



School Newsletter

Term 4, Week 7

November 24, 2021

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IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

Week 7

Wednesday 24th November
Friday 26th November

Annual Community Meeting 6pm in the School Library
Last day for Year 11 Students
PS Assembly hosted by Year 3

Week 8

Monday 29th November

Friday 3rd December

1st Advent Liturgy—PP to lead—9:50am in the School Hall
Parent Thank you Morning Tea—10:10am in the Staffroom
Year 10 Work Experience Week
TOPS—Year 7 Orientation Day

Week 9

Monday 6th December

Tuesday 7th December
Thursday 9th December
Friday 10th December

2nd Advent Liturgy—Year 1 to lead—9:50am in the School Hall
Secondary Awards Night commencing at 6pm in the School Hall
Rite of Passage Mass—Year 6
PS Christmas Concert and Awards Night commencing at 5:30pm
End of Year Mass—Year 8 to lead
LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

"It's almost Advent; only a few weeks till Christmas!" Was it really a whole year since we last heard those words? Afraid so! However, it's not all bad news because, for Christians everywhere, the Season of Advent affords us the opportunity to get in touch with our own spirituality, to reflect on the journey we've taken over the past year and to set goals for the coming year – spiritual resolutions. The Season of Advent offers us each year, an opportunity to seek God within our boundaries of our souls while living outwardly amidst the noise and activity of the world around us.

The four weeks of Advent allow us time to ponder how Jesus came into this world in such a stunningly humble way. As we contemplate His birth in a bed of straw in a messy stable, perhaps, we see our own life as being a little messy too. Our life is often distracted, self-centred and sometimes leaves us wishing we were better people. But if we can slow down and refocus our attention, we might realise that God is there, waiting to love us even though we have so many unfulfilled good intentions and so many unfulfilled desires about our spirituality.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Ms Billie Symonds and Mr Jamie Vener on the birth of their first child, Lando. All are doing well and we wish them all the best as they begin the next stage of their lives together.

ADVENT LITURGY

We begin our time leading up to Christmas with the Pre-primary class presenting an Advent Liturgy on Monday, November 29 in the school hall beginning at 9:50 am.

THANK YOU MORNING TEA

As a staff we would like to say 'thank you' to all of our community members that have helped out in one way or another this year. As such, there will be a special morning tea after our Advent Liturgy this coming Monday in the staffroom at 10:10. All welcome.

YEAR 3 ASSEMBLY

The Year 3 class will be leading the assembly this Friday. It will begin in the hall at 2:00 pm. All are welcome.

YEAR 11 FINISH

This Friday will be the last day for our Year 11 students. We wish them all the best as they begin their extended break and we look forward to them returning for their final year of school on Monday, January 31.

END OF SCHOOL YEAR

The Pre-primary to Year 10 classes finish the year on December 10. Our Kindergarten class finishes on Thursday, December 9.

God Bless.



Steve O'Halloran
Principal



HEAD OF SECONDARY NEWS

Dear Parents

And just like that we arrive at the end of another school year ... the ending of 2021! It has been another busy year with new courses and a new Year 11/12 Coordinator, a new cohort of Year 7s who are now firmly entrenched in Secondary School and will be Year 8 students in 2022, new teachers (Ms Tutavaha) who are now embedded in the school community and of course our new students who have arrived throughout the year.

As with all years, we have lost some of our community who have moved to different places; as with our 2021 Year 12 students have left to experience the next adventure beyond school life! We wish all members we have said goodbye to, the very best in their travels.

The last two weeks of term are going to be extremely busy. Teachers are madly marking our Year 9 and 10 exams allowing them to finalise their grades and have them ready for student reports to be released at the end of the school year. Whilst doing this:

Year 11 Last Day

Year 11s finish their last day of the school year on Friday. This allows them plenty of opportunity to refresh for the final run of Year 12 next year! It may also prove to be a good opportunity to take up some work experience to help them decide in what direction they want to go when they leave school.

Year 10 Work Experience

Our Year 10s students will be participating in a week of work experience with different businesses around Carnarvon. This will take place next week.

