



Term 1, Week 1

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February 3, 2021

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IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

Week 2

Monday 8 Feb—Fri 5 Feb
Tuesday 9 February
Friday 12 February

Swimming Lessons: Year 1 – 6
Secondary School Parent Meeting 7pm: Year 7 – 10
Welcome Picnic on the Green 5-7pm

Week 3

Monday 15 Feb—Fri 19 Feb
Tuesday 16 February
Wednesday 17 February
Thursday 18 February
Friday 19 February

Swimming Lessons: Year 1— 6
Shrove Tuesday
Ash Wednesday Mass 1pm
School Assembly and SRC badge presentation
Inter House Swimming Carnival:
Year 3 –12



Week 4

Friday 26 February

Primary School Assembly — Year 5

Week 5

Monday 1 March

Public Holiday — Labour Day

Beginning of a School Year

Loving God,

We make our prayer to you at the beginning of a new school year.
Thank you for our school and for all who work to make
it a good and exciting place to learn.

Thank you for the spirit of love and care that surrounds
us here as we work together.

To those who are just starting their time at this school,
give encouragement.

As we welcome them, may they know that they belong.
Bless and guide us in all that we try to achieve in the
coming year.

This we ask in the name of our great Teacher and Friend,
Jesus Christ.

Amen



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

Welcome back for another school year. We have many new families joining our school community this year and we hope you find St Mary's school a welcoming, inclusive, friendly and supportive school where your children have the opportunity to flourish.

We are very fortunate to be able to start our school year without the disruptions that have occurred in other parts of the state. We should thank God for our blessings and make the most of our learning opportunities this term, being less than nine weeks long.

Moving amongst the classes in the first couple of days most students appear eager and ready to learn, and happy to be back at school with their friends.

*God our Father,
We thank you for the opportunities that
Await us as we begin the new school year.
We ask for your blessing in our homes and school
And seek the guidance of the Spirit
to ensure that our school and homes are vibrant Christian communities
Amen.*

SCHOOL GROUNDS

Our new school groundsman, Mr Leo Schmitz, was unable to join our school community for the beginning of the school year. This left us with no one to look after and maintain the school grounds over the holiday period. Fortunately, our hard-working retired groundsman, Mr Peter Brooks, was able to come in and help us out. We are very fortunate to have Mr Brooks help us in this regard and the grounds look terrific after the break.

SCHOOL TIMES

There has been a slight change to the school start time this year. Instead of classes beginning at 8:25 am, all children are expected to be in the classes ready to learn at 8:15 am. Regular school times follow with classes finishing each day at 2:35 pm.

SCHOOL CAPITAL WORKS

Over the holidays, the convent demolition began. This is not due to be completed till the next school holiday period. Following the convent demolition, a new capital works project will begin with a grassed area and new basketball court replacing the existing basketball court and convent area. A new classroom will also be constructed where the playground that adjoins the primary block is to allow for another teaching space for our senior secondary students.

OPENING SCHOOL MASS

Yesterday we were very fortunate to have Bishop Michael Morrissey celebrate our opening school mass for us. Bishop Michael gave some very positive and personal messages to the students. He will be joining the parish community for mass this weekend also.

Many thanks to Mrs Da Luz and our Year 11 students who prepared and read very well at the mass.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Swimming lessons begin next week for primary students from Year 1 – 6. There will also be a faction swimming carnival held for Years 3-12 on Friday, 19th February.

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

It is important for parents to receive information first hand from teachers regarding teaching and learning expectations for this year at the parent teacher meetings held in the first couple of weeks. Last night, parent teacher meetings for all primary classes were held and an information session for all Year 11 and 12 students and their parents followed in the staffroom at 7:00 pm. Next Tuesday evening, beginning at 7:00 pm, the Year 7 – 10 parent teacher meetings will be held on the school hall.

God bless



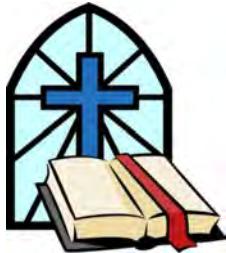
Mr Steve O'Halloran
Principal

St Mary's P & F invite you to our

WELCOME PICNIC
on the Green

Friday 12 February 2021
5.00pm - 7.00pm
St Mary's School Oval





From the REC desk...

