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**From the principal’s desk**

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

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Prayer

**Lord our God,** we come to you in community of faith and trust, in expectation that you will act. May our hearts be strengthened in all the pain and in all the conflicts of our world. Reveal your will, Almighty God, and protect those you have appointed as our leaders and rulers. Let your will be made plain to them. O Lord God, help your people in these times and give them strength to wait expectantly for what is good, to live and serve in this expectation. Grant your help to all who strive for this. We can all tell of the help that comes from you, for you always support us with your power, also in hard times.

Amen.
Sleep loss can cause a range of schooling problems including naughtiness, poor concentration, under performance leading to poor academic results. In teenagers, sleep deprivation can lead to problems with impulse control, which leads to risk-taking behaviours, and increased risk of depression. Surprisingly, sleep deprivation affects adults and children differently; adults tend to become drowsy, whereas, children tend to “rev-up”.

So, what advice is there for parents to assist good sleeping habits for our children? Well firstly, there is the usual piece of advice: be a role model. Model the importance of sleep, rest and relaxation; maybe model reading before bedtime as a means to relax. No drinks that contain caffeine or food or drinks that contain lots of sugar especially late in the day. Make sleep a number one priority and monitor the effects that multiple after school activities and jobs have on the amount of sleep time that children have available.

Of course, grandparents might have some advice to offer such as, “Early to bed, early to rise enables you to be healthy, wealthy and wise”. *Author unknown.*

**FIRST RECONCILIATION**

Tomorrow evening a number of St Mary’s School students will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. This is an important milestone in the faith lives of these children and we wish them all the very best for this important time for the students and their families.

**FOUNDERS’ MASS**

There will be Founders’ Mass tomorrow beginning at 2:00pm in the school hall. All are welcome to come and join us for this liturgy.

**YEAR 9 AND 10 EXAMS’**

Next Week the Year 9 and 10 students will be completing their second semester exams. We’re sure they will give a good account of their learnings in this second half of the year.

**SCHOOL BOARD AND P & F AGM**

This evening beginning at 6:00 pm the School Board and P & F will be holding their annual AGMs in the school hall. All community members are encouraged to attend.

**PUPIL FREE DAY**

Friday 27th November is a pupil free staff professional development day. There is no school for students on this day.

**HEAD OF PRIMARY VISIT**

Mr Andrew Gammon, Head of Primary from 2016, will be visiting St Mary’s from Wednesday 25th to Friday 27th November. Mr Gammon will be meeting with students, staff and some parents during his visit.

**STAFF LEAVING**

Miss Bianca Cuticone will be leaving St Mary’s at the end of the year and take up a teaching position at Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School. We wish Miss C all the best as she begins the next chapter in her professional career and thank her for her excellent time and commitment to St Mary’s School.

God Bless

Mr Steve O’Halloran
Principal
The Year 10 Students are proud to announce that the 2016 School Calendar is now available to preview and order! Secure your copy today by completing an order form and paying at the front office. The calendars feature several images from each class, so they will make great Christmas stocking fillers. All proceeds raised will go towards the purchasing of a new school bus.

The cost of the Calendar is $20-00 and is available to view at the school office and the JLC. Thank you for your support.

News from Parish

- Please, mark your calendars - Christmas Musical - will be held on Sunday 6th December at 7 pm and Monday 14th December at 7 pm.
- November is the month of the holy souls. This is our opportunity to pray for the souls of our departed loved ones.
- Robyn Bumbak and the Committee advise that the total raised was $16740. Sincere thanks got to everyone who in anyway supported the Bazaar. The Bazaar money in total will go directly to our Building Fund Loan.
**Splish Carnival — Year 1's**

The Year 1’s & 2’s participated in a Splish Carnival after finishing 2 weeks of swimming lessons. We had lots of fun on the day and enjoyed a sausage sizzle for lunch. Thanks Mr Kent for organising a great day for us!

![Images of students at the Splish Carnival]

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**Mary’s Muffins News**

Carys, Bella and Darron have been having a fantastic time delivering their delicious muffins to members of the Carnarvon community. They would like to thank you for your orders which supports them with practising important kitchen life skills. They would like to inform the public that our last delivery day for the year will be the 4th December. So get your orders in before then :)

Miss Yelash, Mrs Cook, Carys, Bella and Darron.

