



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 3, Week 8

7th September 2022

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Week 8

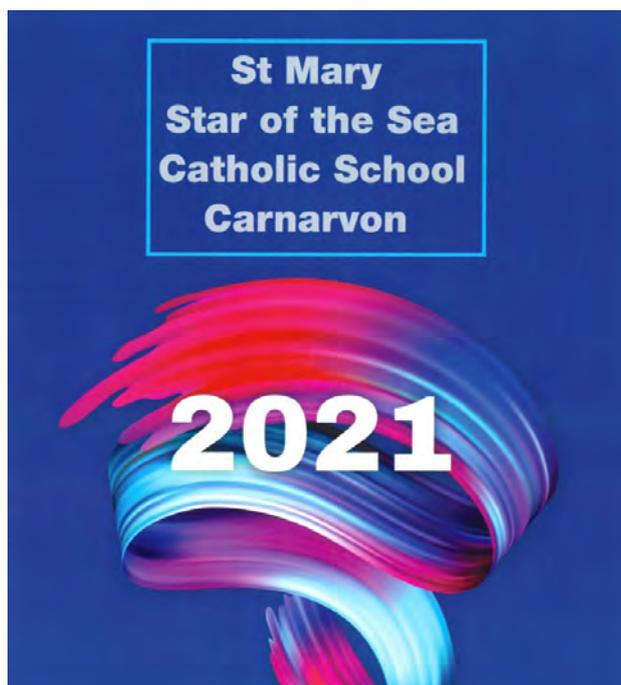
8th Sep RU OK Day
9th Sep PS Assembly - Led by Yr 6

Week 9

12th Sep Junior Sports Carnival PP—Yr 2
13th Sep School Photo Day
15th Sep Interschool Athletics Carnival
Yr 3—6
16th Sep Interschool Athletics Carnival
Yr 1—6
18th Sep First Reconciliation Commitment Mass—9am

Week 10

22nd Sep Secondary Assembly
Year 12 School Ball
23rd Sep Footy Colours Day
Last Day of School (Year 12)
Last Day of Term 3



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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

In Matthew's Gospel there is related the parable of the Sower. The story line tells of a sower going about his task of hand sowing his crop. However, the applied meaning of the story has strong relevance to a family or school. If the seed that is sown is understood to represent a child, then the parable goes like this:

'As he threw the seed from his bag- **some fell on the edge of the path; the birds came and ate it immediately.** If our children are not in the mainstream of their parents' lives they will become prey to other people's value systems.

Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it found little soil. It sprang up straight away but there was no depth of earth. It did not form roots. If parents are not prepared to nurture children, not only in infancy, but until they are mature young adults in their own right, then their children will never reach that full potential of their maturity.

Some fell amongst thorns. It started to grow but the thorns choked it. There was no harvest. Children need the constant loving, forgiving care of their parents. Without positive vigilance, children can become distracted by the unimportant, have their dreams and ambitions sidetracked and possibly their lives slowly ruined by 'outside' influences.

Some seed fell on good, rich soil. It grew tall and strong and produced a good crop. Parents who accept fully the responsibility that they undertake when they invite their children into their lives as guests, will provide the environment for their children that will enable them to attain the potential handed on to them by their parents.

No two children are the same. Individual differences are what provide for each child's uniqueness. The first requirement of home and school is 'good soil' – strong value systems that offer strong structural support. The second requirement of home and school is the addition of the correct 'trace element' – the identification of uniqueness so that it can be cultivated and develop the individual to enrich the expression of both the home and the school.

ACC CAMP

Congratulations to the students from St Mary's who represented the school at the latest ACC Interschool Athletics Carnival held in Perth last week. There were some very meritorious performances from our students and I would like to congratulate them and the adults who supervised them for what was a very successful camp. Well done to all!

RECONCILIATION MEETING

There will be a meeting on Thursday 8th September at 6:00 pm in the school library for those students making their First Reconciliation this year and their parents.

PAT TESTING

Each year in October, all grades from Pre-primary to Year 10 undergo Progressive Achievement Testing (PAT) in English, Maths and Science. The PAT tests closely align with that which is taught in the above learning areas in each grade and provides a snapshot how as a school, class and individuals perform compared to same age peers across Australia. This year, the PAT testing results will be used to support teachers grades in English, Maths and Science, and parents who wish to know how their child has achieved in these tests are asked to contact the school for further information.

HEAD OF PRIMARY

Mrs Trudy Cox, current Head of Primary, will be taking leave in Term 4. Mrs Emily Holla has accepted the Acting Head of Primary role during this time. We wish Trudy all the best during her leave period and look forward to working with Emily in Term 4.