Mass Times:

Weekday Masses — To be advised
Saturday 7.00pm, Sunday 9.00am

As this is a very short term this year, combined with an early start to our Lenten period, you may feel inundated by correspondence from me! Easter is the most important celebration in our liturgical calendar and as such, I wish to raise the importance of being properly prepared for this event. To that end, we will begin our preparations with "Fat Tuesday" in Week 3, or as we more commonly know it as Shrove Tuesday. It occurs the day before Ash Wednesday so traditionally, families emptied out their cupboards of all the 'fatty' foods and treats so they could observe the fasting and abstinence requirements for the start of the Lenten period the next day, a period guided by the three pillars of penance, prayer and almsgiving. This includes the practice of Catholics traditionally abstaining from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and every Friday leading up to and including Good Friday. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are also days that Catholics from the age of 18-59 are obliged to fast. "Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting" (USCCB, n.d.).

The practice of fasting during Lent began with our Lord's journey into the desert where he fasted and prayed for forty days and nights in preparation to begin his public ministry. The forty days of Lent are in imitation of Christ's time in the desert. During Lent, the Christian walks into the desert with Christ and fasts so as to have the strength to avoid temptation with the help of God's grace. Lent is also a penitential season in which we strive to atone for our sins and purify our lives in preparation for the celebration of Christ's glorious rising from the tomb on Easter Sunday.

I will be sending out letters soon to inform all families about our Pancake Day on Shrove Tuesday as well as our Bread-and-Butter Day on Ash Wednesday. Please watch this space ...

Thank you to all students for your reverence and participation at our Opening Mass celebrated by the Most Reverend Michael Morrissey, Bishop of Geraldton. We were so privileged to have Bishop open our school year and he was very ably served by Paulene and Kevin, our two altar servers, the Year 11 class who read beautifully during the mass and a big thank you to the new liturgical team of Ulanda and Sophie who helped me to set up and pack away for mass, Mr Brooks who operated our lights and Helen who set up our sound equipment. These efforts and service culminated in a beautiful celebration.

This year, I am excited to be teaching the Year 8 class and exploring more closely what it means to belong and be accepted in a community. St Mary's school community is one of the most caring and supportive community that I have ever known. I hope that the students' sense of spirit continues in support of our school charism and that we build upon all the wonderful works of mercy and service to all.

Saint-sations will be reconvening next week on Wednesdays at lunchtime. Any new students wishing to join us this year, must attend the meeting next week in the English room. I wish to thank all students last year for their dedication and for the gifts and talents that they bring. I look forward to even more exciting and inspirational moments with you all. See you next week!

May God bless you all.

Sam Da Luz
Religious Education Coordinator





2021 Opening School Mass

Head of Secondary News

To our parents, students and our new and old staff, welcome to a new year at St Mary's in 2021! It seems such a short time since we were finding our way through the difficult year of 2020! Just when we thought we were going to have a COVID 19 free start to the year, another unpredictable event occurred just over 12 hours before we were to start our first day back at school. After hearing the news, we waited with anticipation wondering if students not within the Lock Down zone would be able to attend school!

Once again, we realise how fortunate we are to be living in the Gascoyne region, where we are free enough to allow our students and staff back into the school.

Although, a number of students left Secondary last year, we have started this year with a record number of 112 students. With a large increase in the primary as well, we had a tight fit in the hall for our first assembly on Monday and even more so for our first mass held on Tuesday.

It was wonderful to have the students back in the school, with their excitement, nervousness and anticipation of possible new changes. Our new Year 7s seem to have survived their first and second day as well as the large number of new students to our school.

We have been fortunate to obtain 3 new teachers within Secondary. We have managed to steal part of Mrs Sue Jordan's days and she will be teaching in the Senior School. We also have a lovely couple who between have complemented the needs of our school beautifully. Catherine Chinnery will be taking on some of the English classes in middle school as well as some of the Religious Education. Liam Chinnery will be our Health, Physical Education and Outdoor Education for middle school. We feel extremely grateful for their movement from Kalgoorlie.

To the delight of our middle school, we have finally been able to put Design and Technology in Wood into the middle school years with the expertise of Peter Lawer who has kindly given one day a week to pass on his skill base to our students.

Other changes for Year 11 and 12 were found in the increase in numbers with 18 students commencing. We also have students utilising both ViSN and SIDE for their subject selection and with the completion of Cert III in Sport and Recreation in 2020, students are now working on Cert II in Outdoor Recreation with Mrs Sue Jordan ... watch this space. We also have or record number of ATAR students in Year 11.

