

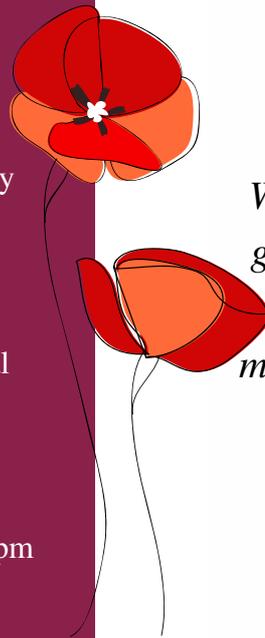


# ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA

## IMPORTANT DATES

### TERM 4

<b>Week 5</b>	
10th Nov	Sacrament of First Reconciliation
11th Nov	Remembrance Day Liturgy
12th Nov	P&F Bogan Night
<b>Week 6</b>	
17th Nov	Interschool Swim Carnival
<b>Week 7</b>	
24th Nov	Last day for Year 11's Secondary Assembly 1:45pm
25th Nov	Pupil Free Day
<b>Week 8</b>	
28th Nov	Kindy Parent Info Day - 3pm
29th Nov	Parent Thankyou Morning Tea
1st Dec	TOPS
<b>Week 9</b>	
<b>Reconciliation Week</b>	
5th Dec	Secondary Awards Night - 6pm
8th Dec	Christmas Concert - 5:30pm
9th Dec	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL



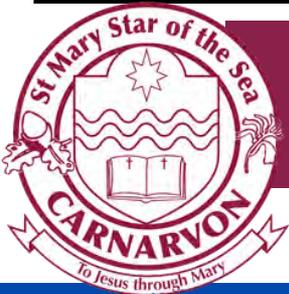
## PRAYER

### REMEMBRANCE DAY

#### LEST WE FORGET

*Ever-living God,  
We remember those whom you have  
gathered from the storm of war into  
the peace of your presence;  
may that same peace calm our fears,  
bring justice to all peoples and  
establish harmony among the  
nations through Jesus Christ our  
Lord.  
Amen.*





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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

Tomorrow evening, First Reconciliation will be celebrated in our parish by a number of our Year 3 students. The story of the Prodigal Son best exemplifies that of forgiveness and the unconditional love we all experience through God.

The prodigal son ends up in a pigpen with nothing to eat but the mush the pigs were fed. He begins to regret the self-will that led him to where he is. No doubt there is a great deal of self-pity mixed with his remorse. Nevertheless, he decides to eat "humble pie" and to return home. When he does, his father who has been waiting for this moment for a long time, runs to meet him and throws a party.

The returning Prodigal Son does not earn his father's love by his repentance. Love has never been absent from his father's heart; only he could not experience it in a faraway country. Repentance is not the means whereby we earn God's forgiveness and love; these are there all the time. Repentance is the means by which we receive them. It is going home.

Jesus declared that the purpose of His coming was to call "sinners to repentance". **Luke 5:32**. When we sin, we "miss the mark" in life. When we repent, we turn to God and ask Him to help us to aim better. Repentance is a lifestyle, a process by which a person, who is away from God, recognises that situation and goes back to God. Instead of ignoring God, we turn around and choose to give Him His rightful place in our life. "To repent is to adopt God's viewpoint in place of our own. It is the most joyful thing in the world because, when you have done it, you have adopted the viewpoint of truth itself and are in fellowship with God." **William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury.**

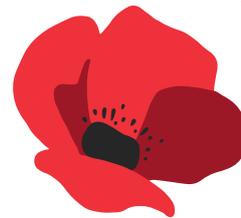
As our students receive the sacrament of First Reconciliation tomorrow, we might take a look at ourselves and ask, "Do I really love God? Do I actually love myself? Do I show love for my neighbour? Am I a peacemaker? Do I treat other people as I wish to be treated? Am I a forgiving person? OR Am I a bit of a 'Prodigal' and in need of going home?"

### ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING

The Annual Community Meeting of the School Advisory Council has been postponed until February 2023. Further details regarding this will be posted early in the new year.

### REMEMBRANCE DAY LITURGY

There will be Remembrance Day liturgy held this Friday morning at 11:00 on the lower oval. All are welcome.



### INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Interschool Swimming Carnival is being held on Thursday, 17th November. Students from Year 3 - 6 from St Mary's will compete with other students in the Gascoyne region. All the very best. Parents are welcome to come along and show their support.

### STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

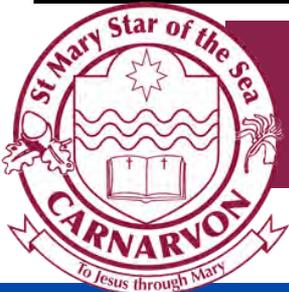
Friday the 25th November is a staff professional development day. Students are not expected to attend school on this day.

### LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

The last day of school for this year for students is Friday, 9th December.

Steve O'Halloran  
Principal





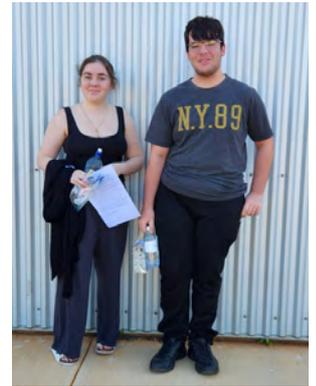
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## FROM THE HEAD OF SECONDARY

Now that we are at the half-way point of Term 4, things are getting very busy. You may have noticed your child is coming home with more homework and talking of assessments as the teaching of the content, a focus for the beginning of term, now is assessed. Teachers are busily marking, writing exams, and preparing comments for the End of Year Report. During this time, we need to take more care within the school community as tiredness starts to prevail. Fortunately, there are many things to look forward to as we progress through the term's final weeks.

### A FIRST FOR SAINT MARYS!

Last week, our first ever ATAR students began their ATAR examination with students from Carnarvon Community College at the Trade Training Centre. English was the first cab of the rank last week, with both Robert Luis and Abby Punch prepared to demonstrate their learning from the past two years in a three-hour period. To assist with their first exam, Mrs Tutavaha made a special appearance to wish them both the absolute best. Abby's final exam occurs tomorrow, and Robert will complete his last exam next week. We are immensely proud of all the effort these two students who have been breaking ground for the future of St Marys over the past two years. Thank you too, to the teachers who have helped prepare and support both Abby and Robert.



### SOCKTOBER

Last week was kickoff for the varied events for Socktober, prepared by the Year 10 students and Miss Concannon. It was a wonderful week where students were successfully running events for other students who were showing support for the cause by participating. It was such a success, their initial goal of buying one goat through funds raised actually raised enough to purchase 7 and a half goats! A fantastic effort.

### RIO TINTO VISIT

Representatives of Rio Tinto visited the Year 10 and 11 students last week to inform them of two enormous opportunities available to students of Carnarvon!

- i) Students Based Traineeship - Paid 1 day/week work experience for Year 11 students including completion of a Cert II in Workplace skills, or Cert II in Automotive Servicing Technology, or Cert II in Sampling & Measurement.
- ii) School Vacation Program - to gain exposure to the various roles undertaken at Dampier Salt such as Trades, Trade Assistants, Lab Operators and Service and Support roles from Monday 16th January to Wednesday 25th January 2023.

### 2023 SCHOOL BALL

The school ball for 2023 has been set! It will take place on Friday of Week 2, Term 2.

### REMEMBRANCE DAY

The whole school will be recognising Remembrance Day with a liturgy on Friday of this week.

### PATS TESTING

Students from all year levels completed their PATs testing last week and those students who missed the standardized assessment due to absence are being completed this week.

### YEAR 11 EXAMS

ATAR exams for Year 11s are taking place this week. Good luck to our ATAR student.

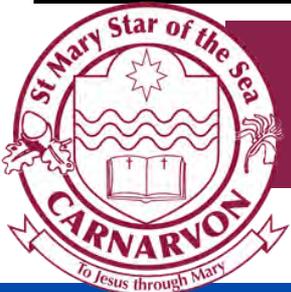
### YEAR 10 EXAMS

These take place during Week 7 from Monday to Thursday which also coincides with our Year 11s last day of school.

Hope everyone has the opportunity to enjoy some lovely wind-free weather over the next couple of weeks.

Kind regards  
Narelle Holtham





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## INTERHOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

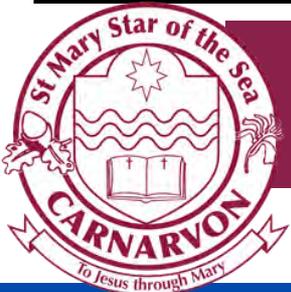
In Week 3, the school had its much-anticipated Faction Swimming Carnival after it was postponed in Term 1 due to Covid 19.

