



# ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA

## IMPORTANT DATES

### TERM 3

#### Week 9

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  
Whole School Graduation Assembly 9:30am  
School Ball - 6pm

### TERM 4

#### Week 1

9th Oct First Day of Term 4  
12th Oct Year 12 Graduation Mass & Dinner 6pm  
13th Oct Pupil Free Day

#### Week 2

17th Oct P&F Meeting 2:45pm  
20th Oct PS Assembly  
Led by Year 1

## PRAYER

*Dear God,*

*Give me the ability  
to trust you with all  
my heart, so my intentions  
and choices are truly  
yours, not mine  
'Let me be able to hear  
your voice when  
I am lost.*



*Allow me to  
wholeheartedly  
follow your commands  
and live the life  
you created me for.*

**In Jesus's Name,  
AMEN**



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

In Matthew's Gospel there is related the parable of the Sower. The storyline tells of a sower going about his task of hand sowing his crop. However, the applied meaning of the story has strong relevance to a family or school. If the seed that is sown is understood to represent a child, then the parable goes like this:

*'As he threw the seed from his bag- some fell on the edge of the path; the birds came and ate it immediately. If our children are not in the mainstream of their parents' lives they will become prey to other people's value systems.*

*Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it found little soil. It sprang up straight away but there was no depth of earth. It did not form roots. If parents are not prepared to nurture children, not only in infancy, but until they are mature young adults, then their children will never reach that full potential of their maturity.*

*Some fell amongst thorns. It started to grow, but the thorns choked it. There was no harvest. Children need the constant loving, forgiving care of their parents. Without positive vigilance, children can become distracted by the unimportant, have their dreams and ambitions sidetracked and possibly their lives slowly ruined by 'outside' influences.*

*Some seed fell on good, rich soil. It grew tall and strong and produced a good crop. Parents who accept fully the responsibility that they undertake when they invite their children into their lives as guests, will provide the environment for their children that will enable them to attain the potential handed on to them by their parents.*

No two children are the same. Individual differences are what provide for each child's uniqueness. The first requirement of home and school is 'good soil' – strong value systems that offer strong structural support. The second requirement of home and school is the addition of the correct 'trace element' – the identification of uniqueness so that it can be cultivated and develop the individual to enrich the expression of both the home and the school.

### MOBILE PHONE USE AT SCHOOL

Phones are banned at school for students because they compromise learning. The research around students using phones during instruction or study is very clear on this. In the past week, several phones have been confiscated, and whilst this is disappointing, it was the aftermath that really was concerning. Each of the phones confiscated continued to receive messages from others inside and outside of school during class instruction time. I can only assume that if I did not have these phones there would have been replies.

As a school we can only do so much to mitigate the impact of phones on student learning. The real response needed is for parents to not allow their children to bring phones to school.

If you allow your child to bring their phone to school, you will be compromising their learning.





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*Congratulations!*

Congratulations to Mrs White, our current Head of Secondary, who has been offered and accepted the principal's position at St Mary Star of the Sea College from the beginning of 2024.

Joining Mrs White on the leadership team next year are Mrs Alison Durmanich, who will be the College's new Religious Education Coordinator, and Mrs Narelle Holtham, who is returning to assume the Year 11 and 12 Coordinators role. Along with a new Head of Secondary and Early Years Coordinator, yet to be announced, it will be a different looking leadership team in 2024.

### INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL DAYS

Tomorrow and Friday, the Interschool Athletics Days are being held at Carnarvon Community College. Parents are encouraged to come along and support the students on these days.



### RECONCILIATION

This Sunday, the students from Year 3 who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this year, will be making their commitment at the parish mass at 9:30 am. We wish them all the best as they begin their preparation to receive the sacrament on the 9th November.

### TERM DATES

Friday, September 22 is the last day of Term 3. The first day back for Term 4 will be Monday, 9th October for staff and students. Parents should note that Friday, 13th October, is a pupil free staff professional development day.

Steve O'Halloran  
Principal

**ST MARYS STAR OF THE SEA COLLEGE**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**FRI 22ND SEP - LAST DAY FOR YR 12 / TERM 3**

**FRI 22ND SEP - SCHOOL BALL**

**TERM 4**

**MON 9TH OCT - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**

**FRI 13TH OCT - PUPIL FREE DAY**



# ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA

## FROM THE RE DESK

### ***The Sacrament of Reconciliation***

This Sacrament is also known as the Sacrament of Penance and is often referred to as Confession. These titles are all aspects of the meaning of the sacrament.

The Sacrament of Penance is a celebration of God's love and mercy.

repentance after a process of conversion of heart. During this sacrament, a Catholic confesses his/her sins in the spirit of true repentance and receives forgiveness of God through the ministry of the priest.

