



St Mary's News

To do ordinary things extraordinarily well

Principal's Message

Mark 7: 31-37: in Sunday's gospel, Jesus heals a man who is deaf and mute. The prophet Isaiah foretold of healings and amazing natural events. Miracles were believed to be signs of the presence of the Messiah. Jesus' miraculous healings are more than just a loving response to the suffering of others, they are a sign of his divine mission.

St Mary's Day: Today we celebrated our inaugural St Mary's Day. As I explained to the children after the liturgy, this is the equivalent of celebrating a birthday for our school. We all gathered for a lovely liturgy, prepared by Mrs Morris and led by the staff before heading back to classrooms to do special activities about our school. We all met after lunch to share in an ice-cream treat together. The tradition of celebrating St Mary's day will continue on or near the Feast of Mary's Nativity (when Mary was born) which is celebrated on the 8th September. I will let you know in next week's bulletin how much money was raised.

Confirmation: Confirmation establishes young adults as full-fledged members of the faith. The sacrament is called *Confirmation* because the faith given in Baptism is now confirmed and made strong. During Baptism, parents and godparents make baptismal promises on a child's behalf. At Confirmation, the child renews those same promises, this time speaking for themselves. During Confirmation, the focus is on the Holy Spirit, who confirmed the apostles on Pentecost and gave them courage to practice their faith. Catholics believe that the same Holy Spirit confirms Catholics during the Sacrament of Confirmation and gives them the same gifts.

After participating in a meaningful retreat on Wednesday, our Year Six students will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 10.30am Mass on Sunday. Thank you to Mrs McDonald and Mrs Morris for preparing the children so well. I would like to congratulate and ask you to keep the following children in your prayers as they undertake this important step in their faith journey: Holly Alvaro, Todd Lane, Isaac Clarke, Luke Jeffrey, Alex Settineri and Brayden Penny.

Term Four Planner: We realise that Term Four is a busy term for families, especially towards the end when families are juggling schooling, social and family end of year/Christmas commitments. A DRAFT Term Four planner is attached with this Newsletter to assist you in forward planning. We don't envisage too much changing; however, as it is a draft, unforeseen circumstances resulting in unexpected changes may occur.

Child Safe Catholic Schools Information Sessions: The Child Safe Framework has been designed to support schools in maintaining such an environment. The framework outlines the policies, practices and behaviours found in our schools that underpin a culture prioritising the best interests of children and young people. All members of our Catholic school community share the responsibility for this healthy culture. Information sessions for parents about the Child Safe Framework will be held at St Mary's School on Tuesday, 16 October at 9.00am and Thursday, 18 October at 2.00pm in the Library. Parents are invited to attend either session to learn more about how the Child Safe Framework is in place at St Mary's School. More information will follow in Term Four.

Pastoral Care: Please keep Chesney Maloney (Olivia – Pre Primary) in your prayers as she recovers from a kidney transplant operation. The operation went well and Chesney is recuperating in Perth. We look forward to seeing Chesney around St Mary's in the not so distant future.

Please keep Sonia Cox and Aroha Bielby (Year Three) in your prayers as they mourn the loss of their husband and grandfather Adrian Cox who passed away recently after a short battle with cancer. Adrian was a familiar face at St Mary's as he often dropped off or picked up Aroha. May he rest in peace and may perpetual light shine on him.

God bless and have a lovely weekend with your families.

