



# St Mary's Newsletter

Term 1 – Week 8 (26 March, 2021)

## Dear St Mary's School Community

### Value in Focus: Sportsmanship

We play fairly for the enjoyment of all and encourage each other to do our best.

### Gospel: Mark 11: 1-10

Sunday's Gospel is all about Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on a donkey. As he rode through Jerusalem, people spread their cloaks or leafy branches on the road. They shouted, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.' God certainly doesn't need our praise. We give praise to God because he deserves it and it is good for us. When we praise someone, we focus on their goodness. When we praise good we feel blessed. Even when we have problems, praising God helps us keep them in perspective. Praise gives us hope.

### Palm Sunday

This Sunday is Palm Sunday. It is the first day of **Holy Week** and the Sunday before Easter, commemorating Jesus Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Mass for Palm Sunday will be held at Church at 10.30am.

### Holy Week Liturgies

Our Holy Week liturgies began on Monday in the Undercover Area from 8.45am. The events of Holy Week will be re-enacted by each class, as we reflect on and prepare to celebrate the last week in Jesus' life on earth. The liturgies are as follows:

Monday: Year Two (followed by Monday assembly)

Tuesday: Year 3/4

Wednesday: Year 4/5

Thursday: Year Six (followed by Easter Bonnet parade)

All are welcome to attend.

### Naplan

Students in Years Three and Five completed the Coordinated Practice Test (CTP test) for NAPLAN Online on Thursday. The CTP test is a coordinated test all schools complete at the same time to enable SCASA to check that the test platform can handle the load that will be experienced during NAPLAN Online testing, which will be in Week Four, Term Two.

## Tennis

Congratulations to Archie, Charlie G, Ellie and Bonnie (MC) who proudly represented Merredin and Central Districts at the 2021 Schools Classic Country Academy Plate last Friday. St Mary's School/Merredin College placed tenth on a count back. It was a long day for the team who had a 7.40am start to beat the heat and then played four games in a row before they could have a break. I am told that the stamina, energy, resilience and sportsmanship of the team did not wane all day! Thanks again to Meg Gethin for her leadership with this to provide our students a different sporting opportunity.

## Netball Clinic

On Thursday, 25 March 2021 we held a Netball Clinic for all students Pre Primary to Year Six. The clinic was delivered by Erica Carlson from Netball WA. The students learnt skills from soft landings, pivoting, defending to chest passing and attacking. Everyone had a fantastic time and I would like to thank Erica and Netball WA for providing an excellent opportunity for the students.



## Family Friday

Thanks to those parents and caregivers who attended Family Friday. It was lovely to see so many families and family members in the school sharing in their child's learning and spending time with them.

## ABRSM Music Exam

Congratulations to Joshua Smith for receiving a High Merit in his Grade 1 Classical Guitar Exam.

**God Bless and have a lovely weekend with your families,  
Ms Adriana Coniglio  
Principal**

# Religious News

## Lenten Appeal

Many thanks to those families who have donated/continue to donate to our Lenten Appeal. We have one more week to collect non-perishable food items to be distributed amongst the needy within our community.

## Project Compassion Fundraiser

On Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> April we will be having our annual Project Compassion Fundraiser. For a gold coin donation, students are permitted to wear free dress (in an Easter theme if possible) and are invited to make and wear an Easter Bonnet. We will have a parade in the undercover area at the start of the school day. All students from Kindy to Year Six are invited to participate.

Kind regards,  
**Mrs Zoe O'Malley**  
Assistant Principal

## Church Cleaners Required

We are in the process of drawing up a new cleaning roster. You would only be on the roster once per term and would take no longer than an hour. All the equipment and cleaning products are in church so no need for you to take anything to clean. We would love to have some new parents to help. If you can assist us, can you please email me at: [louise.discenza@cewa.edu.au](mailto:louise.discenza@cewa.edu.au). Look forward to having your support.

Thanks,  
**Louise Discenza**

# Class News

## Year Two Class News

We have been so busy in Year 2 this term! We wrote some amazing recounts and learnt how to rule up our page and write in paragraphs.

