Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

Looking for something worthwhile to do for yourself during the coming season of Lent? How about having a look at how you participate as a member of our single human family that is equally marvellous, fascinating and perhaps threatening in its diversity. Lent is often a time given over to “holy” words of repentance and promises of self-reform but: “However many words you speak, what good will they do if you do not act on them?” Buddha.

St Paul in his inspiring letter to the people of Philippi encouraged them to, “Show an agreeable attitude to everyone”. He suggested how they might be able to do this: “All that is true, all that is worthy of reverence, all that is holy and good, all that is lovely to look at and beautiful to hear, all that has virtue and all that deserves praise, let that be the content of your thinking.” Phil. 4: 5,8,9.

Our spirituality is as personal as our breath or our fingerprint, but, as we move through the forty days of Lent, we might on occasion, surrender freely to the quiet within us, to rediscover the resources and strengths that are there. We might begin to see better and appreciate more, the value of our existence, to see ourselves with more gratitude and respect and to see others in a like manner.

YEAR 7 AND 8 CORAL BAY TRIP
The Year 7 and 8 classes and their teachers and parents returned Friday afternoon after having three terrific days in Coral Bay. The students participated in all activities on offer and the behaviour overall was very commendable. Thanks to all involved, especially organizer Narelle Holtham and parent helpers Karen Gilbert and Scott O’Loughlin.

CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT MASS
The Commitment Mass for Confirmation this year is occurring this Sunday at 10:00 am. All students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation and their parents are expected to attend. As this is a parish event, if there are some families who have prior arrangements for this weekend and can’t attend any of the masses on offer, another arrangement will need to be made with Parish Priest, Fr Mariusz for the commitment to be made.
YEAR 6 ASSEMBLY
This Thursday the Year 6 class will be presenting an assembly item in the hall beginning at 2:00 pm. All parents and friends are welcome to come along.

ST PATRICK’S EVENING MEETING
There is a meeting Tuesday 1st March at 7:30 pm in the staffroom to coordinate our St Patrick’s evening being held on the 12th March. All who believe they have something to offer are encouraged to come along.

God Bless

Steve O’Halloran
Principal

SAVE THE DATE
for St Pat’s Night
12th March 6.00pm Mass 7.00pm
BBQ Dinner
Help is needed for salad preparation and desserts
These will need to be prepared at the school between 10.00am -1.00pm on Saturday 12th March

Head of Primary School News

I would like to take this, my first newsletter piece, as an opportunity to introduce myself. I have met so many people the last few weeks and I must say thank you for the positive way that people have accepted my family and me into the Carnarvon community.

We come to Carnarvon after having spent the last three years in Kununurra where I worked as a class teacher in Year 4, 6/7, 5/6 and as an Assistant Principal at St Joseph’s Catholic School. Prior to that, I worked in Perth for ten years as a Physical Education specialist and classroom teacher at Whitford Catholic Primary School. I have also done a short stint at Djarindjin Lombadina Catholic School, a remote indigenous school on the Dampier Peninsula.

My wife Christina is a nurse however currently spending her days as a full time mother looking after our two boys, Hayden in Year 1 and Kai in Kindy. We are also expected our third child due in early May.

We seem to have settled well into our new life in Carnarvon and have already had the pleasure of visiting some of the surrounding sites including the Blowholes and Coral Bay as well as spending time down on the Fascine and at Pelican Point.

I am slowly beginning to learn about the students in our school, their lives and how I can best do my job to support them. I have been very impressed with the staff at St Mary’s and believe your children are in very capable hands.

I look forward to meeting you all at future school and community events.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Gammon
Head of Primary School
St Mary Star of the Sea Parish
Parish Priest: Fr Mariusz
Phone: 99411768
Weekend Mass Times:
Saturday 7pm
Sunday 8am & 10am

News from Parish

LENT Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday at 7pm followed by Mass.

CAN YOU PLEASE HELP?

Our School is an integral part of the Parish, and we are appealing for help from Parents to commit to the Rosters in the Church. We need names on the Reading Roster, the Power Point Roster and especially the Cleaning Roster. There is a roster sheet on the table at the back of the Church or you can leave your name with Anna Brooks if you are prepared to commit to a Roster. The more names we can have the less times your name comes around. If you can spare just 1 hour with a partner to clean the Church it would be so very much appreciated.

