Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

This Sunday is Passion Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. Holy Week can be a perplexing time for Christians for it has as its climax the death of their founder and leader, Jesus Christ. The passion story in the Gospel reflects a time of great turbulence. However, Jesus seems to anticipate the moment of his arrest, keeps his dignity before the Jewish Sanhedrin and the Roman tribunal and meets death with great dignity.

After the last supper Jesus and the Apostles went for a walk in the garden of Gethsemane. Jesus asks his apostles to pray with him for awhile. For a brief moment we have a glimpse of Jesus struggling with death, as every human must. He is shaken with cold fear. He reaches out to His friends for support as the terrible finality of death bears down on Him, but they are asleep. Later these friends, numbed by terror and confusion, abandon Him to save themselves. Yet Jesus was able to say His prayer of trust:

"Not my will Father, but yours be done."

Of course, Easter Sunday lessens the perplexity of Holy Week. Similar to the manner in which early members of the Church were able to turn with renewed appreciation as to how their Lord had suffered before He went into His glory, so we in all the ups and downs of our lives are able to likewise look at the events of Holy Week with renewed appreciation. We know that if our faith and trust hold true, death is not the end but the beginning of a new life.

"God, Increase within us the Risen Life we share with Christ. Help us to grow as your people towards the fullness of eternal life with You. Amen"

100 CLUB
This Friday the first draw for the St Mary 100 Club draw will occur. Refreshments will be served from 5:30 pm with the draw occurring around 6:00 pm. If tickets haven’t already been purchased, they can be bought from the office for $25.
TERM DATES
The last day of school for this term will be Thursday, April 2. The first day back for students for Term 2 is Monday, April 20.

ST MARY’S FOOTY TIPPING 2015
Be quick to enter the St Mary’s Footy Tipping competition for this year. Tomorrow the early registration draw will be taking place for $50. With a first prize of $2,500, plus weekly $50 prizes, there is always a chance to win and get your money back.

NEW STAFF MEMBER
We would like to welcome to St Mary’s staff Mrs Karen Acott, who will be working as a Teaching Assistant in Kindergarten for the remainder of the year. We look forward to Mrs Acott sharing her gifts with us over the coming year.

God Bless

Mr Steve O’Halloran
Principal

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St Mary Star of the Sea Parish
Parish Priest : Fr Mariusz
Assistant Priest : Fr Krys
Phone: 99411768

Thursday 26th March: Easter Parish Reconciliation
Passion Sunday: 29th March 2015
Weekend Mass Times:
   Saturday  7pm
   Sunday    8am & 10am (Please assemble on the school basketball for Blessing of Palms and procession to church)

Fridays during Lent:
   Stations of the Cross  7pm
From the REC – Kate Chilvers

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

The Feast of the Annunciation (class based prayer) – Wednesday 25 March
Passion Sunday (Year 2) – Sunday 29 March 10:00am
Holy Week Liturgy (Whole school – led by Year 8) – Thursday 2 April 2:30pm

The Annunciation:
To celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation students are invited to wear casual dress on Wednesday 25 March. Due to occupation health and safety regulations the normal school expectations apply regarding jewellery, hair and footwear. Students are also reminded to dress in a manner that is appropriate for our school and for their class activities.

Parish Notices
Next term preparation begins for two Sacraments: Confirmation and Holy Communion. Please be aware that Sacraments are celebrated within the parish community; the role of St Mary’s School is to facilitate and support the children attending our school to prepare to receive these Sacraments. The school does not make decisions about the Sacraments, this responsibility remains with the parish priest. Any general questions about the program can be addressed to the class teachers or REC. For any questions or enquiries we are unable to answer we will direct families to Fr Mariusz or Fr Krys. Please refer to the following information regarding meetings and activities for the preparation of children to receive these Sacraments.

First Holy Communion
Parent Meeting: Thursday 30 April 7pm
Commitment Mass: Sunday 3 May 10am
Sacramental Home Program: 6 week structured program of activities to be completed in the home
Parent-Child Meeting: Thursday 11 June 6pm
Sacrament of Confirmation: Sunday 2 August 10am

Confirmation
Parent Meeting: Thursday 21 May 7pm
Commitment Mass: Sunday 24 May 10am
Sacramental Home Program: 6 week structured program of activities to be completed in the home
Parent-Child Meeting: Thursday 23 July 6pm
Sacrament of First Holy Communion: Sunday 2 August 10am

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Warren Yr 8 Media

Middle School News
Greetings everyone! After the excitement and elation of the river, Carnarvon was rocked by Cyclone Olwyn the other week which caused us to postpone our MS Interim Report evening. It was a small disruption to what could have otherwise been a more disastrous outcome for our beautiful town. We therefore keep all those who have suffered losses and continue to suffer in the rebuilding of Vanuatu as well as all our families who did suffer substantial damage to their homes and livelihoods recently, close in our thoughts and prayers.
Thank you to all parents/guardians who attended last night’s Interim Report interviews. It was fantastic to catch up with our new parents especially and to share successes as well as to provide some critical feedback. The best interviews always come about with both student and parent in attendance, as together we can all work in helping your child develop a ‘solutions-based’ focus as opposed to a ‘problem-based’ focus in their approach to their learning.

