



Term 1, Week 3

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February 17, 2021

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

Week 3

Monday 15 Feb— Thur 18 Feb

Thursday 18 February

Friday 19 February

Swimming Lessons: Year 1— 6

School Assembly and SRC badge presentation

Inter House Swimming Carnival:

Year 3 –12

Week 4

Wednesday 24 February

Annual Community Meeting 6.30pm— School Library

Friday 26 February

Parents & Friends AGM 6.30pm – School Library

Primary School Assembly — Year 5

Week 5

Monday 1 March

Public Holiday — Labour Day

Wednesday 3 Mar—Fri 5 Mar

Year 7 Camp

Sunday 7 March

Homeroom Mass—Ningaloo 1 & 2

Dear God,

I thank you for waking me up today.

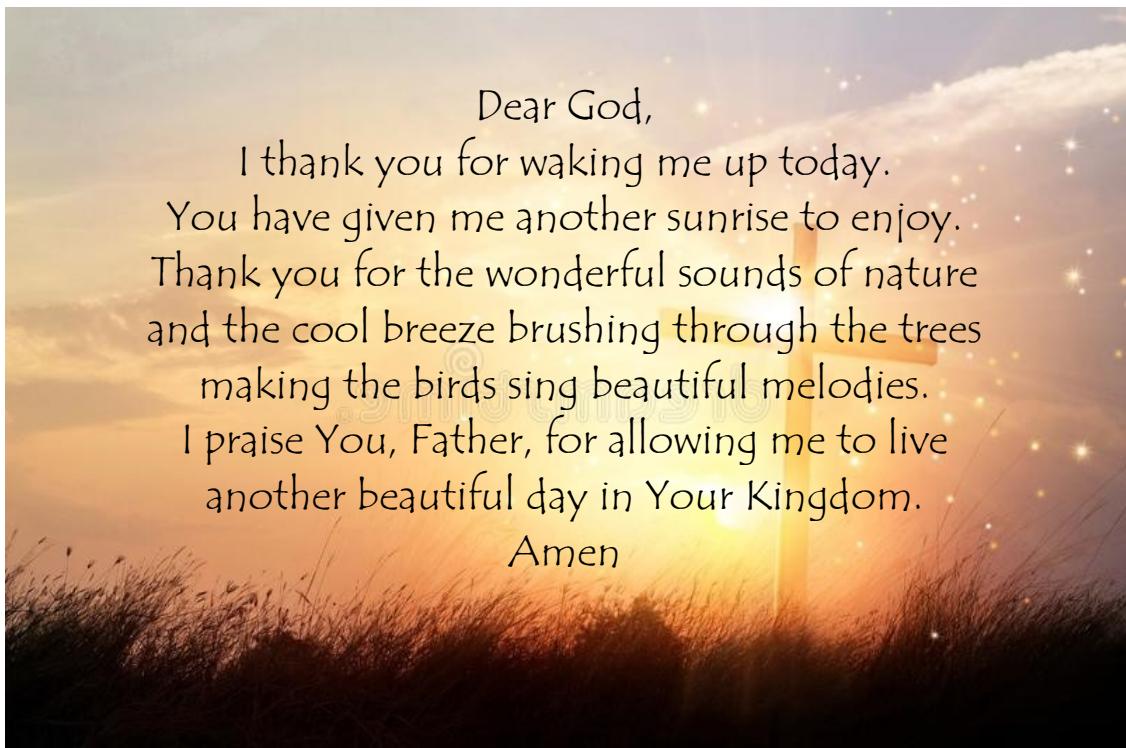
You have given me another sunrise to enjoy.

Thank you for the wonderful sounds of nature
and the cool breeze brushing through the trees

making the birds sing beautiful melodies.

I praise You, Father, for allowing me to live
another beautiful day in Your Kingdom.

Amen



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

Today is Ash Wednesday, we celebrated the beginning of Lent with Fr Tam, a priest from Geraldton. We thank him for being with us today and on the weekend to celebrate our Saturday and Sunday masses.

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 live, 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.

**"Jesus, May we be encouraged this Lent as we reflect on the difficulties
You had in Your life.
Give us a like courage to face the challenges that daily enter our lives.
Lead us to the joy of resurrection.
Amen."**

STAFFING CHANGES

At the end of Term 1, Miss Katelyn Hegarty is leaving St Mary's to venture further north to continue her career at St Mary's, Broome. We wish Miss Hegarty all the very best for her future and thank her for the commitment and dedication she has demonstrated to the staff and students of our school.

