



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Thursday 5 September 2019

Vision Statement

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

Prayer

Father of love and power, it is your will to establish everything in Christ and to draw us into his all-embracing love. Guide these candidates as they begin their preparation for Confirmation. Strengthen them in their baptismal promises, build them into the kingdom of your Son, and seal them with the Spirit of your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

From the Principal

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,
I recently underwent a Review that is coordinated by the Catholic Education Office and happens in the third year of a Principal being in a school and looks at a Principal's performance across a variety of standards. Thank you to the School Board, P & F and staff members for their feedback. Two people from Catholic Education spent two and a half days at St Mary's interviewing members of the Board, P & F Executive, students and staff as part of the process. The next step is that I will have the chance to meet with Dr Debra Sayce, the Director of Catholic Education over the coming months.

Hall and Chapel Update

A recent building report and termite inspection has identified extensive white ant damage in the school hall and chapel. Temporary fencing will be installed around the building to ensure safety and minimise risk. Further investigations

will be carried out by the board to determine options.

Book Week Celebrations

Book Week was celebrated at St Mary's in style with a huge variety of book characters coming alive and making an appearance in our parade. Special thanks to all of the parents for going to extraordinary lengths with costume designs. The staff also took advantage of the chance to dress up. We were also very fortunate to hear from author Diane Wolfer who spent the day at school working with students. Diane's visit was made possible by the P&F and thanks to Mrs Mel Toia and Medrica Di Lallo for organising Diane. Click [here](#) for photos.

Helping Out the Community

On the first day of Term 3, the St Mary's staff worked with Ray Lowe who discussed the Australian Bishops' priorities for 2019 which is titled 'A Place to Call Home.' The Bishops want Australians to understand the size and complexities of those people who are homeless across our country. Ray invited his friend Mike Fenton to speak about his years of assisting people experiencing crisis in Bunbury.

In his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis highlights the vital importance of housing to our human dignity: Lack of housing is a grave problem in many parts of the world, both in rural areas and in large cities, since state budgets usually cover only a small portion of the demand. Not only the poor, but many other members of society as well, find it difficult to own a home. Having a home has much to do with a sense of personal dignity and the growth of families.

While providing houses is not something St Mary's can do, we would like to help in some way. I visited Leanne Gibbs who is the Manager of the Intown Centre and asked if our students could provide muffins on a regular basis to be handed out at the centre. Leanne appreciated the offer and said that it was vital for children to develop an understanding of how hard life can be at times and that there are people finding life very difficult for many reasons.

I explained the background to the Year 6 students and most of them have taken up the chance to go on a roster under my supervision and Jenelle O'Reilly's guidance to make muffins before school on Wednesdays and Fridays. Each pair also has the opportunity to deliver the muffins with me to the Drop In Centre on one occasion. Click [here](#) for photos.

Congratulations to Thomas Bouzada-Olgiati

Congratulations to Thomas who has been awarded an Academic Scholarship for high school at Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School. Thomas is our third Academic Scholarship winner from our current Year 6 class with two Academic Scholarships, an Aboriginal Scholarship and P&F Bursary Scholarship already having been announced by Bunbury Catholic College. The awards are a testimony to the quality of education being offered at St Mary's, the positive work ethic of our students and recognition of the support given by parents.

Staff Going on Long Service Leave

Mr Ben Priest and Mrs Carly Gellard are both packing up their respective families and heading north for warmer weather. Mr Priest has the last three weeks off, so will finish this Friday and Mrs Gellard is taking the last two weeks

of term. Mrs Julie Gibson will be going into Year 2 while Mrs Gellard is away.

Football Tipping

A huge thank you to Jenelle O'Reilly for coordinating this year's Football Tipping. Jenelle was able to get several local businesses to sponsor this year's tipping including:

BUCKINGHAM MEATS

EASTMAN & CO

AUTO ONE

THE POTTED WAREHOUSE

BUNBURY AUTOMOTIVE SPRAYPAINTERS & PANELBEATERS

IGM CONSTRUCTION

BHR PAPALIA

The last three weeks of tipping have been kept secret and we are having a tipping presentation night on Friday 6 September starting at 5.30pm in the hall. We will watch the first of the finals on the big screen and have a 'Brownlow Medal' type count to find the winner of the \$1000 first prize during the half time break. Those attending can bring their own drinks and we will order some pizzas.

OptiMinds

Our two Optiminds teams from Years 5 and 6 have been working hard after school over the last few weeks, developing their scripts and rehearsing their lines in preparation for the Optiminds Challenge on Saturday 7 September at Leschenault Catholic Primary School. The two teams of seven have written ten-minute plays to solve a complex problem and they will act out the plays in front of three judges and a crowd made of students from other schools. We wish them well for Saturday.

Carnevale Comes to Bunbury

The Catholic Education Office has offered South West schools the opportunity to show off their students' talents at Carnevale which will be held at the Graham Bricknell Shell on Thursday 19 September. St Mary's Junior and Senior Choirs will be performing on the big stage, along with students from Perth schools and local primary and high schools. The entertainment will begin from 9.30am with St Mary's Junior Choir (Years 3 and 4) performing soon after. Our Senior Choir (Years 5 and 6) are listed in the 11am-12pm time slot. Entertainment continues through until 3pm and parents are welcome to attend. St Mary's is also setting up an interactive stall with select students from Years 4-6 having the opportunity to promote St Mary's during the day. Permission notes for students to travel by bus will be sent home soon.

