



St Mary's School

6 November 2020

NEWSLETTER

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From Mr Will...

Dear Parents,

Wow, we are really in the swing of Term 4 now! I just wrote the date down and had the stark realisation that 2020 is almost finished. Lots of people are saying to me how quickly it is coming to an end, but we just have so much going on, that we could really use an extra week or two with the kids!

Melissa Price MP Visit

I was very happy to receive a call from Melissa Price's office asking if she could pay the school a visit to see our new playground and meet our children. Minister Price is the Federal member for Durack which extends for 1.7 million square kilometres, is the Minister of Defence and her office was responsible for the \$20,000 grant that we received to help build our fantastic nature play space for our Kindy and Pre-Primary students. Minister Price was so complimentary of our school, she of course loved the playground and kept noting how engaged and beautifully behaved our children were. We even had a mention on ABC radio the following morning! I obviously agreed with all of Minister Price's kind words and was more than happy to speak about all the wonderful things that are happening in our school!

NAIDOC Week

As we enter NAIDOC week I am so excited by all the fantastic experiences that our school has set up. We have an excursion to the Kalbarri Skywalk for our students on Tuesday, a Didgeridoo Performance on Wednesday, Author Incursion on Thursday and to round things off we have our Orientation Day on Friday morning. I think by the end of next week, it may be good to check in with your child's teacher, just to check their energy levels, as they may be somewhat depleted.

A highlight will be visiting the Kalbarri Skywalk with Mrs Colleen Drage and Miss Kayla Hampton. Each of these ladies have their artwork displayed at the Skywalk and will give our children a real insight into their motivations behind the artwork, the story of their family and the importance of the area for them. We will also be honoured to hear a Welcome to Country from Mrs Drage, which will be really special.

Dates to Remember

Week 5 Mon 9 Nov	NAIDOC WEEK Remembrance Day Prayer Service 11am
Tues 10 Nov	Excursion to Kalbarri Skywalk
Thurs 12 Nov	Author excursion NDHS
Fri 13 Nov	2021 School Orientation Day
Week 6 Thurs 19 Nov Fri 20 Nov	P & F Meeting 9am NCVISSA Summer Carnival Yr 3-6 NEWSLETTER
Week 7 Tues 24 Nov	Reconciliation Yr 3-6 9am
Fri 27 Nov Sun 29 Nov	Assembly 2.45pm First Sunday of Advent
Week 8 Tues 1 Dec	Yr 6 Graduation Mass and Dinner NEWSLETTER
Fri 4 Dec Sun 6 Dec	Second Sunday of Advent
Week 9 Mon 7 Dec Tues 8 Dec	Reports go Home End of School Mass 9am
Wed 9 Dec Thurs 10 Dec	Board Meeting 6pm Concert and Award Evening
Fri 11 Dec	Geraldton Excursion Movies and Lunch School Concludes Students

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From the Mr Will cont...

Kindy Enrolments 2021 and Orientation Day

One of the great pleasures of my role is to show new families and children around the school, over the last two weeks I have been able to meet and interview all our prospective Kindy students for 2021. I have to say I have been so impressed with our new students and their families. Such thoughtful, polite and enthusiastic young boys and girls, who are so excited to start at St Mary's. We currently have 23 in our K/PP class for next year, the good news is spreading, and it brings us so much joy to welcome new families.

As we come into the busy season, please stay in communication with your child's class teacher, if you need any questions answered, they are here to help. As always, myself and the office ladies are always here to help and assist.

Until next time,

Ben

BIRTHDAYS

A big welcome to little Pia Warr who arrived this week. Congratulations to Ruth, Jayden, Isla and Harry.

17 Nov Mrs Keeffe

NCVISSA SUMMER CARNIVAL

On Friday 20 November, the children in Year 3-6 will be travelling to and from the Northampton Community Centre to participate in Basketball A and T-Ball A and B teams at the NCVISSA Summer Carnival.

If you child is unavailable for this day please advise the school office so the teams can be completed.

The lunch order form for this day has been sent home today and will need to be returned with monies by Friday 13 November. If you wish to collect your child/ren on this day please complete the attached form and return by Friday 13 November. If you can be of assistance on this day as a parent helper please indicate this on the form.

ONLINE LUNCH ORDERS – BOPPLE – NORTHAMPTON SHEARING SHED CAFE

Thank you to all the families who are using the online App for ordering the children's lunches. This has been very successful. ***So we can streamline the process on delivery, can we please ask that parents either place each child in their family on a separate order, or if it is bulked, can you please add a note to let the ladies know which child has which food on the order.***

FEES AND UNIFORM ACCOUNTS

Thank you to all the families who have paid their 2020 school fees. However, if you have not done so could you please finalise your account and any outstanding uniform accounts by 27 November 2020.

