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St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

May	
Fri 12	Pre Primary Assembly
Sun 14	Mother's Day
Tue 16	School Board Meeting 5.45pm
Sun 21	Enrolment Mass First Eucharist 10am
Tue 23	NET Team Visit Year 6 P & F Meeting
Wed 24	Year 4 Reconciliation
Fri 26	Year 5 Assembly

Vision Statement

A welcoming faith
community

We value
relationships

We pursue excellence
in learning

We live the Gospel
message of love

A Mother's Day Prayer

Loving God,

You wrap your arms around your people and show your everlasting
love in the same way a mother loves her children.

We are grateful for the love you have taught us through the mothers
in our lives: our own mother who brought us into this world, the
mothers of friends who have welcomed us into their homes and
families, our grandmothers who took time for us, and the mothers
who have helped us even though we were not their children.

Bless all the mothers of this world today.

May they know the fullness of love they have shared and be blessed
every day of their lives.

Amen



Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

Principal's Welcome

School life is never dull at St Mary's with staff committed to providing students with a wide range of learning activities designed to challenge, their minds, bodies and souls.

Year 6 students returned from camp at Nanga and they have not stopped talking about their experiences. The students were challenged in many ways and worked in teams to solve complicated problems. Their enthusiasm, positiveness and 'get the job done' attitude was wonderful to see. A huge thank you to Mr Priest, Mrs Toia and Mr Alberti for the key roles they played in organising and taking part and also thanks to the army of parents who rotated through the four days and provided invaluable support to staff.

The Year 2 students boarded a bus on Monday to get a close look at the Harris River and Wellington Dams as part of their Science studies. The Harris River Dam provides a large part of the South West with water, while the students learned that the Wellington Dam water is too salty to drink and is used for irrigation. Thank you to Mrs Murray and Mrs Blechynden, and to the parents who had the opportunity of attending after their names were drawn out because we had so many volunteers.

Parents again showed fantastic support for their children at Tuesday night's First Eucharist parent meeting. Thanks to Mrs Webb and Ms Brown who ran the informative presentation on the significance of the First Eucharist and looked at what will happen on their very special day.

God bless

Paul Cronin

STUDENT AWARDS

YEAR 1	Liam Jones	Emma Di Lallo	
YEAR 2	Holly Bambrick	Abigail Bovell	
YEAR 3	Leo Pemberton	Finn Drage Edwards	
YEAR 4	Samuel Pedley	Abigail Hynes	
YEAR 5	Jessica Kennedy	Harry Jones	
YEAR 6	ON CAMP		
A.R. 50%	Charlotte Brasher	Archie Pemberton	Kade Lubcke
A.R. 75%	Calla Bott	Lance Santos	
A.R. 100%	Finn Marshall		



SCHOOL NEWS

MOTHER'S DAY MORNING TEA - UNCLAIMED GIFT VOUCHERS

There are a few prize vouchers that were left behind after Mother's Day Morning Tea. Please call into the office if they belong to you.

YEAR TWO EXCURSION

On Monday the Year 2 students were lucky enough to visit Harris Dam and Wellington Dam as part of their unit of work in Science. We met Mr Snelling from the Water Cooperation there and he was our fantastic guide for the day. We learnt lots



of interesting facts about the dams and could see how different they were to each other. Thank you to our amazing parents that came with us for the day and a special thank you to the Year 2 class for being so well behaved!

Ms Blechynden and Mrs Murray

HPE NEWS

Winter Sports Carnival

For our Winter Sports Carnival to be held on Thursday 8 June 10am to 2pm at Hay Park, we have a football team, 2 soccer teams, 2 netball teams and 1 hockey team. Parents who can assist with coaching or umpiring on the day please let me know. To date we have a hockey coach – Mr Hayden Smith and Hockey team manager in Mrs Brooke Brand. Mr Scott Sarre will coach our football team and Mrs Sonja Cahill will coach a netball team. 1 Netball team and 2 soccer teams need coaches and all teams need umpires.

Mr T Alberti

HPE and Music/Drama teacher

LUNCHTIME LIBRARY

From 16 May the library will be opening at lunch time every Tuesday from 1.05pm - 1.30pm. The children can come to the library to read, draw, finish work, research etc. As long as they are quiet and have a focus they are welcome. If they are simply 'hanging out' then they will be asked to do that outside so that other children can come in. There will be a limit of about 30 children and we hope that it will be popular amongst the students. If any students would like to complete homework or AR reading then Mrs Toia will be happy for them to do so in the Library.

