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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 7th December
Thursday 8th December

Friday 9th December

Wednesday 1st February, 2017

Presentation Night dress rehearsal
Presentation night commencing at 7pm
Advent Liturgy - Yr 1 to lead - 10.20am in the School Hall
Last day of school
End of Year Mass - Yr 7 to lead - 1.30pm in the School Hall
First day of school

Lord Jesus Christ, when,
on a winter's night I look up through the clear air at the stars,
I can be very close to You
and to Your native Bethlehem.
It was at night that You first came to this earth.
It was under the same stars that now gleam in this night sky
that Mary first held You in her arms.
It was by the faint light of these stars
still shining tonight that the shepherds found their way to the stable,
and discovered You,
as the angels had said they would,
lying in a manger.
Dear Christ,
it is especially at Christmas time
that I see and understand how close You are
to those who live on the land.
We have so many reminders of You!
The stars and moon at night and the sun by day,
the same stars under which You were born;
the same moon that shone that night on Bethlehem;
the same sun that brightened Your first days on earth.
The stable, and the farm animals
that shared their quarters and their warmth with You, their creator.
The sheep and the shepherds that came to adore You,
rough men, but good, truthful, honest, and sincere.
O Jesus, Son of the everlasting God,
You are so wonderfully made one of us at Christmas time!
You are our God,
but You are our Brother, too.
You are our King,
but You come as a helpless little baby,
longing for our love.
Help us today and always to see You
in all those with whom we come in contact.
Let us never forget Your own instruction,
that whatever we do for the least of those around us,
we do for You.
Help us always to serve You in the generous,
selfless spirit of this season,
and we shall then be real Christians,
more and more like You, other Christs.
Amen.



Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

“Christmas is almost here!” So what do we think of when we hear such news? Probably, the thoughts that come to mind, are those associated with the necessary preparations that go to make the day an enjoyable occasion marked by lots of food, presents, lights and tinsel. Besides this type of joy there is another:

“Let’s arise with joy in our hearts and share it with everyone.

The meaning of Christmas will always be the birth of Jesus, God’s Son.”

Christmas is an anniversary celebration of when God gave us the gift of Himself without splendour or opulence but in poverty and weakness, in the form of a tiny baby in an animal enclosure. Jesus, Son of God, emptied himself of power, privilege and possessions and was born into the human race in the humblest of manner. Boris Pasternak in his book, Dr Zhivago, wrote: “Something in the world had been changed. … The story of a human life became the story of God and filled the Universe.” Indeed a worthy anniversary to celebrate.

“As a baby, Jesus came
From his home above,
He left his throne and where he was
To teach us how to love.

As a baby, Jesus came
The hope of eternal life,
Recalling us back to God
Giving meaning to our lives.”

We trust all have a happy, holy Christmas and a safe holiday. See you all back on Wednesday 1st February.

FAMILIES LEAVING

We have a number of families that are leaving St Mary’s for other parts of Australia. Thank you for your contribution to our school community. We hope your future is bright and happy.

Irish Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields
and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

PRESENTATION NIGHT

The Presentation Night begins at 7:00 pm tomorrow evening. All students are to be in their classrooms by 6:40 pm. Please note that at the end of the concert students will return to their classrooms where they can be collected by parents.

HOLIDAYS

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

SEMESTER 2 REPORTS

Semester 2 reports will be distributed to parents next week. Please note that the report grades are based on students’ efforts and results from Term 3 and 4. Students who performed better in Semester 2 will receive improved grades than what they received in Semester 1, the alternative may occur for students whose efforts and results dropped in Semester 2.

YEAR 10 GRADUATION

An entertaining and memorable evening was had last night as we celebrated the Graduation of our current Year 10 class. The evening began with a mass and was followed by a dinner and reflections at the Carnarvon Motel. Well done to all involved, particularly organizers Mrs Sam Da Luz and Miss Melissa Slattery.



You will be missed!
Good-bye! Good luck!

FAREWELL

At the end of year we farewell those staff that are moving on. Mr Nazzim Khan, Mr Robbie Notman, Mrs Karen Acott and Mrs Liz Cook are all leaving St Mary's and Carnarvon to continue their careers elsewhere. We thank them for their contribution to our school community and wish them all the very best for their future endeavours.

