



School Newsletter

Term 1, Week 5

March 3, 2021

St Mary Star of the Sea School Board

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IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

Week 5

Wednesday 3 Mar—Fri 5 Mar
Sunday 7 March

Year 7 Camp
Homeroom Mass—Ningaloo 1 & 2

Week 6

Thursday 11 March
Friday 12 March

Secondary School Interim Parent Meetings
PS Assembly—Year 6

Week 7

Wednesday 17 March
Thursday 18 March
Friday 19 March

St Patrick's Day Liturgy & Celebrations
First Holy Communion Parent Meeting 6.30pm
Founders Day Liturgy—Year 10

Week 8

Monday 22 Mar —Fri 26 Mar
Friday 22 March
Friday 22 March
Sunday 28 March

Year 6 Camp—Geraldton
Secondary Assembly—12.50pm School Hall
Primary Assembly—Year 4
First Holy Communion Commitment Mass 9am

Week 9

Wednesday 31 March
Thursday 1 April
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Interschool Swimming Carnival
Easter Liturgy
LAST DAY OF TERM 1

Prayer

Each moment of your life,
may you feel the
Lord's embrace.
May you sense His guiding
presence in each challenge
that you face.
May His peace and light
be with you,
and may you realise
how deeply loved and precious
you are within His eyes.
Amen.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

As a result of the surveys that were conducted last year with parents, students and staff, St Mary's has developed its Strategic Plan 2021 – 2024. The feedback gained was used to determine our three core values of: Respect, where all in the school community are expected to respect each other and our right to learn, Responsibility, where we are all responsible for our own actions and behaviour, and Resilience, an individual's capacity to bounce back from challenges and setbacks.

I would like to take this opportunity to address Resilience in this newsletter, which should also be referenced further in the article regarding attendance at school events, such as swimming carnivals.

Allowing children to learn from their experiences and failings is a parent and teacher's role, so long as life's lessons are used as an opportunity to learn, children given feedback as to how to behave or achieve better next time, respond, and move on. Feedback, both self and given by others, provides a wonderful opportunity for improvement and learning to occur. Children need the opportunity to learn and grow from life's failure's; we all have unique gifts and talents God given and only through exploring life and learning, can these truly be discovered and developed for the betterment of all: the individual and wider community.

FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

A terrific day was had by all and there were some wonderful individual performances on the day. Congratulations to Gnaraloo, our champion faction and shield winners for this year.

Whilst there were some meritorious performances, particularly from those students who don't compete in swimming regularly, there were a number of absences. This is concerning, as it is a parents' legal responsibility to ensure their child attends school on the day it is open for business, swimming carnivals, athletics events, in-school and outside school excursions etc. I am sure that on the swimming carnival day there were genuine reasons why some students could not attend, and in these times we would not want unwell students attending school. On this particular day however, there were many more absences than usual. Opting out of events such as these is an unsatisfactory reason for not attending school; this day was a regular school day as any other. Allowing students to not participate in events they don't want to do does little to develop resilience and engenders an apathetic attitude when it comes to school and faction spirit.

The expectation is that all students will be in attendance on days such as swimming and athletic carnivals, school excursions etc.

ST PATRICK'S DAY EVENTS

This year, the school will be holding St Patrick's Day events on St Patrick's Day, rather than holding an evening event on the weekend. Students will be allowed to wear green for a gold coin donation, receive a green cupcake provided by the schools' P & F, there will be a St Patrick's Day liturgy held after lunch, and afternoon activities for all grades.

God bless,



Steve O'Halloran
Principal





From the REC desk...

Mass Times: **Weekday — Monday to Friday 9.00am**
 Weekend — Saturday 7.00pm, Sunday 9.00am

Wow, we are at Week 5 already and counting down to the Year 6 Retreat and Camp to Geraldton in Week 8. We have organised an amazing schedule of activities, learning and faith experiences for all students with the highlight being attending the Mass of the Oils at St Francis Xavier Cathedral. We will also be visiting with Bishop Michael and Sister Flora, who has taken over from Sr Goretti who has retired and moved to the convent in Perth. They are very special opportunities which I hope the students will enjoy and from which they will find some inspiration in their own lives.

