



# St Mary's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 26 November 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

Father, let your hope arise in our hearts! Lift our eyes up to see that you alone are where our hope comes from. Help us to shake off the anxiety, discouragements, and distractions that have filled this year. May we pause to remember that we have **hope** in you. You know the end of our stories, and we give thanks because you have promised that it will be a victorious ending. Give us the grace we need to wrap up this year joyfully. We invite your Spirit into this beautiful Advent season. Renew our sense of holy anticipation! Let us be those who are waiting eagerly for Jesus to come again. More than anything, we ask that you be glorified in this season of expectation. Amen.

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### From the Principal

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,  
St Mary's ACM was held earlier this week with staff and parents in attendance. Our special guest, Senior Psychologist Ruth Gadd from the Catholic Education Office gave many practical tips on ways parents can help their children deal with anxiety. The session was an introduction for staff who will continue working with Ruth next year. Special thanks to Denise Depiazzi (School Advisory Chairperson), Shaun Marwick (Treasurer) and Stacie Bekle (Vice

President on behalf of Katherine Baldock) for their presentations and summaries of what has been a very successful year. We had Wayne Evans and Brendan O'Dea retire from the School Advisory Council. Wayne has served six years with several as Treasurer and Brendan has been involved for two years. Dave Rusconi nominated to be on the Advisory Council next year. Thank you to everyone who attended.

### **Thanksgiving Mass and Awards Presentation**

Our Year 6 Graduation and Thanksgiving Mass will be held on Wednesday 1 December at 9am at the Cathedral. Friends and family are welcome to be involved. Students will be bused to and from the Cathedral. Awards for Years 4-6 will be presented back at school starting at 11.10am in the hall. Our Year 5 students gave their leadership speeches recently and next year's student leaders will be announced at the Awards Presentation.

### **Table Tennis**

Aaron Joseph in Year 6 has done an amazing job coordinating the table tennis competition held over the last week. We had competitors from across the year levels pair up and nominate for what has become an annual tradition. The knockout competition is down to only a few teams.

### **Taekwondo Lessons a Hit!**

The Taekwondo lessons organized by Mrs Toia have been very successful with many students getting a taste of martial arts for the first time. We are grateful to the Federal Government for their Sports Grant to enable us to offer the lessons with Harry who runs South West Taekwondo Academy.

### **Disco**

All is in readiness for the annual St Mary's Disco on Friday 26 November. Come dressed in your favourite colour or in many colours!

### **Year 3 Recounts from the Bunbury Wildlife Park Excursion**

#### **At the Bird Park**

We saw a kangaroo. Our helper was Eleanor's mum. It was amazing! We saw snakes too and a swan as well. I can wait to go again. I loved the talking birds.

By Isabelle Howlett

#### **Wildlife Park**

We went to the Wildlife Centre. Sophia's mum came as a parent helper and so did Eleanor's mum. We saw snakes and lizards. A bird hopped onto my wrist, and I lifted it up. It was so cool. Its feet were really pointy. By Olivia Devereux.

#### **Bunbury Wildlife Park**

At the Bunbury Wildlife Park I touched a snake and we saw a peacock. We saw some dingoes, kangaroos and a lot of birds. We also saw the laziest wombat in the universe and a talking cockatoo. At the park we fed all kinds of animals including kangaroos, parrots, cockatoos and wombats. By Charlie Brown.

#### **The Wildlife Park**

First we had to walk to the Wildlife Park. It was tiring but fun. I was in a group with Toby, Mark, Samuel, Sophia and Stella. Sophia's mum was our parent

helper. We got feed the kangaroos and one took Mark's bag of seed and ate it. We saw a peacock and Louis touched it. Guess what? We also saw a talking cockatoo. By Maggie Best.

