



# School Newsletter

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 8th November

Thursday 9th November

Friday 10th November

Monday 13th November to  
Thursday 23rd November

Thursday 16th November

Friday 17th November

Monday 20th November to  
Thursday 23rd November  
Tuesday 21st November  
Wednesday 22nd November

Thursday 23rd November

Friday 24th November

Friday 8th December

Wednesday 31st January 2018

Dietician visit—Year 3

Reconciliation Parent and Child Meeting 6:30pm

MS Assembly 1pm in the School Hall

PS Assembly—Yr 2 @ 2pm in the School Hall

Swimming Lessons Yr 1—6

P & F Meeting 5:30pm in the School Library

1st Reconciliation

Kindy Information Day—9am in Kindy

MS Swim trials

MS Assembly 1pm

MS Exam Week

PS Reconciliation

MS Reconciliation

School Board and P&F AGM—6pm in the School Hall

Advent Liturgy—Year One

3 Year Old Kindy Information Day—9am in Kindy

Year 1 & 2 “Splash Carnival” —10am @ the Town Pool

Year 6/7 Transition & Orientation Program for Students

MS Assembly 1pm

PS Assembly—Yr3 @ 2pm in the School Hall

Last day of Term 4

First day of Term 1, 2018

**SACRIFICE  
TRIBUTE** **SOLDIERS**  
**REMEMBRANCE**  
  
**POPPY DAY**  
**VETERANS BRAVERY**  
**RESPECT HEROES**  
**LEST WE FORGET**

Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

On Friday there will be a Remembrance Day liturgy held on the school oval. Please feel free to join us as we honour those who gave their lives for our freedom.

### **Remembrance Day Prayer**

*Almighty God, Upon the cross, sorrow and pain and every dreadful,  
tragic consequence of sin was overcome.*

*Today we remember all those who have joined in that sacrifice for peace and justice.  
We give thanks for the bravery of men and women who have served for harmony and love.  
And in a world that is still torn and broken we declare that Jesus is Lord.*

*That hope overcomes despair, That joy overcomes sorrow,  
That peace overcomes hostility, That love overcomes hate.*

*From the tomb, the promise of eternity emerged in a resurrected Christ.  
Grace was poured into the hearts of all those who suffer, mourn and grieve.  
Lord, we lift our hearts to you and continue to remember, to hope and to love.  
Amen.*

### **P & F DINNER DANCE**

Thanks to all who came and supported the St Mary's P & F Dinner Dance. It was a very memorable evening and much fun was had by all. There were many who helped out on the evening, none more so than coordinator Mrs Michelle Pinner, a terrific event Michelle, let's hope there's another next year.

### **SWIMMING LESSONS**

Swimming lessons begin next week for all students in Years 1 – 6. Please ensure your child has all they need for each day's lesson.

### **PARENT/CHILD RECONCILIATION MEETING**

There will be a meeting for all students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and their parents on Thursday, 9th November, at 6:30 pm. All are expected to attend. First Reconciliation is celebrated the following Thursday, November 16.

### **PRIMARY DISCO**

The primary disco was held last Friday evening. There were many students in attendance and a great time was had by all. Thanks to our parent and student helpers, Grace Punch and Joseph Garcia, who kept the students happy with some fun games. A big thank you to Mr Andrew Gammon who coordinated the event and played the tunes for both groups.

### **AGM MEETINGS OF SCHOOL BOARD AND P & F**

The Annual Community Meeting of the St Mary's School Board and the Annual General Meeting of the St Mary's Parents and Friends Association will be held on Wednesday, 22nd November, beginning at 6:00 pm in the school hall. All interested members of the St Mary's School community are invited to attend. As a couple of our current board members are retiring, there is the opportunity for others in the school community to provide valuable skills and wisdom to our school board.

Drinks and nibbles will follow the meetings.

God Bless



Steve O'Halloran  
Principal



## From the REC

### Reconciliation parent/child meeting

This Thursday, 9th of November at 6:30 pm in the school library, we will have the parent/child meeting for the sacrament of reconciliation. Please bring your book from your study groups to the meeting.