To highlight the importance of 'Reading Aloud' there is a colouring in competition that is due on Wednesday 31 May. The colouring page can be collected and handed in at the Library.

More from Mr Cronin

NAPLAN Testing

NAPLAN testing finishes today across Australia for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 with tomorrow being a 'catch up day.' While students have been well prepared in their classrooms, the NAPLAN testing has not been a major discussion point with students.

Emphasis on STEM

Mrs Murray presented to staff on the first day of term, the significance of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) in our changing world. We need to give our students opportunities to develop their skills and understanding with 75% of future jobs to come from these areas. Mrs Murray and Mrs Alberti will be travelling to Perth on Friday to visit schools and attend a session with other teachers on STEM.

Altar Servers' Training

Eight students from Years 4 and 5 recently took part in an altar servers' training session at the Cathedral under the guidance of Simon Healy and Michael Dixon. By completing the session, the students will go on the roster to assist at Sunday Mass. The group also had the opportunity for a privileged tour that included a visit up to the bell tower, before enjoying a delicious morning tea. We also have some Year 6 students who are keen for a chance to train.

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

May is Family Reading Month and this year the focus is on families reading aloud together. The benefits of reading aloud to your children are many, from bonding with your children to helping them strengthen skills in writing, listening, creativity and more. The children will be bringing home a colouring in competition next week which will serve as a visual reminder to take the opportunity to read to your child or listen to them read to you!

Scholastic Book Fair

This year Book Fair will be held in Term 4 between Monday 6 November and Friday 10 November. We will remind you closer to the date as it will be a great opportunity to get some Christmas shopping done whilst supporting the school at the same time. The school earns points for every dollar spent at Book Fair that we can then use to purchase new resources for the school.

Happy reading!

Melanie Toia



Altar Serving Training



**PLEASE SEE BELOW UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS FOR THE
REST OF TERM 2 AND TERM 3**

Girls' Winter Uniform (Term 2 and 3)

Tartan checked blue skirt to be worn at knee length

Pale blue shirt (long or short sleeved) with emblem

Navy school tie with emblem

Blue jumper or sleeveless vest with emblem

Navy socks or tights with black lace-up school shoes or black Mary Jane shoes. **NO** raised heels.

School hat

Boys' Winter Uniform (Terms 2 and 3)

Long navy trousers

Pale blue shirt (long or short sleeved) with emblem

Navy school tie with emblem

Blue jumper or sleeveless vest with emblem

Navy socks with black lace-up school shoes

School hat

COMMUNITY NEWS

Hosting French Students in July (14 July-16 August)

For the last 9 years a programme has been in place offering the opportunity to young French students aged 14-17 years to discover Australia and its education system.

We are looking for families willing to host students for the four weeks of their visit. They will travel to and from School with your children. The purpose of the programme is for these French students to experience living with an Australian family, to see how an Australian school operates, to improve their English language skills through this full immersion and to create a strong friendship with their Anglophone peers. The programme is highly successful and both Australians and French students greatly enjoy the exchange. Many families still keep in touch with each other.

The students are fully briefed about the school rules, are not to leave the school premises and will attend classes daily. They will be fully covered by appropriate insurance.

Host families will be visited prior to the arrival by the organiser to explain the programme.

We believe such an exchange is also highly beneficial for our Modern Languages students, opening their eyes (and ears!) to similarly minded students for an extended period.

Please contact Martine Floyd,

email: martine.floyd@iinet.net.au, mob: 0403 019 609

if you are interested in hosting.





WA Performing Arts Eisteddfod



It is that time of the
year again when we
are seeking the
assistance of
FABULOUS volunteers
to help us with our
59th EISTEDDFOD

The season dates are:

Thursday 25th May through to Saturday 17th June
(no Sundays or the Public Holiday on the 5th June)

SESSION TIMES ARE:-

MORNING 9.00am- 12.30pm

AFTERNOON 1.30pm- 5.30pm

EVENING 7.00pm – 10.00pm

If you can spare some of your valuable time....
PLEASE EMAIL US or GIVE US A CALL!!

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