



School Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 21st September
Friday 22nd September

Tuesday 10th October

Friday 13th October
Wednesday 18th October

Thursday 19th October

Saturday 28th October

Saturday 4th November

Friday 8th December

Wednesday 31st January 2018

P&F Meeting - 5:30pm

MS Assembly - 1pm

PS Assembly - 2pm - Year 4

Last day of Term 3

First day of Term

MS Lock - In - Year's 7 & 8

Board Meeting - 7:30pm

P&F Meeting

St Mary's BAZAAR

Cocktail Dinner Dance @ the Woolshed

Last day of Term 4

First day of Term 1, 2018

*Life is an opportunity,
benefit from it.
Life is beauty, admire it.
Life is a dream, realize it.
Life is a challenge, meet it.
Life is a duty,
complete it.
Life is a game,
play it.
Life is a
promise, fulfill it.
Life is sorrow, overcome it.
Life is a song, sing it.*
(Mother Teresa)

Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

We are almost through another busy term and after the illnesses that have befallen parents, staff and children of late, the holidays provide a perfect opportunity to relax and recuperate as Spring begins to enliven all living things, including ourselves.

*Lord, we worship you with our eyes,
They see the world you have made.
Lord, we worship you with our ears,
They hear your words and the sounds of your world.
Lord, we worship you with our voices,
They can shout your praise.
Lord, we worship you with our hands,
They can help other people.
Lord, we worship you with everything,
You have made us your children.*

PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING

The next Parents and Friends meeting is being held tomorrow evening beginning at 5:30 pm. We are always looking for new members, particularly from our younger years, so if you feel you can contribute, please come along.

FIRST DAY BACK TERM 4

The first day back next term for students will be Tuesday, October 10. On Monday the staff will have a professional development day as they learn some of the tools from our new digital learning platform.

PERFORMING VISUAL ART NIGHT

The Performing Visual Art Night was held yesterday evening and we were all impressed by the talents of the students in the different artistic endeavours performed on the evening. Well done to you all, what was presented was first class. Thanks to Arts teachers Miss Katrina Ward who coordinated the evening overall and Ms Tash Ubriehen.

God Bless



Steve O'Halloran
Principal



2017

Last Day of Term 3 - Friday 22nd September
First Day of Term 4 - Tuesday 10th October
Last Day of Term 4 - Friday 8th December

2018

First Day of Term 1 - Wednesday 31st January
Last Day of Term 1 - Friday 13th April

From the REC

It is with great delight that I issue my first edition in the school newsletter as the new Religious Education Coordinator. I would like to thank all the staff, parents and students who have welcomed me warmly into the St. Mary Star of the Sea community. I would like to keep the school community updated with news and developments from the Religious Education learning area, sacramental programs and providing an important link between the school and parish. Short articles and reflections on spirituality which assist people to grow in the love of God will also be regularly included.

Religious Education and Parish News

While most parents understand that religious education is compulsory in Catholic schools, many parents are unfamiliar with the actual outcomes that all the lessons are directed towards. This week I would like to outline the five learning outcomes for religious education in the middle school years.

Religious Education Learning Area Outcomes	
Outcome 1: Discovering God	Students understand that people come to discover God through experiences in creation.
Outcome 2: Drawing on Human Experience	Students understand the content of the Christian message and its significance by relating it to examples drawn from human experience.
Outcome 3: Knowing Jesus	Students know the person of Jesus, the model for living out the Christian mission in the world.
Outcome 4: Living Like Jesus	Students understand that Catholics are empowered to live like Jesus the Saviour, as they draw on the power of God's Spirit.
Outcome 5: Catholic Practices	Students demonstrate the skills necessary in order to read and apply Scripture to life and to participate in Catholic ritual and prayer.

Spiritual Reflection

Last year in his trip to Poland Pope Francis issued the youth there a challenge, call to action and positive vision which I would like to share with you as it is just as relevant to youth here in Australia.

"Dear young people, we didn't come into this world to vegetate, to take it easy and make our lives a comfortable sofa to fall asleep on. The times we live in do not call for young couch potatoes, but for young people with walking shoes. No, we came for another reason: To leave a mark"

In this message the Holy Father is encouraging and reminding young people that they have not been created for comfort but for greatness; to influence the world positively bringing the light of love everywhere they go.



