



# School Newsletter

Term 1 Issue 2

12th February 2019

## St Mary Star of the Sea School Board

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## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

### Week 2

Tuesday 12th February

Wednesday 13th February

### Week 3

Wednesday 20th February

Thursday 21st February

Friday 22nd February

### Week 4

Primary School Parent Meetings

Middle School Information Night—7pm in the School Hall

Annual Community Meeting 6:30pm in the School Hall

P and F Meeting—5:30pm in the Library

MS Assembly and SRC Badge Presentation—1:05pm

PS Assembly—Year 6 and SRC Badge Presentation—2pm

## Prayer to be a Peacemaker in the School Community

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much  
seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.  
Amen.



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

During this week, parents are invited to attend parent/teacher meetings in both primary and middle schools. Parents are considered the first educators of their children, and this is for good reason. Parental involvement in their child's education, is critical to students' success or otherwise at school.

If parents are involved and become committed to school decisions, student achievement will improve and student behaviour will be cooperative; this will lead to the enjoyment of high quality education. Teachers are professionals with training and experience and their conduct is guided by professional codes of conduct. Parents know their children better than anyone and when shared, this knowledge can be an invaluable resource in the progress of children's education. It is important that parents and teachers have good communication opportunities. Productive communication is about speaking and listening actively and respectfully and about not making assumptions or having minds made up before conversation has commenced.

Conversation is not simply an exchange of words but about listening and hearing. If problems arise, they do not have to be stumbling blocks; they can be opportunities to work together to find positive and creative solutions – solutions that will benefit children.

We hope that throughout the year, our community will come together to participate in and volunteer at a variety of school functions, activities and events, including celebrations of our Christian faith. In this way relationships are formed and positive attitudes developed that give positive input to our children. It is said that a child's life is like a piece of paper, on which every person leaves a mark. Hopefully, all marks left during the year will be indicative of respect, care and encouragement.

Central to the very existence of our school is the integration of faith and culture transmitted in the various subjects that comprise the curriculum. In this way we hope that our students will learn how to follow Christ within national culture. We invite all parents to feel welcome, comfortable and free to contribute to the cultural context of our school community.

We hope to see you at one of this week's planned meetings.

### **ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING AND P & F AGM**

Last year, due to late financial notifications, the Annual Community Meeting and P & F AGM were postponed till this year. These two meetings will now occur on Wednesday, February 20, beginning at 6:30 pm in the school hall. I encourage all to come along. At this meeting, we will be looking for new members for both our school board and parents and friends group. Refreshments will follow both meetings.

A nomination form to join the St Mary's School Board can be found attached. With some retiring members, this is a great opportunity for members of our school community to have a real impact into the current and future operations of our school.

### **PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING**

Next Thursday evening, 21st February, there will be a Parents and Friends meeting occurring in the library beginning at 5:30 pm. One of the items on the agenda for this week is our upcoming St Pat's Night, to be held on 16th March. If you are able to contribute some time and energy, please come along and support this valued group of our school community.



## UNIFORM POLICY

Since returning to school, there are a number of students who have had piercings that violate the school uniform policy. Please note below taken from the Parent Handbook.

Students can wear the following accessories with their uniform:

- \* A single or pair of stud earrings or sleepers
- \* A watch
- \* Hair should be worn off the face and tied back. This applies to both boys and girls
- \* Make-up and nail varnish is out of place with school uniform and students will be required to remove these.

When enrolling a student at St Mary's, all parents agree to the policies and directions of the school and the Catholic Education Commission as they are enacted from time to time.

God Bless



Steve O'Halloran  
Principal



## School Office News

**We wish to advise that the School Administration Office has moved due to building works.**

**The Office is now situated in the “Old Convent”, Johnston Street, adjacent to the Presbytery (Priest Residence).**

**St Mary School Office hours are 7:30am to 3:30pm and we can also be contacted on 99411 328 or by email—[admin@smc.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@smc.wa.edu.au).**



## From the REC

### Parish News

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

### **Welcome to all New Families**

We pray that you will enjoy your time in Carnarvon, and as a family, you enjoy making friends with other families.

