



# School Newsletter

Term 4 Issue 2

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 19th October  
Thursday 20th October

Saturday 29th October  
Sunday 30th October

Wednesday 2nd November  
Thursday 3rd November  
Monday 7th November  
Monday 7th November to  
Wednesday 9th November  
Thursday 10th November

Board Meeting 7.30pm

Primary School Assembly - Year Two

P&F Meeting 6:30pm - New Time

"110 Year Dinner Dance" Tickets available at the School Office

MS SRC Mass

Camp Quality Puppet Show - K - Yr 7

Primary Assembly - Year Three

Swim Trial - Yr 3 to Yr 6

Nagle Orientation - Year 10

Splash Carnival - Yr 1 and 2

Reconciliation Parent and Child Meeting - Yr 3

### Prayer for God's Guidance

Father in Heaven,  
You made me Your child  
and called me to walk in the Light of Christ.  
Free me from darkness  
and keep me in the Light of Your Truth.  
The Light of Jesus has scattered  
the darkness of hatred and sin.  
Called to that Light,  
I ask for Your guidance.  
Form my life in Your Truth,  
my heart in Your Love.  
Through the Holy Eucharist,  
give me the power of Your Grace  
that I may walk in the Light of Jesus  
and serve Him faithfully.

GOD  
*Designed* me.  
*Created* me.  
*Blesses* me.  
*Heals* me.  
*Defends* me.  
*Forgives* me.  
*Loves* me.

Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

Do you feel personally offended when your children are not thankful for all you have provided for them maybe you feel it's like a "slap in the face" when they complain about what they have; how irritating is that! Unfortunately, if they persist with such an attitude, they will ultimately hurt themselves by not being able to enjoy the life they have.

You might be momentarily consoled by the words of Deborah Spaide, the author of "Teaching our kids to Care", when she writes: "It's normal and natural for young kids to believe everyone in the world exists exclusively for their benefit. Thankfulness is just not part of their job description." Part of our role as parents, is to lead our children out of their internal gazing and continually prompt them into a "thank you" attitude towards the people around them, upon whom they rely so completely. As life would have it, this teaching of an attitude of thanks will continue even to teenagers.

Thankfulness is a major part of wellbeing. It creates inner wellbeing, an inner harmony and when our inner harmony goes missing, we are miserable.

Within our lives, thankfulness can be a kind of superglue, as it gives a strong sense of hope and confidence about the future. With life as busy as it is, we don't seem to take time to count our blessings, to be thankful for our life, our friends, our family, for insights into our purpose for existence, for the ability to love and be loved.

Modelling thankfulness to our children is an important way to have them, "do as we do".

Perhaps, we might need to have a look at what kind of attitude we are projecting. Are we content with our possessions, our clothes, our appearance? Do we express thankfulness for all we already possess? Are we making use of what we have, just like we tell our children to play with the toys and games they already have? Do we see the bigger world of need around us or is our focus simply on ourselves?

As parents we might hope that our children will learn to be thankful for the way we live our lives before them. We can tell them how thankful we are to have them in our lives. We can spend more time with them instead of buying them more toys and games and so teach them the value of relationships over material gifts. We can tell our children that we like it when they say "thank you". We can tell our children to be thankful for the inspiration that surrounds them: to marvel at the power of the wind, the immensity of the ocean, the perfection of the night sky, the rugged beauty of the natural environment. "Nature is the living, visible garment of God". Goethe.

### **110<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE**

Still plenty of tickets available for this event being held on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October. This promises to be a terrific evening with excellent entertainment and canapés by Valentina. See Kim in the office or contact Rachael Smith.

### **BAZAAR THANKS**

Thanks to all of the parents, students and teachers for ensuring our Bazaar was such a success. A big thank you to Mrs Robyn Bumbak, overall event coordinator.

### **PRIMARY ASSEMBLY**

The first Primary Assembly for this term is being held in the school hall tomorrow beginning at 2:00 pm. It is being led by our Year 2 class. All parents and friends are welcome to come along.

### **PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING**

The next P & F Meeting is being held tomorrow evening in the staffroom. Come along and support this hard working group who do so much to support the students and their learning here at St Mary's School. Final preparations for the upcoming Dinner/dance will be discussed.