God Bless

Steve O'Halloran
Principal



Head of Primary School News

A Quick Reflection

As I reflect on this year, which seems to have flown by, I feel fortunate to have been accepted into the St Mary's community, and to have been given the opportunity to be a part of a school that is making such difference to the lives of students in Carnarvon. I have had many accomplishments, made a few mistakes and been given plenty of opportunities to learn. I have taken pride in watching my children grow as they have adapted to a new home, new friends and a new way of learning. I have felt supported throughout the birth and first seven months of our baby girls' life and I am thankful for all those who have made our transition here so successful.

Awards Ceremony

On Monday we presented the end of year awards to 23 primary students, which is only a small portion of the 216 students currently enrolled at St Mary's between Kindy – Year 6. Whilst the 23 award winners were extremely worthy recipients of their respective awards, there were also many others who have applied themselves this year, who have consistently challenged themselves to improve, who have taken risks and who haven't been afraid to make mistakes because they know this will help them to grow. My message to all students, award winners or not, was this; anyone who adopts this mindset towards their learning can also call themselves a winner. Congratulations boys and girls on your efforts this year, stay safe, enjoy the break and look after your parents!

St Mary's Christmas Appeal

There are many families in Carnarvon who will be struggling this year at Christmas. We are currently asking students to bring in some tinned food, other household necessities or small toys that can go towards this year's Christmas Appeal. The donations will be presented by each class at the End of Year Mass.

End of Year Mass

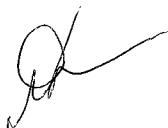
Our End of Year Mass will be held at 1:30pm on Friday. All family and friends are welcome to join us.

Farewell

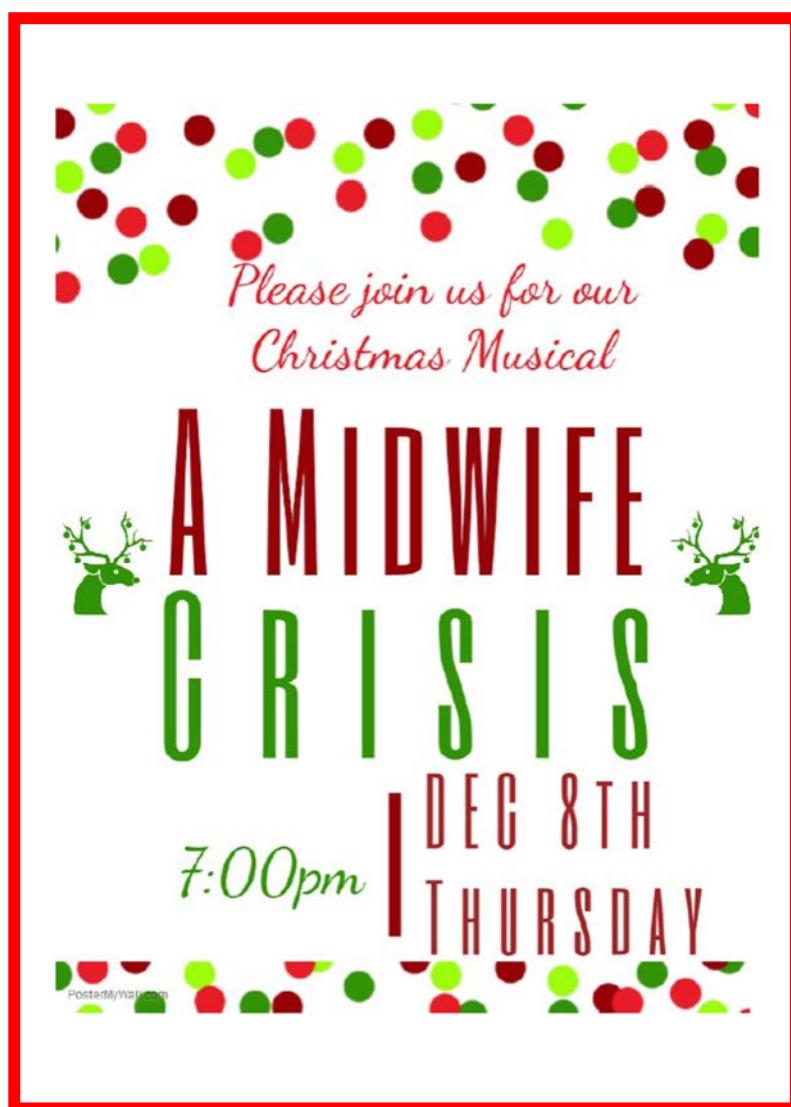
There are many families who are leaving us this year. Whilst we may be sad to see you go we are excited for you as you embark on your next adventure. We wish you all the best for the future, good luck!

