



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Thursday 19 March 2020

Vision Statement

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

Prayer

Lord God, you are always with me.
You are with me in the day and in the night.
You are with me when I'm happy and when I'm sad.
You are with me when I'm healthy and when I am ill.
You are with me when I am peaceful and when I am worried.
Help me to remember that you love me and are with me in everything today.
Amen.

From the Principal

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,
The last two weeks have proven to be an extremely difficult time for so many across the world. Closer to home, our school has put a number of measures in place to help protect members of our community by reducing social interactions. There is a very real possibility that schools across Australia could be closed for a period of time to help contain the novel coronavirus COVID-19. If that does happen, members of the school community have met and staff are working on ways of delivering curriculum to students, either in the form of a workbook or through online activities. Teachers will only be in a position to provide work for students who stay at home if the school closes. Students kept home by choice will not receive work packages. You will receive an email

outlining our Response Plan today.

Changes to the way St Mary's Operates

From tomorrow, we are also putting a number of measures in place to reduce the number of people coming into our school. Though some of the changes may seem drastic, it is in the best interests of the staff, students and parents:

100 Club will Stop for Now – *100 Club will not happen Friday mornings.*

During the day on Fridays, class teachers will take their students out at different times to complete laps that will count towards their targets.

No Assemblies – *Monday and Friday assemblies will not take place.*

Messages and award winners' names will be read out over the public address system and students will be presented with their awards in class to bring home. Birthdays will also be announced.

Reduce Visitors into the School – *Parents are asked to drop their children at school and avoid coming into classrooms.*

Students Asked to Bring in Two Drink Bottles – *We would like to reduce the students' need to use the drink fountains and ask that students bring two drink bottles to school each day.*

Parent Interviews – *We traditionally hold teacher/parent interview towards the end of Term 1. Parents will receive an email from classroom teachers about their children's progress and parents will have the chance to request a phone interview. Teachers will also be able to initiate phone interviews with parents.*

No More Shared Food - *Cakes or other food made at home for birthdays cannot be brought to school for distribution.*

Bishop Holohan has Postponed all School Sacraments

As a result of the coronavirus concerns, Bishop Gerard Holohan has postponed all Sacraments for the parish for six months. As a consequence, Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation will be rescheduled in Term 3 and 4.

Mother's Day Morning Tea and Raffle

It was an extremely difficult decision for the organisers of the Mother's Day Morning Tea to cancel the event. But in the current climate, it was necessary. The good news is that the Mother's Day Raffle is still happening, and tickets will be sent home very soon. The P&F ask that families get behind the raffle because it is likely to be our biggest fundraising event for the year and if possible, they would like books of tickets sold to be returned to school by the end of term. For those who have already bought tickets to the Morning Tea, you can get a refund by bringing your tickets into the office.

Uniform Survey

Thank you for the forty-five responses showing preferences to the girls' uniform.

Results:

Option 1 – Five asked for shorts on non-Sports uniform days

Option 2 – Twenty-five voted for girls to choose between shorts or boyleg briefs.

Option 3 – Sixteen requested boyleg briefs with dresses.

For the additional question around trousers, fourteen families were in favour of trousers for girls.

As a result of the survey, sample sizes of the girls' trousers will be available at the Uniform Shop from Friday 27 March so orders can be placed and stock ready for Terms 2 and 3, navy blue boyleg briefs will be available from school or can be purchased from various department stores. .

Thank you to all who contributed to the discussions around the uniform and to Mrs Kerry Bonser for the wonderful job in the Uniform Shop.

Donation of Wood Chips

A special thank you to the Depiazzi family for their donation of wood chips for the Kindy and Pre-Primary playground. Denise and Aaron are great supporters of our school and they have donated on a number of occasions and it is greatly appreciated.

Port Authority Sand

Thank you also to the Port Authority for donating sand for our sandpits in Kindy and Pre-Primary. The Port Authority are very generous to all local schools.

Kindergarten Teacher Appointment

I am pleased to inform school families that Mrs Anika Skehan has been appointed to the ongoing position of Kindergarten Teacher at St Mary's. Mrs Skehan has held the position in a temporary role for more than twelve months.

World's Greatest Shave

Congratulations to Evelyn Liaros who participated in the World's Greatest Shave and raised money for leukaemia. Evelyn had 25cm of hair cut off and her hair was then donated to make a wig for someone who needs one because of their illness.



Football Colours Day

Students took advantage of the chance to wear their favourite team colours with the season getting under way.



Tennis Competition

Congratulations to Margaux and Eamon Ramsay, Nicholas Bouzada-Olgiati and Eliana Babington for their outstanding performance representing St Mary's during the Inter School Tennis Tournament played in Bunbury recently. Special thanks to Jane and Ash Ramsay and Alejandra Olgiati for their assistance during the day.