It was great to see so many competitors giving their best and having a go, but most importantly having fun. Hopeau Hodgson, Hunter Hodgson and Campbell Foster blitzed the pool, setting two new school records, whilst Glenn Jordan glided through the pool setting a school record of his own.

We would like to give a special thank you to all the parents that came out and supported the kids throughout the day, we really appreciated the atmosphere.

Congratulations and good luck to all students that have been selected for the Interschool Swimming Carnival which will be taking place on the 17th of November in Week 6.





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## NATIONAL RECYCLING WEEK

This week is National Recycling week and is a great time to jump on board the recycling revolution.

Here at St Mary Star of the Sea, we have been participating in the Containers for Change program and collecting staff and students drink containers.

Each container earns the school 10c and all funds raised are invested back into our students and school.

This year so FAR, we have invested funds into our JLC interactive garden and look forward to more gardening projects with our middle school in the near future.

We have collected:

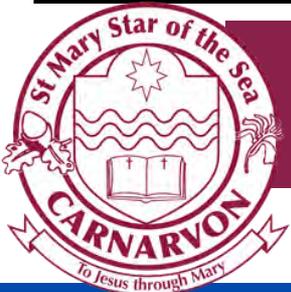
WEEK 2	\$17.50
WEEK 3	\$35.00
WEEK 4	\$35.80

That's 883 containers saved from landfill in just 3 weeks.

Just a friendly reminder to place empty drink containers in the tubs provided around school. If you want to jump on board with our recycling efforts you are more than welcome to send in any recyclable drink containers from home or take any collected containers directly to the Containers for Change depot, 9 Bassett Way Carnarvon.

You can quote our Scheme ID C10440623 and all funds will go directly to the school.





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## SOCKTOBER

Congratulations to the St Mary's community for your generosity and participation in this years Socktober event. We made a record \$870. Or as Miss Concannon says "Seven and a half goats."

These funds will be going to help the communities in Ethiopia, who are struggling with food insecurity and need some help to ensure that their children can grow up happy, healthy and with opportunities.

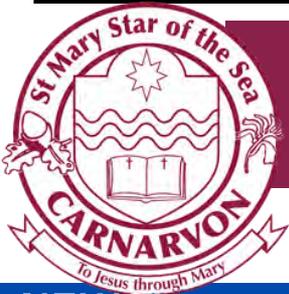
It was fabulous to see the Year 10s take ownership of this event. They have spent weeks planning and organising a range of events like Sniff that Sock, Sock Slides, a cake stall and the Crazy Sock Parade. They were supported by the P&F who baked some delicious donuts.

Year 10 have all also given up their own recess and lunch times to ensure these events run as smooth as possible - they are great role models to show that a donation of time is just as important as a donation of money.



Another thanks goes out to those who helped sponsor the event Toyworld, Gascoyne Equipment Supply, Carnarvon Sports and the PnF, we couldn't have done it without you.





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## NEWS

# Are you Leaving?

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

Thankyou



## ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA COLLEGE

2023 KINDY TO YEAR 12 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

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

## PRIMARY HOMEWORK CLASSES TERM 4

Tuesday and Thursday in the library.

Please contact the office on 9941 1328 for more information

## HIGH SCHOOL STUDY CLASS

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





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## COMMUNITY NEWS

St Mary's P+F shamefully presents:

**\$75 BOGAN NIGHT \$75**

A progressive-dinner-style pub crawl

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2022**  
 4pm 'til late  
 Starting at St Mary's College

Purchase your tickets at the main office

<b>18+ Event</b>	<b>Costumes</b>	<b>Games</b>	<b>Prizes</b>
<b>Food</b>	<b>Drinks</b>	<b>Bus</b>	<b>Bogans</b>

Department of Education  
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### VacSwim enrolments now open

Help keep your child safe in the water. Enrol now for the summer 2023 school holidays.

[education.wa.edu.au/vacswim](https://education.wa.edu.au/vacswim)

**Christmas Courtyard Markets**

**3RD & 10TH DECEMBER**  
**8AM - 11.30AM**  
**CARNARVON CIVIC CENTRE COURTYARD**

For more information or to register for a stall, please contact Melanie at the Carnarvon Visitor Centre on (08) 9941 1146 or email [info@carnarvon.org.au](mailto:info@carnarvon.org.au)