



Term 4 Issue 8

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Week 8

Thursday 29th November

Friday 30th November

Year 1 Advent Liturgy
Thank You Morning Tea
Year 10 Graduation Mass and Dinner

Week 9

Monday 3rd December

Tuesday 4th December

Wednesday 5th December

Thursday 6th December

Friday 7th December

Award Presentations - MS 1pm
Award Presentations - PS 1:50pm
Tech Rehearsal for End of Year Concert
Full Dress Rehearsal for End of Year Concert
Whole School Advent Liturgy—PP to lead
End of Year School Concert
End of Year Mass—Year 7 to lead
Students Last Day



Prayer To Help Prepare for the Season of Advent

Father in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of your love and our minds are searching for the light of your Word. Increase our longing for Christ our Saviour and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of his coming may find us rejoicing in his presence and welcoming the light of his truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

"Rejoice, exult with gladness; do not fear, dispel your sadness. Raise your hearts, the time is near; Christ the Lord will soon appear." This ancient Advent prayer-hymn is about living in hope. Hope is a sturdy virtue because it must put up with waiting, postponement and doubts that arise when it seems that what we hope for will not eventuate.

Being a Christian is about believing and hoping in God and this firstly requires that we seek Him. Seeking God requires that we don't expect all the answers about God at once; it's a lifetime's quest; being a Christian is about the whole of life. As we experience annual observations such as Christmas, Easter and Advent, we might regard each of them as a door to be opened; as we step through each doorway there is the opportunity for a new sense of direction for our life.

Life is almost a constant Advent Season; we are constantly waiting to become..., to discover..., to complete...., to fulfil. However, Advent is also an invitation to remember, to see again the presence of God among us, God who is here from the beginning. "Jesus is the single human being who puts together in one life all the 'God-light' scattered over thousands of years from Abraham to Moses to David to Isaiah to John the Baptist to Mary and Joseph, to us here and now." Author Unknown.

Sometimes we wait in darkness, when life is not so good, before we can appreciate the coming of dawn. Expectant mothers wait nine months before they can see the faces of their new children. Seeds are buried in the darkness of the earth before they can emerge into the light of day as new shoots. Ideas need to mature in minds before they can emerge as realities. So, Advent, the Season of waiting in hopeful expectation, fits in very well with our own life's experiences of waiting, hoping and then enjoying the rewards of our hope and trust.

Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, before he became Pope Benedict XVI wrote: "Advent's intention is to awaken the most profound and basic emotional memory within us, namely, the memory of God who became a child. It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open the doors of hope."

As we wait and listen in faith, we trust that memory and hope will come alive. Hopefully, when Advent has lead us to Christmas, we will be open to the realisation that God became man, not so that He can be with us but so we can be with Him.

ADVENT LITURGY

Tomorrow we begin our Advent season in earnest with the Year 1s presenting our Advent Liturgy for Week 1. This begins at 10:20 am in the school hall and will be followed by the Parent Thank you Morning Tea. Teachers will be providing the savories and deserts to be shared with all of our parent helpers.

PARENT MORNING TEA

As mentioned above, the parent morning tea will be occurring tomorrow following the Year 1 Advent Liturgy at 10:20 am. All are welcome.

YEAR 6 RITE OF PASSAGE

Yesterday, the Year 6 students participated in their Rite of Passage mass which was followed by a fun day at the PCYC. All appeared to have a great time and the day was very well organized by Miss Santalucia. Congratulations to the students who were very respectful during the mass and their behavior at the PCYC is to be commended.



COLOUR RUN UPDATE

A fun time was had by all last Thursday when we the school held its first Colour Run. It was quite a sight seeing all the students turn from white to the all the colours of the rainbow. This event was the first of its kind run by the P & F and promises to be bigger and better next year. Not only was it a lot of fun, total money raised was \$6757.26.

YEAR 10 GRADUATION

This Friday, we farewell our Year 10 graduating class with a Graduation Mass at 5:30 pm in our parish church followed by a social event for the graduates and their families at the Carnarvon Motel. We wish them all the very best for this special evening, however we have the opportunity to farewell them officially at the Christmas Concert next Friday evening where we will also present our new student heads for 2019.

AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

The awards presentations are being held on Monday afternoon. From 1:05 pm, the Middle School awards will be presented, and from 1:50pm the Primary Awards will occur. All are welcome to come along.

