



School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Week 3

Wednesday 14th February Ash Wednesday—Year 5 to lead—1:30pm in the School Hall

Friday 16th February PS Assembly—Badge Presentation

Week 4

Wednesday 21st February Board Meeting 7:30pm

Thursday 22nd February P & F Meeting 5:30pm

Friday 23rd February MS Assembly—Badge Presentation

Week 5

Thursday 1st March 1st Communion Meeting 7pm

Celebrating God's Love
on St. Valentine's Day



F R O M T H E P R I N C I P A L ' S D E S K

Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

With the Season of Lent upon us and the old problem of “what to give up for lent” circling around us, perhaps the following might offer some new alternatives:

- Fast from anger and hatred
 - be more patient and understanding.
- Fast from judging others
 - think kindly thoughts.
- Fast from discouragement
 - be full of hope.
- Fast from complaining
 - focus on gratitude.
- Fast from resentment or bitterness
 - turn to forgiveness.

Of recent times, Lent has lost some of its importance to Christians, but a Christianity that celebrates only the joyful times, like Christmas and Easter, leaves us with a fractured Spirituality. We need to have the balance of being challenged by the sometimes harsh truths of human life –our weaknesses and failings.

We need the Season of Lent if we are to live in imitation of Christ, to be Christians.

We need to work out for ourselves what it is in our lives that needs to die, to be no longer part of our lives, that which makes us candidates to receive the forgiveness that Jesus gained for us when He died on Good Friday. If we are able to achieve this, to sweep out the negatives, then Easter will not be a shallow celebration but one full of meaning, for we will be totally aware of the new birth as stated in the Resurrection of Jesus.

The Season of Lent is a time to review the past, admit to our shortcomings, reaffirm our commitment to the higher values that we had actually lived, and prepare ourselves to try harder in the year ahead. It is a time to acknowledge our less than best choices and to feel sorry for the lost opportunities; it is a time to have a clean room to offer the new life of Easter.

The name “Lent” came from an Anglo-Saxon word, “Leetem”, which simply means Spring. Easter is always the first moon on or after the first day of Spring in the Northern Hemisphere. This association of Lent and Spring can carry with it the comparison of our house needing and having a spring cleaning after the difficulties and restrictions of winter, and our spirituality needing a spring cleaning after a year of negative influences and trying to live up to the ideals of being like Christ to others.

How about a couple more alternatives:

- He was so broke—he couldn’t pay attention.
- When I was a little boy—the Dead Sea was only sick.
- A fool and his money—are soon partying.

“Jesus,
May we be encouraged this Lent
as we reflect on the difficulties
You had in Your life.
Give us a like courage to face
the challenges that daily enter our lives.
Lead us to the joy of resurrection.
Amen.”

YEAR 6 INFORMATION NIGHT

This Monday evening, 19th February, there will be an information evening for all parents of students in Year 6 at 4-30pm. It is important that all parents attend this event as items such as the Geraldton Camp, Confirmation and classroom expectations will be discussed.

YEAR 5/6 LEADERS PRESENTATION

At this Friday's assembly, the Student Councilors for Year 5 and 6 for this term will be announced and the School Factions Captains for this semester will be announced.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING

Next Thursday evening, 22nd February, the first Parents and Friends Meeting will be held in the school library. All are welcome. Some of our longer serving P & F Members have retired and we are looking to getting some new members with ideas to invigorate our group. If you are free, please come along.

God Bless



Steve O'Halloran
Principal

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS REGARDING 2018 SCHOOL FEES

BPAY - As from 2nd January the school's BPAY Biller code will change to **280305**. Existing family Reference numbers will remain the same. If you have pre-set BPAY payments for your fees you will need to change the Biller Code.

SCHOOL FEE SETTING & COLLECTION POLICY

Our policy is on the School website. Please take the time to read our policy so that you are fully aware of changes and expectations in regards to payment of fees.

SCHOOL FEE SCHEDULE 2018

The School fee schedule is also on the website. The schedule is set out in accordance with the Catholic Education Office Instructions. The fees shown are for one child. Sibling discounts apply on Tuition Fees from K-10. Sibling discounts do not apply to 3 YO Pre-Kindy.