### **Can You Help the Parish?**

We need people to commit to the rosters for the following:

- Read at Masses
- Clean the Church (takes no more than 1 hour)
- Power Point

If you would to volunteer for any of these, please place your name on the roster sheet at the back of the Church.

### **Sacrament of Baptism Expression of Interest**

If there are any students who are interested in receiving the Sacrament of Baptism please let me know and I will forward your details to Fr. Mariusz. I can be contacted by email:

adrian.good@cewa.edu.au or feel free to chat to me in person before or after school hours.

### **Reconciliation**

Thursday 19th September	Parent Meeting—6:30pm
Sunday 22nd September	Commitment Mass 9am
Thursday 7th November	Parent/Child Meeting—6pm
Thursday 14th November	First Reconciliation 6pm
Sunday 17th November	Reconciliation Thanksgiving Mass - 9am

### **Holy Communion**

Thursday 2nd May	Parent Meeting—6:30pm
Sunday 5th May	First Holy Communion Commitment Mass
Thursday 20th June	Parent/Child meeting—6:30pm
Sunday 23rd June	First Holy Communion Mass —10:30am

### **Confirmation**

Thursday 27th June	Parent Meeting—6:30pm
Sunday 30th June	Commitment Mass— 9am
Thursday 12th September	Parent/Child Meeting—6:30pm
Sunday 15th September	Confirmation Mass 10:30am

Mr Adrian Good  
Religious Education Coordinator



## Middle School Parent Evening

WHEN: Wednesday 13th February 2019

WHERE: School Hall

TIME: 7.00pm

All parents and carers are invited to attend an evening with the Middle School staff to find out more about what your child is doing between the hours of 8.10am – 2.35pm each week day!

We would love you to meet you and provide you with all the important bits of information that can assist your child in enjoying and achieving at school.

Small refreshments and snacks will be provided.

Please bring your mobile phone with you!!



## Pastoral Care

School chaplains are in the prevention and rescue business. They're helping students find a better way to deal with issues ranging from family breakdown and loneliness to drug abuse, stress and anxiety. They provide a listening ear and a caring presence for kids in crisis... and those who just need a friend. All have a passion to improve the lives of young people.

The activities undertaken by school chaplains may include, but are not limited to:

### Pastoral care:

- Providing guidance to students on issues concerning human relationships;
- Assisting school counsellors and staff in the provision of student welfare services;
- Providing support in cases of bereavement, family breakdown or other crisis and loss situations; and

Being readily available to provide continuity and on-going support for individual students and staff where this is necessary.

### Spiritual guidance:

- Supporting students who wish to explore their spirituality;
  - Providing guidance on religious, values and ethical matters; and
- Facilitating access to the helping agencies in the community, both church-based and secular, with the approval of the School Principal.

St Mary's has for sometime been privileged to have Mr Ilai Matangi, as our School Chaplain

Mr Matangi is available every Tuesday and Thursday.

If you would like more information regarding the service Mr Matangi can provide, please contact the School Office or alternatively, see your child's class teacher.

