



St Mary's News

To do ordinary things extraordinarily well



Principal's Message

Mark 10: 35-45: In Sunday's Gospel, James and John ask Jesus about whether or not they will be sitting with Him in the Kingdom. Jesus explains to them that it is God who gives us a place in heaven. Jesus explains that: "The Son of Man did not come to be served: he came to serve and to give his life to redeem." Jesus gives us a different model of leadership. Rather than seeking power, influence and wealth, he calls us to lead through humble service.

Year 3 Reading at Mass: The Year Three students are will be reading at Mass on Sunday at 10.30am. All are welcome to attend.

World Teachers Day: World Teachers' Day is celebrated on 26th October in Australia; however, we will be celebrating it on Wednesday, 24th October at St Mary's School.

As parents, you will all instinctively know, the impact individual teachers have on a child's education can be great. Teachers are central to learning and, while there are other important factors, including the quality of the curriculum, school environment and student ability and commitment, it is teachers that breathe life into what is being taught and who engage and motivate students.

As a Catholic school, we recognise that parents are their children's first teachers; however, it is often individual teachers that enliven education and cause students to identify what is most exciting and rewarding. Each one of us, if asked, could most likely name special teachers that impacted our learning. Teachers in Catholic schools, given their faith-based nature and commitment to the Church's teachings, are especially important. Teaching is a vocation, a calling from God, not just a 'job'. I encourage you to take the time to personally thank your child's teacher on World Teachers Day.

Fees: Fees notices were sent out this week to all families who have not yet finalised their fees for the 2018 school year. It would be appreciated if any outstanding fees could be finalised before the end of the term; however, if for any reason, families are unable to meet their fee requirements then they are asked to meet confidentially with me to discuss alternative arrangements.

Finance Officer Regional Meeting: On Wednesday, St Mary's School hosted regional finance officers and Jacki Hewson from CEWA. They met to look at the new Administration of Schools program which will be implemented in schools by 2020 as well as discuss other issues and concerns pertaining to the role. This group gathers once a term in the different schools represented and is a great way for the finance officers to network, share ideas and problem solve. This initiative has been driven by Mrs Lorraine Ryan (Finance Officer – St Mary's School).

Work Experience: We welcome Maddison Lane from Merredin College to St Mary's School. Maddison is beginning work experience on Monday, 22 October for three weeks. She will primarily be working with Mrs Criddle (Monday and Tuesday) and Miss Mitchell (Wednesday to Friday).

2019 School Year: If you know that your child/children will not be returning to St Mary's School in 2019, please let the school office know, in writing, as soon as possible. This allows us to finalise arrangements for the new school year. This does not apply to families of Year Six students.

God bless and have a lovely weekend with your families.

Adriana Coniglio
Principal

Term 4 Week 3 Events

Testing Week
Monday 22nd October
School Board Meeting

Friday 26th October
World Teachers' Day

Tuckshop

Monday 22nd October
Co-ordinator: Meg Gethin
8:30 – 11:00 am
Marie Bartlett
& Sharon Alvaro
10:30 – 1:00 pm
Nicola Lane

P&F Uniform Shop

Open Tuesdays
8:30 am – 9:10 am
2:50 pm – 3:15 pm

Let us Pray

Almighty God,
you sent your son to
serve.
Give us joy in serving
others.
Amen.



Other News and Important Events

Tuckshop

Term 4 Week 4	Monday 29th October, 2018
8.30am - 11.00 am	Mel Downsborough (Co-ordinator), Sam Barnett & Lora Nicoletti
10.30am – 1.00 pm	Mel Downsborough (Co-ordinator), Sue Newton
Term 4 Week 5	Monday 5th November, 2018
8.30am - 11.00 am	Mel Carr (Co-ordinator), Vanessa McGinniss & Claire Kudas
10.30am – 1.00 pm	Mel Carr (Co-ordinator), Beth Smith
Term 4 Week 6	Monday 12th November, 2018
8.30am - 11.00 am	Liddy Atkinson (Co-ordinator), Andrea Roberts & Lauren Franklin
10.30am – 1.00 pm	Liddy Atkinson (Co-ordinator), Deonne Smith