HELP WANTED

There is an opportunity for someone to assist for three hours, three days a week in the school canteen to help preparing lunches and recess. The successful applicant will be paid at a casual rate. If you believe you are able to help out, please submit a written application to the principal including experience and the names of two referees. Closing date is Friday 7th December.

God Bless



THANK YOU!

St Mary Star of the Sea would like to thank all our wonderful volunteers that have given their time and support to our students, staff and school. We would like to invite all our helpers to morning tea on Thursday 29th November. Morning Tea will take place in our Staffroom at 10:40am following from our Year One Advent Liturgy.



Bethlehem

THE MUSICAL

Thursday 6th
December
7:00pm



Presented by

St Mary

Star of the Sea

Catholic School

FEE CONCESSIONS FOR HOLDERS OF HEALTH CARE / PENSION-CARDS

HEALTH CARE CARD FEE CONCESSIONS

Kindy to Year 10 Holders of Centrelink Health Care and Pension Cards may be eligible to receive Fee Discounts. The card must be current and show the names of the children attending school. The discount can only be given to the person responsible for payment of the school fees.

Holders must have one of the following cards:

- Pensioner Card—issued every two years on the cardholders birthday
- Most Health Care Cards—reissued automatically if eligible (usually valid for 1 year)
- Low Income Health Care Card—usually valid for 1 year and must be renewed each year

Parents of children who are in receipt of ABSTUDY are NOT eligible to receive HCC Fee concessions.

Department of Education Secondary Student Assistance Parents of children in Years 7—10 who hold Health Care Card or Pension Cards are also eligible to receive assistance through the Dept of Education.

Applications for Secondary Assistance close on **FRIDAY 12th April 2019**. Claims cannot be made after this date.

Parents of children who received ABSTUDY are eligible to receive a small rebate from this Assistance scheme.

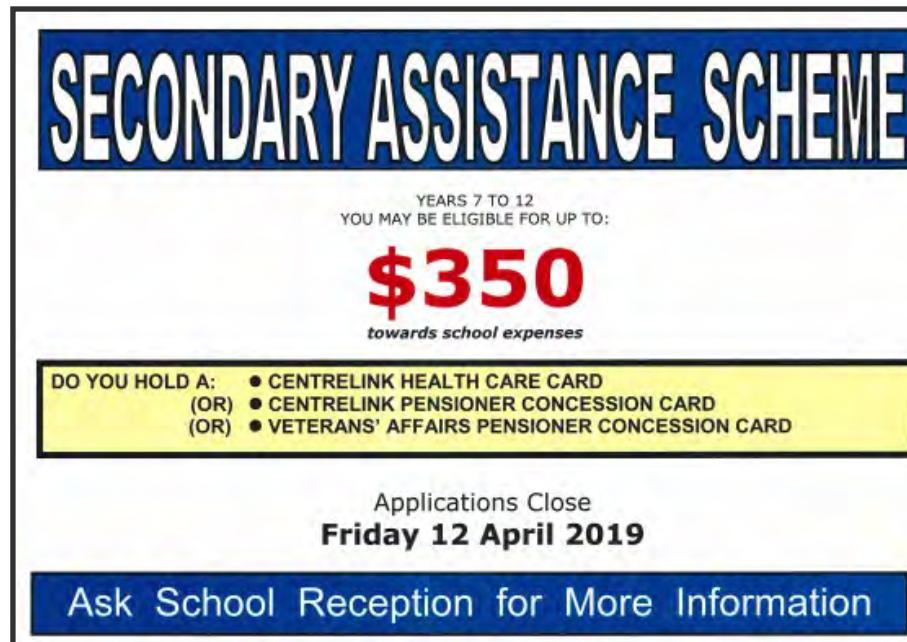
All families claiming fee discounts **MUST** complete new forms for 2019. **YOU MUST HAVE YOUR CARD WITH YOU WHEN YOU COME TO THE OFFICE TO COMPLETE PAPERWORK.** Electronic form of the card is not acceptable as we are required to take a photo-copy of your card.

If you have any queries regarding your fees, fee payments, Fee concession discounts please contact the School Bursar, Anna Brooks on 99411328 or email accounts@smsc.wa.edu.au.

