



# St Mary's News

*To do ordinary things extraordinarily well*



## Principal's Message

**Mark: 13: 24-32:** In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is asking us to be ready! "No one knows, however, when that day or hour will come." The Gospels tell us that our earthly life will pass to make room for the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God will one day be brought to completion with the second coming of Christ. We cannot know when but we can prepare ourselves for it.

**Remembrance Day Liturgy:** Our Year Six leaders led the community in a very reflective and reverent liturgy to honour our fallen war heroes for Remembrance Day on Monday morning. Thanks go to Mrs Cutri for organising the wreath, Mrs Lane and the choir for their beautiful singing, our Year Six leaders and Mrs Riethmuller for putting together the wonderful liturgy. I would also like to thank Holly Alvaro and Alana-Rose Taylor for representing St Mary's and laying the wreath at the Remembrance Day ceremony in town on Sunday.

**Advent Liturgies:** This year, we are having four advent liturgies to celebrate this special time of the year as we await the birth of Jesus. The liturgies will take place on Monday and Friday of Week Seven and Eight in the Hall at 8.40am. The following classes are presenting:

Monday: 19 November: Year Five

Friday, 23 November: Year Four

Monday, 26 November: Year Three

Friday, 30 November: Year Two

All are welcome.

**CRC Performance:** On Tuesday, our Year Five and Year Six students performed (danced) at the Merredin Seniors Luncheon. This was a great act of community service from our students that brought a smile to the senior members of the Merredin community. Thank you to Mrs McDonald and Mrs Herbert for being so flexible in taking this initiative on and to Mrs Discenza for helping to accompany the students.

**Student Plenary Session:** Yesterday, I had the opportunity to meet with the Year Five and Six students to dialogue around the Plenary Council 2020. The last time the Catholic Church in Australia held a Plenary Council was in 1937. It has been more than 80 years since the Catholic Church gathered together and much has changed. Plenary Council 2020 will talk about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia. The Church is asking for input from all her people – including children.

The students gave some very insightful answers to the following questions:

1. What are some of the big questions facing young people in
1. What are some of the big questions facing young people in Australia today?
2. If Jesus came to Australia today what would he want to see?
3. Why does having faith matter to you?
4. If you were to belong to a community of faith, what would interest you in belonging?
5. What do you think God and young people hope for the future of the Church?

The staff followed a similar process at a staff meeting earlier in the term.

**AGM Reminder:** Just a reminder that the AGM of the Board and P&F has been postponed until 2019 and therefore, there is no meeting on Monday evening.

**Pre-Kindy Orientation:** The Pre-Kindy orientation will be held on Tuesday, 20 November at 10.00am in the School Library. There are still some spots available in the Pre-Kindy program for 2019, if you know of someone who may be interested in the program – please ask them to contact the office.

## Term 4 Week 7 Events

**19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

Swimming Lessons (PP – Year Two)

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

2019 Pre Kindy Parent Meeting

(10.00 am School Library)

RSVP 16<sup>th</sup> November

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

Year Six Merredin College

Orientation

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

Parish Mass

Hosted by Year Three & Four

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

Principals Thanks Giving Mass

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

Year Two Reading at Mass

(10.30 am)

### P&F Uniform Shop

Open Tuesdays

8:30 am – 9:10 am

2:50 pm – 3:15 pm

### Let us Pray

Lord God,  
Your plans for us are  
peace and joy with you  
for eternity.  
Help us to be ready for  
your coming.  
Amen.



**2019 Staffing Update:** It is with sadness that I let you know that the following staff members will not be returning to St Mary's School in 2019. Miss Jessica Prowse will be taking up a teaching position at Moora Primary School, Miss Keely Mitchell will be returning to her home town of Bunbury and has secured a position at Leschenault Catholic Primary School, Mrs Tanya Withers will be moving to Newman with her family and Mrs Zoe O'Malley will be on maternity leave with baby number two! They will all be greatly missed at St Mary's School and we wish them every success for the future. We will have the opportunity to farewell them as a school community at our final assembly on Thursday, 6 December 2018.

God bless and have a lovely weekend with your families.

