



St Mary's Newsletter

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Thursday 3 May 2018 Week 1 Term 2

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

Dates to Remember

Wednesday 9 May @ 1.30-2.40pm	Kindy/Pre-Primary Mother's Day afternoon in classroom
Friday 11 May @ 9am	Mother's Day Mass in the church
Friday 11 May @ 10am-1pm	P&F Mother's Day 'High Tea'
Thursday 17 May @ 2.15pm	Oral Language Presentations Pre-Primary, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3
Friday 18 May	Free Dress Day – Bishop's Casuals for a Cause
Tuesday 22 May @ 5.30pm	Confirmation Meeting students/parents
Friday 25 May @ 8.50am	Year 6 Assembly
Friday 25 May @ 2.50pm	Mary Help of Christians (Year 6)
Wednesday 30 May	School Photo Day
Friday 1 May	Winter Carnival (Years 4-6)

The Uniform Shop is open on
Thursday afternoons between 1pm and 3:30pm☺
Term 2 is Winter Uniform



MASS TIMES

Saturday 5 May

Kirup @ 6pm

(From 1 June

Sunday 6 May

Donnybrook @ 8.30am

Altar Servers: Joshua, Christopher and Jade

Capel @ 10.00am

clothe yourself
with COMPASSION,
kindness,
humility,
gentleness, and
patience.
colossians 3:12b

Book Club

The latest catalogue has been sent home and orders are due back by **Thursday 10 May**.
If you aren't already using LOOP, why not give it a try this year. Instead of returning a paper order form, you can download the LOOP app, register each child's name and class then order and pay online. BONUS - when ordering from consecutive issues through LOOP you could be eligible for free bonus books ☺

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Learning

This week the children in Years 3-6 will be participating in drama workshops run by the Bunbury Catholic College students and staff who are part of the Beauty and the Beast production. This is a great opportunity to learn new skills and to explore their acting skills.

It has been great to see the children settle in beautifully into Term 2. A number of classes are focusing on subtraction strategies this term and it is great to hear the buzz of our mathematicians. The Year 4 students couldn't wait to tell me about the interesting maths they have been doing and the new strategies they are learning. The Year 3 students have also been tackling some big sums and working on their mathematical computations.

Engagement

Congratulations to the students who marched in the ANZAC town service on Wednesday 25 April. Thank you so much for taking the time out of your holidays to do a wonderful job of representing the school at this community event.

Accountability

Just a friendly reminder that the newsletter will now be sent out every fortnight.

Girls Uniform:

- Winter:* Navy school skirt with shorts or girl's trousers
Vic blue shirt with school emblem
Black lace-up shoes with school socks or navy tights
School jumper
- Sports:* Red polo shirt with school emblem
Royal blue rugby shorts
Royal blue jacket and pants
Joggers and school socks

Boys Uniform:

- Winter:* Navy trousers
Vic blue shirt with school emblem
Black lace-up shoes with school socks
School jumper
- Sports:* Red polo shirt with school emblem
Royal blue rugby shorts
Royal blue jacket and pants
Joggers and school socks

Sports uniform is to be worn on their allocated sports day. Notice will be given when faction shirts are to be worn by students.

Grooming

Hair should always be neat and tidy and should not reflect the extremes of current fashion either in style of cut or colour. If below collar length it must be tied back. No jewellery may be worn other than a functional watch. Chains with religious medallions or crucifixes need to be worn inside clothing. Hair accessories are to be restricted to red, blue, white or black. Nails are to be clipped and free of nail polish.

Discipleship

Our St Mary's values we are focusing on this term are 'Compassion' and 'Respect'. We aim to promote these values in all our interactions in the classroom and the playground. Children can earn tokens for displaying these values and the tokens go toward the Conduct shield award at the Athletics Carnival.

Next week we celebrate the wonderful mums in our lives by celebrating mass on Friday 11 May at 9am in the Church. We invite all mums, grandmothers, nanas, nonnas and carers to join us for this special mass which has been organised by Year 4.

