# From the Principal’s Desk

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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## Prayer to our Lady of Fatima

O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message. We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary. By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer.
Middle School News

Well, it’s Week 3 and with NAPLAN concluding, students should be preparing already for the Year 9/10 Exams coming up. I know that all students have already started their Shakespearean study so planning for our “Around the Globe” performance nights in Term III is busily underway.

Thank you to all concerned who were involved in the organising, running and setting up for our lovely Mother’s Day Liturgy and morning tea afterwards last Friday 6th May. Thank you especially to all who donated fresh flowers for the Mother’s Day posies. The hall and staffroom looked beautiful for the event.

We welcomed two visitors to our school and Parish community today: Fr Leonard who used to be Parish Priest here 16 years ago, and Mrs Anne Cullender, St Mary’s first lay Principal after the departure of the Presentation Sisters. They are here to help celebrate Pentecost this weekend with us and to also enjoy the beautiful Parish celebration of Our Lady of Fatima on Friday 13 May. This was started by the Portuguese community in Carnarvon who wanted to celebrate this beautiful event in their traditional way which usually begins with Mass in the evening, a procession of lights and culminating in an evening filled with traditional Portuguese food (Beef Espetada is a firm favourite!), music and good times. So come along and meet new people and experience something different in our Parish! Tickets are being sold for dinner so please make contact with Yvonne Fahl on 9941 8088 or Fr Mariusz for more information. As it is also one of the major fundraising events for the Building fund, make sure you bring your wallet along!

As the colder weather descends upon us, can I remind everyone that the Uniform Shop does carry school jackets. If your child is wearing a jumper or jacket that does not comply with our School Uniform Policy, he or she will be asked to remove it at school. If it continues habitually, then consequences may be applied. There are many ways to layer clothing under School Uniform in an unobtrusive manner so please feel free to come and chat about this if you have any queries. The Year 10 students will be in possession of their Leaver Jackets very soon so watch out for these eye-catching designs around the school.

I believe we have a gastrointestinal bug going around at the moment. Please keep your child at home if they are unwell. The last thing we want to happen is that other students and staff also catch it. It’s not particularly pleasant and toilet accidents can occur. It is important though that students report it to the front office immediately if there has been an accident in any of the toilets, for health and hygiene purposes. Please don’t just leave it for the cleaners at the end of the day.

With that in mind, keep well everyone and work hard, as before we know it, the end of the semester will be upon us and the reports will be going live! Enjoy your week.

Take care until next time …

Kind regards

Sam Da Luz

Head of Middle School

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**Enrolment Information - Carnarvon Campus of Nagle Catholic College**

Nagle Catholic College is now accepting enrolments for students in Year 11, 2017 and Year 11, 2018 at their Carnarvon Campus. Parents wishing to enrol their child/ren for these year groups should be aware of the following key information, processes and dates:

**Available Now: Enrolment Packs, available from St Mary’s Administration**

**17 May:** Enrolment Application Forms due to Nagle Catholic College, either to the campus (30 Egan St) or by post (PO Box 1117, Carnarvon WA 6701)

**18 –20 May:** Parents who submit an Enrolment Application Form will be contacted by Nagle to arrange an Enrolment Interview appointment

**24 – 25 May:** Enrolment Interviews at Carnarvon Campus of Nagle Catholic College
Head of Primary School

Firstly I would like to say thank you both to the school and wider community. Both my wife, Christina and I have been very impressed and grateful for the support we have been given over the last week as we welcomed our latest addition to the family, Elodie Nila. The messages of support, visitors, presents and offerings to look after our other children have been much appreciated and a true testament to the sense of community in this town. So thank you!

School Uniform
Please be aware that the school has a strict school uniform policy. Pre-Primary to Year 10 are expected to wear their full school uniform as outlined in the policy. Given the cold weather we are experiencing you may need to purchase some winter clothing from the uniform shop. If for some reason you are unable to meet the set criteria you need to discuss this with your child’s classroom teacher at morning drop off.

NAPLAN
This week the Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students are sitting their NAPLAN assessments. We wish them all the best.

