

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Thursday 14 November 2019

Vision Statement

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

Prayer

A Prayer for Remembrance

Ever-living God, we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war, into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples, and establish harmony among the nations. through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer for Those Affected by Fire

Father we pray, in your mercy, restrain the forces of nature from creating catastrophic damage across NSW and QLD. In your mercy, protect all human and animal life in jeopardy. Guard those who selflessly step into the breach to fight these terrifying fires. Give them courage, skill and protection as they fight nature's fury. Bring comfort and healing to all who suffer loss. Have mercy upon this land of Australia; which you have blessed with so much natural beauty and majesty. Hear us, as we cry to you for help. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

From the Principal

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

Our Year 5 students had an action packed two days in Perth last week which included visits to the Mint, Bell Tower, Maritime Museum and the Fremantle Prison. The major highlight was the opportunity for the students to stay overnight at the Zoo. Walking around the Zoo at 9pm with a guide pointing out some animals that you rarely see was very special. A huge thank you to Mrs Alberti for organising the camp, and to Miss Waugh, Mrs Turpin and Mr McGee for volunteering. I had the opportunity to drive the bus on camp.

Climate Survey

Thank you to all of the parents, students and staff who completed the online Climate Survey. 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.

2020 Kindergarten Orientation Morning

Parents of children starting Kindergarten next year had an opportunity to listen to myself and Mrs Skehan and ask questions before sharing a very fruity morning tea together with their children. We will welcome ten new families into the St Mary's community next year.

Register Interest for a Second day of 3 Year Olds

Our 3 Year Old Program is fully booked for next year with a waiting list for Fridays. We are looking at seeing if there is enough interest to offer a second day of 3 Year Olds that would run on Tuesdays. If you like the idea of a second day to possibly start Term 1 or Term 2, please contact the office.

Play Café

Play café will be back next year under the guidance of Mrs Anderson. Play Café will move next year to Monday morning from 9am until 11am. It is open to children not yet ready for Kindy and parents supervise their own children with activities set up by Mrs Anderson. The cost is \$50 a term.

Disco

Congratulations to our Year 2 parents for a very successful disco that was held recently. The disco was well attended, and a great night was had by all. The dress up theme encouraged lots of crazy costumes.

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.

P&F Executive Positions

While the newsletter recently indicated that we have parents interested in Executive positions on the P&F net year, all positions are officially declared vacant at the first P&F meeting next year and people will have the opportunity to nominate.

Annual Community Meeting

The Annual Community Meeting will be held in the school hall on Tuesday 3 December at 7pm. Presentations will be given my myself and members of the Board and P&F. Mike Fenton is our special guest and he will talk about the homeless situation in Bunbury.

Book Fair

Thank you to Mrs Toia and her band of very generous parent helpers for running Book Fair this week with a wide selection of books able to be purchased. It is wonderful to see so many students getting excited about books.

Uniform Reminders

Please see below excerpt from the school uniform policy as a reminder to ensure that the correct uniform is worn at all times during the school day:

'UNIFORMS

Wearing correct uniform is a school requirement. To avoid unnecessary expense, please check before purchasing anything that you are not certain is acceptable uniform. Temporary exemptions from standard uniform must be sought, in writing, from the Principal. During the first two weeks of the transition from winter to summer uniform and from summer to winter students may wear either uniform as long as the full uniform is worn and not a combination of both.

Girls' Summer Uniform (Terms 1 and 4)

Blue checked 'A' Line dress trimmed with white piping and white school emblem embroidered on left side School socks – white with three blue coloured bands above the ankle (available from uniform shop) Black lace-up school shoes or black Mary Jane shoes or brown/navy school sandals. NB: Masseur sandals are not to be worn. NO raised heels. School Slouch Hat (available from Uniform Shop)

Girls' Sports Uniform (all year)

Pale blue polo top with school emblem on the pocket with either a blue, navy blue or white collar depending upon the child's Sporting House: Royal blue collar (Marcellin), white collar (Ursula), navy blue collar (McAuley) Royal blue shorts or skorts may be worn. School tracksuit (Only available at uniform shop) White or predominantly white, lace-up sports shoes and school socks – white with three blue coloured bands above the ankle School Slouch Hat (available from Uniform Shop)

Boys' Summer Uniform (Terms 1 and 4)

Sky blue shirt with school emblem on pocket and navy blue shorts Long navy socks and black lace-up school shoes or brown/navy school sandals Masseur sandals are not to be worn School Slouch Hat (available from Uniform Shop)

Boys' Sports' Uniform (all year)

Pale blue polo top with school emblem on the pocket with either blue, navy blue or white collar depending upon the child's Sporting House: Royal blue collar (Marcellin), white collar (Ursula), navy blue collar (McAuley) Royal Blue shorts School tracksuit (Only available at uniform shop) White or predominantly white, lace-up sports shoes and school socks – white with three blue coloured bands above the ankle School Slouch Hat (available from Uniform Shop)

Jewellery

No jewellery may be worn, other than a functional watch, and (if ears are pierced) ONE stud earring or sleeper PER EARLOBE. This restriction is in keeping with school philosophy of reducing the importance of material goods and the risk of injury. Children are not permitted to wear nail polish.

