



ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 1

Week 6

10th March PS Assembly
Led by Year 6

Week 7

15th March - 17th March
Year 7 Coral Bay Camp
17th March St Pat's Day - Free Dress

Week 8

21st March Harmony Day
22nd March SAC Meeting 7pm
24th March Primary Assembly
Led by Year 5
26th March First Holy Communion
Commitment Mass

Week 9

27th March - 31st March
Year 6 Camp
31st March Primary Assembly
Led by Year 4

Week 10

4th April Interschool Swimming Carnival
Year 3 - Year 6
6th April Last Day of Term 1
Easter Liturgy - Led by Year 3
2pm

PRAYER

PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY

*Heavenly Father,
We celebrate your love and faithfulness.
We thank you for the revolutionary transformation in the
lives of millions of women, girls, and their families living in
different parts of the planet.
We pray on this special day that you shower your blessings
on all the women on the earth.
Please bring wisdom into every woman's life through your
words.
Amen.*





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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

During our Lenten period, we are called to repent, perhaps not fashionable language today, however this was one of Jesus' main messages to his disciples.

One of the best known stories told by Jesus, is of the wayward son who ends up in a pigpen with nothing to eat but the mush the pigs were fed. He begins to regret the self-will that led him to where he is. No doubt there is a great deal of self-pity mixed with his remorse. Nevertheless, he decides to eat "humble pie" and to return home. When he does, his father who has been waiting for this moment for a long time, runs to meet him and throws a party. The returning Prodigal Son does not earn his father's love by his repentance. Love has never been absent from his father's heart; only he could not experience it in a faraway country. Repentance is not the means whereby we earn God's forgiveness and love; these are there all the time. Repentance is the means by which we receive them. It is going home.

Jesus declared that the purpose of His coming was to call "sinners to repentance". Luke 5:32. When we sin, we "miss the mark" in life. When we repent, we turn to God and ask Him to help us to aim better. Repentance is a lifestyle, a process by which a person, who is away from God, recognises that situation and goes back to God. Instead of ignoring God, we turn around and choose to give Him His rightful place in our life. "To repent is to adopt God's viewpoint in place of our own. It is the most joyful thing in the world because, when you have done it, you have adopted the viewpoint of truth itself and are in fellowship with God." William Temple. Archbishop of Canterbury

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT P & F EVENT

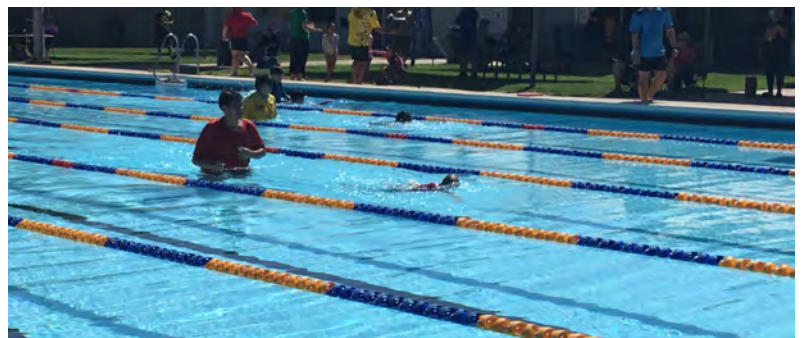
Next Friday evening, the St Mary's P & F will be hosting a St Patrick's Day event on the new grassed area in front of the hall. There will be entertainment, a bar, dinner all at a very good price. Please come along and support our hard-working P & F who do much for all the students of the school.

Next Friday will also be a green free dress day for students. There will be a St Patrick's Day liturgy organized by our Year 1 staff and students beginning at 11:20 am in the school hall. All are welcome to attend.

FIRST EUCHARIST PARENT NIGHT

There will be a meeting for all parents of students making their First Eucharist this year in the school library beginning at 6:00 pm on Thursday, 16th March. All are expected to attend.

Steve O'Halloran
Principal



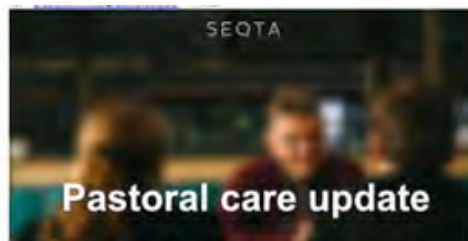


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FROM THE HEAD OF SECONDARY

The College community has been wonderful supporting students and staff who have been ill with COVID for the past few weeks. I would like to thank everyone for their patience and hard work with staff filling in for lessons and students catching up on work and communicating well with teachers.

