



# St. Mary's Primary School NEWSLETTER

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Term 2, Week 2

7th May, 2018

## John 15:9-17

### Love One Another

Be a good friend, include others  
and treat them with respect.



Love one another.

### IMPORTANT DATES

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| May 07 | Primary Band Workshop - Dubbo Christian School         |
| 08     | Diocesan Cross Country Trials - Coolah                 |
|        | SJC Year 7, 2019 Principal and Coordinator Visit - 2pm |
|        | Years 3 to 6 - ICAS Technology Competition             |
| 09     | P&F Meeting, 6pm School Library                        |
| 10     | MOTHER'S DAY LITURGY & LUNCH                           |
| 15     | Stage 3 PD Information Evening - 6pm                   |
|        | Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN                                     |
| 17     | Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN                                     |
|        | Year 5 - Maths Olympiad                                |

**PUPIL FREE DAY**  
**Monday, 14th May**

Dear Parents,



Welcome to Week 2. We are looking forward to seeing lots of our mums, step-mums and grandmothers at our Mother's Day lunch and liturgy this Thursday. Good luck to our Cross Country team who will travel to Coolah this Tuesday. Thanks to our Year 6 parents who took the time to attend the Confirmation Parent Information Evening last Tuesday. Year 6 students and their families are invited to attend a Parish Mass over the weekend to enrol for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

We welcomed three new students to St. Mary's last week; Ayo Oyedele (1G), Munsif Mohamed (1B) and Latai Day (2G). We hope you enjoy your time at St. Mary's.



# FREE

**PUPIL FREE DAY** - The first Pupil Free Day for Term 2, 2018 is scheduled for Monday, 14th May. On this day all staff will attend a day facilitated by Father Elio Capra on classroom prayer and liturgy. Classes will be suspended on this day as all teachers will be attending the inservice.

Childcare facilities, as previously advertised, is no longer available.

#### VISION STATEMENT

St. Mary's Primary strives to be a welcoming Christ-centred learning community that promotes a quality holistic education and trusting relationships in a caring and supportive environment.

**Kindergarten Enrolments 2019** - Enrolments for Kindergarten 2019 are open. Parents wishing to enrol their child are asked to contact the school to receive a copy of St. Mary's Enrolment Policy and current Enrolment Application Form. To process your enrolment application a copy of your child's birth certificate, baptismal certificate, immunisation record and any other supporting documentation will be required. Enrolment interviews for all new families will commence on Monday, 21st May.



*Please Note:* Siblings also need to lodge an Enrolment Application Form.



**Polding Winter Sports Trials** - Congratulations to Jodan Porter who was selected in the Polding Rugby League 12's team last Friday. Jodan will now compete at the NSW PSSA competition to be held at Mudgee on 26th to 28th June.



## Congratulations Jodan



**Cross Country** - Best of luck to our Cross Country Team who will represent St. Mary's at Coolah at the Diocesan Cross Country Trials this tomorrow. Mr Quade and Mrs McKenzie will be travelling with our team.



Apologies to **Grace Christiansen** who was the winner of Year 1 Girls Cross Country race held last term and was mistakenly omitted from our results list in last week's newsletter.

**Enrolments Year 7, 2019 SIC** - Tomorrow, we welcome Mrs Kerry Morris, Principal of St. Johns College Dubbo and Mrs Jenny Furney, the Year 7 Coordinator who will give a presentation of the College and distribute enrolment application forms for Year 7, 2019.



**National Assessment Program - NAPLAN** - The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy for 2018 will take place from 15th to 17th May across all schools in Australia and will involve students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

**Winter Uniform** - Officially the children are to wear their winter uniform after the June Long Weekend on Tuesday, 12th June but if your child is feeling cold they may wear their winter uniform from the commencement of Term 2.



### Mother's Day Luncheon

All parents, especially the Mothers in our school community, are invited to our school for the annual Mother's Day Liturgy at 12.30pm followed by a luncheon at 1:00pm on Thursday, 10th May.

Lunch will be provided free to the mums and grandmothers.

Cost for students and other adults will be \$3.

Lunch will commence at 1.00pm – 1.30pm.

Complimentary coffee/tea will be available from the canteen.

If any Fathers are able to help with serving lunch to our lovely mothers, please fill out the tear off.

