



School Newsletter

Term 3 Issue 1

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

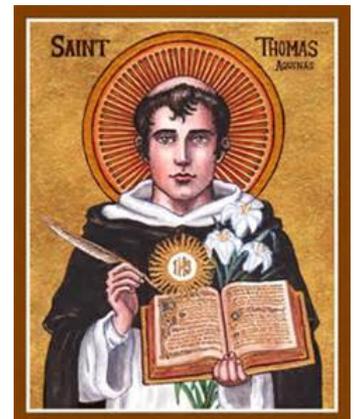
Thursday 21st July
Sunday 24th July
Wednesday 27th July
Thursday 28th July

Sunday 31st July
Tuesday 2nd August
Wednesday 3rd August
Thursday 4th August

First Holy Communion Parent/Child Meeting
MS5 and MS6 Homeroom Mass 10am
Middle School Parent/Teacher Evening
Bishops' Religious Literacy Assessment - Yr 9
Primary Assembly presented by Year 5
First Holy Communion
Bishops' Religious Literacy Assessment - Yr 5
Primary School Parent/Teacher meeting
"Our Story" presentation Year 3-10 - 1.30pm

A Student's Prayer (by St. Thomas Aquinas)

Come, Holy Spirit, Divine Creator, true source of light and fountain of wisdom! Pour forth your brilliance upon my dense intellect, dissipate the darkness which covers me, that of sin and of ignorance. Grant me a penetrating mind to understand, a retentive memory, method and ease in learning, the lucidity to comprehend, and abundant grace in expressing myself. Guide the beginning of my work, direct its progress, and bring it to successful completion. This I ask through Jesus Christ, true God and true man, living and reigning with You and the Father, forever and ever. Amen.



Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

Welcome back to school for another term and the second half of our school year. A special welcome to new families to our school community. I'm sure you'll find a welcoming smile and generous hearts here at St Mary's.

It was pleasing moving amongst the classes and speaking with the students over the last couple of days. As much as we all love holidays, the routine and order that comes with regular school attendance seems to ground most students. I believe they also get a sense of belonging when they return after an extended break.

Semester One is over and we now focus our efforts on learning in Semester Two. I reminded the Middle School students that the best way to ensure deep learning occurs and new information is transferred to long term memory is to constantly review newly learnt material throughout the semester. Depending on the information, it requires most of us to hear or rehearse the same material 22 to 24 times for it to become part of our long term memory for later retrieval. Each time information is reviewed, it requires less cognitive effort and time to recall the same information in the future. I told the students if they start afresh this term by reviewing each week's new learnings, by the end of semester it will be easy and fast information to recall. The personal factor affecting all of this of course is effort; none of this occurs with sacrificing a small amount of time and energy. Parents, this is where you can play your part. Gentle reminders to recall the week's learnings can play a major part in your child having a successful learning semester here at St Mary's.

WELCOME

We welcome to our school community Miss Lucy Towers, who is replacing Mr Kent as PE Teacher. We look forward to Miss Towers sharing her gifts and talents with us into the future.

HOMEROOM 5 AND 6 MASS

This Sunday at 10:00 am, the Middle School Homeroom Classes 5 and 6 will be leading the parish in the mass at St Mary's Parish. It is an expectation that all students in those homerooms attend. Being a Catholic School, this is one of the commitments we have of all students, being Catholic or not.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENT/CHILD MEETING

There is a meeting this Thursday evening for all children receiving First Eucharist this year and their parents. It will be held in the Library beginning at 6:30 pm and all are expected to attend. First Eucharist is occurring on Sunday, 31st July.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING

The next Parents and Friends Meeting will be occurring on Thursday, 28th July. All parents and friends are welcome to attend.

SHORT TERM STAFF REPLACEMENT

We welcome to St Mary's Mrs Robyn Bumbak, who is replacing Miss Melissa Slattery for the next three week whilst she is on leave at 'World Youth Day' in Poland. This is fantastic opportunity for Miss Slattery to join with other Catholic youth from around the world in Christian unity.

