



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Thursday 12 November 2020

Vision Statement

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

Prayer

Remembrance Day

They shall grow not old; that we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them.
Lest we forget.

I feel the pain of sadness, the grief of loss seeping through me. I hear the muffled sobs of others, the tears like salty raindrops falling from people's faces. I smell the freshly cut grass, covered with colourful wreaths that are dotted with flowers. I see the blooming red poppies, that are carefully pinned to jackets, shirts and dresses, showing people's respect and love for the soldiers who gave their life for us. And I think to myself,
We Will Remember Them.
- Grace Emerson

I hear the gunshots fly through the air, I feel a bullet pierce my skin. Slowly I hit the ground and feel the life drain out of me. I taste the hard dirt on the ground, I see my friends lying in the fields. The last thing I will remember will be of all my friends and family. I lay on the ground, slowly waiting to die.
- Ashton Spinelli

From the Principal

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

It is hard to believe that we have reached the halfway point of the term. There is no sign of things slowing down with weekly class assemblies and several special events coming up including the ACM, Year 6 Graduation, Thank You Morning Tea, a Busy Bee, Awards Presentation and the Christmas Concert. Photos from last week's Zoo Camp and the Disco have recently been added to our Facebook page.

Annual Community Meeting

The Annual Community Meeting will be held on Tuesday 24 November starting at 7pm in the hall. Mr Michael Pepper, the new Principal at Bunbury Catholic College will be our guest presenter and he will talk about his experiences and plans for the College moving forward. We will hear presentations from Denise Depiazzi as Board Chair and Gemma Millar, P&F President. Drinks will be provided after the meeting. All parents are invited to attend.

P&F News

We had more than 30 parents attend our Term 4 P&F meeting which is phenomenal. The meeting started with a planning session to discuss fundraising and friend raising events for next year and all the year level representative positions for 2021 having been filled. Several Wish List requests were approved which included money for home readers, an art drying rack and kickboards for swimming training next year. We have members of our P&F Executive stepping down at the end of this year. Gemma Millar and Zoe Marwick have both served two years as President and Vice President. Renae has been Treasurer for four years and Sherie Chapman, Secretary for one. We are very grateful for the contributions our Executive team have made and they will be recognized later in the year. I am excited to let you know that since the meeting I have received nominations from Katherine Baldock for President and Stacie Bekle for Vice President.

Beach Themed Disco a Huge Success

Last Friday night's beach themed disco was a huge success. We had well over 200 students take the opportunity to kick up their heels and show off their dance moves. A huge thank you to all the Year 2 parents who helped to organise the night. A large collection of photos can be found on our Facebook page.

Remembrance Day Service

Thank you to our Year 6 students who presented our Remembrance Day Service on Wednesday. Year 6 students wrote poems to mark the occasion and Ashton's and Grace's poems have been included in today's newsletter.

Earlier Start for Our Outdoor Christmas Concert

We have a whole school nativity play planned for our Christmas Concert on

Wednesday 9 December. The play is based on a script titled 'Are We Nearly There Yet?' and it has some catchy songs that the students are currently learning. Mr Mills will be playing the organ for us on the night and he has another commitment, so we need to start a little earlier. Students need to be in classrooms by 6pm ready for a 6.15pm start.

Busy Bee

We will be holding a Busy Bee on Sunday 6 December to clear out the contents of the hall and chapel so that the long-awaited renovations can get under way. One of the big jobs that we will need to do at the Busy Bee is remove half of the church pews which is going to require some heavy lifting. We are looking at a 9am start with drinks and a sausage sizzle provided as encouragement, so please let me know if you are able to assist by 1 December.

Calling for Board Nominations for 2021

The Catholic Education Office recently became incorporated which has meant some minor changes to schools. One change is the School Board, which is made up of the Principal, Parish Priest, the P&F Representative and six members who are usually parents, has had a name change and will now be known at the School Advisory Committee. The main role of the newly named Advisory Committee is to assist in the financial stability of the school by meeting twice a term and discussing the school's financial position. Parents who would like to nominate for next year's Advisory Committee are asked to let me know by 13 November.

God bless
Paul Cronin
Principal



2020 Footy tipping Award Winners!

Calendar Dates

Thursday 12

Slammers Basketball Clinic
Years 4 - 6

Friday 13

Year 6 Assembly

Monday 16

Merit Award Presentations

Friday 20

Year 5 Assembly

Monday 23

Merit Award Presentations

Tuesday 24

ACM 7pm

Wednesday 2

Spelling Bee Years 3-6

Friday 27

General Assembly

Sunday 29

First Sunday Advent

Monday 30

Merit Award Presentations

DECEMBER

Wednesday 2

Thanksgiving Mass 9am
St Mary's Award Ceremony 2pm

Thursday 3

Year 6 Graduation Mass and Supper
6pm

Friday 4

General Assembly
Year 6 Graduation Excursion

Sunday 6

Second Sunday Advent

Monday 7

Merit Award Presentations

Wednesday 9

St Mary's School Concert 6.15pm

Friday 11

End of Year Assembly (Choose
Respect Awards, St Vincent de Paul
Presentation)
Last Day Students

Sunday 13

Third Sunday Advent

Friday 18

Last Day Staff

Student Awards

WEEK 3 Term 3

Year 1 Joseph Thimm, Quinn
Spalding

Year 2 Danielle Barnard, Shelby
Krikke

Year 3 Mitchell Marwick, Darcy
Stewart

Year 4 Isla Italiano, Mia Panuccio

Year 5 Georgia Rodgers, Angus
Brown

Year 6 Harper Brasher, Emmi Cahill

A.R. 75% Charlotte Cross, Flynn

WEEK 4 Term 3

Year 1 Year One Class

Year 2 Godwin Gimmy, Georgie
Kelly

Year 3 Archie Lowe, Christopher
Joseph

Year 4 Eva Spinelli, Ayla De Castro

Year 5 Oliver Stewart, Tyson
Munday-Bowie

Year 6 Finn Drage-Edwards, Eamon
Ramsay

A.R. 75% Emilia Cross

A.R. 100% Jack McGee, Margaux

Fazey

A.R. 100% Kaitlyn Pitts, Finn Drage-Edwards, Stella Dean, Matthew Gragasin, Nate Bielawski

