Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

Many opportunities to learn in the classroom come from errors that are made. They provide a rich vein of learning to provide feedback and to help a student move forward. Mistakes of themselves are not bad, they are part of the way in which we learn, grow and mature. Mistakes should be regarded as experiences, which give us information from which we can learn and make improved decisions – provided we don’t take them too seriously. Likewise, we can only learn from a mistake if we take ownership of it and admit that we made it. As soon as we start to blame other people for what occurred, we begin to distance ourselves from any beneficial outcome. Accepting responsibility makes learning possible and though we can’t change mistakes, we can, if necessary, change how we respond to them. When our children make mistakes, we should avoid belittling them and making a big deal out of their mistake. Instead, much can be gained if we discuss with them what went wrong and how, in the future, they might be able to avoid the same thing going wrong again. They need to be assured that mistakes can be fixed and that these mistakes can be used as a way of learning how to find better ways to be successful.

Similar to adults, children need to take responsibility for their mistakes and we deprive them of this opportunity, if we remove the burden of responsibility from them by accepting their responsibility as our own. Our children will never learn about consequences, if there never are any. If we have a gentle guiding hand to offer our children to help fix their mistakes and solve their problems, we will give them skills that will make them happy and enable them to grow to be productive and responsible young people. Children learn by example, so, if we as parents can demonstrate the proper responses to mistakes, our children will be able to model their own behaviour and expectations, after our own.

CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT MASS

Congratulations to the Year 6 students who began their Confirmation journey by making their commitment at last Sunday’s mass. Over the coming months they will learn how the sacrament of Confirmation can help them in their faith lives become adults of the church. Confirmation Mass is on Sunday, 22nd June at 10:00 am.
EASTER BREAK
The Easter break this year includes Easter Tuesday. The last day for students before Easter will be Thursday 24th March and the first day back following Easter will be Wednesday, March 30.

ST PATRICK’S EVENING
There will be a St Patrick’s evening fundraiser on Saturday, 12th March. This is always a fun evening with local talent providing the entertainment and meal included as part of ticket entry. Come along and support the P & F who are fundraising for a school bus.

FOOTY TIPPING
The St Mary’s P & F and St Marys Parish are once again organizing a footy tipping comp. Please support the school and Parish during this fundraiser. Cost is $50 per tipper.

God Bless

Steve O’Halloran
Principal

Middle School News
Welcome back to a great start to the year! We have been overwhelmed by the support and eagerness of the students for leadership roles around the school. Our students are keen to serve their community in all ways and I have been very proud and happy with the way they have already applied themselves in that way.

Congratulations to our newly appointed Head Boy: Edward Sipili and Head Girl: Sonia Leca. Both candidates will serve their school community well. SRC interviews will continue this week to confirm the appointment of the other members. Faction Captains for Middle School have also been confirmed: Forrest – Karttar Andreoli and Prince Gupta; Stirling – Andreja Mladinov and Jai Perry; Grey – Jessica Fernihough and Joseph Garcia. Thank you to all students who applied for these roles and I hope they will take on board the experience of striving for something and working hard towards that goal. Nothing is ever a ‘given’ in life and our students have started to realise that if they want something badly enough, they need to work hard for it, even if it means persevering after initial disappointment. I came across a very good poster the other day which I will share with you all below. It can be applied to all aspects of life, school, personal challenges, work etc… and reinforces that positive belief that we all should have in ourselves … can we do it? Yes we CAN!

The Year 7&8 camp returned from Coral Bay full of stories and personal bests – experiences made and challenges met, with friends in an amazing location. My profound thanks go to our supervisors on camp: Mrs Holtham, Mr Khan, Mr Knotman, Mr O’Loughlin (parent) and Mrs Gilbert (parent) as well as to Kane Simpson at Ningaloo Reef Adventure Camps. Mrs Holtham also spent a lot of her own personal time organising the camp and I wish to personally thank her for this. Camps are only possible if people put up their hands to do the hard work. Thank you to all concerned for making our school such an interesting and exciting place to be, for our students.

We also had a very successful Good Standing pool activity in Week 2 of term. It enabled all students to have a taste of the possibilities available to them if they achieved and maintained their Good Standing. I can’t wait to hear what the SRC have planned for the next activity.

Due to the long weekend, MS 3&4 homerooms have had to postpone their Mass to Sunday 3rd April. Please mark this date in your diaries as it will no doubt be a special celebration – Divine Mercy Sunday. More updates to follow through the homerooms.

Thank you to the Woolworths Earn and Learn programme. We have received resources for our school which is very much appreciated.

(Finn Beard and Robert Luis pictured with Thank You Certificate)
Miss Slattery is off to Sydney next week as part of her Regional Teacher Mentorship program with Bell Shakespeare Theatre Company. Miss Slattery was one of only 30 teachers selected from all over Australia for an all-expenses paid trip to Sydney and we look forward to hearing more about her program upon her return and some Shakespeare ‘Shenanigans’.

Thank you to all staff and students who have embraced Project Compassion 2016 so well and so generously thus far. It’s great to hear about the innovative ideas the students have come up with for our Lenten season and even greater to know that the giving won’t stop there. Some of the ideas look set to continue into terms 2 and 3. We await more information with anticipation.

Take care until next time …

Sam Da Luz
Head of Middle School

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If you fail, never give up
Because F.A.I.L. means
"First Attempt in Learning".

End is not the end, in fact
E.N.D. means
"Effort Never Dies".

If you get No as an answer,
remember that N.O. means
"Next Opportunity".

So let’s be more positive!

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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
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.

Lenten Program Every Wednesday after 7pm Mass - held at the Parish Office.

Busy Bee On Saturday the 12th March commencing 8.30am at the Church

Passion Sunday - Year 2 Class Mass 10am - 20th March

Good Friday - 25th March
Easter Vigil - 26th March
Easter Sunday - 27th March
Easter Monday - 28th March
Easter Tuesday - 29th March

MS3 and MS4 Homeroom Mass - Sunday 3rd April

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

The JLC would like to say thank you to the Sweetman family for donating the river sand so that we could make our boat safe for the children to play in.
It is our pleasure to be inviting you to the upcoming St Patrick’s Night on the 12th of March. This year’s fantastic St Patrick’s night will be hosted by the great Year 10 Business/Leadership Class of 2016 and the amazing St Mary’s P&F. Gates will open at 5:15pm. The evening’s festivities will begin with the children’s Treasure Hunt at 5.30pm, then the formalities with the Celebratory Mass at 6:00pm. This will be followed by dinner and the evening’s entertainments! There will be tickets include entry to the door prize available at the door and the evening’s shenanigans will include:

- Best Dressed Competition
- Raffle
- Lucky 100 Boards
- Games and competitions
- Live Entertainment (LNDI)
- Great Family Fun

Tickets
- $15 – Adults
- $5 – Kids (12 & Under)

Tickets are available at the school’s front office and Everywhere Travel, and will also be available on the night.
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.

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.

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.

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
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!

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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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