



St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

April

Fri 1	Footy Colours Day
	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Mon 4	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Tue 5	Confirmation Parent/student Meeting 6pm
Wed 6	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Thur 7	Back Up Day T20 Cricket Blast
Fri 8	Last Day for Staff and Students

TUE 26 SCHOOL COMMENCES

Vision Statement

A welcoming faith
community

We value
relationships

We pursue excellence
in learning

We live the Gospel
message of love

HAPPY EASTER

Easter is not just a weekend, it's a whole season! It begins on Easter Sunday and runs through to Pentecost, seven weeks in duration. The colour gold or white is used during this time to signify the glory of the Lord and our joy in the resurrection. It is a time when we, as a Church, focus on the promises of Jesus to save us from evil and be with us in our lives.

*Lord God,
We gather to give you praise and glory,
For you have risen from the darkness
and brought us into your light.
ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!
Lord Jesus Christ,
Our Lord and Saviour,
ALLELUIA!*

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

Welcome back to the final week and a half of Term 1. Teacher/parent interviews are currently being held for all students from Pre Primary to Year 6.

We welcomed our new Canteen Manager, Alison Gray yesterday. Natalie will finish work at St Mary's tomorrow and I thank her for her work in our school canteen over the past two and a half years. We will farewell Natalie at tomorrow morning's Assembly.

I will be on leave from this evening, 31 March until Monday 2 May. Ms Helen Brown has been appointed as Acting Principal while I am on leave.

Parents of students in Year 6 are reminded that the Confirmation Parent/Student evening is next Tuesday 5 April at 6pm at the Parish Hall. It is important that each Confirmation candidate attends this meeting accompanied by at least one parent.

Sponsors are also invited to attend. This meeting is an important aspect of the Confirmation preparation program. Confirmation is on the Feast of Pentecost, Sunday 15 May. The Commitment Mass for Confirmation Candidates is on Sunday 1 May.

Maureen Tully
Principal.

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



Holy Year of Mercy

We must never forget that the planet belongs to all mankind and is meant for all mankind; the mere fact that some people are born in places with fewer resources or less development does not justify the fact that they are living with less dignity. Pope Francis 2013

STUDENT AWARDS

YEAR 1	Gabriel Gragasin	Georgia Rodgers	Abigail Bovell
YEAR 2	Paige Hebbend	Cleo Pense	Mia Ivey
YEAR 3	Baylee Brand	Milly Sarre	
YEAR 4	Bridie Kelly	Grace Sarre	Finn Marshall
YEAR 5	Aurora Postma	Alexis Gianfrancesco	
YEAR 6	Xavier Hunter	Raegan Carr	
PHYS ED (Swimming)	Grace Sarre Elizabeth Curtis Daniel Norrish	Koby Drage-Edwards	Harry Jones Lani Cahill

Congratulations

SCHOOL NEWS

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Thank you to our parents who support the Toe-by-Toe reading support program each morning at 8.30am. We greatly appreciate your assistance in providing this support program to our students.

CANTEEN SUPREME NEWS

Our Canteen Queens for the rest of the term are the following beautiful mums:

- Friday 1 April - Kim Fildes and Sandra Smith
- Wednesday 6 April - Shannon Atherton and Megan Turpin
- Friday 8 April - Rikki Smith and Janine Stewart.



If anyone can lend a hand on Friday 8th, please let us know. Even if it's just for an hour your help would be appreciated.

As this is my last newsletter I would like to thank all the wonderful parents, staff and students I have had the pleasure of meeting over the last two and a half years. Your support and friendship has made my time at St Mary's a pleasure.

Natalie Berndt

UNIFORM NOTES

Orders for winter uniforms can be left at the front office with payment or brought to the Uniform Shop on Friday mornings between 8.30 and 9.30am. There are only 2 more Uniform Shop days before the start of the second term. There is the option of winter or summer uniform being worn during the first two weeks of Term 2. Thereafter, the winter uniform is to be worn for the rest of the term through to the end of Term 3. It is advised that orders be placed now while stock is available to avoid disappointment.

FOOTY TIPPING

The AFL season kicked off last Thursday and so too the St Mary's Footy Tipping competition. Thanks to everyone who has entered the competition so far, it's still not too late if you want to join in the fun and share in the weekly prizes. This week's winner with a perfect round of tipping (9/9) is Luke Skehan. Well done Luke!

ABSENCE FOLLOW UP LETTERS

These have been sent home this week. Can they please be signed and returned to the class teacher/office. Parents are reminded that it is a requirement that all non notifications of absences, and notifications by email or phone call, ***MUST be followed up by a signed note from the parent/caregiver.*** Thank you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A reminder that the Year 6 Parent and Student Confirmation Workshop is on Tuesday 5 April at 6pm in the Parish Hall.

