



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 3, Week 6

25th August 2022

St Mary Star of the Sea College Advisory Council

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Week 6

26th Aug

BOOKWEEK

PS Assembly
Led by Yr 5

Week 7

31st Aug

1st Sep

2nd Sep

P&F Fathers Day Stall
Kindy Sports Carnival
Fathers Day Liturgy and Breakfast
Junior Sports Carnival PP—Yr 2

Week 8

9th Sep

PS Assembly
Led by Yr 6

Week 9

13th Sep

15th Sep

School Photo Day
Interschool Athletics Carnival
Yr 3—6



St Mary
Star of the Sea
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2021

The 2021 School Annual
is now available to
purchase from the front
office.
\$25

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

This week is Bookweek, and today was the highlight of our week with the parade. Thanks to all the families and staff who took the effort to dress up and enter the spirit of the week.

Reading is the avenue through which children learn just about everything; it is reading that will broaden children's horizons and take them into new and exciting worlds that are paved with endless wonder and imagination. Reading is an interactive activity, for when children read they are involved with the book, imagining the characters and scenes and painting images in their minds which enable them to be creative and to think for themselves.



Of course, there are academic benefits as reading allows children to see words in different contexts which can assist comprehension, the correct use of grammar and correct sentence structure. The more children see how a word is used, the more likely they are to use the word correctly in their own vocabulary. Seeing words spelt correctly will help children to be more correct with their spelling. Likewise, writing skills will benefit by reading well-formed sentences and observing how paragraphs link together. There is evidence to suggest that children who read for pleasure will perform well in written exams, because they are likely to understand the phrasing of the questions and be able to write their answers with clarity. In addition to academic learning, reading offers a wide range of life skills as children learn about the world around them. Although reading is mostly a solitary activity, it encourages an understanding of how people relate to each other as the book characters form relationships and deal with questions of morals, friendship, love and family. Also, reading can help cope with stress and anxiety as it provides a form of relaxation and escapism.

"Lord, we give thanks for the gift of Your love and for the gifts we have that distinguish each of us as a unique person. We are grateful for the gifts of sight and touch that enable us to experience the joys of books and reading. Amen."

FACTION CARNIVAL DAYS

On the 11th and 12th August the Faction Carnival was held. Congratulations to all involved and the participation and behaviour of the students, especially the Ningaloo faction. Thanks to Mr Liam Chinnery, Mrs Sue Jordan and Mr Django Ryan who organised and coordinated the day.

ACC CARNIVAL

From our faction carnival, the team to represent St Mary Star of the Sea College was chosen, they will be travelling to Perth next week to represent the school at the secondary interschool carnival. Congratulations on your selection and all the very best to all the students and staff and parents who will be supervising the students.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS AGM

The AGM of St Mary's parents and friends association was held on Thursday, 11th August. Elections were held for the executive and I am happy to announce that the P&F executive for the next 12 months will be;

President: Sarah Sutcliffe

Vice President: Mel Worthington

Treasurer: Vanessa Vandeleur

Treasurer: Ellody Kearney

School Advisory Council Representative: Ceri Spackman

Thank you to all our volunteer representatives above and I look forward top working with you over the coming year.

Handwritten signature of Steve O'Halloran

Steve O'Halloran
Principal

HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE WEEK

The high school students celebrated National Science Week with a visit from local glass artist Sabrina Dowling Giudici.

Sabrina kindly came in to talk about her art process and how heavily science is involved in it. From the physical process of the glass taking its shape to the addition of different metals to create the different colours of the glass.

It was fascinating to hear how she draws inspiration from the local, natural environment and how she uses microscopes to see the intricate cell patterns that are so evident in her artwork.



The students loved getting to use the microscopes as she does and viewing some of her beautiful artwork.



HIGH SCHOOL RIO TINTO VISIT

The Year 8 class were lucky enough to have an excursion recently to the Rio Tinto Lake MacLeod Facility. During this excursion the students got to see first-hand how the process from liquid brine to solid mineral salt happens.



A big thank you to Lisa Lawer, Brett Renton and Kirk Foster for their assistance and sharing their insider knowledge with us during the thoroughly enjoyable excursion.

Steve Heron

Visiting Author



Our year 1—year 5 students were lucky to work with Steve Heron, a visiting author from the South West. Steve last visited us in 2019 and again shared his passion for writing children's books. We discovered our breathe button, learnt the art of writing funny stuff, and even a new use for marshmallows.



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.



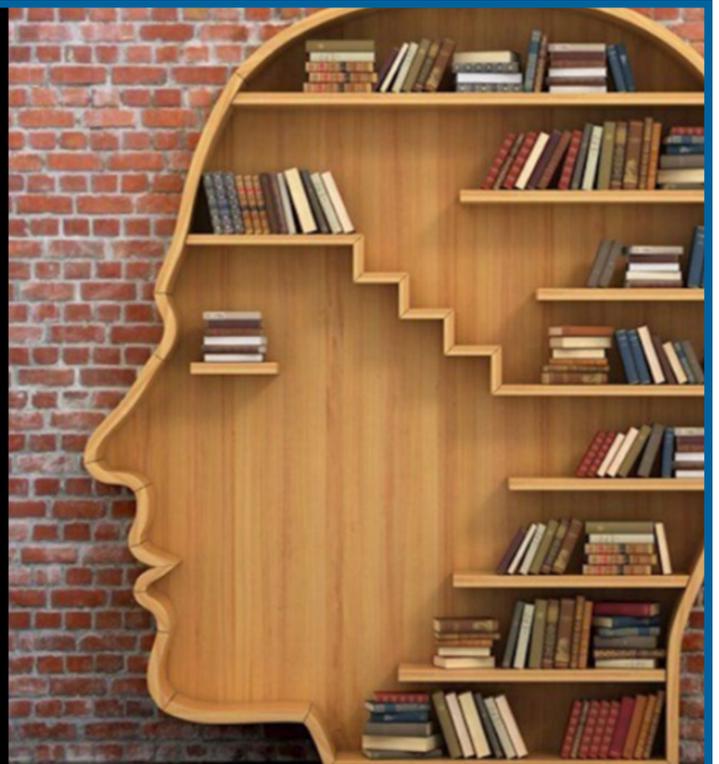
Uniform Shop

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

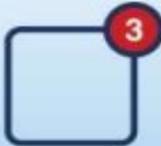


Engage



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
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.

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.