



School Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 15th June
Friday 16th June
Sunday 18th June
Wednesday 21st June
Thursday 22nd June
Friday 23rd June

Monday 26th June to
Friday 30th June
Friday 30th June

Monday 17th July
Friday 21st July

Confirmation Parent Meeting - 6:30pm in the Library
Inter School Cross Country
Confirmation Commitment Mass - 9am
Board Meeting - 7:30pm
P&F Meeting - 6:30pm in the Library
MS Assembly - 1pm
PS Assembly - Year One - 2pm
Year 10 Work Experience

NAIDOC Day Celebrations
Last Day of School
First day of Term 3
MS Assembly

For the Care of Children

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Amen.



Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

A healthy parent-child relationship is based on cooperation, not a competition for power. We adults only obey rules or directives we want to obey, and we only want to obey those we understand and that seem to have a sound reason or purpose. Our children are no different. Like us, children don't like obedience forced upon them and, like us, if this happens to them, they will resent it and perhaps even rebel against it. None of us likes to be told to do something by someone, when it is obvious that what we are told to do is purely for their convenience. We will soon lose all respect for such people, take less notice of them and look after our own interests more; so will our children, if they see what we ask of them to be purely for our own personal convenience.

If we are about fostering cooperation between ourselves and our children, we have to present as mature adults whilst understanding that on occasion they will present as immature children.

Sometimes we might need to bite our lip, count to ten and not allow our negative emotions to give expression through anger, shouting, threatening or extreme punishments. Our children will respect us for the control we display in stressful situations; they know when they have pushed too far and will more likely be cooperative as they are reassured by our calm behaviour.

As adults, we take objection to someone constantly looking over our shoulder to see if we are doing our job. We expect some latitude and trust from those to whom we might be accountable and they in turn, should expect that we won't let them down by being careless or neglectful. Our children are like us, they don't want to be continually observed, corrected, spoken at, ordered to do. We need to separate childish behaviours from non-cooperation, overlook the former and calmly help them to reconnect with cooperation. If our demands on our children are positive and moderate, they are more likely to be respected and responded to. Children enjoy consistency, it offers them security and a sense of well-being. As parents, we are invested with authority to be responsible for our children until they assume responsibility for themselves. We should avoid inconsistencies that might erode our authority and lessen the respect our children are disposed to give to us.

INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

This Friday the Interschool Cross Country is being held with students from St Mary's competing with students from other schools in the region. Students who have been chosen to represent the school have been notified. If doing nothing on Friday morning, get along to the Carnarvon Christian School where the students will be finishing their run.

CONFIRMATION PARENT INFO NIGHT

Tomorrow evening there will be a Confirmation Parent Information evening held in the Library beginning at 6:30 pm. All parents of children receiving the sacrament of Confirmation this year are expected to attend.

CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT MASS

The Commitment Mass for students' receiving the sacrament of Confirmation this year is being held this Sunday at our parish church at 9:00 am. All students receiving the sacrament this year are expected to attend.

HUGE BOOK SALE

Last year there was a significant cull of books from the school library, those that were older or not taken out on loan. These will be offered for sale next week in the school hall. Books will be available for sale on Saturday and Monday the 17th and 19th May, from 8:30 am – 11:30 am. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday the 20th, 21st and 22nd June from 8:30 – 3:00 pm. Come along and grab a bargain.

God Bless



Steve O'Halloran
Principal



Head of Primary School

Without doubt, parenting is one of the toughest jobs going around. It's exhausting yet rewarding, its mentally draining yet thought provoking, its being pushed to the point of screaming yet loving at the same time. I always try to support parents, be non-judgemental and understanding of each individual family's situation. I often find it difficult to distinguish between my beliefs as a parent and my beliefs as an educator, but I know I have to as they are two completely different roles. As a parent I know it is easy to look for other reasons as to why my children have behaved the way they have; has someone said something to them, has someone bullied them, is someone else responsible for them behaving the way they do? As an educator though, I know I have to teach students that is ok to make mistakes as long as you wear them and make an effort to make them right again; often that includes apologising, consequence for action and a tough conversation. As an educator, I know that if students make a mistake I cannot look for someone else to blame, I have to accept that they have done the wrong thing and help them to deal with it. As an educator, I know that if a student is being bullied or coerced into something, there is a process and as a school we will follow it. Swearing, hurting others and being disrespectful has no place at St Mary's, regardless of the circumstance. If you feel your child is being victimised, please see us before it becomes a problem, we will always endeavour to do something about it and to make the world right again for your most precious gift.

Year 6 Confirmation

There is a parent meeting being held at 6:30pm this Thursday evening for those Year 6 students making their Confirmation on Sunday 13th August. The partnership between school, parents and parish is vital if we are to make this a significant and memorable Sacrament for our students. Please make sure you attend.

The Bishops' Religious Literacy Assessment 2017

At the request of the Western Australian Bishops, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 9 students in Catholic schools across Western Australia will take part in The Bishops' Religious Literacy Assessment (BRLA) from the week commencing Monday 31 July in Term Three.

The Bishops' Religious Literacy Assessment is a large-scale, standardised assessment that consists of a series of Religious Education (RE) tests. The purpose of the BRLA is to measure student learning of the content in the RE curriculum. The test items in the BRLA are developed and marked by the Office of Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA). Formal school and student reports are produced by the Office of CEWA and will become available to schools in Term Four.