All the best for the holidays, safe travels, have a merry Christmas and we'll see you recharged ready to tackle 2017.

Kind regards



Mr Andrew Gammon
Head of Primary School



Middle School Book Awards 2016

Year Seven Winners

Religious Education	Montana Brooks
Mathematics	Daniel Cosh
Science	Daniel Cosh
Humanities and Social Science	James Holtham
English	James Holtham
Health	James Holtham
Physical Education	James Holtham
Drama	Dylan Bassett
Music	Daniel Cosh
Visual Art	Daniel Cosh
Food Technology	Daniel Smith
Physical Art	Kaj Radcliffe
Design and Technology	Mackensie Chapman



Year Eight Award Winners

Religious Education	Kai O'Loughlin
Science	Kai O'Loughlin
Mathematics	Adam Clark
Humanities and Social Science	Shianne Pidala
English	Shianne Pidala
Visual Art	Shianne Pidala
Physical Art	Shianne Pidala
Drama	Kai O'Loughlin
Physical Education	Kai O'Loughlin
Food Technology	Adam Clark
Music	Adam Clark
Design and Technology	Adam Clark
Health	Mikhayla Capewell
Special Kitchen Helper Award	Bella Nannup



Year 7 and 8 Scitech Awards

Tayissa Miholovic
Dylan Bassett
Liam Cook
Mikhayla Capewell

Year Nine Award Winners

Religious Education	Dylan Gane
English	James Kelly
Humanities and Social Science	Daniel Bumbak
Mathematics	Daniel Bumbak
Science	Daniel Bumbak
Drama	Daniel Bumbak
Health	Jessica Fernihough
Physical Education	Jessica Fernihough
Food Technology	Joseph Garcia
9/10 Music	Matilda Anderson
Physical Art	Juan Wakka



Year Ten Award Winners

Religious Education	Hayley Bumbak
Mathematics	Hayley Bumbak
English	Haylie Bumbak
Humanities and Social Science	Haylie Bumbak
Science	Lydia Luis
Health	Haylie Bumbak
Yr 9/10 Visual Art	Haylie Bumbak
Physical Education	Prince Gupta
Yr 9/10 Drama Elective	Prince Gupta
Design and Technology	Nicolaas Braun
	Catherine To



Certificate I in Business and Hospitality Award Recipient

Haylie Bumbak

Indigenous Encouragement Award

Talia Cook

Australian Defence Force Long Tan Leadership and Team Work Award

Haylie Bumbak

Encouragement Award

Nicolaas Braun

Caltex All Rounder Award

Haylie Bumbak

Citizenship Award

Edward Sipili and Mikael Khan

Academic Award

Haylie Bumbak

Congratulations to all Middle School Award Winners for 2016!

Primary School Book Awards 2016

Year 6 class awards

Citizenship Award	Yesha Cupay
Progress Award	Shane Brown
Academic Award	Abby Punch

Year 2 class awards

Citizenship Award	Chloe Bumbak
Progress Award	Jamie Nguyen
Academic Award	Rose Beckenham

Year 5 class awards

Citizenship Award	Jenny Tran
Progress Award	Leon El-Said Coomerang
Academic Award	Magnus Warren

Year 1 class awards

Citizenship Award	Mali Andreoli
Progress Award	Lucas Wilkerson
Academic Award	Dan Nguyen

Year 4 class awards

Citizenship Award	Harmony Bellotti
Progress Award	Lily Evans
Academic Award	Like Jordan

Pre Primary class awards

Citizenship Award	Lucy Sinclair
Progress Award	Riley Clarke
Academic Award	Caitlyn Ho

Year 3 class awards

Citizenship Award	Ulanda Hatt
Progress Award	Clyde Kerr
Academic Award	Ashlee Mai

