



School Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 24th March	Holy Thursday Liturgy - Whole School - Yr8 to lead
Friday 25th March	Good Friday
Monday 28th March	Easter Monday
Tuesday 29th March	Easter Tuesday
Wednesday 30th March	PS Show - Cyber Wise 1.50pm
Thursday 31st March	PS Assembly - Year 4
Monday 4th April	All Universities visit for Year 10's
Thursday 7th April	Last day of Term 1
Friday 8th April	Pupil Free Day
Monday 25th April	Anzac Day - Public Holiday
Tuesday 26th April	First day of Term 2

Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

The Last Supper at which Jesus said, "Do this in remembrance of Me", was meant to have a lasting effect on each of us who proclaim to be his followers.

"Remembrance" means not simply to call Him to mind but to make Jesus present again. "Do this" sums up the whole of His life and His ministry poured out for others. It is a command to participate in the mission of Jesus by continuing to do the deeds he did and to love as He loved. Jesus' loving service is given when it is not returned. The next day, He gave His life for the ones who would deny and betray Him. Jesus' words "Do this in remembrance of Me" might have been spoken in the presence of His close friends but they are spoken to us in each mass we attend. History records how His friends reacted to His words by taking His message to the end of the world.

Some two thousand years on there are 2.1 billion Christians throughout the world still continuing to spread the Gospel of Jesus, and by remembrance, making Him present when they meet and pray together.

Have a happy, holy and safe Easter.



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

This week I received a letter from the Executive Director of Catholic Education commending the school on its improved NAPLAN results as recognized by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA). This is recognition of the excellent standard of teaching and learning from our professional and committed staff. We know from our own student tracking and data that this improvement is the beginning for much stronger results expected in the coming years. Well done to all staff members.

EASTER LITURGY

There will be an Easter Liturgy in the school hall this Thursday beginning at 1:15 pm being led by our Year 8 class. All parents and friends are welcome to come along.

EASTER BREAK

This year, all schools will be having an extended Easter break. Can parents please note that students are not expected to return to school till Wednesday, 30th March.

MATHS AND SCIENCE EXTENSION GROUP

Next term, Miss Roche will be running a Maths/Science extension group after school on a Thursday. The children selected for this group will be chosen from their standardized test results and classroom behaviour. The students will be using the Lego Mindstorms EV3 Robotics and Coding materials that have been kindly donated by local business, BTX Contracting. I would like to thank BTX Contracting for their generous donation and Miss Roche for organizing this initiative.

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY

The next Primary Assembly will be held on Thursday, 31st March, beginning at 2:00 pm. This will be led by our Year 4 class. All parents and friends are welcome to come along.

LAST DAY TERM ONE

Hasn't time gone by quickly this term. The last day for students this term is Thursday, 7th April. The first day for students in Term Two is Tuesday, 26th April.

God Bless



Steve O'Halloran
Principal



HOLY WEEK SERVICES at ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH



<u>HOLY THURSDAY</u> —24th March—Mass of the Lord's Supper	7:00pm
<u>GOOD FRIDAY</u> — 25th March— Stations of the Cross	10:00am
Passion of the Lord	3:00pm

HOLY SATURDAY 26th March—

Blessing of Easter Food 11:00am (Bring your basket of food you will be preparing for Easter to be blest)

EASTER VIGIL 7:00pm

This service commences with the lighting of the Easter Candle. Please bring your own candles to the church with a protector to stop wax dripping onto the floor.

<u>EASTER SUNDAY</u> 27th March— The Resurrection of the Lord	8:00am
	10:00am

Head of Primary News

The Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) is the governing body for teachers in Australia. They provide standards which teachers can reflect upon and be measured. Their website contains many resources which teachers can access to ensure that what they are doing is up to date with current trends and research in education and ultimately the best they can offer your children.

Included in this information are things that teachers can do to prepare themselves mentally for the challenges they face each day. One of the suggested activities is practicing mindfulness. Under the guidance of Mr O'Halloran, St Mary's School has included mindfulness activities in all of our classes. Personally, I have found practicing mindfulness very useful in all aspects of my life; from taking time out to prepare myself for a meeting or presentation, including it as a tool in my teaching to improve student engagement, to switching off from what's happening at work at the end of a busy day. I am sleeping better, have less headaches and am finding myself making better decisions both at work and at home.

