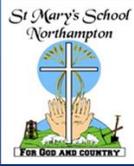


St Mary's School

20 March 2020

NEWSLETTER



Faith – Respect – Challenge - Teamwork

From the Principal...

Dear Community Members,

Well we live in strange times; it feels as though the world is getting tipped upside down and inside out. Over the last few weeks, we have seen unprecedented changes right across the world, to our very way of life. It has been very interesting to read, hear and see all the stories that have been progressing around the world in relation to COVID-19. I have taken particular interest in the way people have reacted to these changes.

The stories of people internalising, looking after themselves and resorting to panic have been wide and well publicised. It has been nothing short of disappointing and has been quite depressing to see. Our community however has seemed to be rather removed from this panic. As the restrictions become more encompassing, people are rightly starting to work out their contingency plans, but there is foresight, care and thought associated with their decisions. Well done St Mary's!

Shining Light

If I can be confident of anything, it is that our community will remain strong and connected during this global event. Our faith and values really come to the surface in times of trouble. There have been so many instances this week of people working together, looking after and supporting each other around the school. I have often said that you need to look to our children for a yardstick of behaviour. Sure, they make mistakes, but are honest in their failings and more than not, take ownership for their actions.

Just yesterday I spoke with a student, who had a disagreement with a friend in the playground. They were both a little upset, but this student then chose to sit after lunch and write their friend a card, say sorry and ask if they were okay, without prompting. He came and told me this story as I was very focussed on trying to work out plans for COVID-19. It just stopped me in my tracks and made me reflect on our mission as educators and parents. Above all else, our job is to create people who reflect integrity in their actions and words, people who can withstand the ups and downs that life throws at them. People who ultimately think of others before themselves.

I have no doubt that we will get through this pandemic and will take a great deal of learning from it. I am also confident that acts of kindness such as the one I have explained, will hold our students in good stead, when they are faced with the decision to think about themselves and their own needs or those of others. If only all people could apply the St Mary's values, perhaps we wouldn't have empty shelves, the need for specific age-related shopping times or the need for security guards patrolling supermarkets.

Dates to Remember

WEEK SEVEN

Sun 22 Mar FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

WEEK EIGHT

Mon 23 Mar Harmony Day-Wear Orange or Traditional Dress Day

Tues 24 Mar Strategic Planning Meeting No. 2
3.30pm

Sun 29 Mar FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

WEEK NINE

Mon 30 Mar School Photo Day
Fri 3 April NEWSLETTER
Sun 5 April PASSION SUNDAY

WEEK TEN

Thurs 9 April HOLY THURSDAY
School Concludes Assembly 2.45pm

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From the Principal cont...

Remote Learning Delivery

Separate communication has been sent regarding this, but so you are aware, our school is well placed in the unlikely event of a school closure. Our focus is always on our students and how we will continue their learning if this occurred. If you would like more information, please come and see me or speak to your child's class teacher. As new information comes to hand, we will pass this onto you.

Mass and Reconciliation Postponed

Bishop Michael has communicated a restriction to Holy worship celebrations effectively immediately and up until the 1st of April. This includes all masses and extends to sacraments; this therefore impacts our First Reconciliation scheduled for next Thursday the 24th. You can still access services through Channel 10 Sunday worship or online. Once restrictions are lifted, we will endeavour to reschedule a date for our Year 3 students to complete their Reconciliation.

Strategic Planning

I was so thrilled at the 1st session for a new strategic plan. This was focussed on why we are here, what makes us unique and what we are doing that needs to be celebrated. This provides the perfect foundation for session 2, which is focussed on Dreaming and what could happen in the future. If you were unable to attend our first session, you are more than welcome to attend our second session on the 24th or alternatively the posters are available at our office to add your thoughts.

NAPLAN 2020 Cancelled

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak and potential disruption to learning programs the Federal Government has made the decision to cancel NAPLAN for 2020. As more information comes through I will pass this on.

