



IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 2

Week 8

16th June PS Assembly - Led by Year 1
8:30am

Week 9

22nd June Interschool Cross Country
Year 3 - Year 6

23rd June Winter Carnival
Year 3 - Year 6

Week 10

29th June Confirmation Meeting
30th June NAIDOC Day
Last Day of Term 2

TERM 3

Week 1

18th July FIRST DAY TERM 3

Week 2

24th July BRLA Week
26th July Parent/Teacher Meetings
28th July PS Assembly - Led by Yr 6
30th July Confirmation Mass

PRAYER

Father God

*Be with us today
Fill our hearts with joy
Fill our minds with learning
Fill our classrooms with peace
Fill our lessons with fun
Fill our friendships with kindness
Fill our school with love*

Amen





ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

On the weekend we witnessed a group of students from St Mary's take a very important step in their faith lives, that of receiving Holy Eucharist for the first time.

The Church has been described as people called together in order to share Jesus' love. Like Baptism, the reception of the Eucharist brings us into a closer association with God. Each time we receive the Eucharist we become continually formed to the likeness of Christ. Nourished with Christ we become Christ for others. We become Eucharistic people whose lives are centred on and flow from Christ.

On First Communion Day we see our children take a new step in faith, as they share Communion with us for the first time. We are their first teachers in the ways of faith. No matter who says what, unless our children sense our faith they will not absorb faith. The faith we hand on will be their strength through life.

Teachers and priests cannot plant faith in the hearts of our children if we don't. If we have not been quite up to the mark in this regard, we might take advantage of a First Communicant in our family, who is commencing a lifelong adventure of being Christ's hands and feet and heart and mind, to renew our enthusiasm for doing the same.

Thanks to Mrs Durmanich, the staff and parents and students for making this such a memorable day for the first communicants.

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all those who participated in the cross country, especially those who find these sorts of events particularly difficult but still have a go. Courage was displayed by many on the day.

There were many fine performances on the day, these were recognized at a whole school assembly on Monday morning with trophies and medallions, just reward for the training and effort that was put in. Thanks to Mrs Jordan, Mr Chinnery for coordinating the cross country and Mrs O'Halloran for coordinating the lapathon, thanks also to the staff who trained the students early in the mornings and helped prepare breakfast.

The Interschool Cross Country event for selected Year 3 -6 students will be held on Thursday 22nd June. Participants and event details will be forthcoming in the coming week.

LEAVE

During the last two weeks of the term, Mrs O'Halloran and I will be taking leave for a Kimberley trip. During this time, Mr Ben Degura will be the Preprimary relief teacher and Mrs Debbie White will be the Acting Principal.

UPCOMING ASSEMBLY

This Friday, beginning at 8:45, the Year 1 class will be leading the primary assembly, all are welcome to come along.

UPCOMING CAMPS

Next week, a group of Year 10 students will be attending the Perth Mining Expo and visiting Hastings Rare Minerals. Thanks to Hastings who are financially supporting this event.

The Year 11 and 12 Outdoor Recreation / Retreat Camp will be held on the 26th & 27th June.

CONFIRMATION MEETING

The year 6 confirmation parent meeting will occur on the 29th June at 5:30pm. Parents and students expected to attend.

Steve O'Halloran
Principal



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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



At the weekend we celebrated Ella, Samer, Logan, Layla, Sharnee, Kye and Keosha receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Congratulations to all the students and their families. Special thanks to Mrs Durmanich, Fr Tuyen and Fr Tim in helping the students to prepare for this special sacrament.

Why a Child's First Holy Communion is a Big Deal

(Apr 21, 2017 by Whitney Hetzel. <https://www.catholiccompany.com/magazine/why-a-childs-first-holy-communion-is-a-big-deal-6042>)

As Catholics, we know that the Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith: it is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Pope Francis has called it the "Sacrament of Love"

"The Eucharist is at the heart of 'Christian initiation', together with Baptism and Confirmation, and it constitutes the source of the Church's life itself. From this Sacrament of love, in fact, flows every authentic journey of faith, of communion, and of witness."

For children who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion, this is a big deal. And for all of us, no matter how many times we have received Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist, it should always be a big deal.

What makes it so special the first time is the same thing that makes it special every time!

Jesus comes to us in a unique way in the Eucharist. When He comes, we receive Him into our body and our soul. This is very beautiful, personal, and intimate. We should not take it for granted!

This is why the first time a family member makes their Holy Communion, it is an exciting event for the whole family. The boy or girl preparing for this sacrament is going to be profoundly united with Jesus in a way that they never have before! We celebrate. And the very act of celebrating reveals our belief in the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.





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LAPATHON - PP - YEAR 2



On Friday 12th June, the Pre-Primary to Year 2's participated in the Lap-athon.

Thank you to the staff, parents and guardians who helped and also joined in with the running.

The students had a great time!





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CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS



Team	Total Points
Quobba	3315
Ningaloo	2805
Gnaraloo	2650

	Girls		Boys	
	Champion	Runner up	Champion	Runner up
Yr 3	Emilie Aylmore	Sienna Svilicich	Shakur Oakley-Slater	Dean Pinjuh
Yr 4	Hopeau Hodgson	Amanda Bentley-Pinkerton	Charlie Maslen	Liam Hatt
Yr 5	Abigail Nguyen	Ashwyn Crowe-Brown	Ashley Lawer	Levi Mann
Yr 6	Madeline Bentley-Pinkerton	Saphie D'Arcy	Caleb Henry	Glenn Jordan
Yr 7	Mia Preston	Mia Payne	Anhdy Tran	Adam Svilicich
Yr 8	Yumeko Webb	Jannali Randall	Jake Munro	Jacob Lathwell
Yr 9	Holly Bennett	Jenny Pham Pham	Dat Nguyen	Ethan Scott
Yr 10 - 12	Kirstin Mann	Ta-Leah Podmore	Joseph Kearney	Rendel De Leon



PRIMARY INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY - THURSDAY 22ND

Selected students from Yr3-6 will compete against other Gascoyne primary students at Carnarvon Christian School. Individual notes have been sent home today.

Approximate event start times

Year 3 Girls – 9.00am
 Year 3 Boys – 9.05am
 Year 4 Girls – 9.15am
 Year 4 Boys – 9.20am

Year 5 Girls – 9.30am
 Year 5 Boys – 9.40am
 Year 6 Girls – 9.50am
 Year 6 Boys – 10.00am

PRIMARY WINTER CARNIVAL - FRIDAY 23RD JUNE

Friday 23 June

Yr 4-6 students will all participate in basketball, football, netball or soccer at Carnarvon Community College against other Gascoyne school teams.

Further information will be sent home and fixtures will be published when finalised.



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VISIONS OF THE COSMOS EXHIBITION VISIT



On Friday 19th May, the Year 8 Photography & Media Arts class as well as the Year 7 Visual Arts class attended an astrophotography art exhibition at the local Carnarvon Library Art Gallery. It was a great experience for our arts students to view and see the works of astronomy photography artists. They also enjoyed the opportunity to hear a presentation from expert astronomy photographer Dr John Goldsmith





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SCHOOL NEWS

Paint & Sip
with Gosia Taylor

SATURDAY 17TH JUNE
3.00-6.00PM
SMC SCHOOL HALL

Tickets \$75
includes drink on arrival
and grazing board.
Cash bar and cocktails available

