



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Thursday 31 October 2019

Vision Statement

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

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for the many and wonderful saints that followed Jesus down through the ages. Help us to follow their good examples and to remember what a blessing it is to be in the same family of faith. We ask this in Jesus' name – Amen

From the Principal

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,
Mrs Webb, Ms Brown, Mrs Alberti, Mrs Coulson and myself travelled to Star of the Sea Catholic School in Rockingham on Tuesday to see how they implement Explicit Teaching at their school. We had the opportunity to visit seven different classrooms during the day to see a range of year levels and subject areas being taught. Mr Dowie is the principal and he introduced Explicit Instruction nearly five years ago and they have seen a huge improvement in student engagement and student achievement. We came away with lots of resources and ideas on further developing EI at St Mary's that we will share with other staff and use in our classrooms.

Climate Survey

Thank you to all of the parents who have completed the online Climate Survey so far. The survey is a way of collecting the thoughts from major stakeholders

on how St Mary's is performing across a variety of areas and the results will help guide school improvement. The survey is open to parents until 8 November.

P&F Committee 2020

The fact that we have had people volunteer for all of the P&F Representative and Executive positions for 2020 at this stage, is an outstanding achievement and typifies the endless enthusiasm that the St Mary's parents display. It really is a privilege to be part of St Mary's.

School Board Nominations

Parents are able to nominate to be on the School Board for 2020. The Board meets twice a term and helps make decisions around school finances. If you are interested, please speak to me by 20 November.

Annual Community Meeting

The Annual Community Meeting will be held in the school hall on Tuesday 3 December at 7pm. Mike Fenton is our special guest and he will talk about the homeless situation in Bunbury.

Numero Challenge

St Mary's recently hosted the South West competition of the Numero Challenge with 90 students from eight schools competing. Students from eight Catholic and Government schools came together from as far as Pemberton and Dunsborough to battle it out for the chance to compete in the State Final in Perth later in the year. Our teams of four did very well, with one finishing second overall. Congratulations to Bunbury Primary School who took out first place. A huge thank you to Mrs Alberti for coordinating the event.

Athletics Carnival

Our recent Athletics Carnival was hugely successful in so many ways. Congratulations to all of the students for competing so well. A special mention to Mr Alberti for organising the day. The new format of holding the Carnival across two different locations was well received. Senior students were able to complete many of their events at the Bunbury Athletics track with several records broken, and then we were all very close to the action back at school for the junior running events, team games and relays. Thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who helped on the day.

Kindy Athletics

The same positive competitive spirit was on display at our Kindy Athletics afternoon. Thank you to Mrs Skehan, Mrs Zolnier and Mrs O'Dea for putting together several events that allowed the students to show off their skills.

Author Visit

Martin Chatterton visited last week, and he told his story on becoming an author. He showed off his illustration skills by drawing two caricatures of students and one of Mr Alberti.

Remembrance Day Service

A Remembrance Day Service will be held at school on Monday 11 November at 11.10am. Members of the school community are welcome to attend.

2020 Kindy Orientation Morning

This will be held on Tuesday 12 November from 9am - 11am in the Kindergarten classroom.

God bless
Paul Cronin
Principal

Calendar Dates

NOVEMBER

Friday 1

Year 1 2020 Uniform Fitting,
Kindergarten Classroom 8.30am -
9.30am
School Disco

Monday 4

Pre Primary 2020 Uniform Fitting, 3
Year Old Classroom 8.30am -
9.30am

Wednesday 6

Year 5 Zoo Camp

Thursday 7

Year 5 Zoo Camp

Monday 11

Book Fair Week
Remembrance Day Service 11.10am

Tuesday 12

Kindergarten Orientation Day 9am -
11am
P & F Meeting 7pm

Friday 15

Year 6 Assembly

Thursday 28

BCC Orientation Day

Friday 29

Library Books to be Returned

[Link to Term Planners](#)

[Link to 2019 Term Dates](#)