Since we became masters at recount writing, we have started learning about writing procedures. We have been playing a game in partners where we explain the steps of how to draw something to our partner sitting back-to-back. This made us realise how detailed a procedure should be and that we need to write and explain each step in order.

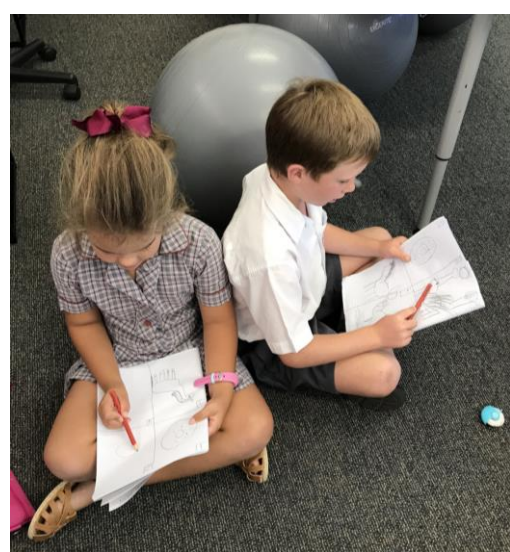
**Emily K:** *I liked writing what happened in first, next and finally paragraphs in our recounts.*

**Sterling:** *I liked writing about what I did on the holidays.*

**Alena:** *I liked trying to draw the same picture as my partner when we sat back-to-back. It was funny when our pictures turned out a little bit different.*

**Cooper:** *I like writing a procedure in a list and explaining the steps of how to draw my picture to my partner. It was so cool when it worked out.*





## Design and Technology

This term in Design and Technology, we have been looking at a number of different activities that incorporate our 'Earth and Space Sciences.'

The Pre-Primary class have designed a habitat for an insect and a shelter for a teddy. They were constructed using a variety of recycled materials.

The Year One class investigated different ways that we can record the weather. They designed a 'Rain Gauge' and are now looking at designing and constructing a 'Wind Sock.'

The Year Two class designed a Solar powered machine that could pick up rubbish. They then constructed it using a variety of recycled materials. Some very interesting ideas were presented and discussed!



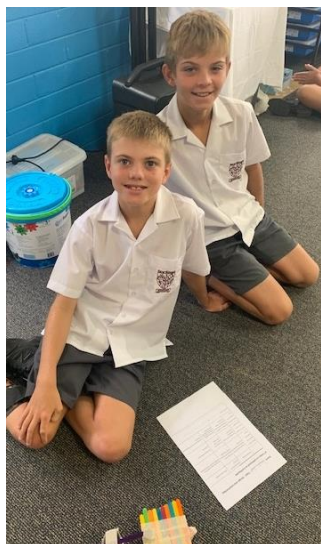
The Year Three and Four class have been tracking the movements and explorations of 'Perseverance' the Mars Rover. We have been investigating the International Space Station and what it does. The students are now going to design and construct it using recycled products.

The Year Four and Five class nominated for their 'inquiry learning' that they would like to investigate the 'Black Hole.' They are now designing a spacecraft that could penetrate it. They are going to construct it using the Lego We DO 2.

The Year Six class have been investigating 'earthquakes' and the damage they cause to buildings. We looked at the structures that have been built in Tokyo, Japan to withstand earthquakes and tsunamis. Did you know that nearly a decade ago a tsunami engulfed the north-eastern coastline of Japan, flattening villages and killing nearly 20,000 people. The Japanese Government has built a sea wall that is 400 kilometres long and up to 14 meters high to protect their villages if it happens again.

The students have designed a structure and they are going to build it to show their understanding of what materials and design could be used to withstand their extreme weather events.





