



# St Mary's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter

Thursday 16 September 2021

### Vision Statement

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

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## Prayer

### **Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

We adore you, O Christ and we praise you, because by your Holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

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## From the Principal

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

The last two weeks have been extremely busy for staff, parents, grandparents and great grandparents with many highlights and special memories created with the Athletics Carnival, Open Night and Grandparents Morning Tea. A huge thank you to parents for the continued amazing support we receive at all of our school events.

### **St Mary's Athletics Carnival Part 1**

We had a very exciting Part 1 of the Athletics Carnival last Friday with our students from Pre-Primary to Year 6 giving their all. We had some super close finishes and impressive team and individual performances. Special thanks to Mrs Toia for organising the day and to all of the parents and grandparents who came along to help and cheer. You can see the photos from the day on our Facebook page.

**Kindy Mini Sports Carnival**

Kindy will be holding their own Mini Sports Carnival on Monday 20 September at 2pm. This is another opportunity to come along and cheer. There is usually a parent event, so wear your running shoes!!

**Grandparents' Morning Tea**

We had over 150 grandparents and great grandparents take up the opportunity to be part of our very special grandparents' morning tea yesterday. The morning started with tours of classrooms with students proud to show what they have been working on at school. Mass followed that was led by Deacon Ian Lewis. After Mass our visitors were treated to performances from our Junior and Senior Choirs, and then a delicious morning tea provided by our team of Year 3 families. Special thanks to our team of Year 3 helpers.

**Amazing Open Night**

Classrooms were decked out with a wide range of creative and artistic work that highlighted some of the learning that has been happening at St Mary's. It was wonderful to see so many parents take the chance to come in and celebrate the great work being done. Many also took the opportunity to see the Year 6 students take on the characters of famous people from different times for their Night of the Notables. Their costumes, displays and knowledge of their characters was outstanding.

**Book Week Dress Up – Thursday 23 September**

Students and staff will have the opportunity to dress up for Book Week on Thursday 23 September. We will have the traditional parade at 8.45am in the hall.

**Musical Quiz Night for Adults**

Parents and members of the wider community will have the opportunity to dress up for St Mary's Musical Quiz Night to be held on Friday 5 November starting at 7.30pm in the hall. Your song knowledge will be tested with bonus points for dressing up, dance competitions and team karaoke. Tickets for tables of eight will go on sale at the start of next term.

We have a committee to help with the organising of the Musical Quiz Night. One of the requirements for a Liquor Licence is an 'Approved Manager' who has completed the online training. If there is anyone who has the Approved Manager certificate and is willing to assist on the night, please let me know.

**Colour Run – 22 October starting at 4.30pm**

Our organisers of the Colour Run have had 300 applications from students, parents and past students to be part of the fun. It promises to be an unforgettable afternoon.

**Happy Holidays**

It has been an exciting term and I would like to wish our staff and families a safe a happy holiday break. Term 4 will begin for students on Tuesday 12 October.

God bless  
Paul Cronin  
Principal

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## Calendar Dates

### SEPTEMBER

#### Friday 17

Year 6 Assembly

#### Thursday 23

Book Week Dress Up

#### Friday 24

General Assembly

Last Day of Term for Staff and Students

### OCTOBER

#### Monday 11

Staff Professional Learning Day

#### Tuesday 12

Students Commence

#### Monday 18

Year 5/6 Numero Championships Challenge

#### Friday 22

Colour Run 4.30pm

**A reminder that term and year planners can be found on the school [website](#)**

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## St Mary's Sports Dates Until the end of the Year

### TERM 3

10th September

11:00am - 3:10pm

Pre Primary - Year 6 Athletics Carnival

St Mary's

### Tuesday 21st September

8:00 - 8:30am

WACA Discover Cricket Session run between South Bunbury Primary School and St Mary's Primary School

All ages of primary school girls and boys are welcome

### TERM 4

Thursday 14th October

9:30am - 1:00pm

Year 4 - 6 Athletics Carnival (Jumps, Throws and Running Races)

