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Prayer:

“Father, you have given all peoples one common origin, and your will is to gather them as one family in yourself. Fill the hearts of all with the fire of your love and the desire to ensure justice for all their brothers and sisters. By sharing the good things you give us may we secure justice and equality for every human being, an end to all division, and a human society built on love and peace. Amen.”

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

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Profession Development Day
A reminder to all parents and friends that there will be a professional development day for all staff this Friday, August 7th. As such, there is no school for students on this day.

Kindergarten Interviews
Currently enrolments are being taken for Kindergarten 2016. Interviews will be conducted during August. Parents of siblings already at St Mary’s still need to enrol their child. Interviews however, may not be necessary.

Pre-Kindergarten 3 Year Old Enrolments
Enrolments for children to begin the 3 Year Old pre-kindergarten programme are currently being taken. All parents that have children turning 3 prior to attending the Kindergarten programme are welcome to contact the school for further information.

School Photos
School photos will be conducted on Thursday, 13th August. Students will be expected to be in full school uniform on the day. A reminder that the school uniform shop located on the school grounds is open each Tuesday and Thursday between 3:30 – 4:30 pm.

Book Week Parade
Bookweek is occurring Week 24th – 28th August. The culmination of Bookweek, and a highlight for the children, is the Bookweek Parade occurring on Thursday 27th August. This year there are two themes for students to choose from, those being ‘Under the Sea’, and ‘Books Light Up Our World’.

Teacher Assistant Relief
If there are parents in the school community who have trained as teaching assistants and are seeking relief work, please put your name down at the office.

God Bless

Mr Steve O’Halloran
Principal
On Sunday 2nd August we celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation.
Congratulations to the following candidates who made the commitment to further deepen their faith - Angelina Smyth, Jared March, Raj Gupta, Tess Hudson, Juscinta Orrock, Isobelle Warren, Luke Munro, Soraya Whitby, Brody Phillips, Darcie Botica and Sophia Perry.

We would like to thank everyone who attended Mass on Sunday. We appreciate your support. We would also like to thank the following people for their contributions to the day. Thank you to all parents who attended the Busy Bee on Saturday, Debbie Warren for providing flowers, Ros Smyth and Anna Perry for organising the Cake from Veronica’s Cakes.

Miss Patricia De Vares
Year Six Teacher
Middle School News

Term 3 has started with a flurry of activities already and looks set to be a very active and innovative one. Students have the WA Ballet Company workshops, Black Swan Theatre’s performance of “Shadowboxing” and our Interhouse Athletics carnivals to look forward to. Auditions for “St Mary’s Got Talent” will also get underway at the end of this month, with selected students performing at our Visual Art Gallery/Showcase night next month.

Thank you to all the teachers who made themselves available for the Parent/Student/Teacher conferences last week. It was an excellent opportunity to catch up and clarify the recent Semester I reports and to also receive feedback about the courses and reports. For those parents unable to make it that night, please feel welcome to catch up with any of your child’s teachers by contacting the front office.

The Write4Fun competition is occurring again with a cash prize of $1000 ($500 to the student and $500 to the school) plus electronic equipment on offer for the winners – so if you enjoy creative writing, contact your English teacher for details. This year, there is NO theme – any poem OR short story (in any style, although word limits apply) must be entered before the end of this month. You are only limited by your imagination. Check out this link: www.write4fun.net for more information.

So turn off that TV, computer or game controller and pick up that pencil, pen, paintbrush or camera and start creating NOW!

“Either write something worth reading or do something worth writing.”

Benjamin Franklin.

Kind regards

Sam Da Luz
Head of Middle School

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Physical Education News

Please note the follow dates and times for the upcoming sports carnivals for St Marys School.

- All track and field events for Middle School (7-10) will now be held on Tuesday 18th August.
- All track and field events for the Primary School (3-6) will be held on Wednesday 19th August.
  - Junior Carnival (PP- Yr2) will be held on Friday 4th September.
  - Interschool Carnival (Yr 1 to Yr 6) will be held on Thursday 10th September and Friday 11th September

If you can help with any of these carnivals please contact the school office on 99411328 or contact Mr Ryan Kent at Kent.Ryan@cathednet.wa.edu.au
Big News Everybody.... Once again, we will be running a Book Fair in the Library. It will be run over three days, starting on Tuesday the 25th August. All classes will be visiting and the students will be encouraged to choose a couple of books they would enjoy reading. Please drop into the Library between 8.30 and 3.30 from Tuesday the 25th August, Wednesday the 26th August and Thursday the 27th August and we can help you with your selections. The Library makes a commission on all items sold and these proceeds will be used to purchase new books for the Library. Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you all.

Susanne Aiken
Library Officer

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.

Proud to be a Waterwise School

EP Classes
Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

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
COOKING AND MENU PLANNING

Come down to Outreach and learn to make
- Macaroni and Cheese (from scratch)
- Quiche
- Rainbow Salad

Ages 12+

Tuesday 11th August
Week 4
3:30-5:30pm

What’s on at
Youth Outreach

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TERRIFIC TUESDAYS

Week 3 Tuesday 4th August
Skate Park Trip
Meet us at the skate park and borrow our boards to skate on!
Outreach will be closed this day

Week 4 Tuesday 11th August
Cooking
We’ll be planning a menu for a week and learning to cook
Macaroni & Cheese from scratch, guiche and a salad!

Week 5 Tuesday 18th August
Gone Fishing
Outreach will be closed this day
Meet us at the foreshore!

Week 6 Tuesday 25th August
Music
Come on down to learn how to play guitar, Cajons and more!

Week 7 Tuesday 1st September
Craft Afternoon
Custom design your own bag, or bring a shirt or piece of
clothing to put a funky print onto.

Week 8 Tuesday 8th September
Cupcake Decorating
Come down to decorate and eat your own cupcakes!

Priority for laptops and pool table will be given to those who
attend school.
Tuesday 3:30-5:30 pm
For: Ages 12+

What’s on at
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‘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.

Luke Auten
Winner of 2010 Tamworth Country
Music Festivals Toyota Star Maker
Competition.

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

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Mobile Service Centre

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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