



# St Mary's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter

Thursday 7 February 2019

### Vision Statement

A welcoming faith community  
We value relationships  
We pursue excellence in learning  
We live the Gospel message of love

## Prayer

Lord Jesus, I ask for Your help as I begin this new school year. Allow me to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before me. Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers. Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my studies and courage to accept new opportunities. Help me to be attentive to my teachers and let me experience Your presence in my new friends. Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year!

Amen

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## From the Principal

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,  
Welcome to the 2019 school year! There has been a buzz of excitement in the air with students returning to school with lots of holiday stories to share. The early butterflies that some students were dealing with soon disappeared. Thank you to the parents who helped settle in their children for what promises to be another fantastic year.  
This year we are going to trial the newsletter being sent out each fortnight in weeks 1,3,5,7 and 9. Any information that is vital for parents to know during the even weeks of term will be emailed in a note or a text message will be

sent.

I am looking forward to seeing you at next week's Parent Meetings and hopefully many of you will be able to come to our Family Barbeque on Friday 15 February.

### **Welcoming Family Barbeque with Live Band!**

Parents and student are invited to a family barbeque to start the new school year from 6pm on Friday 15 February. It is a great way to welcome new St Mary's families into the school. Lisa Emerson has kindly arranged for her band 'Wasted Sundays' to perform. Please bring your own meat, fish, drinks plates and cutlery. Families from Kindy to Year 3 (eldest) are asked to bring a salad to share. Years 4-6 please bring a dessert. Chairs and tables will be provided.

### **Farewell to Mr Beaglehole**

Mr Darren Beaglehole ended 14 years of wonderful service to St Mary's in January. Darren and his wife Bev both decided to resign from their jobs in order to travel. We wish Darren and Bev all the best for their adventures and thank him for his commitment to the school.

Thank you to Ces Spinelli who answered the call and looked after the school grounds while we searched for a replacement. Ces is currently working on replacing the cross bar for the swings in the Kindy/Pre-Primary area. The bar had rusted.

### **Welcome Mrs Yvonne Smith**

Mrs Yvonne Smith has joined the St Mary's staff as our gardener/maintenance person. Yvonne has an interesting background in nursing, has been a Teacher Assistant and has experience in gardening and maintenance. Yvonne is currently studying horticulture.

### **Artwork Creates a Bright Entrance**

Congratulations to Mrs Alberti, Mrs Illman and last year's Year 5 class for designing an eye-catching piece of art that acts as a welcome to visitors. The [artwork](#) can be found opposite the Year 3 classroom.

### **Year 6 Camp**

Year 6 students are counting down the sleeps until their camp to Mornington in Week 3. Ms Brown, Mrs Murray and Mr Priest will be assisted by several enthusiastic parents who are keen to join in the fun.

### **[Year 1 students on their tour of the 'Big School.'](#)**

### **[Kindy students on their first day.](#)**

God bless  
Paul Cronin

**FEBRUARY****Thursday 7**

- Student Mindfulness and Meditation Session 3.30pm
- Parent Mindfulness and Meditation Information Session 7pm

**Monday 11**

- Reconciliation Enrolment Mass 10am
- Classroom Parent Meetings 4/5, 5.45pm-6.30pm
- General Information Session 4/5/PP/3, 6.35pm-7pm
- Classroom Parent Meeting PP/3, 7.05pm-7.45pm

**Tuesday 12**

- P & F Meeting

- Classroom Visit Fr Gerald Kindy
- General Information Session 6/2/1, 5.45pm – 6.20pm
- Classroom Parent Meetings 6/2/1 6.25pm - 7pm

**Thursday 14**

- Student Mindfulness and Meditation Session 3.30pm

[Link to Term Planners 2019](#)

[Link to 2019 Term Dates](#)

[St Mary's Sports Dates 2019](#)

## Important Information

**Kindergarten 2020**

Current families who have children due to begin Kindergarten in 2020 are asked to ensure that their Applications for Enrolment have been handed in to the school office as soon as possible.

**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. When teachers have completed class rolls each morning, the school office will SMS parents for any unexplained/not notified absences each day. A follow up phone call will be made if the school receives no response to text messages. 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 though the class teacher may have been notified. Our Duty of Care

requires us to account for each student during school hours, 8:45am to 3:10pm. Remember, even though you have phoned or emailed the school with your child's absence, you must still send a signed note. This is a legal requirement.

