



# School Newsletter

Term 2, Week 10

June 23rd, 2021

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## IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

### Week 10

Tuesday 22nd June to  
Friday 25th June  
Wednesday 23rd June  
Thursday 24th June  
Friday 25th June

Year 12 Retreat to Exmouth

Advisory Council Meeting—7pm  
Interschool Cross Country  
Secondary School Assembly  
Winter Carnival

### Week 11

Friday 2nd July

NAIDOC Day  
**LAST DAY OF TERM 2**

### Week 1

Monday 19th July  
Wednesday 21st July  
Thursday 2nd July

First day Term Three  
Annual Community Meeting  
Confirmation Meeting

## *Prayer of St. Francis*

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,  
grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled, as to console;  
to be understood, as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.  
Amen.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

The end of Semester 1 has come by very quickly, and it doesn't seem that long ago that we were beginning our new year. Whilst the effects of Covid haven't been as pronounced as they were in 2020, there still appears to be some lingering reminders that we are yet to be in a place that was anything like pre-pandemic. I recently attended some professional development sessions in Perth where some figures were given regarding the learning and mental health issues that have arisen in the population, very alarming, especially for our youth in schools. I'm sure there will be much research done in the future around the long- and short-term effects the pandemic has had on students and the impacts of this on their learning, behaviors and mental wellbeing.

Reports will be coming home soon; I strongly encourage parents to speak to staff if there are matters regarding the reports that require further clarification. Communication is essential if we are to ensure students reach their potential at school.

I hope all have a relaxing and enjoyable holiday, we look forward to renewing the learning journey for all next semester.

### **PARENTS AND FRIENDS GROUP**

The Parents and Friends met for the first time on Thursday, June 10. There were a number of new faces and I am happy to announce that we have a new executive to lead us this year. We welcome as President Mrs Sarah Sutcliffe, Vice President Mrs Mel Worthington, Treasurer Mrs Vanessa Vandeleur, and Secretary Mrs Ellody Kearney. We look forward to the exciting initiatives the ladies have planned for us this year. Great to have you all on board.

### **YEAR 9 AND 10 CAMP**

The Year 9 and 10 camp that was to be held this term has had to be postponed to a later time in the year due to a medical concern. We are sorry for the inconvenience; however the students will get the opportunity to attend camp at a later date in Semester 2.

### **YEAR 12 EXMOUTH CAMP**

Mrs Da Luz and the Year 12 students are currently in Exmouth attending the Retreat Camp as part of their Religious Education course this year. We wish them all the best and pray they return happy, healthy and enlivened by the spirit on Friday.

God Bless.



Steve O'Halloran  
Principal



## *From the REC desk...*

I am writing this from Exmouth on the first night of the Year 12 Retreat. After navigating the very long road works on the Exmouth/Minilya Road, the students appreciated the difference between 'Chronos' and 'Kairos' time – moments, and not just minutes of our lives. We took the opportunity to appreciate God's beautiful creation all around us and the way that our bodies worked with some spectacular photos with termite mounds and the wide-open road full of possibilities in front of us!



The students are busy now with their baked goodies that are destined for tomorrow's morning tea after Mass with the Exmouth parish. Fr Steve has returned to Carnarvon as Fr Savio was scheduled to be in Exmouth this week and so we will be celebrating Eucharist with Fr Savio instead. I will post photos as we progress throughout the Retreat. Please follow us on the St Mary's Facebook page.

Many thanks to all who were involved in the Sausage 'n' Shake Day last week. It was a great success which was thanks to many people, especially the Year 12 students, Mrs Punch, Mrs Cox, Mrs Mallard, Mrs Rads, Mr Worthington, all class teachers and Teaching Assistants, Scott and Jak in Year 9, Owen in Year 11 and our front office ladies. "It takes a village to raise a child" and almost a whole school to feed one it seems! You guys ROCK! Total figures are still being tallied as we wait for final payments. Thank you again for supporting this fundraiser.

We had a visiting fluid artist Ms Carleen Ryder who came into the school and worked with our Year 12 students ahead of the retreat, trialling some new and innovative techniques. The confidence that developed within the students was a treat to observe as they began preparing their own masterpieces before working on their Art Installation.

