



School Newsletter

Term 4, Week 9

December 8, 2021

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IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

Week 9

Thursday 9th December
Friday 10th December

PS Christmas Concert and Awards Night commencing at 5:30pm
End of Year Mass—Year 8 to lead
LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS

2022

Monday 24th January and
Tuesday 25th January
Wednesday 26th January
Thursday 27th January
Friday 28th January

School Office Opening hours 9am to 3pm
AUSTRALIA DAY - PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Uniform Shop Open from 9am to 3pm
Uniform Shop Open from 1:30pm to 3pm

Week 1

Monday 31st January

Tuesday 1st February

Thursday 3rd February
Friday 4th February

First day of school for students
Welcome assembly
PS Parent Meetings 3-6pm
Year 11-12 Parent Meeting
ViSN Camp
Opening Mass commencing at 9am in the School Hall
Year 12 to lead



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

"Christmas is almost here!" So what do we think of when we hear such news? Probably, the thoughts that come to mind, are those associated with the necessary preparations that go to make the day an enjoyable occasion marked by lots of food, presents, lights and tinsel. Besides this type of joy there is another:

"Let's arise with joy in our hearts and share it with everyone.

The meaning of Christmas will always be the birth of Jesus, God's Son."

Christmas is an anniversary celebration of when God gave us the gift of Himself without splendour or opulence but in poverty and weakness, in the form of a tiny baby in an animal enclosure. Jesus, Son of God, emptied himself of power, privilege and possessions and was born into the human race in the humblest of manner. Boris Pasternak in his book, *Dr Zhivago*, wrote: "Something in the world had been changed. ... The story of a human life became the story of God and filled the Universe." Indeed a worthy anniversary to celebrate.

"As a baby, Jesus came
From his home above,
He left his throne and where he was
To teach us how to love.

As a baby, Jesus came
The hope of eternal life,
Recalling us back to God
Giving meaning to our lives."

I trust all have a joyful, happy and holy Christmas and a relaxing and refreshing long break.

FAREWELL

I would like to take this opportunity to farewell some staff who are leaving St Mary's at the end of this year. Mrs Ana Whitfield has been a special needs teaching assistant and worked in the office Monday and Friday and each afternoon after lunch. The progress that she was able to achieve with her student and the support she offered our ladies in the office was significant and rewarding for all involved. She moves to Perth with her family and we wish them all the very best with their relocation. Miss Liz Ferla, currently teaching 3-year-old and Kindergarten, is taking leave from teaching during 2022. Mr Jason Meynell is relocating to Perth where he will resume his career at Salvado Catholic College, Byford, and Mrs Rebecca Meynell, has accepted a teaching offer at Mandurah Catholic College. I would like to thank these teachers for the commitment and expertise they have brought to St Mary's and wish them all the very best in their future endeavours. I would especially like to thank Mr Meynell, as Year 11 and 12 coordinator this year, helping us to navigate the waters of senior secondary education, and the role he played in ensuring our senior students achieved success.

FIRST DAY BACK 2022

The first day back for 3-year-old students and Pre primary to Year 12 is Monday, January 31. The first day back for Kindergarten students is Tuesday, 1st February.

END OF YEAR MASS

This Friday, beginning at 1:00 pm, we will be having an end of year mass. This is the perfect way for us as a Catholic community to celebrate the year just finished and give thanks to God for the blessings we have received in 2021. All are welcome to come along for this celebration.



PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Christmas Concert will begin at 5:30 pm on the outdoor stage area in front of the oval. Can all students please ensure they are in their classes prior to the concert at 5:00 pm.

God Bless.



Steve O'Halloran
Principal



From the REC

Mass Times
Saturday night - 7pm
Sunday morning - 9am

Thank you everyone for all your support throughout the sacramental programs and our school and parish events this year. Congratulations to the Year 6 class on their Rite of Passage on Tuesday 7th December and a BIG thank you to all families in your support of our fundraising for missions this year as well as for our local families in need through our Christmas Care Hamper Appeal.



Have a blessed and joyous Christmas and may 2022 be a safe, peaceful and successful one for us all.

Kind regards
Mrs Sammantha Da Luz
Religious Education Co-Ordinator



*Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year.*



St MARY'S PARISH

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Friday 24th December
6pm: Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

Friday 24th December
11:00pm: Christmas Carols
11:30pm: Christmas Midnight Mass

Saturday 25th December
9am: Christmas Day Morning Mass

No Saturday Evening Mass on Christmas Day

Sunday 26th December
9am: Feast of the Holy Family Mass

NEW YEAR MASS TIMES

Friday 31st December
6pm: New Year's Eve Vigil Mass

Saturday 1st January
9am: New Year's Day Mass - Mary, Mother of God

No Saturday evening Mass on New Year's Day

Sunday 2nd January
9am: The Epiphany of the Lord Mass

ALL WELCOME

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



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

**OUR YR 11 STUDENTS WILL BE HOLDING A REFRESHMENT STALL AT:
THE SECONDARY AWARDS NIGHT: MONDAY 6TH DECEMBER
THE PRIMARY AWARDS AND PRESENTATION NIGHT: THURSDAY 9TH
DECEMBER**

**THERE WILL BE ICY-COLD DRINKS, CHRISTMAS STOCKING
STUFFERS, AND A MONEY BOARD
THE P&F WILL ALSO HAVE SOME YUMMY CHRISTMAS
BISCUITS ON SALE**



**ALL MONEY RAISED BY THE STUDENTS WILL GO
TOWARDS THEIR 2022 GRADUATION BALL AND
RETREAT, AND ALSO SUPPORT CATHOLIC MISSIONS**

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

YEAR ONE NEWS

The Year One's celebrated the second Sunday of Advent with a whole school Liturgy in the School Hall. In the gospel story, John the Baptist's message to us is to prepare a place for Christ to be born again in our hearts.



