



School Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 22nd August to
Friday 25th August
Thursday 24th August
Wednesday 23rd August
Thursday 24th August
Friday 25th August

Sunday 27th August
Monday 28th August
Wednesday 30th August to
Saturday 2nd September
Monday 4th September
Wednesday 7th September
Friday 22nd September
Tuesday 10th October

Book Week - "Escape to Everywhere"

Book Week Parade 8:30am in the School Hall
Board Meeting - 7:30pm
P&F Meeting - 6:30pm in the Library (Change of Date)
MS Assembly - 1pm
PS Assembly - 2pm - Year 5 in the School Hall
Migrants Day Mass - SRC 9am
OLNA - Numeracy - Year 10
MS ACC Camp

OLNA - Writing - Year 10
OLNA - Reading - Year 10
Last day of Term 3
First day of Term 4

LOVE
THE FRUIT
OF THE
SPIRIT IS
JOY
PEACE
PATIENCE
KINDNESS
GOODNESS
FAITHFULNESS
GENTLENESS
SELF-CONTROL

Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

There is a Swedish Proverb which states that, "The best place to find a helping hand is at the end of your own arm." Proverbs have the knack of implying that solutions to problems sometimes means walking a long, bumpy road. One such road that adults and children have to walk is that of anger.

Anger occurs as perhaps the third emotion of an experience; frustration is just ahead of it and ahead of frustration is the trigger which might be a feeling of hurt brought about by being betrayed, teased, left-out, ignored, neglected or overwhelmed by a particular problem or workload.

Nobody makes you angry. You have the power to choose your feelings and you have the power to decide what to do with your chosen feelings in any situation.

When dealing with anger in children, we need to keep in mind that children 'do' actions but they are not their actions; children might create unpleasant situations but they themselves, are not the unpleasant situation. So when it comes to addressing the results of anger, we need to take care not to punish the person but seek ways to make up for the inappropriate situation created.

Of course, the development of positive habits from an early age will result in healthier and happier lives for our children, ourselves, our friends and our associates.

BOOKWEEK

Bookweek is upon us again and there is a great range of books to purchase currently in the library.

Proceeds of book purchases are used to supplement our current library catalogue.

The Bookweek Parade is occurring this Thursday and the theme for this year's parade is 'Escape to Everywhere'. Thanks to Mrs Aiken and Mrs McMeekin for coordinating the week's activities.

ACC TRIP

Next week, a group of students from St Mary's will be going to Perth to attend the Interschool ACC Athletics Carnival. This is a great opportunity for students from St Mary's to experience competition from other Catholic schools throughout WA.

Miss Towers and Mrs Holtham will be leading the group.

RECONCILIATION

A number of our Year 3 students will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation this year. There will be a meeting for parents of students receiving the sacrament next Thursday, 31st August, in the Library beginning at 6:30 pm. The commitment mass for the students is being held on Sunday, 3rd September.

FATHER'S DAY STALL

The Parents and Friends are holding a stall to sell Father's Day gifts next Thursday and Friday. This is an ideal opportunity for students to purchase gifts for their dads for Father's Day the following Sunday.

God Bless



Steve O'Halloran
Principal

**Book Week Parade is on tomorrow
commencing at 8:30am in the School
Hall. All welcome to attend!!!!**



Head of Primary School

Every now and then I have students sent to my office for using their hands to react to someone. My message is very simple, you can not under any circumstance put your hands on someone and if you do there will be a consequence for this. More often than not though, the child's reaction has been caused because someone has done something to them that they did not like. And quite often, they have tried telling the other person to stop; which is what we teach children to do. Think about that as an adult. If someone was making you feel uncomfortable and doing something to you that you didn't like, and you had asked them to stop, what would you do? As mentioned before, it is never okay to put your hands on someone but often we neglect to look at the reasons behind this situation. While it is important to deal with the hands on behaviour, it is equally important to deal with the person who insists on making others feel uncomfortable even when they have been asked to stop. Personally, I would like to give children the confidence and skills to stand up for themselves and say stop when someone is making them feel uncomfortable. This means that I also need to make sure children can register and acknowledge when someone tells them to stop, and help them to adjust their behaviour accordingly. Think about the conversation you have with your child next time they come home from school upset about something like this. How will you help them acknowledge their part in the situation whilst also giving them the skills to handle themselves differently next time?