Father's Day Breakfast

A huge thank you to the team of Year 4 mums who helped organise the Father's Day Breakfast which was a fantastic way to bring so many of our community together. Besides delicious bacon and egg rolls, there were huge fruit platters and an array of cakes on offer. The Father's Day Breakfast is another 'Friend raising' event sponsored by our P&F. Following the breakfast, we had the traditional father vs student football and soccer games that were highly competitive, and the First Aid kit wasn't required! Click [here](#) for photos.

Open Night

Year 6 students will be in character for their Night of the Notables from 5pm until 6pm on Tuesday 24 September. Families from all year levels are welcome to see the Year 6 students' displays. Kindy to Year 5 classrooms will be open for Open Night from 5.45pm until 7pm.

Grandparents' Morning Tea

Grandparents are invited to our Grandparents' Morning Tea on Wednesday 25 September with Mass at 9am in the hall, followed by morning tea and a performance from our choirs.

God bless
Paul Cronin
Principal



Year 1 Assembly

Calendar Dates

SEPTEMBER

Friday 6

General Assembly

Saturday 7

Optiminds Challenge

Tuesday 10

Board Meeting

Friday 13

Thursday 19

Carnevale 2019, Graham Bicknell
Shell

Friday 20

General Assembly
60 Minute Challenge

Tuesday 24

Night of the Notables 5pm - 6pm
Open Night 5.45pm - 7pm
Kindy Open Night 5.45pm - 7pm

General Assembly

Sunday 15

Year 6 Confirmation Mass 10am St Patrick's Cathedral

Monday 16

Library Books to be Returned

Wednesday 25

Grandparents' Mass and Morning Tea

Friday 27

Music/Drama Assembly
Term Ends Staff and Students

[Link to Term Planners](#)

[Link to 2019 Term Dates](#)

Student Awards

WEEK 5 Term 3

Year 1 Sophia Karlsen, Darcy Harrison

Year 2 Ethan Whitcher, Lachlan Scheffner

Year 3 Class Award

Year 4 Kaden Hall, Brianna Spinelli, Emily Chapman

Year 5 Frances Best, Finn Drage-Edwards

Year 6 Abigail Hynes, Levi Postma

A.R. 50% Abbie Smith, Leo Pemberton, Lucas Maratea

A.R. 75% Noah Smith, Kody Hopley, Harlyn Fiori, Anitta Binoy, Cadel Bele, Adrianna Minnella, Levi Postma

A.R. 100% Seton Do, Kobi Atherton

Phys Ed 50km Cadel Bele, Abbey Woodouse, Louis Shine

Principal Imogen de Chanéet, Chevy Males

WEEK 6 Term 3

Year 1 Mark Procopio, Kimberley Hastie

Year 2 Jesper de Chanéet, Tate Skehan

Year 3 Bernie Edmondson, Dylan Verduci

Year 4 Ruby Maratea, Holly Bambrick, Kaden Hall

Year 5 Grace Emerson, Jacob Coulson

Year 6 Samuel Pedley, Adrianna Minnella

A.R. 50% Neha Bobby

A.R. 75% Thomas Bouzada-Olgiati, Lucas Pedrochi

A.R. 100% Amahli Lowe, Christian Spinelli, Keira Pitts

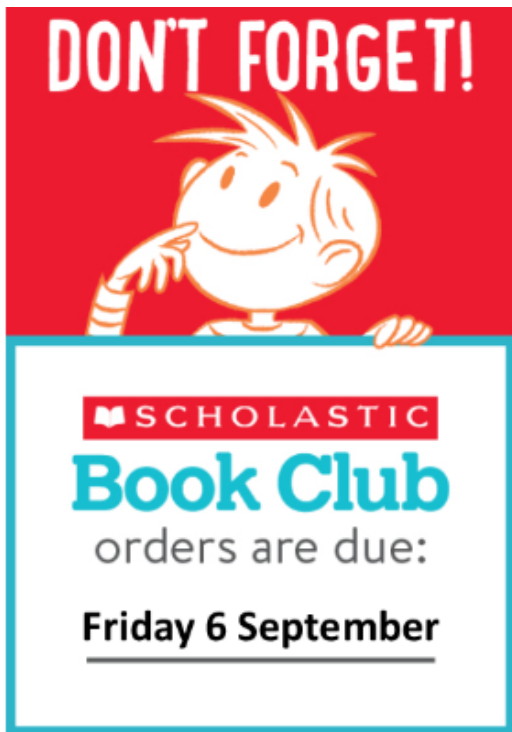
Important Information

Confirmation Choir - 15 September

Thank you to those students who have volunteered to sing in the choir for Confirmation. You are asked to arrive at 9.45am. Choir members are to wear free dress and are not required to wear school uniform.

