

IMPORTANT DATES TERM 1

Week 10

6th April Last Day of Term 1

Free Dress Day - Caritas Easter Liturgy - Led by Year 3

8:30am

TERM 2

Week 1

26th April FIRST DAY OF TERM 2 28th April ANZAC Ceremony - 10:45am

Week 2

5th May PS Assembly - Led by Year 3

Week 3

12th May Mothers Day Breakfast 7:45am

Liturgy 8:15am (Led by Year 9)

Week 4

18th May Confirmation Meeting

P&F Meeting - 3pm



PRAYER

EASTER VIGIL -

EASTER SUNDAY

ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH CARNARVON HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE PALM SUNDAY - Please remember to bring your palm. Saturday 1st April—7:00pm Sunday 2nd April—9:00am HOLY THURSDAY 6h April - 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper GOOD FRIDAY 7th April - 9:00am Stations of the Cross - 3:00pm Passion of our Lord Veneration of the Cross



8th April - 7:00pm Easter Vigil Celebration of Light

9th April - 9:00am-Mass of the Resurrection

Please bring your candle with a protector



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents/Caregivers, Students, Staff, and Friends of St Mary Star of the Sea College,

This week we enter Holy Week, a most solemn week in the Catholic tradition commemorating Jesus' last week on earth and the events leading up to His resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, when Christians commemorate Jesus' 'triumphal entry' into Jerusalem where the Gospels tell us 'He was greeted with crowds waving palm branches and crying 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' (Mark 11:9-10).

Holy Thursday marks the Last Supper that Jesus shares with His disciples, His betrayal by His disciple Judas Iscariot, and His arrest at the Garden of Gethsemane. Often Holy Thursday services will include an act of foot washing, which commemorates Jesus washing the feet of His disciples as an act of service on the night of His arrest (John 13:1-20). Good Friday commemorates Jesus' trial before Pontius Pilate, His sentence of death, His torture, and His crucifixion and burial. It is called 'Good' Friday in the obsolete sense of the word 'good' – connoting something 'holy' or 'pious' ('Holy Friday'), which is striking as 'Good Friday' is the most sombre day for Christians, when the agony, death and burial of Jesus is remembered.

The Triduum of Holy Week concludes with Holy Saturday, often with a late-night Easter Vigil service or the Eucharist of Easter on Sunday, which will often include the baptism of new converts and the renewal of baptismal vows by the faithful.

Anzac Day (25th April) this year is the day before school returns. Our school student leaders will be present at the dawn service at the newly painted cenotaph, and we will hold an Anzac Service at 10:45am on Friday 28th April. This will be led by our Student Representative Council and will be held at the primary school oval, parents are welcome.

It has come around very quickly, and I remind families that the school term ends for students on Thursday 6th April. A reminder that Term 2 begins on Wednesday 26th April, and I look forward to your return. The end of this term also sees Mrs Leca leave us after 11 years at St Mary's to prepare to welcome new life into the world, we wish her and her husband Chris all the best for this joyous occasion.

As we end this week, I wish all students and their families a Blessed and safe Easter.

Draw us forth, God of all creation.

Draw us forward and away from limited certainty into the immense world of your love. Give us the capacity to even for a moment taste the richness of the feast you give us.

Give us the peace to live with uncertainty, with questions, with doubts.

Help us to experience the resurrection anew with open wonder and an increasing ability to see you in the people of Easter.

Amen.

Trudy CoxActing Principal







YEAR 4 NEWS

Local Government Studies



As part of our curriculum studies in Civics & Citizenship, the Year Four class commenced their learning about the role of councillors and how to vote in Local elections by inviting our Shire President – Eddie Smith into the classroom.

Mr Smith explained how the Shire President and councillors are elected with a postal vote and how councillors meet at the Shire Chambers to discuss and make decisions about issues affecting our community. It was then question time for our Shire President and the students asked some curly questions that were harder to answer than at a Council meeting! We thank Mr Smith for taking time to visit our class.





Last week, The Year Four class visited the Council Chambers at the Shire of Carnarvon. We were invited into the space where council meetings take place and then the CEO, Andrea Selvey presented some information to us about what local government does, including the services it provides.

Thank you to Dannielle Hill for coordinating our visit and for the Shire Show Bags. Thank you to Andrea Selvey for taking time to talk to the future generation of voters and leaders in Carnarvon.





YEAR 6 CAMP REFLECTION

On Monday we travelled on the bus to Geraldton with all of our classmates and teachers. After dinner we did a scavenger hunt in the dark with torches that we all found interesting but some of the clues were really hard! Jorja, Glenn and Jack were the winners.

On Tuesday morning we all went for a run and walk very early. We were split into 3 groups one of them did mini golf, the other group did a confirmation lesson and orienteering where we had to use a map to find red and white boxes with letters on them throughout the camp to get the answer. The last activity was to play either tennis or basketball.