Enjoy your weekend and until next time,

God Bless,

Ben

BIRTHDAYS

Mar 27 William S
Mar 29 Caleb H

Saint's Bake NOW ON FRIDAY LUNCHTIMES

Treats for the children at the cost of \$1.

They will be available at Lunchtime after they have finished their lunch.



MERIT CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the Merit Certificate recipients for Term One, Week Six.

Year KPP Zavier T

For the impressive start you have made to Pre-Primary so far this year. Zavier, you have quickly become a reliable and effective role model to the new Kindy students, assisting, directing and guiding when necessary. You continue to put a pleasing amount of effort and care into all learning experiences and tasks, ensuring your work is the very best it can be. It is so wonderful to see you writing your name without referring to your name card. You are a very valued member of our class. Keep shining!

Evie B

For the fabulous start you have made to Kindy at St Mary's School. Evie, you display pleasing keenness and confidence when you arrive at school, greeting your teachers and friends with a smile. You attempt all learning experiences and set tasks with enthusiasm and care, effectively listening and following instructions. You have quickly learned the rules and routines of our classroom, and you can be relied upon to help and guide your peers. It is so wonderful to have you in our class. Keep up the amazing work Evie!

Year 1/2 Zachary W

For his ongoing commitment to completing amazing work. Wow Zac, what a fantastic start to the year! I have been so impressed by your hard work so far this term. I love seeing how excited and enthusiastic you are about learning new things. Well done on moving up a massive 4 reading levels since the beginning of the term. Keep up the amazing work!

Isla W

For moving up a massive nine reading levels since the beginning of term. Isla, you are such a superstar in the Year 1/2 classroom. The commitment you have to your learning is fantastic and I'm so impressed with the work that you have been producing this term. I love seeing your bright smile in our class. Keep up the awesome work!

Year 3/4 Anna D

For the fantastic work you have completed on rounding two-digit numbers. Anna, you were able to roll the dice to create a two-digit number and use the reference chart to help you decide if the number should be rounded up or down. You have had a fantastic start to the school year Anna! Keep shining bright, superstar!

Leah S

For the way, you have applied yourself to your learning this year. Leah, I have been so impressed with your work ethic, starting each task promptly, activating prior knowledge from last year and contributing in all discussions on the mat. You have been an absolute superstar this year Leah, keep shining bright!

Hanna S

For the way you help all students when they need it. Hanna, you are such a calm, reliable presence in the classroom. You are always happy to help out your classmates when they are stuck or having difficulty with their work. Hanna, I love how you take the time to explain the concept or the word so that they can understand. Keep shining bright, Hanna!

Year 5/6 Olivia T

For writing an excellent persuasive text on why 'Ordinary people should have a say in what the laws are'. You had a detailed introduction with a clear position statement, with three relevant, persuasive and elaborated arguments. Olivia, you used strong sentence starters and included emotive language. It is also wonderful to see you working diligently with Ashlee, researching Prime Ministers of Australia. Keep this great partnership up, challenging each other to do your very best. Keep it up, Olivia!

Bill B

For your inquisitive thinking into problem solving tasks and discussions. Your input is so valued by your peers and me! Bill, you have worked hard with all tasks, challenging yourself with each activity. Thank you for always having a smile on your face and making us laugh in the classroom and even, during Capture the Flag! Continue your great work ethic, Bill!

PRINCIPAL AWARDS Year 1/2 and Year 5/6

What can we recycle here at St Mary's?

Plastic Lids

Scrap paper

Bread clips

Ring pulls

Egg cartons

Cardboard boxes

Newspaper

**Recycling Station located in the flexi room
students are encouraged to bring in these
items from home.**

twink www.twinkl.co.uk

Recycle bin

Clothes

GLASS

Recycling symbol

Yellow bin

PARISH NEWS

Fourth Sunday of Lent – Year A

In today's Gospel it is the man born blind who gradually comes to see that Jesus is Lord. Meanwhile the Pharisees, the custodians of the traditional faith, fall steadily into blindness. Self-confident in their own knowledge, the Pharisees refuse to see the workings of God in Jesus. Let us humbly ask Christ to open our eyes that we may see his presence in our Eucharistic community and in our world.

