



School Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 9th August
Thursday 10th August

Friday 11th August

Sunday 13th August
Tuesday 15th August
Thursday 17th August
Friday 18th August

Monday 21st August

Tuesday 22nd August to
Friday 25th August
Thursday 24th August
Wednesday 23rd August

Interhouse Athletics Carnival - Field
Interhouse Athletics Carnival - Track
Confirmation Meeting in the Library @ 6:30pm

PUPIL FREE DAY

Confirmation - 10:30am in the Church
Assumption Mass - Year 7 to lead - 11:30am
P&F Meeting - 6:30pm in the Library
MS Assembly - 1pm

PS Assembly - 2pm - Year 5 in the School Hall

CATHOLIC FAITH DAY

Book Week - "Escape to Everywhere"

Book Week Parade
Board Meeting - 7:30pm

Thank you God for all
Your blessings to me
and my family. For the
strength You give me
each day and for all
the people around me
who make life more
meaningful...



Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

This weekend the boys and girls from Year 6 are receiving the sacrament of Confirmation, their final sacrament of initiation into the Catholic Church. If, like me, you want to know how things came to be, the following may interest you.

In the early Church the three Sacraments of initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist—were celebrated in the same ceremony by adult catechumens at the Easter Vigil. The catechumens descended into a pool where they were baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. They ascended, were clothed with a white robe, and the bishop laid hands on them and anointed them with oil. They then proceeded to a place of honour among the community where they participated in the Eucharist for the first time. Initiation thus consisted of one event with several moments. The climax was the celebration of the Eucharist.

The separation of the bishop's anointing from Baptism occurred for a number of reasons in the Western Church. Constantine's proclamation making Christianity the state religion in the fourth century meant that many more people were being baptized. Christianity also spread from the cities into the countryside. It became impossible for bishops, who were now also involved in governing, to preside at every Baptism. The bishops of the East solved the problem by delegating the Sacraments of Initiation to the presbyters, reserving for themselves only the blessing of the oil used in the rite. To this day the Eastern churches initiate with all three sacraments at once. The bishops of the West also delegated Baptism to priests, but retained the function of performing the initial anointing and laying on of hands. This they would do whenever they visited a particular locality. Thus, in the West the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation was done at a later time than the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism. We wish all the boys and girls from St Mary Star of the Sea all the very best this weekend as they welcome the Spirit in to their hearts through the Sacrament of Confirmation.

ST MARY OF THE CROSS LITURGY

On Tuesday we celebrated the feast of St Mary of the Cross, Australia's first saint. This liturgy was organized by our Year 2 class and I would thank Miss Ferla and the Year 2 students in preparing a very moving liturgy for the rest of the school.

ATHLETICS DAYS

Today and tomorrow are our two athletic carnival days. Miss Towers has been very busy training and coordinating this event and we would like to thank all our parents volunteers also for their part in ensuring the days' proceedings went smoothly.

PUPIL FREE DAYS

This Friday, 11th August, is a pupil free professional development day and as such there is no school for students. Monday 21st August is also a pupil free day.

Pupil Free Day!

Friday 11th August
Monday 21st August

PARENT/CHILD CONFIRMATION MEETING

Tomorrow evening, there is a meeting for all students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend and their parents. All are expected to attend.

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS

As a school we will be celebrating the Assumption of the Blessed Mary Virgin next Tuesday in the School Hall. This is a very important mass as it is one of the few Holy Days of Obligation in the Catholic Church other than Sundays. We are very fortunate that the Diocese of Geraldton's new Bishop, Bishop Michael Morrissey, will be celebrating the mass with us.

God Bless



Steve O'Halloran
Principal



Parish News

Mass times have been changed

Saturday night - 7pm
Sunday morning - 9am

Confirmation

Thursday 10 th August	Parent/Child Meeting
Saturday 12 th August	Church Clean and Tidy-Up
Sunday 13 th August	Confirmation



Reconciliation

Thursday 31 st August	Parent Meeting
Sunday 3 rd September	Commitment Mass
Thursday 9 th November	Parent/Child Meeting
Thursday 16 th November	1 st Reconciliation



Head of Primary School

Saint Mary Mackillop Liturgy

On Tuesday, the Year 2 students led the school in a very moving St Mary of the Cross liturgy. The liturgy acknowledged and gave thanks to the special contributions of Australia's first saint, St Mary Mackillop. Mary faced many challenges and hardship over her life time, including challenges from within the Catholic church, poverty and sickness. She faced all challenges with a trust in God, a spirit of service and a willingness to help others. When she was only 16 she noticed that the children living where she was in Penola, South Australia had little money and no opportunity for education, so Mary began to teach them. This inspired many others to follow her. This inspiration gave birth to the Sisters of St Joseph and even long after her death, her inspired work continued. Many schools in Australia have been started and continue to run this day because of Mary's and the Sisters of St. Josephs' efforts. In Australia, we have a lot to be thankful for because of St Mary Mackillop.

Year 6 Confirmation

Our Year 6 students are in their final weeks preparation for their Confirmation this Sunday 13th August, 10:30am at the church. The final parent meeting for Confirmation will be held on Thursday 10th August at 6:30pm. I would like to thank Mrs Patricia Van Dongen for her efforts in preparing our candidates. It's a huge commitment and one she has taken on with enthusiasm and a spirit of service. Thank you to Fr Mariusz for his continued guidance and for supporting our candidates throughout their home program. Also, thank you to the parents who, as their child's primary educators, have encouraged and supported them on their journey towards full initiation into the Catholic faith. When the partnership between parish, school and home is strong, we can create very memorable sacraments for our students.

