



School Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 22nd to
Friday 26th May
Thursday 25th May
Friday 26th May

Sunday 28th May
Thursday 1st June
Friday 2nd June
Sunday 4th June
Monday 5th June
Thursday 8th June
Friday 9th June

Monday 12th to

Communio Week

First Holy Communion Parent & Child meeting - 6:30pm
Free Dress Day - Gold coin donation to Communio
MS Assembly - 1pm
1st Holy Communion
School Faction Lapathon
Pupil Free Day
Pentacost
WA Day - Public Holiday
Winter Carnival - Yr 4 - 6
MS Assembly - 1pm
PS Assembly - 2pm - Year 2
MS Exam week

COMMUNIO WEEK
2017



Take Up The Challenge

Catholic Diocese of
Geraldton



Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

This Sunday, a number of students from St Mary's and other town schools receive Holy Communion for the first time.

Whenever a young child joins the rest of the family for a "first time", such as sitting in an ordinary chair at meal time, it's a big occasion – for many reasons. Besides being a time of privilege, it is also a time of accepting a responsibility, namely, the acquisition of good table manners; how good the manners, depends on the parents' ongoing assistance, instruction and example.

Similarly, when a young person receives their First Holy Communion it is a big occasion, for the child joins the rest of the family at the table of God's family. This, likewise, is a privilege but also a time of accepting a responsibility, namely, being true to Christ. How well this is achieved will once again depend on the parents ongoing assistance, instruction and example.

During the Mass, after the Consecration, the priest says, "Let us proclaim the Mystery of Faith", because in the Eucharist we do proclaim the Mystery of our Faith:

"The Eucharist is a mystery. But unlike murder mysteries, such as the Sherlock Holmes tales, where the author deliberately obscures some of the facts to lead the reader astray, the Mystery of the Eucharist is meant to be obvious. It is meant to reveal and not to obscure, although it cannot be reduced to human logic." –Father J.Lehmen.

The Body of Christ offered in the consecrated bread and wine, is not something but someone. We do not say that the Eucharist is like the Body and Blood of Jesus but that it is the Body and Blood of Jesus. Jesus said, "This is My Body." "This is my Blood." When Jesus gives His Body, Blood, Soul and divinity to us, we give our body, blood, soul and humanity to Him. St John Vianney, the Patron Saint of priests, illustrates this giving in his prayer, "My God, come to me, so that You may dwell in me, and I may dwell in You." We give ourselves to Jesus by truly loving one another.

We pray all the students receiving Jesus for the first time this Sunday have a truly blessed and joyous day and they come to grow in their faith.

PARENT/CHILD COMMUNION MEETING

Tomorrow evening, there will be a meeting for all those students receiving Holy Communion this year for the first time, and their parents. The meeting will begin in the Library at 6:30 pm.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Friday the 2nd June is a professional development day. As such, there is no school for students on this day.

COMMUNIO WEEK

Each year, the Diocese of Geraldton holds Communio Week, a time when we focus on local Catholic support agencies that provide support and relief to those in our community who most need it. On Friday, we are having a free dress day for gold coin donation, the proceeds of which will be used to help agencies such as the St Vincent De Paul and Centrecare.

God Bless



Steve O'Halloran
Principal

Free Dress Day
on Friday
Gold coin donation

Head of Middle School

Well, winter seems to be finally but slowly making its way to Carnarvon. I believe the Leavers jackets are due any day now so that's good timing! With the SRC Leadership Planning day also scheduled this week, and the Yr 10 excursion to the National Sorry Day event on Friday, it's proving to be another busy time for the MS. I have to say though, it has been absolutely wonderful to see so many parents, staff and students supporting each other at the Running Club each week on Tuesdays and Thursdays. What started off as a training initiative, has blossomed into a lovely social event. Well done to Miss Towers who has helped to create such a positive and enthusiastic 'buzz' about physical activity and working out with your family and friends.

Of course, we can never lose sight of the bigger picture. With NAPLAN "done and dusted", we're moving towards Year 9 and 10 exams in two and a half weeks' time! Learning areas should have given students their study guides by now and looking at practice questions and worked examples. Please encourage your child to be successful by ensuring they receive plenty of sleep, water and good nutrition prior to exams. Having focussed time for study each day in the lead up to exams will avoid that last minute cramming which just overloads the short term facility of your memory and does not help with processing the information into long-term. In several learning areas, we are expecting students to demonstrate their understanding of concepts by applying that information to previously unseen texts and materials. If they only rely upon short term memory gains, they may find themselves unable to apply any of the concepts practically and in a sustained fashion.

Reading the news today, I came across an article about billionaire Andrew "Twiggy" Forrest and (his) one of the largest personal donation in Australian history: \$400 million to charity. Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull called the donation a "gift to society". The article was actually about how 'giving' makes us feel REALLY good. This is very timely, as we have begun our "Communio Week" which is the Bishop's Appeal for needy people in our very own diocese. The monies raised during this week, goes towards organisations like Centacare, DrugArm, Nazareth House and local Parishes who know of families in financial need. Like "Twiggy", we can all give that little bit more this week and in "Twiggy's" own words, "*Give what you can – and if it isn't money, time is just as valuable*".

No one came forward to collect my prize from my last newsletter – which means that sadly, not many people actually read the newsletter. I'd like to think that people have just forgotten to come forward to answer my question so I'll set one more for this week: The question is "Who donated \$400 million to charity yesterday?" Tell me the answer and the prize is yours!

Take care until next time, God Bless ...