Hay Park

### Thursday 21st October

9:30 - 2:00

SWPSA Interschool Athletics Carnival

Hay Park

Mrs Melanie Toia

St Mary's Bunbury

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## Student Awards

### WEEK 7 Term 3

**Year 1** Year 1 Class

**Year 2** Kai Bonilla, Sofia Freiburger

**Year 3** Toby Bemrose, Darcy Harrison

**Year 4** Sara Bovell, Jayden Smith, Ethan Witcher

**Year 5** Charlotte Cross, Levi Grice, Isabelle Hastie

**Year 6** Elena Gibbs, Abbie Smith

**A.R. 50%** Layla Fildes, Max Woolhead, Charlotte Cross, Louis Best

**A.R. 75%** Abbie Smith, Anitta Binoy, Jayden Smith, Alex Bemrose, Ayla De Castro

**A.R. 100%**

**Phys Ed 50km** Elena Gibbs, Shelby Krikke, Tayla McGee, Nyah Twomey, Harrison Kelly, Quinn Spalding

**Phys Ed 100km** Nuala Hamill-Harling, Jesper de Chanéet, Tate Skehan, Ethan Witcher, Lachlan Scheffner, Ryan Coulson

**Principal** Lewis Evans, Evie Krikke

### WEEK 8 Term 3

**Year 1** Isla Devereux, Hugo Montalvo

**Year 2** Nash Grice, Joseph Thimm

**Year 3** Louis Shine, Noah Buswell

**Year 4** Beth Hynes Harvey, Georgia Brown

**Year 5** Emma Di Lallo

**Year 6** Phoenix Panuccio, Michael Twomey

**A.R. 50%** Emilia Cross, Cooper Franklyn, Jesper de Chanéet, Tate Skehan

**A.R. 75%** Isabelle Hastie, Sophia Machado, Ryan Coulson, Lewis Evans

**A.R. 100%**

**Phys Ed 50km** Oliver Stewart

**Principal** Elena Gibbs, Stella Dean, Aaron Joseph, Jack McGee, Sophia Machado, Levi Grice, Evelyn Liaros, Alex Bemrose

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## Communication



### Book Week

St Mary's Primary School will be celebrating Book Week in Week 10. The theme this year is '**Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds**'. Students are encouraged to dress up on Thursday the 23rd September to celebrate Book Week. Students can dress according to the theme 'Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds' or they can dress up as their favourite book character or even something inspired by their favourite book!

The library will also be running a Colouring-In and Drawing competition based on this year's theme. Exciting prizes will be awarded for each year group. Entry forms will be handed out Friday 3rd September and are due in to the library on the **21st September**. Winners will be announced at assembly.

Please visit the library in the upcoming weeks to help celebrate Book Week and see our displays for Book Week 2021.

If you want to find out more information about Book Week, get some inspiration or see the 2021 Children's Book Council of the Year Awards go to <http://cbca.org.au>

**CDF Pay**

A reminder that:

**Canteen orders close on CDF Pay at 8.45am.**

**Uniform Orders close on CDF Pay at 10.30am.**

## 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

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**JA JazzAttack**  
PERFORMING ARTS  
**SCHOOL HOLIDAY  
PROGRAM**

**2 ARMITAGE STREET, BUNBURY -  
MONDAY 4th OCTOBER  
TUESDAY 5th OCTOBER**

**13A COOK STREET, BUSSELTON  
WEDNESDAY 6th OCTOBER  
THURSDAY 7th OCTOBER**



**9:30-12:30PM  
EACH DAY**

**4-11 YEARS**



**TUMBLING, ACROBATICS, DANCE,  
CRAFT AND MUCH MORE!!**

**\$40 ONE DAY OR \$70 TWO DAYS**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE THROUGH  
TRYBOOKING NOW**



**LET'S PLAY  
CRICKET**

Find a program near you!  
[play.cricket.com.au](http://play.cricket.com.au)

**Play Cricket St Mary Catholic  
Primary School**

Tuesday 21 September – 8am  
South Bunbury PS Oval

Come down and discover cricket and see what's happening this summer!  
FREE session with the Perth Scorchers Bus, Inflatable Bowling Net and Perth Scorchers giveaways. Parents are encouraged to come and join in the fun.

