

# St Mary's Newsletter

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Thursday 17 May 2018 Week 3 Term 2

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

## Dates to Remember

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 (gold coin donation)

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

Sunday 27 May @ 6pm – 8pm

Youth Mass

Wednesday 30 May

School Photo Day (full winter school uniform)

Friday 1 June

Winter Carnival (Years 4-6)

Monday 4 June

Public Holiday

Tuesday 5 June

Catholic Day (Pupil Free Day)

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



### MASS TIMES

Saturday 19 May

Kirup @ 6pm

(as of 1 June till end of August there will be no Mass in Kirup)

Sunday 20 May

Donnybrook @ 10.00am

Altar Servers: Lucy, Sophie and Claire

Capel @ 8.00am

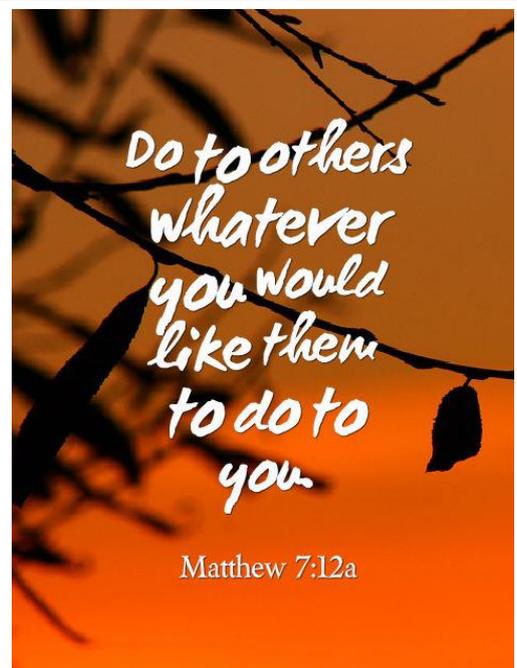
Sunday 27 May

Donnybrook @ 10am

Altar Servers: Jackson and Sebastian

Youth Mass Sunday 27 May

6-8pm



Dear Parents/Caregivers

### Learning

Congratulations to the Year 5 students who have made it to the next round of the 'write4fun' writing competition. Over 10,000 students submitted entries and the top 10% have moved through to the next round. 10 students from Year 5 have made it through - we wish them all the best.

Welcome to Tom & Millie who have settled in beautifully at St Mary's - it is lovely to have you as part of our community.

Congratulations to our Year 6 students who received a 'highly commended' for their scrap art work submission in the regional scrap battle recycled art competition. The children received \$140 which will go towards camp and a highly commended certificate. The wonderful Donnybrook town model they created is on display in the office.

### Engagement

Don't forget to check out our fabulous new additions to our playground. We have a wonderful new dragonfly seat in the nature playground - which was created by the talented men at the local Men's shed. We also have some new dinotopia places in the garden outside the Year 1 to Year 3 buildings. This is a great place for children to be innovative and creative. A big thank you to Mrs Clynick for her amazing creative flair.

Congratulations to the fabulous P & F for another successful High Tea on Friday. What a great way for the community to celebrate the joy of mothers.

### Accountability

School fees have now been sent out. If you are having difficulty making payments, please make an appointment to see me as soon as possible. School fees are an important source of revenue for the school.

Please update the office with any new contact information e.g. mobile numbers or email addresses. It is important that the school has a good line of communication with parents/caregivers.

### Discipleship

Tomorrow all students can wear free dress for a gold coin donation for Bishop's 'Casual for Catholic care' annual fundraiser. The beneficiaries of this fundraiser are the Apostleship of the Sea (AOS) which is the branch of the Catholic church which offers hospitality and pastoral care to the People of the Sea. Please support this worthwhile cause by sending in a gold coin.

God Bless

Annette Quirk

### Shredded Paper

We have lots of shredded paper to give away. Please contact the office if you would like some.



## NEEDED!!!

Empty 4 Litre ice-cream containers  
needed by week 8 for Science.

Please drop these in to the office.

Many thanks 😊



# P&F News

A BIG thankyou to all the helpers, and parents that baked  
- empty containers are in the library kitchen.

\$3778 was raised for the Nature Playground Project ☺

Well done to all the children doing NAPLAN Testing.

Morning Tea Meal Deal coming up week 9 on Wednesday 27th June.

God Bless,  
St Mary's P & F





## Facing Life

Life can be intimidating to say the least. At most it can be menacing and threatening and can sometimes play the cruellest joke on someone like meeting a person we fell in love with, only to be swiftly taken away by the embrace of death or madly falling in love with someone but the love remains unrequited. On some tender occasions, life can be sweet and full of joy but episodes like these are but interludes or breadcrumbs falling from the table of the gods. Yet despite the many facets that life presents itself to us, in tragedy and in comic situations, life must be faced with grace and with courage for unless life is faced with courage and grace, life will continue to scare the wits out of us.

The best way to face life is by taking everything in stride, that is, we move forward with courage and grace particularly when life presents itself as intimidating. And on other occasions, we simply give thanks. Being grateful for everything that life throws at us is the best way to relish life and enjoy it. Even in the most painful events in our life, we could still be grateful because those painful moments are meant to make us better persons and educate us. They are moments and opportunities for growth and gaining wisdom. There are many ways that people face life. Some are commendable, worthy of respect and emulation while others face life with contempt, cynicism, with utter negativity that life doesn't seem to cause any joy in their lives. Theodore Roosevelt once remarked, "The poorest way to face life is to face it with a sneer. There are many men who feel a kind of twister pride in cynicism; there are many who confine themselves to criticism of the way others do what they themselves dare not even attempt."

Life is good despite the struggles and intermittent sufferings we all experience. The only evil in this world is our refusal to grow because we are depriving the world of the highest potential for goodness that we may yet contribute. Live spelt backwards will give you evil. To live is to move forward, to produce something worthwhile and worthy whereas evil is regression. To face life therefore is to stare eyes at its eyes and saying that we will move forward, that we will contribute something to the betterment of this world.

Father Gerald Tan  
May 2018

## New Youth Mass Dates



**PLEASE NOTE:** There have been changes to Mass times over the winter months. Could you kindly write these new dates for Youth Mass on your calendar.

**Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Saturday June 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Saturday July 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Saturday August 25<sup>th</sup>**

All families are most welcome. Mass begins at 6pm followed by dinner in the Parish centre. If your child/ family would like to be on the roster for altar serving, commentary, reading, offertory or collection please contact Cathy 0419-527-231

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)