

St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 26 November 2020

Vision Statement

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

Prayer

We join with heaven as we celebrate and give thanks for every graduating Year 6 student. Thank you that each one is unique and brimming with potential. Thank you for leading them in their learning, for keeping them safe as they studied, and for watching over them in their final weeks of primary school. We pray that they may all feel proud, and enjoy sharing their achievements with family and friends. May their years at St Mary's be a memory that burns bright within them as they embark on life's next great adventure - high school! Amen

From the Principal

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

Thank you to all the parents and staff who attended Tuesday night's ACM. Mr Michael Pepper, the Principal from Bunbury Catholic College was our special guest and he told us about his background, described some of the exciting changes he has made this year and explained his future plans. Gemma Millar as P&F President gave a presentation that outlined Friend and Fundraising events that were able to happen this year and told us about Wish List Items purchased for classrooms. Board Chairperson Denise Depiazzi spoke of the Board's achievements and Treasurer Shaun Marwick stated the school's current

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financial position. We recognised the commitment of retiring P&F and Board members that included: Gemma Millar (President), Zoe Marwick (Vice President), Renae Ursino (Treasurer) Sherrie Chapman (Secretary), Jo Pitts (Board Secretary), Kristy Richardson (Board P&F Rep) and Janine Stewart (Board Member and Board P&F Rep). We have three Board members who have completed their two-year term being Denise Depiazzi, Scott Smith and Chris Gibbs and renominated for four positions, so an election was not required. Ben Dean has been co-opted onto the Board the previous two years and he will take the one vacant position created with Jo leaving. We will be looking for a new P&F Board Rep next year and we have nominations for all the P&F Executive positions.

Year 6 Graduation and Awards Update

The Covid restrictions have made it difficult to allow many people into the hall for the Year 6 Graduation and Awards Presentation next week so both events will now be held in the undercover area. Social distancing will still apply. It means that other parents and grandparents can attend the Awards Presentation. Separate instructions have been sent to Year 6 parents regarding Graduation.

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. Students in Year 6 will mostly have costumes supplied. Mrs Zolnier has made skirts and shorts for Kindy and Year 1 will be able to use school costumes. All other year levels are encouraged to wear Christmas shirts and Christmas colours.

Assembly Photos

We have been treated to some incredibly clever assembly items over the last two terms. I recently posted an array of photos from Year 1 and 6 on Facebook and last week's Year 5 photos will be up soon.

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.

Christmas Concert Picnic Boxes for Sale from the Potted Warehouse (Message from Amanda Panuccio)

Family picnic boxes will be available to order from The Potted Warehouse for the Outdoor Christmas Concert this year. They will include a mixture of homemade sausage rolls, quiches, mini chicken cutlets, arancini balls, cheese,

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crackers, fruit and some sweet treats. Order a box for 4 people for \$65 or for six people for \$85. Call or text TPW Kitchen on 0484 581 878 to order or for more information. Orders will close off Monday 7 December.

Cyber Safety

The internet can be an incredibly useful tool, but there are also dangers associated with it. I have recently heard about some concerns that some of our students are playing games on the internet that have age restrictions. As parents, it is important to know what your children are doing on the internet. Please see attached internet safety guide which contains some good tips. https://www.esafety.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-06/Online-gaming-information-for-parents-and-carers.pdf

God bless Paul Cronin Principal

Calendar Dates

NOVEMBER Wednesday 25 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 5 Term 4 Year 1 Harrison Kelly, Darcy O'Dea Year 2 Olivia Devereux, Mark

WEEK 6 Term 4 Year 1 Nash Grice Year 2 Oscar Depiazzi, Braxton Lowe

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Pitts

Brown

Woolhead

Lachlan Marwick

Lucas Kilpatrick

Kelly

Year 3 Sonny Dean, Mila Freiberger

Year 4 Lucas Kilpatrick, Kaitlyn

Year 5 Grace Richardson, Angus

A.R. 50% Tyson Munday Bowie

Phys Ed 50km Mia Murray

Toe by Toe Anitta Binoy

Phys Ed 100km Louis Shine,

Principal Jade Turpin, Harrison

Year 6 Leo Pemberton, Jade Turpin

A.R. 75% Milly Sarre, Lauren Dillon **A.R. 100%** Ayla De Castro, Max

Phys Ed 150km Zachary Bemrose,

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Year 3 James Burton, Jesper de Chanéet

Year 4 Alex Bemrose, Sophia ClarkYear 5 Kaden Hall, Abigail Bovell

Year 6 Zachary Bemrose, Frances Best

A.R. 75% Kody Hopley, Harlyn Fiori **Phys Ed 50km** Cooper Millar

Phys Ed 100km Amber Millar, Milla Richardson, Lachlan Marwick, Abbie Smith, Stella Dean, Holly Bambrick, Ruby Maratea, Niall Hamill-Harling, Hugo Montalvo

Phys Ed 150km Phoenix Panuccio

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/.

Kindergarten 2022

Existing families are reminded that if there are any siblings of current students due to begin Kindergarten in 2022, Kindergarten to Year 6 Application forms need to be submitted as soon as possible.

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair was once again a HUGE success. Thank you so much to our wonderful school community for supporting this fundraising endeavour. Our sales resulted in \$970 worth of Scholastic resources for our school. Thank

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you so much to all the mums and dads who helped out with selling books, setting up and packing away Book Fair. I am truly grateful for your support again this year.

Mel Toia

Uniform Shop

Kindergarten and Pre-Primary uniform orders have been made and and delivered to classes. Size 4 Kindy shirt stock will be arriving shortly. Girls shorts will be available next year and trial sizes will be on hand from next Friday 4 December to try for size. RUNNERS SHIRTS issue last year need to be returned to your class teacher by next Monday 30 November, to be printed for 2020.

Health and Physical Education

We had a fantastic week of Slammers Basketball Clinics. The students from Years 1 - 6 thoroughly enjoyed themselves and learnt some new skills and games. The Slammers players were so supportive of our students and encouraged even the more experienced players to challenge themselves, whilst supporting the beginners with some entry level skills. Mel Toia



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Please click on the image above to access the registration form

Piano and Vocal lessons 2020

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

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

Community







Hello Service Providers and Community Members of the South West

Are you interested in finding out more about the National Disability Insurance Scheme? Advocacy WA is holding an information session on how to navigate the NDIS process.

It is a one-hour session and free. Please see the invitation below for more details:

Advocacy WA Reach Out Information Session:

Supporting clients and service providers to learn more about

The National Disability Insurance Scheme

An introduction to Access Requests, Appeals & Planning processes, with PowerPoint Presentation and Q&As afterwards, including how we can help you if you are not able to get the outcome you want.

Where & When:

- Busselton: Monday 16th November 2020 from 10am 12noon Forrest Personnel, 72 Duchess St, Busselton
- Margaret River: Wednesday, 18th November from 11am 1pm Margaret River Community Resource Centre, 33 Tunbridge St, Margaret River
- Collie: Thursday, 19th November from 11am 1pm Collie Family Centre, 5 Forrest Street, Collie
- Manjimup: Monday, 23rd November from 11am 1pm Manjimup Community Resource Centre, 45 Rose Street, Manjimup
- Bunbury: Monday, 23rd November from 10am 12noon Bunbury Library, 8 Edward St, Bunbury

For more information or to RSVP, please call Advocacy WA on 97216444

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