Adriana Coniglio
Principal



Week 9 Events

Monday 9th September

School Board Meeting – 7.00 pm

Wednesday 12th September

Parish Mass Hosted by
Year One & Year Two – 9.00 am

Friday 14th September

Interschool Athletics Carnival
Hosted by Merredin College

Friday 14th September

Silver Threads Band Incursion
PP – Year 6

Tuckshop

Monday 10th September

Co-ordinator: Meg Gethin

8:30 – 11:00 am

Lauren Franklin

& Kerry Townrow

10:30 – 1:00 pm

Marie Bartlett

P&F Uniform Shop

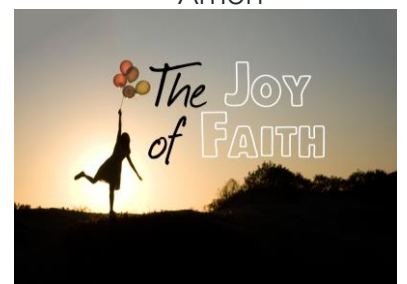
Open Tuesdays

8:30 am – 9:10 am

2:50 pm – 3:15 pm

Let us Pray

Lord God,
our senses give us so
much joy.
Tune our senses to your
presence.
Amen



Other News and Important Events

Parent Calendar

WEEK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9	10 September Board Meeting 7pm	11 September	12 September Parish Mass Year 1 and 2 PLC	13 September	14 September Interschool Athletics Carnival (Mdn College)	15 September	16 September Children's Liturgy
10	17 September Mass Buddies	18 September APPA Conference	19 September St Matthew's Mass – Year 5 APPA Conference Staff Meeting	20 September Assembly PP APPA Conference	21 September APPA Conference	22 September	23 September

Term Holidays: The last day of term for the students is Friday, 21st September. Students return to school Tuesday, 9th October.

Religious News



Upcoming Liturgical Events

- 7th of September: St Mary's Day
- 9th of September: Confirmation at 10:30 am Mass
- 19th of September: St Matthew's Mass led by Year 5



Year 6 Confirmation Retreat Day

The Year Six students had a wonderful Retreat Day on 5th of September in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. At the retreat, the Year Six students looked more deeply at the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit and how the children can apply them in their lives.



St Matthew

St Matthew was one of the twelve apostles of Jesus. His feast day is on September 21. He worked as a tax collector, which was a hated profession during the time of Christ. According to the Gospel, Matthew was working at a collection booth in Capernaum when Jesus came to him and asked, "Follow me." With this simple call, Matthew became a disciple of Christ. His book is the first of the four Gospels in the New Testament.



Mrs Treasa Morris
Religious Education Coordinator

Class News

Year Three Religion Corner

In Religion this term we have been looking at communities. First, we looked at the communities that we are part of. Then we looked at how Jesus also had his own communities and at how we are part of Jesus' community. Communities are people that work together with a common goal and look after each other. We are all very lucky to be part of the wonderful St Mary's school & parish community.

Ava- I am part of the farm community. I like being part of that community because I get to help Dad & do sheep work.

Lucy – I am part of the comfort style community. I like being in this community because we make tables.

Joe – I like being in the school community because it is lots of fun!!

Abby – I am part of the church community & Jesus' community. These communities give me a better opportunity of going to heaven (and reading more books!!).

Year Two Class News

What a fabulous Term it has been for the Year Two class! It has been filled with lots of great learning and exciting events in between. In Literacy, we have loved learning about Poetry and we wrote a poem of our choice to finish off the unit. We are now looking at narratives and the important things that must be included when writing one. In Numeracy, we have been learning about division. At first this topic seemed a bit scary but we soon realised that it is all about sharing objects equally and strategies like skip counting can help us solve a division problem very quickly.

Brock said that his favourite part of this Term has been learning about division in Maths.

Rebecca loved making our paper- mache jellyfish in Art.

Performing Arts Class News

Performing Arts has more of a dance focus during Semester Two, working towards the End of Year Concert. We have been posting lots of videos on Seesaw showcasing all sorts of movements sequences. From Square Dancing to Torres Strait Islander performances to the 1960's. The students really enjoy the freedom to choreograph their own movements after learning specific dance skills.

As Term Three comes to an end and we move into Term Four, we are most definitely starting to think seriously about our end of year performances. Looking forward to sharing the amazing talents we have at St Mary's School.

Waste Wise News

An initiative our 'Environmental Group' introduced this term was to collect scrap paper from the classrooms and cut and staple them for scrap books in the classroom. This has been well received by the students and the teachers.

They have also been choosing students that have 'Waste Free' lunch boxes and rewarding them with a certificate during assembly. Recycling our paper in the classroom is still happening. Our students are becoming aware of what to Reduce, Re-use and Re-cycle.

We are now recognised as a 'Sustainable School'. This has been developed for schools by schools in conjunction with a broad range of organisations that provide support in this area. This framework has informed the development of the Australian Curriculum cross curriculum priority of sustainability and now provides schools with an ideal support mechanism to implement this critical context for teaching and learning.



