

School Newsletter

Term 2 Issue 2

9th May 2018

St Mary Star of the Sea School Board

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Week 2

Thursday 10th May
Friday 11th May

Mother's Day Stall

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Mother's Day Liturgy—10:15am in the School Hall followed by morning tea in the School Staffroom.

Week 3

Tuesday 15th May to
Thursday 17th May
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Thursday 17th May

NAPLAN—Year 3, 5, 7 and 9

Board Meeting—7:30pm in the Library

P&F Meeting—5:30pm in the Library—All welcome

Confirmation Meeting—6:30pm

Friday 18th May

Year 6 to 10 School Assembly— Rachel Cooke from the US Consulate @ 11am
Walk to School Day

Week 4

Monday 21st May to
Friday 25th May
Thursday 24th May
Friday 25th May

Communio Week

First Holy Communion Parent Meeting 6:30pm

Year Three Assembly @ 2pm in the School Hall



We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

If it is true that the Teacher's Motto is, "We open minds", then surely, the Parent's Motto would have to be, "We open minds and hearts". Opening the mind of a child is a joint effort between school and home and more specifically between teacher and parent.

There is a huge amount of research data that states that when parents are involved in their children's education at home, their children perform better at school. This performance is further enhanced, if there is a good relationship between teacher and parent based on mutual respect and trust.

The principal criterion for parents to have a positive effect on their child's attitude towards learning is not the level of the parent's income nor the level of education, nor employment status nor language ability, it is the parent's attitude towards learning. Probably, there is every variety of difficulty experienced by a parent when it comes to being involved in a child's education.

However, a parent can show how much they value education by taking an active interest in what's happening with their child.

A parent's positive attitude towards learning could be expressed by providing a quiet area for homework, by limiting T.V., computer games and mobiles on school nights and by talking about what's happening at school. Being aware of the school's expectation with regard to homework is important as is discussing with your child's teacher, your child's attitude and performance in the classroom.

But what about your child's heart! To be proactive with your child is far more productive for both parties than to be constantly reactive to what your child might get up to.

A group called the "Children's Society" claims that too many parents have lost the art of play and do not allow their children's imaginations to be fully expressed. Children's play is often too "stagemanaged" and "rule-bound" for children to really enjoy; parents are encouraged to loosen the reins and allow children to have more time to run free. When surveyed, children complained that their parents are too tired or too busy, are no fun because they are too bossy or have forgotten how to play.

An article that first appeared in the London Times contained this paragraph: "Play is most important because it's how children enjoy their lives. They learn about rules, sharing, taking turns, community and all those social behaviours that make us rounded people. It's about relationships. Play with a parent is just as much about relationships and trust. If a family doesn't play well together, communication and security suffer. No one ever grows old regretting the time they spent playing with their children."

Of course, play is not only about getting off the couch and onto the floor for, as children grow and mature, play becomes more sophisticated; but whatever its shape or form, parents should be important participants.

MOTHER'S DAY LITURGY AND MORNING TEA

This Friday morning at 10:15 am there is a Mother's Day liturgy in the hall, this will be followed by morning tea for all visitors in the staffroom. Please come along and enjoy our special morning for mums and carers.

FATIMA NIGHT

This Saturday evening we celebrate Fatima Night, with a mass beginning at 5:30 pm, followed by a street procession and meal in the school grounds. Tickets are \$20 per adult and \$10 per school aged child. Family tickets can be purchased for \$55. Come along and enjoy the festivities of the evening.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

With Mother's Day this weekend, the P & F are again holding a stall for students to purchase gifts for Mum. The stall will be selling gifts tomorrow and Friday.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN is occurring next week. This can cause anxiety for some students, however the best preparation is a good night's sleep and breakfast each morning. NAPLAN tests all learning from Kindergarten to the year level being tested.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WESTERN AUSTRALIA SURVEY

The Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia (CECWA) has a strategic purpose to ensure that Catholic education is delivered and managed through the system of Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA) in a responsible and effective manner, working within the Catholic Mission, appropriate standards and regulations.

The CECWA has commenced the process of developing the strategic direction for Catholic education in Western Australia from 2019 to 2021. This fundamental work will enable the CECWA to consolidate and communicate our key objectives for coming years.

The first phase of this consultation involves gathering feedback from our Catholic education community that will inform the draft Strategic Directions 2019 - 2021.