Parent Calendar

WEEK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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 Book Fair	5 November	6 November	7 November Parish Mass Year 5 and 6 PLC	8 November Assembly Year 1 Grand Parents Morning Tea	9 November	10 November	11 November
6 Swimming Lessons PP – Year 2 TBC	12 November Remembrance Day Service 8.40am Board 7pm	13 November Reconciliation Years 3 and 4	14 November Staff Meeting	15 November Reconciliation Years 5 and 6	16 November Aussie Allsorts Incursion 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	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 Parish AGM	5 December Immaculate Conception Mass Year 3	6 December Assembly Thank You Morning Tea Graduation Mass 6.00pm	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

Religious News

Upcoming Liturgical Events

- 21st October Year 3 Reading at 10.30 am Mass
- 31st October All Saints Mass at 9.00am by Year Four

All Saints Day

All Saints Day is celebrated on 1st of November. On the feast of All Saints, we honour those men and women who have led lives of heroic virtue that set an example for all Christians. Saints are big dreamers. They believe that with God on their side, no one and nothing can stop them. They don't wait for someone else to do good first; they jump right in. Saints are love-bringers. They try to see Christ in every person and every situation. Saints tell us what matters most in life is not what we earn or own, not the job we have or the people we know. What really matters is how much we love God, others, and ourselves, and how well we show that love in all we do.



Mrs Treasa Morris
Religious Education Coordinator

Class News

Year One Religion Corner

To start the term in Religion in Year One, we are completing a unit called A Wonderful World. The unit begins with the discovery and exploration of creation, which leads us to wonder at God who gave people the gift of the created universe and the ability to enjoy creation.

Then the unit explores ways Jesus wants people to experience the joy of creation as he did. To pray like him and to give thanks and to appreciate and care for creation as Jesus wants us to.

Year Three Class News

It has been a busy start to Term Four in the Year Three Class.

We have started lots of different topics. In **Numeracy** we are learning about volume and capacity and spent a lesson in the sun using water to find the capacity of different containers. In **Literacy** we been focusing on our knowledge of grammar and have written some fantastic holiday stories. We had to base our stories on real events from the holidays but then we added in some funny, outrageous things that didn't really happened. Some children were mistaken for lollie shop managers, some people's Grandma's became famous explorers and others met talking mermaids. We are also investigating where food comes from in **TECHNOLOGY**, the way our cities and towns are run in **Civics and citizenship** and what it means to speak from the heart in **Religion**. It is going to be a fantastic, crazy and extremely busy term in Year Three !!

Italian News

This term in Italian, students will be learning about the following concepts:

- Animals- names of, foods eaten
- Calendars- days, months, seasons
- The Weather
- Telling the Time
- Parts of the Body
- Christmas

Students will continue to practise their speaking and listening skills by completing short conversation activities each week with a partner and in small groups. We will also continue to watch episodes of 'MUZZY' at the conclusion of each lesson, to continue to develop our Italian listening skills. Students will play a variety of board games and complete different hands-on activities throughout the term.

Waste Wise News

Our groundwater system in Perth remains vital to meeting our water needs, making up about 46% of our total water supply. To secure our supply and ensure sustainability we are investing in new expanded deep groundwater network. This will allow us to transfer our take to the deeper aquifers so that our groundwater use will not affect the natural environment.

Aquifers are mostly composed of sand, sandstone and limestone, but they can also be made of gravel, heavily fractured granite, or any other rock material that has enough connected spaces to store and move water through it. It's here we take water from the ground and feed it into our water supply.

Water has been accessed over the past 10 years from the coastal aquifers that would otherwise have discharged into the ocean. Use of underground water from the superficial inland aquifers has reduced, lessening impacts on some of our wetlands and lakes that are supported by the aquifer. We now rely on the superficial inland aquifers in the very driest of years and only for about 10% of our supply needs.

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
20th 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	
24 th Nov	25 th Nov	G Capito	Y Gray	E Lane		
1 st Dec	2 nd Dec	D Pettit	D Fardell	V Musca	J Jefferys & D Trunfio	

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

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Community Notices

Junior Winter Carnival AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Junior Winter Carnival will be held on Wednesday 24th October 2018, at the MRC&LC Grandstand Bar, commencing at 5pm.