HEALTH CARE CARD FEE CONCESSIONS (HCC)

Discounts have now been extended to include Amenities fees, Building Levy and some other charges. However, there are some charges which parents are required to pay in full. Holders of means-tested cards must bring their cards to the office to be copied and paperwork completed. Please bring your cards to the School Bursar in the first two weeks of school. HCC discounts apply to students from Kindy to Year 10.

SCHOOL FEES PAYMENT PLAN

ALL families are expected to complete a School Fees Payment Plan for 2018. Forms will be sent out with your first account. In 2018 it is expected that all fees will be paid in full by the 31st October. If you are not able to meet this deadline than you must make an appointment either with the Principal or School Bursar to arrange an extension.

Year 3—6 News

Wow Week 3 already! The students in Year 3—6 have been busy getting back into the swing of learning. It has been great seeing so many students engaged with all aspects of their learning.

Year 5 & 6 have had students who are interested in being school leaders present their speeches to their peers this week I was lucky enough to be invited into both classes for the speeches and I must say I was very impressed with the preparation and commitment of the students during this process. Election results will be announced at assembly on Friday!

In the next few weeks we have some great sporting events happening these include;

- The Blueearth Foundation will visit (1st March) and share some activities that promote healthy and active lifestyles.
- WACA Cricket (13th March) will conduct lessons for all primary classes and a special interschool carnival for our Year 5 & 6 students (16th March).
- Football West Soccer Clinic (23rd March) for some of our primary classes (TBA).



Until next week
Mrs Trudy Cox
A/Head Primary (Yr3-6)

AN APPEAL FOR HELP TO ALL PARENTS

St Mary's School is an integral part of the Parish of St Mary's Star of the Sea. The School was started by the Presentation Sisters and for the past 100 years and more the School and Church have been totally "together" as one. We are now experiencing a situation where the support from volunteers has fallen away to the point where we cannot continue without some help.

THE PARISH COUNCIL wants to appeal to all Parishioners to give some thought to helping with the Cleaning of the Church, and the Reading and Power Point Rosters. We have a responsibility to keep our church clean, and everyone expects St. Mary's to look loved and cared for, not only for Weddings, Baptisms, First Communion, Confirmation etc, but at all times.

If you have a friend who would clean with you, and you put your name down for the Roster, with enough helpers we could get back to having one turn a school term which is not a very big commitment. Two people can clean the church in an hour, as the Brass is cleaned separately, the Linen is washed and ironed also separately and the flowers are prepared again separately.

We understand that "everyone" is busy but at the present time the cleaning roster is made up mainly of Ladies who have been doing this task for many years and the situation needs to change to make it more workable. Would someone consider helping with the washing and ironing of the linen???????

Project Compassion

Thank you to St Marys students for participating in "Pancake Day". A total of \$383.70 was raised for Project Compassion. A huge thank you also to Miss Slattery and the Year 10 Hospitality class for making pancakes for the whole school!!! Well done



From the REC

Mass Times

**Saturday night - 7pm
Sunday morning - 9am**



iPad Plan for 2018

This year, all students from Years 3 – 5 will be expected to have an iPad for use at school. Students from Year 6 to 10 are still able to use their previously purchased laptops. Over the coming years, iPads will become the preferred device for the school. Our requirements and recommendations for iPads are listed below:

- No iPad minis. They are too small for our educational purposes and place too much strain on students' eyes.
- Must have a lightning adapter (smaller charging cable).
- Must handle latest operating system iOS 11 (Microsoft Teams is only compatible with recent operating systems).
- Must have at least 64GB of memory.
- The iPad air is recommended by the school.
- Latest model is recommended as it will handle the latest operating system and be more compatible with future operating systems; therefore, it will last longer.
- A lifeproof or solid protective case is recommended for Year 3 and 4 students.
- Year 5 upwards will be expected to have an attached keyboard. These can either be an Apple product or an aftermarket version.
- Students will also need a set of ear phones.



UNIFORM AND CANTEN NEWS

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The uniform shop is open Tuesday and Thursdays 2.15-3.15pm every week of the term.