In the afternoon we met Bishop Michael, after the visit with the Bishop we headed over to the cathedral to have a tour before Wednesday's Mass. It is a very interesting church! After dinner we had a 'Minute to Win It' competition that we played in teams.

On Wednesday we started our day with morning exercise and a confirmation lesson. We went down to the foreshore park, where we all had a great time. In the afternoon we did a three-hour archery lesson, everyone had so much fun. That night we went to 'The Mass of the Oils' in the cathedral. After dinner we participated in a quiz night. We combined the team points from the 'Minute to Win It' games and the Cookie Monsters won so they got the prize of delicious doughnuts.

On Thursday we headed to the foreshore to do fun activities and the shipwreck challenge where we needed to build a raft that could hold us all. After we had lunch, we went down to the oval and did the Geraldton Challenge in 3 teams, we ended that session with an hour or two of archery. That night we got to watch the movie "Wonder" in their library.

On Friday we left the camp school at 7:45am to come back to Carnarvon. On the way we stopped at Overlander Roadhouse to have the subway the school provided for us to eat, after our sandwich we got to choose a cookie of our choice, then we got back into school at 1:15pm and we all helped unpack the bus before we went home.









Cassie: The week went very well and we did a lot of fun activities and I am sure my classmates enjoyed it as much as I did thank you for our lovely visit I hope we get to come back soon.

Serena: The week was so much fun, it took us a bit to adjust to the dorms but after awhile we had everything sorted. It was so amazing doing all those fun activities I'm sure other people would be jealous of our visit, Thank you so much for giving us a camp this year!



YEAR 7 SCIENCE EXCURSION

On Monday 3rd, the year 7 students went on an excursion to the Carnarvon Space and Technology Museum. The excursion was the perfect way to end a unit on our study of the earth, sun and moon. They engaged in the interactive science exhibitions, took a ride in the space capsule and were given a tour of the Apollo lunar module by a local volunteer.











GASCYONE INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all the students who represented St Mary's at the interschool swimming on Tuesday. All swimmers performed well and showed great sportsmanship. We are lucky to have so much talent in our team. St Mary's took home both the Champion School and Handicap Champion Shield.



INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

CHAMPION SCHOOL			
1014 pts	St Mary Star of the Sea Colleg		
230 pts	Carnarvon Christian School		
227 pts	Carnarvon School of the Air		

201 pts Carnarvon Community College

195 pts Shark Bay School





Sea College

Yr 3 Boys	Runner-up	James Fletcher	16 pts
Yr 3 Girls	Champion	Emilie Aylmore	34 pts
Yr 3 Girls	Runner-up	Scarlett Mason	21 pts
Yr 4 Boys	Runner-up	Charlie Maslen	16 pts
Yr 4 Girls	Champion	Hopeau Hodgson	39 pts
Yr 4 Girls	Runner-up	Ella Babun	29 pts
Yr 5 Boys	Champion	Hunter Hodgson	39 pts
Yr 5 Boys	Runner-up	Riley Keenan	16 pts
Yr 5 Girls	Champion	Koletti Tonga	34 pts
Yr 6 Boys	Champion	Glenn Jordan	39 pts
Yr 6 Boys	Runner-up	Caleb Henry	24 pts
Yr 6 Girls	Champion	Jorja Hibbert	34 pts
Yr 6 Girls	Runner-up	Jayda Bellotti	29 pts





P+F NEWS

Following our AGM, we would like to welcome our new executive committee -

Chair: Jacinta Skender

Vice Chair: Melissa Worthington Treasurer: Vanessa Vandeleur Secretary: Sinead Atkins

We would like to extend our thanks to our exiting members, Sarah Sutcliffe and Ellody Kearney for their enormous contribution to the committee over the last two years.



Chocolate Fundraiser

As our chocolate fundraiser nears its end, we would like to thank families for their support with our fundraising endeavours. Just a friendly reminder that all money raised and/or unsold chocolate need to be returned by Wednesday 5th April.

The winner of the Easter Goodies will be drawn Thursday 6th April.

Continuing with our chocolate news, we have a BIG treat up for grabs. A 10kg Cadbury block!

This will be raffled over the holidays at the Eclipse markets ...however, students get first dibs on Thursday 6th April. Tickets are \$2 or 3 for \$5. They will be available during recess outside the library.

Eclipse Markets

As mentioned we will be selling raffle tickets at the markets. We will also be having a doughnut stall.

If you have an hour or two spare and would be able to help out, on Saturday 22nd April, please







To acknowledge our incredible educators, the P&F are granting them their wishes. A staff member's name will be drawn during each 2023 assembly. The lucky staffer will able to choose equipment or resources up to \$500 value.

Dating back to the commencement of the school year, this week's winners are...

- Simone Petera
- Senia Eastmure
- · Carey Hodgson

Next general meeting -18th May @ 3pm We look forward to seeing you there.





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