



# School Newsletter

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 1st June

Friday 2nd June

Sunday 4th June

Monday 5th June

Thursday 8th June

Friday 9th June

Monday 12th to

Friday 16th June

Tuesday 13th June

Thursday 15th June

Friday 16th June

Sunday 18th June

Wednesday 21st June

Thursday 22nd June

School Faction Lap-a-thon

Pupil Free Day

Pentacost

WA Day - Public Holiday

Winter Carnival - Yr 5 - 6

MS Assembly - 1pm

PS Assembly - 2pm - Year 2

MS Exam week

"Wake Up and Read" 1:30pm

Confirmation Parent Meeting

Inter School Cross Country

Confirmation Commitment Mass

Board Meeting

P&F Meeting - 6:30pm in the Library



### *Prayer for Peace*

*O Lord Jesus Christ,  
Who said to Your Apostles:  
"Peace I leave with you,  
My peace I give to you,"  
regard not my sins but the faith of Your  
Church,  
and deign to give her peace and  
unity according to Your Will:  
Who live and reign,  
God, world without end.  
Amen.*

Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

This Sunday we celebrate Pentecost. This feast reminds us of the gift of the spirit to the Apostles which empowered them to communicate the Gospel of Jesus in various languages. It is the reversal of what took place in the story of the Tower of Babel. In that incident language was confused and people were not able to understand one another and were driven apart.

God, by the power of the Spirit, is drawing us back to Himself and to communication with one another. We are challenged on a personal level to repair fractured relationships, as we are challenged collectively, to build respectful friendships rather than formulate actions that divide and separate.

As parents, we can look to the Spirit to provide guidance as we model these personal traits to our children.

### **FIRST EUCHARIST**

On Sunday we witnessed some younger members of our parish celebrate their First Eucharist. This was a very joyful mass and one I'm sure the children and their families will remember for the rest of their lives. Thanks to Miss Roche for the preparation of the children and the organization of the mass. Thanks also to Fr Mariusz for celebrating the mass with the students and his wise words during the celebration. Thanks to the parents of the students for their at home preparation and the presentation of the children, they all looked perfect on the day.



### **FACTION LAP EVENT**

Tomorrow there will a Lap-a-thon event for all students. Faction points will be awarded to individuals as they complete laps. The faction with the highest faction total of laps on the day will win the event.

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVLOPMENT DAY**

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

### **WINTER CARNIVAL**

On Thursday 8th June, students from Years 5 –6 will compete with other schools in the region in the Annual Winter Sports Carnival. The event will be held at the Festival Grounds and I encourage all parents to come along and support their children.

God Bless

Handwritten signature of Steve O'Halloran.

Steve O'Halloran  
Principal

## Head of Primary School

It's time to get outside!

We are so lucky to live in a place like Carnarvon, especially this time of year when we have light winds, sunny skies and it's not too hot. It's the perfect weather to be outdoors with your kids. I read an article the other day from a concerned mother who battled her children constantly to go outside and play. They seemed to prefer watching TV and playing video games more than anything else. She had gotten to the point where she considered unplugging the power. Then she had an idea, instead of telling them to get outside, she went outside. And sure enough, the children followed. She realised that it wasn't necessarily the games or TV they wanted, they just wanted to be where she was. I think this could ring true for many parents. Have you ever battled your children to get out of the house, then once out, watched them have a great time? There has never been a better time than now to invest in your child's wellbeing, go outside with them, make the most of this beautiful Carnarvon weather and if you're up for a challenge, come join us at running club.

### First Holy Communion

Congratulations to our student's who received their First Holy Communion on the weekend. Thank you for your active participation and reverence in preparation for the Sacrament. Thank you to their parents who showed commitment and supported their children throughout their preparations. And a big thank you to Fr Mariusz and Miss Emily Roche for their efforts in making the occasion so special.

### School Lap-A-Thon

Thank you to Miss Towers who has trained and prepared our students for the school Lap-A-Thon taking place on Thursday 1st June. Each student will have half an hour to complete as many laps as possible. Information regarding event times has already been sent home to parents.