For the carnival to be successful and run well like in previous years, we ask for your support and we encourage parents and carers to attend.

Sports and ages included

Netball - school years 4 to 7

Hockey - school years 3 to 8

Football - school years 3 to 7

The proposed date for this year's Junior Winter Carnival is to be advised.

Please email juniowintercarnival@gmail.com for any further enquires or apologies.



2018-2019 Tennis Season

Social tennis EVERY Sunday Oct-April from 3pm @ Merredin Rec Centre courts

Players of all abilities welcomed. Coaching available for players new to tennis.

Relaxed family friendly club.

NEW this season @ Districts....

Professional Perth based tennis coach Jacinta Crabb offering adult coaching (Sundays 1-3pm), Hotshots junior coaching (Sundays 3-6pm & Mondays 3.30-6pm) and Cardiotennis (Mondays 6.30-7.30am, 9.00-10.00am & 6-7pm).

Enquiries to mdltc@hotmail.com.au, check out our Facebook page or contact Meg 0428128153



Merredin Railway Institute Tennis Club

-Kitchener Road-

JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING 'HAVE A GO' AND REGISTRATION DAY

Saturday 20th of October

9am start for beginners - ages 5-7 years

10am - Orange Ball/ Green Dot Balls - ages 8-10

11am - Green Balls - ages 11+



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WAAPA Summer School 2018/2019



This Summer WAAPA at ECU, Mt Lawley is offering an exciting performing arts program for students from Years 1 to 12. The Summer School includes classes in RAP, Acting, Dance, Drama, Screen Performance, Music Theatre and of course, how to perform Shakespeare. For information about the fantastic courses on offer please visit [WAAPA Summer School](#) or contact Gabrielle Metcalf at g.metcalf@ecu.edu.au

VacSwim 2018-19

With swimming pools and beaches a big part of the Western Australian lifestyle, ensuring your children can swim competently and safely is essential.

You can now enrol your children in VacSwim swimming lessons during the summer school holidays. VacSwim programs are held at pools and beaches all across the State. No matter where you are planning to spend these summer holidays, your children can take part in VacSwim.

VacSwim is for all children - from beginners to more advanced swimmers. Your children can start as young as five years old.

Enrol your children in VacSwim now at education.wa.edu.au/swimming

VACSWIM 2018-19

Enrol your children in swimming lessons during the summer school holidays.

Choose from four VacSwim programs:

Country early start program Every day from Saturday 15 December to Friday 21 December 2018 Enrolments close Sunday 4 November 2018	Program 1 Every weekday from Wednesday 2 January to Friday 11 January 2019 Enrolments close Sunday 11 November 2018
Short program Every day from Monday 7 January to Friday 11 January 2019 Enrolments close Sunday 11 November 2018	Program 2 Every weekday from Monday 14 January to Friday 25 January 2019 Enrolments close Sunday 18 November 2018

Enrol now
Visit education.wa.edu.au/swimming or call 9402 6412.

VACSWIM 2018-19

Your Bronze Medallion can help you save lives.

If you are over 13 years old and love swimming, then we want you to get your Bronze Medallion.

No matter where in Western Australia you and your family spend these summer holidays, there are VacSwim lessons you can take part in. Make swimming a part of your summer plans and enrol to learn advanced survival, rescue and resuscitation skills.

Enrol now
Visit education.wa.edu.au/swimming or call 9402 6412.

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Golden Brushstrokes

INVITATION

The Golden Anniversary Exhibition

presented by

Merredin Fine Arts Society

November 2 2018 7pm

Cummins Theatre

You are invited to attend an evening showcasing the traditional and contemporary works of present and past members of one of the oldest arts societies in Australia. Experience the fine and not so fine arts, and a degustation menu of fine food and wine. Celebrate the auspiciousness of 50 years of arts practice with our illustrious MFAS hosts. The Anniversary Exhibition will feature the presentation of the Sue Muntz Art Bursary Award.

Entry \$15

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