



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 3, Week 2

27th July 2022

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Week 2

29th July Primary School Assembly  
Led by Yr 4

### Week 3

1st Aug Bishop Religious Literacy Assessment  
Yr 9

1st Aug Secondary Parent Meetings 3pm—6pm

3rd Aug RioTinto Visit—Year 8

4th Aug Bishop Religious Literacy Assessment  
Yr 3 & Yr5

### Week 4

8th Aug Mary of the Cross Liturgy  
Led by Yr 2

11/12th Aug Athletics Carnival

### Week 5

#### SCIENCE WEEK

19th Aug Pupil Free Day

### Week 6

22nd Aug Catholic Faith Day—Pupil Free Day



## back2school prayer

"Dear Lord, use my eyes to *see* new friends.

Open my ears to *hear* my teacher.

Open my mind to *learn* new things.

Let my heart *remember* YOU are near  
when I'm afraid.

Help me to *love* others like you do.

I want to *shine* your light  
so bright in my school."  
*Amen.*

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

This weekend, a number of students from the Year 6 class will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. This sacrament completes the sacraments of initiation, those being Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation. The sacrament of Confirmation allows the recipients to confirm the path chosen for them by their parents when they were Baptised.

The Bishop of the Geraldton Diocese, Bishop Michael Morrissey, on most occasions celebrates the Confirmation Mass with the school and parish community, this will occur on Sunday, 31st July at the regular 9:00 am parish mass.

We welcome Bishop Michael to our parish and school and look forward to him spending some time with our parishioners, students and staff. Bishop Michael will be visiting the school on Thursday and Friday of this week.

### WELCOME

We welcome to the staff Ms Senia Eastmure and Miss Leanne Gillham. Ms Eastmure will be taking secondary classes, mostly in the Arts learning area, and Miss Gillham will be teaching Year 5, with Mr Ryan taking PE and Humanities in the primary years. We look forward to both of their contributions to our school community for the remainder of 2022.

### PRIMARY ASSEMBLY

This Friday's assembly will be hosted by the Year 4 class. All parents and friends are welcome to attend.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Congratulations to Mrs Catherine Chinnery, who has accepted the Acting Religious Education Coordinator's role for the remainder of the year. We know with Mrs Chinnery's strong faith commitment that our first and most important learning area is going to be led well.

### UPCOMING PUPIL FREE DAYS

Friday the 19th August is a staff development day and as such, students are not expected to attend school. Monday the 22nd August is a staff and pupil free day to acknowledge the commitment required of Catholic staff in the area of religious and faith education.



### BUILDING WORKS

There is currently some building works occurring at school. A new classroom is being constructed at the oval end of the primary block, and a shed is being built adjacent to the hall in front of the lower basketball court. These works are occurring to allow for the Year 5 class to move into the new classroom to free up the current Year 5 classroom to be used as a secondary Religious Education room. From the end of August, the upper basketball court and play area is being landscaped and grassed and the area between the presbytery and the canteen will become a basketball court with terraced steps to allow for seating. The teaching spaces will be completed in August and the grounds works will be completed by the end of the year.

Steve O'Halloran  
Principal

## HEAD OF SECONDARY NEWS

Welcome back to school with the arrival of Term 3! We hope all students have had a chance to rest and recharge, and more importantly to spend quality time with friends and family.

Last term we certainly experienced a very busy term, ending very quickly and with quite a few significant events!

### NAIDOC DAY

Congratulations to our NAIDOC committee and for the help they received from the community, in putting together a very successful celebration. It certainly ended with fireworks as the colour run took place with the whole school in NAIDOC colours. It was wonderful to see so many of our students participating.

### YEAR 10 'GET INTO RESOURCES' EXPEDITION

In the last few weeks of last term, Hastings contacted the school to inform us they had tickets available for the 'Get into Resources' expo held each year in Perth for Year 10 students. There was a total of 15 tickets which were to be shared between our school and the Carnarvon Community College. To top it off, they were also putting forward \$5000 to assist in the travel costs of both schools.