ASPIRE Camp

Annually, 2 or 3 Year 9 students have been invited by UWA to participate in an immersion program to experience Science in the university setting. This is a fully expense paid opportunity for those students selected. This year, we are taking our biggest group of 10 students, supervised by Mrs Chinnery! They leave Monday and will return on Thursday! Such a wonderful opportunity.

TOPS

Our Year 6 Orientation program will take place next Friday, 3rd December! A time to see what changes Secondary School will bring to their schooling in 2022.

Secondary Awards Evening

All parents and students are invited to an evening of recognition for our top achievers in 2021 and the hard efforts of our artists who have been rehearsing throughout the year. This will take place on Monday 6th December at 6.00pm in the school hall.

Schools Out!

The last day of school will take place on Friday 10th December!

Wishing everyone a wonderful break with lots of quality family time! Thank you for your support throughout the year.

Kind regards

Narelle Holtham

Acting Head of Secondary School





St Mary's Christmas Hamper Appeal 2021

THIS YEAR HAS BEEN ANOTHER DIFFICULT YEAR FOR MANY FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY. LET US SHOW OUR CHRISTMAS SPIRIT AND SHARE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST WITH OTHERS AT THIS TIME BY PARTICIPATING IN OUR ANNUAL ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL.



PRE-PRIMARY: SAVOURY BISCUITS/CRACKERS

YEAR 1: TOOTHBRUSH/TOOTHPASTE

YEAR 2: SWEET BISCUITS/COOKIES

YEAR 3: CEREAL/LONG LIFE MILK

YEAR 4: SOAPS/HAND SANITISER

YEAR 5: TEA/COFFEE/MILO

YEAR 6: LOLLIES/TOFFEES/SWEET TREATS

NINGALOO 1: FRUIT CAKE/MINCE PIES

NINGALOO 2: CANNED FOOD

QUOBBA 1: CUP A SOUP/INSTANT NOODLES

QUOBBA 2: PASTA/RICE

GNARALOO 1: SHAMPOO/CONDITIONER

GNARALOO 2: CHRISTMAS (FESTIVE)

CRACKERS/BAUBLES/ORNAMENTS/POPPERS



ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA INVITE YOU

High School Award's Night

*Monday 6th December
2021*

*In the School Hall
commencing at 6pm*

ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA INVITE YOU

PRIMARY CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND AWARD'S NIGHT

THURSDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2021

ON THE OUTDOOR STAGE AREA IN
THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

Commencing at 5:30pm



YOU ARE INVITED!

YEAR 6 RITE OF PASSAGE CELEBRATION

Join us for *Mass, Presentations and Morning Tea*

**TUESDAY 7TH DECEMBER
9:00AM MASS
FOLLOWED BY MORNING TEA**

Please bring a plate of goodies to share. Cake will
be provided by St Mary's School.

C E R T I F I C A T E I I I N O U T D O O R R E C R E A T I O N

Last week was a busy week for the Yr11 boys in Outdoor Rec. Last Wednesday they completed their Provide First Aid with St John Ambulance. Thursday we did a day trip to Coral Bay for snorkeling. We did a snorkel in the bay, then went on a glass bottom boat snorkel tour. While the wind picked up and made us all cold on the boat we still saw an amazing amount of coral and lots of fish. And of course we found time to sample some of the bakery food!



PRE PRIMARY NEWS

Last month the Pre Primary class went to the opening of the Gnullingoo Mia Residential Care building.

The students made the residents a welcome poster, poem magnet and a succulent plant pot to welcome the residents into their new building.

The students were excited and the adults were emotional, it was a great experience.



KINDY 2022
ST MARY STAR
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EMAIL: ADMIN@SMSC.WA.EDU.AU
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FOR MORE INFORMATION

TERM DATES

Please be advised the last day for students for Term 4 -2021 will be:
Friday, December 10.

The first day for Students for Term 1—2022 will be:
Monday
January 31st.



GET IN AND BEAT THE RUSH!

Tuesday and Thursday from
2.15—3.15 pm
until the 9th of December.