### Spiritual reflection

The month of November in the Catholic tradition is a time to reflect on an important belief known as the Communion of Saints. What better way to explain this belief than to use the words of a modern Spanish saint. "The communion of the saints. How shall I explain it to you? You know what blood transfusions can do for the body? Well, that's what the communion of the saints does for the soul."



### Mass Times

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

### Reconciliation

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

Mr Adrian Good  
Religious Education Officer



### Uniform Shop

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

### Are you returning next year?

To help us with our planning for 2018,  
please inform the front office if your  
child/children **will not** be  
returning to St Marys next year.  
Thank you

### 2018 KINDY AND PRE-KINDERGARTEN 3 YEAR OLD ENROLMENTS

Enrolments for children to begin the Kindy and  
3 Year Old Pre-Kindergarten Programme  
are currently being taken.

All parents that have  
children turning  
3 years of age between  
1st July 2017 and  
30th July 2018  
are welcome to contact the  
school office on  
99411 328 for further  
information.



# **Head of Primary School**

## **Remembrance Day**

At 11.00 a.m. on the 11th of November in 1918 the First World War ended. All around the world people celebrated the return of peace and reflected on the incredible loss and suffering caused by the World War. This day and time was chosen to honour and remember all those brave men and women who have died in wars for us.

On Friday 10th November at 11am the Primary Student Representative Council will lead our Remembrance Day service. We invite all family and friends to come and join us on the school oval.

## **Primary Disco**

A big thank you to the staff, P&F and the Student Representative Council for their contribution to last Friday's Primary School disco. The night was a huge success with many students leaving red-faced and wishing it was longer. Again, thank you to everyone who helped to make it happen for our students. A total of \$319.50 was raised and donated to our fabulous P&F.

## **School Swimming**

The school swimming program at the Carnarvon Aquatic Centre commences next week for students from Year 1-6. Notes have gone home to parents and permission slips should have been returned to the school by now. If you have not returned it yet or you did not receive one, please contact the office A.S.A.P.

## **Year 3 Reconciliation**

With the help of the parents, Mrs Durmanich, Mr Good and Fr Mariusz have been preparing the students in Year 3 for their First Reconciliation. The final parent meeting will be held on Thursday 9th November at 6:30pm with the Sacrament happening the following Thursday 16th of November at 6pm. All those making their First Reconciliation are also expected to attend the Thanksgiving Mass at 9am on Sunday 19th November. We invite all other family and friends to join us.

## **Keeping Safe Child Protection 2018**

As of next year, the Australian government have mandated that all schools will teach the Keeping Safe Child Protection Program. The program delivers an age appropriate developmental sequence of skills that teaches students' strategies to keep them safe at all times. The program is broken up into four main focus areas including:

- The right to be safe
- Relationships
- Recognising and reporting abuse
- Protective strategies

More information will be sent home to parents regarding this program later this year. Please be advised that this is not the "Safe Schools" program that has seen much controversy, nor is it in any way aligned with it.

## **Movember**

Over the next month you will notice the male staff members growing their moustaches in effort to raise awareness and funds for men's mental health issues. To donate please visit <https://au.movember.com/> and search for our team at St Mary Star of the Sea, Carnarvon.

Kind regards

*Mr Andrew Gammon*  
Head of Primary School



# St Mary's Dinner Dance 2017





**Term Dates for 2017**  
First Day of Term 4 - Tuesday 10th October  
Last Day of Term 4 - Friday 8th December

**Term Dates for 2018**  
First Day of Term 1 - Wednesday 31st January  
Last Day of Term 1 - Friday 13th April



## iPad Plan for 2018

As mentioned in previous newsletters, in 2018 all students from Years 3 – 5 will be expected to have an iPad for use at school. Students from Year 6 to 10 are still able to use their previously purchased laptops. Over the coming years, iPads will become the preferred device for the school. Our requirements and recommendations for iPads are listed below:

