FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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Prayer to Our Lady, Mother of Mercy

Blessed Virgin Mary, who can worthily repay you with praise and thanks for having rescued a fallen world by your generous consent! Receive our gratitude, and by your prayers obtain the pardon of our sins. Take our prayers into the sanctuary of heaven and enable them to make our peace with God.

Holy Mary, help the miserable, strengthen the discouraged, comfort the sorrowful, pray for your people, plead for the clergy, intercede for all women consecrated to God. May all who venerate you feel now your help and protection. Be ready to help us when we pray, and bring back to us the answers to our prayers. Make it your continual concern to pray for the people of God, for you were blessed by God and were made worthy to bear the Redeemer of the world, who lives and reigns forever.

Amen.
Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

On Monday we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary with a mass in the school hall beginning at 1:30 pm. As this is a Holy Day of Obligation, all classes will be attending to celebrate this significant feast in the church year.

Mary was the patient and loyal mother who witnessed her son become the friend of the outcasts of society, those who had been branded ‘unclean’ and ‘sinners’. She heard with concern his preaching which taught a new philosophy of love, forgiveness and tolerance and which earned him the scorn of the religious teachers of his time, and sometimes had him physically thrown out of the synagogues.

Finally, when his life came to what appeared to be a rather inglorious end – death by crucifixion – and his closest friends abandoned him, Mary stood beneath the cross loving and loyal to the last; it was she who was with Apostles on the first Pentecost. Mary’s love for her son was unconditional and can only be given and felt if there are no conditions attached.

Mary is a model to us who struggle with, question and wonder about life as committed Christians. Her Assumption keeps before us the destination and heritage God intends for us. She is a sign encouraging us to continue on our journey with God.

All parents and friends are welcome to join us as we celebrate this feast day on Monday.

**PRIMARY ASSEMBLY**
The next primary assembly will be held tomorrow in the school hall beginning at 2:00 pm. Year 6 will be leading us. All parents and friends are welcome to join us.

**PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING**
The next Parents and Friends Meeting is being held on the evening of Thursday, 18\(^{th}\) August beginning at 7:30 pm in the staffroom. All are welcome.

**NEW ALTAR SERVERS**
Congratulations to the following students who have completed Altar Server training and who last week were commissioned by Fr Mariusz to begin serving at parish and school masses.

Amelia Redden
Jamyla Acott
Luke Jordan
Jake Nannup
Pauline Braza

Well done to the above students and we look forward to them helping Father Mariusz out on the altar in the future.

**MATHEMATICS TEACHER**
St Mary’s will soon be advertising for a Middle School Mathematics Teacher to replace Mr Khan, who will be leaving St Mary’s at the end of the year. We have been blessed to have a teacher of Mr Khan’s standing at St Mary’s and we will recognize his contribution to our school community later in the year.

God Bless

Mr Steve O’Halloran
Principal

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**Car Wash**
This Friday, straight after school, we will be holding a car wash on the Upper Basketball court and we are hoping you have VERY dirty cars that need a little tender love and care!!!

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We would greatly appreciate it if you could book your cars in to avoid having to wait.

All money raised for the Middle School ACC Camp.

Mrs Holtham
Head of Primary News

Cyber-Safety
It is becoming a concern how quickly new apps and chat rooms are appearing on the internet. These apps, often disguised as games (for example, Animal Jam), allow students to play against others and chat with people from all over the world. Whilst these activities may have some merit in an ever increasing technological world, parents and children need to be aware of the dangers. In our homes, children are often more ‘tech savvy’ than parents, and this can be a real issue. We may struggle to understand the complexity of issues surrounding internet safety but it is a real problem and a reason why parents need to monitor the appropriate use of their child’s use of technology.

The health department has this message for parents:

**Protecting your children from harm is just as important online as it is in the real world.** As a parent or carer, you can play an important role in helping children have safe and positive experiences online.

The internet offers an exciting world of experiences for children and the whole family. It can be entertaining, educational and rewarding. However, using the internet also involves risks and challenges.