Thankyou.

Anna Brooks

Bursar



Swimming Carnival 2018





UNIFORM SHOP OPEN

The Uniform Shop is open from 2:15pm to 3:15pm every Tuesday and Thursday till the 6th December for all your uniform needs. The shop will again be open on the following times.

- Wednesday 30th January from 9am to 2pm.
- Thursday 31st January from 1pm to 3pm.
- Friday 1st February from 1pm to 3pm.



St Mary Star of the Sea Catholic School Carnarvon

4 YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

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Swimming Teachers Required

St Mary's would like to look into training some of our parents up to become swimming instructors.

We understand that swimming lessons are so important for our children especially being located so close to the water and we would like to guarantee that we will be able to run them by ensuring we have instructors to deliver the lessons to our students.

If you would be interested in becoming a swimming instructor for St Mary's please contact the front office by the 30th of November.



TERM DATES

2018

Last Day of Term 4—Friday 7th December

2019

First day of Term 1—Monday 4th February
Last day of Term 1—Friday 12th April

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without their
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There is a large amount of lost property currently outside the School Library, including jumpers, drink bottles, hats and lunch boxes—all with no names.

Please take the time to check out anything that may be yours.



Homework Classes
Homework classes are on each Tuesday and Thursday. Please contact the School Office for further information.

The SkoolBag app interface on a smartphone screen. At the top, it says "SkoolBag" with a backpack icon. Below that, it says "Don't forget to download our school's SkoolBag app to ensure that you are kept in the loop on:" followed by a list of features: "School newsletters", "Notices", "Events", "Cancellations", "Reminders", and "...and more!". A blue arrow points to the right with the text "INSTALLATION INSTRUCTION". To the right of the arrow, it says "Just search for our school's name in the App Store on your phone and download our app!"

The SEQTA mobile app landing page. It features the SEQTA logo at the top. Below it are two circular icons: one orange with a white 'Q' labeled "Engage" and one green with a white 'Q' labeled "Learn". The text "SEQTA Learn and SEQTA Engage are now available as apps! Bring SEQTA's functionality to your mobile device, plus a few extras:" is displayed. Three sections are shown: "Never miss a thing" (push notifications), "Hassle-free authentication" (QR code scanning), and "Keep it secure" (fingerprint locking). At the bottom, there is a section titled "Other functionality" listing various app features and a "If you have any questions, please contact..." section with the school administration office number 99411328.



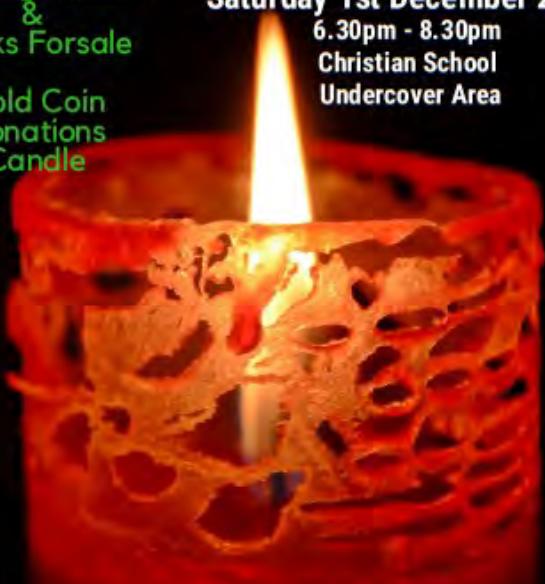
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COMMUNITY NEWS

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Sausage Sizzle
&
Drinks For Sale

Gold Coin
Donations
Candle



Saturday 1st December 2018
6.30pm - 8.30pm
Christian School
Undercover Area

*Come and Enjoy the Abundance of
the Christmas Spirit*



Christmas Markets 2018

Markets
8am - 12pm
Saturday 1st & 15th December

- Arts & Craft
- Jewelry
- Locally Made Gifts
- Food & Drinks

Christmas Street Party
Friday 7th Dec 5pm - 8pm

- Food Stalls
- Locally Made Gifts
- Pony Rides
- Stilt Walkers
- Monster Bubbles
- Zap Circus
- SANTA CLAUS
- Live entertainment
- AND MORE!!

For more info contact the Carnarvon Visitor Centre on 9941 1146.