From The Principal’s Desk

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Friday 13th May
Our Lady of Fatima - Parish Celebration

A Mother’s Day Prayer

Lord,
Thank you for my Mother. Thank you for blessing me with a Mother who is kind, loving, strong. Bless her and protect her. May you give her peace in times of worry and distress, may you give her comfort in times of sadness, may you give her hope when she feels hopeless, and may her heart be filled with joy each day. Let her feel your unconditional love and forgiveness as she has unconditionally loved me. May she feel loved and cherished on this day.

Amen.
Middle School News

With Mother’s Day fast approaching, I hope you have done your shopping already! If not, don’t forget that our wonderful P&F are holding some stalls on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at lunchtime for students to purchase some lovely gifts. We will also celebrate with a liturgy on Friday 12th May beginning at 10am, followed by a morning tea for all Mums. I know Mr Gammon has been hard at work creating our traditional Mother’s Day slideshow, so don’t miss out on the day!

Thank you to Miss Slattery for organising a great Quiz Night last Saturday for the World Youth Day pilgrims. Miss Slattery and Mr Chris Leca will be representing our Parish as they journey to Turkey, Greece and Poland in July. They will be joining Fr Greg who is the leader of the event and spending time with young people from all over the world in this incredible opportunity for their faith development.

The MS Lock-in is also getting closer. All Year 7 and 8 students with Good Standing are invited to this event, with members of the SRC and Year 10 students volunteering for the night. Please ensure that all permission slips are handed back and checklists are adhered to as once the students are in, we will be in LOCK-DOWN mode. Staff are rostered on throughout the night for supervision and it promises to be another fun and worthy activity. Funds raised on the evening will be earmarked for a charitable organisation – to be confirmed soon.

As this is the month of Marian devotion, all classes are encouraged to recite a decade of the rosary. I have included, a “How to Pray the Rosary” for families who wish to do this at home, within this newsletter. It is a particularly beautiful way to reflect upon the life of Christ, with the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, so that we may grow in our faith and deepen our relationship with God.

To assist with your meditations upon the Mysteries of the Holy Rosary, please refer to the information below:

**MYSTERIES OF THE HOLY ROSARY**
The Mysteries of the Rosary are designed to help focus our prayer on the life, ministry, and Passion of Our Lord. There are four rosary mysteries (Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, Luminous) and five parts of each mystery which correspond to the five decades of the rosary.
The **Joyful Mysteries** focus on the joyful events related to the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. The **Sorrowful Mysteries** focus on the sorrowful events related to the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ. The **Glorious Mysteries** focus on the glorious events related to the Resurrection and the reigning of Christ in heaven with Our Lady. The **Luminous Mysteries** or mysteries of light (added by Pope St. John Paul II) focus on the life and ministry of Jesus Christ.

It is recommended that you meditate on the mysteries of the rosary based upon the days of the week. For example, on Mondays you will pray the Joyful Mysteries. With each of the five decades of the rosary you will focus on one of the five events that comprise the Joyful mysteries. On Tuesday you will pray the Sorrowful Mysteries, and so on through the rest of the week. This method was recommended to the faithful by Pope St. John Paul II.

**The JOYFUL MYSTERIES** of the Holy Rosary (suggested to pray on Monday and Saturday)

1. The Annunciation of Gabriel to the Virgin Mary (Luke 1:26-38)
2. The Visitation of Virgin Mary to Elizabeth (Luke 1:39-56)
4. The Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple at Jerusalem (Luke 2:22-38)

**The SORROWFUL MYSTERIES** of the Rosary (suggested to pray on Tuesday and Friday)

1. The Agony of Our Lord in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:36-56)
2. Our Lord is Scourged at the Pillar (Matthew 27:26)
3. Our Lord is Crowned with Thorns (Matthew 27:27-31)
4. Our Lord Carries the Cross to Calvary (Matthew 27:32)
5. The Crucifixion of Our Lord (Matthew 27:33-56)

**The GLORIOUS MYSTERIES** of the Rosary (suggested to pray on Wednesday and Sunday)
1. The Resurrection of Our Lord (John 20:1-29)
4. The Assumption of the Virgin Mary into Heaven (Munificentissimus Deus, Pope Pius XII 1950)
5. The Coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth (Revelation 12:1)

The **LUMINOUS MYSTERIES** of the Rosary (suggested to pray on Thursday)

1. The Baptism of Our Lord in the Jordan (Matthew 3:13-16)
2. The Wedding Feast at Cana (John 2:1-11)
3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom of Heaven (Mark 1:14-15)
4. The Transfiguration of Our Lord (Matthew 17:1-8)
5. The Institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper (Matthew 26)

**Now, let's put it all together:**

Make the **Sign of the Cross** and say the "Apostles' Creed."