Mrs Chinnery has been working hard with the Year 10s on the St Patrick's liturgy scheduled in Week 7 and Ningaloo Faction have their Homeroom mass this Sunday at 9:00am. Thank you to all students and their families in their support of these very important celebrations.

In Week 7, we will kick off with the first Sacramental meeting of the year with parents on Thursday 18th March at 6.30pm in the school library. This will be a great opportunity to meet Fr Tim Tapoona who is our current priest in residence.

I am looking forward to seeing last year's First Reconciliation students receiving their First Holy Communion this year and working with all the families once more.

Take care until next time and God bless ...

Sam Da Luz

Religious Education Coordinator

PROJECT COMPASSION
BE MORE

Congratulations to the following students!

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

SRC Year 5

Riley Clarke

Adam Svilicich

Lizzie Murphy

SRC Year 6

Dan Nguyen

Denisse Samson

Indiana White

SRC Year 7

Chloe Bumbak

Taylor Foster

SRC Year 8

Ulanda Hatt

Sophie Punch

Joseph Kearney

SRC Year 9

Mia Maslen

Jean Mapurisa

Ta-Leah Podmore

Sofia Meynell

SRC Year 10,11 & 12

Abby Punch



School Captains

Suade Watts

Helen Tipton



FACTION CAPTAINS

Quobba

Primary
Secondary

Amelie Meynell
Chloe Fernihough

Kayden Games
Tayissa Mihovilovic

Ningaloo

Primary
Secondary

Sebastian Pinner
Noah White

Lennox Mongoo
Owen Bayard

Gnaraloo

Primary
Secondary

Jake Munro
Halle Cosh

Tom Murphy
Moana Woods



INTERHOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL - Congratulations GNARALOO!



**CHAMPION TEAM— GNARALOO
QUOBBA
NINGALOO**

**12105
10985
9180**

On behalf of the Gnaraloo faction we would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Jordan and Mr Chinnery for all the time and effort that they put into the swimming carnival for it to be able to be run as smoothly as it did on the day. Thank you to all teachers that helped marshal, time-keep, hand out ribbons and guard the faction bays: without you, the day wouldn't have been possible. We also want to say a big thank you to Kym and other members of the swimming club for helping us by giving up your time to come down and help around the pool. We were amazed by the amount of people who even if they aren't the strongest swimmers they still got in and gave it their very best. Well done to all factions for your effort and better luck next time. GO GNARALOO! By *Moana Woods Yr 10*

INDIVIDUAL AWARD WINNERS—YR 3-6

Year 3	girls	Champion	Koleti Tonga	205	points
Year 3	girls	R/U	Grace Whitfield	185	points
Year 3	boys	Champion	Hunter Hodgson	225	points
Year 3	boys	R/U	Riley Keenan	180	points
Year 4	girls	Champion	Jorja Hibbert	285	points
Year 4	girls	R/U	Aria Bonacina	185	points
Year 4	boys	Champion	Glenn Jordan	300	points
Year 4	boys	R/U	Caleb Henry	255	points
Year 5	girls	Champion	Mia Preston	200	points
Year 5	girls	R/U	Jessica Durmanich	170	points
Year 5	boys	Champion	Campbell Foster	300	points
Year 5	boys	R/U	Eli Dijkwel	245	points
Year 6	girls	Champion	Jannali Randall	275	points
Year 6	girls	R/U	Amelie Meynell	260	points
Year 6	boys	Champion	Christopher Kearney	285	points
Year 6	boys	R/U	Ethon Kearney	270	points



