



St Mary's School 20 November 2020

NEWSLETTER

Faith - Respect - Challenge - Teamwork

From Mr Will...

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Week 6 already and the road towards the end of year is near. We had a huge Week 5, celebrating NAIDOC week. But we just keep rolling on and before you know it, you will be reading the last newsletter of the year!

NAIDOC Week

What a fantastic celebration this was, everyday was full of activities, including our Kalbarri Skywalk Excursion, Author Visit with Mark Greenwood and Frane' Leesac and Indigenous Artworks in class, which are displayed outside the Year 3/4 class. I would like to thank all the staff, parents and volunteers who made this day possible including, Miss Stribbling and Mrs Keeffe for their efforts in putting together our Cave Art activities. I would also like to extend my great appreciation to Colleen Drage and Kayla Hampton. It was such a pleasure to firstly have Colleen welcome us to country followed by hearing both ladies' story about their art, family and life living around the Kalbarri region.

Orientation Day

This was my second Orientation Day and I was again blown away by how excited our young Kindy students were to start at St Mary's School. Many people ask me why I chose teaching as a profession and I can tell you that seeing these students light up with curiosity and engagement is a big part of that reason. So much joy, which in turn, makes everyone happy, I love it! Huge thanks must go to our K/PP team for all their efforts leading up to and on the day. This morning was also an opportunity for students moving classes in 2021, to familiarise themselves with their new teachers. It was so brilliant seeing how relaxed and happy they were to move into the 'big' classes. This is a testament to our teachers and the shared responsibility we have for our kids at St Mary's.

Dates to Remember

Week 7	
Mon 23 Nov	Parenting Connection- Helping your Child with Anxiety Meeting 9-11am
Tues 24 Nov	Reconciliation Yr 3-6 9am
Fri 27 Nov	Assembly/Guitar 2.45pm
Sun 29 Nov	First Sunday of Advent
Week 8	
Mon 30 Nov	Piano Concert 3.15pm
Tues 1 Dec	Yr 6 Graduation Mass 5.30pm and Dinner 6.30pm
Fri 4 Dec	NEWSLETTER
Sun 6 Dec	Second Sunday of Advent
Week 9	
Mon 7 Dec	Reports go Home
Tues 8 Dec	End of School Mass 9am
Wed 9 Dec	Board Meeting 6pm Board/P&F Dinner
Thurs 10 Dec	Concert and Award Evening 6pm
Fri 11 Dec	Geraldton Excursion Movies and Lunch
Fri 18 Dec	School Concludes- Students
	School concludes - Staff

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From the Mr Will cont...

Why St Mary's School

As I have mentioned previously, one of the great pleasures in my role, is to meet new and prospective families. Over the last two weeks, leading up to our Orientation Day, I met with many families and the conversation all started in the same way; Why St Mary's School? The answers all followed the same theme, that we provide an exceptional education, provide exceptional support and care for all students and as a result, our kids are happy. I know it is true and I am sure you do too, but it is great to hear this from families who have not experienced our school yet. If you are reading this as a prospective parent, please feel free to call the school and experience this for yourself. If you already are a parent, pat yourself on the back, you are part of the reason why this place is so special.

Semester Reports

Over the next few weeks our teachers will work through 'reporting season' which tasks them with pulling together their ongoing assessment together into a tidy little package, which is no small task. Reporting is a legal requirement for schools, however at the end of last semester our reports took a different format, due to COVID shut downs. Luckily, we haven't had any such issues in Semester Two, as such, the reports will be back to the regular format. Reports for PP- Year 6 students will be sent out to you at the start of Week 9. The assessment for Kindy has taken a different shape with the introduction of Progress Files in Semester 1.

As always, a report shouldn't have any surprises in it, therefore if you have any questions at all, please contact your child's class teacher.

Over the next few weeks, we will start communicating our end of year procedures, including concerts and excursions. As always, if you have any questions, please just call the school 99967100.

Until next time,

Ben

BIRTHDAYS

Nov 18	Michael S
Nov 19	Brianna T
Nov 19	Taylor M
Nov 22	Mrs Teakle
Nov 23	Nate M

ONLINE LUNCH ORDERS – BOPPLE – NORTHAMPTON SHEARING SHED CAFE

Thank you to all the families who are using the online App for ordering the children's lunches. This has been very successful. ***So we can streamline the process on delivery, can we please ask that parents either place each child in their family on a separate order, or if it is bulked, can you please add a note to let the ladies know which child has which food on the order.***

FEES AND UNIFORM ACCOUNTS

Thank you to all the families who have paid their 2020 school fees. However, if you have not done so could you please finalise your account and any outstanding uniform accounts by 27 November 2020.

If you are currently on a regular payment schedule then this can continue as arranged. Please contact the school office if you need to discuss this matter.