I know what some of you are thinking, "That's great for you but why do our kids need to do it?" As a father of young children I found myself asking the same thing. Why should my 3 and 5 year olds be practicing mindfulness? Why are our kids so stressed out that they need to be practicing mindfulness? The reality of the situation is that children today are being raised in a world where information is being thrust upon them from every which angle. When I was a child (and I'm now 36), we only had four television channels to choose from and we had no internet or mobile phones. We had basic game consoles, skateboards and the local quarry was our playground. We had fewer choices available to us and whilst naturally as kids we wanted more, we did not have endless options at our fingertips. For a young mind in today's world it can be easy to become overstimulated, overloaded and burnt out.

Part of our job as educators is to give students the skills they need to succeed in life. If we can teach students to develop strategies to cope with the fast moving pace of life, then they will hopefully be better equipped to learn, to thrive in stressful situations and to tackle an adult world which will undoubtedly look very different to the world we are currently living in. As parents, we can help our children to develop the tools they need in order to find balance in their lives, to be happy, healthy and successful. I will leave you with one final quote from Maggie Dent (Child Psychologist),

"Quiet moments of reflection, pondering and stillness have great power in childhood."

Mother's Day Liturgy

With Mother's Day approaching early in Term 2, I am hoping to collect some photos of the mums in the school with their children for a slideshow presentation. I will make myself available to take photos each morning next week and will be walking around before school. If you are unavailable to make these times and would like a photo in the slideshow, please email one to the office ASAP.

Kind regards



Mr Andrew Gammon
Head of Primary School



**Holy Week
& Easter**



Parish News

Father Mariusz is inviting any parents and/or their children who would like to be Baptised in the Catholic Church to contact him on 99411768 at the Presbytery.

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

Lego Robotics After-School Club

St Mary Star of the Sea is excited to announce that we will be beginning an after-school program to extend students' thinking in the mathematics and science domains. Miss Roche will begin a Lego Robotics Club for students in Years 4 to 6 who meet the strict selection criteria and display solid attendance and positive behaviour. The program is limited to 8 students only due to resourcing. Selection is based on standardised test results and academic performance of the previous year and will be reviewed at the end of each school year.

The selected students will build and learn to code two Lego EV3 Robots. These advanced machines give students opportunities to:

- *Design and build programmable robots using motors, sensors, gears and more*
- *Build, test, troubleshoot and revise designs to improve robot performance*
- *Gain practical, hands-on experience using mathematical concepts – Communicate effectively using scientific and technical language*



The Lego robots have been donated by BTX Contracting and they were purchased locally, from Toyworld Carnarvon. We sincerely thank BTX Contracting for providing us with the opportunity to run such an exciting and innovative club at our school.

Invitations, further information and permission forms will be given to selected students within the next two weeks in time for the commencement of the Lego Club in Term Two. I look forward to working with the students involved and appreciate your support in getting the club up and running!

*Miss Roche
Year 4 Teacher*

LEARNING MORE CREATING CHANGE



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF
PROJECT
COMPASSION

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 \$4500!

End of Season Prizes 1st \$2000 2nd \$500 3rd \$300 4th \$200 5th \$100 25th \$50 50th \$50 75th \$50
Weekly Prize \$50 to the highest scoring tipper with the closest margin
 (highest cumulative margin will determine winner if necessary)
Early Registration Prize \$100 - 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 or more than 180 registrations the prize pool may be reduced or increased accordingly!*

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: FTsurname&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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Carnarvon School Dentist

The school dentist is now closed and will reopen on Tuesday 3rd May . If urgent dental treatment is required , parents may have to see a private dentist or attend the A&E of the local hospital. Alternatively ,they may phone a Geraldton clinic for advice- Allendale DTC 99214218;Rangeway DTC 99214373; Bluff Point 99231239



Carnarvon Netball Association

Junior and Net Set Go Registration

Junior (11-17 Years)
Net Set Go (5-10 years)

Time: 5:30pm-6:00pm

When: Tuesday 5th April

Where: Carnarvon Netball Courts (Festival Grounds)

Kidsport funding available to eligible athletes

If any parents can help take forms it would be greatly appreciated

Season commences Term 2.

