



# St Mary's News

*To do ordinary things extraordinarily well*



## Principal's Message

**Mark 5: 1-12:** In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus challenges us to seek true and lasting happiness. He points to the virtues of gentleness, humility, justice and peacemaking as the way to eternal joy. These are the qualities of the saints who have gone before us.

**All Saints Day:** All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. Although millions, or even billions of people may already be saints, All Saints' Day observances tend to focus on known saints --that is those recognized in the canon of the saints by the Catholic Church. The Year Four class led us in a beautiful Mass on Wednesday in honour of All Saints Day.

**All Souls Day:** Today we celebrate All Souls Day. This is a holy day set aside for honouring those who have died. Traditionally, the whole month of November is set aside to honour the dead.

**Caritas Visit and Just Leadership:** On Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> October Deacon Paul Reid and Anita Finneran from Caritas visited St Mary's School to thank the community for their support of Caritas and to present a Just Leadership session to the Year Five and Year Six students.

**Children's Liturgy:** This Sunday, 4 November is Children's Liturgy at the 10.30am Mass. All families are welcome to attend.

**Grandparents Morning Tea:** Grandparents play such an important role in the lives of their grandchildren. As a school, we would like to acknowledge this special role with a morning tea on Thursday, 8 November. I am looking forward to welcoming all grandparents. If you haven't had the opportunity to rsvp as yet, please do so, to assist us for catering purposes.

**AGM 2018:** Just a reminder that the AGM of the School Board and P&F will be held on Monday, 19 November. All are encouraged to attend. Nomination forms are attached to this Newsletter. Please do not hesitate to contact either myself, Mrs Shay Creagh (School Board President) or Mrs Meg Gethin (P&F President) should you have any questions or concerns about nominating for either body.

**Canteen Survey:** Thank you to all the families who took the time to respond to the canteen survey which was sent out in Term Three – your input has been much appreciated. The main points to come out of the survey was that the community saw the canteen as a service provided by the school and that due to a variety of reasons volunteers were hard to come by. We have been very lucky at St Mary's to have such a committed and enthusiastic group of canteen coordinators in 2018 who have been well supported by volunteers from the school community. Through the Canteen, the P&F has raised much needed funds for the school. However, after much discussion at P&F and School Board level, it has been decided that in 2019 responsibility for the Canteen would be given to the School and a paid coordinator would be employed to run the canteen. An advert for this position will be going into the next issue of The Phoenix. If you know of someone who would be suitable or is interested in this position, please encourage them to apply.

**Parking:** With the increased truck traffic on South Avenue due to harvest beginning in the area could I please ask families to use the designated parking areas within the school. We have noticed an increase in the number of parents parking on South Avenue outside the front of the school. This is dangerous at the best of times as it blocks line of sight, decreases space on the road and has the potential to cause an accident when people are getting in and out of cars. Parking is available on the school grounds in front of the office (PK to Year One families) or at the side of the school (access through the Church carpark). Your help and support with this, to ensure the safety of all is much appreciated.

God bless and have a lovely weekend with your families.

**Adriana Coniglio**  
Principal

## Term 4 Week 5 Events

**6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> November**

BookFair – School Hall

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November**

Parish Mass

(Hosted by Year Five & Six)

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

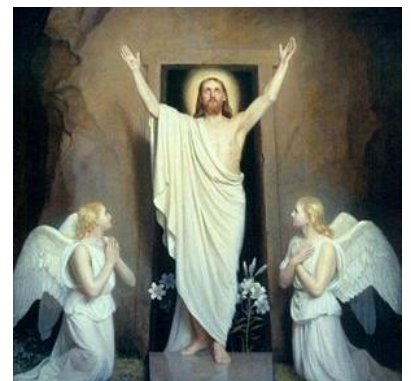
Year One Assembly Followed by  
Grand Parents Morning Tea

### P&F Uniform Shop

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

### Let us Pray

Lord God,  
you are the glory of  
believers and the life of  
the just.  
Your son redeemed us by  
dying and rising to life  
again.  
Since our departed  
brothers and sisters  
believed in the mystery of  
our resurrection, let them  
share the joys and  
blessings of the life to  
come.  
Amen.



# Other News and Important Events

## Book Fair



Book Fair will be on us again next week in the hall.

Once again we will have Eftpos facility. There will be a wide variety of books available.

As always we will have a wide variety of books which make fantastic Christmas present.