**Adriana Coniglio**  
Principal

## Other News and Important Events

### Book Fair

A huge Thank You to all the students, Parents, Grandparents and Friends that support the Scholastic Book Fair last week. With our commission money we were lucky enough to receive \$1400 worth of books.

A wide variety of books have been purchased for our students which they will be able to borrow in 2019.

Once again thank you to Daina Sutherland and Sam Barnett for their assistance in running the fair. We look forward to holding this event again in 2019.

### School Banking

The last day for School Banking will be Wednesday 28th November 2018. If you are eligible for a prize and wish to claim it this year please ensure you bring your order in by next week November 21st. Prizes will not be processed after this date as they will not arrive before the end of the school year.

### Parent Calendar

WEEK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>7</b> Swimming Lessons PP – Year 2	19 November	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> Swimming Lessons PP – Year 2	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

---

# Religious News

---



## World Day for the Poor-18<sup>th</sup> of November

In Pope Francis 's message for the second World Day of the Poor asks all of us, whatever our means or background, to rediscover and celebrate in a spirit of joy our capacity for togetherness, for example by sharing a meal after Sunday Mass.

**“On this day, may all of us feel that we are in debt to the poor, because, in hands outstretched to one another, a salvific encounter can take place to strengthen our faith, inspire our charity and enable our hope to advance securely on our path towards the Lord who is to come.”**

**Pope Francis**

## Christmas Appeal

Please remember to bring in non-perishable food donations for our annual Christmas Appeal. All food donated goes to families in need, in Merredin and surrounding areas. Let's help everyone have a lovely Christmas.

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

---

# Class News

---

## Kindy Religion Corner

This term we participated in the All Saints Mass in Week Four. All Saints day recognises those Saints that have both been acknowledge and those that have not, understanding the purity of these people to be in Heaven with God. We looked at some of the recognised Saints in the church and did some investigations on why they were Saints.

All Saints Day is also known as All Hallows Day, Halloween in celebrated the night before All Saints day and people wore masks and dressed up and knocked on doors and were given treats and food in exchange for prayers on All Saints Day.

St Gabriel was Gods messenger, he appeared to Mary to let her know she was to carry the son of God, Jesus. He also appeared to Daniel so he would understand the meaning of his prayers and Zacharias to tell him his wife Elizabeth would have a baby son and he would be called John, growing to become John the Baptist.

St Mary MacKillop is the name sake of our school she started the order of the Josephites, which was the order of the nuns that taught at our school. St Mary was focused on ensuring all children had access to education and she looked after those less fortunate.

---

# Class News

---

## Year Six Class News

The Year Six class have had a busy first half of Term Four. We have spent a lot of time putting together our Leavers Book, which looks fantastic. A BIG thank you to the P&F for donating the funds to purchase them and now we can't wait to get the final copy to keep for ourselves. Wonder Woman came to visit from Caritas and helped us to understand where our fundraising money goes. It was a very interesting day learning about how lucky we are in Merredin to have all the things we do. As the weeks are whizzing by, we are busy taking tests and preparing for our final weeks in primary school. We are all excited to be making the eye-catching back-drop for the school Christmas concert and have started getting ready for our graduation.

During Term Three, students wrote 'Thriller' narratives and entered them into the 'Write4fun' writing competition. Those that entered received a certificate and were offered the chance to be published in the Write4fun anthology of Poems and Short Stories based on the quality of their stories. Unfortunately, none of our students won although Charlotte Grant and Joshua Lane received a further Certificate of Excellence for their short story which placed them in the top 5 percent of entries. Congratulations must go to all the Year Sixes that entered. All of their stories can be read at <https://www.write4fun.net/short-stories/>

## Waste Wise Gardens

Increasing the amount of water we recycle is vital to help WA become more climate resilient.

Finding new water sources that allow us to be less dependent on rain is essential to Perth's water future. By working with businessmen and industry on developing efficient water recycling practices, we can continue to secure a robust and sustainable water future.

