



# **St Mary's Catholic Primary School**

## **Newsletter**

**Thursday 11 March 2021**

### **Vision Statement**

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

## **Prayer**

We pray for the Church throughout the world: that she may be a sign of God's love for all people and a beacon of hope for all who are in need. Lord, in your mercy, hear our Prayer. Amen

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## **From the Principal**

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

At our recent P&F meeting we were fortunate to have all of our Class Rep positions filled and a new Executive team were ready to step in. I congratulated again Gemma Millar, Zoe Marwick, Renae Ursino and Sherrie Chapman for their work last year and willingness to assist a smooth transfer of leadership!

I am pleased to let the school community know the 2021 P&F Executive consists of: Katherine Baldock President, Stacie Bekle Vice President, Mel McLaren Treasurer and Nicole O'Dea Secretary.

Those at the P&F meeting listened to three P&F Wish List requests from staff and all were generously approved. A further \$2500 was granted to purchase more reading books for junior primary, a portable speaker can now be bought for the Kindy classroom and additional manipulative toys for fine motor development will be made available for the 3 Year Old Program and Play Café. A suggestion was made at the meeting for me to investigate opening up the colours of running shoes students can wear. Some of the reasons given

included that white shoes can be difficult to find, are hard to keep clean and are never on special. As a result, a parent survey will be emailed out next week to gain further feedback from the school community.

**Parent Meetings**

We are going to be trialing a new online system for parents to book parent/teacher meeting slots. Information will be emailed to parents with the link. The meetings will begin on Monday 22 March and will run for two weeks.

**Swimming Training Still Going Strong**

Congratulations to all of the students and parents involved in the swimming training that has now been running for several weeks. Special thanks to Mr Chris Gibbs who has coordinated the sessions. There is no doubt that the training will pay dividends when it comes to the Swimming Carnival next Thursday 18 March for Years 4-6 students.

**AFL/AFLW Colours Day**

Students are encouraged to wear their favourite team colours on Friday 18 March to celebrate the start of the men's season and approaching finals for the women's season.

**Football Tipping**

Do not miss the opportunity to show off your football knowledge by joining this year's St Mary's Football Tipping competition. Thank you to Mrs Jenelle O'Reilly for coordinating it again this year. You have the opportunity to win some impressive amounts including \$1000 first prize.

**Chrism Mass**

On Tuesday 30 March, our Year 6 students will travel to the Cathedral to celebrate the Chrism Mass with students from each of the Catholic schools in the region. Some of the oils that are blessed at the Mass will be used during our Year 6 Confirmation Mass.

God bless  
Paul Cronin  
Principal

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**Please click on the picture above to access other photos of Crazy Hair Day!**

## Calendar Dates

### **MARCH**

#### **Thursday 11**

Swimming Training  
Years 1, 2, 3 Tennis Clinic  
T20 Blast

#### **Friday 12**

Years 2, 3, 6 Tennis Clinic

#### **Wednesday 17**

St Patrick's Day

#### **Thursday 18**

St Mary's Swimming Carnival  
Years 4 - 6  
9.30am - 2pm  
Reconciliation Workshop at St Mary's  
6pm

#### **Wednesday 24**

Parent/Teacher Interviews 1.30pm

#### **Thursday 25**

Interschool Swimming Carnival  
9.30am - 2.30pm  
First Reconciliation 6pm Cathedral

#### **Friday 26**

Sausage Sizzle Year 3 12.45pm

#### **Sunday 28**

Palm Sunday

#### **Monday 29**

Parent/Teacher Interviews  
Years 5 and 6 BCC Visit - 1.30pm (St Mary's Hall)

**Friday 19**

Feast of St Joseph  
AFL Colours

**Sunday 21**

Harmony Day

**Monday 22**

Library Books to be Returned this  
Week  
Parent/Teacher Interviews

**Tuesday 23**

Parent/Teacher Interviews  
School Advisory Council Meeting  
(SACM)

**Tuesday 30**

Chrism Mass - Year 6 Attending  
Parent/Teacher Interviews

**APRIL****Thursday 1**

Holy Thursday  
Last Day of Term 1  
Easter Raffle Drawn 8.45am  
Easter Liturgy 2pm