Unfortunately, with the Lock Down in Perth due to COVID, the Year 11 and 12 ViSN camp was cancelled for this week. ViSN teachers will plan alternative activities to help facilitate their movement into online learning.

With the addition of Design and Technology in Wood (Years 7 – 9), other non-core learning areas include Digital Technology with Miss Hegarty, Music, Drama and Art with Miss Ward, Food Technology with Mrs Meynell and Mrs Cox, Careers Education (Year 10), Physical Education and Health with Outdoor Education running through the entire Secondary School.

Please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to working with you throughout 2021.

Best wishes

Narelle Holtham

A/Head of Secondary



St Mary Star of the Sea - Semester 1 Staff



LEADERSHIP TEAM

Principal: Steve O'Halloran
Acting Head of Secondary School: Narelle Holtham
Head of Primary School Year 3-6: Trudy Cox
Early Years Coordinator: Alison O'Halloran
Acting Religious Education Coordinator: Sammantha Da Luz

ADMINISTRATION STAFF

School Secretary: Kim Faithfull
Admin Assistant: Katrina Scott
Bursar: Sarah Berson

TEACHING/CLASSROOM STAFF – PRIMARY

3YO Kindy & Kindy: Billie Symonds
Pre-Primary: Ali O'Halloran
Year 1: Georgia Fahl
Year 2: Sophia Anderson
Year 3: Lara Concannon
Year 4: Alison Durmanich
Year 5: Carey Hodgson
Year 6: James Campbell

TEACHING/CLASSROOM STAFF - SECONDARY

Ningaloo 1 Katelyn Hegarty
Ningaloo 2: Liam Chinnery
Quobba 1 Rebecca Meynell
Quobba 2 Catherine Chinnery
Gnaraloo 1 Tim Manser
Gnaraloo 2: Katrina Ward

SPECIALIST TEACHING STAFF – Middle School

Religious Education Yr10, 11 and 12: Sam Da Luz
Religious Education: Yr 7, 8 and 9 Catherine Chinnery
Music and Art: Katrina Ward
Humanities Yr 7 –10: Rebecca Meynell and Narelle Holtham
Mathematics Yr 7-12 Tim Manser
Science Yr 7-11 Katelyn Hegarty
English Yr 7-12 Jason Meynell
Catherine Chinnery
Health and Physical Education & Food: Liam Chinnery
Food: Rebecca Meynell and Trudy Cox
Woodwork: Peter Lawer

Teaching Assistants: Helena Bassett – Yr 1
Jacquie Black - Student Support
Melissa Worthington – Pre Primary
Raechelle Glancy – Kindy, 3YO Kindy and Yr 6
Jessica Foster – Year 2
Susanne Aiken – High School Support
Alice Hatt - Kindy, Yr 5

St Mary Star of the Sea - Semester 1 Staff



Aboriginal Teaching Assistant:

Anthony Narrier

Minilit

Samantha Punch/Simone Petera

Maths Intervention:

Simone Petera

AFaFE:

Kayla Bellotti

Canteen Manager:

Charmaine Radzevicius

Groundsperson:

Peter Brooks (Temporary)

RELIGIOUS

Parish Priest:

School Chaplaincy Worker and

Guidance Officer:

Ilai Matangi



Containers for Change is up and running here at Saint Mary's and our students are already jumping on board placing all recyclable containers in our collection points around the school.

Please feel free to be part of Reduce-Reuse-Recycle revolution and bring in your recyclable containers from home.



Watch this space for regular updates on collection totals and the wonderful change we make with this initiative.

For further information, please visit www.containersforchange.com.au for a full list of acceptable containers.

ELIGIBLE CONTAINERS



INTERHOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Friday February 19th



Calling all Volunteers!

Any parents who are able to help out on the day, please contact the School office on 9941 1328.

TERM 1 -TERM DATES

Monday February 1st
to
Thursday April 1st



NEW INSTRUCTION TIMES

Please be advised we have made some minor changes to the lesson times.

08:00 School gates open

08:15 Primary commences, Secondary homeroom

08:25 - 9:20 Period one commences

9:20 – 10:10 Period 2

10:10 – 10:30 Recess

10:30 – 11:20 Period 3

11:20 – 12:10 Period 4

12:10 – 12:50 Lunch

12:50 – 1:45 Period 5

1:45 – 2:35 Period 6



Students who arrive at School after 8.15 will need to sign in through the Administration Office.



