IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 28th April
Anzac Day Assembly/Service 2pm

Monday 2nd May to Friday 6th May
Year Six Confirmation Camp in Geraldton

Wednesday 3rd May to Friday 5th May
P & F Mother’s Day Stall

Thursday 5th May
PS Assembly

Friday 6th May
WS Mother’s Day Liturgy and slide show 10am

Sunday 8th May
Mother's Day

Tuesday 10th May to Thursday 14th May
NAPLAN - Years 3, 5, 7 and 9

Thursday 12th May
Confirmation Parent/Child Meeting

O my God,
I love Thee above all things,
with my whole heart and soul, because Thou art all good and worthy of all love.
I love my neighbour as myself for the love of Thee.
I forgive all who have injured me, and ask pardon of all whom I have injured.
Amen
Middle School News

Welcome back to Term 2. I trust you would have all had a relaxing holiday break and are raring to go! We have many important events scheduled this term – academically as always and socially. NAPLAN will be occurring for Years 7 and 9 students in Week 3 so by now, teachers should be preparing all students for this testing week. Students who have been exempted from this process will still be required to attend school as alternative arrangements have been organised for them to complete their individual programs during the testing period.

We hope to see as many Mums as possible at our Mother’s Day Liturgy on Friday 6 May starting at 10am in our school hall. This will be followed by a Morning Tea held in our Staffroom. All Mums are welcome to attend.

With Mr O’Halloran away during the first four weeks of term, Mr Gammon and I will be sharing the Acting Principal’s role. Please feel free to contact either of us if you have any concerns about your child’s schooling. We wish both Mr and Mrs O’Halloran an invigorating trip to America and look forward to hearing about their newly-found skills and further expertise in EDI.

Thank you to our Head Boy and Girl: Edward Sipili and Sonia Leca, who together with Mrs Holtham, marched in our Anzac Parade on Monday 25th April and laid our school wreath at the memorial service. It was a beautiful turn out and great to see so many people there. This Thursday 28th April, we will be holding our own Anzac service in the School Hall at 2pm. Hope to see you there.

Today marks the Feast Day of St Mark, the Evangelist – the traditionally ascribed author of the Gospel according to Mark. He is also said to have founded the Church in Alexandria, one of the most important in early Christianity. His symbol is the winged lion – a figure of courage and monarchy. Many Christian legends say that he was thrown to the Lions and the animals refused to attack or eat him. Instead the Lions slept at his feet while he petted them. When the Romans saw this, they released him, impressed by this sight. So in the tradition of St Mark, let us all try and be more courageous this term – when we see wrong-doing, speak up or act against it and when we feel like giving up, persevere and try and achieve our personal best.

Kind regards

Sam Da Luz
Head of Middle School

Primary News

Aboriginal Families as First Educators
A new initiative in Catholic Education and funded by the Australian Government will commence this term. The Aboriginal Families as First Educators (AFAFE) program has been developed with the aim of closing the academic gap between Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Australians. It recognises the important role that Indigenous parents play in the early education of their children and aims to support them. The program will be offered throughout the community on Fridays.

Congratulations to Ms Becky Faithfull and Mrs Liz Cook who have taken on the teaching and running of the AFAFE program. Your combined experience and enthusiasm will be of great benefit to this program.

Other Staff Movement
Mr and Mrs O’Halloran will be on Professional Leave for the first four weeks of this term. They are travelling to America to learn directly from Data Works, the people who wrote Explicit Direct Instruction. We are sure their studies will have great impact on the success of our school.
Other Staff Movement cont...

Congratulations to Mrs Jo Buzzard who has accepted the Year One teaching position for the first four weeks of this term in Mrs Alison O’Halloran’s absence. I am positive the students will really enjoy having you back.

Congratulations to Mrs Patricia Gale who will be relieving Mrs Liz Cook of her Friday responsibilities in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Mrs Gale has had much experience as a Teacher Assistant and we know she will be a valuable asset to our team.

Up-coming events

St Mary’s Anzac Day Service will be held on Thursday 28th April at 2pm in the school hall. All are welcome to join us.

The Mother’s Day Liturgy will be held on Friday 6th May at 10am in the hall. Families are invited to join us and stay for a morning tea afterwards.

NAPLAN will be held for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in Week 3.

Kind regards

Andrew Gammon
Head of Primary School

Primary News

Last term, the Kindergarten, Pre-Primary, Year One and Year Two classes attended a musical comedy, ‘Teddy Bears Picnic’ performed by The Kazoos at the Camel Lane Theatre. The students were accompanied to the theatre by their favourite teddy and were entertained by The Kazoos (husband and wife team of Celia and Chris Hill), as well as a toothless crocodile, a happy shark and a lovable teddy. When students experience a drama performance in their community it allows students to identify where they might see and hear drama in their lives and community. We would like to thank the parents and grandparents who accompanied us on our excursion.

Mrs Durmanich
Pre Primary Teacher

Mother’s Day Liturgy

Please bring any freshly cut flowers to the office next Friday the 6th May so that posies can be arranged by our students - any donations are greatly appreciated.
**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.

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**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

**FRIDAY — 13th MAY 2016**

**Time:** 6pm MASS followed by a PROCESSION

Followed by a DELICIOUS SHARED MEAL

**Where:** St Mary’s Church and Parish Centre

**Cost:**
- $15 per Adult, and over 13 years old
- $5 for Primary aged Children
- Children under 4 FREE

Please bring a salad, vegetable dish or sweet for the Table.

The Meat will be supplied. Tea, coffee, some Beer and Wine, and Cordial for the children also supplied.

This event is one of the Parish’s major fundraising events for our Building Fund, and there will be raffles, spinning wheel, door prize and music. So come along and join in the Festivities and help to make this a wonderful celebration for our Parish.

Father Leonard will be with us for this event.

Any queries, ring Yvonne on 99418088

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**ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL**

**P & F Association**

As we do every year, as a fundraiser we are holding a Mother’s Day stall. We will be holding our stall on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday next week on the stage area outside the library during the students’ lunch break from 12.30pm to 1pm.

The prices range from $2.00 to $10.00. If you would like to let your child purchase a gift, you can place some money in an envelope and we will help your child choose their special gift.

We wish all Mothers and Grandmothers a very lovely Mother’s Day.

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

MOVIE 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

ACCIDENTAL ENCOUNTERS

An exhibition encompassing the
stories of the first recorded
European landings in Shark Bay
and the four Dutch VOC shipwrecks
off the west Australian coast.

DATES: 5 APRIL-21 AUGUST 2016
(FREE ADMISSION)

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18 EGAN STREET, CARNARVON
TEL: 9941 3727

MON, TUES, THURS, FRI 9am - 5pm
WED 9am - 6pm
SAT 9am - 12pm
Closed Sundays and Public Holidays
The Football season is nearly upon us and our pre-season training has commenced. If you are interested in playing football this year our training days are Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Premier Oval (Festival Grounds) see times below.

**Nippers**
8-13 Years
Training Times: 4.30-5.30pm

**Colts**
13-17 Years
Training Times: 5-6pm

**Seniors**
17 Years & Over
Training Times: 5.30pm -7pm
Ryan: 0431 716 792

For more information please contact Ashlee on 045 935 9179 or Chris Leca on 0477 163 574

ALL WELCOME