Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

Welcome back to school for another term and the second half of our school year. Whilst there were many students who excelled in their learning in Semester 1, there were others who believe they could have achieved better than their Semester One Reports reflects.

All staff at St Mary’s are here to support children in their learning. Students were reminded of this on Monday that we are all here to help; if any are finding an aspect of their learning difficult, they should ask a teacher who will only be too willing to assist them. As much as we try to monitor each student’s progress on a day to day basis, occasionally some students need to speak up during lessons so they can receive the support they need to help them understand an element of their learning that they are finding challenging.

CONFIRMATION MEETING

There will be a meeting on Thursday evening for children making their Confirmation this year and their parents. The meeting will be held in the school hall beginning at 6:00 pm. All are expected to attend.

Children will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, 2nd August at the 10:00 am mass at St Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church.

NAGLE MEETING

Students in Year 9 and their parents who missed the initial Nagle Information session are asked to attend a meeting in the St Mary’s Hall on Sunday, 26th July at 5:00 pm regarding information for Year 11, 2017. The meeting will be facilitated by Ms Meredith Roe, External Studies Coordinator from Nagle Catholic College.

Prayer:

Just for today, help me, God, to remember that my life is a gift, that my health is a blessing, that this new day is filled with awesome potential, that I have the capacity to bring something wholly new and unique and good into this world.

Just for today, help me, God, to remember to be kind and patient to the people who love me, and to those who work with me too. Teach me to see all the beauty that I so often ignore, and to listen to the silent longing of my own soul.

Just for today, help me, God, to remember You.

Let this be a good day, God, full of joy and love.

Amen
STUDENT PROGRESS MEETINGS
Meetings for parents of students in Middle School and Primary school will be occurring during the next 3 weeks to discuss student reports and progress. I encourage all parents to avail themselves and take this opportunity to meet with their child’s teacher/s.

BISHOP JUSTIN VISIT
Next week, Bishop Justin will be visiting St Mary’s to speak with staff and students. A visit from the Bishop is always something we look forward to as he speaks comfortably with the children and always offers wise insights for the rest of us.
One of the Bishops main roles for his visit is to Confirm our Year 6 students on Sunday.

PARISH BAPTISMS
If parents are interested in having their children Baptized they can contact Fr Mariusz at the parish office on 99411768 to organize a meeting time. If there are sufficient numbers, preparation classes can begin for Baptisms to occur this year

WELCOME BACK
We welcome back to St Mary’s Mrs Dixon and Mrs Hodgson, who are both returning from maternity leave. We look forward to both ladies sharing their gifts and talents with us all again.

Parish Notices

Confirmation
As a service to the parish St Mary’s School organises the printing, verification and laminating of certificates for each of the Sacraments; this is quite an involved process and usually takes 3-4 days. Notifying the school community that a child has been enrolled in a Sacramental program is the responsibility of parents. A number of families who began the Confirmation program have not yet submitted their child’s enrolment form to the school or parish. To avoid disappointment please ensure that this form has been received by the school no later than Thursday 23 July.

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 Server Program
A special ceremony of commissioning will take place during the 10am Mass on Sunday 26 July. All new alter servers are to be present. Congratulations to the following children who have volunteered their time to serve in the parish this year:
Year 4: Magnus Warren, Laila Pidala, Marcus Benetti, Rhiannon Smyth, Jayne March, Grace Nuttall and Jorja Eyre
Year 5: Kailey Fistonich, Dale Lester, Candace Campbell, Robert Luis, Chloe Durmanich, Lachlan Bettini and Angela Lyall
Year 6: Angelina Smyth and Isobelle Warren

Nagle Catholic College
Year 11 2017 Information Session
St Mary’s School Hall
Sunday 26th July at 5.00pm

Mr Steve O’Halloran
Principal
Welcome back for Term 3 everyone! Even though the weather has been slightly inclement, it has been so lovely seeing all the students back refreshed and ready for some hard work!

Mr Weatherdon is recovering from some minor surgery and hopefully will be back on board with us all next week – just in time for the Parent/Student/Teacher interview evening on Wednesday 29th August from 4 – 7pm at our school hall. If you have not already done so, please book appointments with your selected teachers at the front office. Time-slots are filling up fast and it would be a great opportunity to go through the reports carefully and to explain how your child is progressing.

Aspire UWA visited us today, presenting a Careers and University Aspirations talk to all Middle School students. Our partnership with Aspire UWA has been greatly beneficial for the past three years, with funded opportunities for our students to attend Science, University Immersion and Indigenous camps to Perth. They are always willing to visit and present workshops, working closely with our Science department especially during our past Science Fairs, promoting further education and a thirst for enquiry and knowledge.

I am looking forward to the MS 6 Homeroom celebration and mass this Sunday at 10:00am and hope to see you all there. Also, at 5:00pm in the school hall, there will be another Nagle Information session for all those parents of Year 9 students who could not make it to the session last term. This is a critical meeting regarding enrolling your child for 2017 as enrolments will be due already in early August. I encourage all parents who could not make it last time, to do so on Sunday please. It will be a great opportunity for you to ask questions, consider the facilities and programs offered and to discuss any concerns.

The Year 9 students will be participating in the Bishops Religious Literacy Assessment online next week. This is the first time we are trialling the test online and I know that our students will take it all in their stride.

Welcome back to Mrs Dixon who has re-joined us on staff as Miss Chilvers enjoys her Long Service leave. Mrs Dixon is teaching RE in Middle School this semester and has been seconded to the Primary School to teach Science as well. What a multi-talented lady!

