



ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 3

Week 7

29th Aug - 1st Sep - ACC Carnival

Primary School Science Week

30th Aug SAC Meeting 7pm

1st Sep Fathers Day Liturgy and Breakfast
7:45am

Week 8

Secondary Science Week

7th Sep Kindy Sports Carnival

Reconciliation Parent Meeting 6pm

8th Sep PS Assembly - Led by Year 4

Week 9

12th Sep School Photo Day

14th Sep Interschool Carnival Athletics - Yr 3 - 6
Jumps

15th Sep Interschool Carnival Athletics - Yr 1- 6

Week 10

22nd Sep Last Day of Term 3
Last Day for Year 12s
School Ball - 6pm

PRAYER

O God, you bestowed upon
Saint Rose of Lima the grace the grace of loving
you,
so that, secluded from the world in a life of
penance,
she might give herself to you alone; grant,
we pray, that through her intercession,
we too may lead a good and holy life.

Amen





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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

Ready for a little poetry? Probably, you will be able to guess the age of the poet.

*"A dad is a person who is loving and kind,
And often he knows what you have on your mind.
He's someone who listens, suggests and defends.
A dad can be one of your very best friends."*

Children who can write poetry like this are saying that they feel that they really matter and are important in the lives of their fathers. A father can do a lot for a child but it is the emotional bond that the child feels, that their dad is really there for them and that their welfare and progress socially, intellectually and emotionally really matter to their dad.

However, being a dad entails knowing when to shift gear and move into a role that is appropriate to the development of our child. Mark Twain's witty observation has some advice to offer: "When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have him around. When I got to 21, I was astonished at how much he had learned in 7 years."

Oxford University's "Tomorrow's Men Project" surveyed more than 1500 boys between the ages of 13 – 19 and proved the importance of the role of a father. More than 90% of boys who felt that their fathers spent time with them and took an interest in their progress, emerged in the 'can do' category. By contrast 72% of those who felt that their fathers rarely or never did these things, fell into the group with the lowest self-esteem and confidence and exhibited behavioural problems.

There is much truth in the observation that 'A man's garden and his children, both reflect the amount of nurturing done during the growing season'.

So, how about some more of that poem.

*"Thank you, dad, for listening and caring
For giving and sharing, but especially for just being you.
Happy Father's Day!"*

FATHER'S DAY LITURGY AND BREAKFAST

This Friday, there will be a Father's Day liturgy and breakfast beginning at 7:45 near the outside stage area. All dads and carers are welcome.

ACC CAMP

A number of our secondary students are currently in Perth participating in the ACC interschool carnival. We're sure they will represent the school well. All the best to the team and Mr Chinnery and Mrs Jordan who are accompanying them.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulation to Mrs Chinnery who has accepted the Religious Head of Learning Area position at Nagle College Geraldton beginning next year. We wish the family all the best as they relocate to Geraldton at the end of the year.

THANK YOU

Thanks to Mrs Jordan and Mr Chinnery for organising the Faction Athletics days and Mrs Jordan and Mrs O'Halloran for the Junior Primary Carnival, held last Friday. All events were very well planned and the students participated and behaved well at each. Thanks also to the parents who came and supported the students on these days.

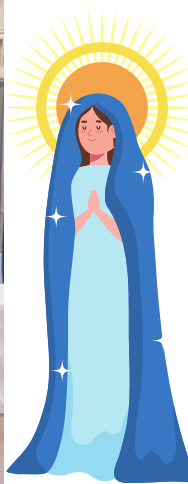
Steve O'Halloran
Principal



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FEAST OF ASSUMPTION MASS

The Catholic Church teaches that the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, was taken up body and soul into heaven at the end of her earthly life. Last Tuesday, August 15th, our school community gathered together to celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Mass led by our Year Four students.





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ATHLETICS CARNIVAL YR 3 - YR 12



We had two lovely days of weather and competition for the Carnival. It was great to see good attendance and high participation rates. Students got in and had a go, showing their best efforts and good sportsmanship. Thanks to everyone for a wonderful carnival.

Congratulations to Gnaraloo!





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ATHLETICS CARNIVAL PP - YR 2



We had another sunny day with perfect conditions for the Pre-Primary to Year 2 Athletics Carnival! Everyone tried their hardest, supported their teammates and had a great day!





