



School Newsletter

Term 1 Issue 4

27th February 2019

St Mary Star of the Sea School Board

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Week 5

Monday 4th March

Tuesday 5th March

Wednesday 6th March

Thursday 7th March

Friday 8th March

Week 6

Tuesday 12th March to

Friday 22nd March

Wednesday 13th March

Saturday 16th March

LABOUR DAY LONG WEEKEND

Shrove Tuesday

Ash Wednesday Mass—1:30pm in the School Hall

Ysafe Cyber Safety—Yr 5-10

Ysafe Cyber Safety—Free 1 Hour Parent Session

5:30pm to 6:30pm

OLNA—Writing

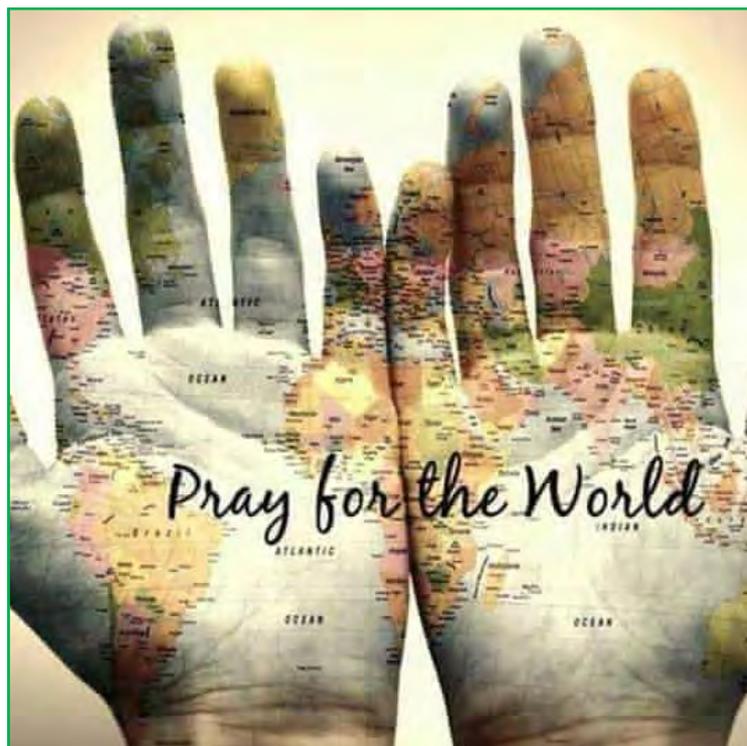
Year 6 Camp Meeting—2:45pm in the Yr 6 Classroom

Year 5 Assembly—2pm in the School Hall

Swimming Lessons commence Yr 1-6

OLNA—Reading

St Pat's Night commencing at 5:30pm



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

Next week we begin our Lenten journey, leading up to Easter, with an Ash Wednesday Mass at 1:30 pm in the school hall.

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 AngloSaxon 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.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Swimming lessons for students from Year 1 – 6 will be occurring during Week 6 and 7 of this term. Please find attached a letter indicating costs for pool entry and bussing.

INTIMATE IMAGES LAW

State Parliament passed the new Criminal Law Amendment (Intimate Images) Bill on 19th February 2019, making it illegal to distribute an intimate image of a person without consent.

The new intimate image laws will come into effect following the commencement of the *Criminal Law Amendment (Intimate Images) Act 2018* (WA) on 15 April 2019.

As young people under the age of 16 are not exempt from this new offence, it is imperative that information regarding these new laws is shared with students and their parents.

The key messages for young people are:

- It is against the law to take, keep, send or ask for an intimate image of a person under the age of 18
- It is against the law to share an intimate image of a person of any age without their consent.

God Bless



Steve O'Halloran
Principal



From the REC

Parish News

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

Ash Wednesday

Once again the season of Lent is fast approaching. Traditionally in the Catholic Church, Lent is a time of fasting and giving to others. Saint Mary's School has a long tradition of giving to those in need and we hope to continue this in 2019.

Ash Wednesday, which falls on March 6th, begins the season of Lent. On this day, the canteen will operate as usual only at recess, students will be able to place orders for drinks and fruit only for lunchtime. Students from Pre-Primary to Year 10 are asked not to bring food (other than fruit and drinks) to school on Ash Wednesday as this is our annual Bread and Butter Day. At lunch time students and teachers will eat bread and butter for lunch. There will be enough bread and butter for each student.