Year 5/6 SAINT'S BAKE KITCHEN

Saint's Bake Kitchen is on again each Friday recess. \$1 unless prepaid.

MERIT CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the Merit Certificate recipients for Term Four, Week 4.

Year KPP Finn M

For the impressive effort and knowledge he displays during Literacy learning sessions. Finn has grasped all introduced diagraphs with ease, and demonstrates pleasing rhyming, blending and segmenting skills during our sound lessons. His commitment to learning his sight words is positively supporting his reading and writing attempts. Thank you for being such a keen learner Finn, Keep it up!

Michael S

For his positive and enthusiastic approach to all learning tasks. Michael is an active participant in all mat sessions. He displays excellent mat manners, willingly answers questions, and contributes to discussions. We are very impressed with Michaels's letter/sound knowledge, and his beginning ability to blend and segment. You are a real star Michael, keep it up!

Ollie M

For the 'I'll give it a go' approach you take to all tasks, simple or more complex. I love your enthusiasm to learn and am thrilled that you can now identify and use numbers to ten in many ways. Ollie, you are well on your way to knowing most of the sounds of the alphabet. Ollie, you are a superstar in the making. Way to go champ!

Year 1/2 Isla W

For being a kind and helpful member in our classroom. Isla, you are a superstar in Year 1/2. Your work is always finished on time and to a very high standard. Whenever you finish your work, you take great initiative to help your friends with their own tasks. You very quickly became a shoelace tying champion this week and have been fantastic at helping your friends with their own shoelaces. Well done on all your achievements this year, Isla.

Mardi S

For your positivity and consistent improvement in reading. Mardi, you have worked very hard to improve your reading abilities, starting the year at level 6 and now on Lexile books. Amazing work! Thank you for always walking into our classroom with a beaming smile and willingness to help your friends. Fantastic work this year, Mardi, well done!

Year 3/4 Delilah W

For your perseverance and teamwork during the 'Great Top Challenge.' Delilah, even if your partner was away or busy with other work, you were able to continue on the testing without a hitch. I was very impressed with the way you were able to work with your partner through all design phases. Well Done, Delilah!

James T

For settling in so well here at St Mary's. James you read amazingly at last Friday's Mass and have set a great standard in the class, both in your reading and times tables. You even had Mrs B stumped at marking your times table test. Keep up this amazing effort, James!

Olivia T

For the way you show kindness in everything you do. Olivia, you are a fantastic friend and role model to your peers. I love the way you consistently have nice words to say about your friends and are always helping anybody who needs it. Keep up the fantastic work, Olivia!

Year 5/6 Beau J

For your empathy for others and your enthusiasm for learning. You listen to any feedback given by me and use this feedback to improve your work. You have worked hard to read and interpret information on a line graph. Beau, you are always willing to lend a helping hand, with schoolwork and classroom jobs. Thank you for being such a reliable and friendly class member. Congratulations, Beau!

Caleb H

For the conscientious effort you have given towards all activities this term. You are always eager to start your work unprompted and you complete all activities to the best of your ability. Caleb, thank you for the extraordinary effort you have put into the way you have begun writing your camp articles in your newspaper, 'Saints News'. Can't wait to read all about it! You should be very proud. Excellent work, Caleb!

Rylei Q

For the creative flair you showed in your lino print. It demonstrated your understanding of art elements in colour, line, shape and texture. It was wonderful to hear that you persevered with the printing process. Rylei, you are working hard to write recount articles for your newspaper titled, 'Hampton News'. I am looking forward to the final piece. Also, thanks for the laughs on camp, Dollar, Dollar Bills! Keep up the great work ethic, Rylei!

PRINCIPAL AWARDS Year 5/6 Class, Oakley Q, Blake S, William S



St Mary's School



Now Accepting 2021 Kindy Enrolments!

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Helping your child with Anxiety

A FREE SESSION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF CHILDREN 4- 12 YEARS.

Anxiety is part of our survival instinct and a normal part of childhood. Most children learn to cope with their fears and worries, but in some instances this natural instinct becomes overwhelming and they may need a little help.

Join us for a FREE session where we will discuss:

- What anxiety is and the different forms
- How to support a child who may be experiencing anxiety
- Recognising the signs and symptoms in your child

Where: St Mary's Primary School, 26 Mary Street, Northampton, WA 6535

When: 9.00 – 11.00am, Monday 23 November 2020

Cost: FREE

Facilitator: Nicola Tropiano, Ngala Parenting Facilitator

Booking is essential. Phone: 9921 4477 or **Email:** Midwest.PCWA@ngala.com.au

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PARISH NEWS

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – Year A

Neither baptism nor the profession of faith in Christ guarantees our entry into Christ's kingdom. What is most important is the way we treat the least of Christ's brothers and sisters. What we do for them we do for Christ. By our care for them, we reveal that our profession of faith at Mass is more than just words.

