



School Newsletter

Term 1, Week 9

March 31, 21

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IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

Week 9

Thursday 1 April

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Friday 2 April

Friday 2 April

Saturday 3 April

Sunday 4 April

Easter Liturgy 1.00pm

LAST DAY OF TERM 1

GOOD FRIDAY—Stations of the Cross 9am

GOOD FRIDAY—Passion of our Lord 3pm

HOLY SATURDAY VIGIL 6.30pm

EASTER SUNDAY MASS 9am



BREAKING NEWS!

Winners are grinners!
Today St Mary's Interschool
Swim Team won both the
Outright and Handicap
Shields.

CONGRATULATIONS

Week 1

Monday 19 April

Friday 23 April

Week 2

Monday 26 April

Week 3

Friday 7 May

Sunday 9 May

TERM 2

School Commences

ANZAC Liturgy

PUBLIC HOLIDAY—ANZAC Day

Mother's Day Stall, Liturgy & Morning Tea

Mother's Day

A Prayer for Easter Eyes

My Lord, Jesus,
You have risen to new life!
Give me new eyes with which to recognize
your presence in the world around me.
Sharpen my vision so that I see beyond the
ordinary events of each day and into the
extraordinary reality of your grace.
Brighten my view of the world with renewed
hope in the coming of your Kingdom.
Softens my gaze so that I view others with the
kind of tenderness and compassion you
showed to so many.
May each day of this Easter season provide
glimpses of your glory.
In your sacred name, I pray.
Amen.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

One of the best things about Easter is looking forward to it; we live in the hope of its arrival and the release it gives to us from the daily routine that has set in since Christmas. One of the main themes of the Easter period is that of hope and any Christian community which failed to project a 'hope message' would in a sense not be true to Christ. Easter is the principal Feast of the Church's year. Pope Leo 1 called Easter the 'Greatest Feast' and said that Christmas is celebrated only in preparation of Easter.

It is interesting to note that none of the Gospels ends with the Passion of Jesus. The story of the passion is one of trust in the midst of death; its outcome is resurrection. The resurrection, therefore, frames the Gospel image of Jesus.

It can be easy to focus on the "big events" that occur over Easter and forget about the life of Jesus before these momentous events. Jesus' attention had been focussed on offering fellowship to the poor, the marginalised, the outcasts and it was from these groups that He chose the people who were to be the leaders when He was no longer there. Jesus' work now continues through us Christians – Christ followers – who, in the mass and the Eucharist, eat and drink with Him after He has risen from the dead.

For Christians, Easter is the matchless remedy for all forms of hopelessness. The Resurrection of Jesus is the basis for the deep trust that cultivates our faith and love. Easter is never over, Jesus lives on in all Christians; it is in us that His presence is on the world, and hope is eternal.

Have a safe and happy Easter and see you all returning on Monday, 19th April.

LONG SERVICE LEAVE

Mrs O'Halloran and I will be taking leave for the first week of Term 2. In my absence, Mrs Da Luz will assume the Acting Principal Role. Mrs O'Halloran's class will be covered by Mrs Babun.

FAREWELL

We farewell at the end of this term Ms Katelyn Hegarty. Ms Hegarty has been with us at St Mary's for over 3 ½ years and she has brought an enthusiasm and love of learning that has inspired the students in the secondary Science classes. She has also invigorated our Science week and coordinated our Science Room refurbishment. We have been blessed by her presence. We wish Ms Hegarty all the very best for her future endeavours.

Mr Peter Brooks has also come back to help us out this term as our new groundsman is recovering from illness. Mr Brooks has done a terrific job keeping the grounds looking neat and tidy and we are appreciative of his efforts this term.

WELCOME

We welcome to St Mary's Ms Kate Tutavaha, an experienced English teacher from New Zealand. As well as English, Ms Tutavaha will also be teaching Humanities and supporting in other learning areas. We look forward to Ms Tutavaha joining us in Term 2.

Mrs Chinnery and Mrs Meynell will share the Science classes in the secondary grades from the beginning of Term 2.

EASTER LITURGY

On Thursday beginning at 1:00 pm in the school hall the Year 8 students will be presenting an Easter Liturgy for the students and community. This will be our final school gathering for the term and all are welcome to attend.

God bless,



Steve O'Halloran
Principal





From the REC desk...