Prior to the commencement of Term 1, 2022 the Uniform shop will be open on:
Thursday - January 27 9am-3pm
Friday — January 28 1:30pm-3pm



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



Run, run, run, as fast as you can!

This year the P & F will be selling Gingerbread men at the end of year school concert—something to nibble on whilst the students perform or take home a treat for the kids to enjoy later.

Don't forget to like and follow our Facebook page to stay up to date with all things P & F!



Wow! We sold 480 tubs of cookie dough,
with proceeds totalling \$1680! Thank you
to everyone who helped with the
fundraiser!



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**2022 KINDY TO YEAR 12
ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN**

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ST MARY'S \$7
Frappé Fridays
Numbers are Limited: 1st Come, 1st Serve



Available for 7-12 and Staff

7-9: Chocolate Only

10-12 + Staff: Coffee or Chocolate

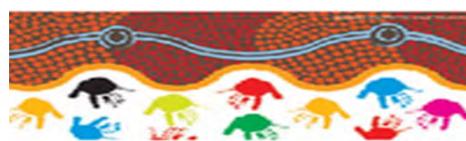
Must place order in the MiniLit Room on Monday - Thursday mornings to receive on Friday Lunch. No orders taken on Fridays!

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!

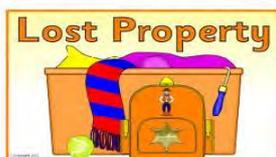
If you or an aboriginal family you know could benefit from such a program, please contact the school office for further information.



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!



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 1 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 8.15am will need to sign in through the Administration Office.

CARNARVON School Dental Therapy Clinic

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



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.

VacSWIM ENROLMENTS

Primary school

Enrolments are now open for VacSwim swimming lessons during the summer school holidays. VacSwim offers fun lessons at beach or pool locations. They are a great school holiday activity and they teach valuable safety skills to help keep your child safe in the water.

Enrol at education.wa.edu.au/vacswim

Secondary school

If your child is over 13 years old, you can enrol them in VacSwim so they can get their Bronze Medallion during the summer school holidays. They'll learn advanced survival, rescue and resuscitation skills to help keep them and others safe in the water.

Enrol now at education.wa.edu.au/vacswim

VacSwim
enrolments
now open!



A PORTRAIT OF AUSTRALIA

STORIES THROUGH THE LENS OF AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHIC



Discover the remarkable stories of ordinary Australians in this exhibition celebrating the bush, the outback, the coast and the people who live there.

EXHIBITION ON SHOW AT CARNARVON LIBRARY & ART GALLERY
9 November - 22 January 2022
18 Egan St, Carnarvon, WA, 6701 www.carnarvon.wa.gov.au/Library-Gallery

A travelling exhibition from the National Museum of Australia developed in collaboration with Australian Geographic. Photograph by Colin Beard



Christmas Courtyard Markets

Come down and find yourself some goodies or a last minute gift!

4TH & 11TH DECEMBER
8AM - 11.30AM
CARNARVON CIVIC CENTRE COURTYARD

For more information or register for a stall, contact Melonie at the Carnarvon Visitor Centre on (08) 9941 0444 or email info@carnarvon.org.au



Carnarvon Community Covid Vaccination Hub



Open to General Public All Welcome

Tuesday 23/11/2021- Friday 26/11/2021
Carnarvon Woolshed

No Bookings Required

8:45am- 4:30pm each day
No appointment needed
12 and Over
Just come in for a chat



Government of Western Australia
WA Country Health Service

Free event

Open to all families with young children!

 **PCYC**
Police & Community Youth Centres

 Cnr of Whitlock and Douglas Street, South Carnarvon
 0448 822 140
 carnarvonpcyc@wpcyc.com.au

Children's Week Celebration Day!

Go for 2&5th FIRST! 

Saturday 27 November 2021
10.00am - 12.00pm

FRIENDSHIP

ABOUT
Come and enjoy a range of activities including:

-  Rock painting
-  My Kids Rock interactive music session
-  Creative play
-  Vietnamese dance performance
-  Obstacle course
-  Healthy food workshop
-  Interactive Gym Tour

And so much more! 

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