Kindy class awards

Citizenship Award	Cassie
Progress Award	Capewell-Randall
Progress Award	Braxton Eyre

Nano Nagle Award

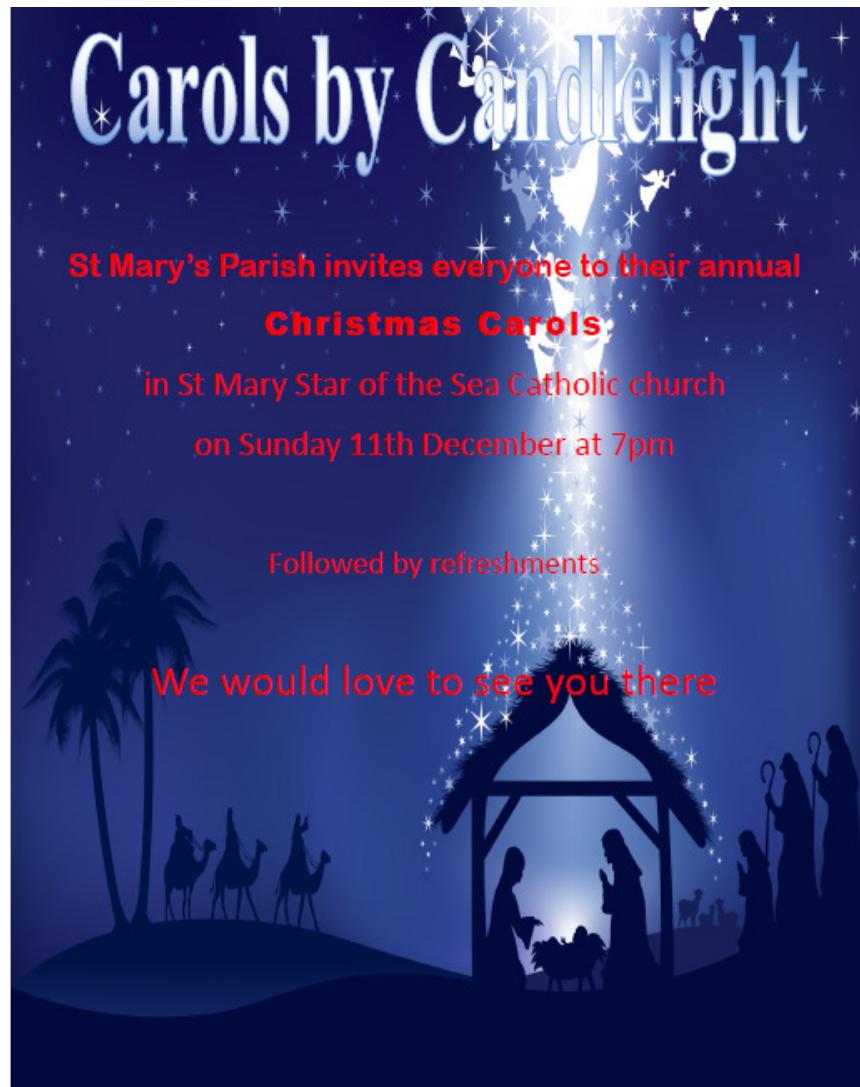
Paulene Braza

Indigenous Encouragement Awards

Harmony Bellotti

The Spirit award : Sparkle, Passion, Imagination, Resilience, Integrity and Tenacity.

Jamylah Acott





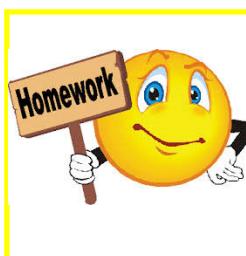
2017 KINDY AND PRE-KINDERGARTEN 3 YEAR OLD ENROLMENTS

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.

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

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

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

\$769

\$869

\$999

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

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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.

322 Robinson St, Carnarvon WA 6701

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ABN: 18 608 640 348

*Rent and Interest Free Finance offers are provided by our finance partners, and are subject to status.

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.smse.wa.edu.au. Please contact the school office for any further details.

Order Cut Off	Delivery Charges	Delivery Window
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.*

Order today at officemaxschools.com.au

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PINK STUMPS DAY

We are hosting a Pink Stumps Day!

McGrath Foundation

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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