



# **St Mary's Catholic Primary School**

## **Newsletter**

Thursday 28 November 2019

### **Vision Statement**

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

## **Prayer**

Father, I have knowledge. So will You show me now, how to use it wisely and find a way somehow. To make the world I live in a little better place, and make life with its problems a little bit easier to face. Grant me faith and courage and put purpose in my days. And show me how to serve you in effective ways. So my education, my knowledge and my skill may find their true fulfilment as I learn to do your will. And may I ever be aware in everything I do, that knowledge comes from learning, and wisdom comes from You. Amen.

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## **From the Principal**

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,  
School is a very busy place at the moment with Year 6 Graduation being planned, rehearsals for the End of Year Concert in full swing and students' reports being finalised. Next Tuesday (3 December) we have our Annual Community Meeting at 7pm in the hall and Thursday night will be our Year 6 Graduation. Our Thanksgiving Mass on 11 December at 9am will be at the Cathedral before coming back to the hall at school for the Year 4-6 awards and the announcing of Head Boy and Girl at 10.30am. Then our End of Year Concert will be held on the oval from 6pm on Thursday 12 December.

### **Year 6 News**

Mrs Murray and Ms Brown have been helping prepare Year 6 students for high school over the last two of weeks by having them use 'lockers' in the hall. The students need to make sure they have the right books ready for their lessons and check their timetable. Mrs Murray and Ms Brown have also been able to source several of the combination padlocks that are used at high school so they can get used to opening them because the padlocks traditionally cause Year 7 students a great deal of stress. Our Year 6 students will be celebrating a very special Graduation Mass on the evening of Thursday 5 December. The Mass will be followed by supper which is kindly paid for by our P&F as a graduating gift and then some Bush Dancing courtesy of Mr Alberti. They also have their end of year celebration completing an 'Amazing Race' at Koombana Bay put together by their very creative teachers.

### **Principal's Contract**

Denise Depiazzi as Board Chairperson has been asked by the Catholic Education Office to officially inform the St Mary's School community that my contract as principal has been extended. You can find Denise's letter attached.

### **Annual Community Meeting**

The Annual Community Meeting will be held in the school hall on Tuesday 3 December at 7pm. Presentations will be given by myself and members of the Board and P&F. Mike Fenton is unable to attend so David Bailey will be our special guest. David is the Board Chairperson at the Intown Centre and he will talk about the way the centre helps members of our community. David will also visit on 13 December at our final assembly to accept the nineteen backpacks that have been filled with stationery by our very generous school families.

### **Shorts for Girls? Trousers?**

At St Mary's we are looking at the possibility to introducing shorts to the girls' summer uniform for summer next year and trousers for winter. Early next year we will have some samples and see if there is enough interest in ordering shorts and trousers into the uniform shop. Girls have been asked not to do handstands or cartwheels in their dresses so shorts and trousers would solve that problem.

### **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.

### **Register Interest for a Second day of the 3 Year Old Program**

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 the program 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. God bless

Paul Cronin  
Principal

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## Message from the School Board



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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26/11/19

Dear Parents

As you are aware our Principal, Mr Paul Cronin, was reviewed under the Principal Review Process this year. The process involved the School Board, P&F Executive, Parish Priest, members of staff and the Principal. The review culminated in a meeting between the Principal and Dr Debra Sayce, Executive Director of Catholic Education Western Australia.

The process has now been completed and Bishop Gerard Holohan has endorsed the appointment of Mr Paul Cronin as Principal of St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Bunbury for a second contract period of five years.

As a result of the review, Paul has developed a Professional Growth Plan which will ensure his continued development as a leader and benefit the future of the school.

On behalf of the School Board and the St Mary's Catholic Primary School community, I congratulate Paul on the achievements over the last contract period and look forward to the future.

Yours sincerely

  
Mrs Denise Depiazzi  
School Board Chair

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## Calendar Dates

### NOVEMBER

#### 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

#### Friday 6

Year 6 Graduation Excursion

#### Sunday 8

2nd Week of Advent

#### Wednesday 11

Thanksgiving Mass (St Patrick's  
Cathedral) 9am

**Students to arrive at school no  
later than 8.30am as they need  
to be bussed to the Cathedral**

Awards Ceremony (St Mary's)  
10.30am

Volunteers Thank You Morning Tea  
(St Mary's) 11.30am

#### Thursday 12

End of Year Concert 6pm

#### Friday 13

Final Assembly 8.45am  
Choose Respect Awards, 100 Club,  
St Vincent de Paul

#### Sunday 15

3rd Week of Advent

#### Friday 20

Year Ends Staff

[Link to Term Planners](#)

[Link to 2019 Term Dates](#)

## Bunbury Catholic Parish Christmas 2019

### St Patrick's Cathedral

*Reconciliation:* Saturday 21 December 11.30am to 12.30pm

*Christmas Vigil Mass:* Tuesday 23 December 6.30pm

*Midnight Mass:* Tuesday 24 December 11.30pm, (Carols followed by Mass at  
midnight)

*Christmas Day Mass:* Wednesday 25 December 8am and 10am (NO 6PM  
MASS)

