



# St Mary's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter

Thursday 25 February 2021

### Vision Statement

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

## Prayer

Loving God, we hear your call to all who thirst for a brighter future: Come to the water. Pour out your Spirit upon us and lead us to walk alongside one another. Let a desire for change well up within us. May we overflow with compassion and love. And as a stream wears away stone, may we reshape our world together to reflect your kingdom of hope for all. Amen

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## From the Principal

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our parent meetings last week. It was a valuable opportunity for parents to hear how classrooms will operate this year and to ask questions.

Next Tuesday 2 March at 7pm in the hall, we have our first P&F meeting of the year. We will finalize the new P&F Executive and hear how planning is going for various events that are in the pipeline. All parents are encouraged to come along and get involved in our friend and fundraising events.

### School Advisory Council

The School Advisory Council, previously known as the Board, welcomes James Levy and welcomes back Wayne Evans. Both James and Wayne showed an interest in being involved in the Advisory Council and they have been coopted for 2021. At last week's meeting, Denise Depiazzi offered to continue in the role of Chairperson, Shaun Marwick will remain as Treasurer and Chris Gibbs accepted the position of Secretary. Other members of the Council include Scott Smith, Brendan O'Dea and Ben Dean.

### **Pancake Cooking on Shrove Tuesday**

The historical Catholic tradition of cooking pancakes on Shrove Tuesday continued at St Mary's. Several year levels took part.



### **'My Nyal Nyal Heritage' by Ray Lowe**

At last Friday's assembly, Braxton Lowe made a special presentation of a copy of the book 'My Nyal Nyal Heritage' which was written by his granddad, Ray Lowe. The book tells the story of Ingrid Lowe's parents, George and Maggie and their Aboriginal heritage having been married on a Beagle Bay Mission back in 1930. The book will be in our library for students to borrow. Braxton with his grandparents, Ray and Ingrid.



### **Tennis Coaching**

Our students from Year 1-6 are benefiting from a Federal Government Sports Program that provided money to schools to implement additional activities to encourage children to try different sports. Mrs Toia applied for a grant for tennis lessons that run over several weeks.

### **COVID Sign in Reminder**

Parents are asked to sign in with their phones when visiting St Mary's.

### **Year 6 Students Presented with Leadership Badges**

Our year students were presented with their leadership badges at our first assembly. In addition to students being assigned to help with sporting events, this year we have a team of Environmental Warriors who will be helping to sell the message of looking after our planet.

God bless  
Paul Cronin  
Principal

## Calendar Dates

### February

#### Thursday 18

Swimming Training  
5, 6 Tennis Clinic

#### Tuesday 23

Swimming Training 7am - 8am

#### Wednesday 24

Crazy Hair Day

#### Thursday 25

Swimming Training  
5, 6 Tennis Clinic

#### Friday 26

5, 6 Tennis Clinic

### MARCH

#### Monday 1

Labour Day Public Holiday

#### Tuesday 2

Swimming Training 7am - 8am

#### Thursday 4

Swimming Training  
5, 6 Tennis Clinic

## Student Awards

### WEEK 2 Term 1

**Year 1** Jemma Lin, Diya Lijo, Maya Buswell

**Year 2** Joseph Thimm, Harrison Kelly

**Year 3** Sophie Karlsen, Oscar Depiazzi

**Year 4** Cooper Franklyn, Ellie Woolhead

**Year 5** Evelyn Liaros, Crispin Gimmy

**Principal** Maia Rooney, Darcy Harrison

### WEEK 3 Term 1

**Year 1** Madalyn Reynolds, Milla Buck, Leni Chapman

**Year 2** Tom De Chanéet, Darcy O'Dea

**Year 3** Dionne Lijo, Alecia Wheeler

**Year 4** Christopher Joseph, Nuala Hamill-Harling

**Year 5** Ayla De Castro, Isla Italiano

**Principal** Rhesty Anne Payapag, Seton Do

## Important Information

### Kindergarten 2022

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

**Book Club**

Issue 1 for 2021 of Scholastic Book Club went home with students last week. Distribution of the first issue was slightly delayed. All orders must be placed by this Friday, 26 February. Once again, Issue 1 is filled with great books at incredible prices, so make sure you have a browse.

**Piano and Vocal lessons 2021**

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

**Mother's Day Morning Tea**

SPONSORS NEEDED

Preparations for the Mother's Day Morning Tea are in full swing. The Pre-Primary families are seeking sponsorship and donations for the event. If you have a business that would like to contribute in some way can you please contact Stacie [stacie@asbrealty.com.au](mailto:stacie@asbrealty.com.au) or Nicole [thorpe\\_nicole@hotmail.com](mailto:thorpe_nicole@hotmail.com) from our sponsorship team.

Thank you for your support.

