Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

In our haste to be good parents, we often ‘jump in’ and try to sort out our children’s difficulties and indiscretions without letting them ‘learn from their own ways’; or we don’t allow them to take responsibility for their own actions and the consequences that follow. The following story illustrates this point.

“A man found a cocoon of a butterfly. One day a small opening appeared. The man sat and watched the butterfly for a couple of hours as it struggled to force its body through that little hole. Then it seemed to stop making any progress. It appeared to have gone as far as it could and it could go no farther. So the man decided to help the butterfly; he took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of the cocoon. The butterfly then emerged easily. But it had a swollen body (or head) and small shrivelled wings. The man continued to watch the butterfly, because he expected at any moment the wings would enlarge and expand to be able to support the body, which would contract in time. Neither did! In fact, the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with a swollen body and shrivelled wings. It never was able to fly.

What the man in his kindness and haste did not understand, was that the restricting cocoon and the struggle required for the butterfly to get through the tiny opening, were nature’s way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings, so that it would be ready for flight once it achieved freedom from the cocoon. Sometimes struggles and adversity are exactly what we, and our children, need in our lives. If God allowed us to go through life without any obstacles, it would cripple us. We would not be as strong as we could have been. And we could never ‘fly’.

One of the goals of every parent is to be able to witness the coming to maturity of their children, that time when they are able to take up their lives as independent individuals. Along the journey to this end, parents have much temptation to overcome too much interference in their decision making of their children.
Sometimes, as parents, we can forget that our children own their lives as much as we do and that our role is one of guidance, not possession. This can be demanding of our patience, for we only want the best for our children, and on occasion we might wonder if this is what they want for themselves. However, as the Irish say: “You have to do your own growing, no matter how tall your Grandfather was.” Or, an Australian quote, “You’re only a short time a kid, and a long time an adult.”

LAPTOP PROGRAMME
There have been delays in the school laptop programme for Year 5. One of the issues has been the procurement of new machines to replace the older laptops; we cannot obtain the same laptops so a replacement has been sought which need’s to come from overseas.
Because of the delay, parents of Year 5 students will have the cost refunded for the time the students don’t have a computer.

GOODBYE FOR A WHILE
One of the schools’ hard working secretaries, Mrs Kylie Womersley, is leaving St Mary’s on maternity leave from today. We thank Kylie for her contribution to our school community and wish her all the very best for the new addition to the family in the coming weeks.

LEARNING BEHAVIOURS
This year we are focussing on behaviours that have been identified that successful learners exhibit. Each term we will be focussing on two. The learning behaviours that we are emphasising this term are ‘I learn from feedback’ and ‘I learn through effort and practice’.
Feedback is information given to students to allow them to progress from where they currently are to where they need to get to, and effort and practice are integral to all learning situations.

God Bless

Mr Steve O’Halloran
Principal

From the REC – Kate Chilvers

The following are our celebrations for the term. Families are most welcome to join us for these celebrations.

School Liturgies – Term 1

Lenten Reconciliation
  MS#1-3 Thursday 12 March 1:40pm
  Year 4 & 5 Thursday 12 March 2:20pm
  Year 6 (on Confirmation Retreat)
St Patrick’s Day Celebration - Saturday 14 March 6:00pm
Passion Sunday (Year 2) – Sunday 29 March 10:00am
Holy Week Liturgy – Thursday 2 April 2:30pm
A Caritas story:

Mariama is raising her daughter in a country that suffers widespread poverty and inequity. When her little girl becomes malnourished, she receives life-saving food and care at a Nutrition Centre supported by Caritas Australia.

For most of us, it’s almost impossible to imagine what it would be like to live from day-to-day without enough food to eat. But for Mariama and her family, it’s a reality they confront daily. Mariama’s mother tries to support the family by selling vegetables on the side of the road. But her tiny, inconsistent income often means the family doesn’t have enough money to buy food. As a result, Mariama’s young daughter, Fati, is often sick and recently became malnourished. Thankfully, Mariama found life-saving help at a Nutrition Centre run by Caritas Australia’s local partners in Niger CAFOD (UK Caritas) and CADEV (Caritas Niger). The Nutrition Centre cares for malnourished children like Fati, and provides them with medical care, nutritional supplements and essential food so they can recover from malnutrition.

The program of food and care that Fati is currently receiving at the Nutrition Centre has given the young girl a second chance at life. As Fati recovers physically, Mariama is strengthening her spirit and sense of hope with the help of counselling received through the Nutrition Centre. Mariama has also taken a sewing course that means she will be able to earn an income and secure a better future for them both. Mariama is filled with hope and gratitude.