**Friday 2**

Good Friday

**Student Awards****WEEK 4 Term 1**

**Year 1** Eve Harrison, Charlotte  
Thomson, Eleanor Levy

**Year 2** Liliana Burton, Sofia  
Freiberger

**Year 3** Samuel Zator, Pixie Bennett

**Year 4** Cooper Hopley, Mila  
Freiberger

**Year 5** Margaux Ramsay, Bernard  
Edmondson

**Year 6** Stella Dean, Oliver Stewart

**WEEK 5 Term 1**

**Year 1** Ellie Howlett, Jasmine Bovell,  
Georgia Whitfield

**Year 2** No Awards

**Year 3** Maggie Best, Georgie Kelly

**Year 4** Tate Skehan, Sara Bovell

**Year 5** Kesh Fildes, Emma Di Lallo

**Year 6** Chevy Males, Emily  
Chapman

**Principal** Tayla McGee, Liam Jones,  
Grace Richardson

**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!!**

**General**



We are now in the third week of Lent with the Project Compassion story of Oliva, a 22-year-old woman from Tanzania. She did not have the opportunity to go to school and was embarrassed that she was unable to read, write or count. As an adult, her business was losing money because she couldn't add up her money and give the right change to customers.

Then Oliva enrolled in Caritas Australia's literacy and numeracy classes. She also set up a home classroom to teach her neighbours, for free, because they were too shy to attend larger classes.

Oliva has now graduated, attendance at her classes are growing, her kiosk is thriving and she is helping her children with their homework. She aims to become a pastor and run for leadership in the next local election - to help her community to 'Be More.'

- Approximately 260 million children don't have the chance to go to school ([un.org](http://un.org))

Watch a short film about Oliva'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)



Mr Michael Pepper, Principal of Bunbury Catholic College will be visiting St Mary's on Monday 29 March 2021 at 1.30pm to speak to Year 5 and 6 students about secondary schooling at BCC. BCC enrolment application forms are available online from their website <https://www.bunburycatholic.wa.edu.au/>. Parents interested in knowing more about the College are most welcome to attend. The following dates are important for Year 6 students:

- The Academic Scholarship Exam will be held on Saturday 22 May 2021 (closing date will be 14 May 2021). The College will let St Mary's know once the scholarship information is available on our website.
- The Orientation Day for Year 6 students will be held on Tuesday 23 November and further information will be sent by the College during Term 3.

## RIDE2SCHOOL DAY



### Ride2School Day

St Mary's will host Ride2School Day on Wednesday March 24. Riders are to meet at the Big Swamp Playground ready to leave by 8am. The route will be as follows.

Cross Prince Phillip Drive onto the pathway around The Big Swamp. Complete one clockwise lap of the swamp. Cross Prince Phillip Drive onto the pathway alongside Prince Phillip Drive. Follow the pathway and cross Minninup Rd onto Constitution Street path. Turn left onto Spencer Street Path. Cross Premier Street. Cross Spencer Street with the help of the Crossing Warden. Cross Paisley Street onto the pathway. Disembark at the Bus Stop Access on Columbia Street and walk bicycle into St Mary's. Park bicycles in the Undercover area away. Use the spaces around the walls.

Students must be able to ride the full distance and be in good control of their bicycles. Sports Uniform is a good idea. Helmets must be worn. Parents are welcome to join in with the ride. Helpers will be needed to assist with the Road Crossings (see underlined). Please let Mr. Alberti know if you can assist.

Mr T Alberti

Year 3 Teacher



Hi my name is Amelie Wright,

I'm doing the World's Greatest Shave because I want to raise money to help find a cure for cancer.

My thoughts about the shave are that you are the person that you are and hair is just hair and whether you have short hair, no hair, long hair, orange hair you are still the person you are on the inside. If we find a cure for cancer I think everyone who donates to the Cancer Foundation should give themselves a pat on the back.

By Amelie Wright, Year 5.

### **Easter Egg Raffle**

We are still 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.

