



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Thursday 19 August 2021

Vision Statement

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

Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for your amazing power and work in our lives, thank you for your goodness and for your blessings over us. Thank you that you are Able to bring hope through even the toughest of times, strengthening us for your purposes. Thank you for your great love and care. Thank you for your mercy and grace. Thank you that you are always with us and will never leave us. Thank you for your incredible sacrifice so that we might have freedom and life. Forgive us for when we don't thank you enough, for who you are, for all that you do, for all that you've given. Help us to set our eyes and our hearts on you afresh. Renew our spirits, fill us with your peace and joy. We love you and we need you, this day and every day. We give you praise and thanks, for You alone are worthy!

In Jesus' Name,

Amen.

From the Principal

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

I was asked to spend this week assisting on a panel with the review processes for a Perth school. The review is in two parts with the first on how well the

school is operating and the second more specifically on the principal's performance. The evidence from the principal's review can impact on whether or not the principal's contract is renewed. I am happy to say that there are many positive aspects to the process and I am collecting a variety of great ideas, some of which can be used at St Mary's.

P&F Feedback from the Survey on the Mother's Day Morning Tea

The Mother's Day Morning Tea has been part of St Mary's culture for more than 20 years with many able to look back with fond memories of their experiences. Money raised from the event through countless hours of hard work and incredible support from sponsors has enabled a huge array of improvements and resources to be purchased for the benefit of St Mary's students over generations.

Thank you to the 65 families who contributed to the survey. From the survey results, there was a message that dedication by groups over the years has also come at a cost with times of tension between organisers and unreasonable expectations causing stress to those helping.

From the meeting and discussion around the Mother's Day Morning Tea, it was decided that the Pre-Primary parents would not be responsible for the MDMT next year and if it does go ahead, it will be in a reduced format. There was a suggestion made that some people thrive on driving the event and it may be a mix of enthusiastic volunteers from a variety of year levels in the future. Other fundraising events such as next term's Colour Run and Musical Quiz Night are the types of events that can be run as an alternative. No doubt there will be further discussions around Mother's Day Morning Tea and it will be back on the calendar at some stage in the not too distant future.

Upgrade of the Athletics Track at Hay Park

The Athletics track at Hay Park is due its once in ten years resurface and unfortunately, the City of Bunbury do not have control of when that takes place because they rely on a particular company to carry out the work. What that means is, our Year 4-6 running, jumping and throwing events planned for 9 September will need to be postponed until the City of Bunbury will mark a running track on the rugby field for schools to use. Mrs Mel Toia has been working hard behind the scenes to keep up to date with changes to the track upgrade schedule and has been liaising with other schools and the City of Bunbury to find an appropriate date for our Carnival. We will pass on more information when we are informed.

60 Minute Challenge

Students will have the opportunity to add to their 100 Club lap totals with the 60 Minute Challenge to be held on Friday 27 August at 4.30pm. We don't have a year level scheduled to assist with this event so if you would like to volunteer to help, please email me at paul.cronin@cewa.edu.au. We have several ex-St Mary's students who have indicated they are keen to help so if you have an older student with nothing to do next Friday afternoon, let me know. The 4.30pm start will allow some students to go home and get changed. There will not be a sausage sizzle as there was last year.

Father's Day Breakfast

Father's Day RSVPs will be sent home in class baskets today with the eldest sibling from each class. Please return RSVPs by 26 August 2021. Thank you.

Catholic Day

I reminder that there is no school tomorrow.

God bless
Paul Cronin
Principal

Calendar Dates**AUGUST****Friday 20**

Catholic Day (no school for staff and students)

Monday 23

Dental Screening PP, 3, 6 1.40pm

Friday 27

General Assembly
60 Minute Challenge

SEPTEMBER**Thursday 2**

Father's Day Breakfast

Friday 3

Year 1 Assembly

Sunday 5

Father's Day

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

Student Awards**WEEK 3 Term 3**

Year 1 Leni Chapman, Elias Madi

Year 2 Niall Hamill-Harling, Molly Garbin

Year 3 Campbell Johnson, Stella Hesson

Year 4 Ryan Coulson, Milla Richardson, James Rodgers, Amber Millar

Year 5 Ayla Mighall, Jack McGee

Year 6 Stella Dean, Flynn Fazey

A.R. 50% Ryan Coulson, Mitchell Marwick, Elena Gibbs

A.R. 75% Imogen de Chanéet, Sophia Clark

A.R. 100% Mila Freiberger, Sonny Dean, Cassie Turpin

Phys Ed 50km Ellie Woolhead, Cooper Hopley, Niall Hamill- Harling, Jasmine Leigh,

WEEK 4 Term 3

Year 1 Judd Walsh, Lyla Young

Year 2 Year Two Class

Year 3 Kai Chapman, Kimberley Hastie

Year 4 Molly Toia, Mila Freiberger, Mitchell Marwick, Jesper de Chanéet

Year 5 Levi Pense, Evelyn Liaros

Year 6 Georgia Rodgers, Tyson Munday-Bowie

A.R. 50% Beth Hynes-Harvey, Angus Brown, Levi Pense

A.R. 75% Amber Millar, Flynn Fazey

A.R. 100% Stefan Cavallaro, Amelie Wright, Lachlan Scheffner

Phys Ed 50km Emilia Cross, Charlotte Cross, Sophia Clark

Principal

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James Burton, Mitchell Marwick

Communication



Library Lunchtimes

This year Sue Palumbo and I have opened the library at lunch times two days a week to allow the students to come in and enjoy the space. The library is a wonderful place to come in and relax or interact with others in a warm, casual setting. We have provided board games, puzzles, colouring activities, card games, chess sets and Lego for the students to use during lunch times. Some weeks I have conducted more formal activities like the Library Scavenger Hunt in Term 1 and the Lego Challenge in Term 2. The positive response from the students was overwhelming.

It has been a pleasure watching the students attend library lunchtimes and take ownership of the library space. Upcoming events to look forward to for Semester Two include a Book Quiz and Messages of Kindness that we will hide in various library books.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Cronin for his ongoing support and the P&F for providing funds for new books for the students to enjoy and shelving to display the fantastic new books on offer.

Nicole O'Dea



This week in Science we celebrated Science Week! With the theme this year revolving around food, we managed to have some fun using a variety of food products including marshmallows, Skittles, milk, Oreos and custard. We explored some concepts around colours, moon phases, constellations and the layers of the Earth. Here are some snapshots of what we all got up to - who would have thought learning could be so tasty!

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



Developing Good Bedtime Routines

This session explores different problems parents commonly face at bedtime and some of the reasons why they happen.

Topics covered in this discussion group are:

- Skills children need to get into a good bedtime routine
- Strategies to help prevent bedtime battles
- Encouraging children to stay in their own bed

All approaches are evidence-based and parents choose which approach suits them best.

For parents and carers of children aged 2 to 8 years.



Date: Tuesday 24th August 2021

Time: 12.30pm to 2.30pm

Venue: Child and Parent Centre Carey Park, Ecclestone Street (on-site at Carey Park Primary School)

Cost: Free creche and afternoon tea included

Please register on 9721 6991 or email careypark@investinginouryouth.com.au

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