We would like to invite you to complete a survey to provide your valued input. Visit <https://connect.cewa.edu.au> to complete the survey, open for participation until Friday, 11 May. There are hard copies available at reception should you wish to complete one.

The CECWA is eager to listen to our community through this important process and I thank you in anticipation for your participation in helping to shape the future direction of Catholic education throughout Western Australia.

God Bless



Steve O'Halloran
Principal



Mother's Day Morning Tea

**Please join us on Friday,
11th May for our Mother's
Day Liturgy and
morning tea
commencing at 10:15am in
the School Hall.**

All welcome!

From the REC

Parish News
Saturday night - 7pm
Sunday morning - 9am

First Holy Communion

Thursday 24th May
Saturday 26th May
Sunday 27th May

Parent/Child Meeting @ 6:30pm
Church Clean and Tidy-Up
Eucharist—10:30am



Confirmation

Thursday 17th May
Sunday 20th May
Thursday 2nd August
Saturday 4th August
Sunday 5th August

Confirmation Parent Meeting @6:30pm
Commitment Mass @ 9am in the Church
Parent Meeting
Church Clean and Tidy-Up
Confirmation



Project Compassion update

A big thank you to the St Mary Star of the Sea school community for your fundraising efforts for project compassion in Term 1. The total amount raised for Pancake Tuesday, Project Compassion boxes and other donations was \$1349.95. This money will help promote the dignity and well being of people living in some of the poorest countries in the world.

Prayers for the candidates making their First Holy Communion

Please keep the year 4 and 5 students who will be making their first Holy Communion on the 27th of May in your prayers as they continue their journey of formation and catechises in their family study groups, learning about this most Holy sacrament.

Mr Adrian Good
Religious Education Co-ordinator

St Mary's Parish Carnarvon celebrates
Our Lady Of Fatima

Auctions, raffles,
prizes, music
and more

Saturday 12th May
Mass 5.30pm
followed by
procession

Dinner served @ 7pm
• Adult - \$20
Child (school aged) \$10
Family - \$55
Beverages available

Tickets available for purchase from school
office or after weekend masses

A photograph of the Our Lady of Fatima statue, illuminated against a background of many small, glowing lights.

Middle School News

It's Week 2 and there are some very exciting events coming up! Rachel Cooke the US Consul General will visit our school next week. I have attached her bio here so that students can prepare for question time after her visit on Friday 18th May. What a marvellous opportunity for our school to listen and interact with such an inspirational lady.

The NAPLAN schedule is also attached here. Please ensure that if your child is in Years 7 & 9, that they attend school on those days. We can only set catch-up tests in the afternoon sessions on the mandated days.

Joe Williams had a very insightful and successful workshop with our Year 7 – 9 students last week. His tips for mental well-being were spot on with current research and the mindfulness, physical health and gratitude activities that the school promotes. The event was sponsored by Rio Tinto and supported by Helping Minds. Thank you to all concerned who brought this opportunity to our community.

Miss Barrett has started Running Club again for this year. An initiative started by Miss Towers last year, the club operates on Mondays after school and Wednesdays before school with a breakfast program afterwards. It was so lovely to see parents with their children training together. Let's see more Middle School students out there. This training is intended to prepare our students for the upcoming cross-country events this term but it is also another way to stay active and keep our minds, not just our bodies, fit. Thank you Miss Barrett and all the parent and staff helpers – it is an excellent program.

On that note, any Year 9 student who is interested in joining the cycling program with Gavin Griffiths and the Year 10s this term, please let me know so I can pass on your details.

Finally, congratulations to Fynn Morgan who has been appointed as our new SRC in Year 10. We had a resignation from our Year 10 representative earlier this term which created a vacancy that Fynn will fill very well. I look forward to meeting with the whole team next week in preparation for all our events this term.

Until next time, take care and God bless.

Kind regards

Sam Da Luz

Head of Middle School

NAPLAN SCHEDULE

Tuesday 15 May

Language Conventions: 45 mins

English Room: Year 7 - p.1

Maths Room: Year 9 - p.1

Writing: 40 mins

RE Room: Year 7 - p.3

HASS Room: Year 9 - p.3

Wednesday 16 May

Reading: 65 mins

English Room: Year 7 - p.1&2

English Room: Year 9 - p.4&5

Thursday 17 May

Numeracy Part A (Calculator): 50 mins

RE Room: Year 7 - p.2

HASS Room: Year 9 - p.6

Numeracy Part B (Non-Calculator): 10 mins

RE Room: Year 7 - p.3

HASS Room: Year 9 - p.7



Joe Williams Visit



On Wednesday 2nd May, our Year 10s and I were privileged to attend a talk by Joe Williams, former NRL player and Boxing champion, about the importance of mental health.