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

April 1st—Holy Thursday 6.30pm

April 2nd—Good Friday: Stations of the Cross 9am, Passion of our Lord 3pm

April 3rd—Holy Saturday Vigil 6.30pm

April 4th—Easter Sunday Mass 9am

We are finally here in Holy Week and preparing ourselves for the most important celebration in the Christian liturgical calendar: Easter. We celebrate Jesus' triumph over death and welcome his resurrected life within us all. Now, isn't that something to celebrate? Yes, I know you will be enjoying your chocolate eggs or bunnies on Easter Sunday, but I do hope you will also find time to go to Mass and remember all that Jesus sacrificed for us so that we too can share in eternal life with God, our Father in heaven.

It has been such a busy term ... much busier than I can remember; I think it is because we only had nine short weeks to fit in all our usual activities. One of them was the Year 6 Camp and Retreat to Geraldton. I have to say that I was most impressed with how all the students behaved especially when in the Cathedral, with Bishop or other guests on the camp. Lennox Mongoo had the safest hands in the diocese as he carried the Oil of Chrism for blessing at the Mass of Oils. Two Geraldton Primary schools were present as was our school at the Mass that was attended by families, guests and school members. What was especially amazing was seeing all the priests in the diocese sitting around the Cathedra (Bishop's Seat) and recognising a fair few who had come up to Carnarvon to provide supply services to our Parish since the Salvatorians left at the beginning of the year. We thank Fr Tam, Fr Cross, Fr Ahearn, Bishop Michael and of course Fr Tim for leading us through this term in our celebrations. We hope to get confirmation about a more permanent appointment soon.

I would like to acknowledge the following members of staff and parent volunteers that came on camp: Mr Brooks, Ms Aiken, Mrs Chaplin and Mr Campbell who were on camp all week with the students. Thank you also to Mr O'Halloran who covered the first half of the week until I could get down there on Wednesday. We received some great reports from venues about the exemplary student behaviour and I was very impressed with the quality of the activities provided and the variety on offer. It was certainly jam-packed. Thank you again to all concerned. I had a great time getting to know the students better and I hope they enjoyed their RE activities. A special thank you to Ms Jo Harris from the Geraldton Catholic Education office who ran our labyrinth activities and organised for the lights to be put on especially for us; Fr Cross for his extensive tour of the cathedral, bell towers and catacombs; Sister Flora from the Presentation Sisters for her lovely chat with the students in the grotto and of course Bishop Michael who took time out from his busy schedule to meet with the students. Please enjoy the photos throughout the newsletter.

As I sit here reflecting upon this term, I am so grateful for all the new experiences, relationships and interactions with people, as well as all the amazing things I have witnessed. We are so lucky to be living in Australia and certainly in Carnarvon where we are still able to enjoy such a wonderful lifestyle. I am sad to say goodbye to some staff members and students who are leaving us at the end of this term, however I wish them every happiness and great success on their new journeys. May they enjoy God's blessings every step of their way and continue to shine their bright lights for others.

Happy Easter everyone and enjoy your term break. I look forward to seeing you all for Term 2 and I can't wait for even greater experiences then!

May the resurrection of our Saviour be a constant reminder of His love and promise of eternal life. Amen.

Kind regards

Sam Da Luz

Religious Education Coordinator K-12

Secondary News

Happy Easter!!

This week in our homeroom messages this week, we have been placing a focus on gratitude. Not only to give thanks for the sacrifice Christ made for us but also for the benefit of 'gratitude' provides for our students and ourselves.

Why Gratitude Matters

- Positive emotions open us up to more possibilities. They boost our ability to learn and make good decisions.
- Positive emotions balance out negative emotions...
- One positive emotion often leads to another...
- **Gratitude** can lead to positive actions...
- **Gratitude** helps us build better relationships...

<https://kidshealth.org/en/teens/gratitude.html> Date 31st March 2021

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our secondary staff for their efforts throughout the term. Packing a 10-week program into a 9-week program can be quite stressful for both our students and our staff. Unfortunately, we lose one of our valuable team members. Miss Hegarty has made the big decision to move towards family and as such will be joining Saint Mary's Catholic School in Broome. In the space of just under 4 years, Miss Hegarty has impacted hundreds of students' learning and their wellbeing. In the same way she has also been a much-valued team member. We wish her the very best in her new location.

We will have a new addition to the team when Ms Kate Tutavaha joins us from New Zealand. She will be taking English, Humanities, Digital Technology and Home Economics. We look forward to her contribution in Term 2.