Communication is so important, and I appreciate how well students and parents are checking emails and SEQTA notifications. Positive Pastoral care updates sent home include concerns as well as positive behaviors and achievements. We all learn the best when we feel valued and supported.



OLNA tests for Year 11 will conclude this Friday, March 10. Well done to students who worked well to prepare for these tests.

NAPLAN testing for Year 7 and 9 will begin next week on Wednesday, March 15. It is vital these students ensure their laptops are charged, have the correct browser and students bring earphones.

Assessments are under way in most subject areas and the Interim Reports will be released online next week on SEQTA, I will email all parents and students to notify when they are visible on SEQTA.

The Interim Report Parent Evening will take place from 3pm – 6pm in the school hall on Tuesday, 21st of March. More information will be sent to parents in the upcoming week. Let us all continue working together to support our students to “Dream Big”.

I look forward to meeting with St Mary’s parents and students again at the Interim Report Parent Evening.

Deborah White
Head of Secondary



Learn



SEQTA Engage



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INTERHOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2023

Friday 24 February saw our students from Year 3-12 gather at the swimming pool to compete in the annual Interhouse Swimming Carnival.

Students all arrived and settled down in their house bays and we were able to get under way. The atmosphere was electric and very soon we had settled down into the 50m Freestyle races. All the while, parents continued flowing through the front gate and within the first half an hour we had a great crowd of spectators cheering the swimmers along.

There was a tremendous amount of House Spirit on show. Particularly from some of the more enthusiastic Year 3 students who were cheering loudly and celebrating their teams' successes.

The Breaststroke events followed on and again the racing was fierce! At the end of these events, we did some novelty events. The primary students had a go at the Noodle Relay and secondary students had a go at the paddleboard relay. These events were brilliant and lots of fun for all the students who may not necessarily have been champion swimmers.

Each of the novelty races concluded with students getting a free sausage sizzle and juice box before we settled down into the Backstroke then relays.

During the events our secondary student leaders really shone brightly. Many of our younger swimmers needed help during the day and we had lots of help from the older swimmers helping them to get down their lanes. Having the helpers in each lane really helped to develop the confidence of those swimmers involved and I'm sure they had a better experience for having had the support.

Although we had many students absent on the day, it was clear that the students present had a fantastic time.

Having reviewed the results, we celebrated the event at an assembly on Tuesday morning, crowning **Quobba House** the Champions for 2023.

Year	Boys Champion	Girls Champion
3	Nataneal Maitre	Emilie Aylmore
4	Charlie Maslen	Hopeau Hodgson
5	Hunter Hodgson	Koleti Tonga
6	Glenn Jordan	Jorja Hibbert
7	Campbell Foster	Mia Preston
8	Ethan Howard	Summer Chaplin
9 - 12	Xavier Cox	Chloe Fernihough

Place	House	Points
1st	Quobba	9810
2nd	Ningaloo	9475
3rd	Gnaraloo	8235

Mrs Jordan and I would especially like to thank the parent helpers who came down to volunteer. The day ran very smoothly because of the help given.

Congratulations to all the students who swam or helped out during the day. We're now looking forward to the next big event!

Mr Chinnery & Mrs Jordan





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NAPLAN 2023



NAPLAN has moved to Term 1 in 2023.



NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum and allows parents/carers to see how their child is progressing against national standards and over time.

NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process. It doesn't replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance, but it can provide teachers with additional information about students' educational progress.

The timetable for NAPLAN at St Mary Star of the Sea college is below it is important that your child attend school on these days.

Wednesday 15 th March	Thursday 16 th March	Friday 17 th March	Monday 20 th March	Tuesday 21 st March	Wednesday 22 nd March
Yr3 Writing	Yr3 Reading	Yr3 Conventions of Language	Yr3 Numeracy		
Yr5 Writing	Yr5 Reading	Yr5 Conventions of Language	Yr5 Numeracy		
Yr7 Writing			Yr7 Reading	Yr7 Conventions of Language	Yr7 Numeracy
Yr9 Writing	Yr9 Reading	Yr9 Conventions of Language	Yr9 Numeracy		



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BOOKCLUB

SCHOLASTIC

Book Club

EDITION #2

ORDERS ARE DUE IN BY
17TH MARCH, 2023

Our school participates in Scholastic Book Club. Up to twice a term during the school year Book Club catalogues will be sent home with a different selection of books offered for all ages.