The P & F have done an amazing job of organising a High Tea at 10am on Friday 11 May - so don't forget to get your tickets (\$25 each) and enjoy a relaxing morning of good food, laughter and entertainment. Please note the change of time to 9am for the Mother's Day Mass.

God Bless
Annette Quirk

P&F News

P&F Mother's Day 'High Tea' on Friday 11 May 2018
at the Donnybrook Memorial Hall

Ticket price: \$25 (available through the school office)
Tickets are selling fast. Reserve yours ASAP before they
sell out!!

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers
living for the 'High Tea'.

Just a reminder to please bring all slices/muffins/choc
balls & biscuits to the library kitchen on Thursday
afternoon so that we can take them to the hall & have
them ready to go for Friday morning. Thank you 😊

God Bless,
St Mary's P&F

Nature of Love

Love, in its truest form and noblest state, has the potency to transform us, to change us and elevating us to achieve our highest human potential. But for this kind of love to be achieved, one must realize that love is never co-dependent on the person we claim to love. Quite too often when love seems to mutate into what we call a paralyzing co-dependence, it becomes calcified and rigid that the relationship becomes brittle and therefore very vulnerable to breakage. If the relationship becomes too rigid because of co-dependence, there is little or no possibility for personal growth which runs contradictory to the nature of love. Love is life-giving, it does not suffocate. In the togetherness of a couple, the individuality is never swallowed up because when the individuality is sacrificed it is no longer love. The philosopher Martin Heidegger aptly remarked, "Why is love rich beyond all other possible human experiences and a sweet burden to those seized in its grasp? Because we become what we love and yet remain ourselves." Togetherness does not mean diminishing the integrity of individuality. Intimacy does not mean sacrificing individuality.

True love promotes self-growth and self-growth means that our identity is not overshadowed nor dominated by the other person. Once this dominance and overshadowing happens, there is stifling of growth and therefore it is not love in the real sense of the word. The nature of love is for us to reach our highest potential, that is why God gave us free will, so we can forge our own destiny. Controlling the other person, wishing them to be more like ourselves is not to love them at all. There can be no real love if we are lacking in respect and respect demands that we do not control the person we claim to love. We can only influence them but never control them. Any relationship will never survive nor thrive if one wishes to be in control. Control is never in the vocabulary of love. As soon as control enters the door, love escapes through the window in great haste.

The Lebanese poet, Khalil Gibran gives us an excellent imagery of what true love is. He wrote in his book, *The Prophet* the following words:

"Let there be spaces in your togetherness, And let the winds of the heavens dance between you.

Love one another but make not a bond of love:

Let it rather be a moving sea between the shores of your souls.

Fill each other's cup but drink not from one cup.

Give one another of your bread but eat not from the same loaf.

Sing and dance together and be joyous, but let each one of you be alone, even as the strings of a lute are alone though they quiver with the same music.

Give your hearts, but not into each other's keeping.

For only the hand of Life can contain your hearts.

And stand together, yet not too near together:

For the pillars of the temple stand apart, And the oak tree and the cypress grow not in each other's shadow."

Love does not suffocate nor it stifles growth, rather it gives us freedom to be who we want to be, gives us every chance to grow and reach our full potential.

by Father Gerald

2018

Dear Parents,

I would like to offer to you the possibility of baptising your child/ren into the Catholic faith. This is to ensure that they receive the other sacraments and be part of the faith journey of their catholic friends and classmates. Your child/ren can be baptised during a ceremony in the school grounds with the rest of the school community as witnesses to this event. Please contact the Principal, Annette Quirk, or myself on 97311118 if you are interested.

Praying that your stay in St. Mary's school will continue to be fruitful not only in the intellectual side of things but also spiritually. God bless you all.

Respectfully Yours,

Fr. Gerald Tan

Parish Priest (Assumption of our Lady Parish)

YEAR ONE



Exploring our new outdoor play areas during investigations