The fair will be open:

**6<sup>th</sup> Nov Tuesday: 8:20 – 9:00 2:45 – 3:20**

**7<sup>th</sup> Nov Wednesday: 8:20 – 9:00 2:20 – 3:00**

**8<sup>th</sup> Nov Thursday: 8:20 – 8:40 2:45 – 3-20**

Open after the assembly and Grandparent Morning Tea

**9<sup>th</sup> Nov Friday: 8:20 – 9:00**

Or by appointment. Please contact the office or Library to make a time

## Parent Calendar

WEEK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>6</b> 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
<b>7</b> 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
<b>8</b>	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
<b>9</b>	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
<b>10</b>	10 December	11 December	12 December	13 December	14 December Last Day Staff	15 December	16 December

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# Religious News

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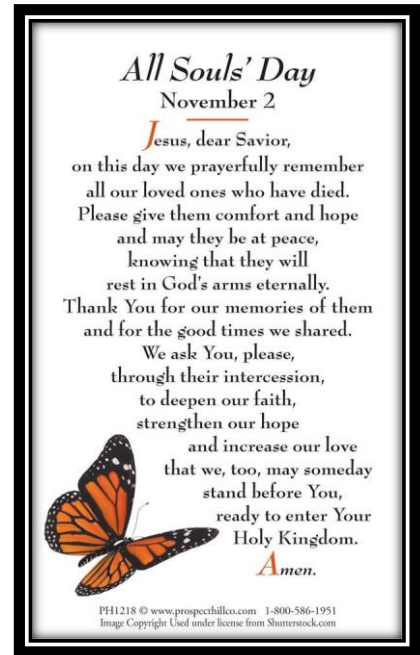
## All Souls Day

On 2<sup>nd</sup> November we celebrate All Souls Day. All Souls Day is traditionally a time for the community to remember deceased family members and friends.

## Term Four Children's Liturgy

The dates for Children's Liturgy in Term Four are this Sunday, 4 November at 10.30 am Mass and also on Sunday, 2 December at 10.30 am Mass. All are welcome to attend.

**Mrs Treasa Morris**  
**Religious Education Coordinator**



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# Class News

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## Pre Primary Religion Corner

In Religious Education, the Pre-Primary children have been very busy looking at the special gifts that we have received from God. God loves each of us in a special way and that is why we are different from each other. The ways we are different are special signs of God's love for each of us. We made rainbow clouds that shows how special and different we are to our friends. The Pre-primary children also looked at the special people in Jesus's family. Mary, his mother, was a special person because God loved her very much and he chose her to be Jesus' mother. We have said Mary's special prayer, the Hail Mary.

## Year Four Class News

The Year Four class has had a very busy start to the final term of 2018! So far in Mathematics the students have been looking at time, we have explored time duration, elapsed time and converting between 12 and 24 hour time. During our Literacy sessions the students have been looking at the different parts of procedures and getting ready to write up their own procedure for the end of the term. The students have also been getting organised to lead the All Saints Mass on Wednesday the 31<sup>st</sup> of October. They have been spending a lot of time up at the Church practicing their readings and improving their confidence. All the kids have had an awesome start to Term Four! 😊

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## Phys Ed News

Term Four is well and truly upon us and we have been learning all sorts of new skills and using lots of new equipment. In the first part of this term we have all been learning about Lawn Bowls, with our Sporting for Schools money allowing us to purchase a Jack Attack pack. The pack came equipped with bowling balls, jacks, bowling mats, markers and a scoring mat. We have been having lots of fun learning about lawn bowls and all the names of the different equipment. The children have been loving challenging each other in little game situations. In the second part of this term we will moving onto Table Tennis with equipment also purchased through the Sporting for Schools grant. It is great to be able to provide our students with opportunities to be exposed to new sports and to learn specific skills.

## Waste Wise Gardens

Grouping plants with similar watering needs is an effective way to conserve water in the garden and give each plant the best conditions.

Good soil is the best foundation of a healthy garden and will provide the best conditions for your plants to use less water. Improving the soil is a good investment when planting as WA commonly has sandy soils that have a low water and nutrient holding capacity.

It is important to improve the soil when you're planting and maintaining your garden by thoroughly mixing organic matter and soil improver into the top 30 cm of soil.

You can also find soil improvers that contain wetting agents, which help water penetrate to the roots of your plants. Established lawns and gardens can also benefit from soil improvement.

