



St Mary's Newsletter

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Thursday 8 March 2018 Week 6 Term 1

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

Dates to Remember

Friday 9 March @ 9:15am	Year 6 Oral Language Presentation
Friday 9 March	First Eucharist Retreat
Sunday 11 March @ 10am	First Eucharist
Monday 12 – 23 March	SWIMMING
Tuesday 13 March @ 8.50am	P&F Meeting
Thursday 15 March @ 1pm	BCC Information Meeting for Year 6's
Thursday 22 March @ 8.30-8.50am	Bendigo Student Banking
Friday 23 March	P&F Meal Deal
Tuesday 27 March	Easter Bonnet Parade and Raffle Draw
Wednesday 28 March @ 5.30pm	Parent/Student Reconciliation Meeting
Thursday 29 March @ 1pm	Stations of the Cross

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



MASS TIMES

Saturday 10 March
Kirup @ 6pm

Sunday 11 March
Donnybrook @ 10.00am

Altar Server: Joshua, Christopher and Dylan
Capel @ 8.00am
Donnybrook @ 6pm

HOLY WEEK

Tues 27 March @ 11am **Chrism Mass** @ Cathedral
Wed 28 March @ 7pm **Reconciliation** @ St Mary's
Holy Thursday 29 March @ 7pm **Last Supper** @ St Mary's
Good Friday 30 March Capel @ 10am & Donnybrook @ 3pm
followed by **Stations of the Cross** after 9pm Mass
Easter Vigil 31 March @ 6.30pm – Donnybrook
Easter Sunday 1 April @ 8.30am Donnybrook & Capel 10am
NO 6pm Mass Easter Sunday



Dear Parents/Caregivers

Learning

Over the last few weeks during the times I have visited the classrooms I have been really impressed with the learning focus in each year level. It is wonderful to walk into classrooms and have lots of enthusiastic students eager to share with me all the information about what they have been learning. It is great to see the children engaged in learning using a variety of resources, whether it is guided reading books to work on reading fluency and comprehension, unifix cubes to explore number, counters to explore collections in mathematics or using the tv's to demonstrate measurement activities. A lot of planning goes into each lesson and it is wonderful to see such varied learning opportunities for the students to engage in the process.

Engagement

Next week we start swimming lessons! Please ensure that your child's clothing is clearly labelled so we can reduce the number of missing and unclaimed items. Students will be bussed to and from the swimming pool. Students may wear their sports uniform or their new faction shirts (which will hopefully be arriving tomorrow) for the two weeks of swimming. Children may wear thongs to the pool but must bring appropriate shoes eg joggers to wear during school time.

Don't forget to start designing and making your Easter bonnet hat - we will hold our Easter bonnet parade on March 27 followed by the Easter egg raffle. We can't wait to see what creations you all come up with.

Accountability

Please ensure your child is following the school uniform rules - students are able to wear coloured joggers as part of their sport day but must wear the school socks - coloured socks are not allowed. Please ensure that your child is in the correct footwear on normal school uniform days too - black shoes no skate shoes. Thank you for supporting the students to wear their school uniform with pride.

Discipleship

Each year we support the worthwhile work of Caritas by collecting money in caritas boxes as well as holding an Easter egg raffle. Each family is asked to donate an egg for our raffle. Please send these into the school office as soon as possible. Easter Egg raffle tickets will be sold at recess and lunch time in Weeks 8 and 9 for 50 cents per ticket. Please send in money to purchase some tickets. The Year 6 students will visit the Kindy/PrePrimary room to ensure the students can buy tickets in the raffle. The Easter Egg raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 27 March after the Easter Bonnet parade.

God Bless

Annette Quirk

P&F News

- P&F meeting this Tuesday at 8.50am in the staffroom
- SAVE THE DATE Mother's Day HIGH TEA Friday 11 May 10am – 1.00pm to be held at Donnybrook Memorial Hall \$25 per ticket
 - P&F Meal Deal



Registration is open for the 2018
Blackwood United CCJSA Winter
Competition.

Register your child now at
www.myfootballclub.com.au

As a family-friendly, participation and skills-based club, we welcome new and returning players and parents with an interest in volunteering some time to help support their children and the club.

Training Thursday 4.30-5.45pm
Balingup Oval

Please register no later than Monday 26th March to secure your child's place in a team. Team nominations are required by CCJSA (governing organisation) by the end of March.

