



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Thursday 7 March 2019

Vision Statement

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

Prayer

Creator God, You are our constant hope! In the season of Lent, you call us to prayer, fasting and love of those most marginalised. As a community of faith and courage, let our gifts to Project Compassion be symbols of hope and solidarity with our one human family. Accompany us as we journey with Jesus to bring 'good news' to all creation and ready our hearts to work for the common good of all your people. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

From the Principal

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,
We had a large crowd of enthusiastic parents at this week's P&F meeting. We heard updates on the planning of the Mother's Day Morning Tea, Car Rally, Football Tipping, Easter Egg Raffle and about the celebrations planned after Year 3 students' upcoming First Reconciliation. The P&F have a variety of fund and friend raising ideas planned for the year. Kate Wright led the meeting for the first time in her new role of President and kindly provided tea, coffee and biscuits for the group.

Ash Wednesday Mass

Thank you to the parents and grandparents who attended our Ash Wednesday Mass yesterday. Fr Gerald did a wonderful job relating the Gospel to our

everyday lives. Thank you also to Mrs Alberti and the Year 5 students for the Ash Wednesday art work in the church.

Welcome to New Board Members

At the end of last year leading up to the ACM we had more nominations from parents to join the School Board than places available. The Board has the ability to co-opt up to two further members if the new members are going to bring new or specialized skills to the Board. Ben Dean and Shaun Marwick have both been offered co-opted positions and will be welcome additions to the Board.

Car Rally

St Mary's is holding a Car Rally on Saturday 23 March which will begin from the oval at the back of the school at 9.30am. Please click [here](#) to access the Car Rally Registration Form.

Shoe Shine

Looking at ways of raising money for Project Compassion, some of the Year 6 students have volunteered to help by bringing black school shoes back to life. For a 50c donation to Caritas the Year 6 students will polish students' black shoes. That will happen on Thursdays starting next week during Lent.

Football Colours

Students and staff will have the opportunity to display their favourite team colours on Wednesday 20 March in preparation for the AFL season starting on Thursday 21 March. Students who are not football fans can wear their favourite sporting outfit.

New Signage on Its Way

We are currently having a sign made up that will be displayed on the front fence to advertise 'Limited Places Available.' There are vacancies available in: Kindergarten, Pre Primary, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6.

World Down Syndrome Day – Friday 22 March

Students and staff are encouraged to get involved in World Down Syndrome Day on Friday 22 March. All you have to do is wear colourful socks. The day is about promoting the world's understanding of Down Syndrome and creating an awareness. Students can wear their bright socks while riding their bikes!

Looking for Donations of Lego

At the P&F meeting a staff member asked if the P&F would consider purchasing some Lego for students to use at lunch times. Several parents at the meeting suggested that they would be happy to donate Lego that is no longer being used in their households. If you have any Lego that would benefit from a new home, please send it into the office.

2019 Student Residential Address and Other Information collection Notice

Please click the links below for information about the annual students

residential and other information collection process.

[Information parents/guardians](#)

[Frequently asked questions](#)

Year 6 Graduation Shirts

The Year 6 class were glad to receive their shirts this week.

God bless

Paul Cronin



Calendar Dates

MARCH

Thursday 7

Student Mindfulness and Meditation
Session 3.15pm and 4.30pm

Friday 8

Science Incursion

Sunday 10

First Sunday of Lent

Monday 12

Just Leadership Workshop Yr 6
9.30am-2pm

Wednesday 13

Sunday 17

2nd Sunday of Lent
Catholic Education Staff
Commissioning Mass 10am

Tuesday 19

WACA Cricket Incursion

Wednesday 20

Year 1 Classroom Visit, Fr Gerald
Year 6 Skills for Life, 9am-11am
WACA Cricket Incursion

Thursday 21

St Mary's Swimming Carnival 10am-
12.30pm
Student Mindfulness and Meditation
Session 3.15pm and 4.30pm

PP Classroom Visit, Fr Gerald

Reconciliation Workshop 6pm

Thursday 14

Student Mindfulness and Meditation

Session 3.15pm and 4.30pm

[Link to 2019 Term Planners](#)

[Link to 2019 Term Dates](#)

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

Student Awards

WEEK 3

Year 1 Tyler Williams, Jake

Atherton, Danielle Barnard, Tayla

McGee

Year 2 Tate Skehan, Amber Millar

Year 3 Margaux Ramsay

Year 4 Phoenix Panuccio, Imogen de

Chan  t

Year 5 Grace Emerson, Kody Hopley

Year 6 On Camp

Principal Alex Bemrose, Zachary

Bemrose, Toby Bemrose

WEEK 4

Year 1 Kimberley Hastie, Abbey

Woodhouse, Louis Shine

Year 2 No awards this week

Year 3 Evelyn Liaros, Isla Italiano,

Charlotte Spalding

Year 4 Chevy Males, Matthew

Gragasin

Year 5 Frances Best, Baylee Brand

Year 6 Jherick Babasa, Neha Bobby,

Evan Crowley

Principal James Witcher

Other Mr Priest

RE News

Lenten Program

Parents and friends of St Mary's are warmly invited to share in a time of prayer, reflection and discussion based on the Parish Lenten Program. The theme this year is 'Journey into New Life' and is a collaboration between the Bunbury Pastoral Office, Bunbury Liturgy Office and the L.J Goody Bioethics Centre in Perth. Gatherings will commence on Thursday 7 March at 9am in the School Chapel and run for an hour and continue through to Holy Week.