## FEE CONCESSIONS FOR HOLDERS OF HEALTH CARE / PENSIONCARDS

### 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.

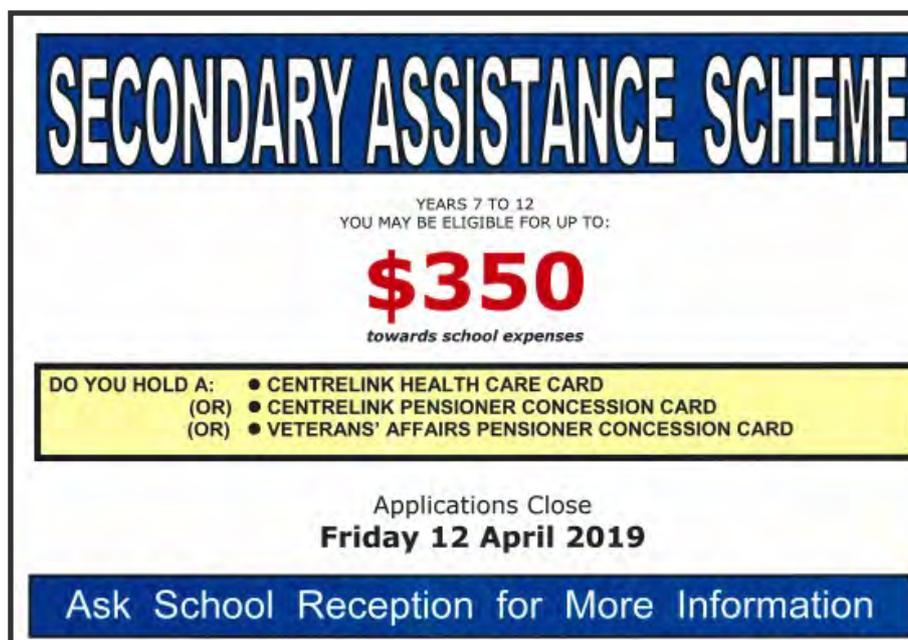
Parents of children who received ABSTUDY are eligible to receive a small rebate from this Assistance scheme.

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 PAPER-WORK.** Electronic form of the card is not acceptable as we are required to take a photocopy 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@smc.wa.edu.au](mailto:accounts@smc.wa.edu.au).*

*Thankyou.*

*Anna Brooks  
Bursar*



**SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME**

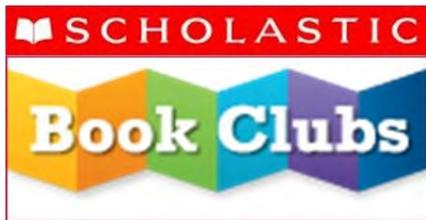
YEARS 7 TO 12  
YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR UP TO:

**\$350**  
towards school expenses

DO YOU HOLD A: ● CENTRELINK HEALTH CARE CARD  
(OR) ● CENTRELINK PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD  
(OR) ● VETERANS' AFFAIRS PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD

Applications Close  
**Friday 12 April 2019**

Ask School Reception for More Information



School orders for Book Club are due to the office on Thursday 21st February.

Thank you to Mrs Fernihough for co-ordinating the book club again this year!

### Carnarvon Dental Therapy Clinic

Please be advised the Carnarvon Dental Therapy Clinic will be open on the following dates in 2019.

Monday 13/5/2019 – Friday 28th/6/2019  
 Monday 29 /7/2019 – Friday 13/9/2019  
 Monday 14/10/2019 – Friday 8/11/2019

Staff arrive on the first Monday and depart on the last Friday of each scheduled visit, hence the clinic will not be open for patients on those days



The Uniform Shop is open from 2:15pm to 3:15pm every Tuesday and Thursday for all your uniform needs.



### Homework Classes

Homework classes have now commenced and are every Tuesday and Thursday after school.

Please see the School Office for application forms.



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**St Mary Star of the Sea Catholic School Carnarvon**

4 YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

CONTACT US  
 Phone 0899411 328  
 admin@smssc.wa.edu.au



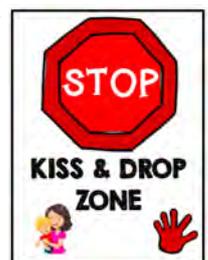


### Kiss and Drop

**Friendly reminder—** the roundabout is to be used for picking up and dropping off students only.

This is a “No Standing” zone.

If you are collecting your child from this area, please remind your child/ren to be waiting to avoid congestion.



Thank you

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.



Thank you.