Student Awards

WEEK 1 Term 4

NO AWARDS

WEEK 2 Term 4

Year 1 Jake Atherton, Eleanor
Emerson

Year 2 Jayden Smith, Christopher
Joseph

Year 3 Amelie Wright, Lucy Waddell

A.R. 50% Luca De Coppi, Olivia
Bambrick, Neha Bobby

A.R. 75% Bailee Murray, Lucas
Maratea, Olivia Bambrick, Elianna
Cross

A.R. 100% Louis D'Andrea,
Adrianna Minnella, Harper Brasher,
Emmi Cahill

Phys Ed 50km Shelby Krikke, Pixie
Bennett, Charlotte Cross

Phys Ed 100km Noah Buswell, Max

Year 4 Gabriel Gragasin, Nate Bielawski, Flynn Fazey, Seton Do
Year 5 Toby McGee, Noah Smith
Year 6 Harper Panuccio, Lily Kilpatrick

Woolhead
Principal Kaden Hall, Layla Fildes, Oliver Stewart

Important Information

P & F Meeting

The next P & F meeting will be held on Tuesday 12 November at 7pm.

Advent Program 2019

Does the thought of Christmas being a few weeks away fill you with anxiety and worry over all you need to do, rather than anticipation of the joy of the season? Don't distress! Instead of focusing on your to-do list this holiday season, give yourself a gift and use this time before Christmas to deepen your faith and brighten your prayer life.

You are invited to participate in the St Mary's Advent Program. Sessions will commence on Thursday 28 November at 9am and conclude 19 December. Sessions are run for an hour a week and we would love to have some new faces join the group. We look forward to seeing you there. Helen Brown Advent Facilitator.

Book Club

Issue 7 of Scholastic Book Club went home last week. This issue has a bonus Christmas gift section – be organised this year and get your Christmas shopping done early! All orders, both online or cash, are due by Friday 1 November.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be closed on Friday 1 November 2019 due to Pre Primary (Year 1 2020) Uniform fittings in the Kindergarten classroom between 8.30am and 9.30am. Any uniform orders needing to be placed from Years 1 to 6, can be left at the office to be filled in Week 4.

Kindergarten (Pre Primary 2020) parents will have their uniform fittings on Monday 4 November in the 3 Year Old Program classroom from 8.30am to 9.30am.



Please come down and support our St Mary's Superheroes Relay for Life Team on Saturday 2nd November 11am to Sunday 3rd November 11am at Payne Park, Bunbury! Please see below link if you'd like to join our team or make a donation, we hope to see you there!

https://secure.fundraising.cancer.org.au/site/TR/RelayforLife/CCWA?pg=team&fr_id=5858&team_id=63377

HALLOWEEN- THE CATHOLIC WAY

What is HALLOWEEN?



"ALL HALLOWS' EVE" is where the name of halloween comes from. A hallowed person is another name for a saint. We call October 31 - All Hallow's Eve because it is the eve of All Saints Day which is on November 1.

The mass that the Catholic Church celebrated on Nov. 1 was called "Allhallowmas". This meant mass of all the hallowed (saintly people). It was commonly called "All Hallow's Day".

The night before Nov.1 became known as *Allhallowe'en*, which was short for "evening before All Hallow's Day." It was then shortened to what we now know as Halloween.

1 Why do we celebrate All Saints' Day?

November 1 is a special day called the feast of All Saints. It is the day the Church celebrates with all the people who have died and are now with God in heaven. Everyone who has lived and died in Jesus' love is a saint. We do not know the names of all the saints. Some of these people were so much like Jesus that after they died, the Church said they were definitely in heaven.



2 Why do we celebrate All Souls' Day?

November 2 is a special day called the feast of All Souls. It is celebrated in honor and remembrance of the souls of our dearly departed loved ones, and to pray for other souls that still need our prayers. The Church honors this day as a solemn day for all souls in purgatory who are being cleansed before entering Heaven.



How can we celebrate Halloween?

1. Dress up like "Little Saints"

Let's do our best to remind everyone that this day is the eve of the feast of All Saints. We honor the saints by dressing up like them instead of dressing up as anything that glorifies sin, horror or rebellion from God. By our good example, people will be curious to learn more about "All Hallow's Eve" and may even study the lives of the saints.



