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NEW WEB PAGE
St Mary’s has a new web page that is more user friendly and interactive. All school information can be obtained from it. If you haven’t seen it yet, visit http://www.smsc.wa.edu.au/
Thanks to Mr Kahn who coordinated the upgrading of our new web pages.

EXPLICIT DIRECT INSTRUCTION VISITORS
Sylvia Ybarra, author of Explicit Direct Instruction and co-founder of DATAWORKS USA, will be visiting St Mary’s to assist in the implementation of the our English Explicit Direct Instruction curriculum. Sylvia will be coaching and supporting teachers as they instruct their classes in EDI lessons. Leigh Schelks, from Good to Great Schools Australia, will also be visiting St Mary’s to assist with the implementation process.

ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH AGM
The St Mary Star of the Sea Parish Annual General Meeting is being held next Wednesday 4th November. The meeting will be held in the Parish Centre and begin at 7:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

NAGLE ORIENTATION
The current St Mary’s Year 10 students will be going to Geraldton for their orientation at Nagle Catholic College on the 9th November. This is an exciting time for all in our school community as this is the first group of students to begin their remote studies through Nagle here in Carnarvon.

God Bless

Mr Steve O’Halloran
Principal

Pupil Free Days and Holidays
Term 4 2015
Friday 27th November Pupil Free Day
Thursday 10th December Last day for students
Well, the school has been quite quiet with the Year 10s out on Work Experience this week. They are gaining excellent employability skills for the future and are applying their Occupational, Health and Safety training in the workplace. We thank all our host employers for this opportunity: Carnarvon Auto & Towing Services, Carnarvon Christian School, Carnarvon PCYC, Toyworld Carnarvon, Betta Electrical, Shire of Carnarvon, Carnarvon Visitors Centre, Coral Coast Veterinary Clinic, The Port Hotel, Carnarvon Toyota and Gavin Griffiths Physiotherapy. We will post some workplace pictures in the next edition.

Camps are also being finalised for next year’s calendar already. Please mark these forward dates in your diary so as to be prepared:

- **Year 7&8 students – Coral Bay Adventure Camp:**
  - Wednesday 17 – Friday 19 February 2016.
- **Year 9 students – Mount Augustus Outdoor Education Camp:**
- **ACC (Athletics) – Perth:**
  - Saturday 3 – Tuesday 6 September 2016.

Letters and schedules will be sent out during this term so that you can begin your planning (and saving) for these trips! Please do catch up if there are any issues regarding these camps as we would love to see every child participate in at least one external camp next year.

The TOP time is also fast approaching in Week 8. This year, we will only be hosting the Year 6 students for their Transition and Orientation Program (TOP) as all Year 7s are now integrated into middle schools. The teachers are busy planning their taster courses in Woodwork, Art, ICT, Cooking and Drama with the students. I shall be liaising with all new students and families very shortly regarding this exciting time.

Finally, thank you very much to all the students and their families for the beautiful MS 3 & 4 Homeroom Mass last Sunday. It marked the passing of my beloved 97 year old Grandmother Agnes in Singapore, and was made more special with so many young people at church that day. Thank you also to Mrs Holtham and Miss Slattery for the preparation, as well as Fr Chris for his meaningful homily. Don’t forget to support the WYD pilgrims in their fundraising efforts for 2016!

Kind Regards

_Sam Da Luz_

HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL
Today the Year Five class went on an excursion to the Fascine, as part of our Geography inquiry question.

We had to look for natural characteristics and constructed characteristics and how humans impact these areas.

Then we enjoyed our packed lunch on the fascine and had a play at the town park.

Thank you Mrs Dalgety for accompanying us.

Megan Babun

Megan Babun
Year Five Teacher
St Mary Star of the Sea
Parish
Parish Priest: Fr Mariusz
Assistant Priest: Fr Chris
Phone: 99411768

Weekend Mass Times:
Saturday 7pm
Sunday 8am & 10am

News from Parish

The WYD 2015 Pilgrims would like to thank parishioners for their support and are pleased to announce their next fundraising effort – a raffle! Ticket are $1 and are available after weekend Mass, at the School office and various places in town. Please see the poster at the back of the church for more information! Raffle drawn 15th November after 10 am Mass.

November is the month of the holy souls. This is our opportunity to pray for the souls of our departed loved once.

Monday – 2nd November – All Souls Day. Rosary will be recited at the Old Cemetery at 6.00 pm followed by Mass at 7pm. Blessing of the Graves at the new Cemetery will take place after the 10.00 am Mass on the 15th November.
Swimming lesson times commencing Monday 26th October to Friday 6th

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EP Classes

Tuesday and Thursday
The Staff at St Mary Star of the Sea Carnarvon are very excited to announce new class times for 2016.

All Middle School students will commence at 8.15am and finish at 2.35pm.

All Primary students will commence at 8.25am and finish at 2.35pm.

We will be changing to a 7 period day for all classes.

Carnarvon Bus Charters have been informed and you will be advised of the new bus timetable at a later date.

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**Back to the 80's**
Friday 30th October, 2015

**One Mile Jetty**

5:30-8:30 Trivia with a twist + Food
8:45- Late Cassy River Band Performs LIVE

Bar available from 5:30pm (Cash Only)

Ticket Purchase & Bookings

One Mile Jetty: 9941-4309 (Eftpos + Cash)
Wintersun Caravan Park: 9941-8150 (Cash)
Carnarvon Visitors Centre: 9941-1146 (Cash)

$50 per Adult $20 per Child (under 16 yrs.)

Tables of 8 can be reserved

Come in your best 80’s outfit. Prizes to be won. All proceeds going to the Heritage Precinct

Featuring the Carnarvon Community Choir & Cassy River Band

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**PET REGISTRATION DAY**
**SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2015**
CARNARVON TOWN OVAL 8.00am till 12 Noon

The Shire of Carnarvon supports responsible pet ownership and invites the Pet Community to a morning of information, registration and other fun activities.

All dogs MUST be registered and microchipped.

All cats must be registered, sterilized and microchipped.

Shire Rangers Carmen and Luke will be available for pet registration and any questions regarding changes in the Dog and Cat Act.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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Reminder – dogs to be kept on leash & cats in cases
VacSwim Holiday Swimming Programs

Enrolments for December/January programs are now open. It is important for every child to learn to swim and develop essential water safety skills. VacSwim’s school holiday swimming programs are conducted by qualified instructors who teach children the skills to be confident swimmers and safe in the water. This year there has been a small price increase from $10.00 per enrolment to $12.50 per enrolment (family enrolment for three or more children living at the same address is now $34.50). For further information and online enrolment visit education.wa.edu.au/swimming.

Join us for the Girl Guides Halloween Disco
Saturday 31st October from 6pm till 8pm
Prizes for Best Dressed and More!
$5.00 Entry includes a Trick or Treat Snacks and Drinks Available
Baden Powell Hall - Shallcross Street