If you are currently on a regular payment schedule then this can continue as arranged. Please contact the school office if you need to discuss this matter.

Year 5/6 SAINT'S BAKE KITCHEN

Saint's Bake Kitchen is on again each Friday recess. \$1 unless prepaid.

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Orientation Day - Friday 13 November 2020

- We would like to invite all interested families to experience St Mary's School.
- Children will spend the morning in their respective classes.
- Where: St Mary's School.
- When: 13 November.
- Time: 9.00am to 10.50am.
- We look forward to meeting you and your child!
- Please RSVP to the school on 99967100 before Friday 30th October 2020



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Now Accepting 2021 Kindy Enrolments!

- ✓ Children born on or after July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.
- ✓ Outstanding facilities with a new nature playground in construction.
- ✓ Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.
- ✓ Option of full-time enrolment.
- ✓ Outstanding community and family feel.
- ✓ Fees capped at \$390 per child.
- ✓ Contact us for a free tour and information pack.



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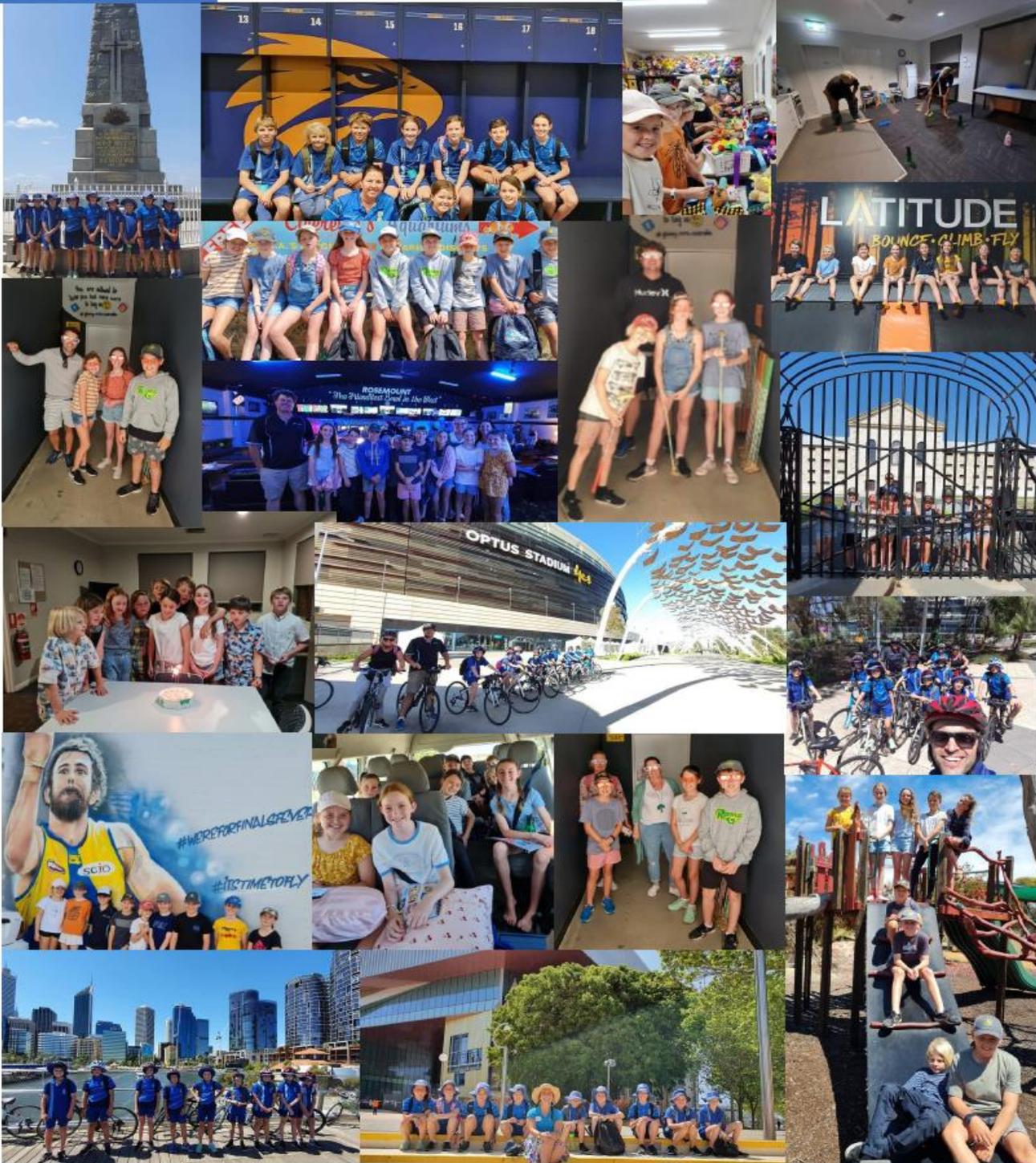
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CAMP 2020

What a fantastic week the Year 5/6 students had on camp. They had such a great experience with a mixture of educational and fun activities that included trips to Rotary's Wheelchairs for Kids, Latitude, walking street art tours of the CBD and trip to Kings Park, the Electoral Commission, State Parliament and a bike ride around the Swan River to Optus Stadium. Throughout the week, both students and adults had lots of laughs and many memories were made.



