Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

Congratulations to the students from St Mary’s who made their First Holy Communion on the weekend at our Lady Star of the Sea Parish at the 10:00 am Mass. The children were very reverent as they received the Blessed Sacrament for the first time. They had been very well-prepared by their teachers and parents. Thank you to you all. A big thank you to the Religious Education Coordinator Miss Kate Chilvers who worked with the children, teachers, parents and priests to ensure the day was a success. Thanks to our celebrating priests, Fr Mariusz and Fr Chris for a meaningful and joyous celebration.

Thank you also to all the staff from St Mary’s who came and supported the students on the day.

We continue to pray for the boys and girls who made their First Eucharist on Sunday as they continue on their faith journey.

Prayer:

On Sunday fifteen children from our parish received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion for the first time. Please continue to keep these children in your prayers.

Lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of the Eucharist You show your limitless love for us. Be with these children as they prepare to receive this Sacrament for the first time. Amen.
CROSS COUNTRY
Students from Year 3 to 6 participated in the Interschool Cross Country last Friday. There were many commendable performances and all the students tried to the best of their ability. St Mary’s students filled many of the first four places, a credit to PE Teacher Mr Ryan Kent. The children representing the school also displayed excellent behaviour and sportsmanship which was very pleasing.

MIDDLE SCHOOL EXAMS
Next week, the students in Year 9 and 10 will complete their First Semester exams. We wish them all the very best. I know their teachers are keen for the students to demonstrate their learning from Semester 1.

SCHOOL BOARD AND P & F MEETINGS
Next Wednesday evening the School Board will be meeting, and on Thursday evening the P & F will be meeting. Both meetings will be held in the staffroom beginning at 7:30 pm.

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 2
- Middle School Celebration (MS#5) – Sunday 28 June 10:00am
- NAIDOC Liturgy – Friday 3 July 9:15am

Parish Notices

Sacramental Preparation:
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. For any questions or enquiries regarding Sacramental programs please contact Fr Mariusz or Fr Chris. Please refer to the following information regarding upcoming meetings and activities for the preparation of children to receive the Sacraments.

Confirmation
Parent-Child Meeting: Thursday 23 July 6pm
Sacrament of Confirmation: Sunday 2 August 10am

N.B. An expectation from the parish this year is that families attend four Sacramental Team meetings as part of the preparation process; these meetings begin this week. For details regarding meeting dates, times and locations please contact Fr Mariusz.

Children’s Liturgy
St Mary’s Parish is happy to announce that Children’s Liturgy has recommenced; children will now be able to participate in a children’s Liturgy during the 10am Mass.

Altar Serving
Training of Altar Servers for 2015 will begin this week. Any child interested in being included in this training program is required to submit a permission slip (Altar Server Reply Slip).

Please note that if your child is sick, please refrain from sending them to school. We have a large amount of students unwell at this time.
On Sunday 7 June 16 children from St Mary’s received the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time. The Sacrament of First Holy Communion and the gathering that followed were joyous celebrations made all the more special by the work of many, many people.

The children, their parents and Fr Chris and Fr Mariusz worked together intensively over the past six weeks gathering, discussing and reflecting on this most holy Sacrament. They also ensured the church and surroundings were beautifully presented for the day by gathering on Saturday morning for a busy bee. Special thanks go to Mrs Debbie Warren for organising and preparing such beautiful floral arrangements for Sunday’s celebration. Commendations are also needed for Mrs Buzzard for the amazing chalice cake with cake pops included, for candidates and prayer buddies.

The staff of St Mary’s always band together to ensure Sacramental celebrations are memorial occasions; First Holy Communion this year was no exception. All staff were present for Sunday’s celebration; special thanks go to those who arrived at the ‘crack of dawn’ to decorate the parish centre; especially Mrs Scott, Mrs Faithfull and Mrs Aiken. Mrs Scott generously used the decorations from her wedding reception to ensure the children’s celebration was extra special. There were also a number of St Mary’s staff who stayed on to ensure everything was left clean and tidy: Mrs Cook, Mrs Bassett and Mrs Griffiths. Mrs Durmanich and Miss De Vares helped create memories by accepting the challenge of being photographers for the day.

Thank you to everyone for helping to make this such a momentous day for all involved.

Some memories from the children: What does receiving Holy Communion for the first mean to me…

“I feel like I am getting closer to Jesus and God, and it feels like I am in God’s heart” (Laila Pidala)

“It means that you can do your First Holy Communion and it was fun” (Jordan Perry)

“It means that I get closer to God and Jesus and can feel special” (Tanna Bellotti)

“It means to me that I am in God’s community and love and I feel like I am a part of the Last Supper because of the bread” (Holly Hannah)

“It means being part of God’s family and group” (Rhiannon Smyth)

“I think that First Holy Communion means to be close to God” (David Andreoli)

“To be closer to God” (Gil Perry)

“It means I am growing up to learn more about God and Jesus” (Cade Munro)

“Holy Communion feels good and happy” (Marcus Benetti)

“Receiving First Holy Communion means that I am closer to Jesus and God. Also I am Catholic!” (Jack Buzzard)

“On Sunday I felt happy and scared. First Holy Communion to me is special because you grow closer to God” (Jayne March).

“Receiving First Holy Communion means a lot to me. It means that I am Catholic and I am blessed” (Lomasey Mongoo)

“Receiving First Holy Communion means to me that you are getting closer to God and Jesus and also grace comes upon you” (Magnus Warren)
Middle School News

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All students must be at the school by **8:45am** for a prompt **8:50am START**

Nagle Catholic College is holding an information night for all current Year 9 students who wish to pursue a Catholic education in Years 11 and 12.

When: Thursday 11th June 2015  
Where: St Mary Star of the Sea Hall  
Time: 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Information and enrolment packs will be available on the night. Enrolments for 2017 must be submitted by July 2 2016 to allow for adequate planning.
World Youth Day 2016

There will be a meeting for anyone interested in attending the World Youth Day pilgrimage in 2016.

Date: Thursday 11 June
When: 7:00pm
Where: St Mary’s Church

For more information contact Fr Chris or Mrs Dixon (0415 231 777)

St Mary Star of the Sea Parish
Parish Priest : Fr Mariusz Adamczyk
Assistant Priest : Fr Chris
Phone: 99411768
Weekend Mass Times:
Saturday 7pm
Sunday 8am & 10am

The JLC requires the donation of concrete slabs for their sensory garden. If you are able to help, please contact the school office. We are looking for approximately 12 slabs.

Thank you in advance
Mrs Ali O’Halloran
Year One Teacher

EP Classes
Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.
St Vincent de Paul Society: An Invitation

There are always people in our community who struggle with daily life. The reasons are varied, at times quite simple, and at other times very complicated. It is not always just about money. With these things in mind, note that a group of dedicated Carnarvon people are thinking about re-starting a St Vincent de Paul group. They are hoping to help people in our community who could perhaps benefit from some support.

If you are interested in the work that the St Vincent de Paul Society does, and you want to make a difference in the lives of people who are finding that life is very demanding, come along to a meeting in the church meeting room at 4.00pm on Thursday, 18 June. No special skills are needed. You simply need to be a compassionate and respectful person who has a good heart.

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me…” (Matthew 25)