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BOOK WEEK PARADE

BOOKWEEK 2023

READ, GROW, INSPIRE





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2023 SEASON OF CREATION

Preparing for the 2023 Season of Creation – “Let Justice and Peace Flow”

Reflection #1: August 27 - 31

“Let ours be a time remembered for the awakening of a new reverence for life, the firm resolve to achieve sustainability, the quickening of the struggle for justice and peace, and the joyful celebration of life.” (Laudato Si #207)

READ: 1st part of Pope Francis’ letter for the 2023 Season of Creation (below)



REFLECTION: What is God’s desire? Pope Francis begins this Season of Creation by getting immediately to the heart of the matter: **God wants justice to reign.** Equating the kingdom of God to right relationship with God, humanity and nature, Francis makes clear that such righteousness, authentic justice and peace, is like a nourishing stream that does not fail.

As we prepare to begin this annual Season, let us reflect on the ways in which we contribute to the stream and “let justice and peace flow”. And, for a thorough ecological examen: how do some of our perceptions inhibit such a flow? From where did we imbibe these “dam-Ing” perceptions?

Let us live at the heart of the matter this Season of Creation and beyond.

ACTION: The Season of Creation begins September 1 and continues through October 4. Procure and keep a Season of Creation journal. You may wish to play with the water imagery of this year’s theme. Like a stream that flows with new water, may this Season be one of new commitment for you.

“WE THANK YOU FOR BEING WITH US EACH DAY. ENCOURAGE US, WE PRAY, IN OUR STRUGGLE FOR JUSTICE, LOVE AND PEACE.” (LS CLOSING PRAYER #246)



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2023 SEASON OF CREATION



Launch Invitation

Every year, from **1st September to 4th October**, Catholic Earthcare celebrates the Season of Creation.

The Season of Creation is a worldwide, ecumenical movement that celebrates God's gift of our common home. This year, the theme is **'Let Justice and Peace Flow'**. Drawing on the river imagery in described in Amos 5:24, it challenges us to act for ecological justice, creating change and speaking out with communities most impacted by rising sea levels, biodiversity losses and other consequences of climate injustice.

Caritas Australia is committed to ecological justice and is here to support your Catholic School, Parish, Family, Organisation or Diocese as you engage with the Laudato Si' Action Platform. We'll help you work towards the Laudato Si' goals with resources and networks tailored to your setting.

Join us at our online launch to hear about the new Australian Guide to Laudato Si' Action Planning!

Catholic Earthcare calls everyone to action.

We invite you to join us at the online launch for Season of Creation, to learn more about how you can respond.

Date: 4th September 2023

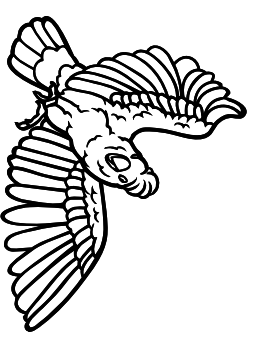
Time: 6:00pm AEST 5:30pm ACST 4:00pm AWST

