Just for today, help me, God,
to remember that my life is a gift, that my health is a blessing,
that this new day is filled with awesome potential,
that I have the capacity to bring something wholly new
and unique and good into this world.

Just for today, help me, God,
to remember to be kind and patient to the people who love me,
and to those who work with me too.

Teach me to see all the beauty that I so often ignore,
and to listen to the silent longing of my own soul.

Just for today, help me, God,
to remember You.

Let this be a good day,
God, full of joy and love.

Amen

Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

Congratulations to the students from Year 6 who received the sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday. The Diocesan Vicar General, Fr Michael Morrissey, was present to confirm the boys and girls and led the congregation in a joyous and faith-filled mass. We would like to thank him very much for his presence and wise words. The students now have the opportunity to take a more mature approach to their own faith development and participation in the church. We look forward to this in the coming years.

I would also like to thank Year 6 teacher, Mrs Patricia Van Dongen, who prepared the students to receive the sacrament and mass. Thanks also to Mr Andrew Gammon for supporting and assisting Mrs Van Dongen during this time. I would also like to thank the staff of St Mary’s who attended the mass and supported the students on the day.
ACTING PRINCIPALS
During the last 4 weeks, Mrs O’Halloran and I have been holidaying and working in California. During this time we visited a number of schools teaching Explicit Direct Instruction and working with its creators, Dr Silvia Ybarra and John Hollingsworth. We both learnt much whilst in the USA and we look forward to sharing our new understandings with the staff of St Mary’s Carnarvon in the coming weeks. In our absence, Mr Gammon and Mrs Da Luz shared the Acting Principal’s role. Their leadership ensured St Mary’s staff and students began Term 2 in the best possible manner. Thanks also to Mrs Jo Buzzard who taught the Year 1 class in Mrs O’Halloran’s absence.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING
The next Parents and Friends Meeting will be held in the Staffroom on Thursday evening beginning at 7:30 pm. All are welcome.

COMMUNIO WEEK
This week is Communio Week, a time when we raise funds to support those aid agencies in our own community that help and support others. To help raise funds for our Communio appeal, St Mary’s will be holding a Free Dress Day this Friday for a gold coin donation.

EXTRA LONG WEEKEND
Next Friday, 3rd June, there will be no school for students. The following Monday is the WA Day public holiday.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
Tomorrow evening, there will be a meeting for the parents of children receiving First Holy Communion this year. The meeting will begin in the Library at 6:30 pm. Please note that this is a parents only meeting.

God Bless

Mr Steve O’Halloran
Principal

Parish News
Parish Priest : Fr Mariusz
Phone: 99411768

Weekend Mass Times:
Saturday 7pm
Sunday 8am & 10am

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.
A big thank you to all staff and students who supported the MS Lock-in last Friday: Mrs Cook, Mr Kent, Ms Griffiths, Mrs Holtham, Mr Khan, Fr Mariusz and Mr Notman. Miss Slattery did an awesome job at organising the Lock-in and deserves an award for staying awake (nearly) the whole night! Mr Kent gets the award for the best pedicured toe-nails and Edward Sipili became the “Uno” King, narrowly beating Miss Slattery for the crown. We had an intense table-tennis competition between the Year 7 students especially and lots of fun with the make-up corner (yet again, the boys were in pole position there). I have attached some photos for you to enjoy. Monies raised will be donated to Communio 2016.

We are now on the count-down for Year 9 and 10 Exams. These are occurring in Week 8 so students should be keeping to a studying schedule for their five core learning areas. If you have any concerns regarding this, please make contact with your child’s teachers directly or make contact with me at any time.

Week 10 will also be very busy for the Year 9 and 10s as we have the Year 9 Outdoor Education camp and Year 10 Work Experience program occurring. Information will be coming your way soon in regards to both of these events.

As this is Communio Week, we also have lots of wonderful activities organised to help raise money for the Bishop’s Appeal. We will be holding a Casual Wear Friday for a gold coin donation, a Guess the Jelly Beans competition and Hot Milo available for sale on Friday. Make sure you bring in your gold coins on that day.

Welcome back to Mr and Mrs O’Halloran who have returned from their trip overseas. We are having lots of interesting conversations about what they’ve learned and the skills they’ve developed as a result of working with the EDI specialists in America.

So, lots of events coming up to keep us focussed and engaged. Study hard and regularly and above all, look after yourselves.

Until next time …

Kind regards

Sam Da Luz

Head of Middle School
Communio 2016

Offer Comfort

Catholic Diocese of Geraldton
Term 2 Dates to Remember

- Friday 3rd June: Catholic Faith Day - School Closed
- Monday 6th June: WA Day - Public Holiday
- Friday 1st July: Last Day of Term 2
- Tuesday 19th July: First Day of Term 3

St Mary’s P&F

St Mary’s P&F will meeting Thursday the 26th May at 7.30pm in the School Staffroom. All welcome to attend.

Canteen News

Our school canteen now has a direct line. For any orders or enquiries please call Charmaine directly on 99412 483.
"You and Me" PLAYGROUP

FRIDAYS 9:30AM-12:00PM

Who: For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families with children 0-4 years old.
Where: 9 Butcher Street (In the playgroup building)
When: Starts, Friday 27th May 2016

FREE

For more Information please contact Rebecca on 0438949394 or faithfull.rebecca@cathednet.wa.edu.au

Reading, Painting, Singing, Craft, Dancing and Much More!

Come and join in the FUN!
**CARNAR-FIN JUNIOR FISHING COMP**

ALL CHILDREN PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED AND UNDER WELCOME

**SATURDAY 4 JUNE 2016**

9.00am – 11.30am

FISH ANYWHERE ALONG THE FASCINE WALL

No need to register - just take your fish in a bucket to the weigh-in officials and then release it afterwards

FISH FOR THE FUTURE - weigh one fish at a time

Prizes awarded 11.45am on the Fascine

At the Gazebo opposite Pioneer Park

**FREE ENTRY**

**Prizes Galore**

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Enquiries to:
John Maitre 0427413151

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**ROTARY SWAP-MEET**

Last Sunday of each month
Carnarvon Civic Centre Carpark
entry from Robinson St

**FIRST SWAP-MEET**
SUNDAY 29TH MAY 2016
GENERAL ADMISSION FROM 8.30AM
$2 PER PERSON – KIDS UNDER 12 FREE

Sellers per bay: $10
from 7.30am

Support your local club at the sausage sizzle

Come on down & sell your second-hand goods, clothes, plants, bric-a-brac, books, antiques & collectables

For more info call Mary-Anne on 0400 278 647
Email: maryanne.livsey@gmail.com

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**TROPICCOOL FAMILY FUN DAY**

Sunday 12 June
Town Oval, 10am to 4pm

Market stalls - Food stalls - Show rides - Reptile farm
FREE Kids Corner Activities - Prive & Mermaid show
Agricultural Program - TROPICCOOL 1916 - Freestyle Now