Recycled water is treated wastewater which is further treated so it is 'fit for a purpose.' It can then be used for a range of purposes like:

- Irrigation of sports grounds, golf courses and public open spaces
- Industrial processing
- Replenishing our groundwater after further treatment
- Toilet flushing/clothes washing/ground watering
- Maintaining wetlands or other environmental purposes
- Irrigation of non-food crops (eg: trees, woodlots, turf, flowers)
- Construction/dust suppression.

We are committed to recycling 30% of wastewater by 2030. Over the last 10 years we have increased the total volume of recycled water by almost 70% across WA.

# Year One Assembly & Class Awards

## Classroom/Excellence Awards/ Christian Values Awards

### Christian Values Award

**Kindy:** Jacob Robartson  
**PP:** Ashley Auburn  
**Year 1:** Jaxon Hohaia  
**Year 2:** Jasmine White  
**Year 3:** Olivia Geier  
**Year 4:** Keyosha Oakley  
**Year 5:** Vincent McCormack  
**Year 6:** Toby deLacy



### Excellence Award

**Kindy:** Emmett Bennett  
**PP:** Olivia Maloney  
**Year 1:** Jack Kermod  
**Year 2:** William Elliott  
**Year 3:** Olumiji Onikola  
**Year 4:** Casey Alvaro  
**Year 5:** Austin Roberts  
**Year 6:** Todd Lane

### STEM Awards

**Kindy:** Celia Davis  
**PP:** Patrick O'Neill  
**Year 1:** Camee Roberts  
**Year 2:** Tomas Kraske-Beck  
**Year 3:** Jonah Clarke  
**Year 4:** Lani Dickinson  
**Year 5:** Baillie Dean  
**Year 6:** Isaac Clarke



### Phys Ed Awards

**PP:** Caitlin Carlson  
**Year 1:** Jake Weir  
**Year 2:** Charlie Growden  
**Year 3:** Gracie Hayes-Thompson  
**Year 4:** Nate Corlett  
**Year 5:** Tom Downsborough  
**Year 6:** Joshua Lane





# Tuck Shop Roster

## Final Tuckshop for 2018

### RECESS

Various items available for 50c and \$1

Icy Twists \$1 - Paddle pops \$1.30 - Jelly Cups \$1



### LUNCH

Hot Dog (with Tomato Sauce) \$2

Sausage Rolls \$3

Chicken Strip Burger \$4

Sauce 50c

} Limited quantities available

### SANDWICHES TOASTED or FRESH



Cheese \$2.50

Ham & Cheese \$3.00

Cheese & Vegemite \$2.50

### DRINKS

Brownes Choc Chill \$2.00

Popper Juice – Apple & Tropical (Limited Tropical, will be substituted with apple) \$1.70

Jelly Cups \$1.00

## Tuckshop Roster Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November

Co-ordinator: Karlyn Settineri

**8.30 am – 11.00 am**

Kristina O'Meagher  
& Gemma Dolton

**10.30 am – 1.00 pm**

Sam Barnett

Please bring your lunch order to the Tuckshop before school starts

THANK YOU ☺

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR: NAME, TEACHER & ROOM NUMBER  
ARE WRITTEN ON YOUR LUNCH BAG

Mrs Grant – Kindy	Room 7	Miss Walsh – Yr 3	Room 10
Mrs Morris – Pre-Primary	Room 8	Miss Prowse – Yr 4	Room 2
Mrs Craine – Yr 1	Room 9	Miss Beaton – Yr 5	Room 3
Miss Mitchell – Yr 2	Room 5	Mrs McDonald – Yr 6	Room 4

# 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
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

Faith      Respect      Responsibility      Trust      Leadership      Honesty      Sportsmanship      Forgiveness

P: (08) 9041 1907 F: (08) 9041 2929 W: [stmarysmerredin.wa.edu.au](http://stmarysmerredin.wa.edu.au) email: [admin@stmarysmerredin.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@stmarysmerredin.wa.edu.au) 37 South Ave (PO Box 41) Merredin, WA 6415

# 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.*



*save the date*

LADIES HIGH TEA

SATURDAY, 6TH APRIL 2019

MERREDIN  
INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

HOSTED BY ST MARY'S P + F



## 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](http://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)

Department of Education  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

### 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.

Department of Education  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

### 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](http://education.wa.edu.au/swimming) or call 9402 6412.



