Dear Parents and Community Members,

God who created us and made us who we are, We come to you at the beginning of another season. We ask you to bless us, to continue to walk with us, To lead us and teach us your will and your ways. Guide us and strengthen us for the days that lie ahead. Keep us faithful to the good things we’ve planned. And if through weakness we should go astray Bring us back and heal us – don’t let us turn away. We ask this of you God our creator And maker of all that is good. Amen.

P&F
Congratulations to our hard-working P&F committee on a successful Welcome Community Sundowner last Friday afternoon. It was lovely to meet some of the new families who attended and it was wonderful to see people enjoying each other’s company, while the children ran and played.

The next P&F meeting will be on Thursday 17 March at 9.00am. This is an opportunity for everyone to come along for morning tea, to see how our P&F works. No pressure to commit to anything, everyone is welcome.

Bunbury Catholic College visit for Year 5 and 6 students
On Tuesday, students from Years 5 and 6 were visited by Ms O’Meara and past students, Daniel and Ella, from Bunbury Catholic College to speak about secondary school at the College. The College Prospectus is available from the website www.bunburycatholic.wa.edu.au. Important dates for Year 6 students:
- The Academic Scholarship Exam Saturday 14 May 2016
- Orientation Day Friday 21 October 2016

We Value:

Compassion

Having a deep concern for others, especially those who are suffering, shown through kind words and actions in an effort to lessen their suffering.

We show this by:

- Including others in games
- Caring for the school and yourself
- Forgiving others when they make mistakes
- Noticing when others seem sad or troubled and help them
- Finding the Spirit of Jesus in people we talk to
- Asking “how can I help?”

IMPORTANT DATES
- Monday 7th March - Labour Day Holiday - NO SCHOOL
- Wednesday 16th March - Jumps Day
- Thursday 17th March - P&F Meeting 9.00am
  - Year 5/6 Mass 11.00am
- Friday 18th March - Sports Carnival
- Tuesday 22nd March - School Photo Day
  - Chrism Mass
- Wednesday 23rd March - Stations of the Cross 11.00am
- Friday 25th March - Good Friday
- Monday 28th March - Easter Monday
- Tuesday 29th March - Easter Tuesday (No School)
- Thursday 31st March - MJR Assembly
- Thursday 7th April - Year 3 Assembly
- Friday 8th April - Last day of term for students
Prayer Table cloths – Thank you for Sewing assistance
In order to provide a space in each classroom for a prayer focus, highlighting the liturgical colours of the Church seasons, and having a visible sign of the changing seasons for our students, we now have a set of Prayer Table cloths for each classroom. Thank you very much to Jacinta Fazey, Ebony Harris, Colleen Lewis and Sonia Italiano for taking fabric home to sew. Your kindness and assistance is appreciated.

Bus and Car traffic after school
Our bus drivers have expressed concern about cars around the bus zone in the afternoons. Please refrain from parking in the area in front of the library where the buses collect our students. Also, it is dangerous to exit from the car park closest to the library between buses. Safety of our children is paramount and will always be a priority. Please be patient during these busy times.

Sports Carnival
Each year our students participate in sports activities, in factions, along with students from Dardanup Primary School. Sports training sessions began this week, and continue next week leading up to the Jumps Day on 16 March and Sports Carnival on 18 March. Seeing teachers from both schools working together, and students interacting in their factions, were great examples of community spirit.

Playground Equipment after school
Please be aware that the playground equipment is out of bounds for students after school, due to duty of care issues.

School Photo Day—Tuesday 22 March
Order forms for school photos were sent home today. ALL order forms, regardless of ordering online or not ordering must be returned to the school office before photo day. Please see the office staff if you require an order form for family photos. Family photos can ONLY be paid in cash, not online.

Professional Learning
I would like to let you know that I will be in Perth for two days this week engaging in study in the area of Instructional Leadership. Next week I will be attending the Catholic Primary Principal’s Conference in Geraldton.

Enjoy the long weekend!
May God bless you

Mrs Angela Hegney
Principal

Merit Certificates
Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Certificates at the past two assemblies.