### **Full Family Details Update**

Full Family Details forms have been sent home this week. Please update any changes to your details and return the form by Friday 15 February. If there are no changes, please sign the form and return it by the aforementioned date. It is important to inform the office if there have been changes to family contact details: address, phone number, email, emergency contact details. In order to provide duty of care for our students, these details must be kept up to date. Thank you.

### **Parents Visiting During School Hours**

Parents are reminded that if they visit the school during school hours (including parents assisting in classes and the Canteen), they are required to sign in and sign out at the office. This enables us to account for everyone on the school site in the case of an emergency. Our Duty of Care also requires us to know who is on the school site during school hours.

### **Jewellery**

No jewellery may be worn, other than a functional watch, and (if ears are pierced) ONE earring stud or sleeper in BOTH EARLOBES. This restriction is in keeping with school philosophy of reducing the importance of material goods and the risk of injury. Children are not permitted to wear nail polish.

### **Hair**

Hair should be always neat and tidy and should not reflect the extremes of any current fashion. Long hair must be kept neatly tied back. Ribbons or clips must be PLAIN white or blue. Matching headbands can be purchased from the Uniform Shop. Hair must be kept at the student's natural hair colour, without artificial hair colour added.

### **Notice from WA Country Health Service - South West**

Update to the Australian Immunisation Schedule: children receiving their 4 year old immunisations **must be at least 4 years old**, they can no longer receive them from 3.5 years.

The reason for this change is to offer longer protection into childhood now that the 18 month dose of Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (whooping cough) has been reinstated. Please contact your immunisation or healthcare provider for further information.

**Play Café**

Play Café will resume from Tuesday 12 February 2019. It runs every Tuesday during term time between 9am and 11am.

**Baby Welcome!**

Congratulations to Melvin, Rowena, Aaron, Lance and Caleb Santos on the safe arrival of Therese and to Joseph, Lincy, Aaron and Christopher Joseph on the arrival of Theresa during the school holidays.

**Piano and Vocal lessons 2019**

Enrolments are now open for 2019. Please contact Ian Mills [millsmusic@bigpond.com](mailto:millsmusic@bigpond.com) for more information.

**Book Club - Issue 1 Out Now!**

Don't forget to look for the Book Club Issue catalogue that will be coming home in your child's schoolbag. Book Club provides a fun and convenient way of bringing the best in children's literature into your home. It's packed full of exciting books from best-selling authors, popular titles and series that kids love, as well as products and books that make perfect gifts for younger siblings who may not be at school yet. Ordering from Book Club is easy—simply go online and place your order and then Scholastic's 'book elves' take care of the rest. Or you can fill out the form on the back of the catalogue and return it to school in your classes red basket with the correct cash. All orders for Issue 1 are due by Wednesday 20 February.

Before you know it, your child will have a lovely surprise to take home once their order gets delivered to their classroom. When ordering from Book Club, you are not only helping your children, but you are also helping our school—20% of your spend goes back to your school in valuable Scholastic Rewards, which are used to buy classroom resources. To celebrate the start of the New Year, any family ordering from issue 1 will also receive a free All About Me Activity Journal to help us kick-start our 2019 plans. For more information about Scholastic and Book Club, visit [www.scholastic.com.au](http://www.scholastic.com.au)

## Interview with Fr Gerald

After Wednesday's Opening Mass with Fr Gerald, Cleo and Samuel sat Fr Gerald down to ask him some questions about his life to give our community some insight into our new priest.

*Cleo:* Fr Gerald, where were you born?

*Fr Gerald:* I was born in the Philippines.

*Samuel:* What made you want to be a priest?

*Fr Gerald:* Curiosity! And I wanted to study something that didn't need much Maths because I hate Maths! I was 16 years old when I started studying to be a priest.

*Cleo:* Have you been a priest anywhere else and how long have you lived in Australia?

*Fr Gerald:* I have lived in Australia for 14 years and I was a priest in the Philippines before I left.

*Samuel:* What do you do in your spare time?

*Fr Gerald:* Gardening, reading, writing and occasionally I watch a DVD.

*Cleo:* Where do the rest of your family live?

*Fr Gerald:* My parents lived in Manila in the Philippines but they have both passed away. I still have a sister in Manila and one in Las Vegas in America.

*Samuel:* Why do you like singing?

*Fr Gerald:* I like to share my talent.

*Cleo:* What is your favourite thing about Australia?

