



# School Newsletter

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 4th August

Monday 8th August

Tuesday 9th August

Wednesday 10th August

Thursday 11th August

Monday 15th August

Wednesday 17th August

Thursday 18th August

“Our Story” presentation Year 3-10 - 1.30pm

Mary of the Cross Liturgy - Whole School 8.30am

Bishops' Religious Literacy Assessment - Year 3 - 8.45am

Academy Photos

Primary School Assembly Year 6 - 2pm

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation Whole School Mass - 1.30pm

Board Meeting - 7.35pm

P&F Meeting 7.30pm

## Prayer for the Gift of Knowledge

Absolute and all knowing God,  
Nothing is hidden from Your sight.  
In the prescience since the beginning,  
All knowledge existed within You.  
Kindly share Your knowledge with me,  
Making me aware of what is meant to be,  
Permitting my soul to understand it,  
And wisdom to agree with its outcome.  
Provide me with the gift of discretion,  
To prudently apply received knowledge,  
To ensure the fulfillment of Your Will.  
Your knowledge shines forth forever!



## Middle School News

Where has the time gone? With such an action-packed start to Semester II, it has been a great preparation for a busy term ahead. The Bishops Religious Literacy Assessment (BRLA) has now concluded for our Year Nine students – thank you to all teachers for supporting this, especially our ICT coordinator Mr Khan. Athletics training has commenced with gusto every Tuesday and Thursday afternoons with Miss Towers and her team in order to prepare for the MS ACC Camp in Perth during Week 7. Our SRC are also busy planning our Liturgy for the Feast Day of Mary of the Cross which is another title given to Australia's first Saint, Mary MacKillop. Canonised by Pope Benedict XVI on 17 October 2010, this Feast Day will be celebrated across schools, parishes and churches.

Although her death occurred more than a century ago, she continues to inspire men, women and children whether Catholic or non-Catholic. On this day, we contemplate not only her remarkable life, her sense of social justice and her enormous contribution to education, but also the fact that she was a champion of the poor, the vulnerable and marginalised. Did you know that Mary co-founded the Josephites (the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred heart) and that she was a brilliant horsewoman and teacher?! Please feel welcome to join us for this lovely Feast of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop on Monday 8 August at 8:30am in our school hall.

Our Inter-house Athletics is also being planned very well and the students are looking forward to showing off their hard work on those days in the track and field events. If you are able to help out on any of those days, please contact Miss Towers. If you are only able to come out to support the children for a little while, please do come out as we would love to see you there.

After receiving feedback from some of the students that there was a clash with the Year 9/10 Social with another big event in town, the date has been moved to Week 5, Term IV on Saturday 12 November. We appreciate that there are many other activities going on in town for our students but as this is a once-yearly event, we hope the students will make this their priority by attending.

Thank you to all parents, students and teachers who attended our MS Report Feedback evening last week – it was a very good opportunity to sit down and talk about positive steps forward and also to celebrate successes. On that note, congratulations to all our Academic Awardees who were presented with their Semester I certificates on Monday. There was a three-way tie for the No. 1 ranking student for Physical Education in Year 8, so as you can see, it's all up for grabs for the end of the year presentations. Personal Endeavour Awards will be presented at our next MS assembly in Week 6. Students, please ensure your stamp tallies are up to date with your HR teachers.

We welcome back Miss Slattery from her World Youth Day pilgrimage next week, which started in Greece and went on to Poland and Hungary. We can't wait for her to share her stories and photographs.

Take care until time ...

Kind regards  
*Sam Da Luz*  
Head of Middle School



# First Holy Communion



On the 31<sup>st</sup> July, 19 children celebrated their First Holy Communion at St Mary Star of the Sea Church. They arrived at the church very excited and looking absolutely amazing! The children conducted themselves beautifully, with many people commenting on how well the students entered the church, read their readings and behaved throughout such a special mass. Thank you to all the parents and St Mary's staff involved in making the day so lovely. The children had a wonderful time and I'm sure they will cherish this day forever.

Miss Emily Roche



## First Aid Visit



Thank you to Lorraine Martin from St John's Ambulance who came to visit some of our classes over the last few weeks.

The classes were very informative and we would like to thank St John's for their volunteer service to St Marys School.

## Year Five News



At last week's assembly Year 5 showcased some of their Claymation movies from Design and Technology. It took the whole semester to create the movies from start to finish. The students began with brainstorming story ideas that were simple and didn't involve any changes of scenery. After choosing the best plot, they planned their stories using story boards and identified everything they would need to build to bring the story to life. Everything was made by hand, in their movies, by the

students. After 'acting out' their stories and doing a trial run of photo taking, students spent two hours taking photos for their 30 second films! After photos were finished, students used "Movie Maker" to input their photos, experiment with slide time and special effects to create their movies. Though all the movies were fantastic, we couldn't showcase all of them. We voted for the best four movies and played them at assembly which everyone enjoyed. All students will be given a copy of their video this week to share with their friends and family.



Finally, a big congratulations to our new Year 5 Class Representatives: Cynthia, Regan and Magnus who were awarded their badges yesterday.

Mrs Hodgson  
Year Five Teacher



## Favourite Australian Picture Books



United Teaching

## Book Week August 22 -26 Whole School Parade Monday 22nd 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

## 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.

## 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.

# "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](mailto:faithfull.rebecca@cathednet.wa.edu.au)

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



Come and  
join in the  
**FUN!**

## News

# canteen

**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.**

**Thank you  
Charmaine**



### 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.

### Homework Classes

Homework classes every Tuesday and Thursday. Please contact the school office for further information.



### Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service

#### URGENTLY WANTED: VOLUNTEER WORKERS

The Diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions. We are currently urgently seeking a couple to assist the Priest in the community of **Balgo** and a couple to manage the **Warmun Retreat Centre** over the wet season. There are several other roles also available.

Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months.

**For further details, and an application form, please contact:**

Volunteer Coordinator Anneliese Rohr: 0415 526 142

Email: [volunteers@broomedioocese.org](mailto:volunteers@broomedioocese.org)

Web: [www.broomedioocese.org](http://www.broomedioocese.org)

**ShootingStars**  
**Ambassador Visit**

Join us as West Coast Fever star and Shooting Stars Ambassador Verity Simmons heads to the Gascoyne-Murchison region.

### Shooting Stars Ambassador and West Coast Fever Netball Player Verity Simmons Visit

All school aged girls in Carnarvon are invited to come down to the Netball Courts on Monday 8th August from 3:00pm to 6:00pm for a clinic with West Coast Fever Player and shooting stars ambassador Verity Simmons. The afternoon will include learning the new Net Set Go Dance, netball round robin, BBQ and activities with prizes and giveaways and a chance to get your photo taken with Verity and get her signature.

For more information please contact Rose on 0420629637



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## Recreational Skippers Ticket

MEM50009B Safely Operate a mechanically powered recreational boat.

Regulation 47 of the Navigable Waters Regulations 1958 (WA) requires the person in charge of a vessel with a motor that exceeds 4.5 kW (6 hp) in power to hold an RST.

The RST is a nationally recognised certificate of competency which shows that the holder has the minimum knowledge and practical skills needed to operate a powerboat safely in WA. Gain competence in:

- \* Carry out trip preparation & planning
- \* Safely operate a powered recreational boat
- \* Respond to boating emergencies & incidents

When: Theory Thursday 11th and Friday 12th August 2016 5:00—8:30pm

Practical Saturday 13th August 9:00am—1:00 pm

Where: Central Regional Tafe Carnarvon Campus—Camel Lane

Cost: Full \$100.62 Concession \$57.06

Participants must be over 14 years.

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RTO Code 52789



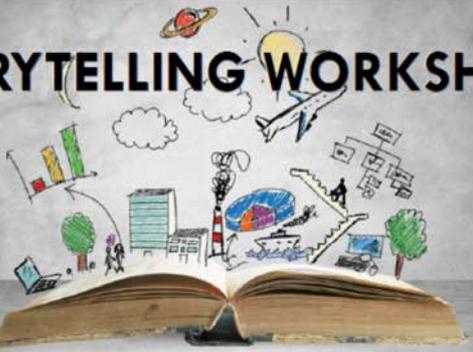
Winner: WA Training Initiative 2013 & WA Large Training Provider of the Year 2010

Finalist: WA Large Training Provider of the Year 2009, 2011 & 2012

Winner: 2013 Excellence in Industry Promotion Award by the Transport & Logistics Industry Skills Council

Finalist: 2012 & 2013 Gold Plate Awards for the category 'Restaurant within a Training Establishment'

## STORYTELLING WORKSHOP



Children's Book Week guest author Samantha Hughes will be visiting schools in Carnarvon and Exmouth to thrill and delight the kids with her stories and illustrations.

We have also planned a special session with Sam at the library as a treat for the grown ups. All parents, grandparents and teachers are invited to attend this practical workshop aimed at developing storytelling techniques.



**Wed 17 August 4:30 - 6pm (Booking Essential)**

Carnarvon Library and Gallery  
18 Egan Street  
Carnarvon



9941 3727



library.staff@carnarvon.wa.gov.au

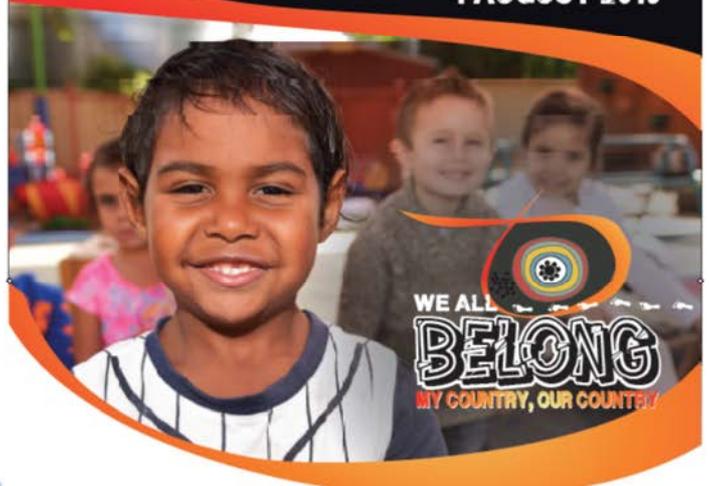


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## NATIONAL ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CHILDREN'S DAY

4 AUGUST 2016



### COME CELEBRATE WITH US AT OUR EVENT

WHERE

WHEN

Visit [aboriginalchildrensday.com.au](http://aboriginalchildrensday.com.au) to see how you can get involved

## Catholic Aboriginal Education gathering – Carnarvon

Parent and caregivers of the students attending St Mary Star of the Sea are invited to come along and meet newly appointed Aboriginal Education Consultant, Caelene Bartlett (Geraldton Dioceses) for a round the table discussion about the direction of Catholic Aboriginal Education in the Carnarvon.

Light morning tea will be provided.

Friday August 12th, 2016 \* 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

## Gascoyne Development Commission Carnarvon

15 Stuart Street Carnarvon WA 6701

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Or

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