Athletics Carnivals

This week, the Year 3 to 10 students will compete at the Interhouse Athletics Carnival. The carnival is always hard fought as students compete for valuable places in the Week 8 Interschool Carnival. We wish all our competitors the best of luck. Next Wednesday will see the JLC students have their turn to compete. The carnival is a fun day and gives students from Pre-Primary to Year 2 the opportunity to compete in individual and team events. Thank you to Miss Towers for her commitment to training our students and organising both carnivals. GO FORREST!



Book Week

The school will be celebrating Book Week during the week commencing Tuesday 22nd August. The theme is "Escape to Everywhere!" We will have activities spanning across the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. There will be a dress up parade on Thursday morning with prizes for the best dressed students. We will also be having visiting author Glenn Swift back to entertain the students with his story telling on Tuesday 29th August. Thank you to Mrs Aiken for her efforts in coordinating the week and author visit.

Kind regards

Mr Andrew Gammon
Head of Primary School

Middle School Science Update:

We have ignited our passion for science and hit the ground running this term. In the first three weeks the Year 10 students have successfully completed their first physics unit, taking part in two hands on learning tasks.



The first being a design task aimed at reducing the forces on an egg dropped from the Middle School balcony. The most successful design was created by Koby and Taj, pictured here implemented the features of air bags to absorb impact, and a strong frame to hold shape.

Although Jessica and Matilda's design showed promise after their focused design phase, their attempt ended with a broken yoke and thus were unsuccessful despite having included a number the key safety components.



In Week 3 we have finished our physics unit and have begun our studies of Chemistry. Just in the early phase of this unit we have now gained our Bunsen Burner licences which means we are capable of identifying and safely using this key piece of science equipment.



The year 7's who started the term learning about Chemistry received their certificates in Week 2 and we continue to utilise our skills as we progress into our examination of separation techniques. Year 9 students who are also working through Chemistry, will be the next year group to get their Bunsen Burner Licences as they move out of the Periodic Table and into a unit on Reactions, looking at combustion and corrosion.

The Year 8 students will get to Chemistry next term, at this point we are examining the human body. We have covered topics of cell biology, specialised cells, respiration, the respiratory, skeletal and circulatory systems. We will be doing a series of dissections this term including, hearts and kidneys which are sure to provide us with a great hands on experience with science.

That's all from the lab for now.

Until next time.

Ms Katelyn Hegarty
Middle School Science Teacher



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.



“Escape to Everywhere”

Annual Book Fair

All Purchases Will Benefit Our School

Date: Tuesday 22nd, Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th August 2017

Time: 8:30am until 2:30 pm

Place: St Mary's Star of the Sea Catholic School - School Library

Don't forget your costumes - Kindy to Year Ten -

Book Week Parade is Thursday 24th August

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.





ABORIGINAL FAMILIES AS FIRST EDUCATORS

The playgroup Facilitator and Family Liaison Officer will work alongside parents and carers as first educators to prepare their children with strong foundations to, BE, BELONG and BECOME independent, spirited individuals with a bright and prosperous future.

WHO

For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families with children 0-4 years of age

WHERE

30 Egan Street

WHEN

Monday and Wednesday
Mornings 9am-12pm



WHAT'S ON AT PLAYGROUP?

FRUIT TIME LEARNING GAMES
CONVERSATIONAL READING INDOOR ACTIVITIES
SENSORY ACTIVITIES **OUTDOOR PLAY**
ENRICHED CARE-GIVING LAUGHTER **FUN**
TEA AND COFFEE **LEARNING**



CATHOLIC EDUCATION
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

This initiative is proudly funded by the Australian Government

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2017

Dear Parents,

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school/early learning centre – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 26th July to Tuesday 19th September or while stock lasts, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you'd like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

St Marys drop off zones for sticklers will be at the St Mary school office, the Junior Learning Centre or at Woolworths.

Thank you for your support



Carnarvon Dental Therapy Clinic

We are pleased to advise you that the Carnarvon Dental Therapy Centre will be open from Tuesday the 8th of August to Thursday the 14th of September. Opening hours will be from 8am to 3:30pm and the clinic phone number is 9941 1336. All Western Australian school children are eligible for dental treatment provided at this clinic up to the age of 17 years or upon commencing Year 12 (whichever occurs first).

Thank you,
Chloe Ovenden
Dental Therapist



There is a large amount of lost property currently outside the School Library, including jumpers drink bottles, hats and lunch boxes all with no names.

Please take the time to check out anything that may be yours.
Thank you

Student Workplace Profile

Student: Jack Hanson (Year 11)



Workplace Learning at: Toyota (Trainee Mechanic)

What is the best thing about your work-place learning?

I am enjoying all parts of my work-placement, but the best thing would have to be working with such a great team! Everyone I work with at Toyota is always so helpful. They always take the time to show me what they are doing and teach me new things, and I have learned so much!

What is the most valuable thing you have learned while on work-place learning?

It's a messy job, but it's great to gain experience in so many aspects of car mechanics. Not only is it great to learn about the workings of a car, it is really useful knowledge to have if something should need fixing on my own car in the future. For example, things like oil and filter changes are simple once you know how to do it, and they are something that I will always find valuable to know.

Finally, where would you like to go from here?

My workplace learning at Toyota will continue into Year 12, so I look forward to learning as much as I can over the next 12 months. Once I have finished school I would like to get an apprenticeship or traineeship, and I really think my experience at Toyota will help me to achieve this.