



St Mary's School

NEWSLETTER

Vision Statement

St Mary's School provides an education that endeavours to equip each child with the Christian values and life skills necessary to meet the challenges of a changing world.

From the Principal...

Dear Parents and Guardians

Since the last School Newsletter, we have welcomed two new students. We extend a big, warm welcome to Ella Braithwaite in Year Four and Marissa Drage-Hill in Year Two. We are so very pleased to have you both at St Mary's School and we hope you have enjoyed your first few days with us.

Yesterday was Ash Wednesday, the day to mark the beginning of Lent. The students spent time in class discussing Lent as a time for prayer, fasting and forgiveness, writing Lenten promises. We also joined with the Parish to celebrate Mass as a community, receiving a cross of ashes on our forehead. These ashes are from last year's Palm Sunday and represent the dust from which God made us and the times we have sinned and turned away from God. During Lent, St Mary's School works with Caritas Australia to promote its Project Compassion Appeal. Donations for pancakes from Shrove Tuesday and monies collected from the Mission Boxes will be forwarded on to help those like Janaki from Nepal, whose story can be found on page four of this newsletter.

Child safety is paramount for students at St Mary's School and Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA). The safety and wellbeing of all students entrusted into our care is our number one priority. In order to enact this across all dimensions of the school, the staff have participated in a number of recent professional learnings. Last Wednesday, the staff undertook refresher training in Mandatory Reporting. By law, all teachers are mandatory reporters, and they are legally bound to report to the Department of Communities: Child Protection and Family Support (CPFS) if they form a belief, based on reasonable grounds, in the course of their work, paid or unpaid, that child abuse has occurred or is occurring. At the beginning of this year, we also revised our Code of Conduct which provides the minimum standard of conduct in all behaviour and decision making to ensure the safety and wellbeing of students. And finally, at the conclusion of 2017, we spent some time unpacking CEWA's newly developed Child Safety Framework. On Monday, at the Leaders' Forum in Perth, I will be involved in further discussions relating to the Child Safety Framework. Please be assured that we are continually working to ensure your child is safe and that their physical, social, emotional, cognitive and spiritual needs are addressed.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Melissa Marquis
PRINCIPAL

Dates to Remember

WEEK THREE

Fri 16 Feb School Photos
Sun 18 Feb First Sunday of Lent

WEEK FOUR

Tues 20 Feb Yr 5/6 Leadership Day –
Geraldton Camp School
Wed 21 Feb Parenting Workshop 1pm
Thurs 22 Feb Swimming Lessons
Fri 23 Feb Assembly 2.45pm
Sun 25 Feb Second Sunday of Lent

WEEK FIVE

Mon 26 Feb PUPIL FREE DAY –
STAFF PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT DAY
Tues 27 Feb Swimming Lessons
Wed 28 Feb School Board Induction 6pm
Thurs 1 Mar Swimming Lessons
School Newsletter
Sun 4 Mar Third Sunday of Lent

WEEK SIX

Mon 5 Mar PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Fri 9 Mar Assembly 2.45pm
Sun 11 Mar Fourth Sunday of Lent

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PRAYER

PROJECT COMPASSION PRAYER

God of all peoples and nations, you accompany us on our Lenten journey.

Through the life and mission of your son, you give us the gift of mercy.
May we learn to walk your way of justice and compassion with all your people.

In a special way, we keep in mind the children, women and men around the world who are most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.

In this Year of Youth, may we support young people as they recognise that through their efforts, their desire to change and their generosity, they too are participating in the building of a better world.

Bless our prayers, our fasting and our Lenten gifts to Project Compassion.

Through these actions, may our hearts be open to receive your grace as we work towards a just future for all your creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Amen.

