for centuries. I invite Catholics to ask themselves: 'Does my attitude towards those of homosexual orientation reflect my Catholic faith or negative social attitudes?' 'How do I behave or speak to or about homosexual people?'

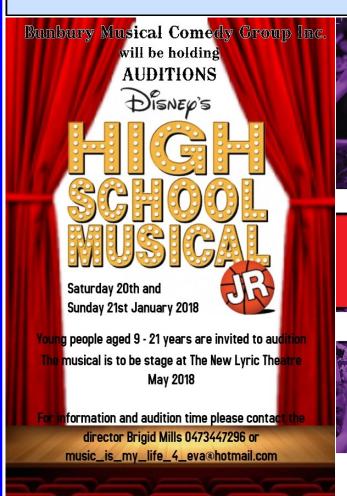
The issue of same-sex marriage has been about whether the name for one institution should be used for two distinctive relationships. Australian society has now decided this question. Unfortunately, Catholic teaching on marriage has been presented insensitively at times and left some homosexual people now feeling wounded. This should be a cause of sorrow for us all.

Let us reach out ...

In conclusion, let us do all that we can to reach out and make homosexual people welcome in our parishes. They are our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Bishop Gerard Holohan

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