

# St Mary's School

*Faith - Respect - Challenge - Teamwork*

## From Mr Will...

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Week 7, we have had so much happening at the school it is hard to keep up, a quick insight below:

Last week was Communio Week, which holds a special place in the heart of our Geraldton Diocese. Communio funds Catholic Organisations, including Centacare, who complete great work across the greater Geraldton region. We celebrated with a liturgy in our Church, focussed on the story of The Good Samaritan. You probably know the story, so I will not repeat it. If you have not read it before, you can [here](#).

The stories message fits so well with Communio; it is about the love of a neighbour. How looking out for others, showing kindness and love, help not only the receiver but also the giver. During the liturgy, we spoke about the definition of 'neighbour', which could be a friend, a peer, the person living next to you, a teacher or mum and dad. Our children our helping their neighbours every day, this story just brings it into focus. The Good Samaritan paints a very real example of how you can not only be a good Catholic person, but a good human being.

For example, in the aftermath of the cyclone I was chain sawing trees, trying to get through it. A man pulled up in a car, asked if I wanted a hand, pulled out his chainsaw and made short work of the tree in the centre of my lawn. He then helped with other branches, stacked and piled them. After we both turned off the saws, I asked if he was local. He replied, "No just up from Geraldton, driving around and seeing if anyone needed help clearing." What a legend, I had some dust in my eye when I thanked him, it watered a little.

I have so many of those stories, which makes me smile as I type this. Over the last 7 weeks, I am sure you can identify so many Good Samaritans in your life, just like the example above.

## Dates to Remember

Fri 4 June PUPIL FREE DAY -STAFF CATHOLIC DAY

### **Week 8 Parent/Teacher Interviews**

Mon 7 May PUBLIC HOLIDAY  
Wed 9 May BOARD MEETING 6PM  
Thurs 10 June P & F Meeting TBC  
Fri 11 June 2022 Yr 5 6 Camp Meeting 3.30pm

### **Week 9 Parent/Teacher Interviews**

Tues 15 June School Stem Showcase Yr 3/4  
Wed 16 June KPP Family Mass 9am  
Thurs 17 June Assembly 1/2 Class 2.30pm  
Fri 18 June NCVISSA Winter Carnival Yr 3-6 NEWSLETTER

### **Week 10**

Thurs 24 June Faction Cross Country Carnival Reports go home  
Fri 25 June

### **Week 11**

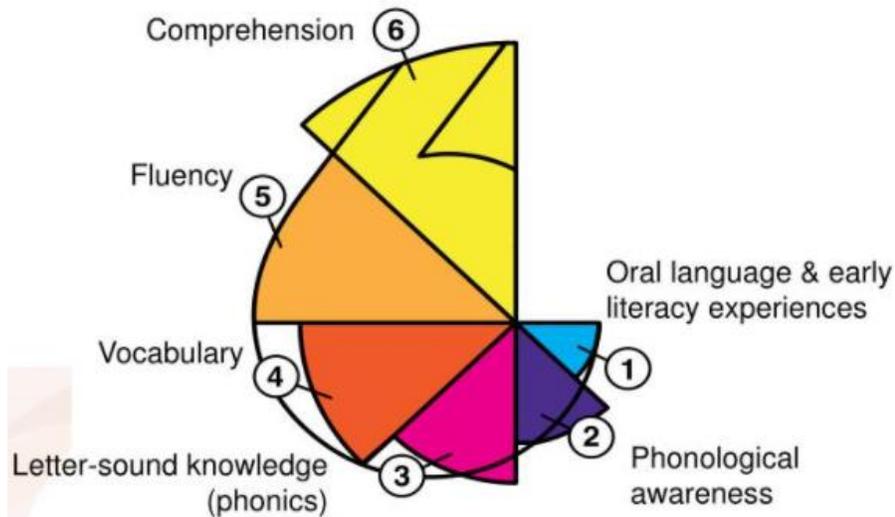
Tues 29 June CEWA Stem Showcase@Nagle College  
Thurs 30 June End of Term Mass 9am NEWSLETTER

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## Literacy Plan Update

Over the past two weeks our teachers have been working hard in deepening our understanding of The Science of Reading. We have been ably led by Mrs Mulgrew and Miss Miotti in the model of the Big 6, see the diagram below.

The Big 6 provides a detailed framework in understanding how anyone learns to read. Mrs Mulgrew and Miss Miotti have been completing a mountain of research to deep dive into this framework for our staff.



### Sprint it....

Our next step is implementing learning sprints into the classroom. A learning sprint is an evidence based, quick change management approach, completed in a short space of time (usually 3-5 weeks). During a 'sprint' the school focuses on a very specific part of classroom instruction. Afterwards, the staff come back together and feedback regarding progress. It is a great way to trial change without it becoming overwhelming.

You can learn more about Learning Sprints [here](#).

Our first sprint which will occur between now and the end of the term, will focus on the Vocabulary section of the Big 6. The Sprint intention is to bring a more explicit teaching of Vocabulary into the classrooms from K-6. Each class will aim for between 3-5 words a week, students will break down the word, understand the meaning and try to apply this knowledge in their writing or conversation. This will ideally translate to a richer vocabulary, a deeper understanding of our language and an ability to apply a larger bank of words in written and verbal tasks. It is an exciting time at St Mary's! The work above, links heavily to the development of our Literacy Plan and the St Mary's Vision for Learning.

### It is finally here!

Our new Playground is in and the kids cannot wait to play on it. The finished product before our kids gave it a good test!