The cost will be \$2.00 per student, which will go to Project Compassion. Staff also contribute and participate. Please bring the \$2.00 on or before Ash Wednesday and hand this to your classroom teacher. If your child has a food allergy or specific dietary requirements and is unable to eat bread and butter, send an alternative lunch to school.

Students are requested to support this effort in a positive manner. Hopefully, by giving up their normal lunch of choice for one school day they will become more aware of the plight of many people worldwide who often have little choice in what they eat.

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





*St Mary Star of the Sea Catholic School P&F Association and the
Year 10 Leadership Class proudly present*

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT 2019

SATURDAY 16th MARCH

**Gates open (Johnston St) from 5pm
for 5.30pm start**

**Mass @ 5:30pm - SPECIAL GUEST BISHOP
MICHAEL MORRISSEY**

**LIVE Entertainment all night: Student
performances, LNDA Tiny Tappers, and more!**

**BEST DRESSED COMPETITION - Adults and
children prizes**

**Door Prize and Raffles throughout the night!
Licensed Bar and soft drinks available for
purchase**

Delicious BBQ dinner with a selection of sides

**Tickets: \$35 Family, \$15 Adult &
\$5 Child (5-15 yrs), 0-4 yrs eat free!**

Tickets available from St Mary's School Office

8am - 3pm Monday - Friday

Ph: (08) 9941 1328



Year 3—6 News

At assembly on Friday Mr O'Halloran announced our student leaders for 2019 Congratulations to the following students and all who participated in the elections:

Year 5 Student Representatives

Alice Nguyen
Sunny Wyeth
Chloe Bumbak

Year 6 Student Representatives

Torren Hudson
Sophie Punch
Ulanda Hatt

Gnaraloo Faction Captains

Kenn Rodiano
Ashlee Mai

Quobba Faction Captains

Joseph Kearney
Amanda Eze

Ningaloo Faction Captains

Kayanee Bellotti
Kate Buzzard

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



Swimming Lessons

Year 1 to Year 6

Dear Parents,

Swimming Lessons for Years 1 – 6 will commence on Tuesday 12th March and conclude on Friday 22nd March 2019.

Bus Departure Time	Lesson start and finish	Bus Depart Pool	Year
8.50am	9:00am - 9.40am	9.45am	6
9.40am	9.50am - 10.30am	10:35am	4
10.30am	10.40am - 11.20am	11:25am	3
11.30am	11.40am - 12.20pm	12:25pm	2 & 5
12.20pm	12.30pm – 1.10pm	1.20pm	1

Children are to bring the following items **EVERYDAY** for the duration of Intern Swimming.

- a bag containing
- bathers
- rash shirt
- towel
- hat
- sun cream (white or natural only).

Please clearly name all items.



If for some reason your child will not be taking lessons, please send a note of explanation. Please note: If you hold a current pool pass, only the cost of transport is required.

OPTION 1

Season Pass – Pre purchased from the Carnarvon Aquatic Centre

Transport

\$3-00

OPTION 2

10 Day Pool Pass – Pre purchased from the Carnarvon Aquatic Centre
(Pass to be sent to the Office prior to Swimming Lessons commencing)

Transport

\$3-00

OPTION 3

Pool Entry for 9 days

Transport

\$27-00

\$ 3-00

\$30-00

Please return the attached form together with money by Thursday 7th March. Money must be sent in an enclosed envelope with your child's name on it.

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.