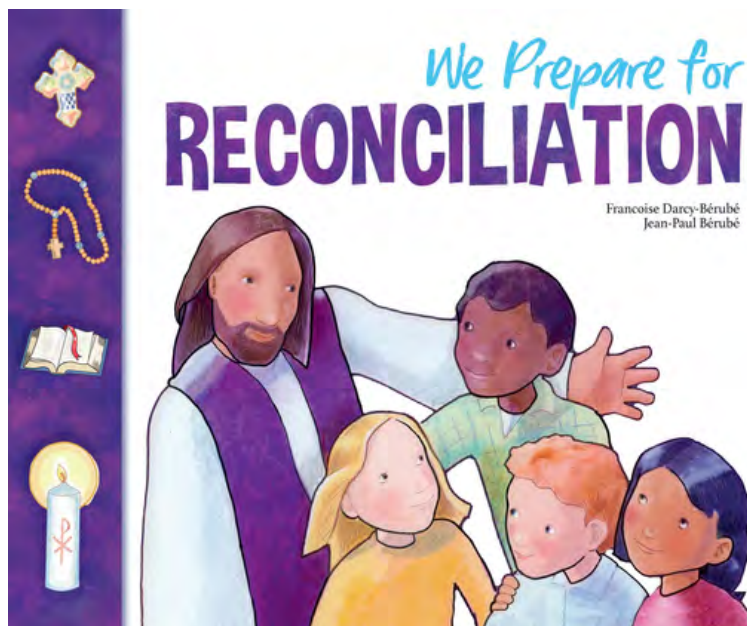


In the Catholic Tradition, the Sacrament of Penance is seen within the context of conversion from sin and a turn to God. Importantly, the sacrament is intended as an experience of God's boundless mercy. Not only does the sacrament reconcile us with God, it also reconciles us with the Church, repairing or restoring the damage our sins have done to our communion with others. The sacrament challenges us to have the same kind of compassion and forgiveness for others.

<https://www.cbdparish.org.au/sacraments/first-reconciliation/>

This Sunday, some of our Year 3 students will be taking their first step on this Sacramental journey in their Commitment Mass.

Please keep the students and their families in your prayers as they make their way closer to God through this Sacrament.







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## FROM THE RE DESK

*The family serves as the foundation of society. Let us unite in celebration of St. Gerard Majella CSsR, revered as the patron saint of families, particularly mothers and children. We have faith that numerous blessings will be bestowed upon the families in our town through the intercession of St. Gerard.*

ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH  
WELCOMES YOU TO

# Family Mass

WE WILL BE CELEBRATING OUR FAMILY MASS ALONGSIDE THE FEAST OF  
ST. GERARD THE PATRON SAINT OF MOTHERS AND CHILDREN

**Sunday 15th October**  
**2023**

9:30am Mass  
Followed by Morning Tea

ALL  
FAMILIES  
WELCOME





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## HEAD OF SECONDARY

This term has been eventful with a highlight being the ACC Carnival and we thank Mrs Jordan and Mr Chinnery. We were all very proud of the student's competing and how positive they were in all activities. While they were away students left at the College engaged in an Alternate Timetable. This timetable consisted of Challenges in Mathematics, Science, English, HAAS, Religion and PE. Science experiments like the "pop test" were enjoyed and Anti-vaping posters and videos were created to support student welfare.



Year 9 students engaged in the Career Taster programs this term, including a Horticulture and Drone workshop and recently a SALT (Supporting and Linking Tradeswomen) Workshop led by Mrs Chinnery. These workshops are designed to encourage Year 9 students to "Dream Big" about career options available for them in the future.

Next week on Wednesday, September 20 we are hosting the Junkadelic Brass Band who will perform for different year levels throughout the day in the School Hall.



The College will proudly farewell our Year 12 students next week on Friday, September 22 with a whole school graduation assembly starting at 9.30am in the School Hall. Parents are invited to attend as we enjoy the tradition of ringing the school bell to start the assembly and provide a guard of honour as the Year 12 students leave the school.

The College Ball will also occur on Friday, September 22 at the Dalmacija Club commencing at 6.00pm and concluding at 9.30pm. Year 10-12 students have purchased tickets from the front office and we look forward to seeing them arrive for the event in their formal wear.

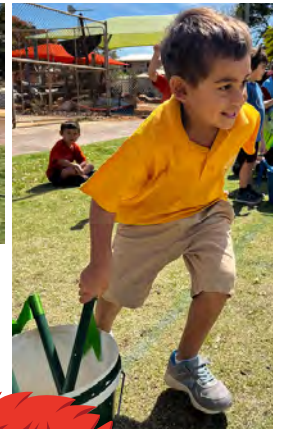
Deborah White  
Head of Secondary





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## KINDY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL







# ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA

## HOMEWORK CLASSES

**PRIMARY**  
**HOMEWORK**  
**CLASSES**

**TERM 4**

Tuesday and Thursday in the library.

Please contact the office on 9941 1328 for more information

# Are you Leaving?

A friendly reminder, if your child/children are leaving St Mary's at the end of the year, could you please notify the Office - 9941 1328

Thankyou

**Kindy** ★

**Parent Info Afternoon**



**Thursday 23rd November @ 3:00pm**  
Please contact the school office for more information 9941 1328