Registration Link: <https://www.trybooking.com/CJUOQ>

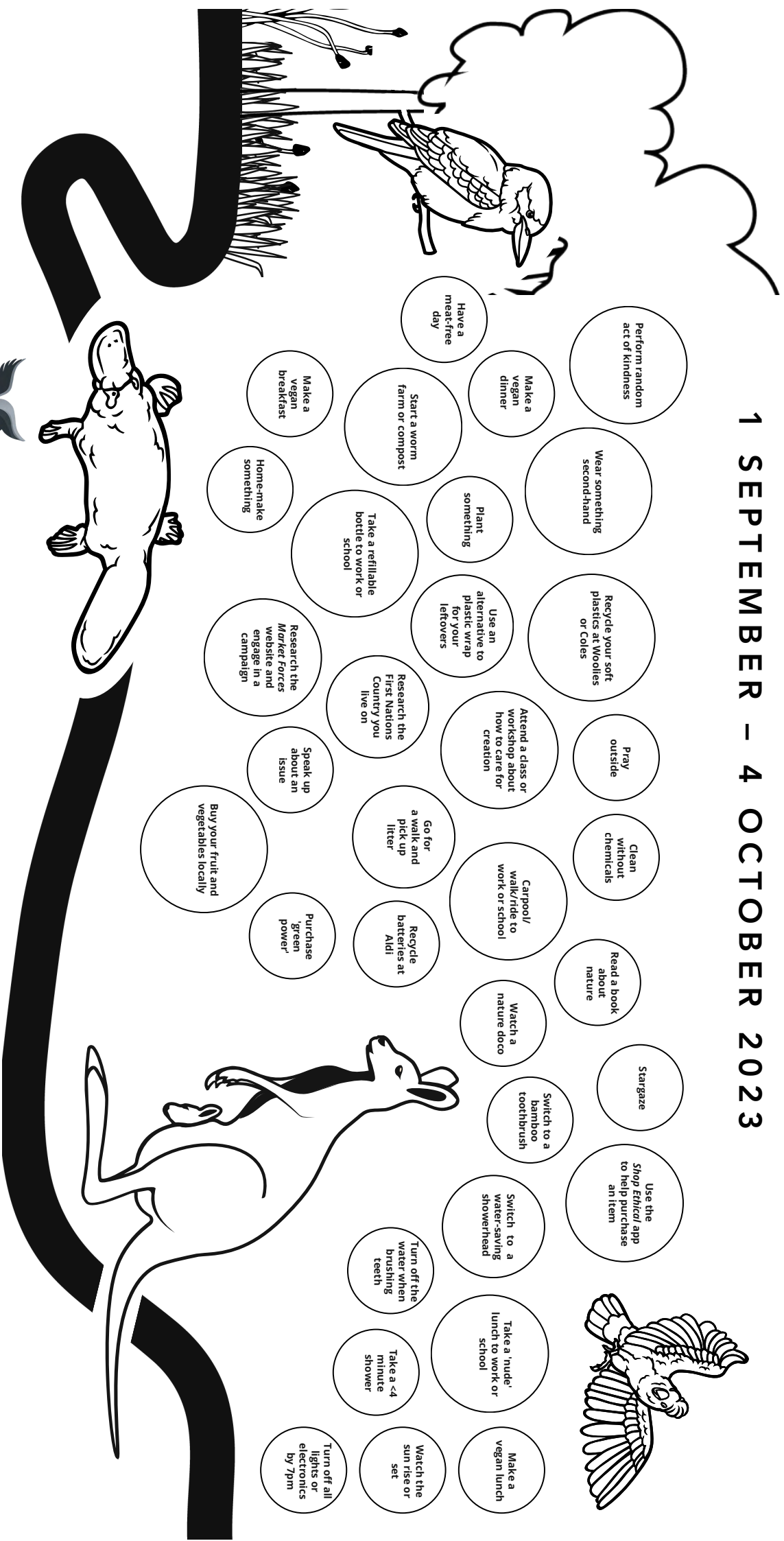


SEASON OF CREATION

1 SEPTEMBER - 4 OCTOBER 2023



- Perform random act of kindness
- Wear something second-hand
- Recycle your soft plastics at Woolies or Coles
- Pray outside
- Clean without chemicals
- Read a book about nature
- Stargaze
- Use the Shop Ethical app to help purchase an item
- Make a meat-free day
- Make a vegan dinner
- Plant something
- Use an alternative to plastic wrap for your leftovers
- Attend a class or workshop about how to care for creation
- Carpool/walk/ride to work or school
- Watch a nature doco
- Switch to a bamboo toothbrush
- Switch to a water-saving showerhead
- Take a 'nude' lunch to work or school
- Make a vegan lunch
- Start a worm farm or compost
- Take a refillable bottle to work or school
- Research the First Nations Country you live on
- Go for a walk and pick up litter
- Recycle batteries at Aldi
- Turn off the water when brushing teeth
- Take a <4 minute shower
- Watch the sun rise or set
- Turn off all lights or electronics by 7pm
- Make a vegan breakfast
- Home-make something
- Research the Market Forces website and engage in a campaign
- Speak up about an issue
- Buy your fruit and vegetables locally
- Purchase 'green power'



A Mighty River
Amos 5:24

**Let Justice
and Peace Flow**
Season of Creation 2023



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HOMEWORK CLASSES

A green chalkboard with a wooden frame. The text is written in white and yellow chalk. There are colorful mathematical symbols: a pi symbol, a plus sign, a multiplication sign, a division sign, a checkmark, and a minus sign.

PRIMARY **TERM 4**
HOMework
CLASSES

Tuesday and Thursday in the library.

Please contact the office on 9941 1328 for more information

HIGH SCHOOL STUDY CLASS

EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY FROM 2:40PM TO 3:40PM