“I am very happy,” she says. “I would like to say a big thank you to Australian people for all their support to the Nutrition Centre.”

Head of Primary News

A big thank you to our Year Six class for presenting a song based on disasters at our first Assembly for the year. I would also like to congratulate our new SRCs Darcy Campbell and Lily Baker, for leading the assembly with confidence and maturity. They have the responsibility of preparing everything from the birthday list to the ALIVE Award amounts, preparation of the hall with sound system power and prepared the script. A brilliant first effort!

This week we were visited by the Gnaraloo Sea Turtle Conservation team. They presented some local information to the students from Year 2 to Year 6 in the hall. We have learned that there are 7 species which visit our coastline and many are under extreme threat of extinction! The more we can become aware of the beautiful creatures with which we share our environment, the more likely we are to have them around for many years to come. If you would like to learn something more about how you can help in any small way, visit the website

http://www.gnaraloo.com/conservation/gnaraloo-turtle-conservation-program

After spending a lot of time down in the Junior Learning Centre I have found the need to gain a bit more of an insight and reminder of how we do ‘things’ with our little people. My boys are well and truly grown up being 28, 26 and 24 years old; so a refresher is much in need. If you are familiar with the Early Years Learning Framework then you are well on the way. If you are a first time parent in a school environment, then check out the Kids Matter website. It is a wealth of information which relates to all children in all manner of situations. There are even tutorials, videos, blogs and the like. I was reading about the social development of the 4 year olds and this article reminds me of how we even as adults can still enjoy and do enjoy the ‘sharing’ of things together. Talk aloud what you are thinking so that your children begin to gain an insight into why we do (you do) the things we do. I hope you enjoy the article.
This is part of the article entitled – “Social Development and what I didn’t know I didn’t know.”

I thought I knew some things about social development. And I guess I did. But while working on the most recent KidsMatter Early Childhood webinar Social Learning: more than taking turns and making friends I discovered that there are lots of things about social learning I don’t know. And now I am curious, interested and motivated to find out more.

To share…or what to share…is that my question?
Sharing was one of the many things I learnt about.

Sometimes we learn things that change us in ways that mean we can’t go back – we are transformed.

I believed for a long time that expecting children to share wasn’t appropriate. When a toddler shouted “mine” grabbing the truck I would support her. I would never ask my own children to share their toys with visiting children. My view of sharing was often different from others and I have had many discussions with other educators, parents and my dad about sharing.

I believe that supporting children to wait and manage their feelings of frustration is important and I value and encourage kindness and generosity – just not sharing.

But I’d never stopped to think that sharing is not just about things.

I share all the time. I share stories, I share space, I share meals, I share laughter, and I share ideas and opinions. And I expect others to share with me.

I didn’t know I didn’t know this. Now I do.

Sara Richardson, KidsMatter Early Childhood Facilitator SA

For the rest of the article refer to the link below.

Please mark your calendar our annual St Pat’s Night Mass and dinner. This is a traditional and annual event which has produced an Award to our P&F for the style, presentation and organisation of such a unique event. We welcome and invite all families, parishioners and staff members of St Mary Star of the Sea Catholic School and Parish to attend the ‘St Pat’s Mass’ which incorporates the Commissioning Mass of all staff, particularly any new members, to our community. Mass will be celebrated on the outdoor stage commencing at 6pm, followed by our traditional dinner and light entertainment. Green theme of course! See you there!

The past is a source of knowledge, and the future is a source of hope. Love of the past implies faith in the future. – Steven Ambrose

God Bless and pray for rain.

Mrs Di Nyman
Head of Primary
From the Bursar

FEE CONCESSIONS
Holders of Centrelink Health Care and Pension Cards may be eligible to receive Fee Discounts. The card must be current and show the names of the children attending school. The discount can only be given to the person responsible for payment of the school fees. The discounts are available for students from Kindy to Year 10. Parents who hold either card and have children in Yrs 7 – 10 may also be eligible for the Education Dept Secondary Student Assistance. Claims for this discount must be lodged before Thursday 2nd April.
All families claiming fee discounts MUST complete new forms for 2015.
Please see the School Bursar, Anna Brooks. Bring your card with you to be copied and forms completed as soon as possible.

St Mary Star of the Sea Catholic School

TEMPORARY
TEACHING ASSISTANT – Kindergarten
3 days per week

To commence immediately and concluding 31st December 2015

Persons interested in applying for the above position are invited to submit a brief covering letter, a resume (detailing relevant qualifications and experience) and the names and contact numbers of three referees. Applicants must be fully supportive of the objectives and ethos of Catholic education. Certificate 111 in Education Assistant or working towards Cert 111 is essential. Applicants must be able to provide a current Dept of Education National Police History Check. Forms are available on the DET website www.det.wa.edu.au/screening
On appointment the successful applicant will be required to apply for a Working with Children Card.