Children might be exposed to content that is sexually explicit, violent, prohibited or even illegal. They may also experience cyber bullying or be at risk from contact by strangers. Children may - unknowingly or deliberately - share personal information without realising they may be subject to identity theft, or that they are leaving behind content that might not reflect well on them in the future.

Talk with your children about the risks, and answer their questions or concerns about things they find on the Internet.

For more information visit: https://www.communications.gov.au/what-we-do/internet/stay-smart-online/youth/personal-information

Altar servers
Over the weekend, some of our students completed their certification to become altar servers and were presented with their certificates after Sunday Mass. Congratulations to Jake Nannup, Jamylah Acott, Amelia Redden, Luke Jordan and Pauline Braza.

St Mary MacKillop
This week started with a Liturgy organised by the Student Representative Council honouring Australia’s first saint, Saint Mary MacKillop. St Mary MacKillop was an extraordinary women who dedicated her life to God and helping those in need. Her words, “Never see a need without doing something about it” have inspired generations of people to follow God and do whatever they can to help those less fortunate than themselves. Whilst many members of our school community are not Catholic, we can all relate to St Mary MacKillop. Like us, she had hope for a better life for all.

Literacy Planet - Word Mania
Congratulations! St Mary's is the Literacy Planet - Word Mania round one winner in our region and in the top three schools registered in WA CENTRAL! Keep up the good work! If we win this week’s round, we could become Word Mania 2016 National Finalists!

Kind regards

Mr Andrew Gammon
Head of Primary School
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.

Big News Everybody.... Once again, we will be running a Book Fair in the Library. It will be run over three days, starting on Tuesday the 23rd August. All classes will be visiting and the students will be encouraged to choose a couple of books they would enjoy reading.

Please drop into the Library between 8.30 and 2.30 from Tuesday the 23rd August, Wednesday the 24th August and Thursday the 25th August and we can help you with your selections.

The Library makes a commission on all items sold and these proceeds will be used to purchase new books for the Library.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you all.

Susanne Aiken
Library Officer
South Fremantle Football Club Visit

Friday August 5 was an exciting day for everyone at St Mary’s when we got to meet some players and coaches from South Fremantle Football Club, ahead of their clash with Perth Demons the next day.

One of them was even an old Head Boy here at St Mary’s! Adam Guglielmana is now 28 and plays as Number 2 for the WAFL team. He was joined by Zach Strom (22) from Exmouth who is one of the tallest players in the WAFL at a whopping 197cm!

The two players came to meet our students and then deliver workshops to our Year 5, 6, 7 and 8 classes. Lunchtime gave a chance for all students to come down to the school oval and meet the players, have a kick with them, ask questions and even try and steal their hats!

The classes then got the chance to train like a WAFL player when Zach and Adam delivered warm ups and drills that they do at training with South Freo. This was followed by some fun games and competitions.

One member from each class was then chosen as the Best Trainer for their session, and won a signed South Freo shirt. Liam Cook and Brody Phillips from Middle School demonstrated their enthusiasm to win the prize in their classes.

Zach and Adam were joined by two members of the South Fremantle coaching staff, the North West Development officer, Steve Broberg, and Cameron Palmer who is the Corporate Partnership Manager. They helped to deliver the session and build excitement for the WAFL game which was held the next day in Carnarvon.

It was great to see South Fremantle charge to victory here in Carnarvon on Saturday, and I’m sure we have a few more fans here than we did before the game!

Thanks South Fremantle Football Club!

Lucy Towers
Health and Physical Education Teacher
“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!
News

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.

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.
KIDS CLUB
(PP to Year 7)

COMBINED WITH FRIDAY FUN CLUB

When: Friday 19th August
Time: 2.45pm 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.

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

2017 Applications
Study in CARNARvon

Community Information Session
Tuesday 30 August, 4.00-5.00pm
Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery
18 Egan Street Carnarvon

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Catholic Aboriginal Education gathering - Carnarvon

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

Eight morning tea will be provided.

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

Gascoyne Development Commission
Carnarvon

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Belotti@justice.wa.gov.au