Kindy News

World Down Syndrome Day



On Monday 21 March the Kindy class celebrated World Down Syndrome Day with cupcakes and by pinning brightly coloured socks onto their clothes for the day. Down Syndrome is a genetic condition. It is not an illness or disease. Usually, three socks are worn to symbolise the extra chromosome 21 which people with Down syndrome have in their cells. Down Syndrome occurs in one of every 700-900 babies born world wide. Sara, in our class, was born with Down Syndrome so this cause is close to our hearts. We raised \$70 for Down Syndrome Australia.



Kindy Family Picnic

On Tuesday 22 March we held our Kindy Family Picnic Day. This day was a wonderful opportunity for each child to feel a sense of belonging and be the centre of attention. It was also a great opportunity for families to meet each other in a relaxed setting and to see the children in their school environment.



The weather did the right thing and kept the rain away, allowing us to sit outside for a beautiful lunch with family and friends. It was great to see so many parents and grandparents come along for our special day.

To begin the morning, the children surprised everyone with a concert of their favourite songs, with special mention going to, The Shark Song. What a great performance children!

Thank you everyone for making our day so special.





ST MARY'S P & F ASSOCIATION 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. The remaining \$30 will go to the prize pool with weekly and overall prizes to be determined based on the number of entries. The competition is open to all of our school families and friends to participate, so please spread the word!



REGISTER AT: http://www.footytips.com.au/comps/ST_MARYS_CPS



- Step 1 - register online at http://www.footytips.com.au/comps/ST_MARYS_CPS (follow the prompts)
- Step 2 - Complete Entry Form below
- Step 3 - Drop Entry Form and payment off at School Office. If unable to drop off at school please contact Darren Coulson (darrencoulson4@bigpond.com)
- Step 4 - Start tipping!

Registration and payment must be received prior to AFL season **24th March**. All tips to be done on line before each game. The site will display the current round fixtures for you to make your selection, your tips will be automatically recorded. Results can be viewed online and winners will be announced in the school newsletter each week



ENTRY FORM

NAME

EMAIL

TELEPHONE

REGISTERED NAME

Please complete and return to school office with payment



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**Marist Campus (Bunbury)
Mercy Campus (Australind)**

**YEAR 7 2017
ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS,
INDIGENOUS AND P&F BURSARIES**

**Make the most of these opportunities for current
Year 6 students. It is free to apply for the
Scholarships and Bursaries.**

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS
The scholarship covers tuition fees and it is renewable
each year up to the 3rd year of high school subject
to continued academic excellence.

Exam: 9.00am Saturday 14 May 2016.

**Venue: Bunbury Catholic College
Rodsted Street BUNBURY**

INDIGENOUS BURSARIES

PARENTS & FRIENDS' BURSARIES

Applications close on Friday 7 April 2016.

**For further information and an application form
please visit www.bunburycatholic.wa.edu.au
or contact the College on Ph 9721 0004, Fax 9721 0044
email: admin@bunburycatholic.wa.edu.au**

COMMUNITY NEWS

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 first weekend of the April School Holidays. The Observatory will be open on Friday 8th, Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th April each night from 7pm to 10pm, weather permitting.

Cost: - Adults \$12.00; Children \$8.00; Family - \$30.00.

Further Information, Phone: Cameron on 9795 8204



Marist Junior Hockey Club is seeking new players for the 2016 season commencing at the start of Term 2. Age groups range from J2/U to J9/12 in both girls and boys. If you are interested in playing or at least trying hockey out, please contact us on 0415 918 315 or email us at maristjuniorhockeyclub@outlook.com.

Back Beach Bike Blast

BackBeachBikeBlast.com.au

Ocean Drive on Bunbury's Back Beach will be closed to motor vehicle traffic on Sunday morning April 3rd to enable cyclists of all ages and ability to have a fantastic ride enjoying Bunbury's scenic coastline.

Leaving from the Back Beach car park north of the Bunbury Surf Life Saving Club, riders will initially head north to the **Symmons Street roundabout** before turning and heading back South to the **Washington Avenue roundabout** before returning to the northern car park to finish a 12.5km loop. There will be an option of completing a second 'Hot Lap', with **South West Cycle Club members** on the course gradually raising the tempo of the ride.



Ride briefing will be at 10 am (you will need to register and sign in beforehand) with the ride to commence immediately thereafter.

Whether you are 5 years old or 95 years young and opt to ride just part of the course or complete the full two laps, the choice is yours with participation the key. We especially hope to see families and friends enjoying the ride together. To add to the fun there will be heaps of spot prizes, a free raffle for a new bike and some special incentives for our younger riders to keep pedalling to keep up with Mum and Dad.



Bunbury Triathlon Club and South West Cycling Club

For more information and to register your participation please visit backbeachbikeblast.com.au. We look forward to seeing you on your bike and sharing in the fun of the **Back Beach Bike Blast!!!**

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It's on again, Bunbury's

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See you on your bike Sunday morning,
3rd April 2016

Symmons Street to Washington Avenue
Ocean Drive, Bunbury

More information overleaf