Phys Ed 100km Jayden Smith, Ethan Witcher, James Rodgers, Cooper Hopley, Samuel Gibbs, Archie Lowe

Phys Ed 150km Oliver Stewart, Kaden Hall, Bernard Edmondson

Principal Abbey Woodhouse, Oliver Brown

Ramsay, Sophia Clark, Lucas Kilpatrick, Jacob Coulson, Zachary Bemrose, Jade Turpin, Lewis Evans

Phys Ed 50km Isabell Howlett, Kayleigh Lynch

Phys Ed 100km Noah Buswell, Abbey Woodhouse, Kai Chapman, Eva Edmonson

Phys Ed 150km Kaitlyn Pitts, Ashton Spinelli, Cooper Clark

Phys Ed 200km Louis Best

Important Information

School Attendance and Absenteeism

As we get closer to the end of the year, parents/guardians are reminded that if holidays are taken during term time, it is a requirement of the Department of Education that the school be informed in writing by the parents/guardians prior to the student(s) being away from school. If students are to be away from school for more than 3 days - the extended holiday form is to be completed by parents/guardians. A copy of this form is available from the school office or through the school website at:

<https://www.stmarysbnby.wa.edu.au/communication/attendance-matters/>.



ATHLETICS NEWS

Wow! What a fantastic few weeks we have had on the Athletics track! We have seen some wonderful individual achievements, terrific team efforts and lots of hearty enthusiasm! A **HUGE** thank you to our supportive St Mary's community who came together to help our carnival run so smoothly. A personal thank you from the bottom of my heart to each and everyone of you. The day wouldn't have been possible without all your help! Hopefully we'll see you again on the track next year!

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

	Runner Up	Champion
Year 4	Bernie Edmondson Louis Best	Lucas Kilpatrick
	Cassie Turpin	Margaux Ramsay
Year 5	Oliver Stewart	Kaden Hall
	Rheanne Payapag	Ruby Maratea
Year 6	Eamon Ramsay	Harlyn Fiori
	Baylee Brand Emmi Cahill	Frankie Best

ATHLETICS SHIELD

 Marcellin	 McAuley	 Ursula
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INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The Interschool Athletics Carnival was held at Hay Park 2 weeks ago Thursday for those students who qualified from Years 4 to 6. We had many fantastic personal achievements on this day and it was a great opportunity for our top athletes to challenge themselves against some tough competition. The highlight for me was our outstanding achievements in the Team Game section of the day. We were up against 6 other schools in 6 team games. We got 5 First Places and 1 Third Place! The students all pitched in to work hard as a team and they supported each other right to the end. Thank you to everyone who came along on the day. You certainly made your school and families proud with the manner in which you conducted yourselves. Congratulations and I am looking forward to the 2021 Athletics Season already!

Mrs Toia

Darcy Slater Tennis Competition

Over 4 days from 25th to 28th October, Margaux and Eamon Ramsay, and Nicholas Bouzada-Olgiati, represented South West region in the annual Darcy Slater Tennis Competition which was run in Busselton this year. They came 1st in the general Girls and Boys competition which is run for players under the age of 14.



Back to school 2021 Appeal

As part of helping students develop their faith and give back to the wider community, each class has been making up 2 school backpacks to give to the Intown Lunch Centre. These school backpacks will be given out next year to children to help them get back to school with the essential tools. It would be greatly appreciated if all backpack donations could be brought in by Friday this week. Thank you.



WOW! What a fantastic success Book Fair has been again in 2020! Thank you for shopping so generously and supporting St Mary's. Many thanks to the mums and dads who have been able to help me with setting up and running Book Fair. You still have one last chance to purchase books and other stationery items. We will be open for business on Friday morning from 8am - 8.30am (during 100 Club). Everything will be packed up at 8:30am sharp to allow time for the Year 6 assembly to be set up.

Happy reading everyone!

Mel Toia



Book Lists 2021

Ziggies Educational Supplies is a WA family owned business. By ordering your child's Personal Items List products through Ziggies, the school receives a commission. In 2020, Ziggies gave back approximately \$400k to WA schools. Ziggies proudly supports the 'Make A Wish' Foundation by donating \$1.50 of every click and collect order. Only quality branded products are supplied (not home brands). We encourage you to support a WA owned and operated business who continues to support WA schools and, in the process, help raise valuable funds for our school.



St Mary's would like to thank all of the volunteers who have worked tirelessly to ensure our children get the best education, our teachers get the most assistance, and our community is supported to grow and learn together in a strong and positive environment.

If you have been Toe By Toe instructors, assisted on school camps or excursions, helped in classrooms, worked in the canteen, etc., we would like to invite you to our celebration of the Eucharist followed by a

morning tea to say "Thank you!" for all you have contributed to our school and its community this year.

Where: *St Mary's Hall / Undercover Area*

When: *Wednesday 2nd December at 9:00 am Mass
10.00-10.50 am Morning Tea*

RSVP by 25 November 2020 to Ms Helen Brown

We look forward to seeing you there.

Kind regards,

Staff and Students of St Mary's Bunbury

Canteen

The canteen requires volunteers on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9.30am to 10.30am. Please contact Jenelle O'Reilly on 0407912701 if you are able to assist. Thank you in advance, your time is very valuable to us!!



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