



# School Newsletter

Term 3, Week 1

July 21st, 2021

## St Mary Star of the Sea School Advisory Council

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## IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

### Week 1

Thursday 22nd July

Confirmation Meeting – in the School Library

### Week 2

Monday 26th July to

Thursday 29th July

BRLA Practice Tests for Year 3, 5 and 9

Monday 26th July

High School Parent Teacher Meetings (Bookings required)

Tuesday 27th July to

Year 9/10 Camp to Shark Bay

Friday 30th July

Wednesday 28th July

Advisory Council Meeting—7pm

### Week 3

Sunday 1st August

Confirmation Mass – 10:30am

Monday 2nd August to

BRLA Tests for Year 3, 5 and 9

Friday 6th August

CENSUS DAY

Friday 6th August

BRLA Catch Up Testing

## BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

Holy Spirit, be with our children as they begin a new school year. Bless them, their teachers and all who work at their Catholic school. Give strength and grace to their growth, wisdom and understanding to their search for knowledge, and peace and zeal to their spirits.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

Welcome back to school for another semester. I trust all had a relaxing and enjoyable break and are recharged ready for another school term. Welcome especially to new families to St Mary's, I'm sure you'll find our school community welcoming and supportive.

It is hard to believe that we are well and truly past halfway in our year, there have been many opportunities this year and many more to come for the remainder of 2021. The challenge is to remain ever present to what God has planned for us and respond accordingly when the time arrives.

Again, we have a busy term ahead with the Sacrament of Confirmation, Faction and Interschool Athletics Carnivals, Bookweek, Camps and other events to keep us engaged and enthusiastic over the course of the next 10 weeks.

### **WELCOME**

We welcome to St Mary's Ms Vinnie Wainwright who will be joining our school community at the beginning of Week 2 as the School Social Worker/Chaplain.

Ms Wainwright is a former student of St Mary's and we look forward to her contribution to our school in the coming years.

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

The Year 9 and 10 camp that was postponed in Term 2 will occur next week. This will involve the students in those grades travelling to Hamelin Station on Tuesday for the remainder of the week and engage with some HASS and Science lessons and tasks. All the best to the students and the support staff who are accompanying them.

### **PARENT/CHILD CONFIRMATION EVENING**

This Thursday, beginning at 6:00 pm in the school library, there will be a meeting for the students preparing for Confirmation and their parents. The students will receive the sacrament on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> August, at the regular 9:00 am Sunday Mass at St Mary Star of the Sea Parish Church.

### **SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

On the last day of school in Term 2, the school celebrated NAIDOC Day, a day when we recognise Australia's Indigenous and Islander cultures. It was a wonderful way for the school to finish the semester, and all students engaged enthusiastically with the various activities and events that had been planned for them. Thanks and congratulations to our NAIDOC Week organising committee of Mr Narrier, Mr Meynell, Mrs Babun and Mrs Leca.

Whilst it was a terrific day overall, one disappointing aspect was the number of students who didn't attend school on the day. All school days, whether events are planned or otherwise, are not optional and all students are expected to attend. Whilst we don't expect students to attend who have legitimate reasons not to, such as illness, not wishing to come on the last day because you don't want to is not a legitimate reason. I would like to remind parents that it is their legal responsibility to ensure their children attend the school that they are enrolled in every day that it is open for business, this includes NAIDOC Day, X country, swimming and athletics days.

### **HIGH SCHOOL PARENT/TEACHER SEMESTER ONE REPORT MEETINGS**

Meetings for parents of students in high school to discuss their child's progress will be occurring on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July from 3:00 – 6:00 pm. I encourage all parents to make the most of this opportunity to speak with learning area teachers about their child's progress.



## **CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

The next stage of the school's capital development works has been approved and will be going to out to tender soon. This will involve the development of a landscaped recreation space where the current bituminised area outside the hall is located, a new basketball court where the convent used to be, and the construction of a new classroom adjoining the two-story block where the current Primary/English classrooms are.

God Bless.



Steve O'Halloran  
Principal

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## Head of Secondary School News

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to Term 3! Its been a very pleasant start to the term as we refresh our goals and look ahead to new achievements.