Important Information

Mother's Day Morning Tea - Sponsors Needed

Preparations for the Mother's Day Morning Tea are in full swing. The Pre Primary families are seeking sponsorship and donations for the event. If you

have a business that would like to contribute in some way can you please contact Stacie at stacie@asbrealty.com.au or Mel at mnmclaren8@gmail.com from our sponsorship team. Please click [here](#) for more information about the event.
Thank you for your support.

Easter Raffle

With Easter fast approaching, we are asking for St Mary's families to donate towards our annual Easter Raffle. Easter eggs, baskets, paper stuffing for the baskets, gift bags, cellophane, packets of small solid eggs, etc., would be greatly appreciated. There will be a collection box in Pre Primary and in the school office that you can leave it in. Alternatively if you would prefer to give a cash donation, this can be handed into the office in a sealed envelope, so we can purchase supplies.

Year 1 Class Reps, Katie and Erin

P&F News

Thank you to Central News Bunbury who have passed on the rebate cheque of \$2,266.17 to the P&F for the 2019 stationery supplies.

Uniform Shop

It's hard to believe that with the weather we have been having that it's time to place your winter uniform orders. Most uniform items take between 6 - 8 weeks to arrive so it's important that orders are placed as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Year 6 Camp

What an adventure! Year Six had an absolute blast at Camp Mornington. Christian - "We had raft building on the second day of camp. We called our raft the Titanic and guess what? It sunk on its maiden voyage. We finally made it work and paddled out to the rock. I was abandoned so I had to swim back to shore."

Charlotte was so excited about arriving at Camp Mornington! She raced off the bus and was eager to catch up with her friends in the dorm.

Capture the flag rocks! "During free time we went to the gym and played capture the flag a lot."

Archery was a fun challenge for Paige. Her team was very creative in its name, using the sayings on each t-shirt to come up with Not Today Cherry Dreamers. The children's skills were tested during games like Making Pizza, Red or higher

and Hit the Balloon.

The night of the Talent show was so exciting! Olivia was one of the secret judges. She says that it was hard work trying to walk across a towel without cracking an egg.

A highlight was a night walk and challenge to get into the Camp Hall of Fame. Olivia thought camp was an awesome experience that helped her to face her fears and make new friendships.

Louis had lots of fun canoeing with his partner Samuel. Louis liked switching canoes and playing chasey.

Harper concludes his recount with, "Year 6 camp was really good to make memories with friends, have great food." He thought the place was nice to stay in, there were great leaders and activities. He wants to thank his teachers, the parent helpers, camp leaders and his friends for making the camp a 10 out of 10!

Click [here](#) for camp photos.

Bunbury Catholic College

Scholarships

A number of scholarships and bursaries are available to students currently in Year 6 and commencing at BCC Mercy and Marist Campuses in 2020. Families are encouraged to apply as the financial assistance is substantial. Please see Aurelia in the office should you wish to complete an application form.

Scholarships include: [Academic, Indigenous, P & F Bursaries](#) and [Music](#).

Health & Physical Education

Physical Education

St Mary's CPS have their Annual Swimming Carnival on Thursday 21 March for students in Years 4 - 6. The SWPSA Interschool Carnival will be held the following Thursday 28 March.

Year 5 and 6 students have a T20 Blast Cricket Competition on Thursday 4 April at Hay Park from 10am to 2pm. We have 4 teams from our boys and 3 from our girls.

Academy Plate Tennis Competition

Well done to students who represented St Mary's in the annual Academy Plate Tennis Competition that was held on Thursday 28 February at the Bunbury Tennis Club. St Mary's A team and B team both made the finals. The A team qualified to compete in the next round which will be held at the Tennis Centre in Perth at the end of the month. I would like to thank the parent team managers, Dr Olgiati, Mr Ramsay and Mrs O'Reilly, for their organising and managing the teams on the day!

Cricket incursion

Students from Year 1 – 6 will participate in a WACA Cricket Incursion on Tuesday 19 March and Wednesday 20 March during their normal sport time.

Ride 2 School Day

Ride 2 School Day will be held on Friday 22 March. Depart Big Swamp Car Park at 8am. Ride one lap of the Big Swamp before crossing Minnipup Road onto Spencer Street. Students can leave their bikes on the grass in the undercover area. Students must be confident on their bike, wear a helmet and obey all the rules! Bikes and scooters only. No Skateboards.

Carnivals and PE Events for 2019

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

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Canteen

[Canteen Roster Term 1 2019](#)

[Canteen Menu 2019](#)

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

Community News

Bunbury Junior Badminton

[Registration Information](#)

['have a go'](#)

Bunbury United Soccer Club Registration

[Registration Information](#)

Football West

[Girls Day Out Registration Information](#)

Bunbury Regional YouthCARE Council presents

MAGGIE DENT

Real Kids in an Unreal World: Building Resilience & Self Esteem in Today's Children (10 Resilience Building Blocks)

31 July 2019, 6pm - 8pm

Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre

Commonly known as the 'queen of common sense,' Maggie Dent has become one of Australia's favourite parenting authors and educators, with a particular interest in the early years, adolescence and resilience. She is a passionate, positive voice for children of all ages.

TOPIC: Are you worried, confused or concerned about parenting in today's chaotic world? Children need to have certain basic experiences to build the competencies that will help them manage life - the good, the bad and the ugly. Maggie has developed a common-sense, practical model of 10 building blocks that will reassure parents that what we have always known to be important in the early years of a child's life is still important. This seminar will offer you

practical, common-sense ideas and strategies to make small changes in your home or school, which will make a big difference to your children's cognitive, physical, psychological, emotional and social health later in life.

Tickets: \$30

on sale from 1 April 2019 via

www.bunburyentertainment.com

Time: 6pm - 8pm

Register interest at:

www.facebook.com/ChooseRespectBunbury

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