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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 17th August Board Meeting - 7.30pm
Thursday 18th August P&F Meeting 7.30pm
Monday 22nd August to Book Week
Friday 26th August
Monday 22nd August Book Parade 8.30am in the School Hall
Tuesday 23rd August to Book Fair in the Library from 8.30am to 2.30pm
Thursday 25th August
Wednesday 24th August Inter House Athletics Carnival - Field events
9am to 2pm Yrs 3 - 10
Thursday 25th August Inter House Athletics - Track events
9am to 2pm Yrs 3 - 10
Friday 26th August Inter House Athletics Carnival
Track and Field - PP to Yr 2
Sunday 28th August Migrant Sunday Mass - Yr 6 Class
Friday 23rd September Last day of school
Monday 10th October First Day of school

A Spirit to Know You

Gracious and Holy Father,
Please give me:
intellect to understand you,
reason to discern you,
diligence to seek you,
wisdom to find you,
a spirit to know you,
a heart to meditate upon you,
ears to hear you,
eyes to see you,
a tongue to proclaim you,
a way of life pleasing to you,
patience to wait for you
and perseverance to look for you.

Grant me a perfect end,
your holy presence,
a blessed resurrection
and life everlasting.
Amen
Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

If you are parent of a student who tries to study, and at the same time chats to friends on Facebook or listen to music, please read below.

‘One recurring fallacy about human information processing is that the mind can learn more than one thing at a time. This trait is occasionally ascribed to young people who grew up around computers (so-called digital natives). There have been many studies into this effect; the overwhelming conclusion is that no human has yet evolved that can genuinely multitask when tasks involve levels of cognitive conscious processing. When it concerns two deliberate acts, then any degree of mental switching will cost you.

Instead of being a solution to your busy life, attempting to multitask, or dividing your attention, adds to cognitive overload. (Hattie, Yates 2014)

Doing two tasks at once, such as driving and talking at the same time is not multitasking, as both of these are done that often that the brain goes into what is called automaticity mode, or completing multiple repeat activities that require little cognitive effort. This is very different to learning and applying conscious cognitive effort to two things at once.

Students will learn better by switching off all distractions, particularly digital, and concentrating on the task at a hand for a shorter time rather than ‘mentally switching’ between Facebook, music etc.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING
The next Parents and Friends Meeting is this Thursday, August 18 at 7:30 pm in the staffroom. All are welcome to come along.

FUNDRAISER HELP
On Wednesday 7th September, the Camp Quality Wescarpade 2016 will be in Carnarvon and St Mary’s will be catering for their breakfast. This is a terrific fund raiser for the school being coordinated by our hard working P & F. We will be catering for approximately 90 people so we need all hands in deck. If you are able to help out please contact Gavin at admin@carnarvonphysio.com.au.

Camp Quality is a not-for-profit Children’s Charity whose purpose is to create a better life for every child living with cancer throughout Western Australia. Camp Quality believes in improving the quality of life for children living with cancer and their families through unrelenting optimism and the healing power of laughter. WessCarpace is an existing West Australian fundraising motoring event in support of Camp Quality. The event is now in its 5th year. It currently raises around $350,000 per annum for kids suffering with Cancer.

BOOKWEEK
Bookweek is occurring next week. The Bookweek Parade, one of the highlights of Bookweek, will be held in the school hall on Monday morning at 8:30. All parents and friends are welcome to come along.

BOOKFAIR
The BookFair is occurring next week in the Library from 8:30 Tuesday to Friday. This is a great opportunity for parents to come and purchase some high quality books at a good price.

ATHLETICS CARNIVALS
The School Interhouse Athletic events are being held next week on the town oval beginning at 8:45 both days. All students from Years 3 – 10 will be competing. On Wednesday 24th the field events will be held and on Thursday 25th the track events will occur. All parents and friends are encouraged to come and support the students on these days.

JUNIOR PRIMARY CARNIVAL
The Junior Primary Athletics day will be held next Friday, 26th September. This is a fun day for all our students from Preprimary to Year 2 and parents are encouraged to come and support the competitors from 8:45 am.

God Bless

Mr Steve O’Halloran
Principal

St Marys School Athletic Carnivals
St Marys require parent help for the upcoming carnivals. If you can help in any way please contact the school office on 99411 328 or Miss Towers on towers.lucy@cathednet.wa.edu.au.
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.

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 23th 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
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.

2017 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 office on 99411 328 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!
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.

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.

St Marys P&F meeting is tomorrow night at 7.30pm in the school staffroom. All welcome.