**Easter Egg Raffle**

I'm sure you've noticed all the Easter Eggs appearing on the shelves of the supermarkets, which is a very early indication that it's getting close to that time of year again!

So, we are seeking Easter donations: Easter egg/chocolate, baskets, stuffing for the baskets, ribbon, Easter craft activities, toy bunnies or anything Easter related that can be used in the raffles.

Please place these in the box located in your child's classroom or in the front office. We would appreciate all donations to be in by Friday Week 7, to finalise the prizes for the raffle.

Many thanks,

Year 1 Parent Representatives



### **First Week of Lent**

(school week beginning Monday 22nd February)

We begin our annual Lenten Project Compassion journey by learning about the story of Jamila and her family. Jamila, 22, is a Rohingya woman, living in the world's largest refugee camp in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. A single mother, she fled armed conflict in Myanmar to save herself, her elderly mother and eight-month-old baby.

With the support of Caritas Australia, through Caritas Bangladesh, Jamila was able to access emergency food and shelter. She also received counselling, emotional support and learnt sewing skills, to help her earn an income. Jamila now feels less alone, with a sense of community around her. She is able to 'Be More' to her little family.

- 860,494 people remain in the densely populated camps, in desperate need of humanitarian assistance, especially due to COVID-19. ([UNHCR](#))

Watch a short film about Jamila's story [here](#).

"Aspire not to have more, but to be more." Please support Project Compassion: [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au)

## **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!!**



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

## Footy Tipping

This year's Footy Tipping bonanza is almost upon us - bring on season 2021! 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 12th.

## Community





**REGISTRATION NIGHT**  
**FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**  
**4PM**

**CALLING ALL YEAR 3'S WHO LOVE  
PLAYING FOOTY – WE NEED YOU!**

### **WHY CHOOSE MARIST JFC**

- ✓ Our focus is on teaching kids to play football to create lifelong friendships and enjoy their time on the field.
- ✓ Our aim is to get kids on the field kicking some goals, meaning minimal bench time.
- ✓ Everyone is welcome to play for Marist JFC. We currently have players from a variety of local schools who have joined our team.

**If you're thinking about joining come and meet the coaches on  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm, located at Bunbury Catholic College.**

**Head Coach: Leon Buswell (0492 934 699)**

**Assistant Coach: Aaron Depiazzì (0419 995 659)**

**For more information please contact**

**Pat Shine on 0438 263 068**

**or email: [pat.shine@ljhooker.com.au](mailto:pat.shine@ljhooker.com.au)**





**RUGBY**  
**OUR GAME**  
**2021**

Only \$125 a season  
1 FREE club short & sock  
with every registration



Fitness training start: Tuesday 2nd February @ 5pm  
Hay Park, Wallabies Way (next to athletic ground)  
Ages: 5 - 13yrs  
**REGISTRATIONS OPEN!!**  
Contact Ash on 0452558505 or email: [juniorbull.bunbury@gmail.com](mailto:juniorbull.bunbury@gmail.com)

[Alcohol and Other Drugs Headspace Information Session](#)  
[Supporting Your Anxious Child Headspace Session](#)



positive partnerships

Working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum

Free to attend

### 2 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers



Join other local families to learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the home-school partnership

**Learn about:**

- Diversity of autism
- Understanding behaviour
- Sensory processing
- Working together with your school

**Location:**

Pagoda Resort & Spa  
112 Melville Parade  
Como WA 6152

*Morning tea and a light lunch are provided*

**Perth, WA**

Wed 17th & Thurs 18th March, 2021

9.15am - 2.30pm



Interpreters available



To register, visit  
[positivepartnerships.com.au](http://positivepartnerships.com.au)



For help, call:  
1300 881 971

The Positive Partnerships initiative is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment through the Helping Children with Autism Package and is delivered by Autism Spectrum Australia. The views expressed in this publication do not necessarily represent the views of the Australian Government or the Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment.

**BETTER HEALTH PROGRAM**

A FREE, fun online healthy lifestyle program for kids

Free fitness tracker, freebie packs and rewards!

Call the Better Health Program team on **1300 822 953** to see if your child is eligible.

betterhealth company

**Job Vacancy**  
**Administration Officer—based in Inglewood**  
 15hrs per week—school terms only

Catholic School Parents WA are seeking a highly motivated Admin Officer to join their team. If you would enjoy a varied and challenging role, then this may be the job for you. Strong Microsoft 365 skills with an emphasis on accuracy are essential. Knowledge of website management would be highly regarded.

To access the selection criteria please go to [www.csp.wa.edu.au](http://www.csp.wa.edu.au) .Closing date for applications is Friday 26th February at 5pm.

Initial enquiries and applications can be directed to Siobhan on 0409 025 683 or email [siobhan@csp.wa.edu.au](mailto:siobhan@csp.wa.edu.au)

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