

St Mary's School

21 February 2020



NEWSLETTER Vision Statement

St Mary's School provides an education that endeavours to equip each child with the Christian values and life skills necessary to meet the challenges of a changing world.

From the Principal...

Dear Community Members,

You wouldn't be blamed for thinking that we are already halfway through the term! Yesterday evening I was at a Parish Council meeting and read my report for the first few weeks, jeez there has been a lot going on. It is only the end of week 3 but we have hit the ground running this year at St Mary's. The school is buzzing with lots of excited, albeit a little tired children. As swimming concludes next week, we also move into the end of assessment periods and have timetabled in Parent/Teacher interviews for Week 6 and 7. I encourage all parents to book these in with your child's teacher. They are a great way to make sure we are all working towards common goals in your child's development. They are as much an opportunity for you to explain your child's story, as the teacher's opportunity to explain how they have travelled over the start of the year. As always open communication is key, so if you do have any questions or concerns throughout the year, please feel free to come in for a chat.

AGM

Last week we conducted The St Mary's School Board and P&F AGM's. These are always great celebrations of the year in schools and the St Mary's version was no different. A big part of the AGM is also the nomination of new members onto the school committees. I would like to thank all those people who have served on our Board and P&F over their varying tenures, including from the board; Craig Suckling and Mitch Braithwaite and from the P&F; Gemma Suckling and Carisa Mincherton. The time and effort you have dedicated to our school is so highly valued by our whole community. Please see below for a list of executive members for 2020. **We are still seeking a member for the P&F executive, if you are willing and able, please contact the school on 99967100.**

P&F

President: Trin Suckling

Vice-President: Verity Hulme

Treasurer: Trin Suckling

Secretary: Amy Will

Board

Chair: Wes Teakle

Treasurer: Naomi Simpson

Secretary: Ange Cripps

Members: Karl Suckling, Colleen Drage, Ruth Warr

Co-opted Members: Craig Mincherton, Joanne Loftus.

Parish Priest: Fr Larry

Principal: Ben Will

Dates to Remember

WEEK FOUR

Mon 24 Feb	Brookview Bookworms Yr 1/2
Tues 25 Feb	SHROVE TUESDAY, Pancakes available at recess
Wed 26 Feb	ASH WEDNESDAY Mass 11.30am
Thurs 27 Feb	Swimming Lessons Aquarena
Fri 28 Feb	Saint's Bake Caritas Visit 12.30pm
Sun 1 Mar	First Sunday of Lent

WEEK FIVE

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS	
Mon 2 Mar	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tues 3 Mar	School Board Induction 6.00pm
Thurs 5 Mar	Reconciliation Parent Meeting 3.20pm
Fri 6 Mar	Saint's Bake NEWSLETTER

WEEK SIX

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS	
Mon 9 Mar	Brookview Bookworms Yr5/6
Tues 10 Mar	Parenting Connections - Growing Resilient Children-Flexi room. 1.00-3.00pm.
Wed 11 Mar	School Board Meeting 6.00pm
Thurs 12 Mar	Yr 5.6 Family Mass 9.00am
Fri 13 Mar	Saint's Bake Assembly 2.45pm

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From the Principal cont...

Footy Tipping

A note is coming home today for Footy Tipping this season. Please get involved as it is a great way to help raise funds for the school along with an opportunity to have some bragging rights. Keep your eye out for me around the top of the ladder, along with the Cats!! Go Cats!!

Playground Donations

We have timetabled in the 14th of March as a busy bee for the school. During this time, I would like to add a few more items to the playground and retain some of the sand. The school is looking for donations of wood in the form of trunks or large logs that could form barriers/steppingstones, we are also chasing large rope that we can use for balance beams. If you have any of these items that you think would be suitable or other donations which you think we may be able to use, please contact the school. *Please fill in the form located at the back of the newsletter to express interest in volunteering your time on the day.*

Fire Danger Rating

As you know, a letter came home during the week updating you all about Fire Danger Ratings and school closures. Unless I receive any further information from CEWA to the contrary, please be aware that if our region, Coastal Central West- North, is forecast for Catastrophic Fire Danger, the school will be closed for instruction on that day. If there is any change to this update, I will contact the community.

