



# St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 15 November 2018

## Vision Statement

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

## Prayer

My God, I am yours for time and eternity. Teach me to cast myself entirely into the arms of your loving Providence with a lively, unlimited confidence in your compassionate, tender pity. Grant, O most merciful Redeemer, that whatever you ordain or permit may be acceptable to me. Take from my heart all painful anxiety; let nothing sadden me but sin, nothing delight me but the hope of coming to the possession of You, my God and my all, in your everlasting kingdom. Amen.

- Catherine McAuley

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## From the Principal

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

### **Guest Presenter for Annual Community Meeting**

Abbey Piggott will be our guest presenter at our Annual Community Meeting on Tuesday 20 November starting at 7pm in the hall. Abbey is a high school teacher and she has worked at BCC, but over the last few years she has spent a great deal of time researching the health benefits of mindfulness. Abbey will talk about the power of positiveness, simple meditations and relaxation techniques. She runs sessions for students after school in other Catholic

schools in the region and we are looking at the possibility of Abbey starting at St Mary's next year. One of the courses she offers helps to prepare Year 6 students for high school. Abbey runs this in Term 4.

### **Students Arriving Early**

Students are supervised at school from 8.30am. I understand that some parents need to drop their children just before 8.30am and if that is the case, the students should sit outside classrooms on the benches. The problem is that we have huge numbers of students arriving well before 8.30am and in some cases, before 8am. Before School Care is still available and our students are welcome to join the program being run out of South Bunbury Primary School.

### **Congratulations Brady on Music Scholarship**

Congratulations to Brady Emerson who has been awarded the John Walker Music Scholarship which provides Brady with twelve months of tutored music lessons in Year 7. The scholarship is funded each year by the Catholic primary schools in the South West and was established by the principals to honour John and his love of music. John passed away four years ago. He was principal at St Mary's from 1999 to 2010 and was also principal at St Matthew's in Narrogin and St Anne's in Harvey.

### **Photos on Social Media**

Parents are reminded that if you wish to post a photo on social media of children other than your own, you need to get permission from the parents of each individual child. From time to time this is an issue and it is a timely reminder with the end of year concert coming up. We have quite a few families who for a variety of reasons have not given school permission to place photos of their children on the internet.

God bless

Paul Cronin

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## **Thanksgiving Mass and Awards Ceremony**

Dear Families and Friends,

You are invited to join us for our end of year Thanksgiving Mass and Awards Ceremony. The awards ceremony is for students in Years 4-6. It is to acknowledge academic endeavour and achievement in learning areas. The 2019 Head Boy, Head Girl and Deputy Head Boy and Head Girl will also be announced during this ceremony.

Thanksgiving Mass

Date: Wednesday 5th December

Time: 9:00am

Venue: School Chapel

Awards Ceremony - Years 4, 5 and 6

Date: Wednesday 5th December

Time: 10:15am - 11:30am

Venue: School Hall

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## Calendar Dates

### **NOVEMBER**

#### **Friday 16**

Kindergarten 2019 Orientation, 2pm  
in the Kindergarten Classroom

#### **Tuesday 20**

Annual Community Meeting

#### **Thursday 29**

BCC Year 7 2019 Orientation Day  
Year 6 Graduation Mass and Supper

#### **Friday 30**

Year 6 Excursion

### **DECEMBER**

#### **Sunday 2**

First Sunday of Advent

#### **Wednesday 5**

Thanksgiving Mass 9am  
End of Year Awards 10am

#### **Thursday 6**

St Mary's Christmas Celebration  
(further details to follow)

#### **Friday 7**

Last Day Students

#### **Monday 10 - Friday 14**

Staff Professional Development Days

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## St Mary's Christmas Celebration

St Mary's Catholic Primary School would like to invite you to a night of Christmas Carols. The students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will lead you in song to celebrate another wonderful year together.

Venue: School Oval

Date: Thursday 6th December

Time: 5:30pm - 7:00pm

Each class will perform a song on the night. You are all encouraged and welcome to join in the singing of some of the well known songs. The students will be seated with their class throughout the Christmas Concert.

More information to follow in the upcoming weeks.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS AN ALCOHOL FREE EVENT**

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## St Mary's Sacramental Dates 2019