INDIVIDUAL AWARD WINNERS—SECONDARY

Year 7	girls	Champion	Mali Hibbert	285	points
Year 7	girls	R/U	Ava Preston	235	points
Year 7	boys	Champion	Matthew Jordan	300	points
Year 7	boys	R/U	Marin Mihovilovic	255	points
Year 8	girls	Champion	Bridget Redden	300	points
Year 8	girls	R/U	Kate Buzzard	255	points
Year 8	boys	Champion	Torren Hudson	285	points
Year 8	boys	R/U	Joseph Kearney	270	points
Year 9	girls	Champion	Charlie Munro	260	points
Year 9	girls	R/U	Ta-Leah Podmore	245	points
Year 9	boys	Champion	Tommy Chaplin	300	points
Year 9	boys	R/U	Jean Mapurisa	225	points
Year 10	girls	Champion	Chloe Fernihough	300	points
Year 10	girls	R/U	Moana Woods	255	points
Year 10	boys	Champion	Noah White	285	points
Year 10	boys	R/U	Kevin Rodiano	270	points
Year 11/12	girls	Champion	Suade Watts	300	points
Year 11/12	girls	R/U	Tess Hudson	230	points
Year 11/12	boys	Champion	Seth West	285	points
Year 11/12	boys	R/U	Jaim Tope	250	points



Congratulations

'Spirit' Award

Primary—Yazmin Nelson—Hopwood
Secondary—Sofia Meynell





**Interhouse
Swimming
Carnival
February
2021**



PIC•COLLAGE

ACC SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2021

St Mary Star of the Sea has opted in with the ACC Swimming Carnival in 2021. While we are not taking a squad down as a school, we are open to parents taking their children down to compete. If you are interested in sending your son/daughter to this event, please contact me directly at school.

Thank you

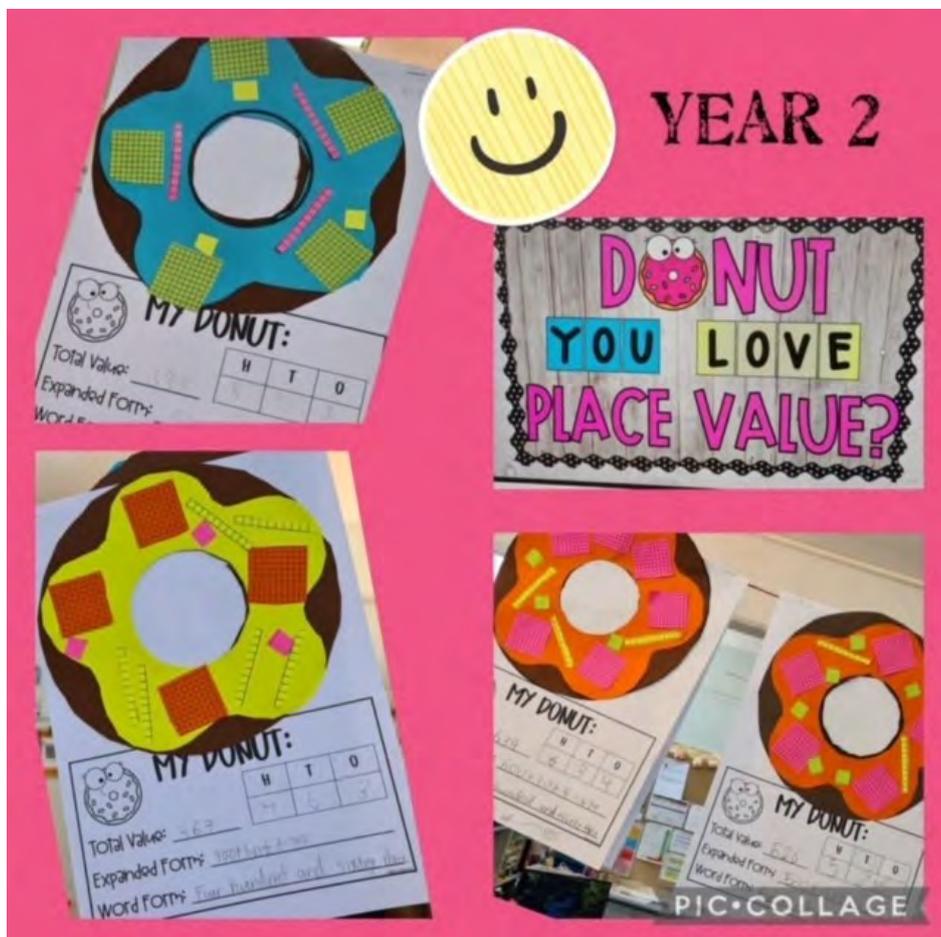
Mr Chinnery— Health & Physical Education Teacher liam.chinnery@cewa.edu.au

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS



Year 10 Home Ec
Red Thai Curry
Skills Assessment

PIC-COLLAGE



YEAR 2

DONUT
YOU LOVE
PLACE VALUE?