*Fr Gerald:* I like that everyone is equal, the climate and how we look after the environment.

*Samuel:* Besides your family, what else do you miss about the Philippines?

*Fr Gerald:* Not much. I like the food but I can cook that here. There is too much traffic in Manila.

*Cleo:* Thank you Father.



# Health & Physical Education

## Swimming

Swimming Training for Years 4, 5 and 6 students will be conducted on Monday and Wednesdays (except public Holidays) from 7am to 8am. Students are asked to sign in and out (Mr Alberti or a parent will have a file) when they arrive and depart the pool area. **Note: there was an error in the Swimming note that went home on Monday, there is no swimming training on Fridays.**

Can parents who would like to compete in the Parent/Teacher/Student relay please let Mr Alberti know so he can organise teams. It is a 4x50m Freestyle Race at the end of the carnival.

## 100 Club

100 Club starts on Friday. The aim of 100 Club is to get fit and have fun. We encourage all students to participate to the best of their abilities. 5 laps over 40 weeks is the equivalent of 100km.

## Tennis

The South West SunSmart Schools Tennis Classic Primary School Academy Plate for 2019 will be held at Bunbury Tennis Club on Thursday 28 February. Mr Alberti will be looking for students to represent St Mary's in teams of 4; 2 boys and 2 girls. Tennis lessons will be conducted at St Mary's during Sport lessons.

## Carnivals and PE Events for 2019

Click [here](#) for the link on our website which lists all our PE carnivals and activities for 2019.

# Canteen

Welcome back to 2019! The canteen thrives on the support of our parent and carer volunteers who help to keep it running. We would love to have some new helpers and previous helpers to assist with the running of the canteen on Wednesdays and Friday mornings between 8.45am and 11.30am. Ideally, one helper is needed on Wednesdays and two on Fridays. If you are able to assist, please see Jenelle in the Canteen on Wednesday and Friday mornings, or contact the school office. Many thanks to Kate Turner who volunteered for this

Wednesday morning, and to Belinda Males who will be assisting tomorrow, Friday.

[Canteen Roster Term 1 2019](#)

[Canteen Menu 2019](#)

**\*\*\*Granola and Trifle Cups are available at Recess for \$1.00\*\*\***



## Netball

**NETBALL (Years – Kindy, PP, 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5)** - NET/SET/GO Registrations will be opening in the next few weeks, PLEASE NOTE the season commences and finishes earlier. The start date will be Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019 with the last games being held on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

Tiers are listed below:



**NET – Activity/Skills (NO SATURDAY GAMES)**

For Participants turning 5-6 years by 31.12.19, however participants can be turning up to 10 years. Tuesdays Starting 26<sup>th</sup> March – 25<sup>th</sup> June (Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June Gala Day).

**SET – Training & Competition**

For participants turning 7-8 years by 31.12.19

Tuesday training starting 26<sup>th</sup> March – 25<sup>th</sup> June

Saturdays starting 30<sup>th</sup> March – 29<sup>th</sup> June (Modified Rules) – Bunbury Netball Association.

**GO – Training & Competition**

For participants turning 9-10 years by 31.12.19

Tuesday Training starting 26<sup>th</sup> March – 25<sup>th</sup> June

Saturdays starting 30<sup>th</sup> March – 29<sup>th</sup> June – Bunbury Netball Association

**JUNIORS (YEAR 5/6)** - Please direct all enquiries to Sonja Cahill ASAP on the below information:

Email: [Sonja.david@bigpond.com](mailto:Sonja.david@bigpond.com)

Ph: 0407 559 979

Once registrations are open a class email will be sent with detailed information and the link to register. If you would like any further information now, please do not hesitate to contact Tennille Panuccio on the below details:

Tennille Panuccio

Email: [gtpanuccio@westnet.com.au](mailto:gtpanuccio@westnet.com.au)

Ph: 0427 251 044

## Community News

[Marist Junior Football 2019 Registrations](#)

[Tennis Hot Shots at St Mary's](#)

[Hot Shots Flyer Bunbury](#)

[Hot Shots Flyer Donnybrook](#)

[Game Face Poster Bunbury](#)

[Kidsport - Bunbury Dance Studio](#)

[Speed Skating Lessons at The Rink](#)

[Bunbury Regional Art Galleries - Bridget Hennen Acting Classes for Kids](#)

[Perth Scorchers Schools League](#)

[Hay Park Soccer Club Registrations](#)

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