BIRTHDAYS

10 Jan	Mrs Carson
14 Feb	Harry Cripps
17 Feb	Sienna Mulgrew
22 Feb	Mrs Mitchell
26 Feb	Pat Davis
27 Feb	Grady Simpson

2018 SCHOOL PHOTOS - TOMORROW

The School Photos will be taken TOMORROW, Friday 16 February. The reason for the early date is to have a whole school photo in preparation for our 150 year anniversary celebrations. Please ensure that your child/ren are in full correct school uniform and they have their photo envelope regardless of whether photos are being purchased.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Swimming lessons for children in Pre Primary to Year Six are going along very smoothly. This year, our lessons have a later starting time. The children will be leaving school, by bus, at 9.45am sharp and will return to school at approximately 2.00pm. As the lessons are on a Thursday, students are to wear their sports uniform on the Thursday instead of the Friday for Weeks Two to Five. The children need to bring the following items on Swimming Lesson days:

- wear the sports uniform
- food for recess and lunch – no lunch orders on swimming lesson days
- water to drink
- hat (St Mary's School hat only)
- sun safe bathers or a rashie and boardies – girls to wear bathers under their sports uniform and boys to wear the boardies with the sports t-shirt
- clean underwear
- towel and plastic bag (for wet clothing)

Please ensure all items are clearly marked with your child's name. Students are encouraged to wear sandals, not thongs, during swimming lessons to assist with ease of changing. Three lessons remain on 22 & 27 of February and 1 March. The St Mary's Faction Swimming Carnival will take place on Friday 16 March. More information about this event will be in upcoming newsletters.

LIBRARY

Please see below for the Library Timetable for 2018:

Kindy/Pre Primary – Monday

Year 1/2 – Monday

Year 3/4 – Tuesday

Year 5/6 – Tuesday

Students require a Library Bag to borrow and all overdue books must be returned before students may borrow again.

TERM ONE ASSEMBLIES

This term, we will be having Assemblies in:

- Week Four - Friday 23 February at 2.45pm
- Week Six - Friday 9 March at 2.45pm
- Week Eight - Friday 23 March at 2.45pm

If your child is receiving a Merit Certificate, you will be advised via a note, an email or a phone call.

YEAR 5/6 LEADERSHIP DAY

The Year Five/Six Class will be attending a Leadership Day Program next **Tuesday, 20 February 2018** in Geraldton, run by the Geraldton Camp School. We will be departing from St Mary's School at 8:50am and leaving the venue at 2:00pm, returning to school by 3:10pm. Miss Miotti and Mrs Simpson will be attending the day with the students. Students will be involved in the activities of rafting, beach games and the flying fox. Recess and lunch will be provided by Geraldton Camp School. All students will require the following items:

- To wear their sports uniform
- School hat
- Sport shoes
- Sun screen
- Water bottle
- Bathers (students will need to wear their bathers to school as per Swimming Lesson routine)
- Towel
- Rashie or an old t-shirt

NGALA PARENTING WORKSHOP

We are extremely fortunate to be able to offer another parenting workshop. Details of the workshop are:

Focus: 'Building Resilience in Children'
Date: Wednesday 21 February
Time: 1.00pm – 3.00pm
Venue: St Mary's School
Presenter: Stephen and Carolyn from Parenting Connection WA Midwest & Ngala Midwest & Gascoyne
Flyer: Please see flyer below for more details

PUPIL FREE DAY

A reminder that Monday 26 February is a Pupil Free Day and there is no school for the students. Staff will be participating in professional development relating to Words Their Way, a research based Spelling program.

PROJECT COMPASSION – FOR A JUST FUTURE

Project Compassion is organised by Caritas Australia. Caritas Australia is the international aid and development organisation of the Catholic Church in Australia. Our aim is to:

- Deliver long-term development programs
- Help people regardless of ethnicity, religion or political beliefs
- Work with the poorest of the poor
- Help people help themselves

The theme of the 2018 annual Lenten fundraising and aware-raising appeal is 'For a Just Future'. Each week, during Lent, a country is selected for a feature story. In Week One, it is Nepal and the story of Janaki is shared on the next page:



Ngala Community Conversations
Building Resilience in Children

Resilience is the ability to cope with difficult times and 'bounce back'.

What can parents do to help their child become resilient?

🕒 Wednesday, 21st February 2018
1.00pm to 3.00pm

📍 St Mary's Primary School
26 Mary Street, Northampton

Bookings: Contact St Mary's Primary School on 9934 1112

Supported by



Janaki from Nepal

Janaki is a young entrepreneur from Nepal, who has turned her life around. Growing up in a world of poverty and disadvantage, coupled with a forced marriage at the age of 12, she was in a very vulnerable position. Even more so when her husband died just two years into their marriage. She's now running her own successful sewing business and has become an inspirational community leader.