Reconciliation

Thursday 9th November Parent/Child Meeting
Thursday 16th November 1st Reconciliation

Mass Times

Saturday night - 7pm
Sunday morning - 9am



Adrian Good
Religious Education Co-Ordinator

Head of Primary School

Technology in Education

As a parent, I struggle with the idea that schools may be preparing our students to use technology before they can fluently read and write. However, whether you are for or against the use of technology in schools it is a growing beast that is not going away. As a school, we cannot fight this, rather we need to embrace it whilst ensuring that we don't lose sight of our purpose and beliefs around what education actually is. We must be mindful of our current achievements and how technology can complement the already successful learning happening at St Mary's. We must be mindful that city students are given opportunities that often differ from country students and we need to try to minimise this gap. We must also consider the strategic direction that Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA) has committed to and the expectations around standardised testing like NAPLAN and PAT testing. Given these considerations, the school will be implementing an iPad program in 2018. Students in Years 3, 4 and 5 in 2018 will be expected to come to school with an iPad. Students in Years 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 in 2018 will continue to use their already purchased laptops. Over the coming years, iPads will become the preferred device for the school. The reason for the change is simple; iPads allow for greater functionality, which in turn allows students to be more creative with what they produce. They will have greater access to educational apps and will be able to access the full range of services that CEWA is offering students through their Leading Lights initiative. This service will include the use of Microsoft Office, Teams, One Drive, Mail and Calendar amongst others. You can be assured that we will not be compromising our focus on effective teacher instruction whilst learning to accommodate the needs of technology, rather we will be looking for opportunities to extend what we are doing with the use of technology. More information regarding this change, models and requirements will be sent home to parents next term. If you are interested in finding out more about CEWA's Leading Lights initiative, please visit <http://leadinglights.cewa.edu.au/>.

School Community Garden

The school is hoping to introduce a small committee to assist us in the establishment of a school community garden. The committee will be involved in the initial decision making and design of the garden. There is a wealth of knowledge amongst our parents regarding the growing of fruits and vegetables and we are hoping to utilise this. We believe that this initiative will be a valuable experience for our students. We are hoping to get the garden happening before the end of the year. If you are able to assist in any way, please let either Mrs O'Halloran or myself know a.s.a.p.

Free Mathematics Program

To help Australian students with their Maths, Westpac is sponsoring a leading digital maths program for students in Year 3 – 12 and making it FREE! Mathspace Essentials is a new kind of digital textbook that is dynamic and truly interactive. Its available online, including on mobile and tablet devices and can be used either at home or at school. There are videos, interactive questions, hints and feedback and its all aligned to the Australian Curriculum. To get your free subscription, sign up at www.mathspace.co/westpac/educator/.

School Holidays

Congratulations! You have made it through another term. The students have applied themselves to their learning, the teachers have exhausted themselves trying to meet the needs of the individuals in their class and parents have earned a well-earned break from making lunches every night and getting up early to get their kids to school. I hope you have a great break whether you're staying here or travelling to see family and friends elsewhere. Stay safe and we'll see you back in action on Tuesday 10th October.

Kind regards

Mr Andrew Gammon
Head of Primary school

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.

Uniform Shop

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

Homework Classes

The last day for Homework classes is Thursday 21st September. Classes will recommence on Thursday, 12th October. Thank you



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

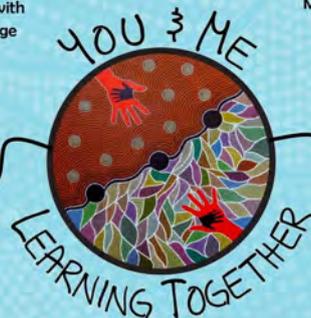
For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families with children 0-4 years of age

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**



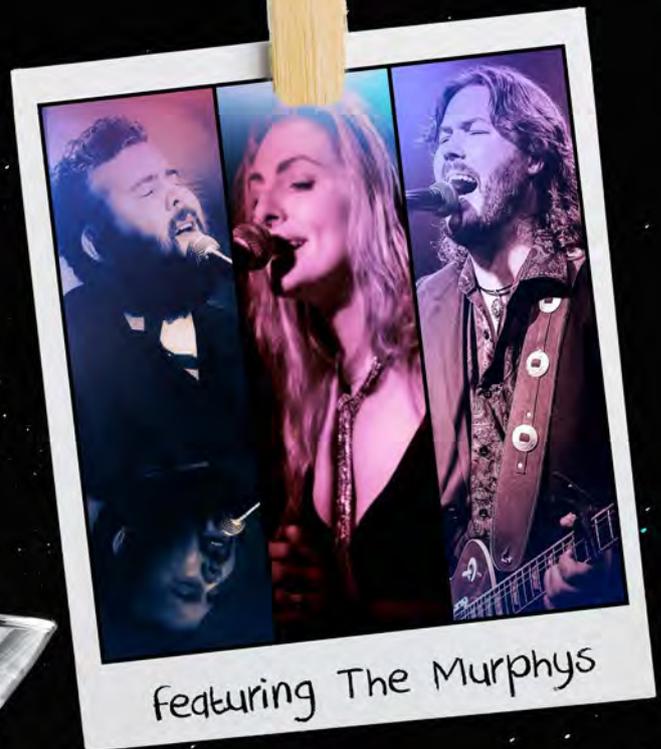
Our next meeting is Tomorrow, Thursday 21st September

We are trialling a new time - 5:30pm. Come and join us in the School Library.

