Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

Welcome back to school for another term. I hope all had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday. As usual there are many exciting things planned this term at St Mary’s.

Our focus for teaching and learning continues to be Explicit Direct Instruction in both primary and middle school grades. Improvement in student learning is beginning to occur and we expect this to continue throughout the remainder of the year as explicit teaching and learning practices become embedded throughout the school.

Our Year 4 class this term prepares and receives their First Eucharist on the 7th June. This is very important in the life of not only the students in Year 4, but the whole school as we celebrate and reflect upon the significance of this very important sacrament in our lives.

The children in Year 6 begin their Confirmation sacramental preparation with a Commitment Mass on the 24th May. Again this is a very important time in the lives of the children in Year 6 and the whole school community.

Middle school exams are occurring in Week 9 and we know the students from Years 7 – 10 will be trying hard to do their best and demonstrate what they have learnt in Semester One.

The Year 9/10 social is occurring on the 27th June and this is much anticipated and exciting event for our students in these grades. The Year 7s and 8s also have their ‘lock-in’ on the 15th June, this is also a highly anticipated and fun night for these students.

Reports for Pre-primary to Year 10 will be distributed at the end of this term and parents can gauge what sort of progress and effort their children are making in their learning.

Along with the usual sporting events, masses, liturgies and assemblies, it promises to be another very busy and exciting time at St Mary’s in Term 2.

ANZAC SERVICE
An ANZAC Service will be held this Friday in the school hall beginning at 2:30. This will be led by Mr Daryl Weatherdon. All parents and friends are welcome to come along.
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
First Holy Communion will be celebrated by our Year 4 students this term on Sunday, June 7. The first meeting for parents only of children making their First Holy Communion this year occurs this Thursday evening in the Hall beginning at 7:00 pm.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL
There will be a P & F Mother’s Day stall at school on the Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th May on the outdoor stage area. This is a great opportunity for children to purchase a very special Mother’s Day gift at an excellent price.

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN
Fr Krzysztof Gasperowicz has been appointed as the school chaplain for St Mary’s. Fr Krzysztof is a trained psychologist and psychotherapist and is available to speak with students, parents and staff about school or family matters on Tuesday and Wednesdays. Please call the office if you wish to make an appointment to speak with Fr Krzysztof.

WELCOME
Mrs Kylie Womersley and her husband Drew are happy to announce the safe and happy arrival of Cooper John, a brother for Chase. All are doing well and we wish the family all the very best for their future.

God Bless

Mr Steve O’Halloran
Principal

Church Photo by
Dylan Gane Yr 8
Media

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 2

ANZAC Service – Friday 24 April 2:30pm
First Holy Communion Commitment (Year 4 Class) – Sunday 3 May 10:00am
Mothers’ Day Liturgy - Friday 8 May 10:30am
Confirmation Commitment (Year 6 Class) – Sunday 24 May 10:00am
Whole School Mass: Communio (Year 5 Coordinating) – Thursday 28 May 1:45pm
First Holy Communion – Sunday 7 June 10:00am
Middle School Celebration (MS#5) – Sunday 28 June 10:00am
Parish Notices

This 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 Chris. Please refer to the following information regarding meetings and activities for the preparation of children to receive these Sacraments.

**First Holy Communion**

N.B. Please note date changes

Parent Meeting: **Thursday 23 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 4 June 6pm**
Sacrament of First Holy Communion: **Sunday 7 June 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 Confirmation: Sunday 2 August 10am

**Children’s Liturgy**

St Mary’s Parish is happy to announce that Children’s Liturgy will recommence as of this Sunday 25 April. Children will now be able to participate in a children’s Liturgy during the 10am Mass for the remainder of this term.

**Altar Servers:**
All children who have previously been involved as Altar Servers in St Mary’s Parish are invited to commit to serving again this year. A letter with more detail about this program will be sent home this week.
“Transforming lives through the power of kindness” … it doesn’t take much to turn someone’s day around. Students have been tasked to perform a random act of kindness this week through their English classes. The Year 8s are even investigating what act of kindness should be incorporated into our school behaviour policy. Kindness should never be underestimated and it is a virtue that is valued highly and practiced within our school community. As Maya Angelou so poetically puts it, “Be a rainbow in someone else’s cloud”.

We had a visit yesterday from Commonwealth Gold Medallist and Javelin athlete Kim Mickle. This amazing lady spoke to our Year 7 & 8 students about turning negativity around in their lives in order to achieve higher goals. Kim spoke about her huge rise in achievements, countered with terrible lows of injuries and bad luck; all of which she overcame to now be ranked second best in the world and is on track for an Olympic Gold medal at Rio in 2016. Thank you to the Department of Sports and Recreation for giving us the opportunity to listen to such an inspirational and passionate guest speaker. We will be eagerly watching and cheering Kim on next year!

