A prayer for the Way of Peace

Father of love, hear my prayer.
Help me to know Your Will
and to do it with courage and faith.
Accept my offering of myself,
all my thoughts, words, deeds, and sufferings.
May my life be spent giving You glory.
Give me the strength to follow Your call,
so that Your Truth may live in my heart
and bring peace to me and to those I meet,
for I believe in Your Love.
Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

At a whole school assembly on Monday I reminded all classes that Term 4 this year is only 9 weeks for students, that’s not a long time yet there is still much learning to occur in all grades. For students to be ready for the learning that’s to occur in 2017, they need to focus all their energies on ensuring they have learnt well what was expected in 2016. Teachers can do their best, however practically their influence is from 8:15 am to 2:35 pm, the other almost 18 hours are with parents or others. We know from the research that the background of a student accounts for approximately 50% of their learning potential, 30% can be attributed to teaching and the other 20% to various other affects such as mobility, sickness, school culture etc. This information is very sobering; the home life of a student has a much greater effect on a student’s capacity to learn than what the teacher has. And what sort of things help a student learn when not at school? Mostly it’s simple things like good diet and nutrition, sound sleeping habits, being raised in a loving and supportive environment where there are fair yet firm boundaries, consistent discipline applied by both parents, and surprisingly, a strong dose of vitamin NO, children not being raised in an environment where they are overindulged and they are given the opportunity to take responsibility for their own behaviour.

There are also academic support structures at home that help learning such as being read to and having their reading heard by an adult, quiet times and places for students to complete set work at home if required, parents taking an active interest in their child’s learning and asking them questions about what they do at school, and maintaining clear and open relationships with their child’s teachers.

End of year reports are coming home at the end of this term; considering the research information above, what are your expectations given what happens outside of school and your child’s grades?

ST MARY’S 110 YEAR DINNER DANCE
Tickets for this are available from the office or Mrs Rachael Smith. No need to organize tables just purchase a ticket and turn up on the night, a band will be providing entertainment and canapés served regularly throughout the evening. It promises to be a terrific event.

ST MARY’S PARISH BAZAAR
The Parish Bazaar is occurring this Saturday between 4 and 7pm. There are many games, entertainment, food and prizes on offer. Be sure to come along as a great time will be had by all.

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY
The first Primary Assembly for Term 4 is being held on Thursday 20th October and is being led by our Year 2 class. All parents and Friends are welcome to attend.

God Bless

Steve O’Halloran
Principal

Friday 2nd December  Pupil Free Day
Friday 9th December   Last day of Term 4
St Mary’s 110th Year Anniversary
Celebration

Cocktail Dinner Dance
29th October 2016 at 6.30pm
Marquee “Under the Stars” at
St Mary’s Oval (Entry off Johnston St)

$70 a ticket
Inc. Cocktail Food
& Live Band
Licensed Bar
Dress: Evening Wear

Purchase tickets at St Mary’s Reception 9941 1328 or contact
rachael.smith@telomac.com.au
Welcome back! I trust everyone had a very enjoyable break and hopefully got to make the most of the nice weather towards the second half of the holidays. This term is shaping up to be a very busy and enjoyable term as we prepare to finish up the year, which might I add, has flown by.

**Fruit and Veg Month**
In September, St Mary’s students participated in Fruit and Veg month. This initiative was created by the Health Department and focused on getting healthy eating habits into homes. Our participation in this initiative has resulted in the completion of a cookbook which will be sent home this week. The students were very enthusiastic about the production of the cookbook and it would be great to think that, with parent support, they may be able to help make some healthy snacks and meals at home for their family.

**Reconciliation**
Many of the Year 3 students are preparing to do their First Reconciliation this term. We wish them all the best as they prepare for this sacrament.

**Cyber Safety**
This term the Year 4 - 8 students will complete an Online Cyber-Safety Program. The eSmart Digital Licence program is an initiative of the Alannah & Madeline Foundation and is an online challenge which uses quizzes, videos and games to teach school age children about how to play, learn and socialise online in a smart, safe and responsible way. We are positive this initiative will be of great benefit to our students.

**Swimming Lessons**
Unfortunately this term there will be no school swimming lessons, as there are not enough instructors in town. If you wish to pursue swimming for your children, you will you need to contact the pool for their swimming program. St Mary’s will still be hosting the annual swim trials, carnival and interschool carnival. There will also be a 'splash carnival' organised for the JLC students.