St Mary's Football Tipping

Football Tipping

Final Top 15 Ladder

		<u>Margin</u>	<u>Total Score</u>
1	Desperate 2 Get 2 Melbourne	615	147
2	Kresan	643	146
3	G & S Johnston	685	146
4	Carlson Clan	549	145
5	Marge	593	145
6	MRS LOCAL BLOKES	598	145
7	MRS BUNNIES	607	145
8	5p	660	145
9	Mr Reigs	688	144
10	John Foss	700	144
11	The Principal	752	144
12	Lil & Brian Campbell	766	144
13	Smithersmike	535	143
14	Carissa	681	143
15	Bgerrand66	604	142

CONGRATULATIONS to our Round 21 Winner **Israel Tan**, Round 22 Winner **PISCO** and Round 23 Winner **MRS LOCAL BLOKES**. Awesome tipping by you all.

Well another year of Football Tipping has come to an end and we have one extremely lucky young man following in the footsteps of his two brothers who have also won this prize over the years and he's managed to jump the ladder this round to claim 1st prize. A huge CONGRATULATIONS to alias **Desperate 2 Get 2 Melbourne, James Steber** on winning this awesome first prize.

Another CONGRATULATIONS to our Second Prize Winner **Kresan** for also jumping up the ladder this round to win \$500.00. Awesome effort.

We once again thank you all for being a part of our tipping competition this year, we hope you've enjoyed your season of tipping and that you'll be back next year!

Once again a huge **thank you** to our weekly sponsors **Ross's Diesel Service, Merredin Meats** and **NG & TM McFarlane**. Your support & loyalty towards our football tipping competition is greatly appreciated.

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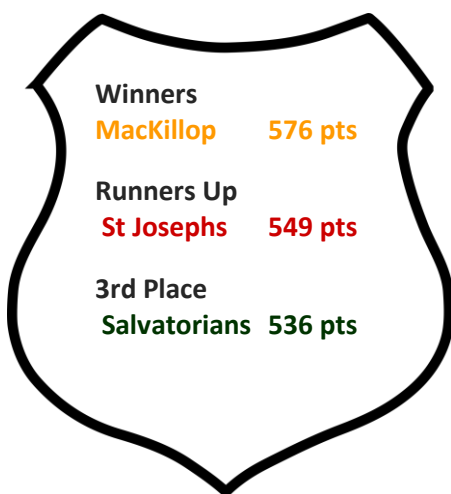
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Faction Athletic Carnival

What a fantastic day we had on Monday 27 August, 2018 at the Faction Athletics Carnival. The sun was shining and the kids were pumped for their races and team games. Every single student tried their hardest and ran their hearts out. Congratulations to everyone on a great day.

Thanks need to be made to the Merredin Little Athletics Club and the other parent helpers who came down to mark to oval last Thursday, without your expertise we would never have had the oval ready. Thanks also to the Merredin Recreation ground for the use of their facilities. A huge appreciation for all the parent helpers who volunteered their time at both the Jumps and Throws day and the Carnival day, these days just can't happen without your support. To the staff for their massive effort in making up teams, training the students and making sure everyone was in the correct event.

The results are as follows;



Junior Boys

Runner Up	William Elliott	26
Champion	Brock Barnett	38

Junior Girls

Runner Up	Jasmine White	28
Champion	Ellie Atkinson	40

Intermediate Boys

Runner Up	Charlie Atkinson	26
Champion	Jacob Barnett	36

Intermediate Girls

Runner Up	Zoe Olanrewaju	24
Champion	Lucy Newton	30

Senior Boys

Runner Up	Austin Roberts	19
Champion	Alex Settineri	26

Senior Girls

Runner Up	Alannah Rose Taylor & Makayla Geier	28
Champion	Charlotte Grant	33

Marching Trophy

Mackillop	37
Salvatorians	40
St Joseph	41



Class Awards

Cooperative Learning Social Skills Weeks 6 & 7 *"Encouraging and praising"*

PP: Ruby Smith
Year 1: Korben Cooper
Year 2: Skye Wilson
Year 3: Anthony Tompkin
Year 4: Zoe Olanrewaju
Year 5: Ellie Criddle
Year 6: Holly Alvaro

Tuck Shop Roster

Term 3 Week 10	Monday 17 th September, 2018
8.30am - 11.00 am	Jasmin & Karlyn Settineri (Co-ordinator), Deonne Smith & Gemma Dolton
10.30am – 1.00 pm	Jasmin & Karlyn Settineri (Co-ordinator), Vanessa McGinniss