## 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...**

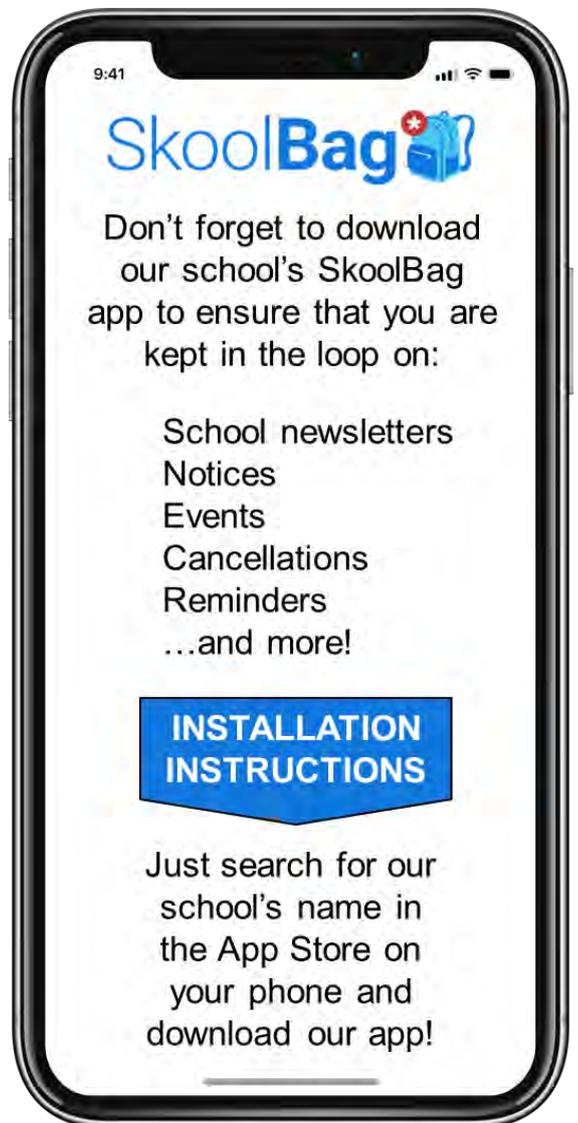
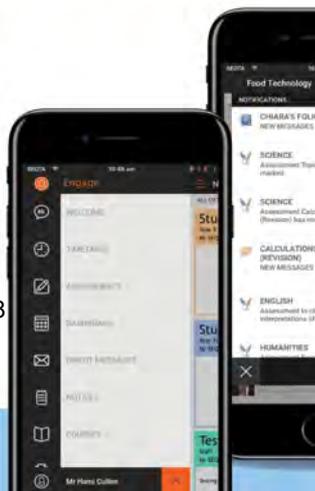
The school administration office on 99411328

The address it is

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



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# 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