Book Week

This week is Book Week and the theme is "Escape to Everywhere!" The much-anticipated dress up parade will be on Thursday morning with prizes for the best dressed students. We will also be having visiting author Glenn Swift back to entertain the students with his story telling on Tuesday 29th August. Thank you to Mrs Aiken for her efforts in coordinating the week and author visit.

Free Mathematics Program

To help Australian students with their Maths, Westpac is sponsoring a leading digital maths program for students in years 3 – 12, and it's FREE! Mathspace Essentials is a new kind of digital textbook that is dynamic and truly interactive. Its available online, including on mobile and tablet devices and can be used either at home or at school. There are videos, interactive questions, hints and feedback and it's all aligned to the Australian Curriculum. To get your free subscription, sign up at www.mathspace.com.

Father's Day

To celebrate Father's Day, the school will be holding a breakfast from 8:00 – 8:30am on Friday 1st September. All dads will receive a free bacon and egg roll and a coffee. We would love to see as many dads there as possible. To register for the breakfast, please contact Mrs Faithfull in the office.

Kind regards

Mr Andrew Gammon
Head of Primary School



The P & F will be holding a Father's Day stall at lunchtime outside the library next Thursday and Friday.

Gift prices range from \$2.00 to \$8.00.

If you would like your child to purchase a gift, you can place some money in an envelope and we will help your child choose their special gift.

Thank you for supporting your school.

P & F Committee



Parish News

Mass times have been changed

Saturday night - 7pm
Sunday morning - 9am

Reconciliation

Thursday 31st August	Parent Meeting
Sunday 3rd September	Commitment Mass
Thursday 9th November	Parent/Child Meeting
Thursday 16th November	1st Reconciliation



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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Catholic Diocese of Geraldton

Bishop of Geraldton W.A.

17 August 2017

Dear people of the Diocese of Geraldton,

As Australians all of us are being called to participate in a voluntary postal vote on the issue of same-sex marriage. This question of changing the Marriage Act has been with us for some time.

I would like to offer you some thoughts on the Catholic Church's teachings and assist you in the decision you make through the postal vote. This is not an easy matter for many of you, requiring a lot of thought and reflection on how to approach the question which will be put to us. If necessary, further information from me or from the Australian Bishop's Conference will be sent out to assist everyone with their decision.

To put it simply, the Church cannot change its understanding of marriage to include same-sex couples. The foundation of the church's understanding of marriage goes a long way back in its Judeo-Christian heritage. Our belief about Marriage is the union between a man and a woman for life and open to the bringing up of children. Marriage is a Sacrament, expressing and revealing through the love of a man and a woman, the love of our God, who is the Creator and Sustainer of all life.

As a Church, this is our belief which has always been there and part of life for Catholics and many others in the wider community. This is the principle behind our belief and understanding of Marriage. This is also about the creation of a family through the love of a Mother and Father in marriage offering a loving and stable environment. This is the vision of Catholic marriage. As we know, this is not always the reality where people's circumstances and situations change. I always hope our Catholic community would be supportive and respectful of people in difficult relationships, people in blended families, those who raise their children by themselves or not able to have their own children.

With that belief, the Catholic community in Australia has a responsibility and a right to express its views respectfully to enable our understanding of marriage to be heard by all in the community. We do not "impose our views" as Archbishop Costelloe says, but "propose our views" for your consideration. Our view does not suggest we support any unjust discrimination against same-sex couples or the taking away from them legal protections and government benefits. Many of us have family and friends in same-sex relationships, and love and respect them. There are no easy answers here or even ways for discussion. My hope is we can discuss how we vote, respectfully. Our different view to those supporting a change in the Marriage Act is not about rejection of people in same-sex relationships, it is about our belief and understanding of marriage.

As we exercise our right to vote, may we call on God's wisdom in the decision we make after we receive the Ballots on September 12. Ultimately our politicians will determine the direction we will take in Australia and we keep them in prayer. May our society continue to be a place where our families and children flourish in peace and love.

God's blessings and peace,

Yours sincerely

The Most Rev. Michael H. Morrissey
Bishop of Geraldton

Junior Athletics Carnival



STIRLING REMAIN THE CHAMPIONS!