Replacing Miss Hegarty will be Ms Kate Tutavaha, currently teaching at Palmerston North Boys' School, New Zealand. Ms Tutavaha is excited to be coming to Carnarvon and she is an experienced teacher who has taught across a number of learning areas, most notably English, Media Studies and Drama. We look forward to Ms Tutavaha sharing her skills and enthusiasm with us from the beginning of Term 2.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

This Friday, the Faction Swimming Carnival will be held at the Carnarvon Aquatic Centre. All grades from Years 3 – 12 will be participating and we anticipate some keen competition amongst the students on the day. Please come along and support the boys and girls as they try to do their best.

ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING

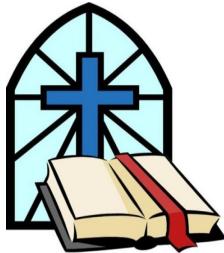
Next Wednesday, the Annual School Community Meeting and Parents and Friends AGM will be held in the school library at 6:30 pm. All are welcome. We are currently seeking new members for both groups and if you feel you are able to contribute to the school in a position on either the School Advisory Council or the P & F, please nominate via the nomination forms.

God bless,



Steve O'Halloran
Principal



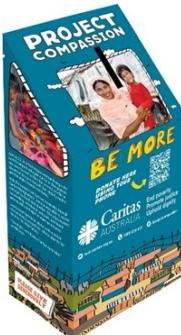


From the REC desk...

Mass Times:

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

What a busy week: Pancakes on Tuesday, Ash Wednesday Mass and bread and butter day and the Interhouse Swimming Carnival on Friday – phew! It is so wonderful to be in the “swing of things” and can I say how lovely it is to also see the students embracing the new changes of uniform throughout the school. A HUGE thank you to Miss Hegarty and the Year 10 students for cooking and organising 400 pancakes for Tuesday! What a mammoth effort; also to our wonderful front office admin ladies Ms Scott and Mrs Faithfull for their efforts in collating all the monies and orders so that everyone who ordered, got their pancake with the correct topping! With all the swimming lessons occurring at the same time, it has been a bit of a juggle ensuring the students got their pancakes on time. Thank you to all teachers for communicating clearly with us regarding this and for collecting all the money and forms beforehand.



Bread and Butter day is another tradition that we hold closely, to bring to mind all the people in the world who don't have much choice in their daily meal options. Some even struggle to have luxuries such as butter on their bread. The Catholic Social Teachings uphold many values and promote the following core principles: end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity of all people. Caritas Australia is very active in these pursuits with their Project Compassion Lenten Appeals that are held each year. Your child's classroom will have an Appeal box for this period leading up to Easter so that they can learn more about why we give alms and who benefits from our help and care. For more information, please visit the Caritas Australia website: <https://www.caritas.org.au/>

Our first sacramental programs of preparation will also be coming up soon: Year 4 First Holy Communion and Year 6 Confirmation. I can't wait to meet our candidates and begin working closely with them, Mrs Durmanich, Mr Campbell and our new Parish Priest (soon to be announced). Exciting times ahead indeed, especially for the Year 6 Retreat in Week 8 of this term.

A reminder that the Ningaloo 1 & 2 Homeroom mass is scheduled for Sunday 7th March – Week 5. I look forward to seeing the students supporting their school and parish at this event. Mass begins at 9:00am and there will be a morning tea supplied by the students afterwards.

I would like to end with this year's Caritas Project Compassion prayer that includes a famous quote from Saint Oscar Romero who is known for his acts of Social Justice and whose examples and words have been linked with Caritas. Please take care until next time, and I hope you find some time in your busy lives to press pause, pray and prepare for the coming of our Lord this Lenten season.

God bless.

Sam Da Luz
Religious Education Coordinator K-12

God of all peoples and nations,
As you accompany us on our Lenten journey,
May our fasting strengthen our commitment to live in solidarity,
Our almsgiving be an act of justice, and
Our prayers anchor us in love and compassion.
Through loving simply and loving generously,
May we care for our global family and our common home, as we
“Aspire not to have more, but to be more.” (*Saint Oscar Romero*)
We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.



SHROVE TUESDAY



YUM YUM!

ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING & PARENTS & FRIENDS AGM

***St Mary Star of the Sea Catholic School
Annual Community Meeting
and
Parents & Friends AGM***

Will be held on:

**Wednesday February 24th
6.30pm
in the School Library**

All school community members are encouraged to attend. For further information, please contact the school on 9941 1328.

We are currently seeking new members for both groups—if you feel you are able to contribute to the school in a position on either the School Advisory Council or the P & F, please nominate via the nomination forms.



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.

Nominee's Name:

Residential Address:

Postal Address:

Contact Numbers:

Work _____ **Home** _____

Mobile _____ **Fax** _____

Occupation: _____

Number of years residing in Carnarvon: _____

Other Interests in Community:

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.

CARNARVON School Dental Therapy Clinic



The Carnarvon Dental Therapy Clinic will be closed from Friday 6/11/20 until Tuesday 18/5/2021.

In the case of dental emergency, please contact a private dentist—99411882 or the hospital dental clinic on 99416690.

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.

ABSENT STUDENTS

Parents and guardians are reminded that all absentees must be documented either in the form of a signed note, email notification, SMS or the Absentee form via Seqta app. Your note should include the child's name, Year level, reason for absentee, dated and signed by the parent or guardian.

Please note—we still require written notification even if you have advised the school verbally. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the School office on 9941 1328.

Thank you

Swimming lessons continue for Primary Classes!



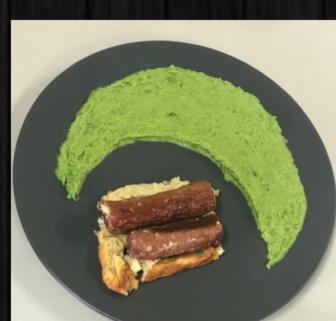
AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

Year 7's practised their salad making skills this week with a delicious Cobb Salad and homemade dressing.



The Year 8's culinary journey around the world continued this week in England.

Traditional 'Toad in the Hole' and mushy peas.
Delicious!



ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL—Carnarvon WA



Aboriginal Teaching Assistant

Part-Time FTE 0.4 (2 days per week)

IMMEDIATE START to 31 December 2021

Applications are invited for this teaching assistant role in the **Aboriginal Families as First Educators Program** (AFaFE). This program involves working with children from 0 – 3 years of age, and their parents.

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.

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

Please send your application to the Principal to: admin@smsc.wa.edu.au

Applications Close: 26 February 2021

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

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
 (OR) • CENTRELINK PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD
 (OR) • VETERANS' AFFAIRS PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD

Applications close
THURSDAY 1 APRIL 2021

Ask School Reception for More Information



Collection Notice for parents/guardians

2021 Student Residential Address and Other Information

The Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment (the department) would like to advise you that a request has been made for your child's school to provide residential address and other information as required under the *Australian Education Regulation 2013* (Cth).

The school is required to provide the department with the following information about each student at the school:

- Names and residential addresses of students' parent(s) and/or guardian(s)
- Student residential address (**excluding student names**)
- Whether the student is a primary or secondary student (education level)
- Whether the student is boarding or a day student (boarding status).

Your child's school generates a **unique and unidentifiable** record number for each student record. The number is **only** used by the school for this collection. It is not allowed to be used for any other purpose. The number indicates to the department that each record provided is for one student.

Purpose of the collection

The Student Residential Address and Other Information Collection (the Collection) informs Australian Government school education policy and helps ensure funding for non-government schools is based on need.

The information collected will be used to inform school funding calculations. It is combined with data held by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) to calculate a non-government school community's anticipated capacity to contribute to the costs of schooling.

From 2020, a new measure of capacity to contribute, the Direct Measure of Income (DMI), was introduced. The DMI is based on the median income of parents or guardians of students at a non-government school using data collected through the Collection. More information about the DMI can be found at <https://www.education.gov.au/what-direct-measure-income>.

Use and disclosure of personal information

Your personal information is protected by law under the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) (Privacy Act). Personal information is information or an opinion about an identifiable individual. Personal information includes an individual's name and contact details.

Any use or disclosure of your personal information must occur in accordance with Privacy Act and the *Australian Education Act 2013* and *Australian Education Regulation 2013*.

Your personal information provided to the department through the Collection may be:

Continued



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- disclosed to the ABS for the purposes of capacity to contribute calculations and analysis as a part of the Multi-Agency Data Integration Project (MADIP). Further information about MADIP can be found on the [MADIP page](#) on the ABS website.
 - disclosed to a contracted auditor where the department may from time to time, carry out an audit of a school's submission to the Collection. The contracted auditor compares the school's submission with the student enrolment information held by the school and will not use the information for any other purpose
 - disclosed to its service providers for the purposes of the provision of information and communications technology support services to the department
 - used or disclosed where it is otherwise required or authorised by law.

