



# School Newsletter

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 28th April  
Friday 5th May

Tuesday 9th to Thursday 11th May  
Friday 12th May  
Saturday 13th May  
Sunday 14th May  
Wednesday 17th May  
Thursday 18th May  
Friday 19th May

Anzac Assembly - 1:30pm on the School Oval  
MS Assembly - 1pm  
PS Assembly - 2pm  
NAPLAN - Yr's 3, 5, 7 & 9  
Mother's Day Liturgy and Morning Tea  
Our Lady of Fatima night  
Mother's Day  
Board Meeting - 7:30pm  
P&F Meeting  
MS Assembly - 1pm  
PS Assembly - 2pm - Year 3

### Prayer for the ANZAC'S

God of love and liberty,  
we bring our thanks this day for the peace and security we enjoy,  
which was won for us through the courage and devotion of those who gave  
their lives in time of war.

We pray that their labour and sacrifice may not be in vain,  
but that their spirit may live on in us and in generations to come.

That the liberty,  
truth and justice which they sought to preserve may be seen and known in all  
the nations upon earth.

This we pray in the name of the one who gave his life for the sake of the  
world, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

Welcome back to school for another term. A warm welcome to those families new to our school community. I'm sure you will find St Mary's to be a welcoming, supportive and generous community.

I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday, the children appear keen and eager to be back at school and learning has begun in earnest in all classes.

On Friday we will be holding an ANZAC service organized by Mr Gammon beginning at 1:30 pm on the school oval.

ANZAC Day is an opportunity to honour those 102,000 Australians who died in the 20<sup>th</sup> century defending the values and life we cherish here in Australia.

**God our Father, we give thanks for the freedom  
and opportunity of choice that we have  
available to us as a nation.**

**We express our gratitude and thanks to those  
who sacrificed much, if not all, on our behalf.**

**May they be at peace with You. Amen.**

### **New Staff**

We welcome to St Mary's Ms Tash Ubrihien who will be teaching Maths and ICT in the Middle School this term. We also welcome back Mrs Sue-Lyn Munro who will be working in the Primary School in the capacity of Aboriginal Teaching Assistant. We look forward to both ladies sharing their gifts and talents with our school community.

### **PARISH FATIMA NIGHT**

This promises to be big event as it is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary since Our Lady of Fatima appeared to Lúcia Santos and her cousins Jacinta and Francisco Marto. The evening will begin with a Mass and procession at 6:00 pm followed by a social evening on the school grounds. All are welcome to come along and celebrate this historic event. Tickets are available from the office.

### **NAPLAN TESTING WEEK 3**

NAPLAN testing will be occurring for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 during Week 3 of this term. There is no point cramming for NAPLAN, it tests student learning from Kindergarten through to Year 9. The best preparation for any assessment is a good nights' sleep and nutritional breakfast.

### **2016 School Year Book**

It has been brought to our attention that there was an error on the Athletics page (pg 32), of the 2016 School Year Book. Connor McLeod was listed as one of the Champions and James Kelly was listed as one of the Runner Ups. This should have read that James Kelly was one of the Champions and Connor McLeod was one of the Runner Ups. We sincerely apologise to the Kelly & McLeod families for this error.

### **Nagle Catholic College Carnarvon Campus Continuation**

Nagle has recently been made aware of concerns regarding Nagle's Carnarvon Campus and its ongoing operations in 2018 and beyond. I wish to confirm that Nagle has every intention of continuing to offer quality education opportunities for Year 11 and Year 12 students at our Carnarvon Campus in 2018 and beyond.

We are about to conduct enrolment interviews for Year 11 2018 and Year 11 2019 and so would encourage any parents considering enrolling their child for these two cohorts to submit an application form to our Carnarvon Campus (Egan St, between 8am and 2pm on school days) as soon as possible.

God Bless



Steve O'Halloran  
Principal



### Middle School News

'Buongiorno'! It's great to be back from my trip to Europe although I must admit I'm still feeling a little jetlagged! How wonderful though, to welcome Ms Tash Ubrihiens who is teaching Mathematics and ICT this term. Ms Ubrihiens has previously been teaching in Arnhem Land so St Mary's is a very new experience for her.

The students have returned with some serious contentions: study hard for the upcoming exams and train equally hard for the Cross Country and ACC team selection. I know that the Year 10s will also be busy planning for Work Experience and their Social Dance, and the SRC will be meeting soon to plan their leadership trip and the MS Lock-in later in the term - so many events to look forward to and to organise!

As this is a short first week back, my news item is brief today, however, I have enclosed some information regarding the upcoming Meningococcal Immunisation program for all Year 10s, If you have any further questions on this, please contact the Community Health Nurse: Tara Fistonich on (08) 9941 0511. All Year 10s will require permission forms to be completed and handed in by Wednesday 3rd May. I also wanted to share with you my trip to Rome and specifically to the Vatican City.

