



School Newsletter

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30th November 2016

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 30th November to Thursday 1st December	Transition and Orientation Program - Year 6
Wednesday 30th November	Parish AGM - 7:30pm in the Parish Centre
Thursday 1st December	Advent Liturgy - PP - 10.20am in the School Hall
	Thank you Morning Tea - All welcome
	Primary School Assembly - 2pm in the School Hall
Friday 2nd December	PUPIL FREE DAY
Monday 5th December	MS Awards Assembly 1:00pm in the School Hall
	PS Awards Assembly 1:50pm in the School Hall
	Selected Yr 9 students to UWA camp
Tuesday 6th December	MS Reconciliation - P.3
	Yr 10 Graduation Mass and Dinner
Wednesday 7th December	PS Reconciliation - P1 - 3
	Year 9 Nagle Orientation
Thursday 8th December	Presentation night commencing at 7pm
	Advent Liturgy - Yr 1 to lead
Friday 9th December	Last day of school
	End of Year Mass - Yr 7 to lead
Wednesday 1st February, 2017	First day of school

Prayer for Our Family

Blessed are you, loving Father,
Ruler of the universe:

You have given us Your Son as Your Leader,
And have made us temples of Your Holy Spirit.

Fill our family with Your light and peace.
Have mercy on all who suffer,
And bring us to everlasting joy with You.

Father,
We bless Your Name for ever and ever.

Amen.



Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,
One of the joys of preparing for Christmas is the setting up of the family Christmas Tree, for many this traditionally happens tomorrow, the 1st December. Some of the reasons for that joy are expressed in this short poem.

*The ornaments upon our tree
Have secrets of their own,
Of other trees and Christmases
That teach of them has known.
They're all different shapes and colours
But we know and love them all.
And if they could only speak
What joy they would recall.*

THANK YOU MORNING TEA

Following the Advent Liturgy tomorrow presented by our Preprimary students at 10:20 am in the hall, there will be a morning tea in the staffroom to say thank you for all the support and help given our school from the parents throughout 2016. Please come along and enjoy this end of year function for parents and friends.

YEAR 6 2017

A decision was made some months back to have two Year 6 classes in 2017 due to increasing enrolments. Since that time, there have been many families notify us that they won't be in Carnarvon next year and this has made the two class option unviable. In 2017 there will only be one Year 6 class at St Mary's, Carnarvon.

PRESENTATION NIGHT

Presentation Night this year will be held on the outside stage area beginning at 7:00 pm on Thursday, December 8. Notes will be coming home re dress and times for students to arrive in preparation for the event.

RIGHT OF PASSAGE

On Tuesday the Year 6 students celebrated their Rite of Passage from Primary to Middle School. A mass was held at 11:00 am at our parish church followed by a sausage sizzle and the afternoon at the town pool. A great time was had by all. Thanks to Mrs Van Dongen for organizing the day and Fr Mariusz for celebrating the mass for us.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

This Friday is a professional development day for staff. There will be no school for students on this day.

AWARD ASSEMBLIES

The Middle School Award Assembly will be held on Monday, December 5 at 1:00 pm and this will be followed by the Primary School Award Assembly at 1:50 pm. All parents and friends are welcome to come along.

YEAR 10 GRADUATION MASS AND DINNER

On Tuesday, December 6, there will be a Graduation Mass in our Parish Church beginning at 5.30pm. This will be followed by a Graduation Dinner. This is an evening when we recognise the special contribution our Year 10's have made to our school community.

RECONCILIATION

As we prepare for Christmas all students will have the opportunity to attend reconciliation with Fr Mariusz. For Middle School students this will occur on the morning of Tuesday, December 6, and for Primary School students on the morning of Wednesday, December 7.

LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS

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

God Bless



Steve O'Halloran

St Mary's Parish AGM is tonight commencing at 7.40pm in the Parish Centre.
Mass will be held prior at 7:00pm
All are welcome!

