



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Thursday 19 September 2019

Vision Statement

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

Prayer

Grandparents are a family's greatest treasure, the founders of a loving legacy, the greatest storytellers, the keepers of traditions that linger on in cherished memory. Grandparents are the family's strong foundation. Their very special love sets them apart. Through happiness and sorrow, through their special love and caring, Grandparents keep a family close at heart.

From the Principal

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

I am very pleased to let you know that as part of my Principal Review process I met with Peter Yench, who is the Assistant Director of Catholic Education and I have been offered a five-year extension on my contract at St Mary's. Thank you to staff, the School Board, P&F and students for their input in the process.

Confirmation

Last Sunday's Confirmation was a beautiful celebration. Thank you to Ms Brown and Mrs Murray for the work that went into preparing the students and helping to organise the event. Thank you also to Bishop Holohan for his spiritual guidance and to Mr Mills and Ms Hannon who played the piano and the twenty students who joined staff members in the choir. The band of parish helpers did a wonderful job helping with morning tea.

NAPLAN Results

Families of students in Years 3 and 5 have received hard copies of their children's NAPLAN results and again St Mary's students have performed extremely well. Our students as a group were above the national average across all test areas in Years 3 and 5. This year's results will soon be available for everyone to see on the MySchool website.

Open Night

Staff and students are putting the finishing touches to the classroom displays in preparation for Tuesday's Open Night. Don't miss the opportunity to visit as many classes as you can to see what your children have been doing. There is the amazing box creations in Kindy, the fairy castle in Pre Primary, very creative story writing in Year 1, impressive weaving in Year 2, bee stories and poems and if you are lucky a puppet play in Year 3. You can read about the 50th anniversary of the moon Landing in Year 4, Picasso masks in Year 5 and meet famous people from world history at the Year 6's Night of the Notables in the hall.

Grandparents' Morning Tea

The invitation to the "Celebrating Grandparents" Mass and morning tea went home today and families are asked to RSVP by Monday 23 September. This celebration is a wonderful opportunity for students and staff of St Mary's to say thank you to our amazing Grandparents for their loving support and guidance. Mass will be held in the School Hall starting at 9am and the soccer oval will be open for parking. Morning tea will be held in the undercover area and the choir performances will be in the hall. Grandparents are then invited to visit classrooms to see their grandchildren's amazing work.

Thank You

Thank you to the Curtis family for the donation of the scaffolding platform to St Mary's. We are greatly appreciative of their kindness and this equipment will be put to good use.

Carnevale

The weather forecast for today's Carnevale was a little concerning with strong wind gusts and the possibility of rain. I made a decision to cancel our stall which was going to show artwork. Carnevale was being held for the first time in Bunbury at the Graham Bricknell Shell and St Mary's was one of about twenty schools from Perth and the South West whose students' talent was on display on the big stage. Our Junior and Senior Choirs both performed under the guidance of Mr Mills.

Attendance Survey

Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA) is currently developing an Attendance Strategy for Catholic schools. It is well recognised that regular attendance at school results in lifelong learning benefits and helps our children to become productive and responsible adults. Catholic School Parents WA (CSPWA) is partnering with CEWA in this important

work as parents play a significant role in attendance and it is important we hear your views. Parents will receive an email through their P&F Class Reps that is asked to be completed by 27 September.

School Climate Survey

Parents, staff and students from Pre Primary to Year 6 will be asked to complete a School Climate Survey next term that will provide valuable feedback on various aspects of school life at St Mary's. That feedback is then used to help set school priorities for improvement. Parents will have a two-week window to complete the online survey from 25 October to 11 November. There will be more information about the survey early next term.

Optiminds

Congratulations to our fourteen Year 5 and 6 students who made up our two Optiminds teams that competed recently on a Saturday at Leschenault Catholic Primary School. Our students spent the previous six weeks meeting after school and many lunch times to develop a script that met the set criteria of the challenge, explaining the history of masks and how they are used today. The teams then had to learn their scripts and make a variety of props before acting it out in front of judges. Thank you to the parents who supported their children on the Optiminds journey and for coming and cheering for them on the day.

Football Tipping Windup

Congratulations to Santo for taking out first prize of \$1000 in this year's football tipping. A huge thank you to Jenelle O'Reilly for coordinating the tipping and thank you to those who came along and enjoyed the football on the big screen while eating pizza.

End of Term

Another exciting and action packed term that has been filled with a huge variety of learning opportunities is coming to a close. I would like to wish all of the St Mary's community a safe and happy holiday and I am looking forward to the adventures of Term 4!

God bless
Paul Cronin
Principal



Year 6 Confirmation



Optiminds -Year 5 and 6



Footy Tipping Wind Up



Decorative Pot Making Year 6

Calendar Dates

SEPTEMBER

Friday 20

General Assembly

OCTOBER

Monday 14

Staff Professional Development Day
(no students)