Steve O'Halloran
Principal

HEAD OF SECONDARY NEWS

Now that we are over the halfway mark for Term 3, we realise we have just three busy weeks ahead of us! When we look at the activities of the past term, we also realise how busy it has been!

For just a brief hour of the school day, we had all our secondary students back on home ground after our ACC team finally made their way home on Friday and at 9.30am, Monday morning, our Year 12s were collected by Carnarvon Bus Charters for their adventure in Exmouth for their Year 12 Retreat. As of this moment in time, they have been enjoying fine weather and great company!

To recap the past few weeks ...

Week 5

We had a extremely busy Science and Careers Week. ASPIRE came to visit all the students on the Wednesday and introduced them to science concepts and for our older students, an introduction to life at university and some elements of career education. We were also fortunate enough to have them attend our Year 10 – 12 Career Information Evening. They were accompanied by Central Tafe representatives Deb Carson and Mr Belotti, as well as Narelle, Rachel and Val from Hastings who all presented the rich opportunities available to our school and its students in the future. After the presentation, we moved into the Post Year 10 Information Evening.

On Thursday, after the parent evening, Year 10 students were invited to the Health and Career Expo located at Carnarvon Community College. They had a much larger number of stores than previous expos. It was wonderful to see the students utilise the opportunity by asking a lot of questions and considering different career options. Meanwhile back at school, students were being introduced to the properties of glass by Sabrina Dowling Guidice.

Week 6

After an extended weekend, with the Friday before, a Pupil Free Day and Catholic Faith Day on the Monday, we began with Book Week and the traditional parade on Thursday.

Week 7

The beginning of the week began with our Year 10 – 12 students participating in the OLNA Writing test which will be followed up with the reading on Friday and numeracy next Monday. Our intrepid ACC team left in the early hours of Tuesday morning. The team comprised of approximately 40 students, Mr Chinnery, Mrs Jordan, Ms Concannon, Miss Carson, Mr Pendergast and Mr Bumbak.

This left approximately 70 students at school. Our Year 12s remained on their normal timetable (celebrated with a trip to Gascoyne Bakery for lunch on Friday) whereas the remainder of our students were on a modified timetable with some extra activities that allowed for a little more creativity, including excursions to the art exhibition at the library, visual art lessons, a scavenger hunt and a movie afternoon with snacks and drinks. Thank you to the teachers who assisted in preparing the different activities. Our ACC team also participated in the competition on Thursday and used Wednesday as an opportunity for some team building skills including archery, caving, go karting, laser tag and of course shopping!



Week 8

And of course, this week we have our Year 12 students on Retreat at Exmouth accompanied by Mr Manser and Ms Tutavaha. We look forward to their return on Wednesday morning!

Future Events

Next week on Tuesday, we have the annual school photos being taken and the following week our Year 10 – 12 students will have their school ball on Thursday night 22nd September at Sunset Café at the One Mile Jetty from 6.00pm. Our Year 12 students will then have their final day of school on Friday 23rd September formally leaving the school grounds after an assembly before lunch, followed by the march out afterwards. We welcome all Year 12 parents to attend.



This year, the Australian Government has introduced OLNA to Year 9 students. This will take place in Term 4.

We wish everyone a wonderful week and look forward to the events which will take place as we make our way to the end of Term 3.

Kind regards

Narelle Holtham

Book Week 2022

Dreaming With Eyes Open...



Students, parents and staff dreamt up some amazing costumes at our annual Book Week Costume Parade. Congratulations to the parade winners and our school community for their creative efforts.

Thankyou to the many families who visited our Scholastic Book Fair. Thanks to your support, a percentage of sales will go towards Library literacy programs.





**COME TO
SCHOOL
DRESSED
IN YELLOW**

School shoes to be worn.

RUOK?
DAY
Thursday 8th
September
2022

**EVERY DAY IS
THE DAY TO
ASK, "ARE YOU
OK?" AND
SUPPORT THOSE
STRUGGLING
WITH LIFE'S UPS
AND DOWNS.**

**NO
QUALIFICATIONS
NEEDED**



1. Ask



2. Listen



3. Encourage
action



4. Check in



1. Ask



2. Listen



3. Encourage
action



4. Check in

RUOK

For secondary school students



Bullying is NEVER OK!

Tips for secondary school students who experience bullying

Bullying is deliberate verbal, physical and/or social behaviour intended to cause ongoing physical, social and/or psychological harm. Bullying can make you feel anxious, depressed and lonely. It can happen anywhere — in person, or online using various digital platforms and devices (this is called cyberbullying). It might be obvious to others or hidden.