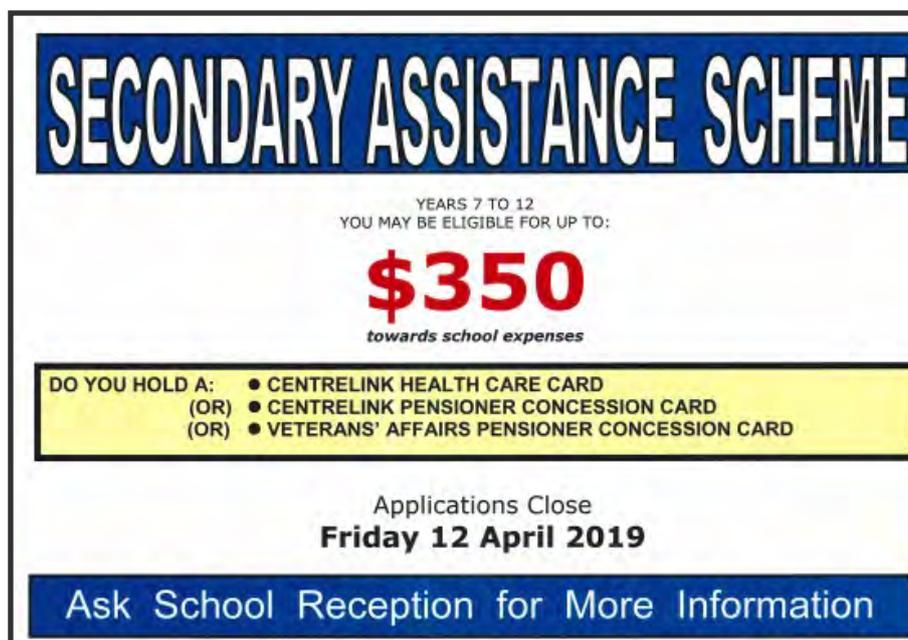
Parents of children who received ABSTUDY are eligible to receive a small rebate from this Assistance scheme.

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.

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

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT VARIETY SHOW

STUDENT AUDITIONS WEEK 4

*Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
lunchtime*

REHEARSALS WEEK 5/6

*Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
lunchtime*

St Mary's Footy Tipping



**FOOTY TIPPING
COMPETITION**

COMING SOON



On **Wednesday the 6th of March, Week 5**, we have a guest speaker from Ysafe coming to educate our Year 5- 10 students on the importance of cyber safety. The students will be attending a one-hour session with their year group, where the speaker, Jordan Foster, will cover topics related to their particular year group.

The Year 5/6 students will look at the topics of catphishing and online stranger danger, protecting personal information, cyberbullying and additional strategies to staying safe online. The Middle School students will look at the topics of cyberbullying, online wellbeing – including strategies for managing screen time, study distraction, digital self-esteem, sexting and the law and distribution of explicit content, digital footprints, exploring the impact on university and job prospects and strategies for harnessing a positive online reputation.

Jordan is also offering a **FREE one hour parent session** after school that day. Content covered will include:

- An introduction into major social media platforms that children are using
- How to manage cyber bullying
- Overview of current cyber safety risks
- Strategies for online behaviour management
- A step-by-step guide for setting up a cyber safe home

At the end of the session, all attendees are provided with our follow up resource “A Parent’s Guide to Setting Up A Cyber Safe Home,” and access to an email tutorial series for further support and information.

Our students in this ‘day and age’ have a whole new medium to interact with others around them. We believe it is important to educate our students and staff and provide information for our parents.

This will be a great opportunity for all parents to start the year off with skills and knowledge to feel more confident to handle any cyber problems that may arise with your children.

The session will run from 5.30pm-6.30pm. If you think you will be able to attend please follow the instructions below to register. We hope to see you there.

If you would like to attend please go to the following link: <http://bit.do/stmarystar>

Click the green register button on the right of the screen.

Choose the amount of recipients you are registering for.

Click the checkout button.

For more information please visit the following website: <https://ysafe.com.au/>

**PLEASE RETURN ALL
MIDDLE SCHOOL TEXT
BOOKS
AND
CLASS NOVELS
TO THE SCHOOL
OFFICE OR LIBRARY**

Term Dates 2019

Labour Day - Monday 4th March
Last day of Term 1 Friday 12th April

First Day of Term 2 Tuesday 30th April
WA Day - Monday 3rd June
Last Day of Term 2 Friday 5th July

First Day of Term 3 Tuesday 23rd July
Pupil Free Day - Friday 23rd August
Catholic Faith Day - Monday 26th August
Last Day of Term 3 Friday 27th September

First Day of Term 4 Monday 14th October
Pupil Free Day - Friday 22nd November
Last Day of Term 4 Friday 13th December

P & F News

Ex-Secretary Claire Van Dongen and Ex-Treasurer Michelle Lawer attended the School's Annual Community Meeting last week and presented a report on the P&F's activities and achievements over 2018 to the School Board, staff and parents.

