

**ANNUAL REPORT TO THE  
SCHOOL COMMUNITY  
ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA CARNARVON**

**School Improvement**

The following goals were identified for the 2015 school year.

**Learning**

- During 2015, St Mary Star of the Sea Catholic School began implementing Explicit Direct Instruction, a pedagogy that formed part of the Federal Government Flexible Literacy Project. Fidelity to the implementation process was the goal for 2015 and this was achieved. All teachers began implementing English lessons based on the Explicit Direct Instruction framework.

**Engagement**

- To co-plan with the parish and parents shared responsibility in the coordination and reception of the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation.

**Accountability**

- A Quality Improvement Plan designed for the school to meet the requirements of the National Quality Standards was developed and key elements identified as needing improvement.

**Discipleship**

- Review of Evangelization. During 2015, all staff were involved in the development of a revised Evangelization Plan for St Mary Star of the Sea Catholic School Carnarvon.

**Key Goals for 2016.**

**Learning**

- By the end of 2016, all teachers will be using Explicit Direct Instruction (EDI) as the preferred pedagogy.

**Engagement**

- By the end of 2016, remote Year 11 and 12 courses will be available to St Mary's students in Carnarvon through Nagle Catholic College.

**Accountability**

- By the end of Term 1 2016 a performance and development framework will be outlined to all staff.

**Discipleship**

- By the end of 2016, we will have developed a museum dedicated to the founding order of the school.

## Financial and Infrastructure Report

Please find below the operating budget for the 2016 school year.

### St Mary Star of the Sea Catholic School - CARNARVON (8185)

#### Summary

Budgeted Operations	Tuition Amount (\$)	Boarding Amount (\$)
Recurrent Income	4,698,007	
Recurrent Expenditure	4,396,191	
<b>Recurrent Result</b>	<b>301,816</b>	
Capital Income	84,320	
Capital Expenditure	66,509	
<b>Capital Result</b>	<b>17,811</b>	
Income Result	4,782,327	
Expenditure Result	4,462,700	
<b>ESTIMATED RESULT FOR 2016</b> (Positive for surplus, Negative for deficit)	<b>319,627</b>	<b>0</b>

Estimated Opening Balance 1 January 2016	Tuition Amount (\$)	Boarding Amount (\$)
Operating Account	70,000	
CDF/DDF Account	406,747	
Account 1	193,607	
Account 2	14,545	
All Other Accounts	0	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>684,899</b>	

Summary Position for 2016	Tuition Amount (\$)	Boarding Amount (\$)
Estimated Opening Balance 1 January 2016	684,899	
Estimated result for 2016	319,627	0
Cash reserves as at 31 December 2016	1,004,526	0
January 2017 salaries (auto-calculated)	278,294	0
<b>Cash Reserves after January 2017 salaries:</b>	<b>726,232</b>	<b>0</b>
Cash reserves after January 2017 salaries that are set aside for the following provisions:		
Building Account	80,000	
Information Technology	50,000	
Deferred Maintenance	50,000	
Vehicle Replacement	20,000	
Special Initiatives		
Other - Home Ec Equipment	2,000	
<b>BALANCE</b> (Positive for surplus, Negative for deficit)	<b>524,232</b>	<b>0</b>

## **ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

The year began with a new school curriculum focus being Explicit Direct Instruction. This has required the teachers adopting a new pedagogy and curriculum materials in English. We have begun seeing some strong results coming through as a result of this new approach. For the first time, St Mary's Pre-primary class is exceeding state average results in English. This has been quite a significant shift for the school.

The school introduced another early intervention programme in 2016 to compliment Reading Recovery and Multilit. Minilit is designed to accelerate early reading skills and fast track students who have fallen behind standard. Mrs Sam Punch was trained in this role and I can happily report that most students on the programme are showing very significant improvement.

Being a Catholic school, the sacraments preparation and reception are life giving to the community. We have once again celebrated First Eucharist and Confirmation. Both celebrations were faith filled and joyous occasions and I would like to thank both Fr Mariusz and Fr Kris for the excellent manner of how the children were prepared and the masses on the day which the children should remember for the rest of their lives.

The Year 3s completed their First Reconciliation on the 19<sup>th</sup> November.

Sport was again a focus for St Mary's school with the school participating in Interschool Athletics and Cross Country, the Interschool Winter Carnival, and the upcoming School and Interschool swimming carnivals. Whilst we didn't manage to win all of these, St Mary's students performed admirably, and what was most pleasing was the behaviour of the students was exemplary at all of these events. They were a credit to not only themselves, but also their families.

