



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Thursday 8 August 2019

Vision Statement

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

Prayer

Dear Mary MacKillop,

You said: "Never see a need without doing something about it ..." I think that means that when I know I could help someone, that I probably should. But many times I don't bother. Mary, would you ask God to help me to try and be a bit more helpful, especially when my parents and teachers ask me to do things and when my friends need a helping hand. Amen.

From the Principal

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

Last week I had the opportunity to attend the Catholic Primary Principals' Conference in Perth. The organisers work hard to find some of the world's leading educators to present the latest ideas. One of the presenters at the conference was Dr Tracey Tokuhama-Espinosa who lives in South America. Tracey works with the University of Harvard and is the author of eight books on mind, brain and education science, as well as dozens of related articles. Tracey discussed many thought-provoking points about the brain and how it is important as educators to understand how the brain works. Some of her ideas that can impact how we teach included:

- Attention + Memory = Learning
- Memory is fragile and one word can evoke other memories.

- We all have bias and our brain uses short cuts called heuristics that allow us to make quick judgements. When faced with something new we need to clear our heads and approach it with an open mind, so we are not influenced by bias.
- Writing requires one of the highest levels of thinking.
- People whose minds are open to new possibilities learn faster. By entertaining the idea you could be wrong, you listen better.
- Learning takes a great deal of energy. The first thing the brain does is go to heuristics which is why you need to work at staying open to new ideas.
- Part of learning is to understand you are biased and you use heuristics in order to go forward.
- It is natural to presume negative thoughts of other groups.
- Fear is easiest for the brain to understand and empathy is difficult.
- You cannot learn higher order thinking skills without guidance.
- The brain is social and learns best in groups.
- Differences in people help us to learn.
- Your brain adapts to what it does most.

I plan to do further reading on Tracey's work, so watch for further updates on the brain and how it works in the newsletter.

Science Week

St Mary's staff will be celebrating Science Week next week by holding a range of Science lessons that combine year levels.

School Garage Sale

On Friday 16 August between 8am to 8.45am, a variety of items that are currently stored in the old school hall will be made available for sale. There will be a variety of desks, chairs, computer monitors, etc., that you will be able to make offers on.

P&F

Further in the newsletter are photos of students displaying some of the recent school purchases made possible from money raised by our P&F. The tables have proven very popular in our Kindy and Pre Primary, and are a perfect place to have lunch while chatting with friends. The iPads have given teachers the opportunity to set individual activities for students that they are all able to access at the same time.

You are invited to our Term 3 P&F Meeting which will be held on **Tuesday 20 August** in the hall starting at 7pm.

Pre Primary to Year 2 Liturgy

It was wonderful to see so many parents and grandparents at this week's liturgy that was coordinated by the Pre Primary students. We heard from many students across the three year levels and they explained what made them unique. It was a beautiful way to start the day.

Baby Welcome

Congratulations to Briohny, Joshua and Macen Blackford on the recent addition of baby Hunter to their family.

Protecting God's Children

The week following Child Protection Week (1st – 8th September), Barbara Blayney Perth Archdiocese Safeguarding Office, has kindly offered to conduct a Protecting God's Children Workshop for Parents in our Diocese. The workshop will be held Thursday 12 September at 6.30pm in the Bunbury Parish Hall. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Letter from Bishop Holohan

Please click [here](#) to read the Bishop's Pastoral Letter with regard to the proposed Western Australia Voluntary Assisted Euthanasia laws.

NAIDOC Week Assembly

With NAIDOC Week occurring during the school holidays, we celebrated in the first week of Term 3 with a range of activities happening in classrooms. The students in Year 5 under Mrs Hastie's guidance researched a range of Aboriginal people whose achievement they were inspired by. The students created posters explaining each individual's outstanding contributions to society and the list included: Bronwyn Bancroft, Emily Kngwarreye, Evonne Goolagong, Neville Bonner, David Unaipon, Albert Namatjira, Cathy Freeman, Anita Heiss, Adam Goodes, Benn Harradine and Archie Roach. The Year 5 students showed off their posters at the Friday assembly.

Thank you to Mrs Melissa Coulson, Mrs Turpin and the Pre Primary students for the impressive artwork that decorated the back of the stage for the assembly.