St Mary's Star of the Sea held their annual Interhouse Athletics Carnival last week. Field events were run on Wednesday 9th August, followed by the track events on Thursday 10th August. The competitions were held on the town oval and despite a little wet and windy weather on Wednesday, we were joined by a large crowd of supporters and volunteers.

Year 3 to Year 10 students competed in their factions: Forrest, Grey and Stirling to earn individual points and for their faction totals. There were 14 field events run on Wednesday and 102 track events and relays throughout the day on Thursday that saw every child compete in a range of events.

Year 10 students were on hand to assist with running our field events and they also competed in the Track events on the Thursday. Faction captains also managed their bays and kept the morale and cheering going throughout the day.

After a busy day of individual races, it was time for the most exciting event of the day right at the end; The Super Relay. This race involves one boy and one girl from each year group in each faction, building up from Year 3 to Year 10 followed by a teacher. The crowd went wild as the speed gradually increased with age and Stirling sailed to victory with Mr Good bringing it home for his team.

The Junior Athletics Carnival was held on Wednesday 16th August with our PP to YR2 students competing in both track and field events. Our kindy students even joined us for a very fast dash over 50m. The sun was shining and so were all of our amazing competitors. It was a fantastic day filled with colour, fun and great sportsmanship. All three factions were well represented by both students and staff donning their colours and cheering loudly for their teams.

It was fantastic to have a great crowd of parents, family and friends to help cheer the students along and add to what was a fun filled day.

Our school Faction Captains from Yr10 and Yr6 showed their fantastic and ever growing leadership skills as they helped lead the activities throughout the day, and alongside staff kept the day running like clockwork.

A big thanks to the staff and students that helped with the task of set up and packing away, especially Mr Brooks who as always had everything set up and ready to go, like a well-oiled machine.

The Carnivals were a great success, and I would like to commend every student for their superb behaviour and strong team morale, and to all members of staff, parents, friends and volunteers for creating an absolutely electric atmosphere. This school is truly special and I feel lucky to be part of a community with such a strong spirit.

Please see below a list of results:

	Champion Girl	Runner up Girl	Champion Boy	Runner up Boy	Factions
Y3	CHLOE BUMBAK	INDAH RANKIN	MARLEY MIHOLOVIC	JUSTIN QUACH	FORREST 231 STIRLING 195 GREY 159
Y4	KAYANEE BELLOTTI	ASHLEE MAI	LIAM WORTHINGTON	DAYNE WHITE	FORREST 261 STIRLING 172 GREY 97
Y5	HARMONY BELLOTTI	MYLYNE THACH	LUKE JORDAN	XAVIER COX	FORREST 256 STIRLING 255 GREY 138
Y6	EMMA HOLTHAM	RACHAEL SCHMIDT	REGAN BASSETT	EDWARD CAPEWELL-RANDALL	STIRLING 268 GREY 249 FORREST 141
Y7	JORDIE PORTER	BRIDGET ANDERSON	MATHEW GILBERT	SHANE BROWN	FORREST 494 STIRLING 423 GREY 302
Y8	ISOBELLE WARREN	MACKENSIE CHAPMAN	JAMES HOLTHAM	DANIEL COSH	FORREST 346 STIRLING 337 GREY 365
Y9	IVANA RYDER	BIANCA DEIGIUDICI	ADAM CLARK	WILLIAM DURMAN-ICH	STIRLING 635 FORREST 226 GREY 139
Y10	BREE HUDSON	JESS FERNIHOUGH	DUKE WARREN	KOBY PORTER	GREY 379 STIRLING 297 FORREST 244

	OVERALL POINTS TOTAL
1 ST	STIRLING 2977
2 ND	FORREST 2594
3 RD	GREY 2108

**HAPPY
FATHERS
DAY**

Dear Dads

You're invited to come and celebrate Father's Day with your children at St Mary's. The middle school students will be cooking and serving bacon and egg rolls to all dads on Friday September 1st from 8:00 - 8:30am.

Please come and join us near the stage area for breakfast and a short liturgy.

In order for us to prepare for the event, can you please notify the front office if you are intending on coming.

Thank you !!!!!