Mother’s Day
It was fantastic to see so many mothers and other family members with us to celebrate mother’s day last Friday. We are so blessed to have you all in our lives and I believe the morning was a fitting tribute to this. Thank you to the staff who prepared the morning tea, to the student representative council for their organisation and to the Pre-Primary and Year 5 students for running the liturgy.

Confirmation
Many of the Year 6 students are building in anticipation as they prepare to become adult members of the Catholic Church at their Confirmation ceremony coming up on Sunday 22nd May at 10am. In preparation, the students have been doing home classes with Fr Mariusz and their families, have returned from their sacramental retreat and are continuing to learn about the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit which they will receive at their Confirmation.

Confirmation is the last of the Sacraments of initiation and a completion of the promises made by their parents at Baptism. On this day students will receive a special grace by which their faith is deepened and strengthened, so that it will be strong enough not only for their needs but for the needs of others with whom they share it.

We wish them all the best for this special occasion and invite the school community to come and share in this Sacrament with them.

Dr Annie Holden visit
Last week we had Dr Annie Holden visit our school to conduct some qualitative research into the Explicit Direct Instruction (EDI) pedagogy which has been implemented at our school. St Mary’s has been identified for a case study by Good to Great Schools Australia (GGSA) because we have made EDI work effectively in our context and have shown improvements both in standardised testing and in school data collection. The visit included individual and group interviews with teachers and assistants across both the primary and middle school as well as observing EDI lessons. The visit was intended to provide Dr Holden with information needed to help other schools successfully implement EDI into their own school context.

The information gathered from this visit will be made available to the public in the near future.

Kind regards

Andrew Gammon
Head of Primary School

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Wow, what a week we had on camp! Last week we travelled to Geraldton for our Confirmation Camp. The weather was beautiful but cold in the mornings and at night. We visited many different places, including the HMAS Sydney II Memorial and the Western Australian Museum. We explored St Francis Xavier Cathedral and prayed with Sr Goretti in the Divine Mercy Garden. We learnt about the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit and how we can use these in our daily lives. We worked hard to build our problem-solving skills and how to work as a team to achieve set goals. We built rafts and sand-boarded down huge sand dunes. We all had an amazing time but were happy to return home.

We’d like to thank Mr Shaun Ramirez, Mr Tony Beard and Mrs Samantha Punch for all their help during our time away.

Mrs Patricia Van Dongen
Year Six Teacher
A Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea Party!

Last Thursday afternoon the Pre-Primary children hosted a Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea Party for their beautiful Mums (plus three Dads and three Nanas).

At the beginning of the Tea Party, the children greeted their Mums and accompanied them into the classroom to help them find a seat where they relaxed and did some mindful colouring together. The afternoon began with a special blessing by each child for their guest:

‘Dear God,
Bless my Mummy,
May her days be filled with sunshine,
smiles, laughter, love and happiness’.
Amen

The children then sang a song dedicated to their Mums, “I love you Mummy, my dearest Mummy”. The children then got snuggly on their Mums’ laps and listened to two stories about Mums read entertainingly by Mrs Da Luz, our Head of Middle School.

The Pre-Primary students then presented their Mums with a special gift: a hand-made heart necklace and served their special guest a raspberry muffin and refreshing pink drink.

The afternoon concluded with a delightful rendition of ‘I love Mummy’ sung by the Pre-Primary children. Thank you to all of the Pre-Primary Mums, Nanas and Dads who attended our Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea Party.

Mrs Durmanich and Mrs Acott

Campbell and Jessica Foster  Towellah Ngwira and Nana  Maci, Amy and Miller Zwetsloot

Milan and Poonam Deswal  Tyler and Michelle Lawer with Grandma  Geert and Eli Dijkwel
On Friday 6th of May we hosted our Mother’s Day liturgy and morning tea. The liturgy was a celebration of mothers and those who are like mothers including the mother of Jesus, Mary. We were fortunate to have many mothers and grandmothers attend the liturgy and stay around for morning tea afterwards. The morning tea was provided by the staff who all prepared a dish to say thank you for everything that mothers do in our school.

Kristy Van der Plaats, Carolyn Legg, Rochelle O’Brien, Nicole Beckenham and Kym Redden enjoying morning tea
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

Timee: 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
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