As well as being a charismatic speaker, Mr Williams spoke of the importance of schooling for your future, and the hardships he faced due to mental illness. He encouraged students to reach out to one another if they see someone struggling, and to ensure that they develop positive strategies to assist their own mental wellbeing.

Mr Williams spoke of exercise, gratitude and connection to his Aboriginal heritage and culture being key parts of his own routine, as well as the importance of including love, care, respect, humility and compassion in our daily lives.

The Year 10s listened avidly to his presentation, and were even able to hold his world title boxing belt!

Our thanks to both Helping Minds Carnarvon for organising the session, and Nagle Catholic College for hosting us.

Miss Melissa Slattery
Year 10 Leadership/Business Teacher



BIO - MS. RACHEL L. COOKE, CONSUL GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, PERTH



Rachel Cooke assumed the position of U.S. Consul General in Perth on August 11, 2016 with responsibilities for Western Australia.

A career Senior Foreign Service Officer, Rachel has focused more than 20 years of work on building U.S. relationships in Asia and the Pacific. Immediately prior to taking up her current posting Rachel led the Southeast Asia policy team in Washington, DC. Before that she spent two years in Afghanistan developing educational opportunities and engaging with the media, and another two years leading joint civilian-military training. Rachel has also served in Malaysia, Tajikistan, and Kyrgyzstan, where

she was Acting Public Affairs Officer during both the 2005 and 2010 revolutions.

Prior to joining the Foreign Service Rachel worked for the Environmental Protection Agency and for NASA. She was also a Peace Corps volunteer in Thailand teaching fish farming. Rachel has a B.S. in Marine Biology, and Master degrees in Environmental Management and Public Policy from Indiana University. Having grown up on the beach in New Jersey, she is delighted to have the opportunity to serve in Western Australia and check out the surf (as is her husband Martin).



Friday 18th May

Next Friday is National Walk Safely to School Day. All primary students are encouraged to walk safely to school. Australian children are becoming less active. One substantial contributor is the decline in walking and/or taking public transport to school. Children who are regularly physically active are healthier, perform better academically and less likely to be obese or overweight, which can lead to the long-term and costly risks of heart disease and diabetes etc.. Walking regularly is the best exercise because you can build it into your daily routine.

If you have to drive maybe consider parking a kilometre from school and walking the last part of your journey!

Each child who walks to school will receive a sticker and the class with the highest % of walkers will receive an extended recess the following week.

ANZAC Service 2018





ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL P & F Association

Dear Parents,

As we do every year as a fundraiser, we are holding a Mother's Day stall on Thursday the 10th and Friday 11th May. The stall will be on the stage area outside the library during the students recess break from 10:30am to 11am.

The gifts we have for sale include mugs, key rings, pens, torches, gorgeous memo pads and much more.

The prices range from \$2.00 to \$10.00. If you would like to let your child purchase a gift you can place some money in an envelope and we will help your child choose their special gift.

We wish all Mothers and Grandmothers a very lovely Mother's Day.

P & F Committee

UNIFORM AND CANTEEN NEWS

UNIFORM NEWS

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

Thank you



2019 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 2015 and 30th July 2016 are welcome to contact the school office on 99411 328 for further information.



Term Dates for 2018



First Day of Term 2 - Tuesday 1st May
Last day of Term 2—Friday 29th June

First day of Term 3—Tuesday 17th July
Last day of Term 3—Friday 21st September

First day of Term 4—Monday 8th October
Last day of Term 4—Thursday 13th December



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...

