



School Newsletter

Term 3 Issue 8

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

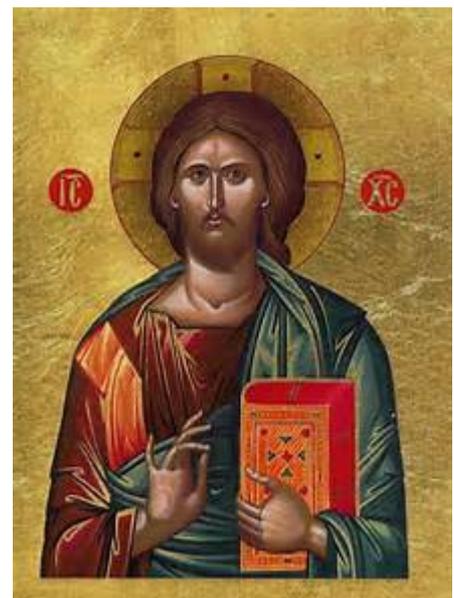
Thursday 8th September	Camp Quality Brekkie - Yr 10 Service Learning
	Inter school Athletics Carnival - Field
	Yr 1 - 6 Town Oval
	OLNA - Reading
Friday 9th September	Inter school Athletics Carnival - Track
	Yr 1 - 6 Town Oval
	OLNA - Numeracy
Monday 12th September	PS Show - Pack of Peck of Pickled Peppers - PP to Yr 6
Tuesday 13th September	
Tuesday 13th to Thursday 15th September	Nagle Orientation
Wednesday 14th September	Constable Care visit K - Yr 6
Friday 16th September	MS Showcase Dress Rehearsal
Sunday 18th September	Year 3 Reconciliation Commitment Mass
Friday 23rd September	Last day of school
Monday 10th October	First Day of school

Family Blessing at a Gathering

Father in Heaven,
We praise You for giving us Your Son
To be our Saviour and Lord.
Bless us all as we gather here today,
And let us live happily in Your love.

Hear our prayer, loving Father,
For we ask this in Jesus' Name.

Amen.



Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

Some of the lessons we need to teach our children can be difficult, and one of the most important of these is decision making

Children need to be eased into decision making from an early age, because as they grow, so do the number of choices they have to make; not only will the number grow, so will the complexity. Making a choice takes a balance of self-confidence and the mental stability to think through the consequences of the decision. As parents, we can model good choice-making skills and verbalise our decision making process, when appropriate, to illustrate to our children how to work through options and consequences. It is important that we teach our children to think well about the consequences of any choice, so the best choice can be made in the prevailing circumstances. Helpful parenting will offer our children guidance rather than answers and will ask leading questions instead of giving directions. We might have to witness our children make mistakes but this can help them handle wrong choices in the future. Of course, in these circumstances we need to be compassionate and avoid belittling. One important way to assist our children in good choice making is to encourage them to form positive friendships, because children are likely to make the same choices as their closest friends make. This means that the friends our children have and the choices their friends make, will have quite an influence on our children's decision making. It would be most encouraging for us, as parents, to know that if we have skilled our own children well, they can be a positive influence on their friends. As parents, we are constantly under observation by our children. Our children's ability to make good choices is in our hands.

ACC CARNIVAL

Congratulations to the students, teachers and parents who attended the ACC Interschool Athletics Carnival last week for our Middle School students. The feedback was very positive, regarding behaviour and students' competitiveness on the track. Members of the public commented on the positive behaviour of St Mary's students on numerous occasions whilst they were away. In regards to track performance, the results were the best the school has achieved for many years. A big thank you to the parents and teachers who accompanied the students on this trip and a special mention to Miss Lucy Towers and Mrs Narelle Holtham who trained the students during and after school leading up to the event. The results of the carnival can be viewed on <http://www.accsport.asn.au/system/files/sportstrak/athletics/2016/athsh/program.htm>

EXTRA YEAR 6 CLASS IN 2017

Due to future enrolments for our current Year 6 class in 2017 and 2018, St Mary's will be providing an extra class for this grade next year. This should not be seen as a shift to two stream schooling here at St Mary's for the future, it is a response to demand for that particular cohort.

INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The Interschool Athletics Carnival is occurring this Thursday and Friday on the Town oval. Thursday will begin at 10:00 am and Friday will begin at 9:00am. Please come along and support the students from Years 1 – 6 as they compete with students from other schools in the region.

ST MARY'S 110TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE

This promises to be a terrific evening being a dinner dance under a marquee on the oval being entertained by a Perth band. Tickets are \$70 and will be available soon for sale from the school office or Mrs Rachel Smith. There are limited ticket sales available.

VISUAL ARTS EVENING

Thanks to all who came and had a look at the wonderful art work produced by the students yesterday evening. The quality of the work was very good and a reflection of the excellent art instruction given by Miss Ward and Mrs Holtham. Thank you also to the staff for 'setting up' their spaces.

FAREWELL

Farewell to Mrs Sue-Lyn Munro. Mrs Munro has been the Multilit instructor here at St Mary's and has overseen the reading development of many of our students. We wish her all the very best for her future and thank her for her contribution to St Mary's and the support she has given to many of our students. Mrs Petera has replaced Mrs Munro as our Multilit/Maqlit instructor and we're sure the high quality tutoring in this programme will continue into the future.

We farewell also for some time Mrs Estella Scott, who will be taking time off to have her first child. Mrs Scott has been helping out in various teaching assistant roles since she left St Mary's at the end of last year and we wish her all the very best for her future.



FATHER'S DAY STALL

Last week, Mrs Michelle Pinner ran the Father's Day stall on Thursday and Friday. She had support from some of our Middle School students. Many students took advantage of the stall and bought well priced items for their dads. Many thanks Michele and your student helpers.

THANKS

Thanks to Mr Andrew Gammon and Mrs Sam Da Luz for their positive leadership in the last week and half as I sought medical treatment in Perth. I am very confident whenever I leave St Mary's that the school is always in very safe and wise hands.

God Bless

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Steve O'Halloran'.

Steve O'Halloran
Principal

Dates to Remember

Friday 23rd September	Last day of Term 3
Monday 10th October	First day of Term 4
Friday 2nd December	Pupil Free Day
Friday 9th December	Last day of Term 4

Middle School News

It's been an incredible few weeks! We came out of the Faction Athletics Carnivals into a School camp to Perth where our athletic team were highly successful (results posted further down) and after enduring a bus trip back from Perth that lasted 12 hours, many of our Year 10 students presented at the Woolshed to serve at the Race Club Ball! Outstanding commitment and representation of our school by all of our students whilst on camp and at community events. Congratulations to: Miss Towers, Mrs Holtham and Mr Khan for leading the way on camp and many thanks to our parent helpers Mrs Robyn Bumbak, Mrs Karen Gilbert and Mr Charlie Clark. We hope you enjoyed the camp as much as the students did!

As the bus was slightly delayed coming back into town, I was able to call upon a few trusted individuals to hold the fort until the rest of the team arrived at the Woolshed last weekend. So, many thanks to Miss Slattery, Ethan Cook (Yr 11 Nagle Catholic College), Phillip Braun (ex-St Mary's student) and Duke Warren (Yr 9) who assisted Paul Kelly in the kitchen and began dinner service on the floor. Then the Year 10s arrived: Sonia Leca, Jack Hanson, Lydia Luis, Nicolaas Braun, Haylie Bumbak, Courtney Gane, Isabella Randell-Capewell, Sky Donegan, Mikael Khan, Sarudzai Dijkwel, Edward Sipili, Catherine Toh, Funny Lam. A special thank you to Edward and Mikael who stayed until the end of the night at 11:30pm to assist Miss Slattery. I know that my feet were incredibly sore by the end of the evening but the food was superb, the band were amazing and it was a thoroughly enjoyable experience working with such positive and helpful students. Thank you to Geoff Fahl for organising the event and inviting us to be a part of it. The students received a donation to our P&F for their efforts. The Year 10s are again assisting at the Westcarpades Camp Quality Breakfast at 6:00am in the morning this Thursday working alongside our wonderful P&F. Many thanks to all for supporting and serving at this event.