We do all expect the Church to be kept nice but we need people to help do this. Thank you all for considering this request.

Yvonne Fahl, Parish Council Secretary

News from the Bursar

SCHOOL FEES
Please remember to complete your Payment Options form and return it to the school. This indicates your commitment to the school with regards to your fees. Forms will be sent out with accounts to any families who have not returned their form. If you have any queries please call Anna on 99411328.

FEE CONCESSIONS
Holders of Centrelink Health Care and Pension Cards may be eligible to receive Fee Discounts. The card must be current and show the names of the children attending school. The discount can only be given to the person responsible for payment of the school fees. The discounts are available for students from Kindy to Year 10.

Secondary Student Assistance Parents who hold either card and have children in Yrs 7 – 10 may also be eligible for the Education Dept Secondary Student Assistance. Applications for Secondary Assistance close on Friday 8th April.

All families claiming fee discounts MUST complete new forms for 2016. Please bring your card with you as we are required to sight and copy the card.

Thankyou. Anna Brooks
Year 7 and 8 Coral Bay Camp
**2016 School Calendar**
The 2015 Year 10 Students are proud to announce that the 2016 School Calendar is now available. The calendars feature several images from each class. All proceeds raised will go towards the purchasing of a new school bus.

**School Calendars are now $10 each and available for sale at the school office.**

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**The Society of Divine Saviour**
St Mary Star of the Sea Catholic School received a Thank you letter from The Society of the Divine Saviour for our donation of $518.95. All funds have been sent to “Puso Sa Puso Educasyon” in Manila, Philippines.

Thank you for your support.

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**Nagle Catholic College**
Invites parents of Carnarvon primary and middle school aged children to attend our

_Carnarvon Campus Information Evening_  
Monday 14 March 2016 at 6pm  
Carnarvon Campus of Nagle Catholic College  
39 Egan Street

Learn about the exciting opportunities Nagle Catholic College can offer your child as a Year 11 and Year 12 student at our Carnarvon Campus

RSVP essential by Thursday 10 March to
Mrs Breid Peake  
99200 500  
peake.breid@ncc.wa.edu.au

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**Carnarvon School Dentist**
The school dentist is now open now until Thursday 17th March and is situated at the Carnarvon Community College Marmion Street Campus.

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**LOST PROPERTY**
There is also a collection of hats and jackets on the bench outside the office. A couple of items do not have names. Please ensure you name every article of clothing.
LEARNING MORE CREATING CHANGE

MS3's GRATITUDE TREE

Lent is a time of reflection and preparation. We take the time to think of others who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Project Compassion shows us how we can help those people to have better lives.

MS3 are showing our gratitude for our gifts by growing apples on our gratitude tree.

Every apple we place on the gratitude tree helps support those who need our help.

We are grateful for your help!

For a $2 donation to MS3's Project Compassion fund, you can share with the whole school what you are grateful for this Lenten season.

Apples available Tuesday lunch times during Lent.
St Mary’s Footy Tipping 2016
JOIN IN THE FUN! First Game Thurs 24th March
A huge prize pool of $5000!

Main Prizes  1st $2500  2nd $500  3rd $300  4th $200  5th $100  100th $100
Weekly Prize  $50 to the highest scoring tipper with the closest margin
(highest cumulative margin will determine winner if necessary)
Early Registration Prize  $150 - drawn from Registrations paid by Thursday 17th March 2016

Check it out at www.footytips.com.au  Competition Name “St Marys Carnarvon”

Played online before? Then just login with your old username and password - forgotten your password... click the “Forgot Password?” tab and check your emails!

* Please note: If we receive less than 150 or more than 200 registrations the prize pool may be reduced or increased!

Any queries please contact: Karen Gilbert 0428553390 or Robyn Bumbak 0437171040

PLEASE COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM BELOW AND SIGN UP ONLINE

Thank you for your support!

ST MARY’S FOOTY TIPPING REGISTRATION 2016

NAME: ____________________________ ALIAS (name shown on ladder): ____________________________

EMAIL: ____________________________ PHONE No.: ____________________________

Pd $50  CASH
CHEQUE  PAYABLE TO “Carnarvon Catholic Parish”
ONLINE  BSB: 016 610 A/No: 255972645  Reference: FT surname&initial

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Please return form and payment to the St Mary’s school office by Thursday 17th of March to be eligible for EARLY REGISTRATION PRIZE draw!

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