**Parish Bazaar**
This Saturday from 4-7pm is the Parish Bazaar. There will be lots of yummy food and many fun activities including a reverse dunk tank, where you may even get to tip a bucket of water over your teacher’s heads! It will be great to see many families there celebrating and supporting St Mary’s community.

**Cocktail Dinner Dance**
The Parents and Friends committee has been busy organising the St Mary’s 110 Year Anniversary Cocktail Dinner Dance on Saturday the 29th October. The event promises to be a great night with local food and a band travelling up from Perth. Please see Kim in the front office to secure your tickets.

**Circle of Security**
The WA Country Health service is seeking expressions of interest for anyone wanting to learn about the ‘Circle of Security’. The Circle of Security program is a six to eight session program for parents of children aged 0 to 8 years. The program is designed to enhance the sense of security and bond between parents and their children. It helps parents better understand their children’s emotional needs and how their own experience of being parented influences their approach with their own children. If you wish to learn more about understanding children and their emotional development, helping children to feel safe in their world or identifying and enhancing parenting strengths, then please contact Carnarvon Child Health Clinic on 99410440 or email gcn@health.wa.gov.au to register your interest in attending.

Mr Andrew Gammon
Head of Primary School
ROCK CLIMBING FUN

During Week 10 of Term 3 we were treated to a very special activity by the Carnarvon PCYC. Amosa Sipili and Greg Rose brought the mobile climbing wall over a couple of days and all students were given the opportunity to face their fears and climb the wall. For most students, it was their first attempt at rock climbing and they demonstrated great confidence. Each student was securely fastened into a specialist harness and attached to a safety rope on the wall. There were different levels of difficulty offered so students could choose which routes to try.

We saw students take on each other in races to reach the top and press the buzzer, or race against their teachers! Some students even tried the wall with blindfold hoods on!

I was incredibly impressed and proud to see all of our students encouraging their classmates, helping them to find good footholds, and reassuring them when they got scared.

We would like to thank Greg and Amosa from PCYC for giving us the opportunity to try rock climbing and even spot Mount Augustus in the distance!

Miss Lucy Towers

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.
The Carnarvon Dental Therapy Centre is now closed and will re-open in 2017.

Unfortunately the return dates have not been finalised; but we will endeavour to inform you of the dates once they have been confirmed.

In case of an EMERGENCY parents may contact the Carnarvon Hospital Dental Clinic on 9941 6690 OR the Allendale Dental Therapy Centre in Geraldton on 9921 4218, between 8:00AM and 4:00PM for assistance.

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.

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.

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'S BAZAAR

SAT. 15th OCT 4-7 pm

St Marys School Grounds

fairy floss cakes & plants 2nd hand

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!
**Australia's Got Talent Finalists**

**Tom Jones and the Divas**

The greatest hits of Tom Jones, Tina Turner, Dusty Springfield & others!

**Woolshed Friday 14th October**

Tickets: Adults $30 / Concession $25 / VIP $20

Available from Civic Centre Office or www.carnarvon civiccentre.com

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**Garage Sale Trail**

**BUMPER Swapmeet**

SATURDAY 22nd October 2016
Carnarvon Civic Centre Carpark
Sellers from 7.30am
Buyers from 8.30am

Declutter your house and see your good stuff reused while contributing to a more sustainable lifestyle!

Just $2 entry & kids under 12 FREE!
Sellers $10 per bay

**Rotary**

All proceeds go to the Rotary Club of Carnarvon

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**Australia Day WA Community Citizen of the Year**

Calling for nominations to recognise local community heroes on Australia Day 2017

**Nominate** by 31 October 2016

4 Award Categories
- Community Citizen of the Year
- Community Citizen of the Year (Senior)
- Community Citizen of the Year (Youth)
- Active Citizenship (Group/Event)

**Nominate at**
citizenshipawards.com.au

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**ARE YOU A.....**

COMMUNITY GROUP, SCHOOL, SPORTING CLUB OR CHARITY GROUP?

**DE-CLUTTER & FUNDRAISE FOR YOUR CLUB BY HOLDING A STALL AT THE GARAGE SALE TRAIL—BUMPER SWAPMEET SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER, 2016 CIVIC CENTRE CARPARK**

For more info contact Mel Frearson on 9941 0039 or via email at cdo3@carnarvon.wa.gov.au