Pre-Primary
Estrella Higham, Meiah Woods,
Xavier Congdon, Ruby Allwright

Year 1
Oliver Hynes, Brooklyn Matthews, Darci Peace,
Deveraux Stowe, Mac Barbetti, Charlotte Brookes,
Blake Scott

Year 2
Amelie Rose, Matthew Bouteloup,
Ashli Stenhouse, Michaela Williamson

Year 3
Stella Comisso, Jasmine Rowe,
Devon Pope, Amelia Addison

Year 4
Reagan Hughan, Brandon O’Rourke,
Charlie Borlini, Alice Carter

Year 5
Rhianna Malone, Harry Lockhart,
Jy Bolton, Cooper Comisso

Year 6
Liam Heelan, Ella Rowley, Jack Borlini, Mackenzie Barnes

JAPANESE STUDENT EXCHANGE
In February, 10 families from the Dardanup School and Parish Community hosted 20 Japanese Students. The students were on exchange from Waseda Shibuya Senior High School in Singapore and all were aged 16 and 17.

The host families gave them an array of country and ‘Aussie’ living with visits to local Dairy farms, orchards, beach visits (dolphin sightings), Bunbury and Busselton sight seeing and of course the night sky, star gazing. Host families also treated them to roast lamb, BBQ’s and a wonderful night at the beach for fish and chips, playing beach cricket and Frisbee!

A wonderful experience was enjoyed by both the students and host families. Thankyou to all the host families, as money raised through hosting has been generously donated back to the school P&F and Parish community.

If the opportunity arises next year to host students, please do so, as it is a very rewarding experience.

Below is a photo of when the exchange students visited OLOL and participated in Soccer match against Mr Skehan’s year 5 class.
**SCHOOL FEES**

School fees can be paid on a regular basis eg: fortnightly or monthly, per term or in total as per the annual statement.

*A 5% discount applies to tuition fees only, if the total year amount is paid by the due date of 24th March 2016.*

Fees can be paid by BPay, cheque, money order, direct debit or cash. Unfortunately, we do not have Eftpos facilities.

I am conscious that term one fees are substantial as they include amenities, levies, camp and swimming fees. These items may be paid off over a longer period.

School fee discounts are available via the Catholic Education system for those families on a Health Care Card or Pension Card.

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**SCHOOL DENTAL VAN**

The School Dental van is currently located at Dardanup Primary School.

Appointment times will be sent out to students.

If you are new to our school, you will receive information shortly.

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**Canteen News**

**TOMORROW 4th March**

Leaders: Louise & Julie  
Helpers: Emily Scott & Clare Clements

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**WEEK 6 - 11th March**

Leaders: Denise & Clare  
Helpers: Sonia Italiano & Susan Peace

Recess: $2.00 Apple Cinnamon Muffin  
Lunch: $3.50 Roast Beef & Gravy Rolls  
Extra: $1.00 Juice

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**WEEK 7 - 18th March**

NO CANTEEN - Due to sports carnival

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**St Mary’s School Donnybrook**

Invites you to our 100th Anniversary  
Sunday 1st May 2016  
10am Mass  
followed by an Open school event 11am–3pm  
(digital displays, memorabilia, time capsule)  
Morning tea & Sausage sizzle available for purchase or bring your own picnic.  
Please RSVP 08 9731 1496 or email admin@stmarysdbrk.wa.edu.au  
By April 1st 2016  
Please tell all past staff and students about it.  
We would love to see you there!  
A centennial magazine will be available for purchase on the day.
Religious Education News

Today the year 2, 3 and 4 classes celebrated a lovely liturgy with Father Wayne, celebrating God's love and forgiveness. Thank you to the classes and Father Wayne for this reminder during Lent.

Miss. Natalie Dillon
Assistant Principal

Thursday 17th March– St Patrick’s Day, Yr 5/6 Mass– 11am
Wednesday 23rd March– Stations of the Cross– 11am
Wednesday 30th March– Stations of Glory– 8.45am

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 6, 2016

Gospel Reading


Jesus teaches about forgiveness in the parable of the Prodigal Son.