We had a week to select a small group of students who were interested in the possibility of mining careers in the future, find a mode of transport, accommodation, supervising staff and a series of activities to accompany the expo, permissions, medical information etc

Fortunately, the parents of our selected students were VERY flexible and assisted with completing forms, assisting students with packing and getting them to the airport in a VERY short amount of time. HUGE thanks to Everywhere Travel who were also extremely flexible with assisting in the provision of 18 flights all on the same plane ... and also with very little notice!



On the Monday evening, we all successfully hopped onto the plane and arrived in Perth, collected our little mini van and made our way to our accommodation at Hillary's.

On Tuesday, we were invited to visit the Hastings office in the city. The students were treated to a beautiful lunch and then were given the opportunity to listen to a number of speakers from various career avenues within the business. This allowed the students to learn about the many career paths available within resources and to look at the setup of Hastings rare earth mineral mine located east from Gascoyne Junction. The students were

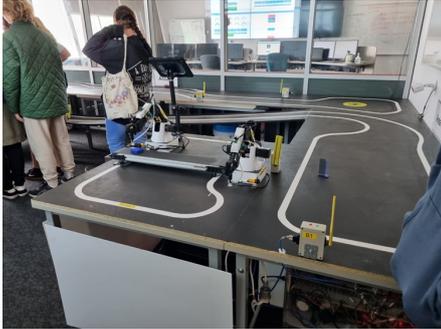
also spoilt with a lovely afternoon tea and lunch!

On Wednesday, we made our way into the city again to the 'Get into Resources' Expo. On our arrival, there was an official introduction with other students from many other schools. We were fortunate enough to receive a special mention for travelling so far to be a part of the expo!



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The day was filled with different activities from designing blast holes, experimenting, virtual reality, inspecting and cutting core samples, and preserving eggs on an egg drop from the highest point (which we won over all the other schools!). There was also the opportunity to take part in an expo where students could ask questions of the different mining companies, universities and TAFE representatives! There was also quite a successful collection of free goodies!



On Thursday, students were able to visit the TAFE centre in Munster, where they were able to tour the campus and experience some of the TAFE courses they are able to access to learn about automation within the mining industry. This involved simulations in power plants and robotics in terms of vehicles.

### **PARENT-TEACHER EVENING**

Next Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August will be our Parent-Teacher Evening, when parents and teachers will be able to meet to discuss student progress throughout Semester 1 and continuing into Semester 2. Please contact the front office to make an appointment with your child's teachers.

### **OLNA**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> round of OLNA will take place this term beginning on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August with writing. If your child is intending to attend the ACC camp this year, this date will be the only opportunity to complete the writing component of the OLNA for this round. For those students not attending the ACC, a second opportunity will be provided on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August. Numeracy and Reading dates will be after the Writing, however dates are yet to be confirmed.

### **ACC Camp**

It's that time of year again! Students, teachers and house captains are busily preparing for athletics. This will take place over two days in Week 4 and from these results, students will be selected for the ACC Camp. Dates are Tuesday August 30<sup>th</sup> – Friday September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **YEAR 12 RETREAT**

Plans are currently being put into place to get our Year 12 students on their previously postponed retreat. We are hoping to hold the retreat during Week 8 however more details will follow as soon as possible.

### **WELCOME MS EASTMURE**

The secondary school welcomes Ms Eastmure this semester! The arrival of Ms Eastmure allows our students to once again take up option areas within their timetable. As a consequence of Ms Eastmure's skill base, students have been able to take up media, visual arts and photography.

### **THANKYOU**

Thank you to Ms Aiken for stepping in for the past semester to take on Food Technology for our Year 7, 8 and 9 students! You did a splendid job as a food tech teacher and we are so appreciative of you taking on this to allow our students the opportunity to have option areas. Fortunately Mr Park assisted with providing Wood and continues to do so this semester.