In 2015, Janaki joined a youth club formed by Caritas Australia partners, Caritas Nepal and the Ekata Foundation Surkhet, as part of the Children and Youth Empowerment Program (CYEP) which provides youth with job skills and income-generating projects. She took a loan from the youth club to purchase her first sewing machine.

Two years on, Janaki has 11 sewing machines and is running her own business, teaching others and is considered a community role model.



Project Compassion



Students can take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lent.

You will be empowering young people to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities.

A Just Future starts with your support!

You can also donate by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion.

SAVE THE DATE

St Mary's School, Northampton,

cordially invite

Past Students, Families and Staff

to a celebration of 150 years of Catholic Education
in Northampton, WA, 1868 – 2018

to be held on:

Friday 13 April 2018

and

Saturday 14 April 2018



RSVP: Email: maree.hasleby@cewa.edu.au

Phone: 08 9934 1112

PARISH NEWS

First Sunday of Lent – Year B

The Spirit of God, who descended on Jesus at his baptism, drove him into the wilderness. In the Jewish Scripture the wilderness is both the place where Israel meets God and the place where it is tempted to worship idols made of stone. The season of Lent is a good time to examine whether we are responding to the Spirit of God in our lives or succumbing to the allurements of false idols.

Project Compassion: In Nepal, a Caritas Australia supported program has helped Janaki turn her life of poverty and disadvantage around. She is now running her own successful sewing business and has become a role model in her community. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and empower vulnerable young people like Janaki in Nepal to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities. A Just Future starts with your support!** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Best Wishes to Fr Tai who will be celebrating his birthday on Wednesday, February 21st. We wish you every happiness & blessing on your special day.

The Raffle at Morning Tea last Sunday was won by Bevan Bridgeman. \$24.80 was raised and will go towards the upkeep of the Old Convent.

The World Day of Prayer will take place on March 2nd, 2018 at 9am at Holy Trinity Anglican church. If you can assist with our section of the program, please let Mary Smith know. Ladies please bring a plate for the morning tea following the Service.

Little Black Book for Lent: This excellent book is available at the back of the church for only \$3 each. Please place your \$3 in the dish next to the books.

Our Sick; Pray for Marlene Bridgeman, Col Constantine, Lillian Kingdon, Trish Casey, Jean Williams, Paul Leeson, Owen Mulgrew, Jo Mattens, Maud Brown, Betty Thompson, Gloria Simpson, Cliff Dyer, Jim Thompson, Norma Murray, Ron Johnstone, Sue Gravanish, Hazel Bunter, Ron Smith, and all the residents of Brookview.

Our Dead: Please remember in your prayers, the repose of the soul of Colin Johnson, nephew of Ian & Cathy, who went to his eternal rest recently. May he rest in peace.

Camino San Francisco Walk: In the spirit of St Francis of Assisi, the Catholic Diocese of Geraldton is hosting a 2 day, 60km guided walk, taking in the beautiful landscape of Northampton and the Chapman Valley and visiting architecture of Monsignor John Cyril Hawes.

Gathering in Northampton on the evening of Friday, 6 April, the walk will finish on Sunday 8 April in Geraldton. Coach transfer and support, food and basic accommodation provided. Indicative cost; \$250. To help determine if there will be enough people to organize a Camino, we are seeking expression of interest from possible participants. Please send your expression of interest to heritage@diocese-geraldton.org.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Northampton Play Group
School Term Mondays 9-11am
Edna Bandy Centre, Stephen St
Contact Cara 0437 030 357
Or join Facebook page
Northampton Playgroup
for more info & updates



Binnu Tennis Coaching

Starting Saturday 10th February

2018

6 Week Program

For Ages 3+

\$135.00 for 6 Weeks

Private Lessons Available Upon Request

Register online now



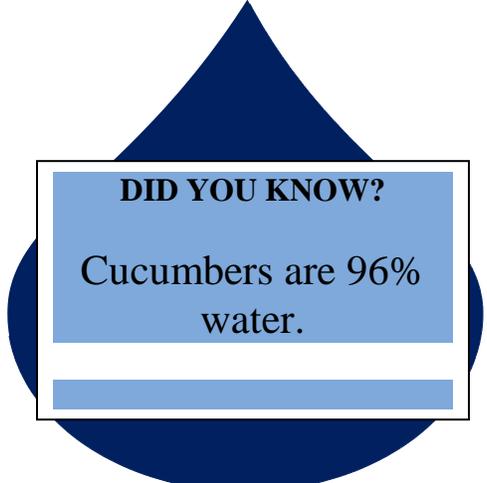
CRUNCH AND SIP

Pickles and
gherkins are
types of cucumbers?



