



School Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 30th August to
Saturday 2nd September
Thursday 31st August
Friday 1st September
Sunday 2nd September

Monday 4th September
Wednesday 6th September
Thursday 7th September and
Friday 8th September
Friday 8th September
Sunday 9th September
Friday 22nd September
Tuesday 10th October

MS ACC Camp

Reconciliation Meeting - 6:30pm in the School Library
Father's Day Brekkie and Liturgy 8am to 8:30 am
Father's Day
Reconciliation Commitment Mass - 9am
OLNA - Writing - Year 10
OLNA - Reading - Year 10
Inter-school Athletics Carnival

MS Assembly
Year 9 and 10 Social
Last day of Term 3
First day of Term 4



Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

This Sunday is Father's Day, when we recognize the profound influence our Dads have in our lives. Fatherhood is one of the great privileges in a man's life for it enables him to be the first male in a child's life; of course this leads to the life-long responsibility of parenthood. Ian Grant in his book, "Fathers who dare WIN", offers this insight.

"The greatest legacy a man can leave in the world is not so much a great business, but a "living" investment in the future, through loving, stable, employable and healthy children. Parents are the ultimate 'people builders'. The fine expectations you have of your children, the skills you teach them, and the values you model for them will be the bricks and mortar of great future citizens."
Happy Father's Day.

RECONCILIATION

There are a number of students from St Mary's that are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this year. As part of their preparation, the students will be attending a commitment mass this Sunday at 9:00 am. There will also be a parent information evening held this Thursday night at 6:30 in the school library.

ACC CAMP

Today, a group of middle school students travelled to Perth to compete against other Catholic schools throughout WA in athletics. This is an exciting event for those middle school students and we wish them all the very best.

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST AND LITURGY

This Friday morning there is a Father's Day breakfast and liturgy. To ensure catering is adequate, can all those dads who are staying for breakfast please let the office know.

MIGRANT DAY SRC MASS

Last Sunday our SRC led the parish 10:00 am mass which was celebrating Migrants Day. Thanks to all those who came and contributed, especially Religious Education Coordinator, Mr Adrian Good.

INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS

Next Thursday and Friday primary students from St Mary's will be competing in the annual interschool carnival days. We wish the students all the very best.

God Bless



Steve O'Halloran
Principal

Happy Father's Day



Middle School News

We farewelled the ACC Camp students today as they travel to Perth. Thankfully, Miss Towers arrived back in time from flight delays overseas to escort the students down with Mrs Holtham, Mr Brooks, Mr Worthington and Mr O'Loughlin. They have a day of competition with a day of travelling either side, so all parties will be well and truly tired upon their return. We wish them all personal bests in the competition and look forward to their results.

With the Year 9/10 Social looming next weekend, I would like to extend my thanks to Miss Slattery for all her guidance with the students in organising this event. I know that the teachers will be supporting the event by coming along and supervising on the night; I hope the students support the event by remembering to purchase their tickets next week!

Opportunities to complete Christian Service Learning hours are being offered throughout the school by staff: Miss Hegarty in the Science Lab, Miss Slattery with the Father's Day breakfast and myself, within the school community. Any Student from Years 7-10 wishing to make up some hours, can contact any of the above to do so.

A timely reminder to all regarding some unsafe and undesirable practices and habits that are beginning to be formed around the school:

1. When playing with the footballs in the MS mini grassed area, there is to be no tackling/ wrestling or **reckless** kicking of the footballs.
2. School bags are NOT to be carried around between classes. They are to be placed on the bag racks or hung up directly outside the student's **own homeroom** each morning.
3. Mobile phones are NOT allowed on the school site. If your child is bringing them to school, they need to be switched off and deposited at the front office ready for pick up at the end of the school day. Having them in the school bags pose damage, theft, privacy and security risks. On several occasions in the past, students have been contacting family or friends from their mobile phones whilst at school. This is NOT acceptable. If a student needs to communicate with anyone outside of school, they will need to present at the front office. Use of mobile phones whilst on school grounds will result in the phone being confiscated as per our School Mobile Phone policy.

As always, we require your support from home to ensure that our school remains a safe and inclusive environment and where learning is at the heart of our core business. When teenagers are getting distracted by digital media and devices, they aren't giving themselves the best possible opportunities to maximise their own learning. So please, no mobile phones at school. Another blocker to success, is fear of failure. I have a poster on my office door about the Iceberg Illusion which would have you believe that those who made it, never went through failure:



I think we can all relate to this – how some people look at other people’s success and don’t appreciate all that happens underneath the surface.

Finally, this short story is a good one to share with anyone who has failed at something in life and has thus given up trying again. Remembering that failure is not the opposite of success and that it is actually part of success, will go a long way to changing our attitudes.

As a man was passing some elephants, he suddenly stopped, confused by the fact that these huge creatures were being held by only a small rope tied to their front leg. No chains, no cages. It was obvious that the elephants could, at any time, break away from their bonds but for some reason, they did not.

He saw a trainer nearby and asked why these animals just stood there and made no attempt to get away. “Well,” the trainer said, “When they are very young and much smaller we use the same size rope to tie them and, at that age, it’s enough to hold them. As they grow up, they are conditioned to believe they cannot break away. They believe the rope can still hold them, so they never try to break free.”

The man was amazed. These animals could at any time break free from their bonds but because they believed they couldn’t, they were stuck right where they were.

Like the elephants, how many of us go through life hanging onto a belief that we cannot do something, simply because we failed at it once before? Failure is part of learning; we should never give up the struggle in life.

Until next time, take care ...

Kind regards
Sam Da Luz
Head of Middle School

There is **NO**
elevator to
SUCCESS.
You have
to take the
STAIRS.



Parish News

Mass times have been changed

Saturday night - 7pm
Sunday morning - 9am

Reconciliation

Thursday 31st August	Parent Meeting - 6:30pm in the School Library
Sunday 3rd September	Commitment Mass - 9am
Thursday 9th November	Parent/Child Meeting
Thursday 16th November	1st Reconciliation



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.

**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 !!!!!



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





SEQTA



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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ABORIGINAL FAMILIES AS FIRST EDUCATORS

The playgroup Facilitator and Family Liaison Officer will work alongside parents and carers as first educators to prepare their children with strong foundations to, BE, BELONG and BECOME independent, spirited individuals with a bright and prosperous future.

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**



CATHOLIC EDUCATION
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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



Athletics Carnival

This year's Nagle Catholic College Athletics Carnival took place on Friday 25th August, and the Carnarvon Campus Year 11's travelled down to Geraldton for the occasion.

The Athletics Carnival is a whole school event held at the St. Patrick's campus. Each student earns point for their house for every event they participate in, with an emphasis placed on participation and team spirit, not just athletic ability. It was fantastic to see our Carnarvon students getting involved and competing with their fellow Nagle students.



The House points were exceptionally close throughout the day; with only 209 points separating the top and bottom House in the end.

Congratulations to O'Collins house who came out victorious with a total of 5,149 points.

Skippers Ticket

Year 12 industry students spent Monday and Tuesday of this week completing a skippers course as part of their endorsed programs. This service was provided by central TAFE with instructors travelling from Geraldton to teach the course. All of the students were successful in completing the program; thanks to all staff involved, Central TAFE, and the students who applied themselves wonderfully.