Congratulations to all students who celebrated Sacraments and Thanksgiving Masses over the past two weeks. Year 4 candidates received their First Eucharist after having been prepared so beautifully by Mrs Durmanich and supported by Fr Steve. This past weekend, it was also so lovely to see High School Gnaraloo students celebrate their Faction Mass with Fr Ziggy who used to be Assistant Priest in Carnarvon nearly 14 years ago. Fr Ziggy was enroute back to Esperance where he is Parish Priest, after having taken some time out to "warm up his bones" in Exmouth. Thank you to all staff who also attended.

As we come to an end for Term 2, please take the time rest and even celebrate ... I am sure there have been 'moments' that were memorable, valuable learning experiences, precious and perhaps even sad and painful. Those moments happen in our lives whether we welcome them or not. How we choose to react to them is our choice – something that the Year 12 students are learning about. I wish you all moments of gratitude, forgiveness, joy, peace and humility ... that we should all grow from choosing respect, kindness, gentleness and love for others.

Take care until next time. May God bless you all.

Kind regards

***Sam Da Luz***  
Religious Education Coordinator



# First Holy Communion

On Sunday 13 June, a group of Year Four students celebrated the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time.

This marked an incredibly special moment in the spiritual journey of these children. First Holy Communion is the beginning of a lifetime of celebrating the Eucharist and receiving Jesus in Holy Communion.

The preparation of the students for this sacrament was done as a collaborative effort between the family, parish, and school. Thank you to the wonderful parents and teachers who helped the children reach a beautiful milestone in their sacramental journey. A special thank you to Father Steve Casey who celebrated Mass on this occasion and Mrs Da Luz for her spiritual guidance.



First Holy Communion

## Head of Secondary School News

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the home stretch of a very long term, we find staff, parents and the students are also starting to feel tired. Fortunately, we have NAIDOC day to end the term on a fun day. Several teachers have joined together to make NAIDOC not only a special commemoration but also a day full of different and interesting experiences for our students.

Our Year 12s are on their Year 12 Retreat with Mrs Da Luz and judging by their itinerary, it should be a very special time for each of the girls. We are hoping Exmouth will have slightly warmer temperatures than we are experiencing in town now!



Unfortunately, our Year 9/10 Hamelin Station Camp came to a screaming halt on Monday morning with news of Chicken Pox contracted by one of our students. To avoid our camp becoming a mobile nursing unit, we have decided to post pone the camp and reconvene later in the year. Discussions are already taking place and the final dates will be announced next semester.

A big congratulations to our Gnaraloo homerooms on the weekend as they met for their homeroom Mass on Sunday morning. The homerooms were supported with the presence of most of the students and many parents and teachers as well. The students read beautifully and were reverent throughout the ceremony. It was then followed up with a lovely morning tea. A big thank you to the Mrs Leca and Mr Manser. A huge thank you also goes to Mrs Da Luz who is instrumental in making sure the mass is run appropriately.

A quick reminder to parents and carers that Semester Reports will be released on SEQTA at the end of Week 10. If you are missing log in details, please contact the front office. It is also a good time to remind you to print the report and keep a hard copy (particularly for our Year 12 students). A parent-teacher evening will be held early next term to discuss any concerns and to plan for future success for our students.

Hope everyone has a very restful holiday, and we look forward to seeing the students back at school in Term 3.

Kind regards

*Mrs Narelle Holtham*

Congratulations to our Merit Award winners last week ..... Great work!!!





# X COUNTRY

11 June 2021

## RESULTS

**QUOBBA 3100**  
**GNARARLOO 2875**  
**NINGALOO 2730**



## Cross Country

On Friday 11 Jun the Year3-12 school cross country was held. It was great to see all the students participating, and so many persevering to do their best. Congratulations to our champions and runner up champions. There were some excellent performances on the day. Thanks to all the staff for their assistance in running the day.

Thanks also to the Primary House Captains and the Certificate II Outdoor Recreation class for their help on the day.

