



# St Mary's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter

Thursday 30 April 2020

### Vision Statement

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

## ANZAC Prayer

God of love and liberty, we bring our thanks this day for the peace and security we enjoy, which was won for us through the courage and devotion of those who gave their lives in time of war. We **pray** that their labour and sacrifice may not be in vain, but that their spirit may live on in us and in generations to come.

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## From the Principal

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

To say that it has been an unusual start to the term would be a massive understatement. We currently have about half of our students working at home and half back at school. There have been many challenges in recent weeks for staff in setting up the remote learning, and for parents and students working at home. I have heard lots of positives from parents, appreciative of the work staff have put into the preparation for remote learning, and their children's successes at home have been uploaded and sent to their teachers. Jasmine's photo is a great example! Parents with children who are working from home are asked to email the school a day before they plan on sending their children back, so we can set up extra desks.

Staff had lots of fun putting together a holiday message to students in early April and then the Year 6 students developed their own video which is hilarious and very clever. If you have not seen them yet, here they are the links:

<https://youtu.be/dfegpagrOmI> ('Slice of Heaven' from staff)  
<https://www.facebook.com/100008871960020/videos/2287873494851694/>  
(Year 6 Isolation Message)

### **Canteen Open Next Week with Online Orders Only**

From next Wednesday, Recess, Lunch and Afters can only be ordered online by families. Mrs O'Reilly doesn't require any help in the canteen at this stage, but she will again when everyone is back. Students will not be able to purchase food at the canteen window until everything goes back to normal.

### **Uniforms**

We traditionally have a two-week transition period from the summer to winter uniform, so by the beginning of Week 3 students should be wearing the correct winter uniform. With parents currently not allowed on school grounds, it makes trying on uniforms impossible. Mrs Bonser who runs our Uniform Shop, is happy for parents to order online and the items will be sent home. If they do not fit, they can be returned. If you are interested in secondhand items, you can email your request directly to Mrs Bonser and she will see if they are available ([kerry.bonser@cewa.edu.au](mailto:kerry.bonser@cewa.edu.au)).

### **Girls' Winter Uniform (Term 2 and 3)**

Tartan checked blue skirt/pinafore to be worn at knee length  
Pale blue shirt with emblem  
Navy school tie with emblem  
Blue jumper or sleeveless vest with emblem  
Navy socks or tights with black lace-up school shoes or black Mary Jane shoes.  
NO raised heels.  
Slouch Hat (available from Uniform Shop)

### **Boys' Winter Uniform (Terms 2 and 3)**

Long navy trousers  
Pale blue shirt with emblem  
Navy school tie with emblem  
Blue jumper or sleeveless vest with emblem  
Navy socks with black lace-up school shoes  
School Slouch Hat (available from Uniform Shop)

### **New Gates and Fences**

We had six gates installed over the holidays which means we are now able to reduce access to people from entering the central area of the school, outside of school hours. The gates were deemed necessary by the Board due to ongoing vandalism. We do have some security cameras and I have made six trips into the Bunbury Police Station with video footage showing school property being damaged. Our school's security lighting has also been upgraded. Some staff felt unsafe coming in to work at school on weekends. The fence across the oval will help keep our students safer by stopping members of the public from cutting across the oval while our students are playing.

### **Celebrating Birthdays**

If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday at school, for the short term you are asked not to bring in cakes made from home but instead, you might like to bring in something like Freddos to share. I look forward to cakes being able to return!!

**Notification of Planned Implementation of AoS**

During the period of Term 2, Administration and Finance Staff will be implementing the adoption of a new Administration and Finance system called 'Administration of Schools' that is being rolled out throughout the entire Catholic school network in Western Australia. Please be advised that once the system is in place, there will be changes to receipts and mailing templates.

God bless  
Paul Cronin  
Principal



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**Calendar Dates**

**MAY**

**Sunday 10**  
Mother's Day

**Tuesday 12**  
Board Meeting

**Tuesday 26**  
P & F Meeting

**Friday 29**

Catholic Day (no remote learning)

**JUNE**

**Monday 1**  
WA Day (Public Holiday)

**Tuesday 16**  
Board Meeting

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## Important Information

### **Kindergarten 2021**

Planning for Kindergarten 2021 will continue as normal. If there are any St Mary's families, who have siblings of current students due to begin Kindergarten in 2021, and you have not yet submitted your application, PLEASE ensure that you email through your application forms with all relevant documentation to [admin@stmarysbnby.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@stmarysbnby.wa.edu.au).

Application information can be located at:

<https://www.stmarysbnby.wa.edu.au/communication/enrolment/>

### **Book Club**

Scholastic Book Club has gone virtual! There will be no printed catalogues for issue 3 of Book Club, but click on the following link to access your virtual catalogue. The virtual catalogue is the same format as the usual printed one, filled with fabulous books at great prices. Orders can now only be done online through the Loop ordering system. If you haven't yet ordered online using Loop, click on any item you wish purchase in the catalogue and follow the prompts to set up. Ordering closes Friday 15 May.

<https://scholastic.com.au/book-club/virtual-catalogue-1/>

## Canteen

Thank you to the parents who had put their names forward to volunteer in the Canteen this term. However, due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, we will not be requiring assistance in the canteen for the time being, until the situation has gone back to normal.



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

## Community

### **Parenting Programs**

[Support for Families in the South West](#)

[Ngala Flyer for Country Families](#)

[2020 SW Parenting Calendar Term 2](#)

### **2020 AQWEST PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION**

Please be advised that Aqwest is again holding a Photography Competition in 2020 with this year's theme being "Water Art". Competition entries open on 1 May 2020 and close at 4:00pm on 30 June 2020. The Competition promotes ongoing awareness of water conservation and is open to all customers serviced by Aqwest and all schools in the Greater Bunbury area. This year entry to the Competition will be via the Aqwest website where an online entry form can be filled out and digital photos can be uploaded instead of being printed.



**2020 Water Art Themed Photography Competition**

Entries open 1 May and close 30 June 2020

**Judging Criteria**

- > Technical Competence
- > Creativity
- > Represents the Theme

**Categories**

- Juniors 13-17 years
- Juniors 12 years and under

Please go to the Aqwest website to fill out the entry form, lodge entries and view entry and prize information and conditions of entry.

[www.aqwest.com.au](http://www.aqwest.com.au)

	Digital Photography			
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Juniors 13-17	\$350	\$250	\$150	\$100
Juniors 12 and under	\$350	\$250	\$150	\$100
Board Prize Best Theme	\$300	\$150		
School Prize of \$350 will be paid to the prize winner's school of origin, in total there are 10 x \$350 = \$3,500 paid directly to schools of origin.				
Shortlisted Juniors 12 x \$50 Voucher				

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