Thank you as well to Ms Griffiths and Mrs Munro who have held four MultiLit Reinforced Reading workshops for parents after school during the past three weeks. If your child is a Middle School MultiLit student and you have not yet attended this session, please make contact with Ms Griffiths before the end of next week as she will be on leave at the start of next term.

Nagle Catholic College is here in Carnarvon once again, speaking with parents, students and delivering “Baked Relief” goodies to each family at our school. We thank Nagle Catholic College and the Geraldton community for their act of kindness to all our families who have experienced losses from the recent cyclone and look forward to building upon our relationship with Nagle this year, prior to the onset of the College campus (Year 11 & 12) here at St Mary’s.

Stay safe and well everyone and I wish you all a blessed Easter.

Kind regards

Sam Da Luz
Head of Middle School

On Friday the 21st of March, Carys, Bella, Mrs Thompson and Miss Yelash went to visit three services in town which helped not only St Mary’s in the aftermath of Cyclone Owlyn, but also the rest of the town. Years 7-10 (and Mrs Cook) baked delicious muffins and cupcakes for the amazing people at Horizon Power, Water Corp and Rio Tinto. Carys and Bella distributed these muffins and many thanks were given from these services to the students of St Mary’s for baking the delicious muffins!!!!
Primary News

Please keep our year six students in your prayers. They have travelled to Geraldton with Miss De Vares and Mr O’Halloran, embarking on a journey of personal growth and reflection, faith development, team and relationship building. They shall return a little changed, more mature and more independent after having stayed away from home for a whole five days. This will have been a ‘walk in the park’ for these students who have slept under the stars at Brick House Station and braved the old (but not too scary) shearer’s quarters at Quobba Station in 2014. We miss you and look forward to the many stories on your return. As you are reading this, they are probably celebrating the Eucharist in the very special Mass of Oils in the Cathedral with all of the other Geraldton schools. Bishop Bianchini along with the other priests, will be blessing the Oil of Chrism, which is essential for the Sacrament of Confirmation, as well as the Oil for Baptism and the Oil of the Sick during this Mass; a very special time.

Primary Open Afternoon Tuesday 31 March 2 – 4pm

Did you know that if your child has attended school every day this term up to Tuesday 31 March, they will have spent 5.7 weeks which is the same as 39 days or 15210 minutes at school. 12870 minutes in class. This is a great deal of time that each child has dedicated to working hard on improving their learning. Please come along some time on Tuesday afternoon between 2 and 4pm to visit your child’s room and share the very valuable learning that they have been involved in.

“Spread the love of God through your life but only use words when necessary.”

Kind regards

Mrs Di Nyman
Head of Primary

Year 6 Camp News

Year 6 camp has been very fun. So far we have been doing very cool activities, including a treasure hunt, problem solving and minute to win it games. We had a lot of fun with the treasure hunt. Finding the mini trophies required a good sense of direction. The problem solving was fun. Each station was a challenge but we did it, one team managed to complete a task that is usually set for Year 7 students. For morning fitness we have been going for a 30 minute run down to the foreshore. We have also been learning about the gifts of the Holy Spirit. So far camp has been a great success.

Written by Darcy Campbell and Lily Baker
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.

Photo’s Requested
Mother’s Day Slide Show
Each year we like to celebrate Mother’s Day with a special morning tea preceded by a slide show in the school hall. Please email photos of Mum and the kids to admin@smsc.wa.edu.au

Proud to be a Waterwise School

We would like to welcome you to Carnarvon!

When: Saturday 28th March, 2 to 7 pm
Place: Carnarvon Yacht Club
Light food provided, Bar sales

Tickets: $10 Adult, Children Free
available at the hospital or contact Jo Teasdale 0422583552

Interagency Social Event

Kids Entertainment:
Easter Craft
Easter Egg Hunt
**Keep Carnarvon Beautiful Clean Up**

The Shire of Carnarvon invites you to participate in the Keep Carnarvon Beautiful Clean Up event.