Leader's Forum

I am in Perth next Monday and Tuesday at the CEWA leaders Forum. These conferences draw together all Principals from across the state twice a year to discuss CEWA direction and policy. We will also hear from Michael Fullan, a leadership consultant who has published many books focussed on how to achieve deep learning in students. The work of Fullan and several other pedagogists will form the basis of our Vision for Learning across CEWA and within St Mary's. I enjoy the learning from these conferences but always look forward to returning and seeing our St Mary's kids, I will be back on Wednesday.

Enjoy your weekend and until next time,

God Bless,

Ben

BIRTHDAYS

Feb 24 Rylei
Feb 26 Patrick
Feb 27 Grady
Mar 2 Hattie
Mar 6 Jaxon

Update information/Images/Internet permission forms

Yesterday forms were sent home for families to update their contact details and addresses, permission for their images to be used at school and the internet permission forms.

Saint's Bake NOW ON FRIDAY LUNCHTIMES

Commencing Week 4, Friday 28 February, we will provide treats for the children at the cost of \$1. They will be available at Lunchtime after they have finished lunch.



Shrove Tuesday Pancakes

The Year 3/4 Class are cooking pancakes for all the school on Shrove Tuesday 25th February. .

Art Shirts/Head Phones

Students in Years 3-6 are required to bring along to school a set of headphones and an art shirt (can just be a large shirt of mum or dads that can completely cover their uniform). Please send these items to your child's classroom as soon as possible.

MERIT CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the Merit Certificate recipients for Term One, Week Two.

Year KPP

Michael S

For the way you have cruised into our classroom since the first day of school, with a no fuss attitude, being happy to give everything a go and the effort you are putting into starting to make friends with your peers. You have shown a great eye for detail already in your drawings. I loved seeing the look on your face when you had a go writing your name, independently. Keep up the wonderful effort, Michael!

Oakley Q

For the fabulous start you have made to Pre-Primary at St Mary's. Oakley, you have slotted straight into our classroom, making friends quickly with all of your peers, participating in all activities with enthusiasm and being a caring and helpful friend to the Kindy children. We are so happy to have you in our class. Keep shining bright, Oakley!

Year 1/2

Lennox Q

For always trying your best in all class activities. You have seamlessly fit into St Mary's and have made lots of friends so far. Thank you for being such a bubbly character in our classroom, it's wonderful seeing how happy you make the people around you. What a fantastic start to the year, and I am looking forward to teaching you this term.

Mardi S

For always walking into class with a smile on your face. You have had a fabulous start to the year, completing all your work to a very high standard. Thank you for showing your goodness by helping your friends whenever they need. I am really looking forward to seeing what else you can do. I know it's going to be wonderful year teaching you. Well done for a fantastic start to 2020!

Year 3/4

Tait S

For the way you have approached every challenge so far this year. Tait, you have really embraced what it means to be a year four student, helping the year threes with the routines and expectations in my classroom. You have been an excellent buddy to Johnadene this year, including her in tasks and giving her encouragement during work time. What a great start to the year, Tait!

Billy G

For the excellent way you have started the school year. Billy, I have been impressed with the way you are willing to help your peers and show them how the year 3/4 classroom works. All term you have been one of the first people ready for each lesson and starting work straight away. Keep up this fantastic effort. Well done, Billy!

Year 5/6

Mahaylah T

For displaying our School and Classroom values of Faith, by believing in yourself, and Challenge, having a go at all tasks. These are two excellent values to have as you grow as a leader in our school. Mahaylah, you have started Year Five with a positive attitude and a willingness to help out in the class. Thank you for this. I am one very proud teacher and look forward to setting goals with you, in your learning journey. What a fantastic way to start the year, Mahaylah!

Ashlee S

For displaying excellent leadership skills over the past week. You truly are a role model that your peers can look up to. I know that you will continue to demonstrate our School and Classroom values throughout the year. You work well in any situation whether it is independently, collaboratively or in whole class discussions. Ashlee, you are setting goals to succeed in your learning. What a way to begin 2020!