		House			House
Yr3 Champion boy	Ashley Lawer	N	Yr3 R/U Champion boy	Cooper Jackson	Q
Yr3 Champion girl	Indigo McKennay	Q	Yr3 R/U Champion girl	Abigail Nguyen	G
Yr4 Champion boy	Glenn Jordan	N	Yr4 R/U Champion boy	Caleb Henry	N
Yr4 Champion girl	Heidi Land	G	Yr4 R/U Champion girl	Jorja Hibbert	G
Yr5 Champion boy	Kevin Simmonds	Q	Yr5 R/U Champion boy	Adam Svilicich	N
Yr5 Champion girl	Jessica Durmanich	N	Yr5 R/U Champion girl	Mia Preston	G
Yr6 Champion boy	Jake Munro	G	Yr6 R/U Champion boy	Christopher Kearney	Q
Yr6 Champion girl	Jannali Randall	G	Yr6 R/U Champion girl	Summer Chaplin	Q
Yr7 Champion boy	Connor Churchill	N	Yr7 R/U Champion boy	Matthew Jordan	N
Yr7 Champion girl	Mali Hibbert	G	Yr7 R/U Champion girl	Chloe Bumbak	N
Yr8 Champion boy	Joseph Kearney	Q	Yr8 R/U Champion boy	Alex Pinner	N
Yr8 Champion girl	Kirstin Mann	Q	Yr8 R/U Champion girl	Ulanda Hatt	N
Yr9 Champion boy	Jean Mapurisa	Q	Yr9 R/U Champion boy	Rendell De Leon	G
Yr9 Champion girl	Charlie Munro	G	Yr9 R/U Champion girl	Mia Maslen	G
Yr10-12 Champion boy	Noah White	N	Yr10-12 R/U Champion boy	Gil Perry	Q
Yr10-12 Champion girl	Helen Tipton	N	Yr10-12 R/U Champion girl	Moana Woods	G

Selected Primary students will be competing in the Gascoyne Cross Country on Thursday 24 June at Carnarvon Christian School. We wish them luck and invite family and friends to come and support them.

Event times (approx)

Year 3 Girls – 1:00pm

Year 3 Boys – 1:00pm

Year 4 Girls – 1:15pm

Year 4 Boys – 1:15pm

Year 5 Girls – 1:30pm

Year 5 Boys – 1:30pm

Year 6 Girls – 12:45pm

Year 6 Boys – 12:45pm



It has been wonderful to see some of our students every Monday and Thursday morning for cross country training. Their dedication is a credit to them. They have been rewarded with breakfast each morning cooked by Mrs Cox, Mrs Aiken and Mrs Meynell. Thank you very much ladies, your time and effort is appreciated.

This brings our cross country season to a close.

#### Winter Carnival

All Year 4-6 students will be competing in the Winter Carnival on Friday 25 June at Carnarvon Community College. Sports to be contested are basketball, football, netball or soccer. Students have been participating in training sessions run by our Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation class in their selected sport. It is great to see our senior students being leaders for our younger students. Good luck to all teams. Please come and support them at the carnival between 9am and 1pm.

Kind regards

*Mrs Sue Jordan*

Physical Education Teacher



Welcome to the 2021 P&F Committee:

President	Sarah Sutcliffe
Vice President	Melissa Worthington
Secretary	Ellody Kearney
Treasurer	Vanessa Vandeleur
Board Rep	Kym Redden

Please give your full support as they step into their new roles!

Stay tuned for some fun events in Term 3!!!!



Use Facebook? Follow the P&F page to keep up to date! <https://www.facebook.com/smscpandf/>



**Each year across Australia, the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) brings children and books together celebrating Book Week, 21 to 27 August 2021. During this time schools and libraries celebrate Australian children's authors and illustrators.**

**We celebrate this event from Tuesday 24th August with our annual *Bookfair* — discover the *shortlisted award books and winners* — *Costume parade* on Thursday 26th August.**

**Start thinking about your costume – perhaps your favourite book character, or find inspiration in this year's theme**

***'Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds'***

## **Jewellery, Hair & Make-Up Reminder**

A reminder of our school policies regarding jewellery, hair and make-up.

*No bangles, brooches or rings. Small religious necklaces are permitted. Any of these items of jewellery worn to school will be kept safely and returned to your child at the end of the school day. Only one pair of stud earrings or sleepers is permissible, to be worn in the lower lobes only. All other forms of body piercing are NOT acceptable.*

*Hair should be worn off the face. No hair colours. Shoulder length hair must be tied back. This applies to both boys and girls.*

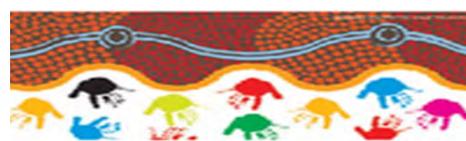
*Make-up and nail varnish is not acceptable. Students will be asked to remove make-up and nail varnish. Nail extensions are also not permitted. Long nails are discouraged at school and must be taped when participating in PE.*

Aboriginal Families as First Educators Playgroup (AFaFE) is a play-based program that offers an engaging, interactive and fun-filled learning environment for Aboriginal children and their families.