## Environmental Group

As a school, next term we want to increase our recycling of products. Each class is going to be responsible to collect and store certain items that can be recycled. These are:

Room/Group	Project
Kindy	Mobile phones/printer cartridges
Pre-Primary	Collecting tin tops, e.g. Milo lids
Year One	Aluminium ring pulls and cans
Year Two	Batteries
Year Three/Four	Coffee pods
Year Four/Five	Plastics and packaging, e.g. Juice Boxes
Year Six	Glass bottles

Canteen – Zero Waste – Feed chooks

We also want to increase our Container for Change recycling.

Please put your containers in the bins, which are located in the trailer, in the back car park. We are waiting for more signage to arrive which will make it more visible for everybody.



Don't forget to quote our Code Number for Saint Mary's if you are taking it straight to the Container for Change depot. It is **C10323720**

## Other News & Important Dates

### Footy Tipping

Our much anticipated 2021 St Mary's Football Competition is underway! 174 tippers have re-joined this year's comp which brings much needed fundraising money to our school.

Congratulations to our round #1 winner troym90 who just pipped evenjungle with a slightly better margin. Your \$50 round winnings comes courtesy of Merredin Steel Supplies.



Round #2 is sponsored by Ross's Diesel.



It's not too late to join our footy tipping comp. Email [stmarysfootytipping@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysfootytipping@gmail.com) to get involved! It's just \$60 to play. Grand prize is \$5000 cold hard cash. Second prize is \$500 and there is \$50 up for grabs every week if you are the round winner.

**Thank you for your continued support,  
St Mary's P & F**

### ST MARY'S SCHOOL LITURGICAL YEAR B TERM 1 PARENT CALENDAR 2021

WEEK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>9</b> Holy Week Parent Interviews	29 March Holy Week Liturgy- Year 2 Palm Sunday	30 March Holy Week Liturgy- Year 3/4 Last Supper	31 March Holy Week Liturgy- Year 4/5 Stations of the Cross  Staff Meeting	<b>1 APRIL</b> Holy Week Liturgy- Year 6 Resurrection Term One Ends	2 April Good Friday	3 April	4 April

**Term Two: 2021 - Canteen Coordinator: Mrs Demarte**

### VOLUNTEER ROSTER

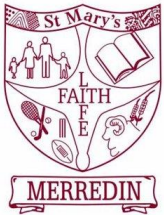
WEEK	DAY	TIME SLOT	
		8.40 – 10.30	11.00 – 12.30
1	<b>Thursday</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Amanda Swarts Elizabeth Atkinson	Julie Nicoletti Angela Duggan
2	<b>Tuesday</b> 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Kristina O'Meagher Emma Growden	Gail Keamy Emma Growden
3	<b>Monday</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Claire Kudas Kim Creagh	Maureen Wilson Jade Healey-Ratina
4	<b>Monday</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Tosha Munro Louise Snell	Tosha Munro Louise Snell



## Let Us Pray



Lord, Jesus Christ!  
We praise you, we give you thanks! We  
glorify you!  
Hosana in the Highest!



## St Mary's School Merredin

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St Mary's School Merredin  
"To do ordinary things extraordinarily well"

## Community Notices



**REGISTRATIONS  
OPEN**

**net** → Pre-Primary & Year 1  
Year 2 & Year 3 **set**  
**go** → Year 4 & Year 5

**Fridays, Term 2**  
**\$65**  
Includes player  
Pack (T-shirt & Netball)

*All registrations are completed online with payment required at the time of registration. To apply for KidSport visit: [www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au](http://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au)*

 **[www.merredinna.wa.netball.com.au](http://www.merredinna.wa.netball.com.au)**  
Registration details can be found on our  
Facebook page and website  
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# REGISTER NOW!



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 **KIDSPORT**

Apply online for Kidsport at

[dsr.wa.gov.au](http://dsr.wa.gov.au)

**Merredin & Districts Football Association – AUSKICK**

**Boys and girls in Pre Primary to Year 1**

Saturday mornings **9-10am** • May 1st - August 28th 2021

Fees **\$75** for 2021 season, **includes Auskick Pack**

Register online **NOW** at **PlayHQ** <https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/9ee47a>

Queries or questions? Need help registering?