You'll find award-winning books and bestsellers, as well as old and new favourites. They span a wide range of children's reading levels and interests and are inexpensive (some books cost as little as \$3).

It's easy to order. The Book Club LOOP platform for parents allows you to pay by credit card. Your child's order is submitted directly to school and the books will be delivered to class. You can place your child's order at [scholastic.com.au/loop](https://www.scholastic.com.au/loop) or by using the LOOP app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

Alternatively, you may wish to return your order form with payment to the School Office.

For more information, please visit the Scholastic Australia website: <https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/>

When you order books through Scholastic Book Club, St Mary Star of the Sea College Library benefits through the Scholastic Rewards program. Every time your child places an order through the school we receive 15% from your spend in the form of rewards points. This allows us to provide new resources for our Library.

Thanks to all our students, parents and teachers who have placed orders in the past.

Thank you also to Tracey Fernihough, who for the last several years has been our amazing Book Club co-ordinator. Tracey kindly volunteered her time ordering, sorting and delivering all your beautiful books.

Book Club

How to order on Book Club

1. Your child will bring home a Book Club catalogue from school
2. Discuss with, and help your child pick the books they would like to read
3. Order online via the Scholastic Australia LOOP website or app and the school will take care of the rest! (LOOP orders are electronically linked to your school in an easy, secure online process)
4. The books are delivered to your child's classroom.

LOOP is the easy way for families to order and pay for Book Club.

Log in, or create a new account at [scholastic.com.au/loop](https://www.scholastic.com.au/loop)

1. If you are new to Book Club, follow the Wizard to set up your profile
2. Click the ORDER tab, and select your school and child's class
3. Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
4. Enter the product item number shown on the Book Club catalogue
5. Make payment via credit card.

SCHOLASTIC



ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA

NEWS

ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA
P AND F PRESENT

St. Patrick's Day

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

FRIDAY, MARCH 17th
5PM START

DINNER - LIVE ENTERTAINMENT - CASH BAR
GAMES - COCKTAILS - RAFFLES

Prizes for best dressed

- \$20 Adult ticket: Includes steak, sausage, sides and dessert.
- \$10 Child ticket: Includes sausage, sides and dessert.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE!



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NEWS

Top 8 Reasons to join our Footy Tipping competition

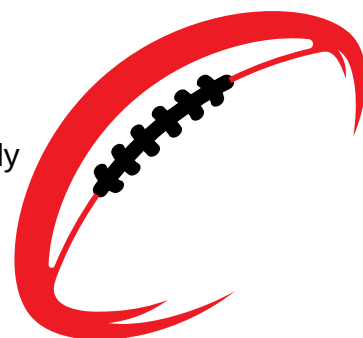
Number 8: The chance to beat the Principal at his favourite game!

https://www.footytips.com.au/comps/St_Marys_Carnarvon_2023

Please pay at front reception at school when you get the opportunity. Cash only

Please direct any enquiries to liam.chinnery@cewa.edu.au

Happy tipping folks!