Thank you again to all who regularly attended meetings and the wonderful volunteers who assisted the P&F in continuing to provide social and fundraising events for our school in 2018. In lieu of a full Executive Committee being in place, we were fortunate to have had Principal Steve O'Halloran attending all meetings and providing leadership to our small group.

Thank you to all the wonderful staff for your continued support and promotion of our activities. Thank you also to outgoing Secretary Claire Van Dongen for volunteering her time and expertise to the P&F over the last three years.

Looking ahead – 2019!

We have had a great start to 2019 with all Executive Committee positions filled at our meeting held Thursday 21 February.

Your Executive are:

- President Michelle Lawer
- Vice President Tammy Bumbak
- Secretary Rusna Saleh
- Treasurer Katrina Clarke

The Executive can be contacted via the School Office, email admin@smsc.wa.edu.au, or of course in the school grounds before/after school!

Keep an eye on the school website and future newsletters for updates on P&F activities and events!

Plain & Fancy Dress Ball.

At the Jubilee Hall, Carnarvon, on
ST. PATRICK'S EVE, Friday,
March 15, 1908. Proceeds in aid of the
Convent. Dancing at 8.30 p.m. Double
ticket, 2s.; single, 1s.

M. ROSE } Joint Secretaries
E. DWYER }

CHURCH SERVICES.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8.

CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Mass at 10 o'clock.
Economy and Instruction in the evening

The Northern Times,
Saturday, March 8, 1906



St Patrick's Family Night



Our annual **St. Patrick's Family Night** is on again **Saturday 16th March**, starting at **5.30PM**.

The tradition of commemorating the feast day of Saint Patrick started in 1906 with the founders of our school, the Presentation Sisters, holding an annual fundraising event in celebration of the Saint, with proceeds put towards the building of a convent. The Sisters hailed from Ireland, of which Saint Patrick is the patron saint.

For more than 100 years this event has been a fixture on the school's social calendar and has taken many forms from concert, variety show, ball, with formal and informal dress, and held at a variety of locations such as Jubilee Hall, Masonic Hall, on various plantations in packing sheds, and now on the school grounds as a family-friendly social event that brings the school, parish and Carnarvon community together.

For the night to succeed, we require the whole school community to be involved. A note has been sent home to each family asking for your assistance for the event. So that preparations can be finalised, please complete the note and return to the School by next **Thursday 7 March 2019**.

Mark your Calendar!

Thank you,

Attention All Year 6 Parents

There is a very important meeting on Thursday 7th March regarding the upcoming Camp in Geraldton at 2:45pm in the Year 6 Classroom. Students are welcome to attend also.



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.



Size 6 PS Blue Polo's have arrived!!!



Homework Classes

Homework classes have now commenced and are every Tuesday and Thursday after school. Please see the School Office for application forms.

St Mary Star of the Sea Catholic School Carnarvon
4 YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

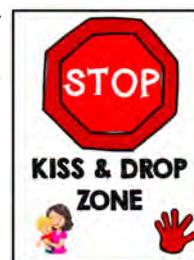
CONTACT US
Phone 0899411 328
admin@smssc.wa.edu.au

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

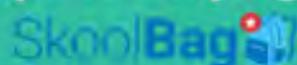
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5 Easy Steps to Staying Informed



SkoolBag is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minute notices, newsletters and all your school's communications.

1. Download SkoolBag

Search SkoolBag in the Apple App or Google Play Store, download the FREE app:

SkoolBag: School Communication

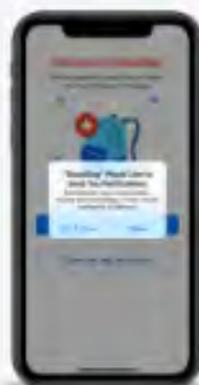
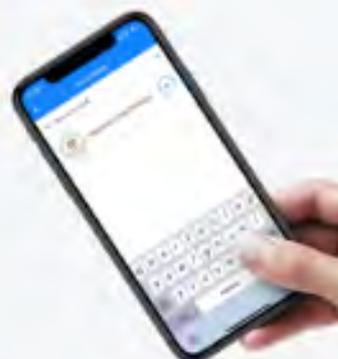


2. Create an Account

Follow the prompts to create your account in seconds.