God bless
Paul Cronin
Principal



AUGUST**Thursday 8**

Mary MacKillop Prayer Service 9am
Year 3 BRLA Online

Monday 12

National Science Week

Thursday 15

Assumption School Mass

Friday 16

Year 3 Assembly

Book Week - Reading is My
Superpower

Tuesday 20

P & F Meeting 7pm - 8pm

Friday 23

Book Week Assembly
Book Week Author Presentations -
Diane Wolfer

[Link to Term Planners](#)

[Link to 2019 Term Dates](#)

Student Awards

WEEK 1 Term 3

Year 1 Stella Hesson, Eleanor
Emerson

Year 2 Mitchell Marwick, Amber
Millar

Year 3 Liam Jones, Isabelle Hastie

Year 4 Oliver Stewart, Max
Woolhead

Year 5 Keira Pitts, James Witcher

Year 6 Jasmine Turner, Paige
Hebbend

Principal Tate Skehan, Anitta Binoy

A.R. 50% Ruby Maratea, Brianna
Spinelli, Lucas Pedrochi, Mia Ivey,
Adrianna Minnella, Amahli Lowe,
Jherick Babasa, Christian Spinelli,
Samuel Pedley, Milly Sarre, Emmi
Cahill, Harper Brasher, Jacob
Coulson, Finn Drage-Edwards, Grace
Emerson, Cooper Clark, Baylee
Brand, Frances Best, Alek Liaros,
Emmanuel Menzie

WEEK 2 Term 3

Year 1 Jake Atherton, Jasmine
Leigh, Georgie Kelly

Year 2 Cooper Hopley, Cooper
Franklyn

Year 3 Evelyn Liaros, Lucas

A.R. 75% Angus Brown, Eva
Edmondson, Kobi Atherton, Emily
Chapman, Flynn Fazey, Abigail
Hynes, Cadel Bele, Christian Spinelli,
Gemelia Fiori

A.R. 100% Chevy Males, Aaron
Joseph, Matthew Gragasin, Imogen
de Chanéet, Stella Dean, Niamh
Hamill-Harling, Emily Chapman

Phys Ed 50Km Rhesty Anne
Payapag, Eva Edmondson, Imogen
de Chanéet, Kaden Hall, Elena Gibbs,
Finn Drage-Edwards, Harlyn Fiori,
Ashton Spinelli, Jade Turpin, Jacob
Coulson, Ryan Coulson, Cooper
Hopley, Kai Chapman, Jasmine
Leigh, Toby Bemrose, Kaitlyn Pitts,
Kesh Fildes, Mia Panuccio, Eva
Spinelli, Margaux Ramsay, Sophia
Clark, Alex Bemrose, Finn Drage-
Edwards, Harlyn Fiori, Ashton
Spinelli, Jade Turpin, Jacob Coulson

Phys Ed 100km Toby McGee,
Frances Best

A.R. 50% Levi Postma, Ashton
Spinelli

A.R. 75% Myra Patterson, Jade
Turpin, Amahli Lowe, Cadel Bele

A.R. 100% Baylee Brand

Phys Ed 50Km Abbie Smith, Zach

Kilpatrick

Year 4 Bailee Murray, Chevy Males

Year 5 Milly Sarre, Nicholas

Bouzada-Olgiati

Year 6 Charlotte Brasher, Gemelia

Fiori, Christian Spinelli

Crowley, Jack McGee, Myra

Patterson Maggie Best, Jake

Atherton, Armani Panuccio

Phys Ed 100km Phoenix Panuccio

Interschool Cross Country



On Thursday 1st August, our Cross Country team competed at the Interschool Cross Country Carnival at Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School. All of the students were fantastic representatives of St Mary's. Well done runners!

[Click on the above image to see more photos.](#)

Bunbury Catholic College

2020 Year 7 Academic Scholarships, P & F Bursaries and Indigenous Bursaries



The Principal and Bunbury Catholic College Community congratulate these students on their achievements and welcome them to Bunbury Catholic College and Our Lady of Mercy College in Australind.

YEAR 7 2020

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Christian Spinelli - St Mary's School BUNBURY
Leela Baird - Leschenault Catholic School AUSTRALIND
Olivia Bambrick - St Mary's School BUNBURY
Elena Frontino - Our Lady of Lourdes School DARDANUP
Marlee Gard - Bunbury Primary School
Ben Pennefather - Leschenault Catholic School AUSTRALIND
Devon Pope - Our Lady of Lourdes School DARDANUP
Yumi Visleno - Leschenault Catholic School AUSTRALIND

P & F BURSARIES

Grace Marzano - St Joseph's School BUNBURY
Adrianna Minnella - St Mary's School BUNBURY

INDIGENOUS BURSARIES

Tara Gidgup - Donnybrook High School
Amahli Lowe - St Mary's School BUNBURY

Important Information

Woolworths Earn and Learn Success

St Mary's family and friends have collected 48506 Woolworths Earn & Learn

Points Thank you to all who collected for this worthwhile initiative that will allow our school to purchase new educational equipment.