Middle School News

As this is my last newsletter for the year, I would like to firstly acknowledge all the hard work by ALL our teachers in and out of school that makes St Mary's such a special and enriching environment to work in and to develop as individuals. Also, to our students, especially to those who have applied consistent hard work in their efforts to improve their learning: I hope you continue to apply that hard work ethic long after your time with us at St Mary's has passed. To all our families who have supported St Mary's time and time again – whether through volunteering at school events, camps, fundraising, canteen, parent/teacher meetings, etc.... thank you! We cannot be a strong and effective school without your support and feedback.

To our departing staff: Mr Notman has been with us for a year and three quarters. He stepped into the role when Mrs Dixon left for maternity leave. He had 'big' shoes to fill (even though she has small feet!) but he settled in well into our school and has been active at many Middle School functions. Thank you, Mr, Notman for all your efforts and good luck with your new adventures down south with your family. Mr Khan started at St Mary's in 2012 and together with his son Mikaeel who entered the school in Year 6, we will miss them for 2017. Mr Khan has been instrumental in our ICT program and system at the school and a constant participant on school camps, carnivals and events. Nothing has ever been too hard or difficult for Mr Khan to fix and I thank him personally for all the gifts and talents that he has brought to our school. Mr Khan is relocating back to Queensland with his family having spent five years with us. We hope he has learnt to appreciate the West Australian way of life in the same way as we have appreciated his efforts here!



We start our TOP (Transition and Orientation Program) today with our Year 6 students. It's going to be another large class that will join us next year – we can't wait! Also, Duke Warren, Jessie Jarvis and Dylan Gane will be departing on Monday, chaperoned by Miss Griffiths to Perth for the Aspire UWA Year 9 Camp. Have fun guys and bring back lots of great stories to share with us next week. Some of our students are leaving us at the end of the year to continue their studies at new schools. It's going to be an exciting time ahead – just don't forget to study as you enjoy the journey ahead!

The Year 10 Graduation Mass and Dinner looms ahead – Tuesday 6 December starting at 5:30pm at St Mary's Church, then on to the Carnarvon Motel for dinner. It is a special time for our graduating students and their families – some of whom will be leaving school at the end of the year to begin full-time apprenticeships, others to continue their studies interstate and even overseas, some to the Community College and most of our cohort will be starting Year 11 at Nagle Catholic College, Carnarvon campus. As a parent of a graduating Year 10 student, I give thanks and praise to all teachers past and present who have guided and taught my daughter so many life skills; to her class members – most of who, will be accompanying her over the road to Nagle: thank you for always looking out for Carys and being that 'big brother' or 'sister' that she never had; finally, thank you to all staff (especially to Mrs Worthington and Mrs Cook) and students at St Mary's for being so inclusive, genuine and caring towards a student with disabilities, so much so that she never suffered by being 'different'. God bless you all and thank you.

I wish you all a peaceful, joyful and fulfilling Christmas – stay safe wherever you are and go, and my best wishes for an even better 2017!

Kind regards

Sam Da Luz

Head of Middle School



A promotional graphic for 'Minute to Win It' featuring a large 3D title, a blue wheel, and four ice cream cones. Text boxes around the wheel include: 'COME TRY OUR GAMES', 'WIN PRIZES', 'EVERY DAY WEEK 8', 'GAMES \$1', 'ENJOY SOFT SERVE ICECREAM', 'ICECREAMS \$1', and 'COULD YOU BECOME THE CHAMPION?'.



*Please join us for our
Christmas Musical*



A MIDWIFE



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7:00pm

DEC 8TH

THURSDAY



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.



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.



Homework Classes

Homework classes last day is Tuesday, 6th December.

Classes for 2017 will commence on Tuesday, 7th February.

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

Back to School Shopping that Gives Back.

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.*

**Order today at
officemaxschools.com.au**



*Excludes graphic calculators and textbooks sold with OfficeMax eBooks.



Catch the first wave and wipe out delivery fees by December 4.

Delivery for orders placed after December 4, \$9.95.

Delivery for orders placed after December 18, \$19.90.

Order today at officemaxschools.com.au



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



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.

Laptop Collection

Parents & Guardians

We will be collecting your child's laptop on Thursday 1st December. Please ensure their laptop together with their charger are brought to school on this day.

