St. Peter

O glorious Saint Peter, who, in return for thy strong and generous faith, thy profound and sincere humility, and thy burning love, wast rewarded by Jesus Christ with singular privileges, and, in particular, with the leadership of the other Apostles and the primacy of the whole Church, of which thou wast made the foundation stone, do thou obtain for us the grace of a lively faith, that shall not fear to profess itself openly, in its entirety and in all of its manifestations, even to the shedding of blood, if occasion should demand it, and to sacrifice of life itself rather than surrender. Obtain for us likewise, a sincere loyalty to our holy mother, the Church; grant that we may ever remain most closely and sincerely united to the Roman Pontiff, who is the heir of thy faith and of thy authority, the one, true, visible Head of the Catholic Church, that mystic ark outside of which there is no salvation. Grant, moreover, that we may follow, in all humility and meekness, her teaching and her advice, and may be obedient to all her precepts, in order to be able here on earth to enjoy a peace that is sure and undisturbed, and to attain one day in heaven to everlasting happiness.

Amen.

Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

As we come to the end of another term, it is timely to reflect on all of the learnings from this semester. I spoke with the students in both primary and middle school about the importance of reviewing previously learnt material in order to prepare for exams, quizzes and assessments in the past week. Humans memory retention of information presented unless constantly reviewed is generally poor, most of us will only remember less than 5% of new material presented one month later if not reviewed.
The rule of thumb to have learnings embedded in long term memory is to review information two days after initially taught for ten minutes, 6 days after this for 5 minutes, then every fortnight after for 3 – 4 minutes for the rest of the semester. This information was given to our middle school students early in Term 1. I’m sure those who took that advice performed well in their end of semester assessments. For those who didn’t, next semester starts afresh on 19th July. I hope all have a very enjoyable and relaxing holiday and we look forward to seeing you returning safe and happy next term.

FAREWELL MR KENT
Mr Ryan Kent, Physical Education, Health and Woodwork Teacher for the past two years, is leaving St Mary’s at the end of this term to continue his travels around Australia. Mr Kent is a committed, professional and organized teacher who always put students learning needs and care foremost. Both staff and students will miss his presence. Miss Lucy Towers is replacing Mr Kent. Miss Towers is an experienced educator having taught in the UK and most recently Perth. We look forward to Miss Towers sharing her skills and gifts with us in the future.

ST MARY’S 110TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY
On the 19th March 1906, the Presentation Sisters opened the doors of St Mary Star of the Sea Catholic School and began teaching students in Carnarvon and surrounds. To mark this significant milestone, a dinner dance is organized for 29th October, Week 3 of Term 4. An organizing committee will be meeting next term to coordinate this event led by the school’s P & F group.

FIRST DAY BACK TERM 3
The first day back for students next term will be Tuesday, 19th July. Staff will be returning on Monday 18th July for professional development purposes.

WINTER CARNIVAL
Last Friday, the students from Years 5 and 6 participated in the Winter Carnival, where St Mary’s students played winter sports with students from other schools in the region. A fun day was had by all and the students’ behaviour was excellent. Well done to all involved, especially teachers and the parents on the day who helped with supervision and coaching teams.

THANK YOU
Thank you to Mr Gammon who very capably led the school whilst Mrs Da Luz and I attended the National Catholic Education Commission Conference in Perth from the 19th – 23rd June.

Semester One Reports
Semester One Reports will be due to parents via Seqta on the last day of term, Friday 1st July.

Please contact the school office 99411 328 or via email admin@smse.wa.edu.au if you require your Parent Log In and Password in readiness to view your child’s report.

Thank You
Mrs Faithfull
Middle School News

It was very exciting to farewell 19 of our Year 9 students who headed off on their Outdoor Education camp to Quobba Station. Packed to the rafters with their daypacks containing their food and 3 litres of water, along with their sleeping bags, tents and cooking utensils for the day, I almost felt sorry for them, thinking how they had to trek 10 kms each that first day. Mr Kent has been busily preparing the students this term for this trek – from how to pack the daypack so everything balances and is able to be carried safely whilst hiking, to setting up tents and using cooking equipment sensibly and with care, out in the bush. I did also see lots of fishing and snorkelling equipment so I suspect it won’t ALL be “hard yakka”! We look forward to the numerous photographs and stories upon their return on Thursday.