Programs for girls and boys for all ages and abilities

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**CONCERT**

**Blackwood Valley Voices**

*a selection of popular Italian songs*

Arrive 3.30pm for 4pm start  
Tuesday (after Quiet Day) 21<sup>st</sup> September

**The Spirituality Hub at Holy Family Church  
27 Capel Street, Kirup**

**Cost:** Donation toward the upkeep of  
Holy Family Church Kirup.

*Light refreshment provided.*

Further details contact Deborah 0474928765

**catholic mission** PRESENTS

**Celebrating the Feast of St Therese of Lisieux**  
**Patron Saint of Missionaries**  
**Beginning of World Mission Month**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021  
9.30 am gathering for  
10am – 2pm Retreat

at

**The Spirituality Hub at Church of the Holy Family**  
27 Capel St, Kirup

**Presenter: Fr Johnny Arattukulam**

Reflecting on Carmelite spirituality and the life and prayer of St Therese of Lisieux – contemplative and missionary.

Time for reflection, discussion, prayer and celebration of Eucharist.

**Cost: F/T working Adults \$15.00;**  
**Concession \$8.00 or what you can afford.**

**Bring your own lunch; refreshments provided.**

Register via  
[Bunbury.director@catholicmission.org.au](mailto:Bunbury.director@catholicmission.org.au)  
0474928765

DALYELLUP BEACH SURF LIFE  
SAVING CLUB

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

22 September 2021 7pm @ surf club



# » Vacation Gym



🏠 Hay Park Grounds, Parade Road, Bunbury 6230

☎ 9795 8690

✉ bunburypcyc@wapcyc.com.au

**BOOK YOUR SPOT TODAY!**  
LIMITED PLACES

## ABOUT

Learn the foundations of gymnastics, including tumbling skills, uneven bars, balance beam and rings or give FreeG (free-moving gymnastics) a go!

- » Three-hour training sessions over four days with morning tea provided.
- » Make new friends and develop new skills under the guidance of our qualified gymnastics coaches.
- » At the end of the week, you will have the chance to show off your new skills by performing your very own floor routine!

**WHEN** 10.00am – 1.00pm

**WEEK 1** Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Oct

**WEEK 2** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Oct – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Oct

**COST** \$120  Gymnastics Affiliated Gym  
Western Australia WA Club





### Identification and Distribution

The Australian magpie *Cracticus tibicen* (or *Gymnorhina tibicen*) is a large butcherbird with a black head, body, wing tips and tail tip with patches of white. The bill is blue-grey in colour, the legs are black and the eyes are brown. Males have a white nape, whereas females have a grey nape. Magpies are characterised by strong, rich and varied carolling.

The Australian magpie occurs throughout much of Australia, including bushland, farmland towns and other urban areas. Two of Australia's five sub-species occur in Western Australia: the western magpie *Cracticus tibicen dorsalis* occurs in the south-west and the black-backed magpie *Cracticus tibicen tibicen* is found in the central and northern regions. These two subspecies interbreed where their ranges meet. Refer to [www.naturemap.dpaw.wa.gov.au](http://www.naturemap.dpaw.wa.gov.au) to find further information on the species distribution.



Photo: P. Courts/DBCA

### Behaviour

The diet of the Australian magpie includes some plant material, but consists mainly of small animals that are found on the ground, including beetles, ants, spiders, lizards, frogs and carrion. They have very good hearing which allows them to locate lawn beetle larvae. They also eat other garden and farm pests and are valued as natural pest control agents.