3. Go to Mass

On Nov.1 and Nov.2, the most important thing we can do is to attend the Holy Mass and offer it for all the Holy Saints, and our dearly departed loved ones. By doing this, we give honor to them.



2. Visit the graves of our dearly departed

On Nov.1 and Nov.2, let's go to the cemeteries to pray at the graves of our dear departed. We can also adorn it with flowers and lighted candles.



4. We say a prayer

While we celebrate Halloween, we pray to and honor our saints and pray for our dearly departed. We can say the rosary or other prayers at home or upon visiting the grave of our departed loved ones.



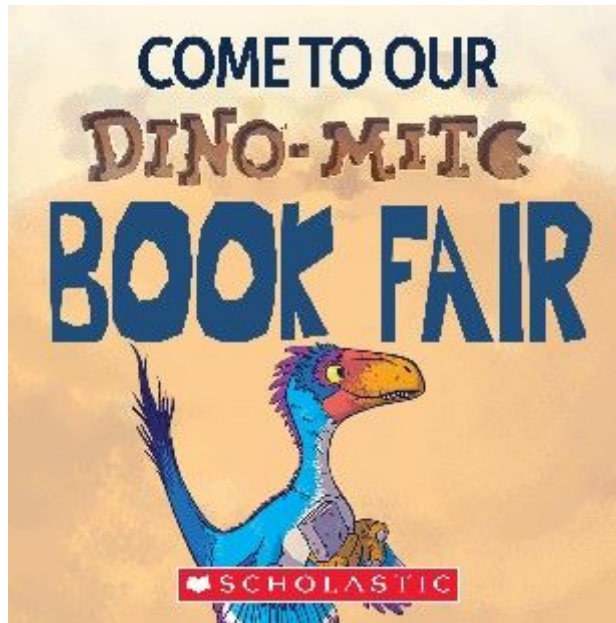


Numero Championships

The Numero Interschool Championships took place in St Mary's School hall on Monday 21 October. Eighty-four enthusiastic Mathematicians from various schools in the South West challenged each other in several individual and team events. The hall was abuzz with number crunching, card playing and relay challenges. St Mary's entered four teams comprising of students from Years 5 and Year 6, and all teams performed very well. One of our teams, *The Dominators*, lived up to their name, being placed second overall. Well done to all our competitors and to the six Year 5 students who helped with the organisation and running of the events.



Book Fair 2019



Book Fair is upon us again and it's a fantastic opportunity to raise funds for the school while doing some Christmas shopping at the same time! We had wonderful support from families last year and we look forward to holding another great event this year. If you are available to come along and help during the allocated time slots below, please send me an email at melanie.toia@cewa.edu.au.

Monday 11th November: 8:45 – 10:30 (setting up the fair)

Tuesday 12th November: 8:00 – 8:45 and 1:00 – 1:30

Wednesday 13th November: 8:00 – 8:45

Thursday 14th November: 2:30 – 3:30


Friday 15th November: 2:30 – 3:30 (packing up the fair)

Many thanks for your anticipated support, Mel Toia

Back to School Appeal

Back to school 2019 Appeal

School Backpacks
Help underprivileged children get back to school with essential learning tools!



Pp - Year 3	Year 4 - 6	Year 7 - 10
Back Pack	Back Pack	Back Pack
Scrapbooks (x4)	7 Ring Folders (x7)	7 Ring Folders
Crayons	Display Folders (x2)	Display Folders (x2)
Coloured Pencils	Plastic Sleeves (x20)	Plastic Sleeves (x20)
Display Folders (x2)	Document Wallet (x2)	Document Wallet (x2)
Pencil Case	A4 Notepads (x2)	A4 Notepads
Glue Sticks (x2)	Stationery Pack*	Stationery Pack*
Drink Bottle		

***Stationery Packs: Years 4 - 10**
Includes: 2 x Glue Sticks, Coloured Pencils, Textas, 2 x Highlighters, 2 x Erasers, Sharpener, 1 x Pkt Mixed Pens (Blue & Red)

In the following weeks, as part of helping students develop their faith and give back to the wider community, each class would like to make 3 school backpacks to give to the In town Lunch Centre. These school backpacks will be given out next year to children to help them get back to school with the essential tools. Outside each classroom there is a list of items where students or parents can place their name next to one item they will purchase to help fill a backpack. Please can all backpacks be handed in by week 5. Thank you, Megan Turpin.

