Welcome Back
Welcome back to the start of Term 2! We hope that everyone had an enjoyable holiday and the opportunity to recharge. It has been an excellent start to the term with student’s straight back into a lot of activities. Attached to this Bulletin is the Term 2 Planner, please note the change of date for the Mother’s Day Morning Tea and Liturgy, this will now be held on Friday 12th May.

The Easter Season
Many people think that Christmas is the most important day in the Catholic liturgical calendar, but from the earliest days of the Church, Easter has been considered the central Christian feast. As Saint Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 15:14, “If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.” Without Easter—without the Resurrection of Christ—there would be no Christian Faith. Christ’s Resurrection is the proof of His Divinity. Just as Easter is the most important Christian holiday, so, too, the Easter season is the longest of the special liturgical seasons of the Church. It extends all the way to Pentecost Sunday, the 50th day after Easter, and encompasses such major feasts as Divine Mercy Sunday and Ascension. In fact, Easter sends ripples out through the liturgical calendar even after the Easter season ends. Trinity Sunday and the feast of Corpus Christi, which both fall after Pentecost, are “moveable feasts,” which means that their date in any given year depends on the date of Easter. We wish you all a festive Season of Easter.

ANZAC Service
On Wednesday the school held its annual ANZAC service. Thank you to our Head Boy, Digby Gaughey, and Head Girl, Gabrielle McCormack, for leading the memorial with Milla McFarlane and Phoebe Brooker laying our wreath. The St Mary’s School Choir sang the New Zealand National Anthem and led the school in the Australian National Anthem also. Thank you to Mrs Lane for organising our wonderful singers. Thank you also to Mrs Riethmuller for coordinating the event and a special mention to Mrs Cutri who did a fabulous job creating our wreath.

Year 3 Reconciliation Retreat
The Year 3 students had their First Reconciliation Retreat today. They have been preparing for their Second Sacrament in a range of activities including creating banners for display in the Church. Thank you to Mrs O’Malley and Miss Main for organising a great day for the students.

2017 NAPLAN
NAPLAN testing for Year 3 and 5 students will take place in Week 3 of this term commencing on Tuesday 9th May until Thursday 11th May. Students have been working hard in preparation for these tests to ensure that they are adequately prepared, we can not stress enough the importance of attendance for these days. It is important that students remain calm and do their best on these tests. As parents you can assist your children in being suitably prepared by ensuring they have adequate sleep and by having a substantial healthy breakfast. These are important tests but are only one view of a child’s progress. They need to be taken into consideration with all other records and data to determine an accurate picture.

3 Year Old Kindy for 2018
St Mary’s School is now conducting interviews for new enrolments for its 2018, 3 Year Old Kindy program. St Mary’s School prides itself on providing a quality Catholic Education. We value families and community and together we aim to provide our students with the skills, morals and values to contribute fully to the world in which we belong. If you are an existing family with a younger sibling being born between 1st July 2014 and 30th June 2015 or a new family that would like to be part of the St Mary’s School community please phone 90411 907 to book an interview or visit www.stmarysmerredin.wa.edu.au.

Upcoming Events

Monday 1st May
P&F Meeting
7:30pm - School Library

Wednesday 3rd May
Skills For Life – Year 6

Tuesday 9th – Thursday 11th May
NAPLAN Testing

Friday 12th May
Whole School Mass
9am (Hosted by Yr 3 Class)
Followed by Mother’s Day Morning Tea in the School Hall

Sunday 14th May
Year 6 Class Reading at Mother’s Day Mass (11am)

Tuckshop Term 2
Week 2
Monday 1st May
8.30am – 11.00am
Co-ordinator: Stacey Hanson
Karlyn Settineri, Vanessa Thompson & Nicola Lane

10.00am – 1.00pm
Co-ordinator: Stacey Hanson
Karlyn Settineri & Louise Penny

Cooking
Leonie Grant, Amanda Fleming, Philippa Davey, Daina Sutherland, Marcia Sayers & Shelley O’Neill

Reflection
Weekly Prayer
Morning Light

For this new morning with its light, For rest and shelter of the night, For health and food, for love and friends. For everything Thy goodness sends, We thank Thee, dearest Lord.

Amen
## ST MARY’S SCHOOL
## LITURGICAL YEAR A
## TERM 2 PARENT CALENDAR 2017 (updated 11 April)

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**Religious Education Events**
- Student Free Days or Holidays
- Weekend School involved Masses
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If you are interested in being part of the St Mary’s School community in 2018, please phone 90411907 for all enrolment enquiries or visit www.stmarysmerredin.wa.edu.au