- No iPad minis. They are too small for our educational purposes and place too much strain on students' eyes.
- Must have a lightning adapter (smaller charging cable).
- Must handle latest operating system iOS 11 (Microsoft Teams is only compatible with recent operating systems).
- Must have at least 64GB of memory.
- The iPad air is recommended by the school.
- Latest model is recommended as it will handle the latest operating system and be more compatible with future operating systems; therefore, it will last longer.
- A lifeproof or solid protective case is recommended for Year 3 and 4 students.
- Year 5 upwards will be expected to have an attached keyboard. These can either be an Apple product or an aftermarket version.
- Students will also need a set of ear phones.



## Calling all Helpers!

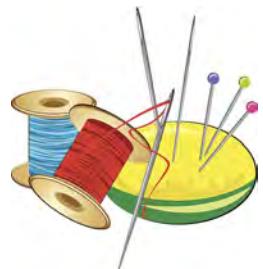
A sewing bee is scheduled to create costumes for the 2017 Year 7 Concert Night dance.

If you are crafty and can give up a few hours, I will provide afternoon tea. Let me know which afternoons are best for you: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays from 3pm – 6pm.

Please bring your own sewing machines or be prepared to sew by hand!

Don't forget, "A stitch in time saves nine!"

Thank you  
Mrs Da Luz





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

The address is

<https://smsc.coneqt-p.cathednet.wa.edu.au/>



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 SkoolBag

Don't forget to download our school's SkoolBag app to ensure that you are kept in the loop on:

School newsletters  
Notices  
Events  
Cancellations  
Reminders  
...and more!

#### INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Just search for our school's name in the App Store on your phone and download our app!

Expressions of interest now open! Please contact Fr Mariusz or Melissa Slattery.

# WORLD YOUTH DAY PANAMA

**22-27 JAN 2019**

WORLD YOUTH DAY  
*"I AM THE SERVANT OF THE LORD  
MAY IT BE DONE TO ME ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD" (LUK 1:38)*

#PANAMA2019

## 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.

<b>WHO</b>	<b>WHERE</b>	<b>WHEN</b>
For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families with children 0-4 years of age	30 Egan Street	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  
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## WAAPA Summer School 2017/2018

This summer The Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) is again offering an exciting school holiday program for students in years 4 to 12. The Summer School includes classes in dance, drama, acting, screen performance, music theatre and of course, how to perform Shakespeare. For information about the fantastic courses on offer please visit [WAAPA Summer School](#) or contact Gabrielle Metcalf at [g.metcalf@ecu.edu.au](mailto:g.metcalf@ecu.edu.au) or 9370 6775.



**CARNARVON PCYC**  
Police & Community Youth Centres



### CAR BOOT SALE

Sunday 19th November 2017  
8:00am - 12:00pm  
Carnarvon PCYC - 406 Robinson Street

Sausage Sizzle | Soft Drinks | Cake, Tea & Coffee  
Plants | Household Goods | Clothes | Food | Toys  
Bouncy Castle | Sumo Suits | Fairy Floss

COME DOWN AND GRAB A BARGAIN FOR CHRISTMAS!

To book a STALL contact:

Carnarvon PCYC - (08) 9941 4116  
Anne - (08) 9914 1757



A large poster for 'THE CARNARVON HEALTH EXPO'. The top half features a woman smiling. The text 'THE CARNARVON HEALTH EXPO' is in large white letters. Below the woman is a large orange triangle containing the text 'Curious about what is available and how to access health care services in your town?'. Inside the triangle are three smaller images: a man, a young couple, and a landscape. In the bottom left corner is a white circle with the text 'FREE ENTRY!' in red. To the right of the circle is the text 'Meet your local health care providers at the Carnarvon Health Expo and receive information and giveaways to improve your health and wellbeing.' Below this are details for the event: Date: Wednesday 29 November 2017, Venue: The Woolshed, Carnarvon Civic Centre, and Time: 2:30pm – 4:00pm.

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WA Primary Health Alliance  
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