



School Newsletter

Term 4 Issue 7

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 21st November to
Wednesday 23rd November
Thursday 24th November
Sunday 27th November
Tuesday 29th November
Wednesday 30th November to
Thursday 1st December
Wednesday 30th November
Thursday 1st December

Friday 2nd December
Monday 5th December

Friday 9th December

MS Exams Yr 9 and 10

Advent Liturgy - Kindy 10.20am in the School Hall
MS5 and MS6 Mass 10am
Year 6 Rite of Passage - 11am
Transition and Orientation Program - Year 6

Parish AGM - 7:30pm in the Parish Centre
Advent Liturgy - PP - 10.30am in the School Hall
Thank you Morning Tea - All welcome
Primary School Assembly - 2pm in the School Hall
PUPIL FREE DAY
MS Awards Assembly 1pm in the School Hall
PS Awards Assembly 1:50pm in the School Hall
Last day of school



Guardian Angel Prayer

(This is a Mother's Prayer to the Guardian Angels of her children)

I humbly salute you,
O you faithful,
heavenly Friends of my children!
I give you heartfelt thanks
for all the love and goodness you show them.
At some future day I shall,
with thanks more worthy than I can now give,
repay your care for them,
and before the whole heavenly court
acknowledge their indebtedness to your guidance and
protection.
Continue to watch over them.
Provide for all their needs of body and soul.
Pray, likewise, for me, for my husband,
and my whole family,
that we may all one day rejoice in your blessed company.
Amen

Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

This Sunday is the beginning of Advent; a time when as Christians we wait in expectation for Christmas.

Advent is a difficult season to observe because it is swamped by all things Christmas. Carols are on the radio and piped throughout shopping centres which are full of Christmas decoration and advertising: card writing is in full swing and our children are working on Christmas themes at school. Maybe all this activity is a form of active waiting, of expectation that something important will happen in the end.

During this period as we wait in expectation of Christ's coming, it could be that the bright lights, the prospect of presents and special food, leave us unable to recognise what it is for which we are 'waiting in expectation'. We might 'miss out' on the coming of Christ in whatever manner that coming might manifest itself to each of us. The simplicity and openness of the new born Christ child, shows us how uncomplicated it can be for us to build or renew our personal relationship with God. The Advent wreath with the 'Christ Candle' in the centre, might help keep in focus the reason for our 'waiting in expectation'.

Each week at mass and our Thursday liturgies, one of the Advent candles will be lit until we leave school for the upcoming holidays.

PRIMARY DISCO

The primary students enjoyed a lively disco on Friday evening. Thanks to overall coordinator Mr Andrew Gammon, the staff who attended and the members of the Student Representative Council who helped supervise and coordinate games for the students.

THANKSGIVING MASS

Students from St Mary's and the parish celebrated a Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday following the reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation last Thursday evening. Thanks to the students for their reverent participation and Mrs Nicole Nuttall for coordinating the mass.

INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Yesterday the students from St Mary's participated in the annual Interschool Swimming Carnival against other school teams at the Carnarvon Aquatic Centre. There were some terrific individual performances and the behaviour on the day was a credit to the students and the staff who were present. St Mary's won the overall carnival and were well represented in individual champions and runners up. Well done to you all! Many thanks to Miss Lucy Towers who organized this well-coordinated event.

ADVENT LITURGY

Each week during Advent one of our early childhood classes will be preparing a liturgy for the rest of the school. This week, our Kindergarten class will be presenting the liturgy beginning at 10:20 am in the school hall. All are welcome to come and join us at this time as we begin the season of Advent.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MASS

Our Middle School students are preparing the 10:00 am Sunday mass. All are welcome to join us on this occasion as we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent, the beginning of our preparation time leading up to Christmas.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Friday 2nd December is a staff professional development day. Students should not attend school on this day.

LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS

The last day for students for 2016 will be Friday, December 9. The first day for students in 2017 will be Wednesday, February 1.

THANK YOU MORNING TEA

Following the Preprimary Advent Liturgy on Thursday December 1, there will be a Thank You Morning Tea for all parents and friends who have supported St Mary's in any form this year. Please make the time to come along and

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.

Head of Primary School

While it may seem like your children attend school in order to learn to read, write and be good at Maths, the aim of a school is to (through the teaching of different subjects) create an environment where students apply effort, make mistakes, build resilience, experience success and develop a growth mindset.

A person's mindset is the established set of attitudes they believe about themselves. A person with a growth mindset accepts challenges with a positive, 'can do' attitude. Alternatively, a person with a fixed mindset struggles to accept challenges when they seem difficult, or they feel they no longer have to worry about working hard because they are already gifted enough.

If we as parents are to support this kind of school environment, then we too need to focus on building a growth mindset in our children. Psychologists have discovered three components of a growth mindset that are shared by people who follow through on their goals. You can help your children by being aware of them and making small changes to the way you talk to them. These include:

1. The belief that hard work can and will lead to improvement.
2. The belief that they belong in school and that it is a place where they can thrive.
3. The belief that what they are learning is valuable and relevant to their goals.