The department does not intend to disclose your personal information to any overseas recipients.

The department's privacy policy can be found at www.dese.gov.au and includes information on:

- how individuals can access and seek correction of the personal information held by the department;
- how complaints about potential breaches or breaches of the Privacy Act can be made;
- how the department will deal with these complaints.

The department commissioned an independent privacy impact assessment (PIA). The PIA assesses the flows of information under the Collection, compliance with the Privacy Act and measures in place to safeguard the personal information being collected. The report is being updated, and will be available in 2021 on the [SchoolsHUB Address Collection help and support page](#). The current version is available at <https://docs.education.gov.au/node/51436>.

What do you need to do?

You are not required to do anything. Your school is responsible for providing the requested details to the department; however, you may wish to ensure that your school has the most up-to-date and correct details for your family.

Contacts for further information

Your school can provide additional information about the Collection process.

Alternatively, please visit the [SchoolsHUB Address Collection help and support page](#).



Welcome Picnic

The Welcome Picnic held last Friday 12 February was a relaxing way to end week 2. It was lovely to see and meet some new families, as well as some familiar faces. The children had a great time playing and dancing on the stage, and the ice cream was a hit! Congratulations to Mrs Holtham who was the winner of the Super Sundae!

St Patrick's Day

Thank you to those who were able to come at short notice on Monday to talk about how we can recognise St Patrick's Day this year.

The committee decided that St Patrick's Day will be celebrated in school on the feast day, Wednesday 17 March. There will be a liturgy service, students can dress in green (gold coin donation) and every student from K-12 will receive a St Paddy's cupcake!



We are chasing volunteers to help bake our cupcakes! For further details, please check out the P & F FB page post.

P & F AGM

A reminder that the P&F Annual General Meeting is next **Wednesday 24 February, 6.30pm in the School Library** All Executive Committee positions will be vacated and require filling to enable the P&F to continue for 2021. If you are interested in nominating for a position, please see the following form or forward your details to the school office.

Some examples of what P&F funds have been used for in recent years:

- 50% contribution towards the JLC nature playground
- TV for Science Room upgrade
- Robots for use by Middle School Students in Technology class
- Faction team shade structures to utilise at the School Sport events
- Outdoor lunch tables for the Junior Learning Centre
- Aluminium tables for Primary and Middle school use
- Replacement aprons for the Home Economics class
- Supply of sunscreen to all classrooms each year
- Donation towards end of year Award prizes

Funds have also been put towards the purchase of a new, larger Bain Marie, donut machine and fryer to utilise at School and community events

ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 24 February 2021, 6.30pm, School Library

P & F NOMINATION FORM

I will attend the P & F Annual General Meeting on **Wednesday, 24 February 2021**.

YES / NO

I wish to join the SMSC P & F Committee for 2021 (no election required). YES / NO

I wish to offer myself as a candidate for election to the SMSC P & F Executive Committee for 2021.

YES / NO

Please indicate which position you wish to nominate for:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- P & F Representation to the Board

For more information on these roles, please contact the office.

NAME:

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE:

EMAIL:

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

NOMINATED BY:

Please return to the School Office or via email to admin@smsc.wa.edu.au



TUNING IN TO KIDS Parenting Workshop

A FREE SIX SESSION PARENTING PROGRAM FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN HOW TO:

- Communicate with your child more effectively?
- Understand your child's needs?
- Help your child learn how to manage those difficult emotions?
- Prevent behavioural problems in your child?

TUNING IN TO KIDS SHOWS YOU HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD DEVELOP EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE.

Children with higher emotional intelligence:

- Have greater success with making and keeping friends
- Have better concentration at school
- Are more able to calm down when upset or angry

EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE MAY BE A BETTER PREDICTOR OF ACADEMIC AND CAREER SUCCESS THAN IQ!

Where: You & Me Playgroup, 30 Egan Street, Carnarvon WA 6701

When: 9.30 - 11.30am, Wednesday's 17, 24 February, 3, 10, 17, 24 March 2021.