“Hey, that’s not fair!” How many times have we heard this spoken in our family? Family members challenge one another’s generosity, operating from the perspective of limited resources. If we have given to one, perhaps there won’t be enough for the other. Jesus wants us to understand that this is not how it is with God’s mercy and forgiveness. God offers his love to all of us in abundance. The forgiveness of the father in the parable is an image of God’s love for us, generous beyond measure in his love for both of his sons. Can we truly believe that God acts this way towards us and accept his mercy without jealousy, knowing that God’s love for another does not diminish his love for us?

As you gather as a family, talk about the words and phrases you speak to one another when angry. Identify words or phrases that reflect jealousy towards one another. Talk about why we sometimes feel jealousy towards one another. Read aloud today’s Gospel, Luke 15:1-3,11-32. Talk about why the older brother is jealous of the younger brother. Identify words that the family members in the parable might say to one another to begin to heal their broken relationships. Make a family commitment to say these types of words and phrases to one another with greater frequency.

Look Closer…

Greed and envy: The Prodigal Son is about two vices— the younger son greedily uses his inheritance while the older son rejects his brother out of envy.

Treat greed with generosity and envy with love this week:

* Serve yourself last
* Bless those you envy
* Let go of self pity.

MJR

MJR means Making Jesus Real in our world, by making a difference at school and at home. MJR is 24/7, not just at school. In year 5 we have learnt about “Go Karts” and “Billy Karts”. People that are “Billy Karts” need to be pushed to do their work. They moan and groan and often need to be asked multiple times to do something. People that are “Go Karts” get straight down to their work and get it done efficiently and to the best of their ability.

We have also learnt about giving thanks for our daily lives. Giving thanks is about saying thank you at home and school so that people know they are being noticed for the good things they do for us. Remember to say thank you at least 10 times a day (4 at school and 6 at home)

MJR is a great program that teaches us how to be more like Jesus and to live with Jesus in our hearts. The MJR program helps us to change our behaviour and live a good life!

By Jy Bolton & Riley Hearne

One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.
-Matthew 4:4b

Today the year 2, 3 and 4 classes celebrated a lovely liturgy with Father Wayne, celebrating God’s love and forgiveness. Thank you to the classes and Father Wayne for this reminder during Lent.
On Sunday 21 February Fr Wayne commissioned our school staff, Board and P&F to continue our work in our school.

We committed ourselves to serving the Christian mission of our school by fulfilling our respective roles to the best of our abilities. We asked for God’s blessing on our work, and we asked for the prayers of the parish community. Everyone enjoyed a cuppa and catch up afterwards.
Kindy  We had some special visitors in our school yesterday, 3 beautiful ducklings that belong to Bridie and her brothers. We got to pat their feathers. They felt so soft and beautiful! We watched them eat and then they had a swim. We sang some duck songs before the year one class came down to watch. Thank you Mrs Humphrey

Pre Primary  Patterns, patterns, patterns! We've been having a great time creating lots of different patterns in Pre-primary. We have made patterns for wind chimes, patterns with pasta necklaces, and patterns using natural materials. We are looking forward to making a pattern on Friday that we can 'Repeat and then eat!'. In Religion we have been talking about how God wants us to care for each other and the different ways we care for people and living things. We had a very special visitor come to our classroom last week. Caitlin's baby sister came in for a bath and her mum talked to us about how she and her family care for Rebecca. We were all given special jobs to do to help care for Rebecca while she visited us which was super exciting. We hope you can visit us again soon Rebecca!

Year 1  We have enjoyed participating in the sports training this week and are excited about being in a faction. In science, we have written a procedure about how to start a worm farm. We will be following our instructions to make a worm farm for our class.

Year 2 News  The Year 2's have continued to enjoy our journey 'Around the World'. Last week we visited New Zealand and created some wonderful Maori Koru Art. This week we are visiting Russia and are making our own Babooshka dolls. In Science, we investigated the difference between soil and sand, and discovered why we use sand in the sandpit.

Year 3 News  Beware of the enormous crocodiles lurking in Year 3! We have been studying Roald Dahl’s books, and love the language he uses and the characters he creates. In Science we have learnt that all animals are classified into Vertebrates or Invertebrates and we are researching each to become experts in birds, mammals and arachnids, etc. Our writing is becoming very interesting as we are using different devices to “hook” our audience in the introduction and trying hard to leave the reader with something to think about in our conclusions.