**Parents' and Friends' Association** - The next meeting for our P&F will be held on Wednesday, 9th May at 6pm in our School Library. Everyone is more than welcome. Agenda items for the P&F Meeting can be forwarded to the P&F President, Michael Craze, via the school.

**ALL WELCOME.....ALL WELCOME....ALL WELCOME...ALL WELCOME!!**

God Bless, Luke Wilson - Principal

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

### Archie O'Neill - KB

For displaying excellent behaviours for learning and eagerly participating in lessons.

### Chloe Lindsay - KG

For outstanding progress in Maths and English.

### Jimmy Monk - 3G

For always treating his peers with kindness and respect.

### Harry Walsh - 5G

For his outstanding display of class spirit through his attitude and behaviour.

### **BIRTHDAYS:**

*Celebrating their birthdays this week are:*

Scarlette London, Mark Rontale, Madeline Williams, Digby Rose, Charlie Bell, Piper O'Donnell, Isabella Dunn and Keisha Brain.

*We hope you enjoy your birthday!*



### **Positive Behaviour Focus**

We play by fair rules, share and take turns in games.

**\*\*VALUE OF THE WEEK\*\***

### **Fair Go**

Pursue and protect the common good where all people are treated fairly for a just society.

## CONGRATULATIONS...

Awards were given to the following students for gaining 10 points for their Sports House for exemplary behaviour.

ALOYSIUS	BROPHY	MARINA	WHELAN
James Windsor - 5G	Jack Kegg - 4G	Quade Mallison - 1B	Clayton Gilholme - 4G
Tim Hathway - 5G	Clancy Simmons - 4G	Sophie Sorrensen - 1B	Isabel Smith - 4G
Jack Lew - 1B	Charlie Carr - 4G	Lucas Large - 4G	Darcy Finlay - 4G
		Cole Parkes - 1B	Annaliese Dalton - 5G

**SUPER!**

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## RE NEWS:

**ANZAC Service** - Our Year 6 Ministers did a beautiful job leading our ANZAC Day Service last Thursday, ensuring our students were exposed to the significance of this important day. We took time to listen and think about those brave men and women who fought for our way of life – those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom, those who came home and those who continue to do so. It remains an integral part of our Australian history and story, one we should always acknowledge and remember.

**Remember our  
Diggers**



**Confirmation** - If parents wish for their child to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, but were unable to attend or had to leave early the Welcome to Sacrament of Confirmation Evening last Tuesday night, please contact Fr Greg or Rosalie Hosking (St Brigid's Parish Sacraments Coordinator) to arrange a time to collect the information package and select Mass times. This must be completed by 16th May, as this is the cut-off date for enrolment. This weekend is the final enrolment weekend for Confirmation. All enrolment envelopes must be dropped off at the Presbytery after this weekend. Contact details: **Ph: 68824233 / Email address: [sacraments.dubbo@cdob.org.au](mailto:sacraments.dubbo@cdob.org.au)**

The following are important dates for this Sacrament:

**Enrolment Weekends** - Saturday, 12th & Sunday, 13th May

**Preparation Weekends** - Sunday, 20th May

Sunday, 27th May

Sunday, 3rd June

**Sacrament of Confirmation** - Saturday, 16th & Sunday, 17th June

Confirmation 

Pray 

### Confirmation

Our Year 6 students began their Parish preparation sessions last week. I invite all our school community to pray for the Confirmation candidates as they work towards a deeper knowledge and understanding of God, through the Holy Spirit. May God bless them and their families.

### ST. BRIGID'S PARISH - MASS TIMES:

St. Brigid's Church: Saturday - 6pm, Sunday 9am and Sunday 6pm

St. Laurence's Church - Sunday - 7.30am

**ALL  
ARE  
WELCOME**

### CLAIMING THE DATE:

**St. Brigid's Celebration of Diverse Cultures** (better known as St. Brigid's Multicultural Celebration).

Sunday, 21st October commencing with mass at 9am.

Help is required...

If you would like to participate in organising this celebration in any way, please contact Fran Schubert 0417 452 678.