Contact Daina at [merredinjuniorfootball@yahoo.com.au](mailto:merredinjuniorfootball@yahoo.com.au) or 0409 08 9252.



# Register Now!

2021



## Merredin & Districts Football Association MIDGETS and JUNIORS

### MIDGETS - Year 2 and 3

Saturday mornings 9-10am

Game 9.20-10am

### JUNIORS - Year 4, 5 and 6

Saturday mornings 9.45 - 11.15am

Game 10.15-11.15am

Season starts **May 1st** - Finals and Wind Up **August 28th** 2020

Fees \$75 for 2021 season. Boys and girls welcome.

Register online NOW at:

**[play.afl/juniorfootball](http://play.afl/juniorfootball)**



**Merredin & Districts Midgets And Juniors**

**Player Registration**

1. Select the 'find a Club' option
2. Choose M & D Midgets & Juniors

NOTE: MERREDIN Player  
Registration is for **Colts**



**TRAINING STARTS Wednesday 21st April 4.30-5.30pm**

**KS KIDSPORT**

Apply online for Kidsport at

[dsr.wa.gov.au](http://dsr.wa.gov.au)



Find us on  
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# Youth Week WA 2021

MERREDIN

## Youth Fest

FRIDAY, 16 APRIL

MRCLC

12PM - 4PM

Come along, make friends and have a great day!

- Amazing Race - Merredin style (60 spots available)
- Food provided at the conclusion of the race
- Session with Connie Yarren

Please wear suitable clothing and bring a water bottle!



PLEASE REGISTER FOR THIS **FREE** EVENT BY EMAILING [CDO@MERREDIN.WA.GOV.AU](mailto:CDO@MERREDIN.WA.GOV.AU)

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Department of Communities





# JACARANDA GYMNASTICS



## FUN, FRIENDS, FITNESS & FUNDAMENTALS OF GYMNASTICS



**TUSDAY 6TH**

**CLASS:**

**JUNIORGYM**

**REC 1**

**REC 2**

**TIMES:**

**9M-4 YRS**

**5-7 YRS**

**8+ YRS**

**3.00PM-3.45PM**

**4.30PM-5.30PM**

**5.30PM-7.00PM**

**WEDNESDAY 7TH & THURSDAY 8TH**

**CLASS:**

**JUNIORGYM**

**REC 1**

**REC 2**

**TIMES:**

**9M-4YRS**

**5-7YRS**

**8YRS+**

**10.00AM-10.45AM**

**11.30AM-12.30PM**

**12.30PM-2.00PM**

**WHERE: MERREDIN REC CENTER**

**CONTACT US ON:**



**BOOK NOW  
ON TRYBOOKING**

**(SEARCH POSTCODE 6415)**





# WHAT DOES JACARANDA GYMNASTICS PROVIDE?



JACARANDA  
GYMNASTICS

**Junior Gym**  
9m-4yrs



**Join us in a free play exploration of our gymnastics equipment, A parent/caregiver must accompany the gymnast through the activities. While it is best to have one adult per child, a limit of two children per adult is required for safety**

## **Rec 1**

**5-7 yrs**

**An introduction to gymnastics. Learn rolls, cartwheels, hand stands & more, with the correct technique, and qualified gymnastics coaches. Come & join us in swinging, jumping, & balancing, over & around all our specialised gymnastics equipment. The program provides a fun warmup/game and basic stretching followed by rotations on two apparatus. Rotations include drills to improve on existing skills and opportunities to learn new ones. Apparatus alternates each session. Open to boys and girls.**

## **Rec 2**

**8+ yrs**

**An intermediate gymnastics class. Practice your skills on our specialised gymnastics equipment, with correct technique, and qualified gymnastics coaches. The program provides a fun warmup/game and stretching, followed by rotations on the apparatus. Rotations include drills to improve on existing skills & opportunities to learn new ones. Apparatus alternates each session between vault, bars, beam, floor, pommel, rings & parallel bars. Open to boys & girls.**

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