YEAR FOUR NEWS

Last week, Year Four visited the Gwoonwardu Mia Gascoyne Aboriginal Heritage and Cultural Centre. We explored the Gallery to view and respond to public art in the community. We are so thankful to Norma who spoke to us about our local artworks and artists in Carnarvon. The artwork we viewed inspired us when we created our own artwork.



Primary School Award Winners—Congratulations to everyone!



Order on or before 31 December 2021 for delivery before Term 1

Everything for education, all in one place.

2022 student requirements
lists are now ready!

Get ready for Back to School
by ordering all of your child's
learning needs from Winc.

Shop their requirements online
at wincschools.com.au



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JLC Playground

We are trying to source the following materials for our playground.

- PVC pipe offcuts



- Blocks/pieces of wood (not splintery wood)



- Large heavy duty cardboard rolls
- Old pots and pans
- Old wooden picture frames
- Loose parts play – rocks etc



- Long sticks

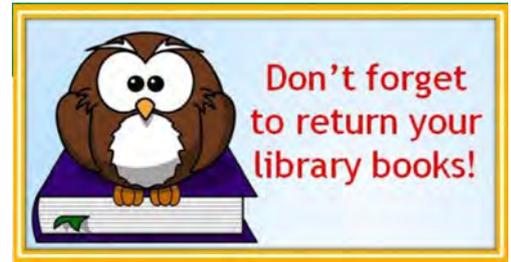


- Large seashells

If you have any of these materials or other materials that may be appropriate for our play-ground can you please contact the school.

Thank you
Mrs Ali O'Halloran

FROM THE LIBRARY

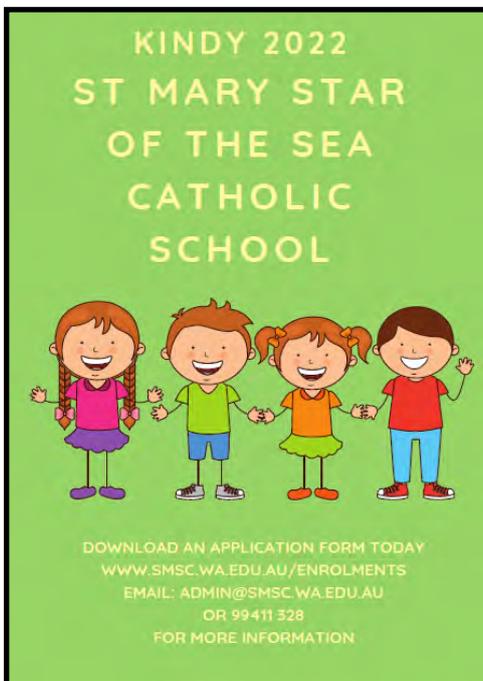


Thank you to everyone who has returned their books already. Please return any outstanding loans to the Library asap. If you have lost your book please contact the Library to arrange book replacement cost.

The School office will remain open until 12pm, Friday 17th December for any late returns.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Christmas and holiday break. Enjoy!

Ms McMeekin



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
@smsscatholic



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!



Reduce Reuse

Recycle Refund



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ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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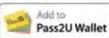


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specified for the pass, please don't share
them with others.



Collect your empty
containers this summer
and use this code at
the collect point.
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ARE YOU LEAVING?



A friendly reminder, if your child/
children are leaving St Mary's School at
the end of the year, could you please
notify the Office on 9941 1328.

Thank you



**ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE DOWNLOAD AN APPLICATION FORM TODAY
WWW.SMSC.WA.EDU.AU
EMAIL: ADMIN@SMSC.WA.EDU.AU
OR PHONE 99411 328

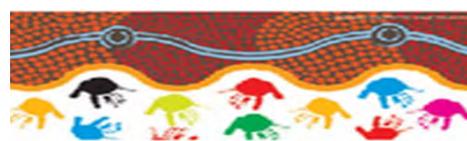
PIC•COLLAGE

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!





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 144 or email info@carnarvon.org.au




Summer Reading Adventure

ARE YOU UP FOR AN ADVENTURE?
OVER THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS, WE CHALLENGE YOU TO
READ, EXPLORE, AND CREATE.
FOLLOW OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MORE INFO.

16th December - 29th January
Ages 6+
Register at the library now!

For more information contact:
Email: library.gallery@carnarvon.wa.gov.au
Library: 99413727 / Art Gallery: 94413388 /
Visit us at 18 Egan Street, Carnarvon 6701
Open Tues - Fri 9.30am - 5pm, Sat 9.30am - 12.30pm




Carnarvon Community
**CAROLS BY
CANDLELIGHT**

SUNDAY 6:00PM
12th December

**Gwoonwardu Mia
Aboriginal Cultural Centre**

GLOW STICKS
SAUSAGE SIZZLE, COFFEE &
HOT CHOCOLATE ALL \$2 EACH
BYO PICNIC RUG/CHAIR

FREE FAMILY TENNIS DAY!

3-6pm

Carnarvon Tennis Club

Sunday 5th December

- Come & Try Tennis!
- Open to all abilities!
- Kids Activities & Games!
- Healthy Snacks
- BBQ

Membership forms, competition registration and coaching bookings will be available at the event.

Registrations for the 2022 Sketchbook Project

Now Open
WA Youth.

12 to 26 year old

Registration closes Monday
13 December 2021

Register online at
www.propel.org.au and
select the *Carnarvon Library*
& *Art Gallery* as the
collection point.

Contact us if you need
help registering.



We will notify you when the Sketchbooks arrive
so that you can start being creative.

We will support you in our space with materials for all your creative needs.
ALL sketchbooks will be exhibited in the touring exhibition which commences in
April 2022 during Youth Week.