BOOK FAIR BOOK FAIR BOOK FAIR BOOK FAIR BOOK FAIR BOOK FAIR

Big News Everybody.... Once again, we will be running a Book Fair in the Library. It will be run over three days, starting on Tuesday the 22nd August. All classes will be visiting the Library and the students will be encouraged to choose a couple of books they would enjoy reading.

Please drop into the Library between 8.30 and 2.30 from Tuesday the 22nd August, Wednesday the 23rd August and Thursday the 24th August and we can help you with your selections.

The Library makes a commission on all items sold and these proceeds will be used to purchase new books for the Library.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you all.

Susanne Aiken

Library Officer

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***Don't forget your costumes - Kindy to Year Ten
Book Week Parade is Thursday 24th August 2017***

Kindergarten

KINDERGARTEN INTERVIEWS

Currently enrolments are being taken for Kindergarten 2018. 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.



"Escape to Everywhere"

Annual Book Fair

All Purchases Will Benefit Our School

Date: Tuesday 22nd, Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th August 2017

Time: 8:30am until 2:30 pm

Place: St Mary Star of the Sea Catholic School - School Library

Don't forget your costumes - Kindy to Year Ten -

Book Week Parade is Thursday 24th August

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 2.15pm to 3.15pm. Long sleeve blue polo shirts are now available. Prices are \$28.00

Homework Classes

Homework classes are each Tuesday and Thursday

Please contact the school office for further information





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Engage



Learn

**SEQTA Learn and SEQTA Engage are now available as apps!
Bring SEQTA's functionality to your mobile device, plus a few extras:**



Never miss a thing

Receive push notifications whenever there's something you need to know about.



Hassle-free authentication

Login by scanning or tapping a secure code no username or password required!



Keep it secure

Enable fingerprint locking to ensure that only you can access the app.

Other functionality

The SEQTA apps build on the existing capabilities of *SEQTA Learn* and *SEQTA Engage*, so you'll be able to:

- › View upcoming assessments and submit work
- › View marked assessments and teacher feedback
- › View and search your courses and lessons
- › Take notes and make task lists
- › View pastoral care information
- › Track upcoming homework
- › View unresolved absences
- › Send and receive direct messages
- › Interact with students, teachers, and parents in forums
- › View relevant school notices
- › Access academic reports
- › View and colour your timetable

...and much more!

If you have any questions, please contact...

The school administration office on 99411328

The address it is

<https://smcsc.coneqt-p.cathednet.wa.edu.au/>



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WHO

For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families with children 0-4 years of age

WHERE

30 Egan Street

WHEN

Monday and Wednesday
Mornings 9am-12pm



WHAT'S ON AT PLAYGROUP?

FRUIT TIME LEARNING GAMES
CONVERSATIONAL READING INDOOR ACTIVITIES
SENSORY ACTIVITIES **OUTDOOR PLAY**
ENRICHED CARE-GIVING LAUGHTER **FUN**
TEA AND COFFEE **LEARNING**



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Woolworths Earn & Learn 2017

Dear Parents,

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school/early learning centre – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 26th July to Tuesday 19th September or while stocks last, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you'd like to know more, visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

St Mary's drop off zones for stickers will be at the St Mary school office, the Junior Learning Centre or at Woolworths.

Thank you for your support



For the last 15 weeks, Carnarvon campus students have been involved in a community health and fitness program conducted through the Carnarvon physiotherapy and supported by local nutrition and health practitioners. The college took this on as part of their Project for Term 2, with time during and after school dedicated to developing an understanding of health and fitness and undertake a nutrition and exercise training regime. The program culminated in a 50km bike ride to local tourist attraction Quobba Blowholes.

On Wednesday 16th August students, staff, parent volunteers and program coordinators took part in the bike ride. It was a perfect day for the event; setting off at 8.30am, the tailwind helped the students to make better progress than planned, and all were able to finish the 50km in a time of 2 hours and 16 minutes. It was clear that their hard work in training had paid off!

Well-deserved refreshments were taken at the beach by the Blowholes, and all who were involved in the program, including parents, were invited for an evening meal at the Carnarvon Hotel, to celebrate the student's successes.

Special thanks to Gavin Griffiths at Carnarvon Physiotherapy Clinic, Annie McKennay, Marie Gane and Robyn and Mark Bumbak for their support during the course of the program and on the day of the event.