### Carmelite Monastery Gelorup

*Christmas Vigil Mass:* Tuesday 24 December 8pm

*Christmas Day:* Wednesday 25 December 9pm

## Student Awards

### WEEK 5 Term 4

**Year 1** Mia Murray

### WEEK 6 Term 4

**Year 1** Armani Panuccio, Darcy  
Harrison, Louis Shine

**Year 2** Sara Bovell, Milla Richardson

**Year 2** Stefan Cavallaro, Sonny Dean

**Year 3** Levi Pense, Evelyn Liaros

**Year 4** Eva Edmondson, Anitta Binoy

**Year 5** Zachary Bemrose, Jade Turpin

**Year 6** Cadel Bele, Neha Bobby

**A.R. 75%** Georgia Rodgers, Taneisha Scott, Evan Crowley

**A.R. 100%** Levi Postma

**A.R. 100% (2nd)** Elena Gibbs

**Phys Ed 50km** Emilia Cross

**Phys Ed 100km** Jasmine Leigh, Margaux Ramsay, Sophia Clark, Nicholas Bouzada-Olgiati, Keira Pitts, Jade Turpin, Harlyn Fiori

**Principal** Harper Panuccio, Ayla De Castro

**Year 3** Kesh Fildes, Zach Crowley

**Year 4** Stella Dean, Kaden Hall

**Year 5** Keira Pitts, Frances Best

**Year 6** Louis D'Andrea, Jasmine Turner

**A.R. 75%** Michael Twomey, Luca De Coppi, Raine Potter

**A.R. 100%** Phoenix Panuccio, Toby McGee, Thomas Bouzada-Olgiati, Lucas Pedrochi

**A.R. 100% (2nd)** Paige Hebbend

**Phys Ed 50km** Stella Hesson

**Phys Ed 100km** Noah Smith, Jake Atherton, Mitchell Marwick

**Phys Ed 150km** Oliver Stewart, James Burton

**Principal** Ellie Woolhead, Nuala Hamill-Harling, Samuel Gibbs

## 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.

### Piano and Vocal lessons 2020

Enrolments are now open for 2020. Please contact Ian Mills [millsmusic@bigpond.com](mailto:millsmusic@bigpond.com) for more information.

### Guitar Lessons 2020

If you wish to enrol your child for guitar lessons in 2020, enrolment forms are available at the front office. For more information, please contact Vicky on

0408902943, or email [vcornford@bigpond.com](mailto:vcornford@bigpond.com).

### **School Backpack Appeal**

Thank you to everyone in the St Mary's Community who donated towards the school backpack appeal. Pre Primary to Year 5 made 19 backpacks and the Year 6s made 15 backpacks and shoe boxes. These will be donated at a date to be advised.



### **Book Fair 2019**

Thank you to our wonderful school community for supporting this year's Book Fair. As a result of all your lovely purchases, we were able to spend over \$1000 on new books for our school! Check out Mrs Palumbo's display below.

A huge thank you to my helper mums and dads who gave up their own time to come along and assist at Book Fair. I really appreciate all your help.

Happy reading!

Mel Toia





The West Coast Eagles are coming to St Mary's CPS on Monday 9 December for a short visit. Students will have the opportunity to gather autographs. Students will be asked to bring a suitable item for signing!

100 Club will continue until Friday December 13.

St Mary's will conduct the annual Year 5 and 6 High Jump competition on Tuesday 3 December. Year 5 High Jump will be held at 9.50am. Year 6 High Jump will be held at 11.10am. High Jump will be conducted on the main school oval. Spectators welcome.

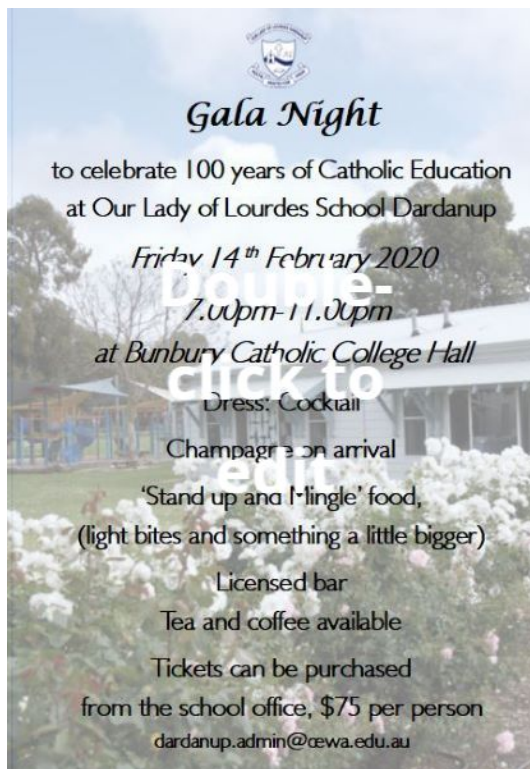
## 7/10

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!!

Canteen [Volunteer Roster](#) Term 4 2019

[Canteen Menu 2019](#)

## Community







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