**TERM 1*****Reconciliation***

24 February - Enrolment Mass 10am, St Patrick's Cathedral

21 March - Reconciliation Workshop (Parents and Candidates) 6pm, Parish Hall  
Cathedral Precinct

28 March - First Reconciliation 6pm, St Patrick's Cathedral

**TERM 2*****First Holy Communion***

19 May - Enrolment Mass, St Patrick's Cathedral

13 June - First Holy Communion Workshop 6pm

23 June First Holy Communion (to be confirmed)

***Confirmation***

5 May - Enrolment Mass 10am

30 May - Confirmation Workshop 6pm

9 June - Confirmation 10am, St Patrick's Cathedral

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## Student Awards

**Year 1** Mila Freiberger, Beth Hynes-Harvey

**Year 2** Lucy Waddell, Zach Crowley

**Year 3** Aaron Joseph, Seton Do

**Year 4** Zachary Bemrose, Frances Best

**Year 5** Cadel Bele, Abigail Hynes

**Year 6** Maddison Cream, Chelsea Raftery, Henley O'Reilly

**A.R. 75%** Frances Best, Max Di Lallo

**A.R. 100%** Leo Pemberton, Jasmine Turner, Trent Roberts, Lauren Dillon

**Phys Ed 50km** Amy Hunter, Natalia Dillon

**Phys Ed 100km** Brady Emerson, Kade Lubcke, Max Di Lallo

## Important Information

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**Student Absentees**

Parents and caregivers are reminded that you are requested to phone or email the office before 9:00am if your child is to be absent from school. Any unexplained absence may be investigated after this time. You are required by the Education Act of W.A. to inform the class teacher **in writing** of reasons for your child's absence prior to, or on the first day the child returns to school in

addition to phone calls or emails. You are requested to notify the school immediately if it is known that a child's absence is likely to exceed three days. A long term planned absence (e.g. holiday) should be referred to the Principal at the earliest possible opportunity, BEFORE the holiday is taken. As it gets closer to the end of the year, parents are requested to resolve any outstanding absentees that remain unresolved as soon as possible.

### **Uniform Shop**

Orders have now been placed with our suppliers and should arrive within the next couple of weeks. Thereafter, orders will be distributed to your child's class.

Anyone wishing to have the school crest embroidered on the girls' dresses can leave the labelled uniform in a bag at the office with \$5.50, or bring it to the Uniform Shop on Friday morning between 8.30am and 9.30am. I will arrange for embroidery to be done and hopefully have them back before the end of the school year.

### **Lost Property**

There is a collection of hats, jumpers, toddler shoes, school shoes, water bottles, lunch boxes and trinkets in the lost property container situated in the office. Any uniform items that remain unclaimed will be returned to the Uniform Shop to be sold secondhand. General clothing and other items will be given to charity at the end of term.

### **Book Club**

Issue 8, the last Book Club for 2018, has been sent home this week. If you need some Christmas gift inspiration, books are always a good idea! All issue 8 orders are due by Wednesday 21 November.

### **Book Fair**

A **HUGE** thank you to the St Mary's community for supporting our Scholastic Book Fair this year. Once again we have held a very successful event which has resulted in wonderful resources for our school. We have purchased the books pictured below with some of the reward money and the remainder will be put towards more group readers to be purchased in early 2019. All in all we have been able to spend about \$1,400 on resources for our students.

The success of Book Fair would not have been possible without the help of some wonderful mums. A big thank you to: Denica Gibbs, Kristy Richardson, Jo Spinelli, Melissa Coulson, Paula Lubke, Kim Fildes, Belinda Males, Kate Kelly and Megan Turpin for taking time out of their busy schedules to lend a hand. The staff and students are very grateful for all your efforts. Many thanks to Denica who continues to do a wonderful job running Book Club throughout the year.

Happy reading everyone!

Mel Toia

### **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.

### **Year 6 Outreach**

The Year 6 class presented care packages to Leanne Gibbs from the In Town Lunch Centre on Friday to help out troubled teens. This is an excerpt from Bridie's speech, "We are honoured to give these care packages to you. We understand how fortunate we are and we are really grateful that we can give to those less fortunate than ourselves. We enjoyed making up the packages, filling them with essential items but also wishes of love. We thank you, Mrs Gibbs, for collecting the items and know how very kind you are to run the In Town Centre."

Mrs Gibbs spoke to the Year six students, thanking them for their generosity and suggesting that they are always looking for volunteers.



### **Remembrance Day Service**

On Friday St Mary's paused to pay tribute to those brave men and women who had given their lives in service of their country. This year was a special occasion as 100 years ago, at 11am on the 11th November 1918, the guns fell silent on the Western Front. We watched a reflection, thought about the important sacrifice people made and continue to make and prayed for peace in our world. The video is available to watch [here](#).



## More Disco Photos!



## Community Health Announcement



Government of **Western Australia**  
**WA Country Health Service**

### South West

#### Important information for parents about Meningococcal ACWY disease

In WA Meningococcal ACWY vaccine is currently provided free for all children aged 1-4 years and for adolescents 15-19 years. This is in response to ongoing meningococcal infections including the new emerging W strain, which is particularly serious.

In WA from January to October 2018, there have been 34 cases of meningococcal disease, 25 of these the W strain. Even though free meningococcal vaccination is available for all adolescents aged 15-19 years, coverage in the South West is only **60%**. South West coverage for the 1-4 year age group is even lower at **50%**.

We urge you to have your children vaccinated against this life-threatening disease. Vaccination is available from your GP and Community Health Centre. For further information please contact the SW Population Health Unit on 97812355.

## Canteen

### Help Required

Parent help in the canteen is vital for its continued success. If there are any parents who have time to spare on a Wednesday or Friday morning, your assistance would be most appreciated. A copy of this term's Canteen Roster is available [here](#).

Thank you!

Jenelle O'Reilly



[Michael Grose - Making a smooth transition to secondary school](#)

## Community News



[Bunbury Summer School 2018](#)



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