Last term we ended on a very positive day with a fantastic NAIDOC celebration involving traditional Indigenous games provided by Stephen Michael, painting plates using traditional painting techniques, a visit to Goonwarda Mia, a bushwalk along Babbage Island looking for bush-tucker and learning about the link between the land, animals and people. This was all topped off with a beautiful roo stew (recipe provided by Nyasha's grandparents) and roo hot dogs. We started the day with a beautiful liturgy provided by Mr Meynell and a number of our Indigenous and Non-Indigenous students. A great way to end Semester 1.

This semester is off to a busy start with our last Parent-Teacher Evening on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July between 3 and 6pm. Please contact the school on PH: 99411 328 to make a booking to see any teachers who you would like to meet. This is a perfect opportunity to develop goals and plans to assist your child in gaining greater learning success for the remainder of the semester.

Next week, we are planning to take away our Year 9 and 10 students to Hamelin after we had to postpone it las term. Fortunately, businesses in Shark Bay and Hamelin have been very flexible and have allowed us to postpone activities at no cost. Students will leave on Tuesday morning and will return Friday lunchtime. Students will remain at school until the end of the school day.

As the year has progressed we have had increasing difficulty getting our students to wear the correct uniform. On Monday Mr O Halloran spoke at a school assembly. During this talk, the wearing of jewellery was raised. Students who are wearing jewellery that is not within the uniform guidelines will be asked to remove it and it will be kept at school until the parents come to collect it. This will also occur with mobile phones which are displayed while in the school grounds, however, in this case the school will keep the phone at school for increased amount of time each time the infringement occurs.

To help our students with their organisation, students will be asked to record all their homework in their school diaries. The use of their diaries will be checked once a week by their homeroom teacher. If students are not able to produce their diaries within 24 hours, then a phone call will be made home to discuss how to improve the child's level of organisation.

Finally, I will be holding study classes after school on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 2.40 – 3.40pm. Every secondary student is welcome to attend. Please make sure they have a snack for afterschool to help keep the brain moving after a full day of school.

Looking forward to the term ahead ... please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any concerns.

Kind regards

*Mrs Narelle Holtham*

Acting Head of Secondary School



## Gascoyne Cross Country

The interschool cross country was held at Carnarvon Christian School on Thursday 24 June. It was a new course this year and it proved to be challenging for some. The course included sections requiring single file, soft sand as well as the up and down over levee banks. We had 34 students accept the challenge and represent St Mary's. They all ran well, but special congratulations goes to those listed below who came 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Year 3	Boys		Girls	
1	Dennis Brockman	CCC	Gizelle Phillips	SM
2	Razarn Humphries	CCC	Indigo McKennay	SM
3	Kaishu Webb	CCS	Abigail Nguyen	SM
Year 4	Boys		Girls	
1	Markus Oxenham	CCC	Heidi Land	SM
2	Caleb Henry	SM	Millie Maslen	CCS
3	Fierce Oakley	CCC	Saphina Darcy	SOTA
Year 5	Boys		Girls	
1	Kevin Simmonds	SM	Jessica Durmanich	SM
2	Tyler Lawer	SM	Bridie Walker	GJ
3	Jovi-Shay Phillips	CCC	Mia de Pledge	SOTA
Year 6	Boys		Girls	
1	Edgar Milly-Milly	CCC	Ella Hoseason Smith	SOTA
2	Jake Munro	SM	Kevi Talamai	CCC
3	Dustin Walker	GJ	Summer Chaplin	SM



## Primary School Winter Carnival

Students from Year 4 to 6 all competed in the Winter Carnival. Students participated in a basketball, football, netball or soccer against teams from Carnarvon Community College, Carnarvon Christian School, School of the Air, Gascoyne Junction and Shark Bay. The carnival is about participation and therefore there are no scores kept. Our Year 11 and 12 Certificate II Outdoor Recreation class coached the St Mary's teams and conducted training sessions with them before the event. Congratulations to our students who showed great sportsmanship.



**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.*

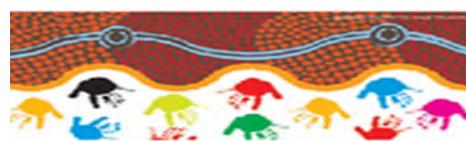
*Make-up and nail varnish is not acceptable. Students will be asked to remove make-up and nail varnish. Nail extensions are also not permitted. Long nails are discouraged at school and must be taped when participating in PE.*

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!