Tickets have also been sent home and can be purchased via CDF Pay (if buying the entire book) or with cash. Please return these with a NAME AND CLASS by



the 29<sup>th</sup> March (Monday-Wk 8)

**Hot Cross Buns-** Baker's Delight are donating \$2 from each 6 pack of buns purchased through the school. The order form has been sent home; you can also order through CDF pay. Buns delivered to the school on the last day of term.

**Bling The Egg Competition-** Due back to the office Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Extra sheets can be found in the office.

Many thanks,  
Year 1 Parent Representatives

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### **Uniform Shop**

With only a few weeks of term left, it is time to place orders for winter uniforms. Orders can be placed online through CDF Pay, left at the office, or through the Uniform Shop on Friday mornings between 8.30am and 9.30am. girls have the option of pants this winter and sample sizes are available to try on. Please make orders sooner rather than later as stock is taking an extended amount of time to arrive due to COVID/quarantine issues.

## **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.

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

## Community

### **LADIES SOCIAL NETBALL**

We are seeking four ladies in the St Mary's community to join a Social Netball Team commencing in Term Two at the South West Sports Centre. Games are played on Wednesday mornings at either 9.30am or 10.20am and run alongside the school terms. If you are looking for some exercise and some laughs in a social competition then we would love for you to come and join us. If you haven't played in a long time or are new to the game this is a great way to get into netball. Creche facilities are available for ladies with younger children. For more information please contact Katherine on 0407 477 339.

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### **Marriage Encounter: an Australia wide Virtual weekend is being zoomed 30<sup>th</sup> April to 2<sup>nd</sup> of May.**

Couples can enrich their marriage in a private space, in their own homes, using computer with good internet connection. The regular weekend has been thoroughly adapted because of the virus and used successfully in the Eastern States. To register interest and book on contact Brendan and Valerie phone 0424220625. Information also in the M.E. website [www.wwme@org.au](http://www.wwme@org.au) or ring Fr Pat Rooney 0428771440

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## SAT 13TH MARCH CHILDREN'S VISION SCREENING DAY

### Good vision is linked to learning

Come in store for a morning of FUN for your child, and to have their vision checked by a qualified Optometrist. Myopia (short-sightedness) is increasing – due to digital devices and technology. Find out lifestyle strategies to ensure your child's vision is going to not be affected.

Health nurse vision screenings are often not comprehensive. Good vision is closely linked to learning, ensure your child has the best start at school this year.

### FREE face painting, balloons and giveaways!

We aim to make your child comfortable whilst having their vision checked.

Appointments are required (15 mins per child) – please contact us to book in **Australind 97961966** **Dalyellup 97954905**

 **Eyes @ Australind**  
Optometry the way it should be.

 **Eyes @ Dalyellup**  
Optometry the way it should be.

**Vision screening**

**FREE face painting**

**Balloons and  
giveaways**

**Qualified  
Optometrists in store**

**Myopia Risk  
Assessment**

### AUSTRALIND / DALYELLUP

Australind Village  
Dalyellup Shopping Centre

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

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

Sat 13<sup>th</sup> March 9am-2pm

## Fear-Less

Helping your child learn to manage anxiety.

**Learning how to manage anxiety effectively is a vital life skill, but one that children are not taught.**



This 3 hour seminar will give you the tools and skills to teach your child:

- Key anxiety- management skills
- Understands how anxiety works
- Develop their coping skills
- Faced feared situations
- Manage child's anxious behaviour

Facilitated by the Department of Education's School Psychologists, Tonia Fahey & Sophie McKenzie

**Date:** Saturday 20 March 2021

**Time:** 9:00am to 12:00pm

**Venue:** Child and Parent Centre Carey Park,  
36 Ecclestone Street, Carey Park (Carey Park Primary School)

**Register is essential 9721 6991**

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**MARIST**  
**Junior Football Club (Inc)**

**2021**

**AUSKICK REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!**



**5-8 year old girls & boys** (age is calculated as at 30/6/21)

**Cost:** \$70 per child

**Date:** Fri 12 March (10 sessions excl. school holidays)

**Time:** 4.15 -5.15pm (FREE sausage sizzle and drink afterwards)

**Where:** Albert Oval (BCC), Rodsted St, East Bunbury

**Register at:** <https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/9cab50>

register for Play HQ > find a club or association > type 'Marist' enter > select 'Marist Auskick Centre' (this may change to Marist Bunbury) > click on 'register' tab > register a player or volunteer > get started!