God bless
Paul Cronin
Principal

Calendar Dates

MARCH

Friday 20

Crazy Sock Day for Down Syndrome
(no donation)

Sunday 22

4th Sunday of Lent
Harmony Day

Tuesday 24

Board Meeting

Sunday 29

5th Sunday of Lent

Monday 30

Parent Telephone Interview Week
Library Books to be Returned this
Week

APRIL

Sunday 5

Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our
Lord

[Link to Term Dates](#)

Student Awards

WEEK 4 Term 1

Year 1 Alexis Bastow, Kai Bonilla, Lachlan Marwick

Year 2 Taylor McGee, Noah Buswell

Year 3 Molly Toia, Nyah Twomey

Year 4 Levi Pense, Jack McGee

Year 5 Eva Edmondson, Elena Gibbs

Year 6 Keira Pitts, Harper Brasher, Elianna Cross

Principal Grace Emerson

WEEK 5 Term 1

Year 1 Amerly Cameron, Cinnamon Curo-Hobby, Nate McLaren

Year 2 Hendrix Panuccio, Abbey Woodhouse

Year 3 James Burton, Stefan Cavallaro

Year 4 Mia Panuccio, Louis Best

Year 5 Oliver Stewart, Abbie Smith

Year 6 Leo Pemberton, Emmanuel Menzie

Principal Rocco Brasher, Hendrix Panuccio

Important Information



Bunbury Catholic College is a co-educational school of approximately 850 students in Years 7 to 12.

BCC offers a caring community environment that promotes the education of the whole person: the spiritual, academic, physical and cultural dimensions of each child.

**YEAR 7 2021
ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS,
INDIGENOUS AND P&F BURSARIES**

**Make the most of these opportunities for current Year 6 students.
It is free to apply for the Scholarships and Bursaries.**

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

The scholarship covers basic tuition fees and it is renewable each year up to the 3rd year of secondary school, subject to continued academic excellence.

Exam Date: Saturday 16 May, 2020
Time: 9.00am
Venue: Bunbury Catholic College
Rodsted Street, Bunbury

INDIGENOUS BURSARIES

PARENTS & FRIENDS' BURSARIES

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Applications close on Friday 3 April 2020

For further information and an application form,
please visit www.bunburycatholic.wa.edu.au or contact the College.

Email: admin@bccwa.wa.edu.au

Ph: 9721 0004 Fax: 9721 0044



Ride2School Day

Well done St Mary's on another Ride2School Day success. 125 students participated in the event. Add staff, parents, grandparents and friends and we were a sight to see. A big thank you for all staff and parent helpers on the day! You enable this event to take place!

Crazy Sock Day

March 21st is World Down Syndrome Day, which has been officially recognised

by the United Nations since 2012. To mark this day, we wear crazy socks. On this day, people all around the world celebrate the lives and achievements of people with Down syndrome, creating a global voice, advocating for the rights, inclusion and well being of people with Down Syndrome. See the link for more information.

https://www.downsyndrome.org.au/documents/resources/education/Lots_of_socks_Oct2018_FA_Accessible.pdf?

St Mary's will celebrate World Down Syndrome Day on Friday March 20. (no donations)

Thank you.

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Winter Uniform Orders

It is time to begin placing winter uniform orders for the start of Term 2. Full summer uniform can still be worn for the first 2 weeks of the term. Thereafter, only winter uniform can be worn for the balance of Terms 2 and 3. To reduce the number of parents accessing the school non essentially during the current climate of uncertainty, it would be preferable if orders are placed online.

However, if this is not an option available to you, you are most welcome to order through the office during school hours, or at the Uniform Shop which is open on Fridays between 8.30am and 9.30am. Orders will be be completed as soon as possible and it is advised that they are placed without delay to ensure timely delivery.

Footy Tipping 2020

This year's Footy Tipping bonanza is almost upon us - bring on season 2020! The Tipping competition will be worth a \$1000.00 1st prize this year, along with weekly prizes and runner up prizes. We are seeking sponsors for our Footy Tipping competition this year to put in \$100 per company and your company name will be advertised and also get an entry into the Footy Tipping. We are seeking a major sponsor for the tipping of \$500 to have the tipping named after your company and advertised throughout the school. This also gets you an entry into the tipping competition. If you are keen to get on board, please contact Jenelle O'Reilly 0407912701. Click [here](#) for the registration flyer

PARTICIPANTS:

Can now start registering online for Footy Tipping, creating new accounts for new participants and renewing accounts for previous participants going in the

Tipping excitement again. Forms available at the office with all details of how to register online and bottom of form must be completed please with payment of \$50 entry fee returned to the office before March 13th.

Canteen

The canteen requires volunteers on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9.30am to 10.30am for Term 1 2020. 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](#)

[Canteen Menu](#)



Please click the link above for access to online Canteen and Uniform Shop Orders.

Canteen online orders must be completed online by 8.30am on the day of Canteen. You can order up to 2 weeks in advance.

Uniform Shop orders placed before 10.30 am are printed on that day. Orders placed after 10.30am are printed the following morning. To have orders ready for a Friday morning collection, they must be received before 10.30 am Thursday morning. Mrs Bonser will endeavour to fill orders during the week if time allows

Community

Bunbury Senior High School

[Visual Arts and Elite Sports Scholarships](#)

Anglicare

[Parenting Programs Term 1 2020](#)

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