Absentees

There are a high number of unresolved student absentees. If your child becomes ill, please contact the school before 9.30am on 08 97267500 or email admin@stmarysbnby.wa.edu.au. This contact MUST be followed up by a written note when the child returns to school. Text messages are automatically sent after the morning and afternoon roll for students whose absences have not been called or emailed in to the school. If the school is not notified of a student's absence and there has been no response to the initial text message, the school will then attempt to make telephone contact with the parents to confirm the child's absence, in line with Catholic Education Office and Department of Education regulations. When holidays longer than 3 days are taken during the school term, please complete the extended holiday form which can be found at the school office before the holiday is taken.



Book Club

Scholastic Book Club is due this Friday 6 September. Issue 6 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.

P & F

Please see below current vacancies for the P&F positions for 2020. If you have any further questions, please see Gemma Millar, Zoe Marwick, Renae Ursino or Jo Spinelli. Many thanks.

Executive Positions:

P&F President: Gemma Millar

P&F Vice President: Zoe Marwick

Treasurer: Renae Ursino

P & F Secretary: *Vacant*

3 Year Old Program: *Vacant*
Kindergarten: Stacie Bekle, Nicole O'Dea
Pre Primary: *Vacant*
Year 1: Eboney Franklyn and Kelly Bastow
Year 2: *Vacant*
Year 3: *Vacant*
Year 4: *Vacant*
Year 5: Denica Gibbs and Diana Dean
Year 6: Rikki Smith and Alejandra Olgiati

Health & Physical Education

Cricket Fun

The WACA will conduct a joint activity with St Mary's CPS and South Bunbury PS before School on Friday 13 September on South Bunbury's Oval at 8am. They have resources coming down from Perth including the Scorchers bus, inflatable net, mascots, extra staff members and prizes. They will set up different cricket activities on South Bunbury's oval and would like to get as many kids and parents there from both schools. Fun Fitness Friday will still be on for students who choose to not participate in the cricket activities.

Athletics Carnival

St Mary's CPS will host the Annual Athletics Carnival on Friday 18 October. Please note we have made some changes to last year's format. Years 4 – 6 will take the bus to the SWSC for their track and field events in the morning. At 12:20pm they will return to St Mary's CPS for lunch. Pre Primary – Year 6 will then combine for the afternoon to complete the rest of the carnival! A schedule detailing events and times can be downloaded [here](#).

The Years 4 – 6 400m races will now be held the day before on South Bunbury PS oval, Thursday 17 October. This is an optional race and students nominate to participate.

On Friday 18 October the Canteen will operate a normal lunch time menu only. All lunch orders are to be placed in class canteen basket prior to 9am. Please note: **there is no canteen available at recess.**

60 Minute Challenge.

St Mary's CPS will host its 5th annual 60 Minute Challenge on Friday 20 September. It will start at 5pm. As in past years students will need to have a running bib pinned to the front of their shirt, and every time they complete a 60 Minute Challenge lap they have it marked off on their bibs. Bibs will be available 15 minutes prior to start time. At the end of the 60 minutes students

place their bibs in their year level box. I will then tally the class totals and graph the results. Laps run will be added to student's 100 Club tally. Afterwards there will be a sausage sizzle. For catering purposes please print out the form below, complete the details and return to the class teacher with the correct money!

60 Minute Challenge RSVP

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!!

PLEASE NOTE THAT NEAPOLITAN MILK IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE.

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.

Click [here](#) to support us now.

Community



Junior Cricket Registration

Girls and Boys registration now open online. Junior cricket programs for all ages and all experience. Register and choose the cricket program you would like to do. Register online now at playcricket.com.au

Step 1 – Type in Marist Cricket Club

Step 3 - Choose which junior cricket competition

Step 4 - Complete the online registration form.

For further information contact Craig Thomas 0418 470 237



COME AND JOIN THE DALYELLUP SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

Want your children to be part of a fun and active community? Join the club. The Dalyellup Surf Life Saving Club will be holding its Registration Day on Saturday 21 September 2019 between 9am and 1pm down at the Clubhouse on the beach. Surf Life Saving's Nippers program is a great way for your kids to make new friends, gain water confidence and develop vital surf skills. Enrol today, and watch them grow a lifetime connection with the surf. Nippers caters for children aged 5–12 years. Enrolments can be made on Registration Day or online at <https://www.dalyellupslsc.com.au/members.htm>. For further information contact Peta Nolan on 0435 629 689.



Click on the image for more information



Click on the image for more information about the proposed Bunbury Youth Precinct



REGISTER NOW FOR EARLY BIRD PRICING • SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2019

[Registration Day Information](#)

[Early Bird Pricing](#)

**PLAYERS WANTED - HAY PARK REDBACKS
CRICKET CLUB**

Junior Registration

**HAY PARK CC is looking for boys and girls of all
ages to play cricket.** Registrations are now open for



all junior players from beginners in BLAST through to Year 11/12. Registration can be made online. Please follow the instructions below for online registrations.

Go on to playcricket.com.au – click on the junior tag – choose your competition – put in Hay Park.

Juniors: School Year 5 and above

Master Blast: School Year 3, 4 and 5

Blast: School Year 1 and 2

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