Cost: FREE

Facilitator: Minh Henderson

Register: Phone 0438 991 755 or Email gascoyne.pcwa@ngala.com.au

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STRONGER FOR LONGER

FOR FEMALE GRAND-CARERS AGED 50+ WHO ARE CARING FOR CHILDREN
AGED 0 TO 18 YEARS.

We recognise and appreciate the amazing work you're doing and understand the pressures to look after yourself and your family. Come join us to connect with other carers like yourself, and local parenting support workers in a fun and social weekly session.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

- How to care for your physical and mental health through gentle exercise and stress management.
- How what you eat effects the emotions and behaviour of your family.
- How to talk about mental health with your family and what support is available to you in the community.

Where: Carnarvon PCYC, 406 Robinson Road, Carnarvon

When: 5 sessions, commencing Thursday 18th February 2021, 9:30 – 11:30am

Cost: FREE. Crèche: not provided.

Facilitator: Ngala & Carnarvon PCYC

Bookings: Essential as is commitment to the 5 sessions

Phone: 9941 3869 or Email: Gascoyne.PCWA@ngala.com.au

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TUNING IN TO TEENS - Parenting Workshops

A FREE SIX SESSION PARENTING PROGRAM FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF CHILDREN 11 TO 18 YEARS.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN HOW TO:

- Be better at talking with your teen?
- Prevent behaviour problems in your teen?
- Help your teen to manage their feelings?

Where: Ngala Office – Boulevard Shopping Centre, Robinson Street, WA 6701

When: 5.30- 7.30pm Thursday's 18, 25 February & 4, 11, 18, 25 March 2021

Cost: Free

Facilitator: Minh Henderson

Register: Phone 0438991755 or email: gascoyne.pcwa@ngala.com.au

Ninny Jinas Playgroup

A PLAYGROUP FOR LITTLE ONES AGED 0 – 5 YEARS AND THEIR DADS, MUMS AND CARERS.

WOULD YOU AND YOUR LITTLE ONES LIKE TO:

- Join in on some fun activities?
- Play with other children and meet new families?
- Enjoy a healthy snack, a cuppa and yarn?

THEN COME ALONG! IT'S FREE! NO NEED TO BOOK.

When: Fridays, 9:00am -11:00am (except school holidays)

Where: Carnarvon Playgroup Building, Butcher Street, Carnarvon

Cost: FREE

Phone: 9941 3869 or **Email:** Gascoyne.PCWA@ngala.com.au

Provided by Parenting Connection Gascoyne.

ONE-ON-ONE PARENTING WITH NGALA

BABIES, CHILDREN AND TEENS – WE'RE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU THROUGH EVERY STEP OF YOUR PARENTING JOURNEY! SUPPORTING PARENTS/CARERS OF CHILDREN AGED 0 – 18 YEARS.

Let's talk all things parenting. Come down for a cuppa and let us support you to have the knowledge, skills and confidence to be the best parent you can be.

Free, private one-on-one sessions are booked for up to an hour to discuss any parenting topics you like.

When: Every Tuesday

Cost: FREE

Facilitators: Minh Henderson – Ngala Parenting Facilitator

Booking is essential - Phone: 0438 991 755 or **Email:** Gascoyne.PCWA@ngala.com.au

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After School Program

Carnarvon



8-12
years

Inspire Hope

A weekly after school program offering a fun and safe environment for kids to meet and make new friends! Participants will learn how to identify and manage emotions, build resilience and develop healthy ways to express themselves through a range of games and activities.

When	Wednesday afternoons 3pm - 4pm 10, 17 & 24 February; 3, 10 & 17 March 2021 (6 weeks)
Where	HelpingMinds Office, 5 Stuart Street, Carnarvon
Who	For young people aged 8-12 years who are at risk of developing a mental health challenge, <u>or</u> who are supporting a family member or a friend experiencing mental health challenges
Cost	Free Registration essential

Register your interest online helpingminds.org.au/workshops

For more information contact us on (08) 9427 7100 or info@helpingminds.org.au



POSITIONS VACANT

Norwesta Café is looking for 2 teenagers to work on Friday and/or Saturday evenings making pizza's predominantly.

Other duties include helping set up at start of shift and clean up at end of shift.
Hours are 4.30—9.00pm.

Norwesta Café is also looking for an older person (18+) to do the front of house: ie: to take orders (over the phone and in person and online) and manage the younger staff on the evenings.

Please call Michelle on 9941 1277 or email enquiries@norwesta.com.au



Michelle Pinner
Owner / Manager

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