PARISH NEWS

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

We human beings need fuel to keep going. Without food and drink we become weak and eventually die. Our spiritual life also needs fuel, namely the body & blood of Christ in the Eucharist. We are nourished also by prayer, the Scriptures, the community and by loving others. If we seek this nourishment regularly our light will be shining brightly when Christ comes in glory.

November is the Month of the Holy Souls, a time when we remember and pray for our family and friends who have died. Parishioners are invited to list the names of their deceased loved ones on the special November offering envelopes available at the back of the Church. The envelopes are to be placed in the basket on the altar each Sunday and after each Mass the names will be entered in the Book of Remembrance. The book will then be placed on the Altar at each Mass during the month of November.

Morning Tea is being held today, after Mass, in the Nagle Centre.

Everyone is welcome.

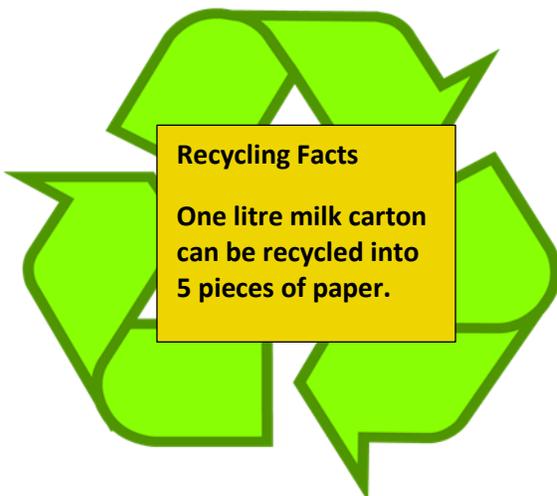
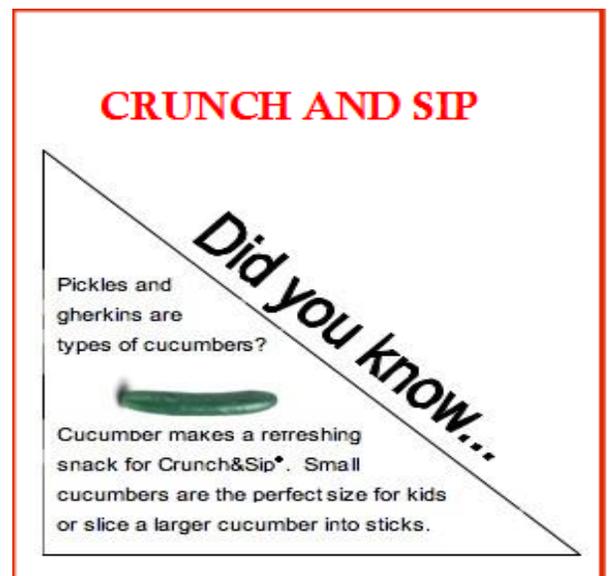
Baptism: Last Sunday, in Kalbarri, we welcomed Rosalie De Lucia, daughter of Stefan & Elizabeth, into our faith community.