One of the biggest things you can do for your children is cheer them on when they make progress. Praise them for their efforts and how capable they have become; praise them for their perseverance, for their hard work and successes. Be careful not to belittle their efforts and refrain from telling them how smart they are as this will only fix their mindset.

When students lack any of these components, it affects their willingness to continue when the challenge gets hard, and yes, learning can be hard. When students do develop a growth mindset, they are motivated by their success, they thrive in many aspects of their life and as a result, their grades improve.

Some final thoughts from Dr Carol Dweck, "*For twenty years, my research has shown that the view you adopt of yourself profoundly affects the way you lead your life.*"

Interschool Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to the Year 3-6 students who were selected and competed at this week's Interschool Swimming Carnival. You did a great job and we are very proud of the way you represented our school. Congratulations on winning overall champions! I would also like to extend a big thank you to Miss Towers for her efforts in coordinating this terms swimming events.

Primary Disco

A big thank you to the staff, parents, P&F, and the Student Representative Council (led by Melissa Slattery) for their contribution to last Friday's primary school disco. The night was a huge success with many students leaving red-faced and wishing it was longer. Again, thank you to everyone who helped to make it happen for our students.



Year 3 Reconciliation

Congratulations to the Year 3 students who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation last Thursday. Thank you to Fr Mariusz for his continued guidance and support and a big thank you to Mrs Nuttall, who over the last couple of weeks has worked tirelessly to prepare the students and ensure that receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time was a very special occasion for our students.

Growth and Development

Recently the Year 5 and 6 students completed the Growth and Development sessions offered by the Community Health nurse. The sessions were informative and allowed for a lot of very interesting and open discussion.

Kind regards

Mr Andrew Gammon
Head of Primary School

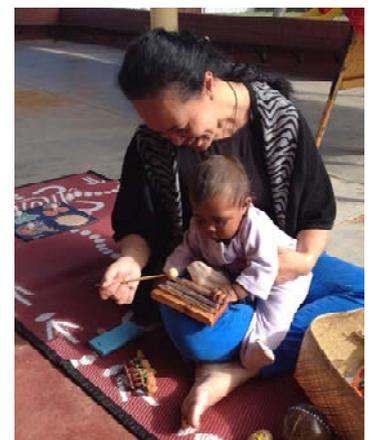


Aboriginal Families as First Educators

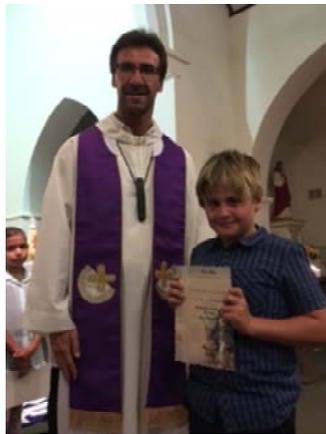
At "You & Me Playgroup" parents and their children have been learning new strategies to read and play together. These strategies have enhanced children's language and enriched parent and child relationships.

Last week, Laine, the Community Health Nurse joined us at playgroup to run a dental care information clinic with our parents and children. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Rebecca Faithfull and Liz Cook



Reconciliation



STIRLING DO THE DOUBLE!

On Wednesday 16 November Stirling Faction swam to victory in the Interhouse Swimming Carnival which followed their victory in the Athletics Carnival in Term 3 to crown them Double Champions this semester!

Over 200 students and 20 staff travelled to the Carnarvon Aquatic Centre for the annual competition and were joined by a large crowd of supporters and volunteers.

Students competed in their factions: Forrest, Grey and Stirling to earn individual points and for their faction totals. There were 140 races throughout the day that saw every child compete in a range of races.

Year 10 students were on hand to assist our younger swimmers in the water and they also competed in a novelty Year 10 relay against staff, and were valuable members of their faction's relay teams.

After a busy day of individual races it was time for the most exciting event of the day right at the end; The Super Relay. This race involves one boy and one girl from each year group in each faction, building up from Year 3 to Year 10 followed by a parent and finally a teacher. The crowd went wild as the speed gradually increased with age and Forrest sailed to victory with Mr Gammon bringing it home for his team.

To finish the day each faction chose their fastest 4 swimmers to race against the fastest 4 teachers in the newly introduced All Star Relay. As we got ready for our race the nerves were high and the teachers looked anxious as they expected to get destroyed by the strong faction teams (which included a variety of state swimmers!) But somehow our age, maturity and experience must have been an advantage as Mr O'Halloran powered through on the first leg, Miss Ferla kept the lead in the second leg and I got handed a 10m lead from Mr Gammon for the final leg. Against all odds we managed to hold on to our lead against the formidable Bree Hudson (I suspect she let me win!) to be crowned 2016 All Star Champions! We will remind them of this often!

