



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 28 May 2021

Vision Statement

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

Prayer

Lord Jesus, bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time. May this day be an initial step into a life-long love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship. Thank you for their innocence and goodness. May their hands, extended in anticipation of your Body and Blood, inspire all of us to cherish this sacred Sacrament.



From the Principal

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

Last week our Year 6 students had a week that they will never forget with camp at Woodman Point Tuesday to Friday and then most made their Confirmation on Sunday. Several of our Year 6 parents cooked up a special barbeque for our Confirmation recipients on Monday and they shared a cake with the food generously paid for by the P&F.

This morning it was the Year 4 students' chance to shine with their assembly and on Sunday they will be making their First Holy Communion. Special thanks to Ms Brown for playing a huge part in preparing the Confirmation candidates and to Mrs Webb for preparing Year 4 students.

On Sunday we were fortunate to have Fr Marlon, Fr Pierre and Bishop Holohan preside over the Mass. Fr Marlon has been our school priest for the past two years and Fr Pierre has taken over from him recently.

Extra Long Weekend

There will be no school for students on Friday 4 June allowing an extra-long weekend for families. Staff will spend the day working with Shannon Steven who is a Wellbeing Consultant from the Catholic Education Office. Shannon will be providing suggestions on ways to maintain and build staff and student wellbeing.

Year 6 Camp

I was able to see first-hand our Year 6 students take every opportunity to challenge themselves while developing a sense of team spirit by helping and encouraging each other through a range of activities. The instructors on camp were full of praise for our students' enthusiasm and behaviour. Mrs Pitts coordinated the four days of activities and Mrs Lacey Brown and Mr Rob Maratea were happy to get involved and lead groups as parent helpers. On the adventure camp designed to build confidence and teamwork, the students were able to: bike ride as a large group along coast paths, jump from a ten-metre flying fox, try rock climbing, test their orienteering skills, build rafts and were introduced to archery.

Recent P&F Purchases

At our P&F meeting on Tuesday night, I was able to tell those in attendance about recent Wish List purchases that were previously approved:

- Mrs Carly Gellard and Mrs Cathy Mountford have been able to buy \$500 worth of sand toys which has made playing in the sand a whole lot more fun.
- Mrs Anika Skehan in Kindy has purchased a speaker for her classroom that enables music to be more accessible.
- Mrs Carly Gellard has coordinated the purchase of 350 new home readers at a cost of \$2300. Encouraging children to develop a love of reading is incredibly important and the home readers help to fine-tune those early skills.
- Mrs Bianca Torrisi has been able to buy some magnetic construction blocks that the 3 Year Olds are enjoying.

STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) Opportunities

Many Year 6 students across Bunbury who are planning on going to BCC for high school have taken advantage of the STEAM lessons that have been offered after school. The sessions run from 4pm-to 5.30pm once a week and give students the opportunity to work on a variety of open-ended tasks designed across the learning areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths. The sessions have been so popular BCC are now offering a second afternoon each week. Mrs Leah Mackay is the coordinator of the program and our students are grateful for the opportunity and it has given them a taste of what high school will be like.

Winter Carnival

Mrs Mel Toia has been working with teachers from the region to plan the Winter Carnival that will be held at Hay Park on Thursday 3 June. Students in Years 5 and 6 have nominated to represent St Mary's in soccer, netball, football and hockey.

200 Years of Catholic Education in Australia

Our Year 5 students joined students from schools as far away as Mandurah and Boyup Brook at a Mass at the Cathedral on Monday to celebrate 200 years of Catholic Education in Australia. Masses were held at the same time across the nation to mark the occasion.

IMPORTANT REMINDER - Hair Styles

I would like to remind parents that our Handbook outlines the way students' hair should be maintained and what is allowed at school. The Parent handbook states,

"Hair should be neat and tidy and should not reflect the extremes of any current fashion. Long hair must be kept brushed and neatly tied back. Ribbons or clips must be plain white or blue. Matching headbands can be purchased from the Uniform Shop. Hair must be kept at the student's natural colour, without artificial hair colour added." Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