This 11 week term is incredibly busy with NAPLAN and the MS Lock-in for Year 7 & 8 students in Week 4, Exams for the Year 9 & 10s in Week 9, the Year 9/10 Social in Week 10 and NAIDOC Week and our Fun Run in Week 11. It is important not to lose sight of why we are here at school and even though we have these wonderful social events to look forward to, we also need our students to remain focussed and continue to work hard towards their learning goals, in light of our current economic situation, as jobs will be harder to get and retain in the future, traineeships and apprenticeships more competitive to win and University courses may become financially unviable for many. So, students need to take every opportunity offered to them and to do the best they can as “Life, isn’t a dress rehearsal”.

If any parent is concerned about their child’s progress, please make contact with the school at any time. Please also ensure that your child is keeping up to date with their work commitments, by monitoring Edmodo and their school diaries. Thank you 😊

Keep striving, until next time …

Kind regards

Sam Da Luz
Head of Middle School
EP Classes
Will recommence on Tuesday the 28th April.

FRESH WATER THINKING

As the weather begins to cool, reuse leftover water from cooked or steamed foods to start a nutritious soup, it’s one more way to get eight glasses of water a day!

Proud to be a Waterwise School

ANZAC DAY
25th April 2015
Commemoration Service

A Dawn Service will be held at the Carnarvon Cenotaph
Form up at 05:35 am, corner of Robinson and Francis Sts
Service commences at 05:45 am
The service will be followed by a Gunfire Breakfast at the RSL
Cost of Breakfast $10.00

A Mid-morning March and Service will be held at the Carnarvon Cenotaph
Form up at 10:30 am, corner of Robinson and Francis Sts
The march will travel south along Stuart St, right into Johnson St, right into Francis St and terminate at the Cenotaph. The Service and wreath will follow.
This Centenary Service will include the dedication of the Statue of the recently installed WWI Digger atop the Cenotaph.
The service will be followed by lunch at the RSL
Cost of lunch is $15.00.
Drinks will be available:
- Water, tea and coffee: free
- Cool drinks: $2.00
- Beer & Cider: $4.00
- UDL mixed: $8.00

A donation box will be in a prominent position and we will gratefully accept any donations towards our renovation project and our continued support of Veterans and Seniors of the Gascoyne.
Authorised by: Ed Garnett - Secretary/Treasurer, Gascoyne RSL
The Football season is nearly upon us and our pre-season training has commenced. If you are interested in playing football this year our training days are **Mondays & Wednesdays** at the Premier Oval (Festival Grounds) see times below.

**Nippers**
8-13 Years
Training Times: 4.30-5.30pm

**Colts**
13-17 Years
Training Times: 5-6PM

**Seniors**
17 Years & Over
Training Times: 6-7PM
Ryan: 0431 716 792

For more information please contact Ashlee on 045 935 9179 or Chris Leca on 0477 163 574

ALL WELCOME
Carnarvon Junior Soccer Association

Anyone interested in playing junior soccer in 2015 should register online at www.footballclub.com.au (see attached self registration help form)

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Information Night @ Club Rooms on Lower Street Carnarvon where manual cash payment can be made @ 5pm 22nd April 2015

First Scratch Match @ 5pm Wednesday 29th April 2015

First Game of Season @ 5pm Wednesday 6th May 2015

Mini Roos (5-7 yr olds) Registration Fee is $60
Under 10's & Under 15's is $80

If you require any information please contact John on 0434013579 or email cjsa_6701@hotmail.com

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Carnarvon Junior Soccer Association Self Registration Guide

Please follow the following instructions to register online for our club:

1. Login:
   a) Go to the MyFootballClub website: www.myfootballclub.com.au
   b) Click on “Register Now”
   c) Select “Player Registration”
   d) Follow the prompts to proceed to login pages, find your FFA number and/or reset your password
   e) Login using your FFA number and password:
      - FFA Number:
      - Password:

2. Start Registration:
   a) Once logged in, select “Make a Registration” or “Register Now”
   b) Update contact details if necessary.
   c) On the next screen, enter the club name (Carnarvon Junior Soccer Association)
      NB: If you get a message saying there are no packages then click OK and check the club name
   d) Select the Registration role as, “Player”
      NB: If this is the first time you have registered to play football in Australia you will need to confirm whether you played in another country
   e) Select the correct Registration Package that applies for your registration.
      Under 15’s OR Under 10’s OR Mini Roos
   f) Click the “Add” button.
   g) Click the Next button at the bottom of the screen.
   h) Read and acknowledge the Terms and Conditions then click Next.
   i) Click on “Pay Now” to pay online with a credit card (VISA or MasterCard), or select “Manual Payment at Club” if you want to pay at our club information day which is Wednesday 22nd April 2015 at Soccer club Rooms Lower St Carnarvon
      NB: Payment must be made before a registration can be accepted.
   j) Answer the questions on the final page and click the “Save All Answers” button.

Your registration has now been submitted. Make sure you have paid your fees and completed any necessary ID checks, etc. Registration Fees need to be paid prior to Game 1 so that team jerseys can be ordered.

3. Where do I go if I need help with my registration?
   If you have any trouble with your registration you can use the following resources to help you.
   - Visit the FAQs page on the MyFootballClub website.
   - View the Player Registration guides and videos which are on the Resources page of the MyFootballClub website.
   - Call FFA Support Centre (02) 0020 4199 if you are having problems with your password to login.