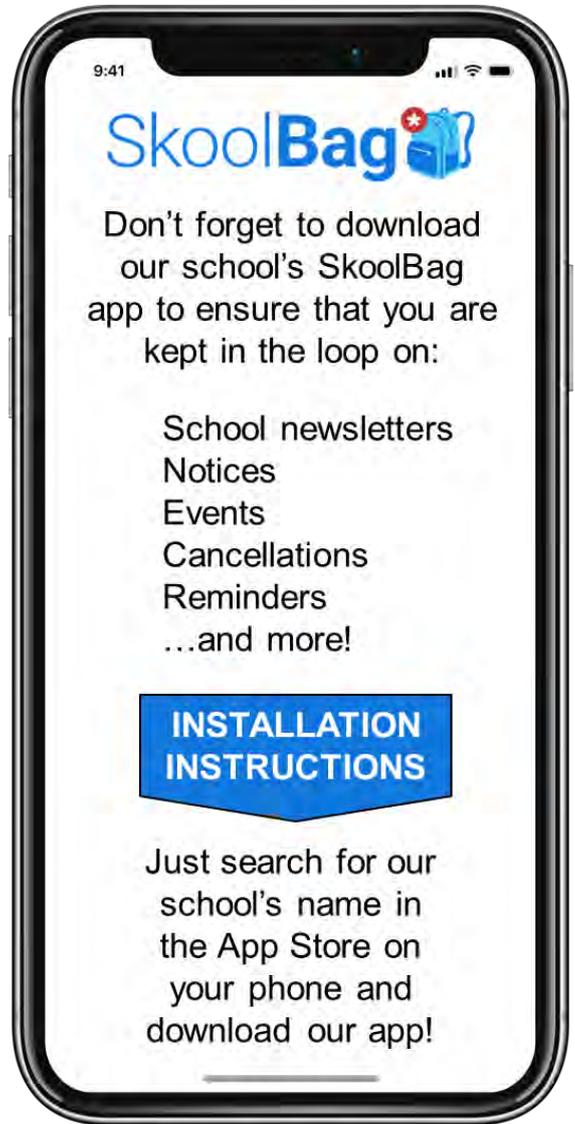
The school administration office on 99411328

The address it is

<https://smc.coneqt-p.cathodnet.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

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

Carnarvon Dental Therapy Clinic

The Carnarvon Dental Therapy Clinic will re-open on Monday 30th April to Thursday 7th June.

Appointments and enrolment forms are currently being issued .



Homework Classes



Homework classes are each Tuesday and Thursday. Please contact the school office for further information.

COMMUNITY NEWS

KIDS CLUB



(PP to Year 7)



COMBINED WITH FRIDAY FUN CLUB

When: Friday 18th May
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, games, craft, afternoon tea



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SunCity Tennis Academy

Term 2 2018 Enrolments are being taken now!
 We cater for all ages & standards under 3 years to Adult.
 With classes starting at just \$12.50 a week, spaces are filling fast!

Programs on offer:

- ANZ Hotshots
- Group Lessons
- Squad Lessons
- Private Lessons
- Tennis in Schools
- Corporate Groups
- Equipment Service & Sales

Term 2 Begins Saturday 12th May 2018*
4 Week Program

*No Tennis here on due to long weekend - Program ends June 9th
 *Programs are subject to enrolment numbers. Classes may be cancelled or combined. Enrolments are taken on 1st In best booked basis.
 *Invoices issued at 1st session - Payments not received by due date may result in removal from program.



Got a group of friends who want to play together? Not a problem, let us arrange a time that suits!
Spaces Available SATURDAY Only. To secure your spot please contact us via email.

All coaching staff are Tennis Australia / ATPCA Qualified & Endorsed.

*Programs are subject to enrolment numbers. Classes & days may be combined or cancelled.
 Enrolments are on 1st in best booked basis.

What's on offer @ SCTA Carnarvon

Class Type	Time	Cost	Ages	Schedule
Tiny Tackers Red Ball	30mins	\$12.50	3-4yrs	8:00-8:30am
Orange Ball Hotshots	1 hour	\$17.50	5-7 yrs	8:30-9:30am
Green Ball Hotshots	1 hour	\$17.50	8-11yrs	9:30-10:30am
Yellow Ball Groups	1 hour	\$17.50	12-16yrs	10:30-11:30am
Adult Group	1 hour	\$17.50	17yrs+	6:30-7:30am
Private Lesson	30mins	\$40.00	N/A	Subject to availability
Private Lesson	1 hour	\$70.00	N/A	Subject to availability
CardioTennis*	1 hour	\$20.00	10yrs+	Subject to availability & bookings

*Programs are subject to enrolment numbers. Classes may be combined or cancelled. Enrolments are on 1st in best booked basis.

Invoices issued at 1st session - Payments not received by due date may result in removal from Program.

Memberships to the Carnarvon Tennis Club are also available.

Membership to CTC allows unlimited Court use and access / Membership aids CTC in supporting Coaching & other programs
 SCTA encourages all of our Clients to Support CTC by becoming Members in 2018 & beyond