Kind regards  
Mrs Narelle Holtham

# NAIDOC 2022

This year's NAIDOC theme is 'Get Up, Stand Up, Show Up' and we had lots of fun at St Mary's celebrating and learning about Aboriginal and Torres Strait cultures. Throughout the week, students from the JLC & primary school worked hard on decorating their doors for the annual NAIDOC door competition and the high school students created posters all based around the theme for NAIDOC. We had judges from Gwoonwardu Mia – Mrs Carleen Ryder, Ngala- Ms Kay Mongoo and Ms Vinnie judge the doors and the posters. It was a close draw for the JLC, the year 5 class and Mr Ryan took out the winning place for the primary school and Quobba 2 with Mrs Chinnery won for the high school.



Year 5 Primary Door Winners



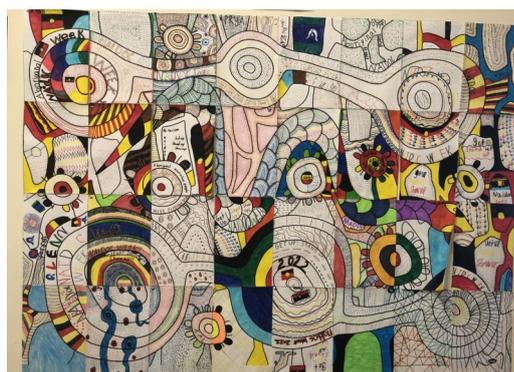
Quobba2 High School Poster Winners

It was a cold start to the morning, but we all braved the cold weather with a flag raising and Welcome to Country conducted by Traditional Owner Mr Raymond Edney, the flag raisers were Cassie, Koleti & Ta-Leah. Cassie, Ta-Leah & Rendall shared with us the history and meaning behind NAIDOC and how significant this event is for our communities all over Australia. Mr Keno Phillips then also joined us from the Shire to share information about the local NAIDOC activities and later he shared his knowledge about boomerangs.



Mr Ray then welcomed us through a traditional smoking ceremony to cleanse us before we made our way to the hall for a beautiful Liturgy delivered by some of our proud Aboriginal students who all did an amazing job with their readings. The readers were Jayda yr 5, Anthony & Max yr 6, Janali & Lennox yr 7.

We then split into primary and high school activities where the students enjoyed activities like playing sports, making rain sticks, scratch art, boomerang painting & landscape art. Miss Piddington created some beautiful artwork with the students, which is on display in our hall. We enjoyed fish and kangaroo burgers for lunch, then the high school students were put to test about their knowledge of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history and current trends in an exciting quiz organised by Ms Tutavaha. Then the day was finished off with a bang of colour in our colour run.



We would like to thank everyone who helped out on the day plus the following people for coming to St Mary's and being part of our NAIDOC 2022 celebrations. Mr Raymond Edney – Traditional Owner, Mrs Carleen Ryder – Gwoonwardu Mia, Toni Roe – Gwoonwardu Mia, Steven Michael Foundation & Mr Keno Phillips – Carnarvon Shire.

We would like to thank Real Futures for donating all the amazing hand crafted boomerangs, Tracey Tonga for organising that and Kay Mongoo and the Remote School Attendance Strategy team for donating ice-creams to all students in the JLC for their door prizes.

Kind Regards,

NAIDOC Committee

# NAIDOC 2022





**Our annual Book Week celebrations will be held this term in week six. Developed by the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) in 1946 to promote excellence in writing and publishing for Australian authors and illustrators. This fantastic event aims to promote the joy of reading.**

*Book Fair*

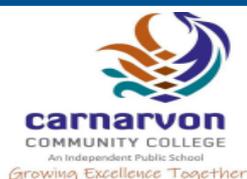
*Tuesday 23rd August—Thursday 25th August*

*Costume Parade*

*Thursday 25th August*

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

***'Dreaming With Eyes Open'***



# HECSPPO

## HEALTH AND CAREERS EXPO

Thursday 18th August 2022 11:00am to 2:30pm

Carnarvon Community College  
Performing Arts Centre & Gymnasium

Health  
Awareness

Work  
Experience &  
School Based  
Traineeships

Community  
Support Agencies  
Networking

Vocational  
Education &  
Training

Careers  
Exploration

School  
Attendance  
Information

University  
Pathway  
Counselling

FREE SAUSAGE  
SIZZLE PROVIDED  
1:00pm

## TERM DATES

### Term 3

Monday 18th July to Friday 23rd September

### Term 4

Monday 10th October to Friday 9th December



## 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!



## PRIMARY HOMEWORK CLASSES

Primary Home Work Classes are back on Tuesday and Thursday and are being held in the Library.