For more information or queries please
contact Ainslee on 0400206732

Senior Netball

Season:

The netball season runs on a Tuesday evening with games at 6:30pm sharp, commencing on 3rd May. Please note that depending on the number of registrations we receive some teams may be required to play at different times.

Fees:

Senior netball fees this year will be \$120. This covers a minimum of 12 games, insurance, Netball WA affiliated, court fees, awards and social nights.

Teams:

Groups of people are welcome to register their own teams. However, anyone is welcome to join our association! You may come down as an individual or small group and we will create a team for you! No grading will be required.

Important Dates:

5th April: Registration Day @ Netball courts 5pm-7pm

26th April: Pre-Season Round Robin, 6:30pm

3rd May: 1st Official Netball game, 6:30pm

****If you require any further information please do not hesitate to call us!
Association President: Bec Faithfull 0438949394*

Carnarvon Junior Soccer Association

Dear players and parents,

RE: Welcome to the 2016 Season – Online Registrations

Firstly, I would like to take this chance to welcome you to the 2016 football season.

The fees for the 2016 season are as follows:

Mini-roos (\$80)

U/11's & U/15's (\$100)

This fee will include a team shirt for each player.

I would also like to let you know that Registrations will be open from Wednesday 16th March.

Registrations will be completed via the National Online Registration System; My Football Club. The system allows players to register and pay Carnarvon Junior Soccer Association individually, online.

Attached you will find a Step by Step guide on how to complete a registration online. The steps are easy to follow, and your information has been pre-populated into the system, so that it can take about 2 minutes to complete.

The club will still be holding registration/information days at the Festival Grounds on the following dates:-

Wednesday 30th March @ 5pm

Monday 4th April @ 5pm

Wednesday 6th April @ 5pm

Please ensure that you have followed the steps attached and have completed a self - registration **before** the final date. As part of the registration, you will have an invoice emailed to you. Please print this out and bring to the registration day as proof of registration.

You will also be able to make registration enquiries on these dates.

In the meantime if you have any queries regarding the new process or any other matters please email us on cjsa_6701@hotmail.com or contact Club Registrar, Alison Durmanich (0419331971)

I wish you and your families all the best for the soccer season and look forward to an enjoyable and successful 2016 both on and off the pitch.

Yours sincerely,

John Nuttall
Club President

Carnarvon Junior Soccer Association

Please follow the following instructions to register online for our club:

Login:

Go to the MyFootballClub website: www.myfootballclub.com.au

Click on "Register Now"

Select "Player Registration"

Follow the prompts to proceed to login pages, find your FFA number and/or reset your password

Login using your FFA number and password:

FFA Number:

Password:

Start Registration

Once logged in, select "Make a Registration" or "Register Now"

Update contact details if necessary.

On the next screen, enter the club name (Carnarvon Junior Soccer Association)

NB: If you get a message saying there are no packages then click OK and check the club name

Select the Registration role as: "Player"

NB: If this is the first time you have registered to play football in Australia you will need to confirm whether you played in another country

Select the correct Registration Package that applies for your registration.

[Mini-Roos](#)

[Under 11's](#)

[Under 15's](#)

Click the "Add" button.

Click the Next button at the bottom of the screen.

Read and acknowledge the Terms and Conditions then click Next.

Click on "Pay Now" to pay online with a credit card (VISA or MasterCard), or select "manual Payment at Club" if you want to pay at our club information day.

NB: Payment must be made before a registration can be accepted.

Answer the questions on the final page and click the "Save All Answers" button.

Your registration has now been submitted. Make sure you have paid your fees and completed any necessary ID checks, etc.

Where do I go if I need help with my registration?

If you have any trouble with your registration you can use the following resources to help you.

- Visit the FAQ's page on the MyFootballClub website.
- View the Player Registration guides and videos which are on the Resources page of the MyFootballClub website
- Call FFA Support Centre [\(02\) 8020 4199](tel:0280204199) if you are having problems with your password to login.