From the Principal's Desk

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**Wednesday 7th December**
- Presentation Night dress rehearsal

**Thursday 8th December**
- Presentation night commencing at 7pm
- Advent Liturgy - Yr 1 to lead - 10.20am in the School Hall

**Friday 9th December**
- Last day of school
- End of Year Mass - Yr 7 to lead - 1.30pm in the School Hall

**Wednesday 1st February, 2017**
- 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.

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 Mikaeel Khan
Academic Award Haylie Bumbak

Congratulations to all Middle School Award Winners for 2016!

Primary School Book Awards 2016

Year 6 class awards Year 2 class awards
Citizenship Award Yesha Cupay Citizenship Award Chloe Bumbak
Progress Award Shane Brown Progress Award Jamie Nguyen
Academic Award Abby Punch Academic Award Rose Beckenham

Year 5 class awards Year 1 class awards
Citizenship Award Jenny Tran Citizenship Award Mali Andreoli
Progress Award Leon El-Said Coomerang Progress Award Lucas Wilkerson
Academic Award Magnus Warren Academic Award Dan Nguyen

Year 4 class awards Pre Primary class awards
Citizenship Award Harmony Bellotti Citizenship Award Lucy SInclair
Progress Award Lily Evans Progress Award Riley Clarke
Academic Award Like Jordan Academic Award Caitlyn Ho

Year 3 class awards Kindy class awards
Citizenship Award Ulanda Hatt Citizenship Award Cassie
Progress Award Clyde Kerr Progress Award Capewell-Randall
Academic Award Ashlee Mai 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

Carols by Candlelight
St Mary’s Parish invites everyone to their annual Christmas Carols
in St Mary Star of the Sea Catholic church
on Sunday 11th December at 7pm
Followed by refreshments
We would love to see you there
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.

The Council and Staff of the Parents and Friends Federation wish you all a very Happy and Holy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in Term 1 2017!
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>Memory</td>
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<td>Multimedia</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.
Laptop Collection

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

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