Magpies breed between August and October and at least 2-3 ha (0.02-0.03km<sup>2</sup>) of territory is needed for pairs to successfully raise young. The female selects the nest site, which is usually in a tall tree, and constructs the nest from sticks lined with grass, roots and other fibres. Up to 6 eggs are laid and a new clutch may be laid if the first brood fails. The female incubates the eggs for about three weeks and feeds the chicks for about four weeks. Young magpies are forced to leave the territory by their parents within two years. They then join another group or take over a territory as part of an adult breeding pair. The young are vulnerable and many die within the first months of independence due to poor weather conditions, lack of food, road hazards and natural predators.

Magpies have a complex social structure and form tribes and flocks. Tribes consist of 2-10 birds of both sexes, which defend a territory of up to 8 ha (0.08km<sup>2</sup>). They vigorously defend this territory against other magpies because this is the area in which they obtain their food, build nests and rear their young. Flocks consist of birds that are young or too old to breed and are unable to form a tribe or gain access to a territory. These birds live in areas that do not contain sufficient water, feeding or nesting resources. The flock is nomadic as it moves from place to place in search of food.

### Environmental Law

All fauna native to Australia, including fauna that naturally migrates to Australia, are afforded protection under both State and Commonwealth legislation.

Depending on the type of fauna-related activity, a licence issued by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions may be required. It is an offence to intentionally or recklessly kill, injure, trade, keep or move them unless authorised by a permit. To obtain a licence, the applicant needs to demonstrate that all reasonable non-lethal methods have been attempted and environmental impacts have been assessed. Further information is available on the Department's website.

### Magpie-Human Interactions

Magpies swoop to protect eggs and young from potential predators during the nesting season. They rely largely on intimidation to deter human intruders by flying low and fast, often clacking their bill as they pass overhead. The sound of their wings whistling past and the movement of air can be alarming, but is usually just a bluff.

#### FAUNA NOTES – Magpies – Swooping and Safety Issues

Like dogs, magpies seem to sense fear and may capitalise on this by pressing on with harassing any perceived threat. Occasionally, a magpie will actually strike an intruder on the head with its bill. While such strikes are rare, magpies can inflict serious injuries. Information collected at hospital emergency departments has shown that the eye was the most common target. Magpies are more likely to swoop cyclists and postal workers.

If you find a sick or injured magpie contact the [Wildcare Helpline](#) on (08) 9474 9055 for information on registered wildlife rehabilitators and centres who can assist you with your enquiry.

#### Reducing the risk from swooping magpies

If you have problems with a swooping magpie, several avenues of action are open to you. Keep in mind that the birds swoop only during the nesting and rearing period (from August to October) and each bird generally only swoops for a few weeks during this time. If we can understand the catalysts and the patterns of magpie behaviour, we can greatly reduce the risk.

#### Living safely with magpies

The following steps can be followed to avoid or reduce the impact of a swooping magpie:

- Never deliberately provoke or harass a magpie. Throwing sticks or stones usually makes them more defensive. Magpies have good memories and they may continuously swoop a potential aggressor.
- Avoid areas where magpies are known to swoop. Remember, magpie hostility lasts only a few weeks and they usually only defend a small area of about 100m radius around their nest.
- Locate the bird and keep watching it when entering its territory. If it swoops, don't crouch in fear or stop; move on quickly but don't run.
- If you are riding a bike make sure you wear a helmet, and dismount and walk through nesting magpie territory.
- Wear a hat and sunglasses or carry an umbrella for protection. Magpies initially attack from behind but can swoop back around.
- Adopt a confident stance as this can have a strong deterrent effect.

Remember that the magpies are just trying to protect their young. Learning to live alongside wildlife is an important step towards building a better living environment, and observing and listening to magpies can be an enjoyable experience.

Taking a bird or nest from the wild is illegal without a permit and while such actions may temporarily stop attacks, it is not uncommon for another nesting bird to move in. It is better to avoid the area or live with the swooping bird for six to eight weeks until the chicks learn to fly and the problem ceases.

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