Communio -"Last Sunday across the Diocese Bishop Michael launched his Christmas Communio Appeal. "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you" is the question from today's Gospel of Matthew. Often it is a challenge to understand the question and make it real in our lives. One of the ways could be through our consideration of support for the Communio Appeal. Communio is about others and how *"Together we can make a difference"*. If you were not here to receive a letter from Bishop Michael, please collect one from the church door today. Please take it home with you and prayerfully consider how you may help.

November is the Month of the Holy Souls, a time when we remember and pray for our family and friends who have died. Parishioners are invited to list the names of their deceased loved ones on the special November offering envelopes available at the back of the Church. The envelopes are to be placed in the basket on the altar each Sunday and after each Mass the names will be entered in the Book of Remembrance. The book will then be placed on the Altar at each Mass during the month of November.

Our Aged & 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, Sue Gravranish, Hazel Bunter, and all the residents of Brookview

Scholarship for becoming Catechists

Catholic Women's League is seeking *"Expressions of Interest"* from people throughout the Diocese who would like to train as a Catechist in 2021. We welcome people from all backgrounds to be a part of this program. We especially invite those from Indigenous or multicultural backgrounds to be a part of building the Sacramental Program in our Parishes. The CWL will assist with travel and accommodation costs for those from regional and remote areas and all training and resources will be provided free of charge. Please register your interest and leave contact details with the Bishop's House – Ph 99213221

Monsignor Hawes Heritage Events presents **Christmas in the Piazza Suitcase Markets** on Sunday, December 6th from 8:30am to noon at the Monsignor Hawes Heritage Centre in Geraldton. There will be Devonshire Morning Teas, Cake & Craft stalls, Christmas Carols and The Geraldton Bells. Come and join in the festivities.

Prayer for a good and safe Harvest: God our provider, we acknowledge you as the only source of growth and abundance. We give thanks for the growth in our crops and pasture this year which has made it possible to harvest them. In humility we ask for the fine weather to harvest our crops and may we keep ourselves safe during harvest. In your kindness and love, make up for what is lacking in our faith and in what we do. We ask through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



VAC Swim -2021

As we head towards summer a lot of families are starting to get back into the water or planning holidays by the beach, rivers or swimming pools. It is important we help them support their child to stay safe and confident in the water.

VacSwim provides children aged five to 17 years with the opportunity to develop and progress their swimming and water safety skills during the school holidays at many locations across the State. There are programs for beginner, intermediate and advanced swimmers.

Primary School

Enrolments are now open for VacSwim swimming lessons during the summer school holidays.

VacSwim in January offers fun lessons at beach or pool locations during the long break. Not only are they a great school holiday activity, they teach valuable safety skills to help keep your child safe in the water.

Your children can start as young as five years old. Don't wait! Enrol your children in VacSwim now at education.wa.edu.au/vacswim

Secondary School

Not only is VacSwim a great school holiday activity, they teach valuable safety skills to help keep your child safe in the water. There are programs for everyone, from beginners to advanced swimmers. Students 13 years and over can enrol in stages 13 – 16. Stage 16 enables them to achieve their Bronze Medallion.

School App:

Take the plunge! Enrol your child in VacSwim swimming lessons during the summer school holidays.

Find a location near you at education.wa.edu.au/vacswim

Enrol your child in VacSwim swimming lessons during the summer school holidays. They're a great school holiday activity, and they help build your child's confidence and skills in the water. Visit the website and enrol now! <https://www.education.wa.edu.au>

CRUNCH AND SIP

Don't Forget Crunch&Sip® – Give Cauliflower a Try!

Hello, I'm a cauliflower - a cousin of the cabbage family. Want to know a secret? We're not really flowers at all, or even a group of flower buds. We're a bunch of tiny stems! Like our cabbage relatives we contain substances called indoles, which scientists are researching because they may help give protection against some types of cancer. We prefer to be grown in cool, dry weather, on clay-like to sandy soil with plenty of access to water. To choose the best of us select firm, compact, creamy-white heads with florets pressed tightly together. A yellow tinge indicates over-maturity. Chop us up raw for school, when it's Crunch&Sip® time, we really get loud!



What can we recycle here at st Mary's?

- Plastic Lids
- Scrap paper
- Bread clips
- Ring pulls
- Egg cartons
- Cardboard boxes
- Newspaper

Recycling station is in the Flexi room and students are encouraged to bring in these items from home.

Use mulch in your garden to reduce evaporation loss from the soil surface.

Recycling one glass bottle saves enough energy to operate a 100watt for 4 hours, and computer for 25 minutes, power a TV for 20 minutes, or power a washing machine for 10 minutes.