



St Mary's Newsletter

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Thursday 28 June 2018 Week 9 Term 2

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

Dates to Remember

Friday 29 June	Last day of Term 2
Saturday 30 June @ 6pm-8pm	Youth Mass
Monday 16 July	Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 17 July	First Day of Term 3 for Students
Friday 20 July @ 9.30am	NAIDOC Liturgy
Tuesday 24 July @ 8.50am	P&F Meeting
Friday 27 July @ 1pm – 3pm	Run4Fun Obstacle Course
Saturday 28 July @ 6pm - 8pm	Youth Mass

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

MASS TIMES



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

Donnybrook (no 6pm Sunday night mass until further notice, but Saturday night Mass at 6pm)

Saturday 30 June Youth Mass

Donnybrook @ 6pm-8pm

Sunday 1 July Donnybrook @ 8.30am

Saturday 7 July Donnybrook @ 6pm

Sunday 15 July Donnybrook @ 10am

Altar Servers: Dylan and Jai

Be kind and
compassionate
to one another,
forgiving each
other, just as in
Christ God
forgave you.

Ephesians 4:32

UNIFORM SHOP

SALE

Size 14 and 16 only **Blue Tracksuit pants \$5 each**

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Learning

This week your child's Semester 1 report came home. Congratulations to all the students on their wonderful achievements over the semester - the reports are not only a great way to celebrate your child's wonderful academic achievements, but it also enables you to discuss with your child what areas they need to apply themselves in during the second semester.

We welcome four new students - Caitlin, Amy, Mackenzie and Riley. It's great to have you join our wonderful school community.

Engagement

P & F 'Run4Fun' fundraiser looks like being a fantastic fun event for the students - please endeavour to support this event by raising as much as you can for our school, so we can develop our nature playground further. So far the Year 1 class are our biggest fundraisers with \$310 raised so far, followed closely by Year 3 raising \$300 so far.

The Term calendar was sent home with the students reports (a copy of which is also attached). There are a number of fun and exciting activities planned across the school for next term and great opportunities for parents to be involved in helping at a range of events. We look forward to working with you to make Term 3 an exciting and engaging term of education and fun.

Accountability

Term 3 is still winter uniform. Please ensure your child is dressed in the correct uniform for the start of the term. The uniform is a key way to show pride in ourselves and our school - we ask that students come to school in clean uniforms.

In Term 3 there will be a number of opportunities for your child to wear their faction shirt. During NAIDOC week (Week 1 Term 3) your child can wear their faction shirt on their sport day. At the Athletics Carnival (Friday 7 September) and on Jumps/Cross Country Day (Wednesday 5 September) your child is required to wear their Faction shirts - no red school sport shirts on this day. On our Feast Day Wednesday 15 August your child can wear their sport uniform with their Faction shirt. We will send out SMS reminders the day before these events to remind you of the appropriate attire.

Discipleship

Congratulations to the Year 6 students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on the weekend. Thank you to Father Tony, Father Gerald, Mrs Cross, Year 6 students and staff for supporting the students as they prepared for this sacrament.

Starting next term, we will be offering our students each term an opportunity to celebrate Reconciliation. Reconciliation is a sacrament of restoration - an opportunity to reconnect with God and rebuild a loving relationship.

Wishing you all a safe and relaxing holiday - we look forward to seeing you all back for Term 3 on TUESDAY 17 July.

God Bless
Annette Quirk

P&F News

- Save the date: Obstacle Run4Fun Friday 27th July
- RUN4FUN OBSTACLE COURSE** - We're excited to participate in the School Run4Fun Fundraiser. The focus will be having fun on an obstacle course with the added benefit of raising funds for our school.
- God Bless, St Mary's P & F

The Deformed Mug

My friend bought several decent size mugs but the mugs had some deformities in them. They are not evenly shaped and the rim is not perfectly round but I liked them because they are far from perfect. The deformities somehow add "character" to the mug. It also reminds me of my own imperfection and flaws.

Perfection is an illusion, a mirage, something we can never achieve as human beings. Perfection belongs to God and God alone. But aren't we commanded by Jesus to be perfect just like the Heavenly Father is perfect? Yes that is true but the perfection that Jesus asks of us means to be the best of what we can be, to be a well-rounded person, to grow in maturity, to strive for excellence and not succumb to mediocrity as we are often tempted to do. The perfection that Jesus asks of us is to keep on improving ourselves as we live our lives.

There are some people who pride themselves to being perfectionist, that is, they want things to be done perfectly but oftentimes these kind of people are a great pain in the neck and drive others crazy. Some people want to have a perfect body, a perfect selfie, a perfect wedding, a perfect image in society. They must appear impeccable and beyond reproach. But in striving for these kind of perfections, people may have unwittingly commit the biggest imperfection of all and that is trying too hard to impress others at the cost of relationships and great stress to themselves. Indeed no one can be perfect in the truest sense of the word because perfection belongs to God alone.

It takes genuine courage and humility to be comfortable with our own imperfections and flaws. By imperfection I don't mean the nasty attitudes that cause great harm and hurt to people. The nastiness, the rough edges in our character should be addressed and eliminated if we were to have deeper relationships with others. Being comfortable with our imperfections and flaws is we accept our "deformity". If we don't have a perfect body so be it. If we don't have a perfect set of teeth so be it. If we were not as handsome and as pretty as the Hollywood celebrities as we hoped to be so what? Even minor character flaws such as being fussy about certain things or being too organised or being blunt and direct in speaking with others can be endearing traits for those who are our friends. Don't be insecure because we are less perfect than others. Don't be anxious that we are not perfect. The moment we reach perfection is the moment we die because there is nothing to strive for. Our imperfection is what gives us the motivation to be alive and that there is something to work for. But as for the physical appearance, let us not stress out too much. White hairs, wrinkles, sagging muscles, are all part of the process of ageing. Strive rather to improve our character, our attitude, they are the more important issues that need to be addressed.



Father Gerald Tan
June 2018

New Youth Mass Dates



Saturday June 30th

Saturday July 28th

Saturday August 25th

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)

The Astronomical Society of the South West

(Inc) will be holding special Mars Astronomy Nights for the public at their Observatory, Keble Heights, College Grove, Bunbury. The Observatory will be open on Friday 13th, Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th of July each night from 7.00pm to 10.00pm, weather permitting.

Mars will be appearing 5 times brighter than we normally see it in our night-sky as it has its closest approach to Earth since 2003 and this rare opportunity won't happen again for another 30 years. There will also be other planets and many other night sky objects to be seen.

Cost: Adults - \$12.00; Children - \$8.00; Family - \$35.00. Further Information, Phone: Cameron on 9795 8204