Project Compassion: Thirty-two-year-old Sakun lives in a village in central east India. She developed polio as a child and has difficulty walking. After joining a Caritas Australia-funded program, Sakun has learned new skills and gained important mobility. She is more resilient, more confident and more independent. Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help uplift vulnerable communities and support the rights of indigenous peoples around the world. Let's Go Further, Together. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Our Sick; Pray for Cliff Dyer, Nell Cripps, Ines Miotti, Patricia Casey, Col Constantine, Jean Williams, Paul Leeson, Jo Mattens, Maud Brown, Betty Thompson, Jim Thompson, Hazel Bunter, and all the residents of Brookview.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Geraldton Aquarena Disco that was to be held on Saturday 21 March 6.00 Pm – 8.30 Pm has been cancelled.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

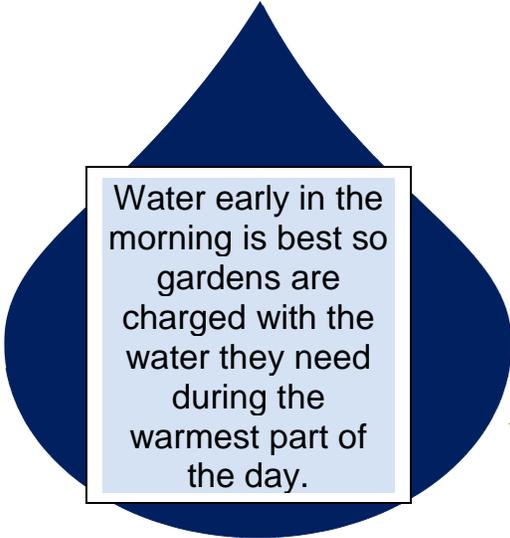
Northampton Netball Association is committed to providing a safe environment for all our players, coaches, umpires and supporters and reducing the risk of the spread of COVID-19 in our community. With this in mind, Netball WA held a meeting with Association Presidents Tuesday 17 March and the following information was discussed:

Netball Associations in WA are not to commence before 30th May 2020. This means the Northampton Netball Association season will commence on **5th June 2020** with modifications to the fixtures and more information will be available at a later date.
All training sessions in country associations are to stop immediately.

In regards to our late season start, team registration will be due on **17th April 2020**.

The committee will be monitoring this situation and any further updates will be emailed to captains and posted on our social media platforms. We thank you for your understanding and support during this unusual situation.

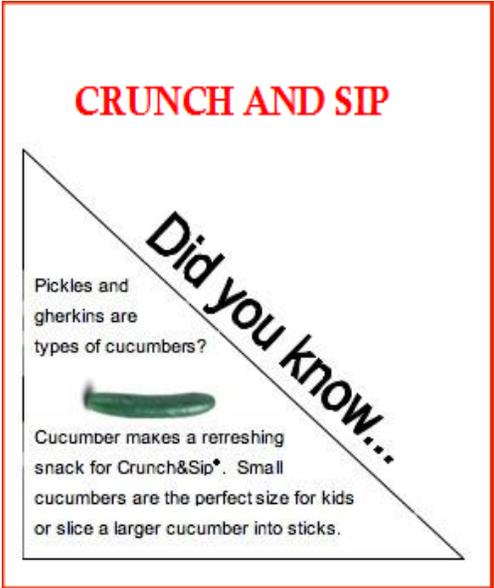
Kelsey Carson
President
Northampton Netball Association



Water early in the morning is best so gardens are charged with the water they need during the warmest part of the day.



Recycling one aluminum can saves enough power to run your TV for 3 hours.



CRUNCH AND SIP

Did you know...

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.

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

Who remembers making these when you were a kid?

Picture products SINCE 1977

NDHS P&C Picture Products Fundraiser

Plates,
Clocks, mugs,
water bottles
phone cases,
tote bags,
pencil cases,
table mats,
all with your
child/ren's
art work.

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Orders
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27th
March