## From The Principal’s Desk

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### St. Gertrude's Guardian Angel Prayer

O most holy angel of God, appointed by God to be my guardian, I give you thanks for all the benefits which you have ever bestowed on me in body and in soul. I praise and glorify you that you condescended to assist me with such patient fidelity, and to defend me against all the assaults of my enemies. Blessed be the hour in which you were assigned me for my guardian, my defender and my patron.

In acknowledgement and return for all your loving ministries to me, I offer you the infinitely precious and noble heart of Jesus, and firmly purpose to obey you henceforward, and most faithfully to serve my God.

Amen.
Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

YEAR 9 AND 10 SOCIAL
A wonderful evening was had by all last Saturday as the Year 9 and 10s had their end of year social. Students got into the theme of the evening and it was great to see a different side to some of our students. Thanks to Miss Slattery and Mrs Da Luz who organized the evening. Thanks also to the St Mary’s staff who came and supported the students.

RECONCILIATION
Tomorrow evening in the church a number of our students and others from the parish will be receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. This is a very big step in the faith journeys of these boys and girls and we pray it is a joyful experience for them all. A Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday at 10:00 am will be held to celebrate this event.

3 YEAR OLD AND KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION SESSION
On Monday, beginning at 9:00 am, there will be an information session for all parents of children attending 3 Year Olds and Kindergarten in 2017. If your child is beginning school next year, please attend.

PRIMARY DISCO
There is a Disco for all primary students this Friday evening. The Kindy to Year 2s will be strutting their stuff from 4:30 – 5:30 and the Year 3 -6s will get their chance from 6:00 – 7:30. Should be a fun night for all.

FOUNDERS DAY MASS
Tomorrow at 1:30 pm we are celebrating our Founders Day with a mass in the hall. Recently we celebrated the 110 Years of St Mary’s with a dinner dance. The school has a very rich and proud tradition here in Carnarvon that began with the Presentation Sisters all those years ago. Please come along and join in this celebration at our Founders Day Mass.

YEAR 9 AND 10 EXAMS
The Year 9 and 10 students begin their end of semester exams next week. We wish them all the very best as they demonstrate their understandings from Semester Two.

INTERSCCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Next Tuesday, 22nd November, selected students from Years 3 – 6 will be participating in the Annual Interschool Swimming Carnival held at the Carnarvon Aquatic Centre. Miss Towers will inform participants by the end of the week what they need to bring on the day.

SCHOOL BOARD ANNUAL COMMUNITY AND P & F ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS
These will be held in the school hall this evening beginning at 6:00 pm. The ACM will consist of a report from the board chair, presentation of the initial budget for 2017 and the election of new board members. The P & F AGM will involve a treasurer’s report and the president’s report. Drinks and nibbles will follow the meetings.

God Bless

Steve O’Halloran
Principal

To help us with our planning for 2017 please inform the front office if your child/children will not be returning to St Marys next year.
Middle School News

Dear parents and friends: is Google diminishing our intelligence? When access to the internet is interrupted, does your teenager fly into panic attacks or rage? Does your child only socialise online instead of physically, with other children? All these questions and more, about addictive behaviours to gaming, social networks and cyber safety, remain very real and constant concerns of all parents. The impacts of interactive technologies on the attitudes, values and behaviours of our children has been studied very closely and explained through neuroscience. For more information, please take the time to read the following article Impact of the Internet on Wellbeing: https://www.studentwellbeinghub.edu.au/resources/detail?id=e4fd4822-d5c5-6d32-997d-ff0000a69c30#/

As per the National Safe Schools Framework, “… helping students develop capabilities which promote health and wellbeing and lead to success in life (e.g. Australian Curriculum), ensuring the school and home learning environments are supported (e.g. safe & supportive schools) and strengthening engagement with parents and the wider community (e.g. parent engagement)” are the foundations of any effective school. That is why we value every interaction with our parents and caregivers, we promote mutually respectful and safe environments and we integrate cyber safety lessons and practices into our daily curriculum. We cannot act alone however and we need our parents on board to also reinforce the above messages and practices. So, I urge all of you if you have not done so recently, to monitor the online activity of your child and to let us know of any concerns that you may have with your child’s schooling and together, we can help our students develop a greater resiliency in dealing with life’s bumpy road and, so that they can navigate this digital world in an informed, responsible and safe manner. As always, I welcome any feedback from our families.