***Come and join our NEW REVAMPED AUSKICK PROGRAM led by NEW Auskick Co-ordinator Richard Barnard. (Played / coached over 300 league games in the SWFL and an accredited level 2 coach.) Richard will be assisted by primary school teachers and parents including Luke & Anika Skehan, Lauren & Jye Walsh. Our program will also rely on the amazing help of support crew (parents and volunteers) to help supervise activities for those who would like to be involved.***

***Any questions please email Richard : [auskick.maristjfc@gmail.com](mailto:auskick.maristjfc@gmail.com)***

# PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS WORKSHOP

**DID YOU KNOW**

**90%** of abused children are abused by someone they know and trust

**30-60%** of child sexual abuse is committed by children and young people

**EMPOWERING OUR CHILDREN**

## PARENT WORKSHOP

Presented by WA Child Safety Services, we invite you to participate in this workshop to learn valuable personal safety skills and strategies that can help empower children and keep them safe from abuse.

You will leave the workshop with practical activity ideas and conversation starters.

Facilitated by Justine O'Malley and Jocelyn Prosser

THIS WORKSHOP IS NOT SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN TO ATTEND

<b>DATE:</b> Monday 29 March 2021	<b>PRICE:</b> \$20.00 per person
<b>TIME:</b> 10:45am to 12:45pm	<b>BOOKING DETAILS:</b>
<b>VENUE:</b> Milligan Community Centre 35 Milligan Street, Carey Park WA	<a href="https://pbbunbury.eventbrite.com.au">https://pbbunbury.eventbrite.com.au</a>

WA Child Safety Services  
Creating Safer Communities

[wachildsafetyservices.com](http://wachildsafetyservices.com)





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## PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS

### Children's Workshop

For children aged 5 to 10 years

The Protective Behaviours program teaches:

- The right to feel safe and be safe
- Safe and unsafe secrets
- Body safety and personal space
- Who to go to for help
- Assertiveness and problem-solving

WE ALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE SAFE  
AND FEEL SAFE AT ALL TIMES



WE CAN TALK WITH SOMEONE ABOUT  
ANYTHING NO MATTER WHAT IT IS

DATE: Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2021

TIME: 1:00pm - 3:00pm (Please bring a drink bottle and healthy snack for your child)

VENUE: Milligan Community Learning and Resource Centre  
35 Milligan Street, Bunbury 6230

COST: \$49 per child (includes free Activity Book)

#### Bookings:

[kidsppbunbury.eventbrite.com.au](https://kidsppbunbury.eventbrite.com.au)



[www.wachildsafetysservices.com](http://www.wachildsafetysservices.com)  
1300 310 083 [admin@wachildsafetysservices.com](mailto:admin@wachildsafetysservices.com)

WA Child Safety Services is a service arm of Caring Communities Inc.

**WANT TO  
PLAY HOCKEY?**

Come and join the fun this season at Marist Hockey Club!

**PLAYERS OF ALL AGES, NEW AND OLD WELCOME**



Training is held on Tuesday nights, with Year J2 - 7/8 games played on Saturday mornings and Year 9/12 games on Wednesday nights.

To register or find out more information, you can contact our junior coordinator **Andrew Blee** via

**development@maristhockeyclub.com** or **0415 918 315**

  

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

If any students (or parents) are interested in joining hockey this year, the junior hockey season will start in term 2 on Saturday mornings. Junior training will start on Tuesday 30 March. J2 grade (for PP, Year 1 & 2) train and play on a Saturday morning in Term 2.

Contact Andrew at Marist Hockey for more information [development@maristhockeyclub.com](mailto:development@maristhockeyclub.com) or catch up with Annaleisha de Chan  et for more information.

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