![Image of Carys, Karen, Valerie, Bella and Darron]

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**Uniform Shop News**

The Uniform Shop is open every Tuesday and Thursday till the end of term from 3.15pm to 4.15pm.

Come in and see Charmaine or contact the school office on 99411 328 for more details.

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**Pupil Free Days and Holidays**

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AG DEPARTMENT "Mary's Muffins" delivery Carys, Karen, Valerie, Bella and Darron.
St Mary’s Thank You Morning Tea

When:  Wednesday 9th December 2015
Time:  10.50am
Where:  St Mary’s School Staffroom
RSVP:  Kim Faithfull
        9941 1328
        8th December 2015

In recognition of the help and support you have provided to the staff and students of St Mary Star of the Sea Catholic School, we would like to invite you to the annual Thankyou Morning Tea.

Without your support of the many events in the School, it wouldn’t have the wonderful community spirit and facilities it has today.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Mr Steve O’Halloran
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All students must be at the school by **8:35am** for a prompt **8:40am** START

*Bush students must make their way directly to the examination room or hall for the reading time component of their exams. Do NOT delay!*  
Thank you.
Shire of Carnarvon

**CHRISTMAS FOOD APPEAL**

Christmas is a time of added expense! There are the usual costs of rent & utility bills. On top of that families are trying to find extra cash for Christmas treats & gifts. The Shire of Carnarvon are seeking donations for our inaugural Christmas Food Appeal.

**DONATE NOW**

**NON PERISHABLE FOOD** & **CHRISTMAS ITEMS**

Drop off points are located at the Shire Office, Public Library, IGA & Woolworths.

Between 16th November & 16th December 2015

By donating non-perishable food items, you'll be helping families and individuals enjoy a special Christmas meal. For more information contact the Shire on 99410000.

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**HOME CHRISTMAS LIGHT COMPETITION**

Decorate your home from Monday 30 November through to Sunday 20 December to be in the draw to WIN great prizes!

**ENTER TO WIN**

- **1st Prize** - $500 Horizon Power Bill Credit
- **2nd Prize** - $250 Voucher Pack
- **Peoples Choice** - $200 Voucher Pack

Registrations close Wednesday 25 November.

Proudly sponsored by:

- Horizon Power
- Carnarvon Regional Council
- Home Hardware

Registration forms are available online at www.carnarvon.wa.gov.au or at the Shire Office on Francis Street, Monday to Friday - 9am to 4.30pm.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pre Cyclone Season Residential Yard Clean Up

Collections will commence on Tuesday 1st December 2015. Industrial areas and caravan parks are not included in this clean up. Items placed on the verge after the collection time will not be removed.

This is **NOT** a general household clean up!

**Preparing for the residential yard clean up:**

- Tree lopping’s are to be stacked separately from other rubbish (no horticulture lopping’s)
- Metal items to be separated from other rubbish and tree lopping’s
- Keep all rubbish clear of fences, water meters, power poles, vehicles and trailers
- Items must be cut or dismantled into pieces shorter than 2.5m in length
- Identify and separate items that are to remain on the verge as ‘DO NOT REMOVE’
- Items placed out that do not meet these criteria will not be removed
- Littering fines may be imposed for material that creates a litter problem such as loose paper, plastic bags, cardboard food containers, clothing etc.

The following items will **NOT** be removed by the Shire of Carnarvon:

- White goods (including air conditioners, fridge’s, freezers, microwaves)
- Batteries, bricks, building material, chemicals, concrete, dirt/rubble/gravel, food waste, fuel, gas bottles, glass, liquids paints, pesticides, tyres, chemical drums, crop material, horticulture lopping’s

Collections will commence on Tuesday 1st December and progress to all areas in the following order:

- South Carnarvon
- Northwater, Brockman & Morgantown West
- East Carnarvon, Kingsford, Grey Plain & Browns Range Plantations
- Morgantown East & Babbage Island

Further Information

For more information visit www.carnarvon.wa.gov.au or phone the Shire Office on 99410000.