God bless
Paul Cronin
Principal

Calendar Dates

MAY

Friday 28

Year 4 Assembly

Sunday 30

St Mary's First Holy Communion

JUNE

Thursday 3

Years 5/6 Winter Sports Carnival
10am - 2pm

Friday 4

Staff Professional Learning Day

Sunday 6

Feast of Corpus Christi

Monday 7

Western Australia Day Holiday

Tuesday 8

School Advisory Council Meeting

Friday 11

Year 3 Assembly

Friday 18

General Assembly

Wednesday 23

School Feast Day Mass 9am

Mission Market

Friday 25

Year 5 Assembly

Sunday 27

Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Friday 2 July

NAIDOC Week Assembly

Student Awards

WEEK 3 Term 2**Year 1** Lyla Young, Elias Madi**Year 2** Jaxson Baldock, Mila Franklyn**Year 3** Kai Chapman, Eleanor Emerson**Year 4** Ryan Coulson, James Rodgers**Year 5** Lucy Waddell, Amelie Wright**Year 6** Kaden Hall, Michael Twomey**A.R. 50%** Cooper Hopley, James Burton, Samuel Gibbs**A.R. 75%** Molly Toia, Nuala Hamill-Harling**Phys Ed 50km** Stefan Cavallaro, Jesper de Chanéet, Lachlan Scheffner**WEEK 5 Term 2****Year 1** Annabelle Marwick, Imogen Skehan**WEEK 4 Term 2****Year 1** Madalyn Reynolds, Diya Lijo**Year 2** No awards**Year 3** Kimberley Hastie, Stella Hesson**Year 4** Georgia Brown, Beth Hynes-Harvey, Archie Lowe, Jayden Smith**Year 5** Mia Panuccio, Lucas Kilpatrick**Year 6** Imogen de Chanéet, Lewis Evans**A.R. 50%** Sonny Dean, Crispin Gimmy**Toe by Toe** Charlotte Spalding

Year 2 Alexis Bastow, Amerly Cameron

Year 3 Shelby Krikke, Isabelle Howlett

Year 4 Caleb Santos, Christopher Joseph

Year 5 Kayleigh Lynch, Liam Jones

Year 6 CAMP

A.R. 50% Zach Crowley, Amelie Wright, Lachlan Scheffner

A.R. 100% Molly Toia

Phys Ed 50km Lachlan Marwick, Niall Hamill-Harling, Nuala Hamill-Harling, Ryan Coulson, Cooper Franklyn, Ethan Witcher

Important Information

CDF Pay

A reminder that:

Canteen orders close on CDF Pay at 8.45am.

Uniform Orders close on CDF Pay at 10.30am.

SPORTS NEWS

Winter Carnival

The Year 5's and 6's are busily training for the upcoming Winter Sports Carnival which is to be held next Thursday 3rd June at the Hay Park Sporting Complex. We have entered one AFL team, two soccer teams, one hockey team and two netball teams. Students have been busily training under some enthusiastic parent coaches! Many thanks to Adam Fazey (AFL), Laura Maratea and Annaleisha de Chanéet (hockey) and Kristy Richardson and Emma Hastie (netball). Also, a big thanks to Cherrie Woolhead who has kindly offered to mend the elastic on many netball skirts.

Cross Country

We are also busy training for the upcoming Cross Country Carnival which is to be held at St Mary's on Thursday 1st July. Event times will be released in the coming weeks. The Interschool Cross Country Carnival is to be held next term on Thursday 29th July at Bunbury Grammar. The six fastest girls and six fastest boys from each year level Year 3 - 6 will be asked to attend and represent our school.

Skipping

The South Bunbury Ripper Skippers came and gave a skipping performance and then ran some workshops with our students this week. We were amazed at

their talent and the St Mary's students are now enthused to get our ropes out and work on their skipping skills and fitness.

Mel Toia



BOOK CLUB

Issue 4 of Scholastic Book Club went home with students last week. Have a browse; it is packed with exciting books, at great prices. All orders are to be placed online using Scholastic LOOP before Wednesday 9 June.

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.

Community




The Better Health Program

The Better Health Program is a FREE, 10-week, online program for children and families.

There are weekly online sessions, free resources, including a fitness tracker, and weekly coaching calls. These are with a qualified health coach who gives you professional advice and helps keep you on track!

Is your child...

- » Aged 7-13 years old?
- » Above a healthy weight?
- » In need of support to improve eating and activity habits?

Get involved and start collecting your weekly tokens and prizes!




To register or find out more:
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The Better Health Program is funded by WA Country Health Service.



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The Better Health Program is a **free**, online, healthy lifestyle program for 7-13 year olds who are above a healthy weight and their families.



Free fitness tracker
& freebie packs

Online activity
sessions & resources

One-on-one
phone-based
health coaching



"With the wonderful help and encouragement from our coach we have made so many positive changes in our diet, in our lifestyle and in our general health and wellbeing."
- Better Health Program Parent

Better Health Program Promotional Information Kit



Applications Close Soon

Applications for our approved Specialist Programs in **VISUAL ARTS** and **ELITE SPORTS** for 2022 are closing soon.

For children who are focused, high achieving and have a desire to fulfil their potential in either sports or visual arts. Give your child the challenges they need to thrive.

Applications for 2022 close 28 May 2021.
For more information and to apply, visit our website www.bunburyshs.wa.edu.au


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