As usual, the end of the year is a happy and sad time as we farewell some staff and welcome new members to our school community. Jacob Windle has officially resigned. Whilst we will miss Jacob's presence, we are thrilled to have retained the teaching services of Tricia De Vares. Religious Education Coordinator Miss Kate Chilvers has resigned and taken up a position at Kearnan College Manjimup. Whilst Kate was a real asset to St Mary's School and we will all miss her teaching skills and religious understandings that she willingly shared with all of us, we wish her all the best as she begins a new chapter in her career.

Daryl Weatherdon is taking a year off in 2016 to travel.

We welcome back to St Mary Star of the Sea Catholic School in 2016 Miss Emily Roche who left to pursue a career in Perth at the end of 2014. Emily has decided she would like to revisit her country experience. We are more than happy to have Emily back on staff for 2016. The Year 11 Nagle Campus in Carnarvon will begin operations in 2016. I am happy to inform you all that the entire St Mary's Year 10 cohort have enrolled in this programme for next year. This is an exciting initiative that has had its roots firmly in St Mary's Parish and School for many years. We eagerly await to see the students begin their courses in 2016. Mrs Helen Dixon, a former staff member and current St Mary's parishioner, is the inaugural teacher at the campus. We wish her and Nagle all the very best for the coming years.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parish and our two priests, Fr Mariusz and Fr Kris, for their ongoing commitment and support of St Mary Star of the Sea Catholic School.

**ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
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SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR**

The 2015 school year saw a curriculum focus on Explicit Direct Instruction (EDI). The school board has great respect for the teaching staff who have embraced this pedagogy and have begun implementing it with fidelity. Academic results demonstrate improvement and we hope this continues into the future.

Cyclone Olwyn caused damage to the school grounds and surrounds during Term 1. As a board we would like to thank those in the community who helped clean up and ready the school to commence classes following the cyclone devastation. This was a great display of community spirit.

Nagle Catholic College introduced Senior Catholic High School for parents choosing to stay in town and not send their children away for Years 11 and 12. We would like to thank previous board chair, Mr Paul Mullane, and previous school principal, Mr Darren McDonald, for all the work done prior to 2016 to achieve this significant outcome for the families of Carnarvon.

We would like to thank those that have represented the school board and will not be renominating for 2016. Mr Max March and Mrs Di Ramirez have given much of their time and talents helping to guide our school community over the last few years. We welcome to the School Board for 2016 Mr Jim Andreoli and Mr Craig Zwetsloop. We look forward to their contribution to our school community in the coming years.

We would like to thank the tireless and hard-working Parents and Friends group of St Mary's Carnarvon. Once again they have raised considerable funds for the students of St Mary's School. The focus for the fund raising efforts for 2015 and 2016 is the purchase of a school bus.

We would like to thank the staff of St Mary's School for their hard and commitment in providing sound quality Catholic education for the students of St Mary's school. We would also like to thank those teachers leaving St Mary's at the conclusion of this year. Mr Jacob Windle and Miss Kate Chilvers have both decided to pursue career options elsewhere. We wish them all the very best for their future endeavours.

Thank you,

Mr John Nuttall.  
St Mary Star of the Sea Catholic School Board Chair

## **PARENTS AND FRIENDS PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

I am so proud and honored to work with an amazing group of parents this year on the P & F. What makes our Committee are parents who put in many hours of their own time for fundraising and community service.

As another school year ends, we would once again ask for your support so that we can continue making resources and learning opportunities available to our students and school staff. Your membership allows the P & F to raise funds to provide financial and practical support for the students. Money raised through P & F membership, fundraisers helps to contribute to charitable work undertaken by the school, campus improvement, provided learning opportunities and social activities that may have otherwise been unavailable to our students.

For the P & F to be effective and truly representative of the school, everyone's participation is essential. Many parents feel that they cannot participate because they cannot attend meetings or don't have the time to be part of the committee. We want everyone to feel that they are part of the St Mary's Star of the Sea Community and can contribute.

Whether you can contribute 20 mins or a couple of hours, your ideas, your time, your talents and simply your VOICE are truly needed. We can match your time constraints and interests to needed tasks. There are endless possibilities in ways you can help.

In volunteering at our school, you will get to enjoy interacting with the children and getting to know other parents, and accomplish things that truly make a difference. What better way to show our children how important their school is than by showing up. Research and active parent involvement shows that students whose parents are involved in their education have better grades and fewer discipline problems. We promise that the time you give to the P & F and the school will be worth your while and you will have a lot of fun.

We would like to thank you in advance for your support and look forward to incoming Committee and continued involvement.