



ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 3

Week 2

24th July	BRLA Week OLNA Year 10/11
26th July	Parent/Teacher Meetings Secondary
30th July	Confirmation Mass

Week 3

	OLNA Year 10/11 Week
31st July / 1st Aug	Yr 12 Retreat
2nd Aug	Parent/Teacher Meetings Primary
4th Aug	PS Assembly - Led by Yr 5

Week 4

8th Aug	Mary MacKillop Feast Day Liturgy Led by Year 2
10th Aug	Athletics Carnival - Yr 3 - Yr 12
11th Aug	Athletics Carnival - Yr 3 - Yr 12

PRAYER

Dear Lord, as we begin a new school term,
we will fear not.

You have commanded us to be strong and
of good courage!

We won't be afraid or discouraged because

You are with us wherever we go.

In our last school term, You were with us
and You are still with us.

You watch over us and we know You will
strengthen us daily.

Amen





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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

This weekend a number of boys and girls from Year 6 are receiving the sacrament of Confirmation, their final sacrament of initiation into the Catholic Church. If, like me, you want to know how things came to be, the following may interest you.

In the early Church the three Sacraments of initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist—were celebrated in the same ceremony by adult catechumens at the Easter Vigil. The catechumens descended into a pool where they were baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. They ascended, were clothed with a white robe, and the bishop laid hands on them and anointed them with oil. They then proceeded to a place of honor among the community where they participated in the Eucharist for the first time. Initiation thus consisted of one event with several moments. The climax was the celebration of the Eucharist.



The separation of the bishop's anointing from Baptism occurred for a number of reasons in the Western Church. Constantine's proclamation making Christianity the state religion in the fourth century meant that many more people were being baptized. Christianity also spread from the cities into the countryside. It became impossible for bishops, who were now also involved in governing, to preside at every Baptism. The bishops of the East solved the problem by delegating the Sacraments of Initiation to the presbyter, reserving for themselves only the blessing of the oil used in the rite.

To this day the Eastern churches initiate with all three sacraments at once. The bishops of the West also delegated Baptism to priests, but retained the function of performing the initial anointing and laying on of hands. This they would do whenever they visited a particular locality. Thus, in the West the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation was done at a later time than the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism.

We wish all the boys and girls the very best from St Mary Star of the Sea College who are making their Confirmation this weekend as they welcome the Spirit into their hearts through this most sacred sacrament.

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

Today and next Wednesday, parents will be given the opportunity of speaking with their child's primary and secondary teachers to gain a better understanding of their child's progress in the first semester.

PICK UP AND DROP OFF ISSUES

Can parents please note that the pick-up and drop off area over the road from school at the Gnullingoo Mia Residency Care reception are not to be used for school purposes. This is at the request of the hospital. Also, the exclusion zones immediately in front of the school are not pick-up and drop-off areas either. Thank you for your understanding.

MARY MACKILLOP LITURGY

There will be a liturgy on Thursday 8th August at 2:00 pm on the feast day of Australia's first saint, St Mary of the Cross, Mary Mackillop.

Steve O'Halloran
Principal

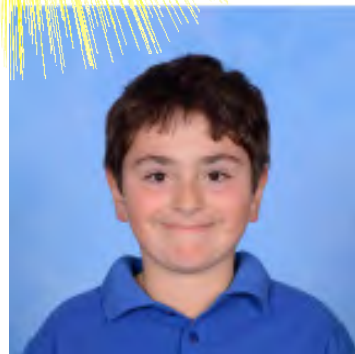
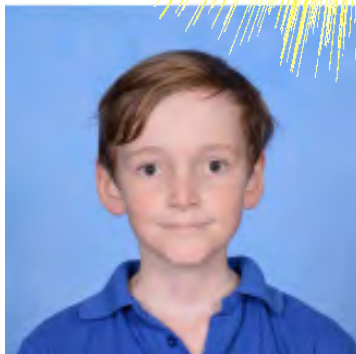
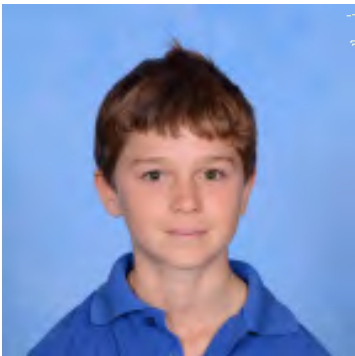
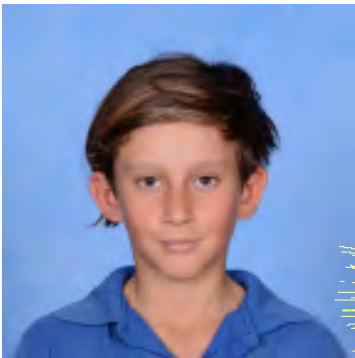
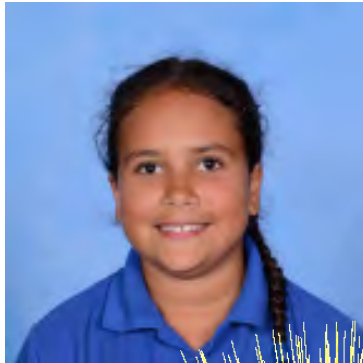
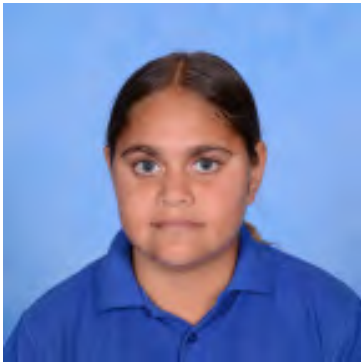


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FROM THE RE DESK

Please join me in wishing our year 6 students all of God's blessings as they receive the sacrament of confirmation this Sunday.

Let us pray that this is the beginning of an incredible journey through life with God at their side.





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FROM HEAD OF SECONDARY

“Start a conversation” is the best way to support young people as they look towards their future career pathway.

This week we have the Secondary Parent Teacher Meetings on Wednesday, July 26 from 3.00pm-6.00pm in the School Hall. Subject teachers welcome talking to parents and students about their goals and aspirations in their life to support them to “Dream Big”.

This will be followed in the Carnarvon Community with “Career Conversations-career information for families” presentation occurring this Thursday, July 27 at Gwoonwardu Mia - Gascoyne Aboriginal Heritage and Cultural Centre from 6.30pm-8.00pm.

This free career presentation acknowledges that parents/carers, are the greatest influencers of children’s career decision making. Together with schools we can prepare young people for the many opportunities and challenges ahead. Come and hear about:

- exploring university and training pathways
- career pathway information for young people with disabilities
- where to find accurate, up-to-date career pathway information
- where the jobs are
- what employers and industry are looking for



Homework Club for secondary students is occurring again every Tuesday and Thursday in the Science from 2.35-3.30pm.

Year 10 students have been receiving vital career lessons on Friday by Futuremoves from Geraldton to prepare them for the Year 10 Parent Information evening in Week 5, Wednesday August 16.

Subject Selection and information for Year 11 and 12 will be presented to students and parents. I look forward to meeting families again this term as we all work together to support our amazing students.

Ms Deborah White



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