Until next time,

Ben



## Birthdays

13 June	Johnadene
19 June	Amelie
20 June	Zac
28 June	Keith
30 June	Charlie W

## NCVISSA WINTER CARNIVAL

The students in Year 3-6 will be travelling to and from the Northampton Community Centre for the NCVISSA Winter Carnival on Friday 18 June 2021. There will be two teams for Soccer A and B and a Netball team.

Parent helpers are needed on this day to umpire, coach or score our teams.

Please complete the lunch order form, parent helper section and end of carnival pick up section and return to the school office by Friday 11 June 2021.



**Centacare Family Services Geraldton is offering FREE face-to-face counselling to the community of Northampton.**

### **WHO IS COUNSELLING FOR?**

**Counselling is for any person who feels confusion or distress about anything going on for them, and who would like to talk to a professional who is trained to help.**

**When: Every Friday**

**Time: 10.00am - 3.30pm**

**Where: Northampton Hospital  
(please go to reception)**

**To find out more or make your appointment call Centacare on 9921 1433**

**For urgent assistance call:**

**Lifeline on 13 11 44 or**

**Rural Link 1800 552 002**



# What we love about St. Mary's



The St. Mary's kids and community are like no other! I love being a teacher here as every day is a new, amazing adventure  
- Miss S

We have fun stuff like toys. I love my teachers because they help us with work  
- Brianna Tarchini



There are lots of kids I can play with  
- Lennix Quick

I love playing with my friends and making new friends. I love playing down at the playground  
- Finn Mulgrew



I love that I have loads of friends! Miss S gets us to do fun stuff all the time  
- Oakley Quick



We do fun stuff like sport and counting games. We have the best teacher and do fun stuff in class  
- Hattie Maver

## ST PAT'S COLLEGE REUNION

There is to be a reunion of former students of Saint Patrick's College, Geraldton, for following years

- 1969 Junior Certificate,
- 1970 Sub Leaving, and,
- 1971 Leaving Certificate.

The reunion will be held in Perth WA on the first or second weekend of October 2021.

If you are interested in attending please contact Terry Pass (Mob. 0401 610 158, [terry.pass2@bigpond.com](mailto:terry.pass2@bigpond.com)) or Laurie Cream (Mob 0420525780, OR [lacream@optusnet.com.au](mailto:lacream@optusnet.com.au))

## PARISH NEWS

### The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) – Year B

During the Passover meal the Jewish people remember God's deeds in the past. In this act of remembering, God's saving power is experienced in the present. Through the ritual meal of the last supper Jesus points to a future event, his crucifixion, in which his body will be broken and his blood shed to inaugurate a new covenant between God and humankind. In the Eucharist we remember Christ's saving action and participate in its fruits

### Fan the Flame: Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021

*'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many 'Mark 14:12-16,22-26*

The Lord has redeemed all of us, all of us, with the Blood of Christ. And this Blood makes us children of God of the first class! We all have a duty to do good. If we, each doing our own part, if we do good to others ... we will make that culture of encounter. (Pope Francis Homily May 2013.)

[www.plenarycouncil.cathoic.org.au/fantheffalme](http://www.plenarycouncil.cathoic.org.au/fantheffalme)

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

**Our Dead:** Please remember in your prayers the souls of Pat Drage, Cecilia Taylor, Ron Smith, Owen Mulgrew, Frank Warr and Lawrence Drage whose anniversaries occur during the next week.

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## CRUNCH AND SIP

**Did you know...**

The average Australian eats nearly 15kg of bananas a year?



A banana is a perfect choice for Crunch&Sip\*, as they are sweet, tasty, easy to eat and come in their own convenient, mess free packaging. Yum!

# COMMUNITY NEWS



Northampton  
**PLAYGROUP**

We would love to invite all new and existing members to join us at our fabulous centre. Enjoy a cuppa and chat while our kids play.

All Mums, Dads, Grandparents and Caregivers are welcome to attend.

Edna Bandy Centre  
» Stephen Street, Northampton  
» 9am-11am every Monday of the school term  
» Children aged from 0-5years

Contact: President Paula Wilson 0418 471 714 or find us on facebook!

The poster features a colorful illustration of children playing on a rainbow slide at the bottom.



**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.

The poster is surrounded by illustrations of various recyclable items: paper, cardboard boxes, cans, bottles, a dog food can, a water bottle, a trash can, a yellow jacket, a blue can, a brown bottle, a water bottle, a red can, a green bottle, a trash can, a Twinkl logo, a brown bin, a blue bin labeled 'Clothes', a green bin labeled 'GLASS', a black bin with a recycling symbol, a yellow bin, and a stack of paper.



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

The tip is presented in a white box with a blue border, set against a dark blue background that resembles a water drop.



Overall Australians throw away \$2.9 billion of fresh food every year.

The text is centered within a large, bright green recycling symbol.

**DONATE THE CASH  
THAT'S IN YOUR  
CONTAINERS TO  
NORTHAMPTON  
LIONS CLUB**

We'll get 10 cents for each one.  
With your help, we can make a change.

Bring your eligible containers to:  
**St Mary's School Northampton**  
Drop off anytime in the staff car park.

**ELIGIBLE CONTAINERS**

Most glass, plastic, aluminum, steel and paper-based cartons between 150mL and 3L.

Visit [containersforchange.com.au](http://containersforchange.com.au) to find out more

**YEAR 3 – 6 ONLY**

**NCVISSA WINTER CARNIVAL**

**FRIDAY 18 JUNE 2021**

**Please return by Friday 11 June 2021 if required**

All children will travel to and from the Northampton Community Centre by bus.

I can assist on this day with Soccer or Netball teams:

Scoring

Umpiring

Coaching

At the conclusion of the carnival my child/ren \_\_\_\_\_,  
will not return to school by bus as I will collect them.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_