A great day was had by all, and I would like to commend every student for their superb behaviour and strong team morale, and to all members of staff, parents, friends and volunteers for creating an absolutely electric atmosphere. This school is truly special and I feel lucky to be part of a community with such a strong spirit.

Please see below a list of results:

	Champion	Runner up Girl	Champion	Runner up	Factions
Y3	JASMIN PIDALA	ALYSSA ANDRE-	TORREN HUD-	KINGSTON	FORREST 174
Y4	HARMONY	TA-LEAH POD-	LUKE JORDAN	MARTIN SHEP-	STIRLING 196
Y5	CHLOE FERNI-	TANNA BELLOT-	MAGNUS WAR-	LEON EL SAID	GREY 218
Y6	JORDIE PORTER	EVELYN HEN-	BROCK	RYAN FULL-	FORREST 175
Y7	ISOBELLE	DARCIE BOTICA	JAMES HOL-	TOBY CHAN	STIRLING 173
Y8	SHIANNE PIDA-	RACHEL GIL-	ADAM CLARK	KAI O'LOUGH-	STIRLING 147
Y9	BREE HUDSON	JESS FERNI-	KOBY PORTER	DUKE WARREN	FORREST 144
Y10	GIANNA LAW-	ISABELLA CAPE-	PRINCE GUPTA	FUNNY LAM	STIRLING 150

	OVERALL POINTS TOTAL	OVERALL PARTICIPATION
1^S	STIRLING 1567	STIRLING 93.42%
2	FORREST 1389	FORREST 84.93%
3	GREY 1322	GREY 82.89%



Interhouse Swimming Carnival



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

Criteria	Windows computer recommendation
Operating System	Latest Windows Operating system (No Apple Mcintosh please)
Architecture	Latest Architecture
Processor	Latest Intel CPU and architecture (at least i5 or i7 CPU recommended)
Wireless	WiFi with 802.11n WPA2 Enterprise and EAP-MSCHAP v2 support. 802.11ac support recommended
Memory	Minimum 4GB RAM. 8GB or more recommended
Display	Minimum of 1280x1024 Display resolution
Graphics	Latest Graphics support with DirectX
Ports	Latest USB ports (at least USB 2.0, USB 3.0 recommended)
AntiVirus/Security Software	AntiVirus Software with latest updates
Multimedia	Speakers and multimedia capability
Carry Case	Secure and sturdy carry case with a clearly visible name tag
Screen Size	12 Inches to 14 Inches

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.

St Mary's Thank You Morning Tea

When: Thursday 1st December 2016

Time: 10.40am

Where: St Mary's School Staffroom

RSVP: Kim Faithfull

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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*

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 99411 328 for further information.



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



Parents, welcome to the class of 2017.

Don't leave ordering your school supplies until the last minute. We're here to help you get ahead of the class, so you can enjoy those summer school holidays sooner.

For orders placed after 31st December delivery is not guaranteed before school starts.

Your school's Requirements List is ready to view on officemaxschools.com.au. All you need to do is jump online, view the list, make any changes you like, and then submit your order. It's that simple.

School lists are available on our school website www.smsc.wa.edu.au. Please contact the school office for any further details.

Order Cut Off	Delivery Charges	Delivery Window
4 December	FREE	Before end of December 2016
5 – 18 December	\$9.95	By 25 January 2017
After December 18	\$19.90	By 25 January 2017

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Your child's School Requirements List is ready to go. And every time you buy textbooks or stationery, we give a portion back to your school.*

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Orders placed after December 31 are not guaranteed to arrive before school starts.



KIDS CLUB



(PP to Year 7)



COMBINED WITH FRIDAY FUN CLUB

When: Friday 2nd December
Time: 3.00pm to 5.00pm
Carnarvon Christian School
Undercover area, Babbage Is. Rd.

For enquiries ring:
John Tomkins: 0428 527 032
Or Brian Fyffe: 9941 1571
Run by the Churches of Carnarvon

FREE.
Parents /carers welcome to attend.
CHRISTMAS THEME

"You and Me" PLAYGROUP

Facilitated Playgroup

FRIDAYS 9:30AM-12:00PM

Who: For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families with children 0-5 years old.

Where: 9 Butcher Street (In the playgroup building)

When: Every Friday during school term

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!

McGrath Foundation PINK STUMPS DAY

We are hosting a
Pink Stumps Day!

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



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Shire of Carnarvon

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

DONATE NOW

**NON PERISHABLE FOOD &
CHRISTMAS ITEMS**

Drop off points are located
at the Shire Office, Public
Library, IGA & Woolworths

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Place your wrapped
presents identifying gender
and age under the tree at
Amcal Chemist

Donations will be accepted
from 21st November until
16th December

By donating non-perishable food items, and wrapped
Christmas presents you'll be helping local families and
individuals enjoy a special Christmas

For more information contact the Shire on 99410039.



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