If you have never visited Rome, I do urge you to go! The masterpieces are all free to view: in the hundreds of churches that dot the corners of the cobbled streets of Rome, you will find Michelangelo, Caravaggio, Bernini etc., not just in the basilicas and museums. Yes, there are incredible piazzas and fountains, but don't hesitate to try the gelato at Giolitti's! Visiting the Vatican during Holy Week was probably not the best idea I've ever had, due to the huge crowds there but it did give us an opportunity to see unparalleled works of art and architecture, catch a sneaky glimpse of Pope Francis (Papa Francesco) and by chance, meet up with Fr Roman at the Salvatorian Motherhouse. Fr Roman had been Parish Priest here at St Mary Star of the Sea over 10 years ago and he insisted on taking us on a walking tour all over Rome. Now, if you remember how tall Fr Roman is, you can imagine that for every step he took, I had to take three or four! It was no surprise then, that I lost weight, despite all the pasta that I consumed! It was very special indeed that we had a 'Carnarvon' connection all the way over in Italy and it will remain one of my most treasured trips.

Take care until next time ...

Kind regards  
**Sam Da Luz**  
Head of Middle School



Father Roman and  
Mrs Da Luz at the  
Salvatorian Motherhouse,  
Rome





# WA Statewide meningococcal W immunisation program

## What is meningococcal disease?

Meningococcal disease is a bacterial infection of the blood and/or the membranes that line the spinal cord and brain. It is an uncommon but sometimes life-threatening illness.

At any one time, approximately 10 per cent of healthy people carry meningococcal bacteria harmlessly in their nose or throat and do not become ill.

Rarely, the bacteria causes serious invasive infections, including septicaemia (infection of the blood), meningitis (infection of the membranes that cover the brain and spinal cord) and in 10 per cent of cases, long term disability (e.g. deafness).

## How do you get meningococcal disease?

Meningococcal bacteria are spread by respiratory secretions (coughing or sneezing). The bacteria do not survive more than a few seconds in the environment.

The disease is most likely to be spread only to very close contacts, such as people who live in the same household, sexual contacts and children attending the same day care for more than four continuous hours.

## Why is WA Health implementing a vaccination program for 15-19 year olds?

The WA meningococcal W immunisation program has been launched in response to a recent increase in meningococcal infection caused by a particular type of the bacteria, 'serogroup W'.

Meningococcal disease can affect any age group. However, some of the highest rates of meningococcal carriage and illness occur among 15-19 year olds and this age group can transmit bacteria to people who are at an increased risk of infection, including young children.

Of the 21 meningococcal W cases diagnosed in WA between 2013 and 2016, 24 per cent were adolescents aged 15-19 years old.

It is anticipated that immunising this age group will reduce transmission of the bacteria to others and help prevent infections within the larger community.

## How will the program work?

In 2017, the program will entail school-based immunisations in Years 10, 11, and 12 with additional clinics conducted at community health clinics to capture age-eligible persons not receiving the vaccine at school.

## Which vaccine will be used and how effective is it?

Meningococcal ACWY vaccine will be used. This vaccine protects against four serogroups of meningococcal bacteria: A, C, W, and Y. The conjugate vaccine Nimenrix<sup>®</sup>, supplied in Australia by Pfizer will be used for this targeted program.

The vaccine is safe and effective. Meningococcal ACWY vaccination programs have been implemented in adolescents aged 13-15 years in the UK since 2015 and adolescents aged 11-12 years in the US since 2005 with no significant concerns reported.

The vaccine is routinely offered as a single dose. Further doses are recommended for those at increased risk of this disease and those travelling where this disease is common.

Studies have shown that the effectiveness of the meningococcal ACWY vaccines is between 80 to 85 per cent in adolescents.



# Mother's Day Morning Tea

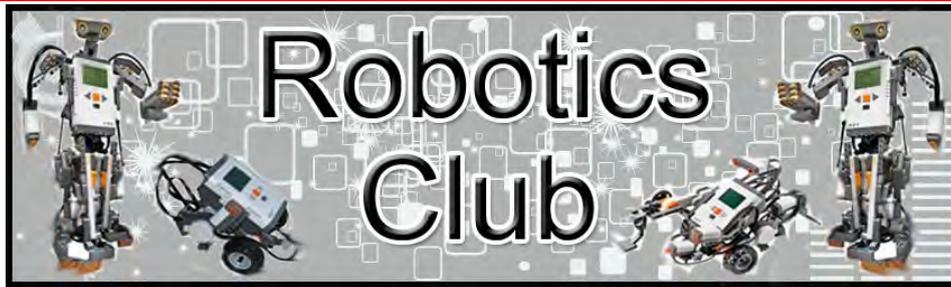
Please join us on Friday, 12th May for our Mother's Day Liturgy, slide show and morning tea commencing at 9.30am in the School Hall.  
All welcome

## Photo's Requested for Mother's Day Slide Show

Each year we like to celebrate Mother's Day with a special morning tea preceded by a slide show in the school hall. Please email photos of Mum and the kids to [admin@smssc.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@smssc.wa.edu.au). Photo's are required by Friday the 5th May at the latest. Thank you

## Mother's Day Liturgy

Please bring any freshly cut flowers to the office on Friday the 12th May so that posies can be arranged by our students - any donations are greatly appreciated.



Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to participate in the Lego Robotics Program this year. Dayne White, Luke Jordan, Xavier Cox, Ta-Leah Podmore, Regan Bassett, Magnus Warren and Seth West.

These students have been selected based on academic merit and will take part in after school sessions learning how to code and use Lego robots.

I look forward to working with you.  
Miss Roche

## Uniform Shop.

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



## Homework Classes

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

## Parish News

**Mass times have been changed - They are now**

**Saturday night - 7pm  
Sunday morning - 9am**



## First Holy Communion

Thursday 25th May	Parent/Child Meeting
Saturday 27th May	Church Clean and Tidy-Up
Sunday 28th May	Eucharist



## Confirmation

Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Confirmation Parent Meeting
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Commitment Mass
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> August	Parent/Child Meeting
Saturday 12th August	Church Clean and Tidy-Up
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	Confirmation



## ST. MARYS ANNUAL BAZAAR

A Bazaar has been held every year except for 1 year only, from the time the Presentation Sisters first came to Carnarvon and it is a wonderful tradition to continue. A lot of fun, parents and children socializing, people in the community coming to the event and of course a major fund-raiser for the Parish, of which the School is an integral part.

We are asking the parents in our School if they are interested and would consider being involved on the Bazaar Committee to oversee the arrangements and planning. There is always a great deal of support and help, but we do need a working Committee.

If you are prepared to be involved can you hand your name in to Anna Brooks or Kim Faithfull in the School office .

This would be hugely appreciated,  
Parish Council.

**Father Mariusz**

*St Mary Star of the Sea  
Catholic Parish, Carnarvon*

1917-2017  
100 Years of Fatima



**Our  
Lady of  
Fatima  
Evening**

Saturday 13th May 2017  
*Mass & Procession 6pm*  
Dinner ~ Drinks ~ Raffle & Auction ~  
Gassy River Band ~ Special Guests  
Tickets from School Office or after Mass  
Adult: \$25 Child \$10  
Family (2 adults & 2 children): \$60

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# "You and Me" PLAYGROUP

## Facilitated Playgroup

Monday and Wednesday 9:00AM-12:00PM

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

Where: 30 Egan Street

**FREE**

For further information please contact Rebecca on  
04 30949394 or [faithful-rebecca@cathednet-wa.edu.au](mailto:faithful-rebecca@cathednet-wa.edu.au)

Reading, Writing, Music, Craft, Drawing and Much More!



Come and  
join in the  
**FUN!**

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## KIDS CLUB



(PP to Year 7)



COMBINED WITH FRIDAY FUN CLUB

When: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April  
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.  
Water games if hot, please bring towel/bathers

Chat with staff and students

# OPEN DAY

Tuesday 9th May  
11.00am—2.00pm

Find out about  
**ATAR**  
General courses  
Industry pathways

**Nagle Catholic College**  
invites prospective students and their families to attend our College Open Day to experience our modern learning facilities and unique environment.

9947 2001  
carnarvon@ncc.wa.edu.au

### EVANS EQUESTRIAN SERVICES

Commencing Wednesday 3rd May

## "THEORY CLASSES"

Theory classes are open to anyone wanting to improve their general knowledge of basic horse care and handling. Whether you are currently taking lessons, a parent who has a horse mad child or a rider sitting their pony club certificates, these classes can accommodate all levels. Theory classes will cover a range of topics including but not limited to, Horse handling, feeding, general horse care, grooming, saddling and bridling, and balance.

\$10.00 Per person per Class  
Wednesdays 6:00pm-7:00pm

Registration is essential- Please contact Ainslee on 0400206732 or email ains.evans@hotmail.com to secure your position

### EVANS EQUESTRIAN SERVICES

## "VAULTING"

Weekly classes will commence on Wednesdays 6:00pm-7:00pm. Vaulting is a sport that is enjoyed by people of all ages and abilities. It is a fun and exciting sport that can be enjoyed by people of all ages and abilities. It is a fun and exciting sport that can be enjoyed by people of all ages and abilities.

When: Fridays 5:30pm-6:30pm  
Where: Evans Equestrian Services Grounds (off Fremont Street)  
Cost: \$10.00 per person per class  
Registration essential- Contact Ainslee on 0400206732 or email ains.evans@hotmail.com

Commencing Friday 4th May 6:00pm

NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED. HORSES AND EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED

## DAMIAN SYRED PRESENTS CIRCUS ROYALE

46 YEAR ANNIVERSARY TOUR

1971 - 2017

<b>CARNARVON</b> Town Oval / Egan St <b>APR 26 to 29</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>APR 26</b> 7.30pm	<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>APR 27</b> 7.30pm
<b>BOOKINGS</b> <b>0410 669 253</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>APR 28</b> 7.30pm	<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>APR 29</b> 2pm & 7.30pm

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**ADULT from \$25**

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