God Bless



Mr Steve O'Halloran
Principal

Naidoc Week celebrations



Middle School News

Welcome back everyone! I trust you have all had a restful holiday break. Please remember that MS 5&6 have a HR Mass this Sunday – hope to see you all there.

Also, there will be a parent/teacher evening scheduled for next Wednesday night (27th July) in the school hall starting at 4:00pm – 6:30pm. Please make appointments with your child's teachers through the front office.

Miss Slattery has provided this week's news with a brief report on our Year 10 Work Experience Program from Week 10, last term. We wish her a happy and safe trip as she continues her travels from Greece to Poland as part of the World Youth Day Pilgrimage. God Bless.

Until next time ...

Kind regards

Sam Da Luz

Head of Middle School

World Youth Day 2016 Update

We have finally arrived in Warsaw, Poland after five beautiful days in GREECE ready for our pilgrimage to Kraków! I've seen many beautiful churches (especially in Santorini) and I've attached a few pictures to make you jealous! I'm having an amazing experience and learning so much about St Paul and his amazing work in bringing Christianity to Europe. Very excited for the next few weeks!

Fr Greg sends his regards to all :)

Miss Slattery



Year 10 Work Experience 2016

The Year 10s had a collectively “awesome”, “fantastic” and “great” work experience in a variety of our local businesses during Week 10 of Term 2. Our students were exposed to the work environments of different industries and careers, enabling them in working out their interests for future pathways. Some of the students were lucky enough to be involved in various hands-on projects, while others developed their skills in working with others and solving problems, and getting the chance to see ‘behind the scenes’.



On behalf of the Year 10 cohort, Mrs Da Luz and myself, we would like to say a very big thank you to the following local businesses and organisations for their support, and acknowledge their valued participation in this fantastic learning experience for our students.

- Miss Slattery

- Asiana Delight*
- Belb-B Beauty Therapy*
- Carnarvon Auto Servicing and Towing*
- Carnarvon Christian School*
- Carnarvon Courthouse*
- Carnarvon PCYC*
- Carnarvon Signs*
- Coral Coast Vet Clinic*
- Heddi's Hair Salon*
- Gascoyne Office Equipment*
- Leading Edge Computers/Betta Home Living*
- Pascoe Partners*
- Pharmacy 777*
- Redcliff Electrical*
- Tremors Earthmoving*
- Shire of Carnarvon (Depot and Rangers)*



NAIDOC Celebrations

On the last day of school the Pre-Primary and Year One classes participated in NAIDOC Week celebrations. Children's participation in NAIDOC Week allows students to develop an awareness of the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have histories dating back 75 000 years, some of the oldest cultures in the World, thus valuable for our children to explore. Our day began with joining the Whole school for the NAIDOC Liturgy organised by the Year 5 class. When we returned to class our morning of rotational activities began. Children had the opportunity to make damper, create salt dough Australian animals, colour Indigenous prints, design nature jewellery, and make a musical shaker.



Our parent helpers, Rachel Smith and Katrina Scott also painted Indigenous designs on little hands and faces. Outdoor Play opportunities also included making music with tapping sticks and creating a camp fire with logs. The morning of celebration concluded with a shared Lunch, hot dogs and juice. Thank you to our parent helpers and teaching staff for their active involvement in this event.

Alison Durmanich and Ali O'Halloran



Favourite Australian Picture Books



United Teaching

Book Week August 20 -26 Whole School Parade Thursday 25th August 8:30am Australia! Story Country

It's important not to get too fixed on what makes a book suit this 2016 Children's Book Week theme. Australia is a Story Country. Our stories come from all over: from our own indigenous people, from migrants and refugees who have come to live here, from books, movies and orally transmitted stories.