The ‘Voice for Regional Education’ (ICPA WA) has recently sent our school some information regarding a bursary for financial assistance to a Gascoyne Region student who is about to leave home to further their education. A cash payment of $1000 has been donated by the Gascoyne branch of the ICPA for a student in Year 6 or 7 who will be boarding away for 2017. The nominated student will have been a student within the Gascoyne region for at least 2 years and must be a member of the ICPA Gascoyne Branch. Application forms are available at the front office for any interested and eligible students. Please contact the office for further information. Deadlines are fast approaching for our Awards assembly so please get in your application as soon as you can.

The Year 9/10 Social took place last weekend and was an immense success. The school hall was decorated in red, black and white to a Casino theme and students danced, played card games and chomped their way through chocolate fountains and slurped slushies all night. Special ‘thank yous’ go to all our staff who attended in a social and supervisory capacity, a big thank you to Mrs Worthington and Mrs Cook in the kitchen, selected Year 8 students who served and waited on the night and to Miss Slattery who coordinated the event. Also to Robyn and Mark Bumbak who assisted us with extra laser lights, Ms McMeekin with decorating and Haylie Bumbak for finding Mrs Da Luz mood lighting boxes! It was a great team effort. Well done to the Year 10s for your efforts in setting up and clearing up after the event. Congratulations to the following recipients of our Social Awards:

Best Arrival: Jessica Fernihough and Matilda Anderson – I can still hear the roar of the Harleys setting off into the sunset!
Social Butterfly - Year 9: Shezari Lourenco; Year 10: Andreja Mladinov
Best Dancer: Duke Warren
Best couple Dance: Sonia Leca and Jack Hanson
Best Dressed Couple: Catherine To and Funny Lam
Best Dressed Male: Prince Gupta
Best Dressed Female: Courtney Gane
As this event was held quite close to the Exams, it was critical that it was not an ‘over-the-top’ elaborate affair that consumed every person’s waking moment. Well done and thank you to all the students who ensured that it wasn’t and now, the Year 9 students have a good idea on how to run a successful social. I can’t wait for next year!

Exams for Year 9 and 10 students are scheduled next week from Monday to Wednesday. I posted about study skills a few weeks back – please encourage your child not to leave studying until the last minute. Every day up to exams should include a good quiet block for studying regularly. Part-time jobs and other after-school activities should NOT be taking priority during this week especially; success during this major assessment period will involve hard work and focus. There is no luck involved here – teachers are testing knowledge and skills gained over the course of this last semester so there should be no surprises in the exam. Regular review and practice is the key.

Lastly, we have an exciting event: our Inter-house Swim Carnival on Wednesday 16th November. I only have two words to say: “GO GREY!!!”

Take care until next time …

Kind regards
Sam Da Luz
Head of Middle School

Primary Disco

This Friday 18th November is the Primary School Disco. All primary students are invited to attend. The details are below:

Time: Kindy – Year 2  4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
      Year 3 – Year 6  6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Cost: $5 per child (will get them entry, sausage sizzle, juice box and a Freddo Frog)

Sausage Sizzle: 5:30 p.m.

Parent helpers: Thank you to the teachers, P&F and SRC who have volunteered to help. We will need more parent help on the night so if you’re available, please offer your assistance.
Year nine and ten social
Week 5 was a special week for our Year 1 and 2 students! Both classes travelled down to the Carnarvon Aquatic Centre for their Annual Splash Carnival. The day was full of games, cheering, laughter and dancing, and everyone had a great day.

Each group of students swam in a variety of different water-based relays and races using different equipment such as noodles, balls, kickboards and floating animals.

The day was finished off with some free time in the pool with the inflatable dragon, George, and a sausage sizzle.

I would like to thank everyone who helped make the day a great success including all the amazing staff, parents, volunteers, supporters and of course the Carnarvon Aquatic Centre for hosting.

Miss Towers

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**Parish News**

Parish Priest : Fr Mariusz
Phone: 99411768

**Weekend Mass Times:**
Saturday 7pm
Sunday 8am & 10am

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**Homework Classes**

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

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**Uniform Shop**

The uniform shop is opened every Tuesday and Thursday from 2.15pm to 3.15pm.

The uniform shop will also be open next year, Wednesday 25th January from 10am to 2pm.

Please see Charmaine for all your uniform needs.
Student Mobile Computing Device Recommendations
2017
From the beginning of 2017, all students from Year 5 – Year 10 will be expected to have their own laptop to participate in class at St Mary Star of the Sea Catholic School. The type of computer needs to be standardised for compatibility with system and school requirements.
There are many makes and models of computers available on the market. Whichever make of computer you choose to buy your son/daughter, the School gives the following general recommendation for compatibility with the recommended software/apps and for the ability to access the permitted area of the School network. The School only provides access to an area of the network for personal devices which will give students access to the Internet and e-mail.