**UNIFORM
SHOP
OPENING
HOURS**

During week 1, the Uniform shop is open everyday after school.

After week 1, the Uniform shop is open Tuesday and Thursday from 2.15—3.15 pm



**St Mary Star of the Sea Catholic School
Primary Teaching Assistant – Special Needs
0.6 Position (5 mornings per week)
Immediate Start – Term 1**

Expressions of Interest - Persons interested in applying for this position are invited to submit a brief covering letter, a resume (detailing relevant qualifications and experience) and the names and contact numbers of three referees. Applicants must be fully supportive of the objectives and ethos of Catholic education. A minimum Certificate 111 in Education Assistant is essential.

On appointment, the successful applicant will be required to successfully obtain a Department of Education Criminal History check and Working with Children Card.

This is a temporary part time position with the possibility of extending to full time.

Closing Date: Friday 12/02/21

Please address applications to:

The Principal,
St Mary Star of the Sea School
P.O. Box 772
CARNARVON 6701

Email: admin@smsc.wa.edu.au Subject: Teaching Assistant – Special Needs



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
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA CYCLONE ACTION PLAN

Please refer to FESA Cyclone Information for further clarification—www.dfes.wa.gov.au

AN APPROACHING CYCLONE

Cyclone Watch/Warning

Staff and students attend school as normal.

Blue Alert

The school remains open. A cyclone may produce gales (gusts exceeding 90km/h) within 48 hours.

Keep up to date with the development of the cyclone through radio on

- N.W Radio (frequency 666AM and 99.70FM)
- ABC Radio (frequency 846AM)

[If the school is to close this information will be broadcast between 6:30pm and 6:45pm, and between 6:30am and 6:45am on the relevant Radio stations] or through Television and/or Internet (www.bom.gov.au)

The closure advice will be repeated each morning and evening until the decision to reopen the school is made.

- Before your child goes to school, make specific arrangements to have him/her picked up from school should the Yellow Alert be declared during the school day.
- Ensure that your child knows what these arrangements are.

All information and updated reports relating to warnings and school closures ARE ISSUED ON THE RADIO. Keep yourself informed. The school will also communicate warnings and updates via text messages and Facebook. **PLEASE DO NOT RING THE SCHOOL.**

Yellow Alert

If a yellow alert is called during the school day, SCHOOL WILL CLOSE. Parents will receive an SMS message and Facebook notification from the school advising of the closure.

- If students catch the School Bus, Carnarvon Bus Charters will arrive to return students to their home. Please ensure you are waiting at the bus stop to collect your children.
- Parents must pick up their children from their classroom immediately if not on the bus.
- Students will not be sent home until instructions are received from parents.

Red Alert

School will remain shut during a Red Alert.

All community members are expected to remain indoors and stay tuned to the local radio broadcast until the Red Alert has been called off.

AFTER THE CYCLONE

It is a safety requirement that schools are not reopened until the school site has been inspected and declared safe. After the cyclone, information will be provided on the radio as to whether our school will open at the usual time. This information will remain current for the whole day. For example, if the school is declared closed at 6:30am it will not open at all during that day, even if conditions improve.

Every endeavour will be made to ensure schools are made safe and reopened as soon as possible.

Please keep yourselves informed via the radio, until a threat from the cyclone has passed.

FEE CONCESSIONS FOR HOLDERS OF HEALTH CARE / PENSION CARDS

HEALTH CARE CARD FEE CONCESSIONS

Kindy to Year 12 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.

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—12 who hold a Health Care Card or Pension Card are also eligible to receive assistance through the Dept of Education.

Applications for Secondary Assistance close on **Thursday April 1st**. 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 2021 - Please bring your card to the Office and complete the required paperwork.

If you have any queries regarding your fees, fee payments or fee concession discounts please contact the School Bursar, Sarah Berson on 99411328.

Thank you.
Sarah Berson
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
 CENTRELINK PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD
 (OR) VETERANS' AFFAIRS PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD

Applications close
THURSDAY 1 APRIL 2021

Ask School Reception for More Information



Hooray, it's a new school year!

The P&F are really excited to host our first ever **Welcome Picnic** on the school oval on Friday 12 February from 5-7pm! This is a great opportunity for parents to catch up with old friends and make some new ones. Check out the flyer for details!

What is the P & F?