Cucumber makes a refreshing
snack for Crunch&Sip*. Small
cucumbers are the perfect size for kids
or slice a larger cucumber into sticks.

Did you know...



DID YOU KNOW?
Cucumbers are 96%
water.



Government of Western Australia
North Metropolitan Health Service



Women 50 years or over,
have a **FREE** breast screening
mammogram every two years.
Once is not enough.



The BreastScreen WA mobile service will be at:

Northampton District Hospital
Stephen Street

from 16 - 27 February 2018

Dates are approximate and may be subject to change.

For an appointment
book **online** or phone **13 20 50**



www.breastscreen.health.wa.gov.au

Let's play HOCKEY!

JUNIOR HOCKEY REGISTRATION

WEDNESDAY
21st FEBRUARY 2018
3.30pm to 4.30pm



Mitchell & Brown Hockey Stadium - Eighth Street, Wonthella
[East end of Eighth St - between Wonthella Bowling Club and Towns Football Club]

If you can't make it on the day you can contact the Geraldton Hockey Association on 99562185 / 0429 528 794 to register or email form to mw.hockey@sportshouse.net.au

Registrations for **ALL GRADES** can be done on the same day.

Half Field – typically children in Pre-Primary to Year 3.

Sub-Juniors – Year 3 to Year 6 Boys and Girls.

J7/9 – year 7, 8 and 9 Boys and Girls playing in club teams.

J10/12 – year 10, 11 and 12 Boys and Girls playing in club teams.

Why not bring along a friend to join our great game.

If you are not with a club yet don't worry, a team can be found for you.

HOCKEY season will commence in term 2 of school 2018

Geraldton Hockey Association Junior & Sub-Junior Player Registration Form - 2018

Players Name: _____

School Grade: _____ School you attend _____

Date of Birth: _____

Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait descent? Yes / No

Telephone No: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact No: _____

Postal Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Please advise of any medical condition/s:

I wish to play in the following hockey division for the **2018 season**: - (please circle)

Sub-Junior: **GIRLS** / **DIV 1** / **DIV 2** / **HALF-FIELD**

Juniors: **J7/9 Girls** **J7/9 Boys** **J10/12 Girls** **J10/12 Boys**

Club: **Austral** **Casuals/Swans** **Murchison** **Rovers/Cardinals** **Saints** **Yacht Club**

During the **2017 season** I played: - (please circle)

Junior / Sub-Junior Girls / Div. 1 / Div. 2 / Half-Field / MLC Grassroots / Did not play

Parent's signature: _____



BACK TO SCHOOL

31ST JANUARY 2018

School 40km/h Zones

We would like to remind the community that schools resume on Wednesday 31st January 2018, and school 40km/h zones will apply. Help us keep the children safe by slowing down and not being distracted while driving.

New Passing Distance Law – 1m under 60km/h

The State Government has announced new minimum passing distance laws to protect cyclists. From 30th November 2017, a driver of a motor vehicle must pass a bicycle travelling in the same direction at a safe distance, being:

- 1 metre on roads where the posted speed limit is 60km/h or less;
- 1.5 metres on road where the posted speed limit is more than 60km/h



The penalty for contravening the law is \$400 and 4 demerit points.

For more information please visit the Road Safety Commission website
<https://www.rsc.wa.gov.au/Rules-Penalties/Browse/Cyclists>

compliments Carnarvon RoadWise Committee

AQUARENA SWIM SCHOOL TERM 1 2018

Is your Child Ready for their swimming carnival?