## RE NEWS (Continued):

**Gifts of the Holy Spirit** - At Baptism, we receive seven special gifts from the Holy Spirit. These gifts are freely given to us to help us live as followers of Jesus and to build up the Body of Christ, the Church. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are sealed and strengthened within us at **Confirmation**. These seven gifts help us to respond to the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, to make good choices and to serve God and others.



**Wisdom:** This gift helps us understand the purpose and plan of God and to live in a way that helps to bring about his plan.

**Understanding:** The gift of understanding helps you be tolerant and sympathetic of others. It helps you sense when someone is hurting or in need of compassion.

**Right Judgment:** The gift of right judgment helps you make choices to live as a faithful follower of Jesus.

**Courage:** The gift of courage helps you overcome any obstacles that would keep you from practicing your faith.

**Knowledge:** The gift of knowledge enables you to choose the right path that will lead you to God.

**Reverence:** This gift of reverence inspires you to joyfully want to serve God and others.

**Wonder and Awe:** A Gift of the Holy Spirit that helps us recognise the greatness of God and our dependence on him.

*Religious Education Curriculum. Diocese of Bathurst.*

**Christian Meditation** - Starting this week and continuing throughout this term, all students and staff will take part in Christian Meditation as part of a whole diocesan focus. Each class will be lead by their teacher in the power of meditation.

It has become clear that many children instinctively value this pure 'prayer of the heart'. Sitting together in meditation, where there is no competition, no judgement and no taking account of their background or their special needs, becomes a wonderful way to build community in the classroom.

To meditate the children will be asked to sit still with their back straight, close their eyes lightly and silently begin to say a single word - a prayer word - "MARANATHA" saying it as four equal parts, MA\_RA\_NA\_THA.


They will be instructed to breathe normally and give your full attention to the word, MA\_RA\_NA\_THA as you say it, silently, gently, humbly and above all - simply.

At the heart of meditation is simplicity. They will be told to not visualise anything, but listen to the word as you say it. Let go of all thoughts (even good thoughts) images and other words. Don't fight your distractions, but let them go by saying your word faithfully, gently and attentively and returning to it immediately that you realise you have stopped saying it or when your mind begins to wander.

Maranatha...Come, Lord Jesus

*God Bless, Mr Michael Quade - REC*

# Canteen Roster

TUES	8th MAY	Amber Cavanagh	
WED	9th MAY	Nikki Kegg	
<b>THURS</b>	<b>10th MAY</b>	<b>HELP NEEDED PLEASE</b>	
FRI	11th MAY	Olivia Mitchell, Benita Davis, Clare Alley, Susan Alley	
MON	14th MAY	Robyn Butcherine, Gemma Walsh	

**Help is needed in the Canteen on Thursday.  
Please call the school office if you can help. THANK YOU.**

## SIP

### Spirituality in the Pub

The second SIP for 2018 will be held on  
**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**  
at the **RSL Auditorium, Brisbane St.**

*"Issues in the Modern World"*



#### Guest Speakers:

- **Fr Frank Brennan** - is an Australian Jesuit priest, human rights lawyer and academic. National Trust classify him as a Living National Treasure.
- **Sr Susan Connelly** - is a Sister of St Joseph, is one of Australia's most respected advocates on behalf of the East Timorese people.

**We start with a meal at 6:30pm**  
alternate meals of fish or chicken for \$20, paid at the door.  
Forum will commence at 7:30pm  
followed by a short break and then question time until 9pm.

RSVP by Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May.  
Contact St. Brigid's  
Phone: 6882 4233 email: [office.dubbo@cdob.org.au](mailto:office.dubbo@cdob.org.au)

## ALL WELCOME

### MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH

*(Father's helping)*

Yes, I am able to help with serving the lunch for Mother's Day.



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# STUDENT NEWS

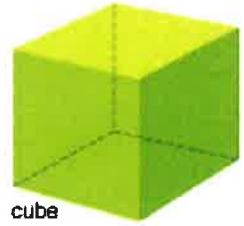
In 5G, we have been working on 3D shapes and determining the difference between a pyramid and a prism. Recently, we had a lesson about the cross section of shapes. We have been making 3D models from plasticine and cutting them, then writing or drawing down what shape is shown from the cuttings and cross section. We also built 3D shapes using nets.

We all enjoyed and learnt something from the lesson.

*By: Eamonn Fitzgerald, Cooper Smith and Alex Longhurst*



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pyramid