Mr Khan and Ms McMeekin



LAPTOP PURCHASE FROM THE SCHOOL

Letters of expression of interest to purchase laptops have been sent home to families of Students who have been in the scheme from 2 to 3½ years (Year 6 – Year 10). If you wish to purchase a laptop for your child in these Year groups and have not returned your slip please do so before the 9th December. Payment for the laptop must be made by 9th December. Laptops will be ready for collection from the school office during these dates : Wednesday 14th December and Thursday 15th December
Mrs Brooks

LEADING EDGE Computers
Carnarvon Switched On Service

Student Laptop Bundles for St Marys School and Nagle College

HP 250 G5

- Core i5 CPU
- 4GB RAM
- 500GB HDD
- 15.6" Screen
- 802.11n Wireless Lan
- Windows 10
- 1 year on-site warranty
- 3 year warranty upgrade \$89



All models include

- Case
- Anti-virus software with 12 month subscription
- 16GB USB Flash Drive

Service and Support

Leading Edge Computers Carnarvon are your local authorised service partners for HP, Acer, Leader Computers, and other major brands.

Our trained service technicians can provide warranty and other service needs throughout the life of your computer.

Finance Options*

All computers are available on a range of finance packages including:

- Lay-by until January 2017
- Rent and Upgrade from 2 - 5 years
- Rent and Keep from 3 - 5 years
- Interest free finance for 6 or 12 months

Acer Aspire V13

- Core i5 CPU
- 4GB RAM
- 128GB SSD
- 13.3" screen
- 802.11ac Wireless LAN
- Windows 10
- 1 year warranty
- 3 year warranty upgrade \$149



Leader SC350 Convertible

- Core i7 CPU
- 8GB RAM
- 240GB SSD
- 13.3" Full HD IPS Touchscreen
- 360 degree flip screen
- 1MP Camera
- 802.11ac Wireless LAN
- 2 year warranty



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*Rent and interest free Finance offers are provided by our finance partners and are subject to status.

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St Mary's Star of the Sea Catholic School 2017 Parent Notebook Buying Program

PRE-ORDERS BEFORE 2 DECEMBER 2016 WILL RECEIVE A FURTHER 3% DISCOUNT OFF THE ALREADY DISCOUNTED PRICE BELOW.

FAMILY DISCOUNTS 2 OR MORE NOTEBOOKS PURCHASED WILL RECEIVE A FURTHER 2% DISCOUNT.

OPTION 1 (Recommended Model) \$ 898.00 inc TAX

HP ProBook 430 G3 NOTEBOOK
Intel® Core™ i5-6200U Processor
13.3" Diagonal HD anti-glare LED-backlit (1366 x 768)
RAM : 4GB
SSD: 128GB
Graphics Card : Intel HD Graphics 520
Optical CD/DVD Drive
Windows 10 Home
12 Months Warranty

Additional Warranty Provided through Gascoyne Office Equipment
3 Year Total Warranty Extended: \$169.95
Service/Screen replacements/Repairs at discounted prices.



OPTION 2 \$ 1199.00 inc TAX

ACER ASPIRE V3-372 ULTRABOOK
Intel® Core™ i7-6500U Processor
13.3-INCH IPS FHD (1920 x 1080)
RAM : 8GB
SSD : 256GB
Graphics Card : Intel HD Graphics 520
No CD/DVD Drive
Windows 10 Home
12 Months Warranty

Additional Warranty Provided through Gascoyne Office Equipment
3 Year Total Warranty Extended: \$169.95
Screen Replacements unavailable
(Due to high end slimline notebook size.)
Service/Repairs at discounted prices.



"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, Petting, 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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[linkedin.com/mcgrathfoundation](https://www.linkedin.com/mcgrathfoundation)

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

MISSING

Have you seen these puppies?



2 Puppies missing from Bibra Way, Brockman Area.

Both puppies have been micro chipped so if you have seen similar looking puppies please contact

Mary from SAFE on 0448 569 563 or the Shire Rangers on 9941 0022, and they will be able to check if they are the correct dogs.

Both puppies have been adopted and are due to go to their new families soon.

A REWARD is being offered for information leading to their safe return.