St Mary's Parish Roster



MASS TIMES:

Merredin: Saturday 6:30 pm **Kellerberrin:** Sunday 8:00 am
 Sunday 10:30 am

Saturday (6:30pm)	Sunday (10:30am)	Saturday Reader	Sunday Reader	Sacristy	Church Cleaners	Children's Liturgy
8 th Sept	9 th Sept	D Pettit	D Fardell	L Discenza	J Jackson & J Patroni	
15 th Sept	16 th Sept	P Riethmuller	R Truglio	H Giles		10.30 am
22 nd Sept	23 rd Sept	T Morris	A Coniglio	G Alvaro	R Truglio & L Discenza	
29 th Sept	30 th Sept	G Riethmuller	J Fardell	E Lane		
6 th Oct	7 th Oct	T Cutri	S McCormack	V Musca	Y Gray & V Musca	
13 th Oct	14 th Oct	G Capito	Y Grey	D Pettit		
20 th Oct	21 st Oct	D Pettit	D Fardell	P Riethmuller	K Beilkin & K Settineri	
27 th Oct	28 th Oct	P Riethmuller	R Truglio	Y Gray		
3 rd Nov	4 th Nov	T Morris	A Coniglio	L Discenza	M Tomljanovich & L Grant	
10 th Nov	11 th Nov	G Riethmuller	J Fardell	H Giles		
17 th Nov	18 th Nov	T Cutri	S McCormack	G Alvaro	D Pettit & L Romanelli	

Ministers of Communion: Teresa Cutri, Yvonne Gray, John Jefferys, Deidre Pettit, Adriana Coniglio

Draft Term 4 Planner

ST MARY'S SCHOOL LITURGICAL YEAR B TERM 4 PARENT CALENDAR 2018

WEEK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	8 October School PD	9 October Term starts for students	10 October Hymn Singing PLC	11 October	12 October T/20 Blast Cricket Cup	13 October	14 October
2 Testing Week	15 October Birds of Prey Incurion PP- Year 6 P & F Meeting 7.30pm	16 October Child Safe Framework Parent Meeting 9am	17 October Staff Meeting	18 October Child Safe Framework Parent Meeting 2pm	19 October	20 October	21 October Year 3 Reading at Mass
3 Testing Week	22 October School Board 7pm	23 October	24 October PLC	25 October	26 October World Teachers' Day	27 October	28 October
4	29 October Mass Buddies	30 October	31 October All Saints Mass 9.00am Year 4 Staff Meeting	1 NOVEMBER	2 November	3 November	4 November
5	5 November Board?	6 November	7 November Parish Mass Year 5 and 6 PLC	8 November Assembly Year 1	9 November	10 November	11 November
6 Swimming Lessons PP - Year 2 TBC	12 November Remembrance Day Service 11am	13 November Reconciliation Years 3 and 4	14 November Staff Meeting	15 November Reconciliation Years 5 and 6	16 November Aussie Allsorts Incurion 9.00am Rev Archbishop Timothy Costello School Visit	17 November	18 November
7 Swimming Lessons PP - Year 2 TBC	19 November AGM - 7pm	20 November Pre Kindy Orientation Year 6 Merredin College Orientation	21 November Parish Mass Years 3 and 4 PLC	22 November GEMS - Perth	23 November Principals Thanks Giving Mass	24 November	25 November Year 2 Reading at Mass
8	26 November Kindy Orientation	27 November Concert Rehearsal School Concert Year 3 - 6 6.00pm	28 November School Concert Kindy - Year 2 6.00pm Staff Meeting	29 November	30 November Hymn Singing	1 DECEMBER	2 December
9	3 December Mass Buddies Reports Home Pre Kindy Concert Staff/Board/P&F Dinner 7pm	4 December	5 December Immaculate Conception Mass Year 3	6 December Assembly Thank You Morning Tea Graduation Mass 6.30pm	7 December Last Day Students Year 6s at Pool 10am - 1pm	8 December	9 December
10	10 December	11 December	12 December	13 December	14 December Last Day Staff	15 December	16 December

Community Notices

St Mary's Parish, Merredin



"Fundraiser"

'Cash in your pocket' Raffle

Raising money for the Parish carpark and Youth Chaplaincy

\$10 per ticket/Books of 10

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2nd Prize: \$500

3rd Prize: \$250

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