God Bless



Steve O'Halloran  
Principal



Dates to Remember

**Friday 2nd December**  
**Friday 9th December**

**Pupil Free Day**  
**Last day of Term 4**

## Middle School News

Well, it's already Week 2 of the last term and we've just had another highly successful Parish Bazaar at the weekend. Despite the inclement weather, it did not deter the crowds although the dunking machine proved a little chilly in the wind! I must say the hospitality tents were 'Go' from start to finish with hot and iced coffees, chocolates and teas, soft drinks, doughnuts and fairy floss. It was exciting and exhausting at the same time – we hope that it's been a profitable one for our Parish. Well done to all students, staff, parents and community who came together for a great event. Congratulations to Mrs Robyn Bumbak and her team of helpers, especially our P&F who did such an amazing job in organising it all. Thank you.

This term, we have embarked on an online cyber safety program in Years 7 & 8 with Miss Towers. It is a wonderful initiative, which highlights the desperate need to keep educating our children about the constant dangers and pitfalls of our digital world. Parents also have an ongoing and important role here as they will be the chief monitor of their child's digital experience and access. I can't stress this enough as the other day, I was reviewing some material, sparked by a conversation with a parent, that alarmed me: Ghost apps. No, it's not about things that go 'bump in the night' but it certainly is quite alarming nonetheless. I have included some information for all parents here, taken from the website: <http://www.today.com/parents/how-teens-are-hiding-photos-more-ghost-apps-what-do-t54716>

"...ghost apps or vault apps, which are applications that look harmless but are designed to hide photos or other information. On TODAY Monday, experts explained how one app looks like a calculator, but when a password is entered, secret photos are revealed.

"Ghost apps, hidden apps, they're everywhere and the kids know about them," child Internet sex crimes investigator Mike Harris told TODAY. But many parents don't.

In 2012, a study found that more than 70 percent of teens have hidden online activity from their parents. So what do experts recommend parents do to better monitor their kid's activity?

- Check out new apps, especially those that have access to the phone's camera.

- Look for redundancy, like two calculators on a phone.

- Use parental controls, so you know what is being downloaded onto the phone.

- Have a conversation with your teens and tweens about sexting.

Even though the article was written late last year, the conversation that I had with a parent, indicates that many of our students regularly use ghost apps on their phones and other mobile devices. Please be vigilant about this matter as some of our teens don't 'get' the ramifications of having explicit material on their phones, especially when it concerns other young people. A sobering thought indeed.

So, what else is in store for us this term? In Week 3, we have a youth mass being organised by our SRC. This aims to promote leadership skills amongst our very youngest to the oldest representatives and I am looking forward to seeing their gifts and talents there. In Week 4, we have Camp Quality visiting us again – this time to present their puppet show which was unable to be performed last term when the cars were in town. Their shows focus upon families living with cancer and it is certainly a wonderful opportunity for our children to ask all those difficult questions, dispels common myths and helps teaches students how to be supportive and understanding of kids living with cancer – all of which prevents bullying and exclusion. The shows will be presented to Kindy – Year 7. If you have any queries regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

We also have another Nagle Orientation trip to Geraldton scheduled for our Year 10s in Week 5, just before our Year 9/10 Social – the theme this year is Casino Night and the students will be busy with their ideas and preparations. The following week, we have our long awaited Interhouse Swim Carnival – time to show off all those hard training sessions in the pool and in Week 7, we have exams for Year 9 and 10s.

As we consolidate our learning for the year, please remind your child that we still have many more weeks of hard work left – there isn't time to waste, especially for those students who are leaving us to go on to other schools and especially to our senior students going on to Year 11 or other training pathways. Before we know it, it will be Week 9 when awards assemblies, presentation night and graduation will take place. I am looking forward to reporting on all the positive and wonderful achievements of our students for the rest of this term. Have a great week everyone!

Kind regards

*Sam Da Luz*

Head of Middle School

### **Aboriginal Teaching Assistant –**

#### **Full-Time**

Temporary 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017

The successful applicant for this temporary position will work with the Aboriginal students, their parents and their teachers. The Aboriginal Teaching Assistant will also assist in raising the profile of Aboriginal education and Aboriginal history and culture within the school and the wider community and work with all students and the community.

### **Temporary Teaching & Canteen Assistant (one position)**

**1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017**

Applicants must be fully supportive of the objectives and ethos of Catholic education.

Applicants must submit a curriculum vitae, addressed to the Principal, including the names and contact numbers of three referees, one of whom must be the current employer. A current Dept of Education Clearance/100 Point Identification Check must also be included. The appropriate Criminal History Record Check form is available from the Department of Education and Training website ([www.det.wa.edu.au](http://www.det.wa.edu.au)) or the school office. Applicants should have, or be working towards, Certificate 111.