Thank you
Charmaine

2018 KINDY AND PRE-KINDERGARTEN 3 YEAR OLD ENROLMENTS

Enrolments for children to begin the Kindy and 3 Year Old Pre-Kindergarten Programme are currently being taken.

All parents that have children turning 3 years of age between 1st July 2017 and 30th July 2018 are welcome to contact the school office on 99411 328 for further information.



Term Dates for 2018

First Day of Term 1 - Wednesday
31st January
Last Day of Term 1 - Friday 13th April





SEQTA



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...

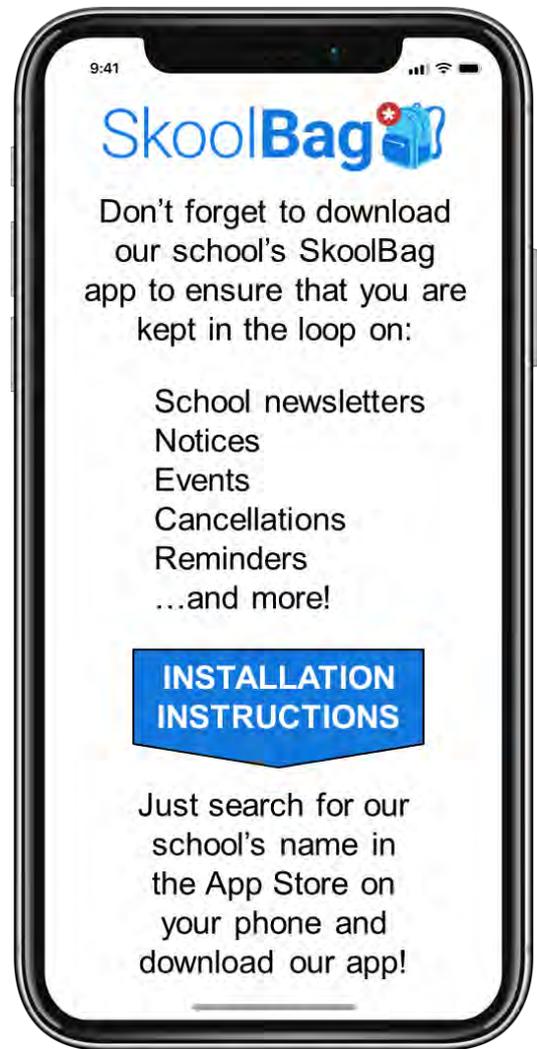
The school administration office on 99411328

The address it is

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



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SkoolBag

Don't forget to download our school's SkoolBag app to ensure that you are kept in the loop on:

- School newsletters
- Notices
- Events
- Cancellations
- Reminders
- ...and more!

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Just search for our school's name in the App Store on your phone and download our app!

Expressions of interest now open! Please contact Fr Mariusz or Melissa Slattery.

WORLD YOUTH DAY PANAMA

22-27 JAN 2019

WORLD YOUTH DAY

"I AM THE SERVANT OF THE LORD. MAY IT BE DONE TO ME ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD" (Lk 1:38)

#PANAMA2019

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	WHERE	WHEN
For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families with children 0-4 years of age	30 Egan Street	Monday and Wednesday Mornings 9am-12pm

YOU & ME LEARNING TOGETHER

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 This initiative is proudly funded by the Australian Government



Every Child Deserves a Good Book

BOOK CLUB REMINDER

Book Club orders are due back to school by
16th February 2018

ST MARY'S YOUTH GROUP

Saturday **17TH**
February

ST MARY'S CHURCH,
CARNARVON

Ages 11+ welcome

5.30pm start followed by

7pm Mass & supper

*Join
us now!*

RSVP to Melissa

0447 795 007

PosterMyWall.com

KIDS CLUB



(PP to Year 7)



COMBINED WITH FRIDAY FUN CLUB
Bring bathers/towel

When: Friday 23rd February

Time: 3.00pm to 5.00pm

Carnarvon Christian School

Undercover area, Babbage Is. Rd.

For enquiries ring:

John Tomkins: 0428 527 032

Or Brian Fyffe: 9941 1571

Run by the Churches of Carnarvon

FREE.

Parents / carers welcome to attend.
Bible stories, water games, craft, afternoon tea