Laptop/Notebook Computer Recommended Specifications

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<td>Latest Intel CPU and architecture (at least i5 or i7 CPU recommended)</td>
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<td>Wireless</td>
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<td>Display</td>
<td>Minimum of 1280x1024 Display resolution</td>
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<td>Graphics</td>
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<td>AntiVirus/Security Software</td>
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<td>Multimedia</td>
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<td>Carry Case</td>
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Important Notes:
Always ensure that the operating system of the computer/device has the latest updates installed. Always ensure that the AntiVirus program is current and has up to date virus definitions. It is advised that you **insure** the computer against theft, loss and damage.

By using their own personal device at the School, students automatically agree that they must abide by the School ICT Policies and understand that any violation of the policies mean that disciplinary action may be taken against them. In addition, certain acts of misuse of ICT, including hacking, could be classified as Federal offences under certain statutes.

At the end of this year, a number of laptops from the current laptop lease programme will be available for sale. These machines will be offered to those students who have been part of the laptop lease programme the longest. All will be compliant with the minimum standards above. These laptops will be sold with **NO WARRANTY**.

Students will not have the opportunity to purchase the laptop they are currently using. All laptops currently in use by students will need to be returned to the school where they will be decommissioned before being offered for sale. The price for each laptop will be $300 and expressions of interest to purchase will be sought in the coming weeks.
Summer will soon be here – enrol now for swimming lessons
Enrolments for December/January lessons are now open. It is important for every child to learn to swim and develop essential water safety skills. VacSwim’s school holiday swimming lessons are conducted by qualified instructors who teach children the skills to be confident swimmers and safe in the water. Children 14 years or older are encouraged to enrol for the higher level lessons and the Bronze Medallion.

For further information and online enrolment visit education.wa.edu.au/swimming

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St Mary’s Thank You Morning Tea

When: Thursday 1st December 2016
Time: 10.40am
Where: St Mary’s School Staffroom
RSVP: Kim Faithfull
9941 1328
30th November 2016

In recognition of the help and support you have provided to the staff and students of St Mary Star of the Sea Catholic School, we would like to invite you to the annual Thankyou Morning Tea.

Without your support of the many events in the School, it wouldn’t have the wonderful community spirit and facilities it has today
We look forward to seeing you there.

Mr Steve O’Halloran
Principal

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2017 KINDY AND PRE-KINDERGARTEN 3 YEAR OLD ENROLMENTS
Enrolments for children to begin the Kindy and 3 Year Old Pre-Kindergarten Programme are currently being taken.
All welcome to contact the school office on 99411328 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!
CELEBRATE CARNARVON’S PAST

Celebrate our rich heritage throughout the month of November. Carnarvon Library and Art Gallery proudly presents an exhibition celebrating our town’s history and a talk focused on exploring the origins of our own families.

Photographic Exhibition 1—30 November
Take a walk down memory lane with our newly curated collection of local photographs and slides depicting Carnarvon from years gone by. Help us preserve the quality and integrity of our local history collection by filling in the missing pieces of the puzzle. Our volunteers have identified some places and people in the collection but not all. Why not come along and see if you recognise anybody.

Pathways to the Past: Family History for Beginners Thursday 10 November 5—7pm
We are thrilled to welcome Leonie Hayes—Senior Subject Specialist from Perth’s Battye Library. Leonie will be presenting an introduction to family history research for beginners. It covers how to get started, where to go, key resources at the State Library and online and much, much more. Booking is essential for this talk.

Carnarvon Library and Gallery / 18 Egan Street Carnarvon
Tel: 9941 3727 e-mail: library.staff@carnarvon.wa.gov.au library.carnarvon.wa.gov.au
Opening Hours: Mon 11am - 5pm, Tues, Wed, Thurs 9am - 5pm, Friday 9am - 3pm, Sat 10am - 12pm

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McGrath Foundation
PINK STUMPS DAY
We are hosting a Pink Stumps Day!

CLUB: St Mary Star of the Sea Catholic School
WHERE: School Oval
DATES/TIME: Friday 17th February
CONTACT: St Marys School Office

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HOME & BUSINESS CHRISTMAS DISPLAY COMPETITION

Decorate your home or business from 1 December through to 22 December to be in the draw to WIN great prizes!

ENTER TO WIN

HOME DISPLAY
1st Prize - $500
Horizon Power Bill Credit
2nd Prize - $200
Home Hardware Voucher
Peoples Choice - $100
Voucher Pack

BUSINESS DISPLAY
$500 Marketing Package

Registrations close Friday 25 November
Registration forms are available online at www.carnarvon.wa.gov.au or at the Shire Office on Francis Street, Monday to Friday - 9am to 4:30pm.

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