



St Mary's Newsletter

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Thursday 7 February 2019 Week 1 Term 1

We want our children to be:
CARING, BELIEVERS, OPEN, SECURE, WELL BALANCED, GENEROUS, CREATIVE

Dates to Remember

Friday 8 February @ 8.50am

Wednesday 13 February

Friday 15 February @ 5.30-6.30pm

Friday 15 February @ 6.30pm

Sunday 17 February @ 10am

Sunday 24 February

Wednesday 27 February @ 5.30pm

Wednesday 27 February @ 6pm

Thursday 28 February @ 2.40pm

Friday 1 March

Monday 4 March

Welcome Mass whole school (Years 1-6)

Class Meetings (Kindy – Year 6)

AGM

Movie Welcome Night

Sacrament Commitment Mass for those students in Years 3,4 and 6 who are doing a sacrament this year
Installation of Father Joseph (new parish priest)

Confirmation Meeting

School Board Meeting

Prayer Service (PrePrimary, Year 1,2 and 3)

PUPIL FREE DAY – No school for students

Public Holiday (Labour Day)

The Uniform Shop is open on
Thursday mornings between 8.30am and 10.30am 😊



MASS TIMES

Saturday 9 February Donnybrook @ 6pm

Sunday 10 February Donnybrook @ 10am

Saturday 16 February Donnybrook @ 6pm

Sunday 17 February Donnybrook @ 10am

Forgiveness is unlocking
the door to set someone
free and realizing you
were the prisoner

unknown

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome back to St Mary's for an exciting year of learning. The staff are very excited to be working closely with students and families again this year. We will be launching our whole school maths program, PRIME, in 2019 and have lots of wonderful events also to build the values, knowledge and sense of belonging of all our community members.

This year we kick off our million words reading challenge - information will be sent home next week at the class meetings. This is a wonderful initiative to support your child's literacy development.

Next week we will be holding our AGM for 2018 - parents are encouraged to attend. The AGM will be held in the multipurpose room from 5.30-6.30pm on Friday 15 Feb. Nomination forms for board and P & F executive members have been emailed out to all parents. We have three board positions and two P & F executive positions. If we do not fill the P & F executive roles, we cannot constitutionally run a P & F for 2019 - this will have a direct effect on events in the school. P & F meetings are for 30 minutes 2 times a term and then some event planning - please consider joining the P & F 😊

Our family outdoor movie night is a free event on the bottom school oval near the nature playground. Purchases of food can be made prior to the event through the orange order forms that went out at the beginning of the week and are also available from the office. Alternatively you can bring your own refreshments. The movie commences on the lower playground area at 7pm - everyone is welcome.

Parents are encouraged to use the staff toilets (between the staffroom and office) on the evening. As part of our ongoing communication with parents we provide many opportunities to parents/carers to be informed about the academic and social progress of students as well as the structures that exist in the school. Each year parents have 2 formal meetings with teachers to discuss their individual child's progress. We also hold a class meeting at the start of school year to introduce the teacher and outline the expectations, curriculum and events in each classroom. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend these meetings as each year information may vary. The class meetings are on Wed 13 Feb in each classroom at the following times:

2.50 Kindy
3.10 PP
3.30 Year 1/2
3.50 Year 3
4.10 Year 4
4.30 Year 5
4.50 Year 6

Please feel free to also make appointments with the classroom teachers throughout the year to discuss your child's academic and social progress. All meetings are recorded on our SEQTA system so we can track communication, any issues and also follow actions. Staff can also be contacted via email to discuss matters and notify of absences. Absentee emails must include the child's name, reason for absence, your full name and the date of the absence. Classroom email addresses are as follows:

Annie.hutton@cewa.edu.au

Nina.fiumano@cewa.edu.au

Jackie.dorozenko@cewa.edu.au

Luke.skehan@cewa.edu.au

Eileen.thomson@cewa.edu.au

Emma.reynolds@cewa.edu.au

Leah.pitts@cewa.edu.au

Nicola.cross@cewa.edu.au

Please cc admin@stmarysdbk.wa.edu.au for any absentee emails. SMS are sent out throughout the year to clarify attendance issues as well as reminders for events. Please ensure that your email and mobile phone contacts are up to date at the office.

Parent Classroom representatives are a vital part of our school – they help to coordinate P & F events, parent help and provide communication among parents. In this role you are not expected to do all the work but help organise rosters for your class. For example, if Year 2 is in charge of the meal deal, you will contact parents and organise a roster for making and serving the meal deal. This role can be filled for a term, a semester or the whole year by an individual.

So far we have parent representatives for:

Kindy	Term 1	Antoniette Conner
Year 1/2	Term 1	Josie Dimasi
Year3	Term 1	Jo Swarbrick

We welcome Father Joseph Sousa this year to our school and parish. Please join us at our welcome mass at 8.50am Friday 8 Feb in the church. Students from Years 1-6 will be in attendance.

Our St Mary's values we are focusing on this term are forgiveness and courage - we aim to promote these in and outside of the classroom. Children in Years 1-6 will earn tokens for the Sport conduct shield for displaying these values in the classroom and playground.

God Bless

Annette Quirk

P&F News

Welcome back to School for 2019

FREE movie night 7pm Friday 15th February on the bottom oval near nature playground

All welcome

-Food order Forms are to be returned by Tues 12th for catering purposes

-food orders pickup starts from 6:30pm on the basketball court

-Payment on the night

-Collect what you put on the order form

-lollies and popcorn available on the night

-All profits going to youth parish

-BYO picnics welcome

God Bless, St Mary's P&F Committee

Book Club

Catalogues for Book Club go home with all students this week. Book Club is an ongoing school fundraiser where 20% of every order goes back to our school to earn free library books and learning resources. If you wish to order, payment and orders are due back to the school office by Thursday 14 February.

All orders placed using the LOOP app will receive a free 'All About Me' Journal when you spend \$10 or more in this issue.