P & F

Please see below list of P & F Representatives for 2020.

P&F President: Gemma Millar

P&F Vice President: Zoe Marwick

Treasurer: Renae Ursino

P & F Secretary: Sherie Chapman

3 Year Old Program: Catherine De Castro

Kindergarten: Stacie Bekle and Nicole O'Dea

Pre Primary: Sarah Harrison and Sherie Chapman

Year 1: Ebony Franklyn and Kelly Bastow

Year 2: Cassandra Shine and Grace Buswell

Year 3: Anita Logiudice and Lacey Brown

Year 4: Renae O'Connor and Vanessa Best

Year 5: Denica Gibbs and Diana Dean

Year 6: Rikki Smith and Alejandra Olgiati

Health and Physical Education

Athletics Carnival

We had a fantastic day for our 2019 Athletics Carnival and embraced our new format with enthusiasm. Well done to Ursula who finished on 492. They were followed by Marcellin on 464 and McAuley on 434. A big thank you to all staff and parent helpers who assisted on the day. My thanks to Mrs Yvonne Smith for the condition of our school oval and the lane marking.

	Boys	Girls
Year 4 Champion	Kaden Hall	Ruby Maratea
Year 4 Runner up Champion	Phoenix Panuccio	Bailee Murray
Year 5 Champion	Nick Bouzada-Olgiati	Frances Best
Year 5 Runner up Champion	Harlyn Fiori	Baylee Brand
Year 6 Champion	Lucas Pedrochi	Amahli Lowe
Year 6 Runner up Champion	Christian Spinelli	Lily Kilpatrick

Records Broken on the Day

Harlyn Fiori set a new record in Year 5 Turbo Javelin with a throw of 24.20m. The previous record was set by Ben Wall in 2013 and it was 18.87m. Finn Drage-Edwards set a new record in Year 6 Shot Put with a throw of 11.29m. The previous record was set by Jack Madaffari in 2014 and it was 10.49m. Ruby Maratea broke two running records. She ran the Year 4 girls 100m in a time of 16.10 seconds breaking the record set by Lily Kilpatrick in 2017 of 16.33 seconds. Then Ruby broke the 200m record with a time of 34.25 seconds. The previous record was set by Lily Kilpatrick with a time of 34.93 seconds. Lily Kilpatrick set a time of 31.80 in the Year 6 girls 200m. She broke Maddison Lord's previous time of 31.95 set in 2017.

SWPSA Interschool Sport Athletics

The SWPSA Interschool Sport Athletics Carnival was held on Thursday 24 October at the Hay Park Athletics Track. St Mary's has a squad of 30 students who attended the Carnival. Mr Alberti and Mrs Murray accompanied the team. All students represented St Mary's with pride and it was good to see students do their best in such a competitive environment! Well done!

Golf

SNAG Golf will be run at St Mary's for 3 weeks starting on Thursday 31 October and finishing on Friday 15 November. Years 1 to 6 students will participate.

Canteen

The canteen requires volunteers on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9am to 11.15am for Term 4. 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 4 2019

[Canteen Menu 2019](#)

Community

WAAPA Summer School 2020

This Summer WAAPA at ECU, Mt Lawley is offering an exciting performing arts program for students in Years 1 to 12. The Summer School includes classes in Acting, Dance, Drama, Screen Performance, Film Making, Music Theatre and of course, how to perform Shakespeare. For information about the fantastic courses on offer please visit [WAAPA Summer School](#) or contact Gabrielle Metcalf at g.metcalf@ecu.edu.au

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