For our new staff and families, the P&F is led by a committee and organises fundraisers through the year and hosts/sponsors social events for children, families and staff to enjoy. Funds raised are invested back into the school for the benefit of our children. In the past this has included Mothers and Fathers Day gift stalls, Crazy Sock Day, discos and Colour Fun Run to name a few.

The P&F Annual Community Meeting will be held in Week 3 (date to be confirmed). Please consider nominating for a position! The Committee consists of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Parent Representative to the Board and General Members. All new Committee members will be provided with practical support and advice to get started in the role. We also have a network of experienced volunteers who are always quick to lend a helping hand.

For more information, please contact Principal Steve O'Halloran or current P&F President Michelle Lawer via admin@smsc.wa.edu.au or message our Facebook page.

St Mary's P & F invite you to our

WELCOME PICNIC

on the Green

Friday 12 February 2021
5.00pm - 7.00pm
St Mary's School Oval

Pack a picnic dinner and enjoy a summer evening catching up with old friends and make some new ones

BYO food, drinks & rug
BBQs available to cook your own meal

Fun activities including Giant Lawn Games Groovy Music FREE Icecreams for the kids!



The HeART Table – Families. Art. Together.

FOSTERING CLOSER CONNECTIONS AND CONSCIOUS PARENTING THROUGH FUN AND MEANINGFUL CREATIVE CLASSES

JOIN US FOR A FREE 8 WEEK SERIES

Who: Parents and primary caregivers of children under 5 years
Where: Gwoonwardu Mia Centre, 146 Robinson St, Carnarvon WA 6701
When: Starting Thursday Feb 11th for 8 consecutive weeks, 2021
Time: 9.30-10.30am
Cost: FREE
Facilitator: Gail Law-Davis, supported by Reannon Ryder

REGISTRATIONS ESSENTIAL

Via the [facebook](#) page



@The Heart Table

or to Miranda Plum: 0427 555 730



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FREE FAMILY TENNIS DAY

3-6pm

Carnarvon Tennis Club

Sunday 7th Feb

- Come & Try Tennis!
- Open to all abilities!
- Kids Activities & Games!
- Bar & Canteen!
- BBQ Sausage Sizzle!



Membership forms, competition registration and coaching bookings will be available at the event.

Suncity Tennis Academy

Carnarvon Tennis Club
Cnr Butcher St & Dempster Rd
Carnarvon

0409 485 117

tennis@suncitytennisacademy.com.au
www.facebook.com/suncitytennis



CARNARVON TENNIS CLUB Inc

P.O. Box 502
Cnr Butcher St & Dempster Rd
CARNARVON WA 6701

REMOTE TENNIS SERVICES AUSTRALIA

Term 1 2021 Enrolments are being taken now!

We cater for all ages & standards under 3 years to Adult.

With classes starting at just \$13.20 a week, spaces are filling fast!

Programs on offer:

- ANZ Hotshots
 - Group Lessons
 - Private Lessons
 - Tennis in Schools
 - Equipment Service & Sales
- Term 1 Begins SUNDAY Afternoon
14th FEBRUARY 2021* - 4 Week Program
- *Programs are subject to enrolment numbers.
Classes may be combined or cancelled. 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 SUNDAY 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.

What's on offer @ SCTA Carnarvon - Term 1 2021

Class Type	Time	Cost	Ages	Schedule
Tiny Tackers Red Ball	30mins	\$13.75	3-4yrs	2:30-3:00pm
Orange Ball Hotshots	1 hour	\$19.25	5-7yrs	3:00-4:00pm
Green Ball Hotshots	1 hour	\$19.25	8-11yrs	4:00-5:00pm
Yellow Ball Groups	1 hour	\$19.25	12-16yrs	5:00-6:00pm
Adult Group	1 hour	\$19.25	17yrs+	6:00-7:00pm
Private Lesson	30mins	\$44.00	N/A	Subject to availability
Private Lesson	1 hour	\$77.00	N/A	Subject to availability

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

Membership to CTC allows unlimited Court use and access (Courts 7 & 8 for Juniors) & aids CTC in supporting Coaching & other programs.

SCTA encourages all of our Clients to Support CTC by becoming Members in 2021 & beyond.

Sunday FUNDAY Junior Club will run outside of these 4 week Coaching programs each Term!

Follow the Carnarvon Tennis Club Facebook page for all the updates!

www.facebook.com/tennis.carnarvon