MY DONUT:
Total Value: 467
Expanded Form: 400 + 60 + 7
Word Form: Four hundred and sixty seven

MY DONUT:
Total Value: 555
Expanded Form: 500 + 50 + 5
Word Form: Five hundred and fifty five

PIC-COLLAGE

The Uniform shop
is open
Tuesdays and
Thursdays 2.15-3pm.



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



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

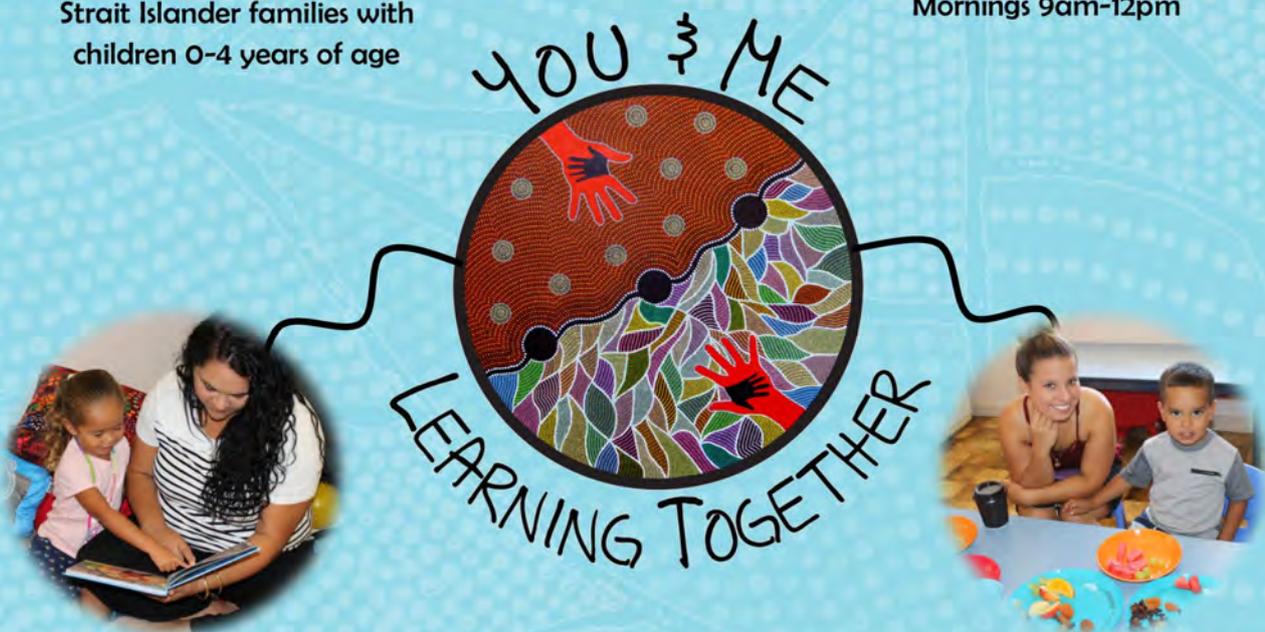
For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families with children 0-4 years of age

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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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



St Mary Star of the Sea
Catholic School Parents &
Friends Association



St Patricks' Day 2021

Come
dressed in
green!

*Liturgy
to
celebrate*

Fun filled
afternoon
activities

Green
Cup cakes

Please bring in a
gold coin donation
with proceeds going
to Caritas.





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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POSITIONS VACANT

Norwesta Café is looking for 2 teenagers to work on Friday and/or Saturday evenings making pizzas 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 in the evenings.

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



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