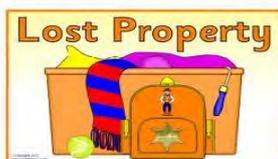
If you or an aboriginal family you know could benefit from such a program, please contact the school office for further information.



## LOST PROPERTY

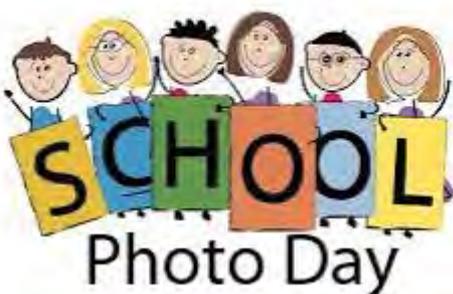
There are a number of jackets, lunch boxes and sports clothes in the lost property shelves outside the library— if your child is missing something, please ask them to go and check this area.

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



**SAVE THE DATE!!!!**

**TUESDAY  
14TH SEPTEMBER**



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.



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### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August

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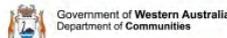

### LEARN MORE ABOUT

- Mindset management and emotional regulation tools to nurture strong self-esteem.
- Mood boosting tips and think-well strategies to make life easier.
- Practical skills to handle change, challenges and setbacks with confidence.
- Simple steps to increase organisation and productivity, and manage time well at school and home.
- Tips for building healthy friendships, finding their fit and staying true to themselves.

Goodbye stress, overwhelm, drama and doubt...  
Hello teen resilience, optimism and confidence in life!

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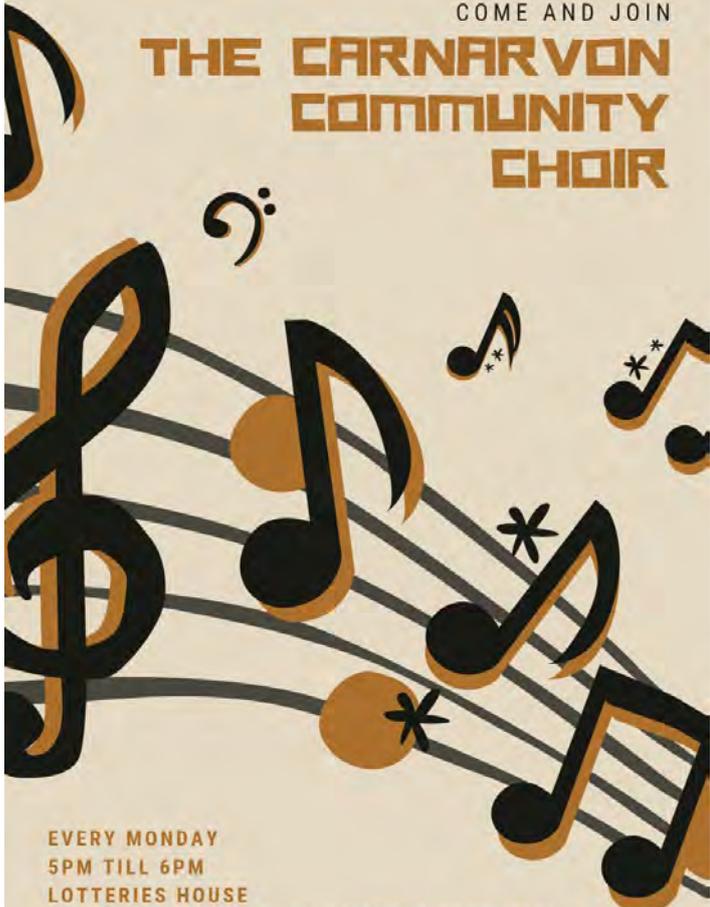
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## Carnarvon Golf Club Ladies Chip and Sip

Everybody is welcome to join us and have a hit!!!  
Fun and Social .....Golf Clubs provided

Date: Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July  
Time: 11am  
Where: Carnarvon Golf Club—Massey Bay just past the Racecourse  
Cost: \$10 includes lunch and Champagne on arrival

Contact: Kim on 0407083922 or Liana on 0419913292 for more details