The BRLA provides a 'point in time' snapshot of student performance in RE. Students' knowledge and understanding of the content of the RE curriculum is assessed using a combination of multiple choice, short and extended response items. Students' faith is not assessed. The use of the BRLA complements the school based assessment programs in RE.

End of Semester Reports

Reports will be pushed to parents via SEQTA on Friday 30th June. There will be opportunities to meet with teachers to further discuss your child's progress in week 3 next term. Should you have more urgent matters or concerns, please make an appointment to meet your child's teacher another time. If you are having trouble accessing SEQTA, please contact Mrs Faithful in the office and she will assist you in the process.

Long Service Leave

Please note that I will be on Long Service Leave Week 10 and Week 1 next term. In my absence, please see Mr O'Halloran or Mrs Da Luz. Stay safe and have a great holiday!

Kind regards

Andrew Gammon
Head of Primary School

**EXAMINATION SCHEDULE for Year 9 & 10
Semester I, 2017**

Monday 12 June

8:15am Yr 9 English: 2 hours
8:15am Yr 10 Humanities: 2 hours

Tuesday 13 June

8:25am Yr 9 Science: 1.5 hours
10:55am Yr 10 Maths: 2 hours

Wednesday 14 June

8:25am Yr 9 Humanities: 1.5 hours
10:55am Yr 9 Maths: 1.5 hours
10:55am Yr 10 English: 2 hours

Thursday 15 June

8:25am Yr 9 RE Exam: 1.5 hours
8:25am Yr 10 Science: 1.5 hours
11:00am Yr 10 RE Exam: 1.5 hours

Year 9 Exams – Health Room

Year 10 Exams – Humanities Room

SEQTA Engage Parent Log-in

Dear Parents,

School reports will be going home to parents on Friday the 30th June via Seqta.

It is important that you please check your log in for SEQTA Engage as early as possible so that you will be able to access your child's report at the end of this term.

To do this you need to go to the following site:

<http://smc.coneqt-p.cathednet.wa.edu.au/> and use your current username and password credentials.

If you have remembered your username but have forgotten your password, please click on the **Forgot your password?** link and an immediate email will be sent to you. The email will expire within one hour, so please action this immediately.

If you forgotten both of these, then please contact the school and we can remind you of your username.

If you are new to using SEQTA Engage then you will receive an email to set up a new log in account. This email will expire within 7 days so please, action this as soon as possible.

If you have any issues, please contact the school on 99411 328.

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



**Homework
Classes**

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



Parish News

Mass times have been changed

Saturday night - 7pm
Sunday morning - 9am

Confirmation

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



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!

St Mary Star of the Sea Carnarvon

PRE LOVED BOOK SALE

(Nothing over 50 cents)

Book *Sale*



Saturday & Monday

17th & 19th June

8.30 AM—11.30 AM

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

20th, 21st & 22nd June

8.30 AM—3.00 PM

LOTS OF USED BOOKS,
CD'S,
DVD'S, AUDIO BOOKS &
GAMES

Please join us
At the Rushton St Side of the
school
In "The School Hall"

COME ALONG EVERYONE AND HAVE A LOOK



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Health, Exercise and Nutrition Individual Program

This term our students have been focusing on the benefits of good nutrition and regular exercise. Local physiotherapist Dr Gavin Griffiths and nutrition expert Mrs Marie Gain have been leading this program with weekly fitness sessions, cooking classes and nutritional advice. Students have responded positively to this program and we have seen some great results in fitness levels and the choices in food that students are bringing to school.



Year 12 Retreat

Last week our Year 12 students joined up with their Geraldton cohort to travel to New Norcia for a two-day retreat. The theme of the retreat was *Quo Vadis – Where are you going*. Activities included a visit to the monastery, keynote speakers, reflective walk and prayers and a mapping task whereby students identified significant places, events and people who have helped to shape them into the people they are today. The retreat was a great chance for students to connect with fellow peers, and as their schooling days draw to a conclusion, a chance to reflect on their schooling careers, particularly at Nagle.

KIDS CLUB



(PP to Year 7)



COMBINED WITH FRIDAY FUN CLUB

When: Friday 23rd June
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

COMMUNITY NEWS

St Mary's Running Club last day is Thursday the 15th June.



THE UNIVERSITY OF
NOTRE DAME
A U S T R A L I A

School holiday events at The University of Notre Dame Australia

A Day in the Life of a Uni Student

Come to Notre Dame in Fremantle and get a taste of what uni life is like in Freo's West End. You can take part in lectures and activities (without the assessments!), join a campus tour, and meet current students and academics. Year 12s can participate in an optional application session.

A Day in the Life of a Uni Student

Friday 14 July, 9:30am-2pm

Drill Hall (ND25), corner Mouat and Cliff Street, Fremantle

To register, visit www.nd.edu.au or contact the Prospective Students Office on **9433 0533**

Course Advice Sessions

Students seeking course advice are invited to book a one-on-one appointment with a Prospective Students Advisor during the July holidays. This is a chance to go over Notre Dame's undergraduate course options and the application process in depth.

Course Advice Sessions

Monday 3 July-Wednesday 12 July, by appointment

Prospective Students Office, 23 High Street, Fremantle

To register, visit www.nd.edu.au or contact the Prospective Students Office on **9433 0533**

ATAR Express Workshops

Year 11 students, learn how to ace your ATAR subjects with tips for excelling in your studies. These two-day courses are designed to prepare students for concepts that will be introduced in the second part of Year 11 through a combination of revision of semester one content and introduction of semester two content.