Year 4  Wow, it's hard to believe it is already week five! We have been very busy in year 4 this term. In writing, we are learning how to write interesting story openers to get the reader interested. We are using our senses to paint a picture with our words. In a few weeks, we will be producing some great stories. In Technology and Enterprise, we are investigating different famous structures around the world. So far, we have researched and written summaries and soon we will get onto designing and building - we can't wait!

Year 5 News  We are continuing to work hard investigating light in Science. This week we consolidated what we have already learnt about light by constructing peek boxes and conducting experiments with them. In our writing we have been looking at newspaper articles. As a class we unlocked the mystery of the disappearing English teacher and we then wrote an article about what we had found out. We will finish this unit by writing a newspaper article on the Waroona bushfires, which links to our Geography topic. We have also started our "Aussie Optimism" program and we have started looking at emotions. We used jelly beans to help us to identify our emotions and talk about times when we have experienced this feeling.

Year 6 News  The class have continued to work hard over the last couple of weeks. We have improved our ability to multiply and divide accurately. We are starting a big unit on fractions. In English we are looking at nouns, verbs and the correct use of apostrophes. We are enjoying sport training with Dardanup Primary, and can't wait for the big day to arrive. Congratulations to the boys in our class who competed in basketball at Country Week in Perth. The Dardanup team finished third in their division!!!
Auskick will begin on Thursday 28th April at the Wells Recreation Park Dardanup (Main oval).
Auskick is for boys and girls in Pre-Primary to Year Three.
On Thursday 24th March a meeting will be held at the oval at 3.30pm for all parents interested in enrolling their children in the Auskick program. A co-ordinator will be required as Jim Ursino, who has been running the Dardanup Centre for many years, will be unavailable for the whole season but is willing to assist for the first few weeks.
You can enrol your children into the Auskick program now by logging on to aflauskick.com.au and follow the prompts after entering postcode 6236.
Please contact Jim on 0417178988 if you have any queries or if you are interested in taking on the rewarding position as Auskick co-ordinator.

Enrolments for the Eaton Netball Association are now open!
Please register at
www.eatonnetballassociation.wa.netball.com.au

Bunbury City Bulls Junior Rugby Club

Registration Day Saturday 12th March
10.00 – 12.00 noon
The Bullring Wallabies Way Hay Park
Bunbury
Registrations also available online please contact
juniorbulls.bunbury@gmail.com for the link

Training starts: Thursday 31st March
Games start: Sunday 1st May

Contact Kate Wilson on 0400 981 801 for further details

Dardanup Community Playgroup

Come along to Dardanup Playgroup, meet other parents/carers and make new friends for your children and yourself. Bring a piece of fruit and come join in the fun of playgroup.

Where: Dardanup Community Centre on Little Street, Dardanup, behind Montessori Centre

When: Wednesday mornings
9.30am—11.30am every School term

Enquiries to : Mandy 0412 454 769
Aliesa 0409 393 859
Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festival AGM
Wednesday 9 March, 7.30pm,
Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms.
Come and join a happy bunch and bring along your ideas for the 2016 Festival. Delicious supper provided.
Enq 0418 281 201
The date for this years festival is
Saturday 8 October 2016

BUNBURY JUNIOR BADMINTON
REGISTRATION EVENINGS
Wednesday, 9th March  6 – 7:30 pm
Wednesday, 16th March  6 – 7:30 pm

Have a Go at Badminton! Ages 7 - 17
Come along to the Try Out nights at the Badminton Centre next door to the South West Sports Centre.
Racquets are provided and no cost is involved in these evenings.
Wear: sports clothes and sneakers – non marking soles.
(Season runs Terms 2 & 3)

Did you know?
• Badminton is the FASTEST racquet sport in the world with the fastest smash at 493 km/hr!!
• The sport is played indoors with feather shuttles.
• Games played are singles, doubles and mixed doubles.

Bunbury Badminton has produced many State Junior players with some current kids looking at following suit.

Contact Donna Senbergs on 0447 958 322 for further information