No better time to enrol your child into swimming lessons than in Term 1

Swim and Survive - Royal Life Saving Society's Learn to Swim Program for Water Safety and Skill Development Stages 1-15

Super Sharks - Competitive strokes classes. Practice drills to gain speed and endurance. For children Stage 5+

Torpedoes - Squad style training, working on endurance and strokes for the more Advanced Swimmer. Stage 8+

Junior Lifeguard Club - Gain Swimming and Lifesaving Knowledge. Perfect for the child who wants more than a swimming lesson Age 9+

Private Lessons - One-on-one lessons for a personal and individualised experience

*Mention this article when you enrol and receive 20% off any pair of googles**

Open 7 Days

Geraldton Aquarena 1 Pass St Geraldton

W: www.aquarena.cgg.wa.gov.au

P: 9956 6906 E: Aquarena@cgg.wa.gov.au

*Valid until 18th February 2018



**Aquarena After Dark
BACK TO SCHOOL DISCO**
SATURDAY 17TH FEBRUARY | 6-9PM

Smiff, Biff, Tarzan Rope, Slide,
Dance Offs, Black Light
Café Aquarena open
Glow products for sale

1 Pass Street | Ph: 9956 6906

ENTRY \$5

Former Staff, Alumni Students and Families

*please join us for our
80th Anniversary*

On behalf of the Xavier Catholic School Community
you are invited to the 80th Anniversary Mass and morning tea



**TO BE
CELEBRATED AT:**

St Francis Xavier Catholic Church and
Under Cover Area, Xavier Catholic Primary School
271 Forrest Road, Hilbert 6112

DATE:

Friday 2nd March, 2018 at 9:00am

CELEBRANT:

Father Joseph Tran, Parish Priest
St Francis Xavier Catholic Church

RSVP:

Please RSVP by Friday 9th February, 2018
via email to admin@xavier.wa.edu.au

I look forward to welcoming you to our School.
Catherine Bauer, Principal



GROWING IN WISDOM

St Mary's Leederville Centenary Celebration

Mass of Thanksgiving
Sunday 4th March, 10:30am

Celebrant Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB

Refreshments will follow after Mass
Aranmore College Centre for the Arts, Sports Science
Corner of Franklin and Oxford Street, Leederville



Grains Research Update, Geraldton Zone

Friday, 23rd February 2018

Northampton Community Centre

Hosted by the Northern Agri Group

Registration Cost: \$40 (incl. GST)

Time	Activity and Speaker	
9.30 am	Registration - Coffee and morning tea available on arrival	
10.00 am	GRDC welcome, housekeeping and introduction - Charlie Thorn, GRDC	
10.15 am	Handling heat stress at both ends of the season – Greg Rebetzke, CSIRO	
	Main Room (120-150)	Squash Court Foyer (40)
11.00 am	Hard to kill summer weeds Abul Hashem, DPIRD	Improving the Cropping System – the place of pastures Angelo Loi and Ron Yates, Murdoch University
11.30 am	Powdery mildew and fungicide resistance. How much longer do we have? Ciara Beard, DPIRD	Barley Update: Growing barley successfully - the place of Scope and Spartacus in the region Geoff Fosbery, ConsultAg
12.00 pm	Lunch	
	Main Room (120-150)	
1.00 pm	The value of deeper deep ripping; is it there? Wayne Parker and Bindi Isbister, DPIRD will be joined by a panel of 3 growers to discuss practical considerations and the economics of deep ripping	
1.50 pm	Herbicide resistance update: Is chaff lining going to work? Peter Newman, AHRI	
2.20 pm	YFIG tour wrap Brady Green, YFIG Chair	
2.30 pm	Afternoon tea	
3.00 pm	Potassium deficiency in local soils – what do we know? Ryan Walker, APAL	
3.30 pm	Agronomy tips for growing Sceptre and Ninja wheat Christine Zaicou-Kunesch, DPIRD	
4.00 pm	Hands free grain farming Martin Abell, Precision, UK	
4.30 pm	Closing comments	
4.35 pm	Sundowner – Sponsored by Grain Growers Ltd	

Register Now

Ph: 0439 469 015 (Secretary) or 0427 772 755 (Ben Cripps) northernagrigrp@bigpond.com



Eat and DRINK *support*

Saturday, March 10th

Northampton Community Centre

- > Doors Open at 5.30pm
- > Kids \$2 sausage sizzle at 6pm
- > \$10 Meals from 6.30pm-8.30pm
- > Auctions beginning at 8.30pm

FREE entry but tickets **MUST** be purchased
before the event for catering purposes
www.ticketebo.com.au/supportyourmate

Please join us in supporting this beautiful family in their time of need.

There will be plenty of raffles, auctions & entertainment for the adults & children - Live Music by Rex Manning Day (Anne Williams & Dan Connor)

all profits from the night going to the Mulgrews