Sam Da Luz
Head of Middle School



Woolworths Super Hero Discs

We are collecting Super Hero Disc for a lunch time activity at the end of term. If you have any spare discs you would like to donate please drop them into the school office.



Check out the Woolworths Super Discs App (available on iTunes and Google Play) to get an idea of what we will be making with the discs!

Communio Week

Communio is a name given to a plan to help the needy people in our own Diocese of Geraldton.

We as a Church, support needy people in other parts of Australia and the world through Catholic Mission and Caritas. Various people themselves support other countries through other organisations as well. Money collected through Communio though **goes to the needy people here in our own Diocese.**

The word is a Latin one which means 'Communion – union with'. In other words it says that in our Church we are linked to and connected to people all around the Diocese. Needy people are part of us and our family. In fact all needy people are part of Jesus and therefore a part of us because Jesus said "*Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters, you do to me*".

Each year we have Communio Week in Schools. This is a time to learn more about some of the people that our Diocese supports, to pray for these people and to raise funds for them. Various activities are suggested during the week to help young people understand and be involved in all this

Centacare. This organisation was set up over twenty five years ago and reaches out in a big way to people in our Diocese. Regardless of race, beliefs, colour or circumstances – all are helped in many ways.

Such people assisted are:-

- Individuals and families who need counselling
- Parents in their important role of relating to and caring for their children
- Children who have separated parents and difficulties in relationships
- Separated parents who seek help to do the best for their children
- People who need food and some basic financial help.
- Unemployed people – helping them train for work
- Children who have to be witnesses in court
- People with personal problems or with mild disabilities who find it hard to get work
- Victims of violence

Drought Relief – counselling for farming families struggling because of drought conditions. Centacare is in Geraldton but has centres in Carnarvon, Exmouth and Yalgoo. However it reaches out beyond these places to the Midwest and other rural areas according to needs that can be met by this organisation.

Nazareth House Nursing Home. Our contributions also support the great work done by the Sisters and Staff at Nazareth House where one hundred and twenty people, either frail aged or with dementia, are lovingly cared for.

DrugArm. A State organisation for young people and those who want help with drug addiction. It has a base in Geraldton which we support. Other outreach. Then there are individual people and families who sometimes find themselves in difficult financial circumstances which our Priests and Sisters working in our Parishes know about and bring to the Bishops notice for support.

Communio Week in Schools takes place in Second Term. Adults in Parishes get the opportunity to support Communio at the end of the year during Advent when a campaign is launched as we prepare for Christmas. In this way parishioners can include the needy of our Diocese in their Christmas Gift



Parish News

Mass times have been changed

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 - 10:30am



Confirmation

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



Please pass on my sincere thanks to all concerned for the generous donation by St Mary Star of the Sea Catholic School to Caritas – Project Compassion. Because of the financial support, time and care given many in need will receive the much needed assistance. The total amount raised was \$1432.05

Thanking you
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Father Mariusz

Kindergarten

KINDERGARTEN INTERVIEWS

Currently enrolments are being taken for Kindergarten 2018. Interviews will be conducted during August. Parents of siblings already at St Mary's still need to enrol their child. Interviews however, may not be necessary.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN 3 YEAR OLD ENROLMENTS

Enrolments for children to begin the 3 Year Old pre-kindergarten programme are currently being taken. All parents that have children turning 3 prior to attending the Kindergarten programme are welcome to contact the school for further information.

"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

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



Come and
join in the
FUN!

COMMUNITY NEWS

WINTERSUN'S TWILIGHT MARKETS

**WEDNESDAY
24TH MAY 2017
4PM - 7PM**

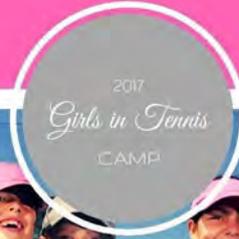
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LOCALS WELCOME
GOLD COIN GATE FEE TO LOCAL CHARITY

TUPPERWARE
JAMBERRY
WAXY WIX CANDLES
SPACE & TECHNOLOGY MUSEUM
SCENTS
THE TOAD STALL

NELLA'PRESERVES
CORAL COAST COFFEE
FRENCH CROISSANTS
CURRIES
LOTTI'S CAKES
AND MANY MORE!!

Parking available on site

To hold a stall - contact Jane - info@wintersuncaravanpark.com.au



Proudly sponsored by
Department of Sport & Recreation & Tennis West

Spalding Park Tennis Club
Chapman Rd Geraldton
24 & 25 June, 2017

Tennis West and the Department of Sport and Recreation are proud to provide this opportunity to girls living in regional WA.

Age 10-16
Cost: Free
Spaces limited

The purpose of this camp is to provide tennis coaching, education on health and well-being (nutrition, strength and conditioning), and be inspired by a presentation from an elite female sportsperson.



For more information, or to register your interest, contact Brett Marshall at Tennis West

bmarshall@tennis.com.au
08 6462 8322

Fatality Free Friday Community Morning Tea

Main Roads Carnarvon Office invites you to attend a **FREE community morning tea** to promote road safety within our community by signing the Fatality Free Pledge.

DATE: Friday 26th May 2017

TIME: 9:30am until 10:30am

LOCATION: Main Roads Office, 470 Robinson Street (opposite Carnarvon Caravan Park just before the big banana)

FREE coffee, tea, fresh cakes and biscuits so come along and help us promote road safety and have a chat with us. Planning on travelling – we can help with road conditions & much more!

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY:



KIDS CLUB



(PP to Year 7)



COMBINED WITH FRIDAY FUN CLUB

When: Friday 26th May
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.
Bible stories, games, craft, afternoon tea