We are also losing one of our School Captains at the end of this term, as Suade Watts will be moving back to Dunsborough to join her family. We are thankful for the contribution Suade has brought to the school and in particular our Year 12, year group over the past 12 – 15 months. We know Suade will continue with her success.

Another 'thankyou' to our parents and carers for your patience with the Interim Reports and for making an effort to join our teachers on Monday night as we planned to assist our students in maintaining or improving successful engagement of our students as the year continues.

Next term will be another busy term as we move into cross country, ANZAC day memorial, Exams (Year 9 – 12), ESTs, Year 9 and 10 immersion camp and of course the delivery of our Semester 1 report. These holidays will be an opportune time for our students and staff to rest up for next term which is also an eleven-week term. It is also a time for us to make an effort to be thankful for the gift of our families.

Looking forward to seeing you next term.

Best wishes,

Mrs Holtham

A/Head of Secondary



YEAR 6 CAMP PICS



Check out the School Facebook page for more great pics!





YR 12 Leavers jumpers—presented at this week's Secondary Assembly



St Patrick's Day Liturgy March 17th



First Eucharist Commitment Mass—Sunday March 21



Staff Commissioning Mass—Friday March 19th



Little Star Easter Egg Hunt

Little Stars went on an Easter Egg hunt on the last day of term.



They loved making their little egg baskets and bunny ears for the egg hunt .



Year Four Council Chambers Visit



As part of our studies in Civics & Citizenship, last Thursday the Year Four class visited the Council Chambers at the Shire of Carnarvon. We were invited into the space where council meetings take place and then Jennifer presented some information to us about what local government does, including the services it provides. She also told us about how our families can be active community members by downloading the Snap Send Solve App to help us let the shire know about issues that need addressing in our community. Thank you to Dannielle Hill for coordinating our visit.



NAPLAN TIMETABLE 2021

TUESDAY 11TH MAY	WEDNESDAY 12TH MAY	THURSDAY 13TH MAY	FRIDAY 14TH MAY
Year 3 Writing Year 5 Writing Year 7 Reading Year 9 Reading	Year 7 Writing Year 9 Writing Year 3 Reading Year 5 Reading	Year 3 Conventions of Language Year 5 Conventions of Language Year 7 Conventions of Language Year 9 Conventions of Language	Year 3 Numeracy Year 5 Numeracy Year 7 Numeracy Year 9 Numeracy

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

INSTRUCTION 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.



**Home work classes are back on Tuesday and Thursday.
Please see the School office for further information.**



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



P & F News...

WE'RE ON THE HUNT!

But not for Easter
eggs... yet!

We are
looking 
for...

President

Secretary

And a

Treasurer

Let us
know if
your keen!

Please contact the School office

PIC•COLLAGE

COMMUNIO 2021

POSTER COMPETITION

“OFFER HOPE TO OTHERS”

Posters can be entered in the following categories:
K-Yr 2; Yr 3-6; Yr 7-9; Yr 10-12

Entries must:

- be hand-drawn
- include St Joseph as a part of the Holy Family
- include the theme of “offer hope to others”
- be A4 size
- be received by April 23



Inspired by the year of Saint Joseph, the theme for the Bishop's Communio in 2021 is 'offer hope to others'.

The last 12 months in human history have shown the power of the human spirit in times of great adversity. In Pope Francis' letter entitled *Patrís Corde* he reflects on how at this time more than ever it is obvious how "our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people, people often overlooked".

Perhaps this is not dissimilar to the experience of Saint Joseph, whose role in the life of Jesus should not be ignored. Saint Joseph, as the spouse of Mary and the father of Jesus is placed "at the service of the entire plan of salvation". His story is woven into the foundation of the Church "In hope against hope" and despite his own adversities, Saint Joseph accepted Mary and Jesus with hope and courage.

Communio this year is about drawing on this example and remembering that the hope offered by Saint Joseph can be also seen in the hope offered to others by our diocesan charities.

May 2021 truly be the year where we recognise how our Church, working as the hands of Jesus, can 'offer hope to others'.

Each school will choose the best 1 or 2 posters in each category and send them into Jo Harris at the CEWA office by **April 23**.

The best in each year category and the best overall poster will be judged by the Bishop.

The overall winner's poster will be made into a sticker for Communio Week.



Department of Education
Department of Training
and Workforce Development



Career development is everybody's business

A parent and community event

Join the conversation about post school options

Do you know:

- parents are the greatest influence on the career decisions of young people
- what employers are looking for
- where to find up-to-date career pathway information?