Applications close on Friday 6th March 2015
Please address applications to:
The Principal,
St Mary Star of the Sea School
P.O. Box 772
CARNARVON 6701

Uniform Shop News
Opening Times for 2015
Every Tuesday and Thursday from 3.15pm to 4.15pm each week.
Come in and see Charmaine or contact the school office on 99412 483 for more details.

School Banking
is every Thursday in the school library from 8.30am to 8.50am.
MEET ME ON THE BRIDGE

Sunday, 8th March 2015,
11.00am. On the Pinnacle Bridge
Followed by light refreshments
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY
On International Women’s Day thousands of women each year show they support the women of war-torn countries to speak out against violence and stand on bridges around the world in solidarity with each other.
MEET ME ON THE BRIDGE is the coming together of women united in taking a stand for Peace and Women’s equality. Please join us.

2015 Banners in the Terrace Competition

Calling all keen Carnarvon Artists!
The Shire of Carnarvon invites individual artists or community groups to design a banner that best represents our Shire in the 2015 Banners in the Terrace competition.
The winning design will be digitally printed onto a banner and hung along the other banners from Shires across WA.
The winning artist(s) will be awarded $200 and will feature in the Northern Guardian with their winning design!!!

Design Tips & Conditions

Make your banner dynamic, make use of strong, bright colours and bold lettering to stand out from the crowd! Although the banners look large on the ground, they are erected at a height that makes even large lettering and pictures seem small. Keep any written messages short and simple, and use large and clear lettering. Remember that the winning design will be digitally printed.

• Banners will not be displayed if they contain corporate advertising or images/words deemed inappropriate for general viewing.
• You must include the word ‘Carnarvon’ within your design.
• Entries completed in “Pencil” will not be accepted.
• All entries must be completed using a suitable medium that can be easily converted into a PDF or Vector format image.
• Designs must be completed on the template provided and can be submitted electronically to Mel Fearson, our Community Development Officer, or as a hard copy to Shire reception, or via post to: Carnarvon Banners in the Terrace Competition c/- Community Development Shire of Carnarvon PO Box 459, Carnarvon WA 6701

DEADLINE: 4pm Wednesday, 1st April 2015

For further information, contact Mel Fearson on 9941 0039 or email cdc@carnarvon.wa.gov.au

St Mary Star of the Sea Parish
Parish Priest: Fr Mariusz
Assistant Priest: Fr Krys
Phone: 9941 1768

Weekend Mass Times:
Saturday 7pm
Sunday
8am & 10am

Fridays during Lent:
Stations of the Cross 7pm

NOTE: Changes to Mass times:
Saturday 14th March—6pm in school grounds
Saturday 21st March
NO MASS
SAINT PATRICK’S 2015
Sat 14th MARCH 2015

St Patrick’s Night
Saturday 14th March 2015

The Year 10 Students participating in Certificate I in Leadership take great pleasure in inviting you to the upcoming St Patrick’s Night. The evening’s festivities will begin with The Commissioning Mass @ 6:00pm. The evening’s entertainment will include:

- A Children’s Treasure Hunt (so don’t forget to bring your flashlight)
- A Best Dressed Green Theme Door Prize
- Dinner and Dancing
- Gassy River Band will be performing on the night, plus special guest performances

Tickets available at the front office as well as Carnarvon Travel World, so come one, come all, we look forward to sharing with you a great evening’s entertainment.

Adults $10.00  Children $5.00

St Mary Star of the Sea Carnarvon
Johnston Street
Carnarvon WA 6701
Phone: (08) 9941 1328
4 March 2015

Dear Parents

This year our St Pat’s Family night is on Saturday 14th March, 2015.

We will be requiring some help with preparations on the day. If you are able to assist, please return the note below to the school office by Tuesday 12th March, 2015.

Please tick the box alongside the items you can assist with, even if it is for one hour, it would be very much appreciated. Thanking you in anticipation.

P & F Committee and Year 10 Leadership Group

NAME: .................................................................

Thursday

Donation of fruit and Veg to be delivered to the school office o

Saturday

9.00am Preparing Salads o
Setting up chairs, tables etc o

6.00pm Cooking on BBQ’s o

6.30pm Serve food in staffroom o

Sunday

10.00am Clean up and pack away o