Let's encourage our children to immerse themselves in a range of stories, to read them, listen to them, watch them, think about them, and go on to share them with others! Almost any story with an Australian link of some kind (character, setting, author, illustrator etc) is suitable for this theme.

Kindergarten

KINDERGARTEN INTERVIEWS

Currently enrolments are being taken for Kindergarten 2017. 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.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is opened every Tuesday and Thursday from 2.15pm to 3.15pm.

Please see Charmaine for all your uniform needs.

"You and Me" PLAYGROUP



FRIDAYS 9:30AM-12:00PM

Who: For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families with children 0-4 years old.

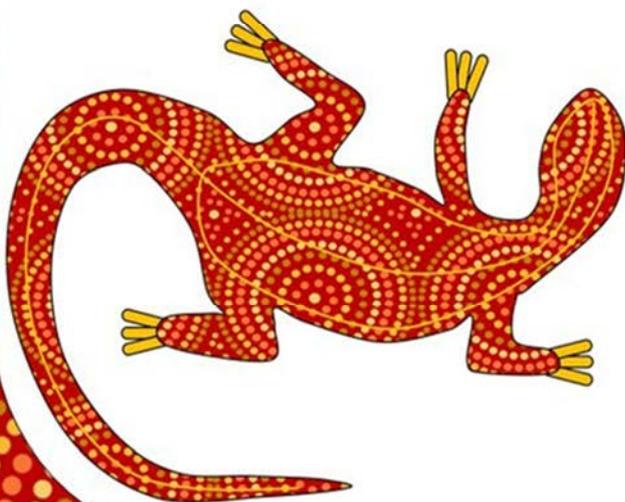
Where: 9 Butcher Street (In the playgroup building)

When: Starts, Friday 27th May 2016

FREE

For more Information please contact Rebecca on 0438949394 or
faithfull.rebecca@cathednet.wa.edu.au

Reading, Painting, Singing, Craft, Dancing and Much More!



Come and
join in the
FUN!

News

canteen

Thank you to the ladies who have volunteered this term.

Volunteers are invited every Tuesday and

Thursday from

10.15am to 1pm on a roster basis.

If you would like to be involved please contact the School Canteen on 9941 2483.

Thank you
Charmaine



Parish News

Parish Priest : Fr Mariusz

Phone: 99411768

Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday 7pm

Sunday 8am & 10am

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.

Homework Classes

Homework classes will re-commence for Term 3 on Thursday 21st July.




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GARDENING GURUS

Workshops for all gardeners



Want to learn more about plants this winter?

Plant names * Propagation * Pests and disease * Companion planting
Rejuvenate your lawn

Join our gardening workshops on a Thursday morning and learn more about plants, how to care for them and improve your propagation and pruning techniques. Our experienced horticulturalist Sara will share her knowledge gained from working in botanical gardens and nurseries.

A series of 8 workshops commencing Thursday 28 July 2016
9.30–11.30am
At the Airport Training site (near the airport)

Talk to our experienced trainers about how to get started.
Phone: (08) 99410100
Email: carnarvon@crtafe.wa.edu.au

Pay upfront for 8 workshops \$80
Or
pay as you go \$20 per workshop



Winner: WA Training Initiative 2013 & WA Large Training Provider of the Year 2010
Finalist: WA Large Training Provider of the Year 2009, 2011 & 2012
Winner: 2013 Excellence in Industry Promotion Award by the Transport & Logistics Industry Skills Council
Finalist: 2012 & 2013 Gold Plate Awards for the category 'Restaurant within a Training Establishment'

Creative Drawing for beginners



A mindful way to being creative.

Turn your scribbles and doodles into works of art.

Add a bit of Zen, relax and relieve stress

We are all artists—discover your talent.

"Anything is possible, one stroke at a time." (Zentangle slogan)

Classes start Wed 3 August

5.30 to 7.30pm

Pay upfront for 8 workshops \$80

Or

pay as you go \$15 per workshop



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