God bless  
Paul Cronin  
Principal

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## Calendar Dates

### NOVEMBER

#### Friday 26

School Disco

#### Sunday 28

First Week Advent

### DECEMBER

#### Wednesday 1

Thanksgiving/Graduation Mass, St Patrick's Cathedral 9am

End of Year Awards Ceremony, St Mary's Hall 11.10am

Year 6 Graduation and Supper 6pm

#### Friday 3

Year 6 Excursion Koombana Bay

#### Tuesday 7

School Concert

#### Wednesday 8

BCC Music Students Visit

#### Thursday 9

School Reports Sent Home

#### Friday 10

Last Day Students

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

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## Student Awards

### WEEK 5 Term 4

**Year 1** Maya Buswell, Lyla Young

**Year 2** Alexis Bastow, Jaxson Baldock, Lachlan Marwick, Indianna St Jack

**Year 3** Danielle Barnard, Charlie Brown

**Year 4** Ryan Coulson, Darcy

Stewart

**Year 5** Emma Di Lallo, Crispin

Gimmy

**Year 6** Year 6 Class

**A.R. 50%**

**A.R. 75%**

**A.R. 100%** Alex Bemrose, Milla

Richardson

A.R. 200% Zach Crowley

**Phys Ed 50km**

**Phys Ed 100km**

**Principal** Levi Pense, Charlotte

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## Communication



### **Kindy Excursion**

This Wednesday the Kindy class took off on their first excursion. For many of the children it was their first time on a bus. Our first stop was Gnomesville where the children got to see many interesting characters and left behind their own chest of treasures. Mr Cronin then drove us in the bus to The Donnybrook Apple Fun Park where we had a big play on the new equipment and had a

sausage sizzle lunch. It was lovely to have so many parents join us on this exciting day!



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### **Mother's Day Morning Tea 2022**

If you are interested in participating in the organisation of the 2022 MDMT we will be holding a meeting next Tuesday 30 November at 6.15pm in the school hall. All welcome to attend.

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**BUNBURY MEN OF SONG** Bunbury Men of Song is excited to announce the provision of up to five scholarships, for new members in 2022, to Bunbury Men of Song Boys Ensemble. The scholarships seek boys with an interest in choral singing and will provide an exceptional opportunity to improve their vocal technique and perform in a wide variety of settings, including with the BMOS men's choir.



Interested boys are invited to apply, and the successful applicants will be selected following a short interview and audition process.

If your son is keen to take this opportunity to be part of a renowned choir, please contact the Bunbury Men of Song Secretary Dr Chris Lloyd [secretary@bunburymenofsong.com.au](mailto:secretary@bunburymenofsong.com.au), for an application pack. Applications for scholarships close Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 5pm. It is proposed that the auditions will be held the week following the close of applications, and will be conducted by the Musical Director Mr Ian Mills.

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**Mr Mills is accepting 2022 applications for music lessons. Please contact him at [millsmusic@bigpond.com](mailto:millsmusic@bigpond.com) or 97972368.**

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### **Guitar Lessons 2022**

To enrol your child/children for guitar lessons in 2022, please contact Vicky Cornford on:  
Mobile: 0408902943, or  
Email: [vcornford@bigpond.com](mailto:vcornford@bigpond.com)

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### **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**

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Bunbury

**ST PATRICK'S  
FREE  
CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY  
LUNCH**

**Sunday 12th December  
12pm – 2pm**

**St Mary's School Hall  
18 Mary Street, Bunbury**

**RSVP Mon-Fri 9am – 3pm  
Bookings essential  
Call Kirsty or Irene 9721 2141**

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# Toileting

For caregivers of children 2 years +



**TWO SESSIONS  
AVAILABLE**

**Toilet training doesn't have  
to be stressful.**

**This workshop will provide  
suggestions and strategies  
to make the toilet training  
journey easier for both  
parent and child!**

**Date:** Wednesday 8 December 2021  
**Time:** 10:00am to 11:15am OR 1:00pm to 2:15pm  
**Venue:** Adam Road Primary School  
Hotchin Street, Bunbury

The workshops will be facilitated by a Department of Education Psychologist with a WA Country Health Service Nurse in attendance.

**Register via our Facebook page or by phoning 9721 6991.**



In partnership with Investing in WA Youth Inc.

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Bunbury

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