Hair

Hair should be always neat and tidy and should not reflect the extremes of any current fashion. Long hair must be kept brushed and neatly tied back. Ribbons or clips must be PLAIN white or blue. Matching headbands can be purchased from the Uniform Shop. Hair must be kept at the student's natural hair colour, without artificial hair colour added.'

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring students wear their uniform in a manner that is in keeping with school guidelines.

God bless Paul Cronin Principal

Calendar Dates

NOVEMBER Friday 15 Year 6 Assembly

Thursday 28 BCC Orientation Day

Friday 29 Library Books to be Returned DECEMBER Sunday 1 First Sunday of Advent

Tuesday 3 Annual Community Meeting

Thursday 5 Year 6 Graduation Mass and Supper 6pm

Link to Term Planners Link to 2019 Term Dates

Student Awards WEEK 4 Term 4 Year 1 Olivia Devereux, Maggie Best WEEK 3 Term 4 Year 2 Archie Lowe, Maxton Fiori Year 1 Pixie Bennett, Tayla McGee, Year 3 Emma Di Lallo, Jack McGee Alecia Wheeler **Year 4** Michael Twomey, Rhesty Year 2 James Burton, Caleb Santos Year 3 Mia Panuccio, Isla Italiano Payapag Year 4 Emily Chapman, Myra Year 5 Emmi Cahill, Finn Drage-Patterson Edwards Year 5 Emmanuel Menzie, Harper **Year 6** Jherick Babasa, Niamh Brasher Hamill-Harling Year 6 Evan Crowley, Luca De Coppi **A.R. 75%** Evan Crowley A.R. 75% Oliver Stewart Phys Ed 50km Tyler Williams, A.R. 100% Max Woolhead, Anitta Sonny Dean Binoy, Noah Smith, Samuel Pedley, Phys Ed 100km Ryan Coulson, Finn Drage-Edwards, Zachary Cooper Hopley, Elena Gibbs, Alex Bemrose Bemrose, Thomas Bouzada-Olgiati, Phys Ed 100km Cassie Turpin, Imogen de Chanéet Kaitlyn Pitts, Emma Di Lallo, Bailee Phys Ed 150km Louis Best Murray, Rhesty Payapag Principal Kody Hopley, Jorja Phys Ed 150km Frances Best O'Reilly **Principal** James Whitcher, Stella Hesson

Important Information

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.

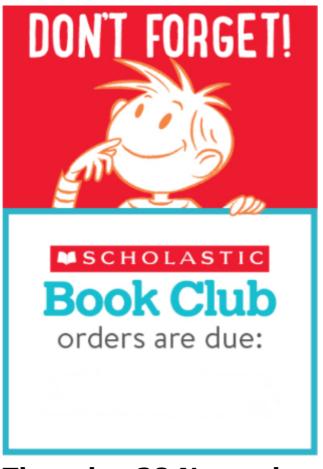
Uniform Shop

Thank you to the parents from Pre Primary and Kindy who have placed their uniform orders for the start of the 2020 school year. Your orders will be made

up progressively over the next few weeks and delivered to your child's class. Years 1 to 6 will have the opportunity to place uniform orders over the next 3 Fridays, in order to guarantee delivery before the end of the school year.

Piano and Vocal lessons 2020

Enrolments are now open for 2020. Please contact Ian Mills <u>millsmusic@bigpond.com</u> for more information.



Thursday 28 November

Issue 8 of Scholastic Book Club will go home this week. It is the last issue for the year, and is packed full of exciting books at great prices. All orders, both cash and online, are due by Thursday 28 November.

Relay for Life



At 11am on Saturday 2 November, St Mary's Superheroes started Relay for Life. This amazing team walked all day and night, and finished on Sunday 3 November at 11am.

The St Mary's Superheroes team was started by Lara Frewen, Caitlin Hebbend and Paige Hebbend in 2016 and the efforts of the team have raised an amazing total amount of **\$19,261.66!** Thank you to all past and present team members. The children who stayed the night entered the "Onesie Mannequin Challenge" for the first time this year and nailed it! Jorja was so incredibly brave and shaved her head to raise funds for our team.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the St Mary's Superheroes over the last 3 years, and to our past and present team members. Thank you for all your hard work and support over these past few years.

News Flash! The Gastropod Cup 2019



The Annual Year One Gastropod Cup was held on Tuesday, 5th November. Once again overshadowing that other race, held in Melbourne, on the same day. The atmosphere was electric as 'Flash', trained by Mr Hendrix Panuccio, glided home. He was followed closely by 'Napa', beautifully handled by the legendary Mr Mark Procopio in second place. It was 'Lucky' by a tentacle in third place from the stables of Mr Campbell Johnson. It was a slime fest! Congratulations to all of the valiant entrants and trainers.

Back to School Appeal



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 tomorrow Friday 15 November. Thank you, Megan Turpin.

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

Bunbury Tennis Club

Term 4 2019/Term 1 2020 <u>Junior Programs</u> Upcoming <u>Junior Events</u>



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Hi, would your children or grandchildren like to get involved with some fun activities and learn about the exciting world of triathlan. Come and join us at the grassed area opposite the BREC at 4.00pm on Wednesday the 20th November for the start of 5 weeks of fun activities.



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