3. Add your School

Type your school's name and press enter. Tap the plus icon to add.



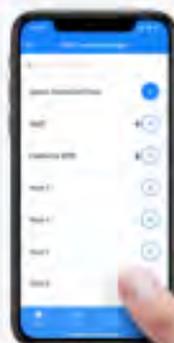
4. Allow Notifications

Ensure you Allow SkoolBag to send you push notifications when prompted.



5. Subscribe to Groups

Select Year Groups / Sports Teams to appear in your feed.





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

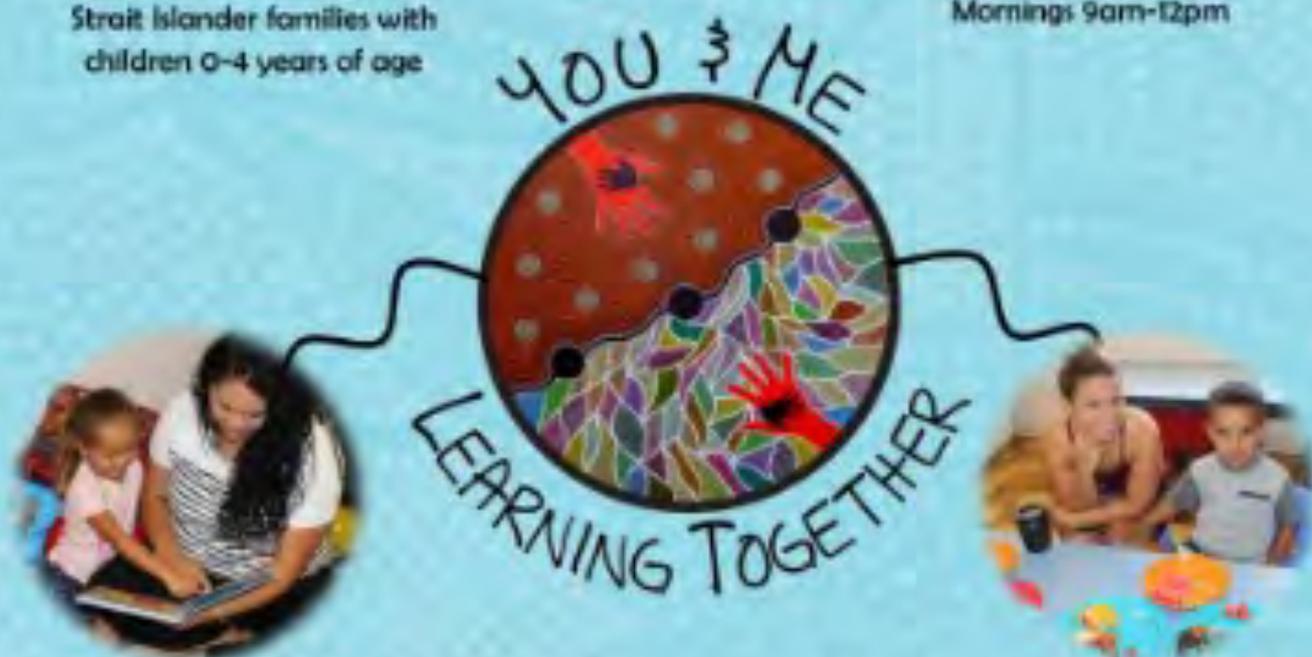
For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families with children 0-4 years of age

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



Carnarvon Toy Library



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Carnarvon Toy Library



OPEN Saturdays
8:30am – 9:30am



9 Butcher Street, Carnarvon

MEMBERSHIP - Just \$50/yr per family
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MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE

Phone Louise 0428921375 or

Michelle 0437907438



JOIN US NOW!
IMPACT Leadership Program



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**APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR ANYONE
AGED BETWEEN 16 - 25 TO JOIN THE IMPACT
TEAM!**

Applications close 4pm, Friday 1 March 2019

visit our website: www.impactcarnarvon.com.au



For an application pack or more information, contact Viv on 0419 798 615 or email info@impactcarnarvon.com.au / tonga.vea@carnarvon.gov.au

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