Enquiries to Sharon Gardner
0417 902 096 or
dnerfamilybalingup@gmail.com



Boyanup Junior Hockey

Club are seeking players K to Y12 for the upcoming season which commences after the April school holidays.

All games are played at the Bunbury Hockey Stadium, for K to Y8 games are played Saturday mornings and Y9 to Y12 Wednesday evenings. Training is held at the Bunbury Hockey Stadium for Y3 to Y8 every Tuesday. Y9 to Y12 train with the seniors.

If you would like any further information, please feel free to contact Steve Green on 0408 923 905 or Marty McCaughan on 0448 866 965.

You can also contact us via
boyanupjuniors@hotmail.com

Student Drop Off and Pick Up

If using the Drop Off/Pick Up around the church, parents please do not use this as a parking area. Students need to independently walk into the school.

If using the back, car park, via Owen and Ecclestone Street, parents must park and walk their children into the school and collect them from their classroom.

Easter Bonnet Parade

The annual Easter Bonnet Parade will be held first thing in the morning of Tuesday 27 March. All students are encouraged to create an Easter hat/bonnet for the parade around the basketball court. The Easter Bonnet Parade will be followed by the drawing of the Easter Raffle prizes. Please bring in an Easter egg on behalf of each family to make up the prizes.



Moments – by Father Gerald

As we slowly edge towards the twilight of our life we like to dwell on the many moments that have happened in our life. We like to walk on memory lane, to look back at where we had started, the journey we took to reach where we are at the present time. And as we look back we cannot help but be amazed and awed at those great moments that truly defined who we are, that shaped us to be the person that we are, those moments that brought out the best and the worst in us, that brought us to the pinnacle of happiness and the valley of despair. The passing of time and seasons, of weeks and months, indeed of each day are woven together to produce those wonderful and interesting moments in our life. Without those moments, life would be exceedingly dull and tortuously boring. We live for those moments. As Charles Bukowski wrote, “some moments are nice, some are nicer, some are even worth writing about.” And we write that we may not forget, that we may capture albeit, quite poorly those wonderful moments.

Remember that moment when we first fall in love? We were so naive, so young, very much confused so as to understand that strange feeling of falling in love. There was a feeling of restlessness, of unspeakable joy and fear, of great confusion, of intense beating of the heart. After that moment of falling in love we are never the same person again. And that first kiss! The first time we are kissed other than our mother. It beautifully haunts us in our dream and bring a smile on our lips. To know that we are loved by someone other than our parents! And that painful moment when we suffered our first heartbreak, when our world seem crashing down on us and plunges us into the depths of despair. When we thought that our world has ended only to realise that life has many pleasant surprises in its sleeves. How those moments of joy and sorrow, of bliss and despair paints a kaleidoscope of experiences that mould us into the person that we are.

There are moments that are simply breathtaking that it would seem our hearts will explode with sheer delight. That moment when you declared your love for your partner for everyone to hear, that moment when for the first time you heard the cry of your first born child, that moment when you hear your child speak for the first time, that moment when you give your child away in marriage, that moment when you held your first grandchild, among many other moments. Of course there were also some moments that scarred you to the core of your being, that brought you into the precipice of despair, that moment when you are screaming in pain but those moments were as important part as those moments when we are basking in the joy of summer. In fact, our greatest lessons and epiphanies almost always happen in the depths of winter, when our hearts are watered with the tears that flow freely. How those moments reveal the strength we thought we never had.

Each of us had our many wonderful moments. Apart from my ordination into the ministry of priesthood, my greatest moments would be forging deeper relationships with different sets of people I had the privilege of meeting in the different chapters of my life. My life has been enriched and has been impacted deeply by my encounters with these people. Some of these encounters had profoundly scarred my heart and brought so much tears in my eyes. A few even broke my heart. But I came out learning so much lessons for which I am truly thankful. But many of my encounters from others had brought so much consolation in my heart and some have developed into solid friendships for which I am truly grateful and thankful. In my encounter with people I happen to chance on few rare souls who live in freedom that their light pierce through my soul and I always felt good to be near them. And I wish that you will also find along your journey that person who will pierce your soul with light that you feel good about yourself. That would be a great moment when you met such a person.