Come along and hear from education, training and industry representatives on how you can best support young people.

Metropolitan events

Scarborough
Tuesday, 23 February

Henderson
Monday, 8 March

Mandurah
Monday, 10 May

Bentley
Tuesday, 25 May

Connolly
Thursday, 27 May

Regional events

Kalgoorlie
Thursday, 25 February

Bunbury
Wednesday, 3 March

Broome
Wednesday, 10 March

Geraldton
Monday, 15 March

Northam
Thursday, 18 March

Albany
Tuesday, 23 March

Narrogin
Thursday, 25 March

Kununurra
Thursday, 22 April

Esperance
Wednesday, 28 April

Tom Price
Tuesday, 4 May

Newman
Wednesday, 5 May

Port Hedland
Thursday, 13 May

Karratha
Monday 17 May

Carnarvon
Wednesday, 2 June

7.00pm to 8.30pm (Pilbara events 6.00pm to 7.30pm)
Light refreshments provided

For more information:
W: [eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com)
E: Kate.Friend@education.wa.edu.au

CLOSING DATE
FRIDAY 11TH JUNE 2021



Entries must arrive at
Westbooks by 5.00pm.

Entries can be mailed or hand delivered

Late entries cannot be accepted

MYOSB competition
c/- Westbooks
152 Burswood Road
BURSWOOD WA 6100

Please note: Westbooks is the MYOSB
collection point ONLY

All queries must be made to:

Denise Robins at
myosbwa@cbca.org.au

Return of Entries

Winning entries will be displayed and
returned at the Awards Ceremony.

Other entries will be returned during
July 2021.

Personal entries: Please include stamped
addressed envelope for return of entry.
(Address to the STUDENT)

No responsibility can be accepted for
lost or damaged books.

Please make a copy before mailing.

**MAKE YOUR OWN
STORYBOOK
COMPETITION
2021**



Artwork by Gwyn Perkins ©2020 The Children's Book Council of Australia

2021 ENTRY FORM

Tape form to inside FRONT cover of entry

NAME(s): _____

I/WE are in YEAR: (circle) PP 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

SCHOOL (for school entries ONLY): _____

RETURN ADDRESS: _____

POSTCODE: _____

SCHOOL PHONE (for school entries): _____ HOME PHONE: _____

TEACHER'S NAME (for school entries): _____

DECLARATION: WE declare that this entry complies with MYOSB entry requirements.

SIGNED: TEACHER/PARENT _____

SIGNED: AUTHOR(S)/ILLUSTRATOR(S) _____



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

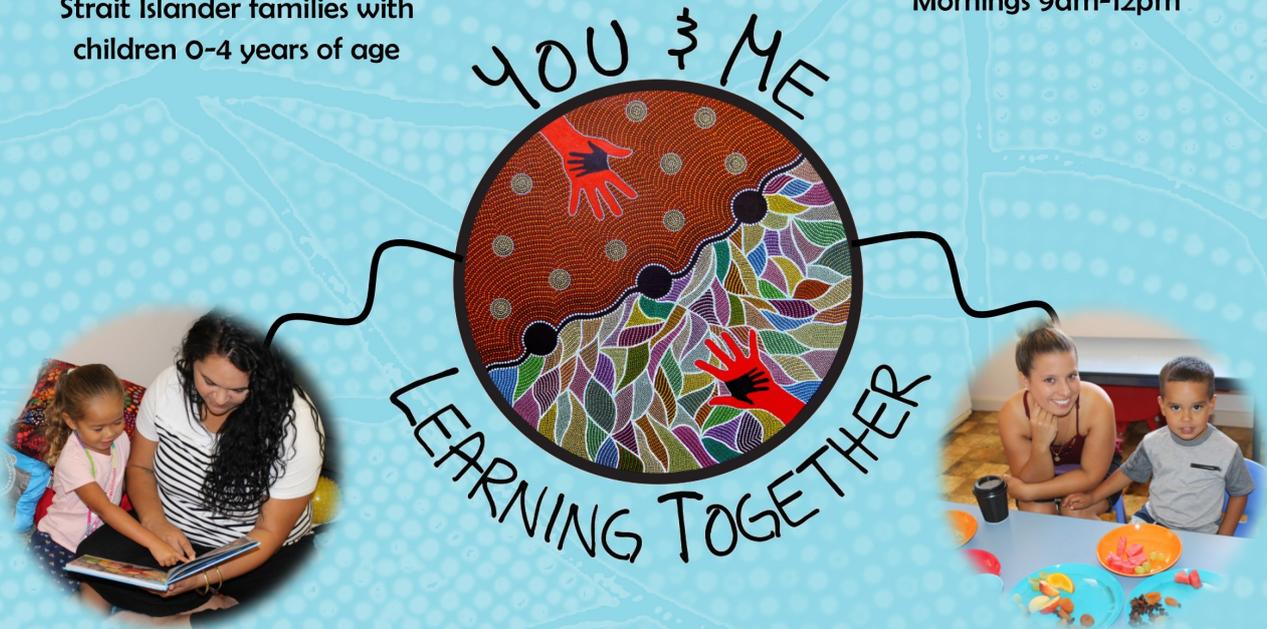
For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families with children 0-4 years of age