Bullying in person or online might look or feel like being:

- repeatedly hurt physically, or verbally through abusive texts, emails, images, videos, or nasty gossip and chat
- excluded or ignored
- tricked or humiliated by fake accounts.

No one deserves to be bullied or hurt. You can choose to:

- treat others how you would like to be treated — with kindness and respect
- include others in games and chats
- only share information about others with their consent.

You have the right to feel safe and be safe. Here are some ideas about what you can do if someone is bullying you:

- Talk to someone you trust about it. Try to stay positive. Focus on things you do well.
- Act unimpressed or pretend you don't care what they say or do to you.
- Use strong, assertive statements if you are talking to them face to face, starting with the word 'I'; tell the other person 'I want you to stop that' in a confident voice. Practise this with your friends.
- Don't respond to online bullying, it usually just makes it worse.
- Protect yourself online by unfriending them or using privacy settings to block them.

It's okay to ask for help if you experience or see bullying. You can speak to:

- **a trusted person** – this could be a parent or carer, aunty, uncle or friend who will listen and be supportive
- **your teacher or principal** – they can give you support and advice about how to make it stop
- **eHeadspace** – they provide free online and telephone support and counselling to young people 12–25 and their families and friends
- **Kids Helpline** – they have counsellors available at any time who will listen and support you
- **the police** – call the police if you are in immediate danger
- **the eSafety team** – you can report serious cyberbullying (see the steps below).

Reporting cyberbullying

1. Keep a record

Take screenshots or photos of the cyberbullying content. You should also save or record evidence of the webpage addresses (URLs) or social media services where the content has been shared. Always record the time and date you collected the evidence. Read more about [collecting evidence](#).

2. Report and block

Report the cyberbullying to the platform where it took place. The [eSafety Guide](#) has reporting links for social media services, apps, games and websites. You can also use the platform or device settings to block the person who is cyberbullying you.

3. Make a complaint to the eSafety Commissioner

If you are under 18 (or helping someone under 18) and the social media service doesn't respond to your complaint within 48 hours, you can report seriously threatening, intimidating, harassing or humiliating online behaviour to the [eSafety Commissioner](#). The team there can help you have the cyberbullying content taken down and get you further support.

Important links

Bullying. No Way! bullyingnoway.gov.au
eSafety young people esafety.gov.au/young-people
eSafety Guide esafety.gov.au/esafety-guide
eSafety Report esafety.gov.au/report

Kids Helpline kidshelpline.com.au
eHeadspace headspace.org.au/eheadspace
Youth Law Australia yla.org.au

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.



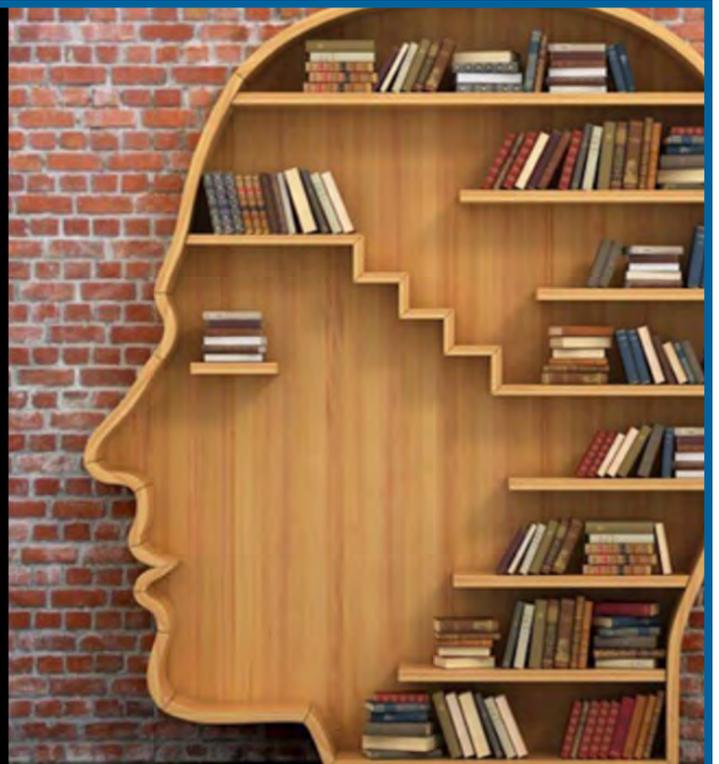
Uniform Shop

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



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.



SEQTA

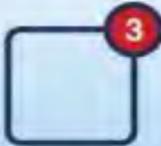


Engage



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