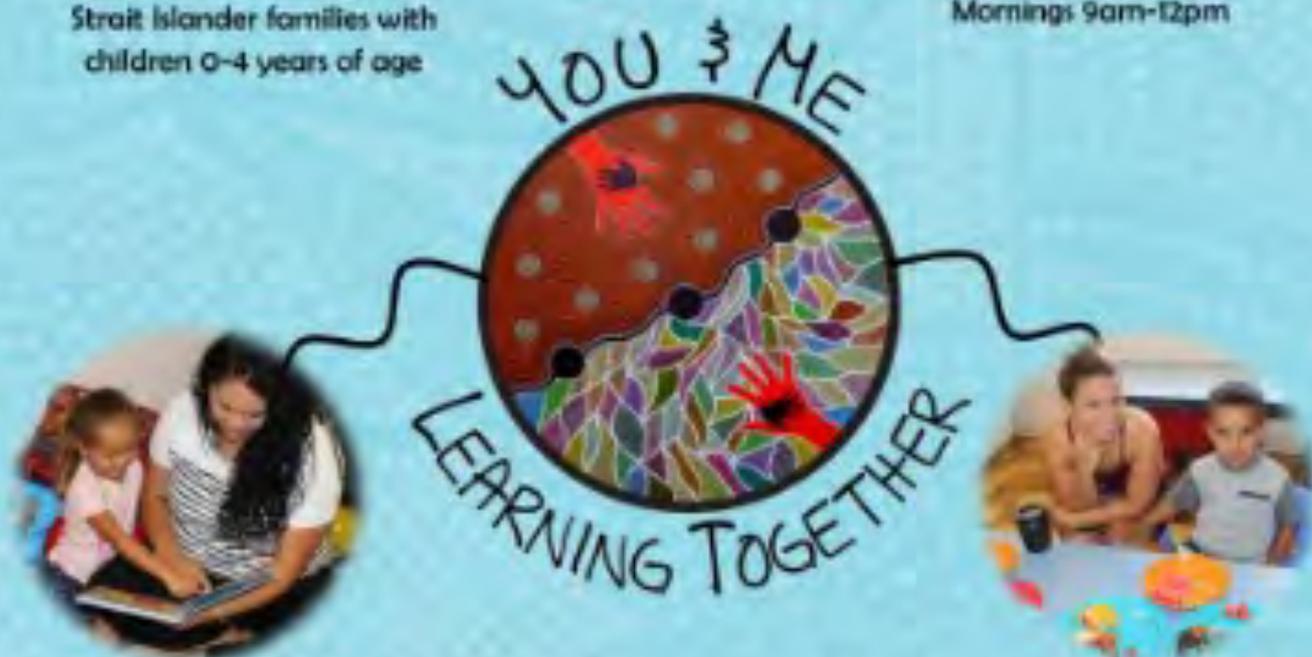
For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families with children 0-4 years of age

## 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

This initiative is proudly funded by the Australian Government

# SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATION FORM

For membership to St Mary Star of the Sea Catholic School Board

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby nominate  
\_\_\_\_\_ for election to the St Mary Star of  
the Sea Catholic School Board.

Please complete the following details of yourself (the nominated person) and return this form to the School Office by Friday 15th February 2019.

***Nominee's Name:***

\_\_\_\_\_

***Residential Address:***

\_\_\_\_\_

***Postal Address:***

\_\_\_\_\_

***Contact Numbers:***

***Work*** \_\_\_\_\_ ***Home*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Mobile*** \_\_\_\_\_ ***Fax*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Occupation:*** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

***Number of years residing in Carnarvon:*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Other Interests in Community:***



## CARNARVON GOLF CLUB FRIDAY FAST FIVES

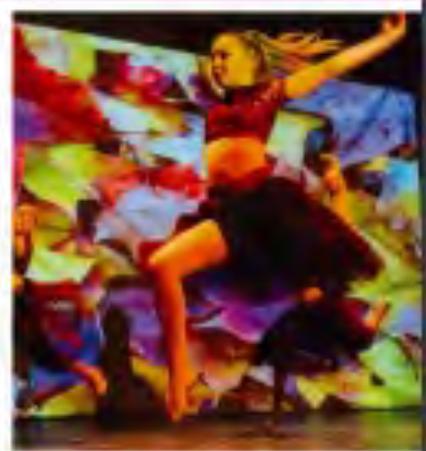
- Tee off times: Between 4 and 5 O'clock
- Five hole event
- Cost: \$5-00 per player
- Presentations: 6:30pm
- Full Bar Facilities
- Golf Clubs supplied to new players free of charge
- Fun Novelties on each hole
- Nibbles supplied

Dates to be advised a week prior to each event.

Check out Carnarvon Golf Club on Facebook or

Contact Taddy on 0407083922 or Liana 0419913292

## Liz Newton Dance Academy, Carnarvon



Liz Newton Dance Academy offers dance and fitness classes for all ages in Carnarvon. Join us in 2019 in one of our many classes: Jazz, Tap, Acrobatics, Hip Hop, Lyrical, Boys Only class, Cheerleading, Pilates and Dance Fit. Very affordable rates, great service and professionally trained teachers!

Visit [www.liznewtondanceacademy.com](http://www.liznewtondanceacademy.com)