Year 5/6 Class

For the exceptional leadership and teamwork skills you all exhibited at the Leadership Day in Geraldton, on Tuesday. You all supported your classmates during team and individual activities. I am so looking forward to what the year ahead has installed for us all. I know it is going to be a fabulous year, teaching all of you and watching you flourish in your learning and leadership. Thank you for a fantastic start to 2020!

PRINCIPAL AWARDS Sophie, D'Mara, Alex, Evie





What can we recycle here at St Mary's?



Plastic Lids



Scrap paper

Bread clips



Ring pulls

Egg cartons

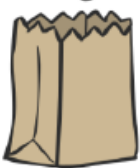


Cardboard boxes



Newspaper

Recycling Station located in the flexi room students are encouraged to bring in these items from home.



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PARISH NEWS

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

The word “holy” can conjure up the image of someone who is always praying and, perhaps, cut off from everyday realities. Today’s readings, however, remind us that holiness is not measured by the calluses on our knees but by our love for others. Most essentially, holiness is God’s gift. We are a holy people because God loves us and dwells among us making us the temple of God.

Today is Project Compassion Sunday. Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed “**Go Further Together**”. Your generosity will assist some of the world’s most vulnerable communities to lift themselves out of poverty. When we **Go Further Together** in love and compassion, the whole world thrives. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion.

On Ash **Wednesday, February 26th** there will be a School Mass at 11:30am. Everyone welcome.

Knights of the Southern Cross monthly meeting will recommence next Wednesday, February 26th, at Rangeway, commencing at 5pm.

Planned Giving Envelopes for 2020 are now available at the back of the church for collection. If you are not presently allocated envelopes and wish to have some, please see Mary after Mass.

Our Sick; Pray for Cliff Dyer, Nell Cripps, Ines Miotti, Patricia Casey, Col Constantine, Jean Williams, Paul Leeson, Jo Mattens, Maud Brown, Betty Thompson, Jim Thompson, Sue Gravranish, Hazel Bunter, and all the residents of Brookview.

Our Dead: Please remember in your prayers, the soul of Bidy Maver whose anniversary occurs on Tuesday.

Prayer for Rain: God of compassion, we wait and watch for your gift of rain to water the soil and make the barren land come alive again. We wait and watch for the gift of salvation to free us all from hatred, greed and fear so that we may live again as people of faith, hope and love. We make this prayer in the name of our Saviour who comes to be with us. Amen

COMMUNITY NEWS

NORTHAMPTON JUNIOR NETBALL

********Important Notice********

SATURDAY NETBALL REGISTRATIONS

*We are now calling for all junior netballers who wish to play in the Saturday competition to register their names by **Friday 20th March 2020**.*

Training to be on Friday’s @ 4pm, games Saturday morning at Geraldton Netball Assoc.

*Years 2-6
(numbers permitting in lower grades)*

Please contact Jackie Simkin on 0407 384 471 or bjsimkin@westnet.com.au to register your interest or have any queries.

CRUNCH AND SIP

Hungry kids are irritable kids.

Also, students often find it difficult to concentrate for long periods of time.

That is why we have Crunch&Sip* break everyday to break up the lesson.

Crunch&Sip* allows students to refuel with fruit and vegetables and rehydrate with water.

Make sure you pack a small clear plastic drink bottle full of water for Crunch&Sip* each day.



During autumn and spring our gardens only need to be watered once a week. With cooler nights, morning dew and low evaporation, your garden will retain the moisture it needs.



The energy saved by recycling one plastic bottle will power your computer for 25 minutes.

Northampton Play Group



School Term Mondays 9-11am
Edna Bandy Centre, Stephen St
Contact Cara 0437 030 357
Or join Facebook page
Northampton Playgroup
for more info & updates

PLAYGROUND BUSY BEE

SATURDAY 14 MARCH 2020

I can donate wood in the form of trunks or large logs that could form barriers/steppingstones

I can donate large rope that we can use for balance beams.

I will be available to attend our Playground Busy Bee.

Signed _____

Family Name _____