On appointment successful applicants will require a Working with Children Check. Application forms are available at Australia Post.

Applications to be addressed to: The Principal, Mr Steve O'Halloran, St Mary Star of the Sea Catholic School, PO Box 772, Carnarvon WA 6701.

Closing Date: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

### **Parish News**

Parish Priest : Fr Mariusz

Phone: 99411768

#### **Weekend Mass Times:**

Saturday 7pm

Sunday 8am & 10am



### **"Catholic Parish of Carnarvon Raffle Results"**

1st Prize Ticket No 1221 - Linda Dei Giudici  
2nd Prize Ticket No 0793 - B Anderson  
3rd Prize Ticket No 1247 - Rachael Schmidt  
4th Prize Ticket No 0589 - Sue Reynolds

# 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)



Purchase tickets at St Mary's Reception 9941 1328 or contact

[rachaelsmith@telomac.com.au](mailto:rachaelsmith@telomac.com.au)

\$70 a ticket

Inc. Cocktail Food

& Live Band

Licensed Bar

Dress: Evening Wear

## International Cricket Coach Visits St Mary's!



Last week all Primary School classes were treated to a specialist Cricket session delivered by WACA Regional Development Manager, Jason Yip. Before coming to Carnarvon, Jason had been touring round the world as the coach for the Netherlands Ladies Team. He had visited Sri Lanka and Thailand just before dropping into St Mary's!

During each session, students had the opportunity to learn new skills, develop existing ones, have fun and even win a Perth Scorchers tiger-striped zinc stick! It was great fun trying different challenges such as the Ready, Aim, Fire game in which students had to work together as a class to earn points in hitting the stumps.

Jason was visiting Carnarvon as part of the WACA development of youth cricket. His visit culminated in a launch evening at the Carnarvon Cricket Club on Friday evening where kids from across Carnarvon could come down to practise their skills, learn from specialist coaches, and enjoy a free BBQ.



If any student is interested in playing Cricket this season, please contact the Carnarvon Cricket Club for further details.

Miss Towers  
Health and Physical Education teacher

### 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.

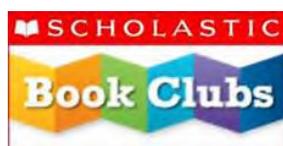
To help us with our planning for 2016 please inform the front office if your child/children will not be returning to St Marys next year.

### 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.

### Book Club

Book Club is due back to the office on Wednesday the 26th October.



### Homework Classes

Homework classes every Tuesday and Thursday. Please contact the school office 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](mailto:faithfull.rebecca@cathednet.wa.edu.au)

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



Come and  
join in the  
**FUN!**

**Garage Sale Trail** Saturday 22 October 2016

**AUSTRALIA'S BIG DAY OF GOOD STUFF**

## 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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# SOCCER CLINIC

Fri 21st & Sat 22nd October

**FREE**

@ Carnarvon Soccer Grounds

This is a weekend full of soccer open to all children and adults of Carnarvon to enjoy with players & coaches from Geraldton & Exmouth and Development Officers. Come along, bring a friend and enjoy the great game of Soccer. Please remember - Shin Pads are compulsory for players!

**FRIDAY 21st October**

4pm - 5:30pm Mini Roos Clinic (7yrs & under)  
 4pm - 5:30pm Skills session for U11's & U16's (8-16yrs)  
 Finish with a meet & greet sausage sizzle!

**Saturday 22nd October**

For the U11's & U16's - Includes Morning Tea & Lunch  
 9am - 5pm Skill Clinics & Mini Carnival

**For the Adults**

9am - 10:30am Introduction to Refereeing (Running Lines)  
 9am - 10:30am An opportunity for adults to pick up coaching/training ideas whilst children are participating in skills clinics  
 6pm - 7:30pm Introduction to Coaching @ PCYC

# CHILDREN'S WEEK 2016

Dress up as your favourite Superhero or Community Hero

**Gascoyne Early Years Network presents**  
**Superheroes Family Fun Day**  
 Carnarvon Festival Grounds Premiers Oval  
 Wednesday 26th October  
 10.00am—1.00pm

Face Painting    Baby Rhyme Time  
 Prizes to be Won    Arts & Craft  
 Toddler Jam    Bouncy Castle  
 Petting Zoo    Story Time