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

This initiative is proudly funded by the Australian Government

Community NEWS



CREATE YOUR OWN CLAY WALL HANGING

TWO-PART FUN AND RELAXED WORKSHOP WITH LOCAL ARTIST SUE HELMOT –
SPECIAL BONDING TIME WITH YOUR CHILD THIS SCHOOL HOLIDAY.

FOR CHILDREN 7 -11 YEARS AND THEIR PARENT/CARER.

DAY 1:

Children and parents will explore individual creativity. You will learn different styles, patterns and textures with clay, to make charms for your wall hanging.

DAY 2:

Children and parents will work together to assemble your wall hanging and include alphabet beads of your choice for that personal touch.

Where: Ngala Office, Robinson Street, Carnarvon WA

When: Choose between the morning or afternoon sessions:

Wednesday 7th April 9.30am – 11.30am & Thursday 8th April 2021 9.30am – 11.30am

OR

Wednesday 7th April 1pm – 2.30pm & Thursday 8th April 2021 1pm – 2.30pm

Cost: FREE with all materials provided. Please "Dress for Mess"

Facilitator: Sue Helmet

Phone: 0438 991 755 or **Email:** Gascoyne.PCWA@ngala.com.au

**CARNARVON
NETBALL
ASSOCIATION
REGISTRATIONS
NOW OPEN**

**JUNIORS TO COMMENCE ON THE
24TH OF APRIL.**

FEES \$120 JUNIORS. WHEN PAYING ONLINE THERE IS AN OPTION TO SPLIT THE PAYMENT. KIDSPORT ALSO AVAILABLE. CONTACT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MORE INFO OR CALL 0478755154.



**THE CARNARVON
NETBALL
ASSOCIATION NEEDS
YOU !!!**

**CALLING ALL UMPIRES AND
COACHES.**

PLEASE SUPPORT THE CARNARVON NETBALL ASSOCIATION, BY VOLUNTEERING TO UMPIRE OR, BY COACHING A JUNIOR TEAM. CONTACT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MORE INFO OR CALL 0478755154.

CARNARVON NETBALL ASSOCIATION

**PRE
SEASON
TRAINING**

WEDNESDAY
5:30PM-6:30PM
COMMENCING 10TH
OF MARCH.
AGES 11+.

Monday 5 th April	Tuesday 6 th April	Wednesday 7 th April	Thursday 8 th April	Friday 9 th April	
Easter Egg Hunt and Pony Play ages 2-6 (Parent supervision Reqd.) 9:00am-10:30am \$10.00 per person (Max 15 participants)	½ Day Pony Camp Ages 6-14 2:00pm-5:30pm (Max 6 participants) \$80.00 per person	Riding Lessons ½ Hour, 1 Hour Private or 1 Hour group 2:00pm-5:00pm ½ Hour Private- \$50.00 1 Hour Private- \$85.00 1 Hour Group (Min 2x Participants)- \$50.00 per person	½ Day Pony Camp Ages 6-14 2:00pm-5:30pm (Max 6 participants) \$80.00 per person	Pony Rides and Farm Animal Feeding Ages 2-10 (Parent supervision reqd.) 3:00pm-4:30pm \$10.00 per person (Max 15 Participants)	Bookings ESSENTIAL Please contact Ainslee on 0400206732 or ains.evans@hotmail.com to secure your bookings
Easter Egg Bush Ride Hunt Ages 6-14 3:00pm-4:30pm (Max 4 Participants) \$60.00 per person					 EVANS EQUESTRIAN SERVICES