Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

As well as our private conversations with God, prayer can also be a deed to others. We can live a life of prayer by being patient, tolerant, compassionate, generous, kind, encouraging, accepting, forgiving, consoling and supportive.

"An act of goodness surpasses a thousand prayers." Sa’di. Prayer, through action, can be a source of strength, comfort and inspiration and can lead to a better understanding of the Spirit within us; this in turn, can make us more conscious of God's abiding presence in us every moment of the day.

"God, help my life to be a prayer in which others can glimpse Your Christ through my actions."

Amen.

MINILIT INSTRUCTOR

Congratulations to Mrs Sam Punch who has accepted the Minilit Instructors role. Mrs Punch received training last week in Minilit instruction and is ready to begin training early readers in essential reading skills. Minilit is another intervention strategy we use as a school to help students become better readers along with Multilit and Reading Recovery.

WINTER CARNIVAL

This Friday students from Years 5 and 6 will compete with students from other schools in the region in the annual winter sports carnival. We wish the boys and girls all the very best.

Prayer:

Please keep our Year 9 & 10 students in your prayers as they sit their end of semester exams.

Lord, today I am just really stressed.
You know, Lord, that I am having some trouble with the test I am about to take.
I know it’s probably not the biggest world problem, with people starving, people turning away from you, people in wars, and more.
But, Lord, it’s what I’m facing right now, and I need you in this time.
I know that no problem is too big or too small for you to handle, and I need to turn this stress over to you to help me with.
Lord, I just need to be able to focus.
I need your help to look at this information so I can remember and apply it well on my exam.
I need you to help me feel more confident going into the test and relax a bit so I can concentrate.
Lord, please help the people around me to understand that I need to focus and study.
Also, Lord, help me when I walk into the exam.
Give me the peace, when it is all said and done, to know that I walked in and did my best.
I pray, Lord, for your guiding hand as I take the exam, and I ask for your welcome calm when I walk out of the classroom after.
Lord, thank you for all the blessings you have placed in my life.
Thank you for being here in this time when I feel a bit overwhelmed.
Thank you for always being there and allowing me to rely on you.
Praise your name.
Amen.
PARKING AT FRONT OF SCHOOL
There is a loading zone in front of the admin block on Johnson Street. This is used by many couriers and service providers to drop items off to school. There have been numerous occasions in the past month where these providers have had to double park at the front of the school; a very dangerous situation. This has occurred because parents are parking or dropping students off in the loading zone. Can all parents please note that the loading zone in front of the school is not a pick up and drop off or parking zone. There is a pick-up and drop off zone at the roundabout on Stuart Street between the JLC and Primary/Middle school buildings.

UNIFORM CHANGES
The following recommendations have been made from the uniform committee that met on several occasions last year and early this year.
Long sleeved dark blue polo shirts with school logo for the JLC students for the cooler months.
Maroon sport skort for the primary and JLC female students as an option to the maroon sports shorts.
Maroon sport short – a change of material to a stretchy fabric rather than the current microfiber shorts.
Maroon school hats, bucket hat option to be available along with the broad brimmed option.
All of the above recommendations have been adopted and I would like to thank all of the Uniform Committee members for their collaboration and contribution over the course of the past 12 months. It has been very much appreciated by all in the school community.

STUDENT ABSENCES
There are many students who are having a significant amount of time off from school for reasons other than illness. Teachers are noting how far behind these students are when they return, particularly with the English EDI work. Every single EDI lesson is pre-prepared for teachers from the beginning of Term 1 till the end of Term 4. Students falling behind because of significant school absences will have this noted on end of semester reports.
Can all parents please note that there is no obligation on teachers to prepare extra materials for students who are removed from school for extended periods of time.

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
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.
Confirmation
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 has recommenced; children will now be able to participate in a children’s Liturgy during the 10am Mass.

Middle School News
The Year 9 & 10 exams will conclude at the end of this week, which will enable teachers to complete their reporting data for the semester. I trust that the students felt confident throughout the process and continue to strive for success. This is the time to identify what worked and what didn’t when they reflect upon their study habits. What needs to change in order for improved success? I look forward to hearing about how the students have fared in their first semester’s work.

Something else to look forward to is the upcoming Year 9/10 “Favourite Character” Social occurring on Saturday 27 June (next weekend) in our school hall. Tickets are on sale for $15 at the front office and the event starts at 7:00pm. Please organise the pick-up of your child by 11pm.

The Year 10s will be undergoing Barista training on Monday 22 June in preparation for their first work placement in the school holidays at the State Shotgun Carnival. The St Mary’s barista stall always receives high praise from the visiting shooters and their families who travel from all over WA as well as interstate.

In Week 10, all of the MS students will participate in a Photography exhibition at the Town library on Thursday 25 June. It will also serve as an excellent chance to experience our wonderful new library.

In Week 11, Nagle Catholic College are back to conduct the Year 11 interviews for 2016 and to take the students out to various businesses around town. This is to help identify particular vocational pathways for the students and will serve as a great precursor to their work experience at the end of Term III.

Thank you to all parents of Year 9 students who attended the Nagle Catholic College Information Evening for 2017 students last week. Any parent who couldn’t make it that night are encouraged to make contact with me and to pick up a College prospectus.

Exciting times indeed …

Take care until next time.

Kind regards

Sam Da Luz
Head of Middle School
Physical Education and Health News

There’s been lots happening this term in the sport. All students across the school have been focusing on their personal fitness. The middle school students have completed a number of fitness tests to identify their strengths and have used the results to further understand what contributes to a healthy adolescent.

The primary students have been completing a running program at the beginning of each of their lessons which formed the basis of the training for the recently held cross country in which St Mary students competed. Along with the cross country event, Year 5&6 students were also involved in a 3 week interschool football netball competition against CCC and CCS. This competition was designed to expose students who don’t usually play these sports to participate in a friendly, learning based situation.

Cross Country results

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Congratulations to all the students that competed and represented St Marys.

This week the 5&6 students will again participate in a competition against CCC and CCS in the annual Winter Carnival to be held at the Festival Grounds.

Last week, students from PP-Year 8 were also involved in a first aid program that catered specifically to each age group. St. John ambulance were the facilitators of this program which was aimed at giving all students a basic, working understanding of the steps to take in administering First Aid. Thank you to Lorraine Martin from St Johns Ambulance for her presentations across each class.

Well done to all students across the year levels who have displayed a willingness and enthusiasm to continue to develop their skills in the sporting domain, something that is very pleasing to see across the school.

Mr Ryan Kent
GARDENING CLUB
As part of the Lamp Lighters program all students at St. Mary’s school are invited to participate in a new garden club that will be working on restoring the Sacred Garden to its former glory. The garden club will run for half an hour on Mondays and Tuesdays, straight after school. This will involve weeding, repairing borders, paths and replanting the herb gardens. The garden club will commence on Monday 22nd June and Tuesday 23rd June, 2015 and will be ongoing until the end of the year. Students can volunteer for one session or come along every week and they can choose the day that suits them the best. Parents, grandparents and siblings are also welcome. Permission slips are available at the front office or from Mrs Griffith’s room. Come along and have some great fun while creating something beautiful!!!!

Rio Tinto Earth Assist Program
Last Thursday, Lauren and Holly, conservation volunteers from the Rio Tinto Earth Assist School Program visited St Marys and helped with gardening of the Sacred Garden at our school. Thank you to Mrs Sandra Griffiths and her helpers from Years 4, 5 and 6 who helped with the clean up.

WANTED
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

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
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)