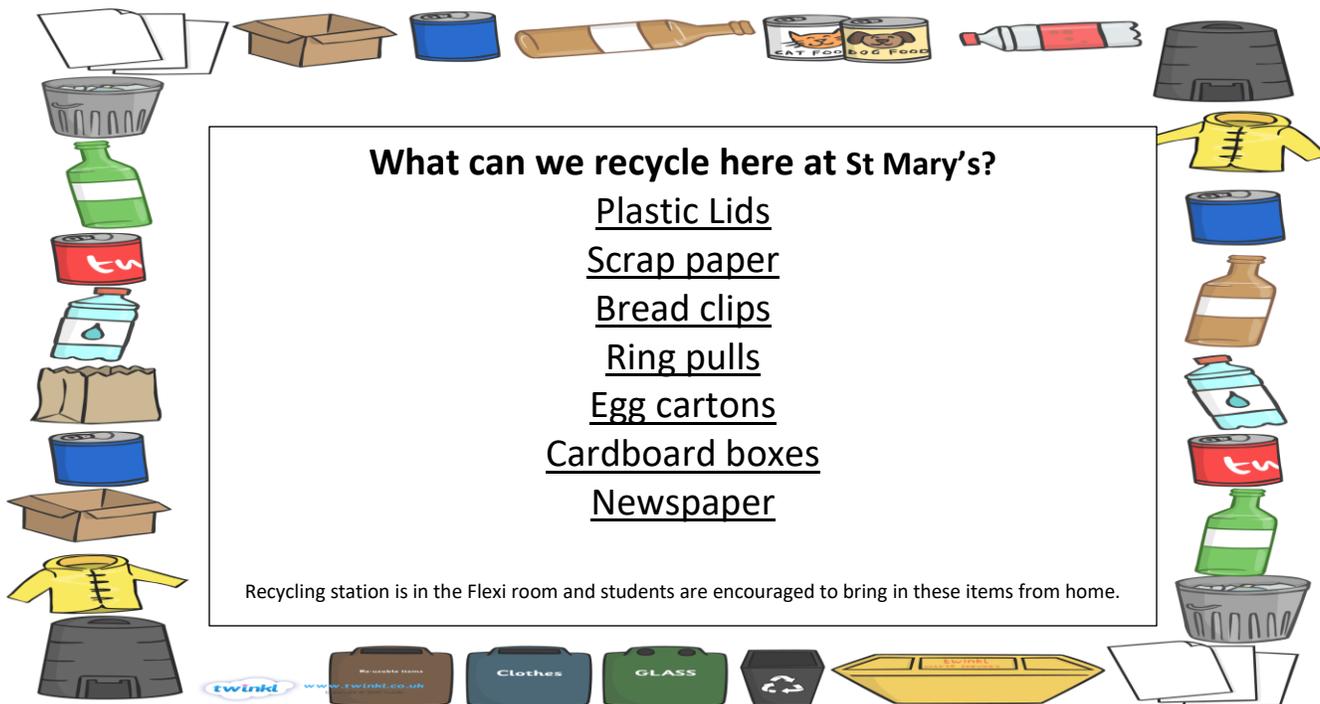
Reminder: There will be **NO** Nazareth House Fete or Knights of the Southern Cross (Midwest) Christmas Dinner this year due to COVID 19.

Our Aged & Sick; Pray for Cliff Dyer, Nell Cripps, Ines Miotti, Patricia Casey, Col Constantine, Jean Williams, Paul Leeson, Jo Mattens, Maud Brown, Betty Thompson, Jim Thompson, Sue Gravranish, Hazel Bunter, and all the residents of Brookview

Monsignor Hawes Heritage Events presents *Christmas in the Piazza Suitcase Markets* on Sunday, December 6th from 8:30am to noon at the Monsignor Hawes Heritage Centre in Geraldton. There will be Devonshire Morning Teas, Cake & Craft stalls, Christmas Carols and The Geraldton Bells. Come and join in the festivities.

Prayer for a good and safe Harvest: God our provider, we acknowledge you as the only source of growth and abundance. We give thanks for the growth in our crops and pasture this year which has made it possible to harvest them. In humility we ask for the fine weather to harvest our crops and may we keep ourselves safe during harvest. In your kindness and love, make up for what is lacking in our faith and in what we do. We ask through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen





What can we recycle here at St Mary's?

- Plastic Lids
- Scrap paper
- Bread clips
- Ring pulls
- Egg cartons
- Cardboard boxes
- Newspaper

Recycling station is in the Flexi room and students are encouraged to bring in these items from home.

COMMUNITY NEWS



VAC Swim -2021

As we head towards summer a lot of families are starting to get back into the water or planning holidays by the beach, rivers or swimming pools. It is important we help them support their child to stay safe and confident in the water.

VacSwim provides children aged five to 17 years with the opportunity to develop and progress their swimming and water safety skills during the school holidays at many locations across the State. There are programs for beginner, intermediate and advanced swimmers.

Primary School

Enrolments are now open for VacSwim swimming lessons during the summer school holidays.

VacSwim in January offers fun lessons at beach or pool locations during the long break. Not only are they a great school holiday activity, they teach valuable safety skills to help keep your child safe in the water.

Your children can start as young as five years old. Don't wait! Enrol your children in VacSwim now at education.wa.edu.au/vacswim

Secondary School

Not only is VacSwim a great school holiday activity, they teach valuable safety skills to help keep your child safe in the water. There are programs for everyone, from beginners to advanced swimmers. Students 13 years and over can enrol in stages 13 – 16. Stage 16 enables them to achieve their Bronze Medallion.

School School App:

Take the plunge! Enrol your child in VacSwim swimming lessons during the summer school holidays.

Find a location near you at education.wa.edu.au/vacswim

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