OLNA Reading and Numeracy tests will conclude this week for some of our Year 10 students and then, they will depart for their Nagle Orientation trip to Geraldton next week. As a Mum whose child will be attending Nagle next year, I can't tell you how delighted I am that we have such an incredible opportunity for our children to continue their Catholic School Education here in Carnarvon. If you haven't as yet visited the Carnarvon campus in Egan Street, please do so – it's definitely an eye-opener as to the way that effective school delivery can be made in a remote setting. I know that the appointment of more full-time teachers and assistants will also reinforce an otherwise cutting-edge model of Catholic school education. My thanks to all staff and parents who have supported the students during this very busy term. We had a very successful Visual Arts Showcase held last night – kudos to Miss Ward and Mrs Holtham for all your work with our talented artists and designers! We also have our #Shakespeare showcase on Monday 19 and 20 September where all students in Years 7-10 are involved in the performing arts. We look forward to seeing you all then.

Finally, St Mary's has recorded our best results at the ACC Athletics Carnival this year in Perth. We placed fourth overall out of eight schools/colleges in our division on the day. Individual results were also incredible with the following Carnival Champion Boy and Girl results here:

U/13 Boys Overall Champion:	1 st place - James Holtham (by a country mile)
U13 Girls Overall Champion:	4 th place – Tamika Dijkwel
U14 Boys Overall Champion:	2 nd place – Will Durmanich
U14 Girls Overall Champion:	2 nd place – Leah Ferreirinha
U15 Boys Overall Champion:	3 rd place – Connor McLeod
U15 Girls Overall Champion:	2 nd place – Jessica Fernihough (pipped by only one point into 2nd place!)

For all individual results, please visit the website: <http://www.accsport.asn.au/system/files/sportstrak/athletics/2016/athsh/summary.htm>

Well done to ALL our competitors and supporters – keep up the great work!

Kind regards

Sam Da Luz

Head of Middle School

Year Ten Retreat and ACC Carnival



Dad's Kitemaking Afternoon in Pre-Primary

On the first day of September the Pre -Primary children welcomed their Dad's, some Mum's, a Nan and Mrs Scott to their Kite Making afternoon. The challenge for our special visitors was to create a kite to fly with their child on the school oval.



Each kite was created using an art work completed by each child earlier in the week. Two kite making plans and equipment was provided for all and the Japanese Fish Kite was a popular choice amongst the kite makers. Such quiet is rare in the Pre-Primary classroom but concentration was paramount as instructions were followed very carefully. Finally, with kites in hand, we ventured out to our kite field - the school oval, where wind speed was ideal, We did witness some successful flying machines but the important part of the afternoon was time spent with special family members.



Thank you to the Dad's, Mum's, Nan and Mrs Scott for joining us for our kite flying fun!

News



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.

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.

Homework Classes



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

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 years of age between 1st July 2016 and 30th July 2017 are welcome to contact the school office on 99411 328 for further information.

St Mary Star of the Sea
Middle School
presents

#SHAKESPEARE

*A night featuring the
Bards 'Greatest Hits'*

**Monday 19th &
Tuesday 20th
September (Week 10)**

TICKETS:

Adults \$5 / Children \$3
Family (2 + 2) \$15

**Doors open 6.30pm
St Mary's School Hall**

ST MARY'S

BAZAAR

SAT. 15th OCT 4-7 pm

• St Marys School Grounds •

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FeSTIVaL fOOdS cRAFT
EnTERTainMeNT KiDS AcTiViTiES

"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!

2016 INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

THURSDAY 8 SEPTEMBER (Y3-Y6)

Times	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
10.00-10.30am	Arrival and briefing			
10.30am-11.00am		Long Jump	Middle Distance	Tee Ball Throw
11.00am-11.30am	Tee Ball Throw	Triple Jump	Long Jump	Middle Distance
11.30am-12.00pm	Middle Distance	Tee Ball Throw	Triple Jump	Long Jump
12.00pm-12.30pm	Long Jump	Middle Distance	Tee Ball Throw	Triple Jump

FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER (Y1-Y6)

Times	
9.00-9.10	Briefing
9.10-9.20	March Past
9.20-10.30	Sprints
10:30-12:00	Team Games
12:00-12:30	Lunch
12:30-2:00	Relays
2:00-2:30	Presentations