



St Mary's Newsletter

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Thursday 15 March 2018 Week 7 Term 1

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

Dates to Remember

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 @8.50am	Easter Bonnet Parade and Raffle Draw
Wednesday 28 March @ 5.30pm	Parent/Student Reconciliation Meeting
Thursday 29 March @ 1pm	Stations of the Cross
Friday 30 March	Good Friday
Monday 2 April	Easter Monday (no school)
Tuesday 3 April	Easter Tuesday (no school)
Thursday 5 April @ 8.30 – 8.50am	Bendigo Student Banking

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



MASS TIMES

Saturday 17 March
Kirup @ 6pm

Sunday 18 March
Donnybrook @ 10.00am
Altar Server: **Lucy, Nikita and Claire**
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

I CAN DO
all things
THROUGH CHRIST
who strengthens me

philippians 4:13

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Learning

It is great to see so many parents attending our three-way interviews. This is a great way to talk about the programs we are running at St Mary's. 'Letters and sounds' is our synthetic phonics program that we run across in the school. Upper Years are trialling another spelling program for students who have completed 'Letters and Sounds'. The 'Letters and Sounds' program targets the development of oral language, reading, spelling and written expression. Research shows it contributes to significant improvements in whole school literacy outcomes. At St Mary's we research our programs of instruction before implementing whole school approaches as we want our students to have the best opportunities for learning.

Technology is a great way to support learning in the classroom - it has been wonderful to see students engaging with technology to help them develop their literacy and numeracy skills. Athletics is a wonderful program which provides targeted and adaptive curriculum to all students in the area of mathematics - enabling them to work independently using the Australian mathematics curriculum to develop skills in all maths areas. We encourage students to refine and consolidate their maths skills set by regularly using this program.

Engagement

The students are doing an amazing job of building up their swimming skills - today when I visited the pool I was really impressed by not only their skill level but also the wonderful way they were representing St Mary's by using their manners and really having a go at all the tasks. Well done to everyone!

Easter Bonnet Parade on Tuesday 27 March at 8.50am followed by the Easter Egg Raffle draw. Please join us on the basketball court and in the multipurpose room.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our survey - the survey line is now closed and we will feedback our data to you once it has been collated.

Accountability

Faction shirts have been sent out to families who have ordered and paid for their shirts. Faction shirts can be worn during swimming weeks (weeks 7 & 8). We will notify you through the newsletter and through SMS of the other times faction shirts can be worn. Regular red sports shirt is to be worn on normal sport days.

A big thank you to Mrs Giudici and Mrs Humphries for their organisation in getting these shirts out and to the P & F for supporting this initiative.

Discipleship

Congratulations to Natalia, Skye, Jackson, Sebastian, Poppy, Andre, Joseph, Millie & Claire who celebrated their First Holy Communion on Sunday. Our school community continues to hold you all in our prayers as you continue on your faith journey. Thank you to Mrs Thomson, Father Gerald, staff, parents and the parish for all the wonderful support and preparation of these students.

Please don't forget to bring in your Easter egg for the Easter raffle - we only have about 6 eggs so far! Tickets will go on sale next week - 50 cents per ticket. Year 6 students will be selling the raffle tickets during recess/lunch and will visit the Kindy/PP class to sell tickets also.

Thank you to those people who are already starting to return their Caritas boxes - even the smallest amount can make a huge difference to people across the world. In many third world countries people live on less than \$2 per day. By us missing out on a chocolate bar or a cup of coffee and instead donating this money to caritas we can help people be upskilled and gain lifelong employment and the opportunity to provide for their families.

God Bless

Annette Quirk

P&F News

- P&F Meal Deal Friday 23rd March
- SAVE THE DATE Mother's Day HIGH TEA Friday 11 May 10am – 1.00pm to be held at Donnybrook Memorial Hall \$25 per ticket



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

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.



Bunbury Catholic College is a co-educational school of approximately 1 400 students in Years 7 to 12 on two campuses. BCC offers a caring community environment that promotes the education of the whole person: the spiritual, academic, physical and cultural dimensions of each child.

Marist Campus (Bunbury)
Mercy Campus (Australind)

YEAR 7 2019
ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS,
INDIGENOUS AND P&F BURSARIES

Make the most of these opportunities for current
Year 6 students. It is free to apply for the
Scholarships and Bursaries.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

The scholarship covers basic tuition fees and it is renewable
each year up to the 3rd year of secondary school,
subject to continued academic excellence.

Exam: 9.00am Saturday 19 May 2018.

Venue: Bunbury Catholic College
Rodsted Street BUNBURY

INDIGENOUS BURSARIES

PARENTS & FRIENDS' BURSARIES

Applications close on Friday 6 April 2018

For further information and an application form

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