Say the "**Our Father.**"

Say three "**Hail Marys.**"

Say the "**Glory be to the Father.**"

Announce the First Mystery; then say the "**Our Father.**"

Say ten "**Hail Marys.**" while meditating on the Mystery.

Say the "**Glory be to the Father.**"

Announce the Second Mystery; then say the "**Our Father.**" Repeat 6 and 7 and continue with Third, Fourth and Fifth Mysteries in the same manner.

**After the Rosary:**

HAIL, HOLY QUEEN, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. O GOD, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech Thee, that meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

After each decade say the following prayer requested by the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima: "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of your mercy."

Take care until next time …

Kind regards

Sam Da Luz
Head of Middle School
St Mary Star of the Sea Catholic School would like to invite you to the Mother’s Day Liturgy and Morning Tea this Friday the 6th May commencing at 10am in the School Hall.

We hope you can join us.
NAPLAN
Next week the students from Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate in the NAPLAN testing. No matter what you believe about standardised testing, the information gathered from these tests is extremely valuable to schools as it helps to identify areas of strength and weakness, allowing schools to address any issues in their future planning. Testing is a part of life and students need to learn how to prepare for and cope with the rigorous demands of these tests. Whilst they can be daunting, our attitude towards them can either increase the strain or set their minds positively for the challenge. We hope that parents and students both see NAPLAN as an opportunity to evaluate their learning rather than a burden on their progression. Students need to know that while it is great to achieve good test results, they will be supported, no matter what. This piece, written by a teacher to her Year 3 students, sums it up perfectly I think.

Next week you will sit your first NAPLAN test. Before you take this test there is something very important for you to know:

This test does not access all of what makes each of you exceptional and unique.

The people who score these tests don’t know that some of you love to sing, are good at drawing or can teach others how to use a computer program. They have not seen the way that some of you dance with grace or speak confidently to a large group. They do not know that your friends count on you to be there for them when they are sad. They do not know that you participate in sport, help your mum and dad or play with your little brother, sister or cousins. They do not know that you are caring, thoughtful and that every day you do your best. Because these attributes cannot be tested.

The score you get from these tests will tell you how you did on that day, but they will not tell you everything. They can’t tell you that you have improved on something that you once found difficult. They can’t tell you that you brighten up your teacher’s day. They can’t tell you how amazingly special you are.

So come to school ready to do your best for the NAPLAN test and remember there is no one way to ‘test’ all of the wonderful things that make you, YOU.

So remember, whatever your score may be, all of you are special and have the opportunity for greatness if you work hard and believe in yourself.

MOTHER’S DAY
Our Mother’s Day liturgy will be held this Friday at 10:00am in the hall. There will be a morning tea prepared for all “Mums” following the liturgy. We would love to see you all there!

Kind regards

Andrew Gammon
Head of Primary School
Primary News

Why Play?
Children need to play to develop social, emotional, cognitive (thinking) and physical skills. Play helps children to learn how to communicate with other children, resolve conflicts and solve problems. Take play away from the child and you take away their very soul/being, their creativity, their ability to learn and their future. Hormones produced whilst playing, help children feel calm and relaxed.

This week the children from Little Stars, Kindergarten and Pre-Primary played in the dinosaur enclosure, went fishing with their rods in the boat, imagined in the Fairy Garden, and were physically active climbing trees, playing with hoola hoops and riding bikes.

JLC Team

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 this week on the stage area outside the library during the students’ lunch break from 12.30pm to 1.pm.

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
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.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA
FRIDAY — 13th MAY 2016

Time: 6pm MASS followed by a PROCESSION then 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
They’ve performed with The Hoodoo Gurus, James Reyne, Shannon Noll, Justice Crew and more…
...And they’re ready to rock the Woolshed!

Decoy
Friday 6th May, 8pm
Tickets are $25 each
OR $20 if you purchase tickets for both Decoy and The Melbourne International Comedy Festival!
Available now at the Civic Centre
Cash Bar: BYO Nibbles
9941 4200
www.carnarvonciviccentre.com

KIDS CLUB
(PP to Year 7)

When: Saturday 7th May
Time: 3.00 pm to 5.00pm
Carnarvon Christian School
Undercover area, Babbage Is. Rd.

For enquiries ring:
John Tomkins: 0428 527 032
Or Brian Fyffe: 9941 1571
Run by the Churches of Carnarvon

FREE.
Parents / carers welcome to attend.
Water games may be involved if weather is hot, please bring towel and/or bathers

THE SPELLING STORY WITH PAQUITA BOSTON

With the help of dress up, Paquita will explain the crazy ways of English spelling. Suitable for all ages, discover just how easy learning can be when you understand why words are spelled a certain way.

Wednesday 11 May 4-6pm

Please book with:
Carnarvon Public Library and Gallery
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library.carnarvon.wa.gov.au