60 Minute Challenge

Tuesday 24

Night of the Notables 5pm - 6pm

Open Night 5.45pm - 7pm

Kindy Open Night 5.45pm - 7pm

Wednesday 25

Grandparents' Mass and Morning Tea

Friday 27

Music/Drama Assembly

Term Ends Staff and Students

Tuesday 15

Students Commence Term 4

Friday 18

St Mary's Athletics Carnival 9.20am - 3pm

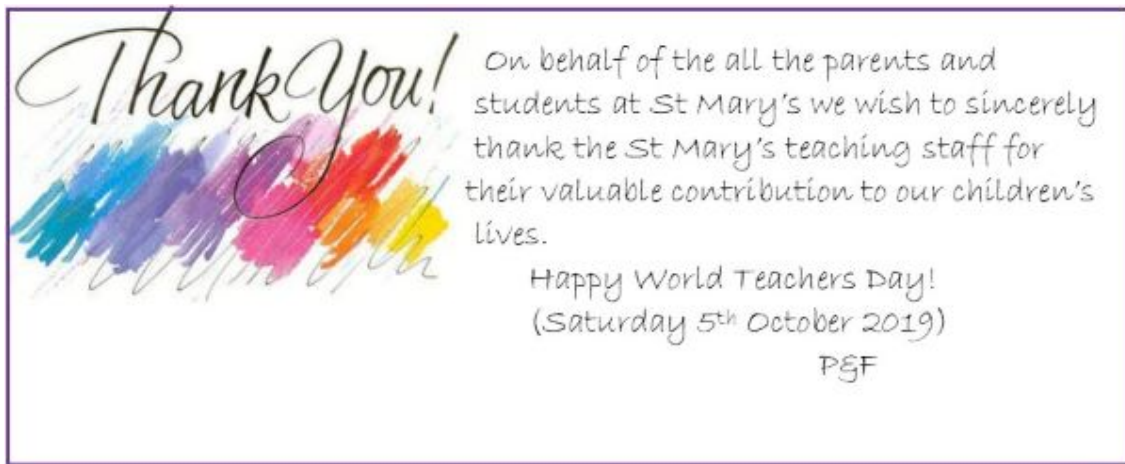
Monday 21

Numero Challenger Year 5/6

Thursday 24

SWPSA Athletics Carnival

[Link to Term Planners](#)[Link to 2019 Term Dates](#)**Student Awards****WEEK 7 Term 3****Year 1** Jake Atherton, Theo Males**Year 2** Mila Freiburger, Darcy Stewart**Year 3** Kaitlyn Pitts, Ayla De Castro**Year 4** Kobi Atherton, Lewis Evans**Year 5** Lauren Dillon, Cooper Clark**Year 6** Taneisha Scott, Jorja O'Reilly**A.R. 75%** Max Woolhead, Emmi Cahill, Finn Drage-Edwards, Lauren Dillon, Toby McGee, Milly Sarre, Zachary Bemrose, Harper Brasher**A.R. 100%** Cooper Clark**Phys Ed 50km** Darcy Stewart, Maxton Fiori, Cooper Franklyn**Phys Ed 100km** James Burton**Principal** Mila Freiburger, Cooper Franklyn**WEEK 8 Term 3****Year 1** No Awards**Year 2** Ryan Coulson, Georgia Brown**Year 3** Eva Spinelli, Cassie Turpin**Year 4** Eva Edmondson, Stella Dean**Year 5** Leo Pemberton, Cooper Clarke**Year 6** Raine Potter, Rubee Males**A.R. 50%** Michael Twomey, Evan Crowley**A.R. 75%** Ruby Maratea, Brianna Spinelli**A.R. 100%** Myra Patterson, Gemelia Fiori**Phys Ed 50km** Brianna Spinelli**Phys Ed 100km** Liam Jones



Important Information

Eisteddfod Images

Eisteddfod Images will be taken off of the Henderson website by the close of business on the 20th of September. Please make sure you let all your friends, families and students know so they can be sure to get their images.

<https://hendersonphotographers.shootproof.com/gallery/9494149/>

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: Sarah Harrison and Sherie Chapman

3 Year Old Program: Catherine De Castro

Kindergarten: Stacie Bekle and 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

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 participants who have returned their RSVPs.

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.**

Parent helpers are needed for the running of the carnival. Please email me if you are able to assist. tino.alberti@cewa.edu.au

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

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](#)

Community



The Council for Australian Catholic Women (Perth) invite you to hear New Testament lecturer, Dr Michele Connolly RSJ at two free events in Perth. Michele is a Sister of St Joseph of Lochinvar NSW and has studied in Melbourne, Chicago and Berkeley. She has taught at the Catholic Institute of Sydney since 2001. Friday 25 October 6-9pm - *WOMEN in the CHURCH: REFLECTIONS FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT* - men and women invited. Light refreshments served from 5.30pm. Saturday 26 October 9.30 - 4pm - *WOMEN and the GOSPEL OF MARK: INSIGHTS FOR TODAY* - a day for women. Light refreshments served from 9am. Light lunch included. If you are in Perth for that weekend and would like to attend please enquire about free billeting for women. Both events will be held at James Nestor Hall, Catholic Education Office 50 Ruislip St Leederville. RSVP by 21 October. Email: kerrymacfarlane2@gmail.com; Phone: 08 9397 5988; SMS: 0400 886 835.



Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions

For information about staying safe during magpie swooping season, please click on the above image.

Multicultural Day

Please click on the link for information about St Patrick's Cathedral [Multicultural Day](#) 6 October 2019.

St Vincent de Paul Fundraiser

Support us and [save 25%](#) at the Perth Royal Show.

Aussie Hoops Term 4 Basketball Program

Click [here](#) for more information.

Tennis Excellence

Please click the links below to access information about upcoming events in Term 4.

[Game Face Fridays](#)

[Holiday Clinic and Term 4 Events](#)

[Hot Shots](#)



Please click on the image above for Eaton Basketball Association's registration information.

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