The Year 10s have also been very busy out in their work placements this week and last week. Miss Slattery has been busy visiting all the students and gathering evidence for their Cert I in Business modules. Sometimes the ‘glamourous’ appeal of certain jobs don’t quite equate to the harsh realities of life and these work experience placements allow the students to begin interrogating their future pathways, ahead of subject counselling for Year 11. Again, we shall have more photographs and notices to come early next term.

As we come to a close this term, I would like to congratulate you all on a very busy and rewarding semester. We thank and farewell Mr Kent and his family as they travel back over East and we welcome our new Health and Physical Education teacher Miss Lucy Towers who will be a wonderful addition to our school. Mr Kent has worked tirelessly to organise and run our Carnivals during the past couple of years and his expertise within teaching and within his areas have been an asset to our school. We are very sad to see him leave us and we wish him and his family all the very best as they begin the next phase of their adventures interstate.

Thank you to all the Middle School staff and students who have kept learning at the forefront of each day which can be very difficult to do especially at this time of year when everyone is quite exhausted and needing a break. I wish you all a relaxing, rejuvenating and safe holiday and I look forward to seeing everyone back next term ready to “Rock ‘n’ Roll” as we have lots of wonderful events to look forward to next term: the Yr 9/10 Social, the PVA Showcase including “Shakespeare Shenanigans” and the ACC Camp to Perth. I can't wait for Term 3!

Until next time …
Kind regards

Sam Da Luz
Head of Middle School

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.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is opened every Tuesday and Thursday from 2.15pm to 3.15pm.

Please see Charmaine for all your uniform needs.

Homework Classes

Homework classes will re-commence for Term 3 on Thursday 21st July.
Congratulations to Mrs Anna Brooks for 20 Year's Service to St Mary's School. Mrs Brooks commenced working at St Mary’s on the 17th June 1996.

"My 20 years is just a drop into the ocean when you realise that our little school has been here for 110 years! On the 19th March 1906 the Presentation Sisters opened the doors to their first students in Carnarvon and they kept a presence here for 100 years with the last two Sisters leaving for good just after our centenary celebrations in 2006.

I look forward to the celebration later this year and may we never forget our heritage and those brave Sisters who came here all those years ago.”

Anna with School Principal, Mr Steve O’Halloran

Pre Primary News

On Tuesday morning the Pre-Primary class visited the Carnarvon Public Library for a special NAIDOC Week Story Time and Craft Activity. When we arrived at the Library we were welcomed by Sheree and she then read us a dreaming narrative, 'LUURNPA The Magical Kingfisher'. After the story, Sheree showed us how to make a Luurnpa (bird). The children enjoyed dot painting the 'Luurpa' with the flat end of a coloured pencil and paint.

Thank you to Sheree Ford for hosting our visit to the Library.

Mrs Durmanich
Pre Primary Teacher
Favourite Australian Picture Books

Book Week August 20 –26
Whole School Parade
Thursday 25th August 8:30am
Australia! Story Country

It’s important not to get too fixed on what makes a book suit this 2016 Children’s Book Week theme. Australia is a Story Country. Our stories come from all over: from our own indigenous people, from migrants and refugees who have come to live here, from books, movies and orally transmitted stories.

Let’s encourage our children to immerse themselves in a range of stories, to read them, listen to them, watch them, think about them, and go on to share them with others! Almost any story with an Australian link of some kind (character, setting, author, illustrator etc) is suitable for this theme.

KINDERGARTEN INTERVIEWS
Currently enrolments are being taken for Kindergarten 2017. Interviews will be conducted during August. Parents of siblings already at St Mary’s still need to enrol their child. Interviews however, may not be necessary.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN 3 YEAR OLD ENROLMENTS
Enrolments for children to begin the 3 Year Old pre-kindergarten programme are currently being taken. All parents that have children turning 3 prior to attending the Kindergarten programme are welcome to contact the school for further information.
"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!
Thank you to the ladies who have volunteered this term.
Volunteers are invited every Tuesday and Thursday from 10.15am to 1pm on a roster basis.
If you would like to be involved please contact the School Canteen on 9941 2483.

Thursday 30th June - Karen Gilbert
Rachel and Mathew’s Mum

Thank you
Charmaine