All welcome!!!!

St Mary Star of the Sea P & F proudly presents

Cocktail Dinner Dance 2017



*Saturday 4th November
Carnarvon Civic Centre*

with entertainment by

Courtney Murphy - Sherri Murphy - Chris Murphy

7pm - Midnight

\$80 a ticket

including cocktail food and entertainment

Licensed Bar

Theme: Black & White

Dress code: EveningWear

Purchase tickets at Saint Mary's reception

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or contact Michelle 0407 078 875

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SEQTA



Engage



Learn

**SEQTA Learn and SEQTA Engage are now available as apps!
Bring SEQTA's functionality to your mobile device, plus a few extras:**



Never miss a thing

Receive push notifications whenever there's something you need to know about.



Hassle-free authentication

Login by scanning or tapping a secure code no username or password required!



Keep it secure

Enable fingerprint locking to ensure that only you can access the app.

Other functionality

The SEQTA apps build on the existing capabilities of *SEQTA Learn* and *SEQTA Engage*, so you'll be able to:

- › View upcoming assessments and submit work
- › View marked assessments and teacher feedback
- › View and search your courses and lessons
- › Take notes and make task lists
- › View pastoral care information
- › Track upcoming homework
- › View unresolved absences
- › Send and receive direct messages
- › Interact with students, teachers, and parents in forums
- › View relevant school notices
- › Access academic reports
- › View and colour your timetable

...and much more!

If you have any questions, please contact...

The school administration office on 99411328

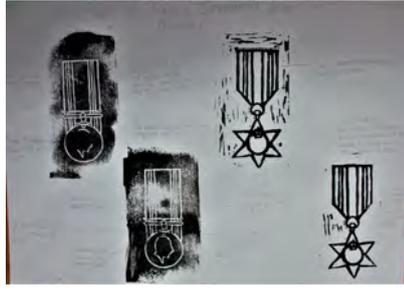
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Student Profile



Student: Haylie Bumbak (Year 11)
ATAR subjects studying: English, History, Visual Arts,
Maths Applications (General: Photography & Religion)

Haylie has always been creative and enjoyed studying the Arts throughout her school career. Joining Nagle Catholic College for Year 11, Haylie has been able to extend her creative passion by studying Visual Arts and Photography. Coming from an agricultural background, Haylie particularly enjoyed her work on Differences choosing to focus on different values in a farming context, for example the importance of specialised tools and weather cycles. For Haylie's final Year 11 piece, she is looking at what makes people unique. Haylie is creating a multi-medium piece portraying the impact of war, and in particular, how war shaped the man that was her Grandad.

SIDE (School of Isolated and Distant Education) supply every Art student with a selection of materials to use in their coursework, and students are always welcome to email for more supplies throughout the year. Students are also able to loan cameras in Photography or use their own cameras; even mobile phone if their prefer. Haylie comments that the great thing about studying Visual Arts and Photography is the broadness in topics, which means there is the freedom to make it personal to your own interests and be as creative as you like. Haylie also enjoys how studying subjects like photography help to add variety to her day, and she sees it as a welcome break from content driven tasks.

Haylie's artwork was shown at St Mary Star of the Sea Catholic College's Art exhibition on Tuesday 19th September. Haylie's is hoping that her final piece to goes on public display in Carnarvon throughout November in honour of our war veterans.

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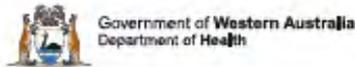
Woolworths Earn & Learn 2017

As you know, our school has been participating in Woolworths Earn & Learn. The program has now finished for this year, so a big thanks to everyone who supported our school. We're now at the important stage of the program where the Sticker Sheets are collected and lodged as our Earn & Learn claim. We will then be able to get new educational equipment for our school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. So this week, please send in your Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheets and any loose Earn & Learn stickers you may have.

Remember to check your handbag, the car glove box or they maybe stuck on the fridge. Every little bit helps.

Thanks again for all your support!"

St Mary's drop off zones for stickers will be at the St Mary school office, the Junior Learning Centre or at Woolworths.



Meningococcal vaccination



A **FREE** meningococcal vaccine is now available for 15 to 19 year olds.

Meningococcal can be life-threatening

Find out where to get the vaccine at
healthywa.wa.gov.au/immunisation

Clinic location: CARNARVON OUTPATIENT CENTRE, next to the hospital, Cleaver Street
Clinic times: TUESDAY AND FRIDAYS, 8am to 1pm - walk-ins welcome



Phone 99410440 for more info