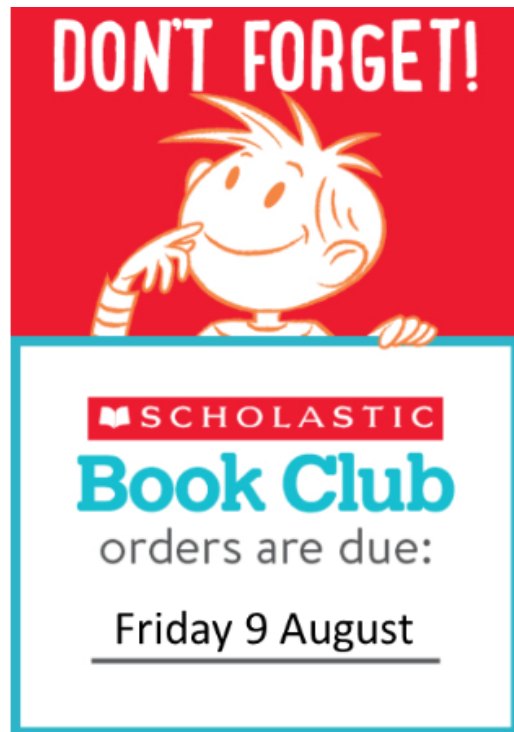
- With the points the school has ordered the following resources:
- Literacy and Numeracy games
- Large floor puzzles
- Outdoor games kit
- Layered Puzzles
- Tactile memory and matching games
- We look forward to these wonderful resources arriving at St Marys in Term 4.
- Science - Earth and Space Curriculum Kit- Changes in the Sky Geological Changes Kit

Once again thank you for your amazing support.

Book Club

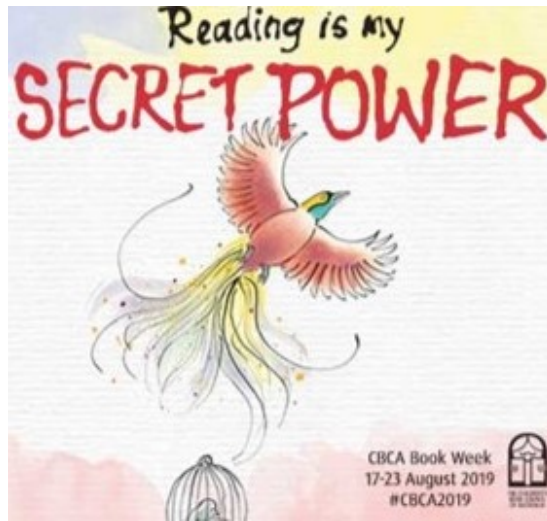
Scholastic Book Club is due this Friday 9 August. Issue 5 went home in week 1 and is filled with fantastic books at great prices. Order online using the Scholastic LOOP or fill in the form and return to the office via the classroom red basket.

Remember, every book you order through Scholastic earns our school rewards points, which are used to purchase resources for our children.



Book Week 2019

19 - 23 August



Diane Wolfer will be visiting St Mary's on Friday 23rd August 2019 to talk to the children about her life as an author. If you are interested in purchasing a signed copy of one of Diane's books then please return the [attached form](#), with full payment to school no later than MONDAY 12th AUGUST. **We thank the P&F for their continued support with providing amazing learning opportunities for our students.**

To celebrate the wonderful world of books the students are invited to dress up as a book character on Friday 23rd August. We will have a Book Week inspired assembly to showcase all the amazing book characters in our lives.

Many thanks, Mel Toia

Father's Day Breakfast

 The poster features a background image of a child's feet in blue shorts, standing on a path. The text is overlaid on the image in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

St Mary's Primary School would like to invite you to celebrate FATHER'S DAY

Where: St Mary's undercover area

When: Thursday 29th August 2019

Time: Breakfast served 7am – 8am

Games 8am – 8.30am

RSVP: Friday 23rd August (forms sent home with oldest child)

All dads and father figures are invited to celebrate Father's Day with their children by sharing a delicious breakfast! It will be on Thursday 29th August 2019 in the St Mary's undercover area. Breakfast will be served from 7am – 8am and games will be from 8am – 8.30am. Bacon and Egg rolls with fresh fruit and muffins will be served. Coffee, tea and juice will be provided. RSVPs are essential for catering purposes and will be sent home with the eldest child in each family. Please return these by Friday 23rd of August.

Thank you to the P & F
for their recent purchases of iPads and tables



Health & Physical Education

Carnivals and PE Events for 2019

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

Tino Alberti

Physical Education Teacher

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Canteen

The canteen requires volunteers on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9am to 11.15am for Term 3. Please put your name on the roster available in the office or see Jenelle O'Reilly in the canteen on Wednesdays and Fridays, or contact her on 0407912701. Thank you in advance, your time is very valuable to us!!

Canteen [Volunteer Roster](#) Term 3 2019

[Canteen Menu 2019](#)

2020 Entertainment Membership

Support St Mary's Catholic Primary School Bunbury!
Get your new Entertainment Membership today.

The 2019 | 2020 Entertainment Memberships are here, with exclusive offers for everything you love to do. It's our best Membership yet, packed with amazing offers for activities, attractions, shopping, travel and all kinds of tasty treats - from cool cafes to fabulous fine dining.

With Entertainment there are thousands of experiences you can enjoy, while raising funds for the things you care about.

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Community News

[Surf to Surf Fun Run](#)

[VacSwim Enrolment Information](#)

Leschenault Catchment Council [Possum Night Stalk](#) 18 August 2019

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