Please contact the School office on 99411 328 for further information.



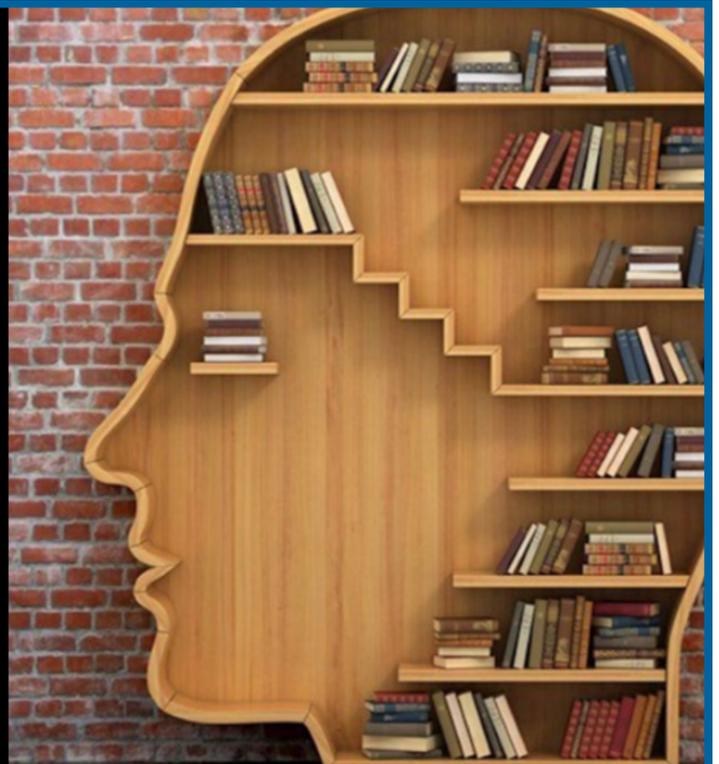
## Uniform Shop

Open every Tuesday and Thursday from 2.45—3.15 pm



## HIGH SCHOOL STUDY CLASS

EVERY TUESDAY  
AND THURSDAY  
FROM 2:40PM TO  
3:40PM





# SEQTA



Engage



Learn

**SEQTA Learn and SEQTA Engage are now available as apps!**  
Bring SEQTA's functionality to your mobile device, plus a few extras:



### Never miss a thing

Receive push notifications whenever there's something you need to know about.



### Hassle-free authentication

Login by scanning or tapping a secure code no username or password required!



### Keep it secure

Enable fingerprint locking to ensure that only you can access the app.

## Other functionality

The SEQTA apps build on the existing capabilities of SEQTA Learn and SEQTA Engage, so you'll be able to:

- > View upcoming assessments and submit work
- > View marked assessments and teacher feedback
- > View and search your courses and lessons
- > Take notes and make task lists
- > View pastoral care information
- > Track upcoming homework
- > View unresolved absences
- > Send and receive direct messages
- > Interact with students, teachers, and parents in forums
- > View relevant school notices
- > Access academic reports
- > View and colour your timetable

...and much more!

### If you have any questions, please contact...

The school administration office on 99411328

The address it is

<https://smc.coneqt-p.cathednet.wa.edu.au/>



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With reports just around the corner now is the perfect time to ensure that you have access to SEQTA. Please contact Admin if you have any issues

## 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
08:30 - 9:20	Period 1 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 8.15am 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.

Term 3 Dates— 2nd Aug—15th Sep



## 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.*



# IGNITE A PASSION FOR THE GAME!

## Carnarvon Auskick Centre

Festival Grounds

4pm Friday 29th July

To register please follow the below link and search for  
Carnarvon Auskick Centre

[play.afl/auskick](https://play.afl/auskick)