ST MARY'S FOOTY TIPPING 2023

Entry cost: \$50 per entry

Weekly and end of season cash prizes





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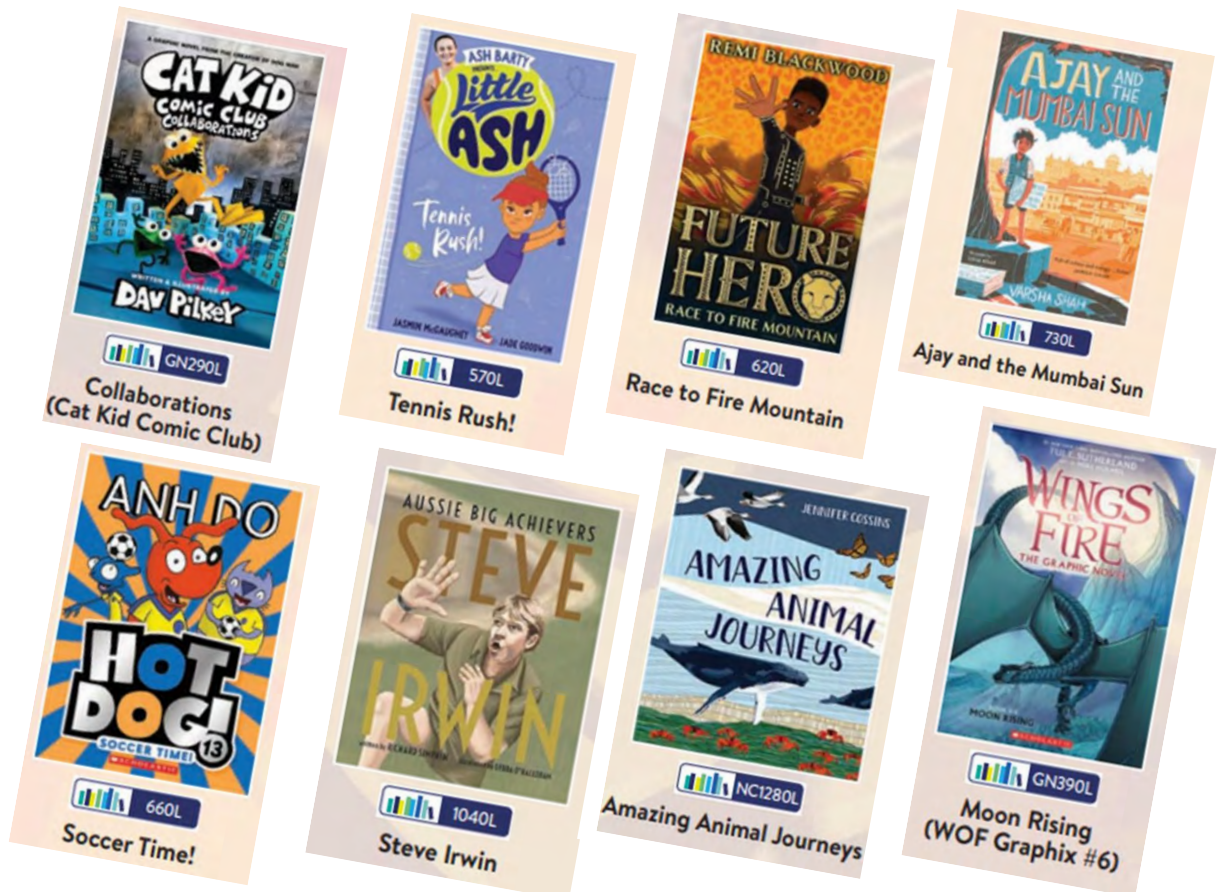
Join the Scholastic
Literacy Pro
Reading Words Challenge
Regional Schools 2023

Help our school read more in term 1!

It's easy..... just start reading!

- Grab a good fit book in your Lexile Reading Range about something you love
- Make sure it has an online quiz
- Read it, love it!
- Take the quiz, pass the quiz!
- ! Keep reading

Why not start with these great new term 1 Lexile and quiz titles now available!





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COMMUNITY NEWS



Regional Alliance West

LAW WEEK ART COMPETITION

Produce an artwork with the theme:

"LAW AT THE LOCAL LEVEL"

AGE GROUPS:

Junior – under 12 years Prize: **\$750**
Sponsored by: *Dwyer Durack*



Senior – 12 to 17 years Prize: **\$1000**
Sponsored by:

Open – 18+ years Prize: **\$1500**
Sponsored by:

DEADLINE

Submit entries to Regional Alliance West's Geraldton or Carnarvon office **no later than**

4 pm THURSDAY 4 MAY 2023

ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE AT: REGIONAL ALLIANCE WEST

114 Sanford Street Geraldton
7 Stuart Street Carnarvon
(08) 9938 0600

Or email: legal@raw.org.au



**CELEBRATE
LAW WEEK**



**AWARD
CEREMONY FOR
ARTISTS
ON THURSDAY
18 MAY 2023**





Geraldton Tennis Club

EASTER TOURNAMENT 2023

Friday, 7 April - Monday, 10 April 2023

- Singles, doubles, mixed doubles, over 40s doubles and junior events
- \$20 entry fee per event
- Fantastic prizes!
- Daily lunch, dinner and social activities after play each day

How to Enter:
Enter online at
<https://tournaments.tennis.com.au/tournament/639684FA-2D5F-40A3-B76B-1B3743132ECO> or by scanning the QR code below

Entries close at midnight on 28 March 2023



SCAN ME





ENJOY A FANTASTIC LONG WEEKEND IN GERALDTON

Geraldton Tennis Club
256 Eighth Street, Wonthella WA 6530
Tournament Director: Danny Bowen/Brad Ladyman
Tournament Secretary: Ruth Vorster
M: 0428 927 402 (D), 0448 644 014 (R)
E: daniel.bowen@tennis.com.au or geraldtontennisclub@inet.net.au