Another busy and exciting term awaits us all. I know that the Year 8 students have been enjoying their new English Grammar program – Grammatikus and from the feedback, I believe that some parents cannot believe that it is actually their homework because they are enjoying it so much. Using a gaming concept set in a mythical world, students have to study tutorials, play quests, answer worksheets and complete tests to earn ‘donets’ for their avatar. The teacher then receives regular reports of the students’ progress at each level. This week, the focus is on nouns: common, proper, concrete, abstract, collective and count, plus regular and irregular plural nouns.

Finally, a reminder to all students in Middle School who are participating in the MultiLit program, to keep up with their reinforced reading program at home. The tutors are noticing when practice is not being done at home and that is when accuracy probes tend to plateau at the same level for a long period of time. Please spend that 20 minute period with your child to reinforce their reading as their success and progress within the program is reliant upon that regular practice. Thank you.

Take care until next time.

Sam Da Luz
Head of Middle School
In English we have been learning about different features used in poetry, such as Alliteration and Onomatopoeia. We recited the nonsense poem called ‘On the Ning Nang Nong…’ by Spike Milligan for our class assembly. We loved finding the most outrageous, nonsense clothing combinations to wear.
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!!!!

Book Week 2015
24th—28th August

THEME: Books Light Up Our World/
Under the Sea

PARADE:
Thursday 27th August 9am
Kindy—Year 6.

Come dressed as something to represent books lighting up the world or under the sea.

Thank you to all who supported the Jelly Bean raffle last term raising money for the Cancer Council.

A total of $168 was raised from St Marys.

Congratulations to Jack Smith from Year One who won the raffle.
Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school/early learning centre – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it’s complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school office, JLC or at your local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you’d like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn
Our school is looking for a new Book Clubs Organiser.

Help us raise readers in our community! Running Book Club keeps the reading momentum rolling all year long by providing children and families with regular access to age-appropriate and affordable books.

Our school benefits too! Every Book Club order earns Scholastic Rewards, which help us purchase additional learning and literacy resources.

Keen to make a difference? Contact the school Librarian.

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Astronomy on the Oval

A Night of Astronomy at Carnarvon Community College

Wednesday July 22nd, 5:30pm

Experience the rings of Saturn, see Jupiter and Venus (only available until 6pm), explore the amazing Jewel Box Cluster and the 30 million stars of Omega Centauri! The free fun event will include:

- Telescopes
- Guided Tours
- Astronomers
- Apprenticeship, Higher Education & Career Advisors

Come down and see the stars through our telescopes and learn all about space, astronomy and the night sky.

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Australian Government Mobile Service Centre

Serving Regional Australia

Visit the Mobile Service Centre to find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

Staff can provide you with information and support. On this trip, the Australian Taxation Office will be available to assist with advice and information about tax and superannuation.

At the rear of the Visitor Information Centre, Camel Lane

CARNARVON

Friday, 7 August 2015

9 am to 4 pm - All welcome

For more information, go to humanservices.gov.au and search for Mobile Service Centre or call 132 316.
Women's Urban Survival Program

In support of
Annabel Tragardh
Invaluable course for all women.

“Live in the Moment”

Saturday 8th August 2015 ~ 3pm til 8pm
Multi Pitch Oval ~ Festival Grounds
Licensed Area ~ No BYO ~ Fabulous Food

FREE ENTRY

Featuring:
Australian Rock: Front lined by Angry Anderson from Rose Tattoo
with other members from well known Australian bands such as The Angels, Jimmy Barnes & Skyhooks.


‘Michelle’: The sultry sounds of Jazz and Soul, smooth vocals, unique and individual.

Go for 2 & 5% Gascoyne Food Festival
13th - 16th August 2015

BBQ on the Beach - Thursday 13th August, 6pm - 9:30pm
Come down to the Carnarvon Yacht Club and enjoy ahelpful BBQ of Surf Lusty, local indoor lamb and fresh fish, accompanied by delicious local Gascoyne produce cooked by WC Food Ambassador Don Harris and his chef from Provenance Catering. Tickets are $25 per head for adults, $15 for children under 10. Available online at www.eventfinda.com from the 20th July. Licensed bar available and live music from ‘Double Jive’.

Long Table Lunch - Friday 14th August, 12noon to 4pm
The 2015 Long Table Lunch will be set in the heart of produce abundant country at the Gascoyne River at Barhamtown Plantation. Hosted by the Gascoyne Food Council. This lunch will be featuring local Gascoyne quinoa and our builders by showcasing their produce through a sitdown style menu. Six chefs from Perth will be visiting the region and meeting the farmers before each cooking a dish to reflect their passion in food and local produce in the 100 guests.

Tickets are $150 per head and include all beer, wine and champagne.
Tickets go on sale from the 20th of July and are available at www.eventfinda.com.
It is reserved seating so please ensure you book the correct number of tickets and get in early with a group!

Gascoyne Grows Markets - Saturday 15th August, 8am to 11:30am
Come down and enjoy the vibrant and festive atmosphere of the Gascoyne Grows Markets with local produce and cooking demonstrations from guest chefs, live entertainment and fresh fruit and vegetables to purchase. Enjoy a coffee and the many other treats on offer which you please the deal.
Located at the Civic Centre Courtyard in Robinson Street, middle roundabout of the main street.

Surf and Surf on Barham Beach - Sunday 16th August, 10am to 3pm
The magnificent Ngatuwa Ngarluma is situated in the location for this long lunch at Barham Beach, with rock star chefs Greg Finney from the city greywater and his masterclass on how to make quinoa produce featuring a live demonstration of beef and venison from Ningaloo State is the Great Southern.
The all inclusive lunch costs $15 per head and includes entertainment by local acoustic guitarist Timme Castle. Tickets to be sold on the day. Please phone 0439 922 970 to purchase your tickets.

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