### Wake Up and Read

On Tuesday 13th June, the primary students will be involved in an incursion titled "Wake Up and Read". Wake Up and Read is a funny, well paced comedy incorporating music, drama, mime, puppetry, magic and circus skills all linked with short charming tales about growing up in Australia. Each tale is another piece in the puzzle of how Frank, the son of an illiterate Italian migrant, became an avid reader and came to do what he does today.

Students hear the stories behind the comedian as Frank takes us back to those moments that have shaped his life. We share his parents' surprise when he first announces that theatre is the job for him. Another story tells how a playground bullying incident led to a lasting friendship with a fellow student who told him that he could find much of the information he would need for his new career, in books from the school library.



### Book Week

I know how difficult it can be to order or create costumes in Carnarvon so I am giving some advanced notice regarding Book Week. Book Week will be held late August and the theme is "Escape to Everywhere!"

Kind regards

*Andrew Gammon*  
Head of Primary School



## Parish News

### Mass times have been changed

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

### 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 12 <sup>th</sup> August	Church Clean and Tidy-Up
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	Confirmation



Thank you to all who dressed "Casual" for last week's free dress day. A total of amount of \$399.85 was raised for Communio.

## 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.

### 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!

# First Holy Communion



Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May was a very special day for some of our students, as they celebrated their First Holy Communion. This was a beautiful and memorable occasion, which was shared by families, friends, staff, parishioners and of course the candidates themselves. All students looked absolutely beautiful and conducted themselves in a way that made Father Mariusz, their parents and I very proud. Thank you to all staff and parents who helped make the day so special for these children. I'm sure it will be a day they remember for the rest of their lives.





### Homework Classes

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

## Uniform Shop.

The uniform shop is opened every Tuesday and Thursday from 2.15pm to 3.15pm. Long sleeve blue polo shirts are now available  
Prices are \$28.00

### WAAPA Winter School 2017

These July school holidays WAAPA is offering exciting programs for students in years 4 to 12. The Winter School includes classes in acting, drama, dance, screen acting and music theatre. For information about the many courses on offer please visit WAAPA Winter School Holiday Programs or contact Gabrielle Metcalf at [g.metcalf@ecu.edu.au](mailto:g.metcalf@ecu.edu.au) or 9370 6775.



### Western Australian Ombudsman Complaint Clinics - Gascoyne Region

Do you have a complaint that you have not been able to resolve directly with:

- A State Government agency, local government or university?
- A Western Australian electricity, gas or water services provider?
- An Australian Government agency?
- A State health or disability service provider?

If you do, you are invited to a **FREE** complaint clinic where you can speak directly with officers from the Western Australian Ombudsman, the Energy and Water Ombudsman, Commonwealth Ombudsman and Health and Disability Services Complaints Office.

Complaint clinics will be held at the following times:

#### Carnarvon Motel - Brand Room

Thursday 22 June 2017  
5pm - 7pm

Friday 23 June 2017  
8am - 10am

34 David Brand Drive, Carnarvon

For further information, call 1800 117 000  
or email [communications@ombudsman.wa.gov.au](mailto:communications@ombudsman.wa.gov.au)



### Western Australian Ombudsman invites the Aboriginal community to a **FREE** information session

Are you having problems with:

- A State Government agency or local government (town or shire)
- A Western Australian electricity, gas or water services provider
- An Australian Government agency
- A State health or disability service provider

that you can't fix with them? We may be able to help.

Aboriginal services and community members are invited to speak with Western Australian Ombudsman, Energy and Water Ombudsman, Commonwealth Ombudsman and Health and Disability Services Complaints Office staff. Come and find out what we do and how we might be able to help. Complaints can be taken on the day.

**Lunch will be provided and everyone is welcome.**

The information session will be held at:

#### Carnarvon Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation

Thursday 22 June  
11am - 1pm

14-16 Rushton Street

For further information, call 1800 117 000  
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