



# School Newsletter

Term 1 Issue 10

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 7th April	Last day of Term 1
Friday 8th April	Pupil Free Day
Monday 25th April	Anzac Day - Public Holiday
Tuesday 26th April	First day of Term 2
Thursday 28th April	Anzac Day Assembly/Service
Monday 2nd May to Friday 6th May	Year Six Confirmation Camp in Geraldton
Thursday 5th May	PS Assembly
Friday 6th May	WS Mother's Day Liturgy and slide show 10am

Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

Already we find ourselves at the end of Term 1, with all in need of a holiday to relax and recharge for the remainder of the year. Both staff and students have given all to ensure learning continues to be our main focus here at St Mary's and it is very pleasing and rewarding for all to begin to see some positive results being attained for the effort that has been expended. We anticipate this trend to continue in the coming years. Congratulations to all concerned.

As we reflect on all that has occurred in Term 1, we are thankful to our God for the many opportunities that have been presented and look forward to more to come in the remaining three terms of this year.

### BUILDING PROJECT

Currently there is a building project being considered to refurbish and redesign many of the teaching and recreational areas around St Mary's school. This will bring the school up to contemporary standards and ensure students are able to make the most of their learning for many years to come. As plans become finalized, there will be an opportunity for parents to view and comment.

### PROFESSIONAL RENEWAL LEAVE

For the first four weeks of Term 2, Mrs O'Halloran and I will be going to the USA to receive further instruction and learnings around the Explicit Direct Instruction programme that we are starting to see the benefits of at St Mary's, Carnarvon. Mrs Jo Buzzard will be taking the Year 1 class in Mrs O'Halloran's absence and both Mrs Da Luz and Mr Gammon will be sharing the Acting Principal's role till I return on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

### STUDENT TEACHER

Next term, Mr Hugh Mitchell, a practicum student, will be supporting Mrs Hodgson in Year 5. We look forward to Mr Mitchell sharing his contemporary learning and understandings with all at St Mary's School.

## STUDENTS RETURN

The last day for St Mary's students will be tomorrow, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April. The first day for students in Term 2 will be Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

God Bless



Steve O'Halloran  
Principal

Would Youth Day 2016 and P&F  
"Movie Night"  
Quiz Night  
Saturday 30th April  
Book your tables now at the school  
office - 99411328

## Head of Primary School

As parents we often fall into situations where we question if we have made the right choices for our children. We wonder whether we have done something wrong or if our parenting choices might be the reason why they behave the way they do. Having a challenging young one myself, I often have thoughts like 'I wish he would sleep properly', 'I wish he would just sit whilst eating his dinner', 'I wish he wouldn't tease his brother'. I read something the other day that I would like to share with you. It made me realise just how lucky I am to have a rebellious little character, who throws himself at and off everything, who defies everything I say and is strong enough to do things his own way in his own time.

May you be blessed with a child who defies you  
So you may learn to release control  
With one who doesn't listen  
So you may learn to tune in  
With one who loves to procrastinate  
So you learn the beauty of stillness  
With one who forgets things  
So you learn to let go of your attachments  
With one who is extra sensitive  
So you learn to be grounded  
With one who dares to rebel  
So you learn to think outside the box  
With one who feels afraid  
So you learn to trust the universe  
May you be blessed with a child  
Who teaches you  
That is is never about them  
And all about you  
Dr Shefali

For parents it's not about what you may or may not have done in the past, it's about what you can do for your children in the future. It's about being open to the little life lessons children can teach you. It's about changing your perception.

## Mothers Day

Thank you to Sue Aiken and Sue-Lyn Munro who have helped me to take many photos of mothers with their children for our mother's day liturgy next term. If you would like a photo with your child/children to be on the slideshow at the liturgy, please email it to the school before Friday.

## Thank you

A big thank you to the staff, students and families who have made me feel so welcome in my first term at St Mary's. I wish you all a safe and enjoyable break!

Kind regards



Mr Andrew Gammon  
Head of Primary School



## Parish News

Father Mariusz is inviting any parents and/or their children who would like to be Baptised in the Catholic Church to contact him on 99411768 at the Presbytery.

## News from the Bursar

### SCHOOL FEES

Please remember to complete your Payment Options form and return it to the school. This indicates your commitment to the school with regards to your fees. Forms will be sent out with accounts to any families who have not returned their form. If you have any queries please call Anna on 99411328.

### FEE CONCESSIONS

Holders of Centrelink Health Care and Pension Cards may be eligible to receive Fee Discounts. The card must be current and show the names of the children attending school. The discount can only be given to the person responsible for payment of the school fees. The discounts are available for students from Kindy to Year 10.

**Secondary Student Assistance** Parents who hold either card and have children in Yrs 7 – 10 may also be eligible for the Education Dept Secondary Student Assistance. Applications for Secondary Assistance close on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April**.

All families claiming fee discounts **MUST** complete new forms for 2016. Please bring your card with you as we are required to sight and copy the card.

*Thankyou. Anna Brooks*

## Homework Classes

Homework classes have finished for Term 1  
They will re-commence for Term 2 on Thursday 28th  
April.



## After School Lego Club



Congratulations to the following students who have been offered a place in the After-School Lego Club;

Evelyn Henderson, Finn Beard, Grace Nuttall, James White, Xavier Cox and Jamylah Acott.

These students have achieved outstanding results and have qualified for a place based on the strict selection criteria. I look forward to working with these students next term in learning about Robotics and Coding.

Miss Emily Roche  
Co-ordinator

# Photos



Blessing of the Roads 2016

SRC Leaders 2016



Faction Captains 2016





**World Youth Day 2016 Pilgrims &  
St Mary's P&F  
present**

# Movie Night

## QUIZ NIGHT



**Questions from your favourite movies from your favourite eras all  
night long!**

**Come dressed as your favourite movie character or in your red  
carpet finest!**

**SATURDAY, 30th APRIL, 2016**

**Doors open from 7pm, Round 1 starts 7.30pm sharp**

**\$10 / head, tables of 6-10 available**

**St Mary's School Hall**

***BYO Snacks—Bar facility available***

**Tickets available from St Mary's School office or  
Everywhere Travel**



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@stmarysdrbk.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.