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## Class Awards

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**Cooperative Learning Social Skills**  
**Week 1/2/3**  
***"Expressing Support/No Put Downs"***

**Year 1:** Matilda Carr  
**Year 2:** Charlie Kudas  
**Year 4:** Nate Corlett  
**Year 5:** Lincoln Withers  
**Year 6:** Ella Wahlsten

# Caritas Justice Leadership Day

The Year Five and Six classes had a day of fun and learnt about the world outside our window and how we can be better leaders and make a difference. We participated in different creative activities to understand how Caritas helps people living in poverty. Anita Finneran and Deacon Paul shared the struggles and stories of people living around the globe and how other helpers travel to impoverished countries to change the lives of those in need. We realised how lucky we are to turn on a tap and not have to travel kilometres for essentials like water. We learnt the meaning of being a good leader, human dignity and solidarity.



Anita Finneran made a very surprising entry dressed as Wonder Woman! She was dressed like Wonder Woman because she was her childhood hero, and the world needs heroes to help others.

Caritas Australia is the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, working in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Pacific and Indigenous Australia. Caritas Australia is part of Caritas Internationalis, which supports emergency aid and grassroots programs in over 200 countries and territories.

## Donate today to end poverty.

By Chloe and Charlotte



# Tuck Shop Roster

<b>Term 4 Week 5</b>	<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2018</b>
8.30am - 11.00 am	Mel Carr (Co-ordinator), Vanessa McGinniss & Claire Kudas
10.30am – 1.00 pm	Mel Carr (Co-ordinator), Beth Smith
<b>Term 4 Week 6</b>	<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2018</b>
8.30am - 11.00 am	Liddy Atkinson (Co-ordinator), Andrea Roberts & Lauren Franklin
10.30am – 1.00 pm	Liddy Atkinson (Co-ordinator), Deonne Smith
<b>Term 4 Week 7</b>	<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2018</b>
8.30am - 11.00 am	Mel Carr (Co-ordinator), Vanessa McGinniss & Claire Kudas
10.30am – 1.00 pm	Mel Carr (Co-ordinator), Beth Smith

# 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
3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	T Morris	A Coniglio	L Discenza	M Tomljanovich & L Grant	
10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	G Riethmuller	J Fardell	H Giles		
17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	T Cutri	S McCormack	G Alvaro	D Pettit & L Romanelli	
24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	G Capito	Y Gray	E Lane		
1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	D Pettit	D Fardell	V Musca	J Jefferys & D Trunfio	
8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	P Riethmuller	R Truglio	D Pettit		
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	T Morris	A Coniglio	P Riethmuller	T Cutri & P Riethmuller	
22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	G Riethmuller	J Fardell	Y Gray		
29 <sup>th</sup> Dec	30 <sup>th</sup> Dec	T Cutri	S McCormack	L Discenza	J Jackson & J Patroni	

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

# Community Notices



**MERREDIN COLLEGE**  
A Wheatbelt Independent Public School

## Merredin College Year 7 Transition Day

Monday 19 November at 8.45am

*For students currently in Year 6 who are planning on attending Merredin College as Year 7 students in 2018.*

*To ensure you receive further information regarding transition day please make sure your child's enrolment form has been completed and handed into the front office.*

## MERREDIN RAILWAYS TENNIS CLUB

-Kitchener Road-



### 2018 Information \$40 per term

**Term 1 – Starts 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2018**  
(Saturday mornings)

Group 1: 9am start  
Red Ball - 5 to 7 yrs  
Group 2: 10am start  
Orange/ Green dot ball  
Group 3: 11am start  
Green Ball – Ages 11+



**Parents are required to help out**

**If you have any queries please contact:**

Tracy Berryman 0428 828 671 or [matttracy1@westnet.com.au](mailto:matttracy1@westnet.com.au)



### 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 [mdtfc@hotmail.com.au](mailto:mdtfc@hotmail.com.au), check out our Facebook page or contact Meg 0428128153



# Community Notices

## 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](mailto: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](http://education.wa.edu.au/swimming)

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### VACSWIM 2018-19

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

**Choose from four VacSwim programs:**

<b>Country early start program</b> Every day from Saturday 15 December to Friday 21 December 2018 Enrolments close Sunday 4 November 2018	<b>Program 1</b> Every weekday from Wednesday 2 January to Friday 11 January 2019 Enrolments close Sunday 11 November 2018
<b>Short program</b> Every day from Monday 7 January to Friday 11 January 2019 Enrolments close Sunday 11 November 2018	<b>Program 2</b> 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](http://education.wa.edu.au/swimming) or call 9402 6412.

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### 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**  
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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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