Children aged 0-4 and their families are actively supported by a Playgroup Facilitator and Family Liaison Officer in the Abecedarian Approach Australia (3a), a play and learn strategy that encourages one-on-one interactions with caregiver and child. Emphasising the model of "families as first educators".

We are planning a superb year with painting, reading, building, constructing, creating, growing, laughing, exploring, imagining, singing and dancing!

If you or an aboriginal family you know could benefit from such a program, please contact the school office for further information.



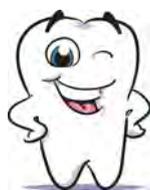
## LOST PROPERTY

There are a number of jackets, lunch boxes and sports clothes in the lost property shelves outside the library— if your child is missing something, please ask them to go and check this area.

Please also remember to write your name on items of clothing— especially jackets!



## CARNARVON School Dental Therapy Clinic



The Carnarvon Dental Therapy Clinic will be opening from Tuesday 15th June until Friday 2nd July. In the case of dental emergency, please contact a private dentist—99411882 or the hospital dental clinic on 99416690.

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



## 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 on 9941 1328.

## INSTRUCTION TIMES

08:00	School gates open
08:15	Primary & Secondary commences
08:25 - 9:20	Period one commences
9:20 - 10:10	Period 2
<b>10:10 - 10:30</b>	<b>Recess</b>
10:30 - 11:20	Period 3
11:20 - 12:10	Period 4
<b>12:10 - 12:50</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
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.

**GASCOYNE GROWERS & COURTYARD CRAFT**  
**MARKETS**  
**SATURDAY | 8AM - 11.30AM**  
**@ CARNARVON VISITOR CENTRE**



FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLES - LOCAL SEAFOOD - RANGELAND MEATS - COFFEE - BREAKFAST - BOAT RIBS  
LOCAL PRESERVES - LOCAL COFFEE - HOMEMADE CAKES - JEWELLERY - LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHY - BOOKS - CANDLES  
WOOD & METAL WORK - PLANTS - LOCAL ART - CROCHET & EMBROIDERY - COSMETICS - CLOTHING - KIDS ACTIVITIES

Every Saturday morning from May to October the Carnarvon town centre comes alive with the Gascoyne Growers' Markets. A visit to the markets makes it very clear why the Gascoyne has the well-earned reputation of being the "salad bowl of WA", with a surprisingly diverse range of fruit and vegetables, lush tropical fruits, rangeland meats, and seafood on offer. Fill your basket then grab a coffee and some breakfast, listen to the buskers, or browse through the adjacent Arts and Craft market. The Markets are proudly plastic bag free, so please remember to BYO bag.



# School Holiday Workshops

## Carnarvon



### Wellbeing Wonderland

8-11  
years

A two-day workshop for children to boost their self-esteem and resilience through fun group games. Kids will make new friends, identify their strengths and learn healthy ways to express their emotions. Includes an excursion to the Carnarvon Blowholes!

#### When

Thursday 8 & Friday 9 July  
9.30am - 12.30pm

#### Where

HelpingMinds, 5 Stuart Street, Carnarvon

#### Who

For children aged 8-11 years who have emotional difficulties or are at risk of developing a mental health challenge

#### Cost

Free | Registration essential  
Lunch and snacks included

### Wellbeing Wonderland

12-15  
years

This two-day workshop is designed to help young people appreciate their own unique strengths and qualities through fun creative activities. Kids will make new friends and learn how to express their emotions in a healthy way. Includes an excursion to PCYC for meditation and yoga!

#### When

Monday 12 & Tuesday 13 July  
9.30am - 12.30pm

#### Where

HelpingMinds, 5 Stuart Street, Carnarvon

#### Who

For children aged 12-15 years who have emotional difficulties or are at risk of developing a mental health challenge

#### Cost

Free | Registration essential  
Lunch and snacks included

Registration essential, please visit [helpingminds.org.au/school-holidays](https://helpingminds.org.au/school-holidays)

For more information contact us on 1800 811 747 or [info@helpingminds.org.au](mailto:info@helpingminds.org.au)