**Aims:** To clean up and revitalise North West Coastal Hwy & T Junction precinct.
Where: Sunday 13 April 2015
When: 9am – 12pm

**What you’ll need:** A pair of sturdy enclosed shoes, water bottle and a hat

This is a great community event which is moving forward from 2015. It is an opportunity for the community to come together and work alongside one another for a great cause. The clean up will help restore the beauty to the gateway of Carnarvon by collecting rubbish along North West Coastal Hwy and surrounds. Once collected, rubbish will then be removed from the site and disposed of by the Shire.

The only way to be involved is to show your support, it is essential to have as many pairs of hands to ensure the environment is a success. Materials will be provided to participants and a BBQ will follow at Baxter Park providing a chance to mingle, disfrust and evaluate the day’s success.

You may also like to nominate another area of Carnarvon that your group or friends would like to clean up.

If you have any queries, would like further information or to register, contact Melissa Pearson, Community Development Officer on 9941 0039 or email mel@carlsonwa.gov.au

We hope to see you there and look forward to your support.

*Karl Berendsen*

SHIRE PRESIDENT

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**CARNARVON NETBALL ASSOCIATION**

**REGISTRATION DAY FOR ALL GRADES**

NET SET GO, JUNIORS & SENIORS AGES 5+

**Tuesday 31st March**

5:30pm at the netball courts

Seniors will be playing a small round robin competition on the night so come down and watch while you register!

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

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**Catch Ya On Clay At**

**CARNARVON SPEEDWAY**

**STREET STOCK PERPETUAL**

SUPPORTED BY CARNARVON GLASS AND WINDOW TNT / NOVUS

26TH MARCH 2015

SEE STREET STOCK ACTION AT ITS BEST

CANTEEN UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT – NEW MENU

LTD SPRINGCARS, SUPER SEASONS, HANDLESS SPORTS, MODIFIED SEASONS
PRODUCTIONS SEASONS, STREET STOCK AND AMONG SEASONS
ADULTS $15 / JUNIORS $10 / STUDENTS $7.50 DINNER $10 / FUNDRAISING

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: CARLTON

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**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 alongside other banners from Shires across WA.

The winning artist(s) will be awarded $200 and will feature in the Northam 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 Word 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 this template provided and can be submitted electronically to Mel Pearson, our Community Development Officer, or as a hard copy to Shire reception, or via post to: Carnarvon Banners in the Terrace Competition
- Community Development Development
- Shire of Carnarvon
- PO Box 459, Carnarvon WA 6701

**DEADLINE:** 4pm Wednesday, 1st April 2015

For further information, contact Mel Pearson on 9941 0039 or email mpe@carlsonwa.gov.au

cds3@carlsonwa.gov.au
P & F “100 CLUB”

REMEMBER THE SOCIAL OCCASION THIS FRIDAY.

CHEESE AND BISCUITS

COMPLIMENTARY FIRST DRINK - BEER OR WINE

Friday 27th March: 5:30-9:00

School Staffroom + Under-croft area

Draw to take place between 6:30-7:00

...Child minders available...

ONLY 100 TICKETS TO BE SOLD

$25.00 a TICKET

BUY AT THE DOOR!!!

PRIZES

- Attendance prize 5% of total sales [max: $100.00]
- Second prize 15% of total sales [max: $300.00]
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*Second and First prize paid in full if not in attendance.*
AFL Season is near so get into the action by joining the annual footy tipping competition...
A huge prize pool of $4500!

Main Prizes
1st $2500  2nd $500  3rd $200  4th $100
Weekly Prize
$50 to the highest scoring tipper with the closest margin
(highest cumulative margin will determine winner if necessary)
Early Registration Prize
$50 - drawn from Regos paid by Thursday 26th March 2015

Check it out at www.footytips.com.au  Competition Name “St Marys Carnarvon”

Played online before? Then just login with your old username and password - forgotten your password...
click the “Forgot Password?” tab and check your emails!

* Please note: If we receive less than 180 or more than 200 regos the prize pool may be reduced or increased!

Any queries please contact: Karen Gilbert 0428553390 or Robyn Bumbak 0437171040

PLEASE COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM BELOW AND SIGN UP ONLINE

Thank you for your support!

ST MARY’S FOOTY TIPPING REGISTRATION 2015

NAME: _______________________________  ALIAS (name shown on ladder): _______________________

EMAIL: _______________________________  PHONE No.: _______________________________

Pd $50  CASH
CHEQUE  PAYABLE TO “Carnarvon Catholic Parish”
ONLINE  BSB: 016 610  A/No: 255972645  Reference: Fsurname&initial

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