



# St Mary's School

*Faith - Respect - Challenge - Teamwork*

## From Mr Will...

Dear Parents and Community Members,

I have heard a number of parents exclaim with a hint of jubilation, that we are on the downhill slope to the end of the year. I also feel like there is some magic in the air, as we move through our 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and gear up for the busy time that is November and December at St Mary's.

### Around the school

Nothing is ever still at St Mary's; we are always trying to improve and thanks to Seroja, some of those improvements were given a gentle nudge this year. As you may have seen, our containers were delivered last week, our new tanks have also been plumbed in and are starting to fill. The role of Principal is wide and varied and during an average day, I would speak/plan our finances, organise tradespeople, plan our next strategic direction, go into classes and see our kids and staff and this week I have added building and decking out our containers to the mix. We had a chat as a staff that we wear a lot of hats, and this is true for all of us. Personally, I am looking forward to a little less capital works (except a new basketball court!) next year and enjoying the fruit of our labours. Please see below for an insight into the current state of progress.

## Dates to Remember

Fri 22 Oct NEWSLETTER

### Week 3

Wed 27 Oct  
Fri 29 Oct

### School Photos

All Saints Day Mass  
9.00am  
Nagle College  
Orientation Day

### Week 4

Mon 1 Nov  
Tue 2 Nov

### PUPIL FREE DAY

Melbourne Cup Day  
P & F Luncheon at  
Horrocks  
Year 3/4 Family Mass  
2.30pm  
Monsignor Hawes Art  
Exhibition 6pm  
NEWSLETTER

Fri 5 Nov

### Week 5

Wed 10 Nov

BOARD MEETING  
6PM

Fri 12 Nov

Kindy Orientation Day  
9-11am  
Assembly 2.40pm



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We still have grass to lay, ground cover and plants to come, finally the roof over the containers will be constructed after harvest or early 2022.

I would like to thank all those people who have been part of this project so far, in particular our School Advisory Council members who have been so supportive, from the initial planning and approval stage, through to groundworks and prepping our site. As always, it is a team effort, so go team St Mary's!

### **CBH Grant**

I was speaking with a staff member this week about school finances, and I mentioned that it is the art of doing a lot with a little. We are always searching for ways and means to complete prospective projects and grant funding is really the only way that we can achieve our goals. Over the past 3 years we have been successful in attaining almost \$70 000 in grant funding, which has allowed us to give our students new playgrounds and facilities, which otherwise would be out of reach.

Over the holidays I received a fantastic email explaining that we have been successful in attaining a grant from CBH for our Tank Replacement Project. The grant of \$10 000 is brilliant as it makes this project almost cost neutral and has allowed us to complete a re-design of our back K.PP playground. A huge thanks to CBH for this generous grant, it will be spent wisely.

### **Quality Catholic Education Award**

I am very proud to say that St Mary's has been successful in earning a Quality Catholic Education Award of Merit two years in a row! This year we have been recognised for our outstanding community work following Cyclone Seroja. The work during Term 2 was without a doubt above and beyond. The line that I used during submission was; that we are family and we certainly wrapped around each other like family during those times.

Well, done to everyone for this amazing achievement, we are the only CEWA school in the state to be awarded two years in a row. It is an award shared by all who are connected to our wonderful school.

### **St Mary's Superstars**

We have started a new initiative this term, which recognises those people who display our School Values and Fruit of the Spirit, in their actions and words. This is a project that has developed from the mind of Tait Suckling and assisted by Rhys Warr. I would like to thank these two boys for their efforts. The way this works is any child or adult can nominate another as a St Mary's Superstar, they write their nomination slip and give it to their teacher or directly to me. In time we will have a box that they can drop the slip in to. Each slip is displayed for all to read and every person nominated earns tokens for their faction.

Positivity spreads positivity and it is my hope that this pin up board will be filled with nominations of children who are displaying our values in their actions and words every day.



Until next time Ben

## BIRTHDAYS

Oct 20 Jayce  
Oct 21 Hanna

## School and Uniform Fees

Please pay any outstanding school tuition and uniform accounts by the 01 November 2021. If you are currently on a payment plan these are fine to continue as planned.

## NCVISSA Summer Carnival PARENT HELPERS

The NCVISSA Summer Carnival will be held on Friday 19 November at the Northampton Community Centre.

**On this day we require the help of our parents with coaching, umpiring and scoring our team games.**

The students will be playing in the Basketball, T-Ball A and T-Ball B teams.

If you are able to help out on this day please complete the tear off slip at the end of this newsletter and return to the school office by Friday 29 October 2021 or contact the School Office.

## Carols in the Park

Will be held on Thursday 23 December 2021.

This year they would like the school children to be involved either musically or singing with the Christmas Carols

If your child/ren would like to attend and be involved please complete the tear off slip at the end of this newsletter or contact the School Office by Friday 29 October. More details will follow.



The Ocean meets the Track  
MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON 2021

TICKETS  
**\$35**



SCAN THE QR CODE  
TO PURCHASE ONLINE  
OR  
HEAD TO THE  
*Horrocks*  
BEACH STORE

Please forward any queries to [stmaryspnf@outlook.com](mailto:stmaryspnf@outlook.com) or contact the school on 9996 7100

St Mary's School  
Northampton



## Travel Expo Officially Opens in Year 5/6!

Our Year 5/6 students have done amazing work to display their knowledge of the Asian region in the format of a Travel Expo. It was then followed by a shared lunch with dishes from their researched country. Looking forward to the day when we can travel overseas again!



## PARISH NEWS

### Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

In today's Gospel only the blind man, Bartimaeus, can see who Jesus really is – the Messiah, the Son of David. To the others in the crowd he is only Jesus, the good man from Nazareth. At times it can be hard for us to see Christ in the midst of the sights and sounds of our world. May the Lord open our eyes to recognise him in the breaking of the bread and to see his footprints in our lives. Then, with Bartimaeus, may we joyfully follow him along the road.

**Catholic Mission – Reach Out..Give Life**

### For We Cannot Keep From Speaking About What We Have Seen & Heard. Acts 4:20

Today, World Mission Month Sunday gives us great opportunity to live out our baptismal promise to love God and neighbour as we support with prayers and donations the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok who run the Mother and Babies Home for children and their mothers who have been abandoned and rejected. Without the Mother and Babies Home programme, many vulnerable mothers have nowhere to turn when they need love and care the most. Please give generously today to help continue this life giving programme by using the appeal envelopes located at the back of the church. Please place these envelopes in the second collection basket.

**All Saints Day School Mass** will be celebrated here at St Mary's on Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

**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.

### Palms Australia – *Get ready to Fly!*

Since 1961 Palm Australia has quietly prepared and supported humble Catholics like you for mission. It's our response as church to calls from Australia and overseas communities to help bring opportunity to the poor. Sharing your skills with local co-workers helps them to develop their essential community organisations. Improving their self-reliance aids sustainable poverty reduction and removes dependence on foreign aid and influence. Your relationships within the local community will transform your heart and soul. To be prepared for a 2022 placement please visit [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au) Email [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au) or call Christine on 02 9560 5333 by Friday October 29<sup>th</sup>.



HAWES HERITAGE EVENTS

PRESENTS THE ANNUAL

## ARTS & CRAFTS ON THE PIAZZA

FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

MONSIGNOR HAWES HERITAGE CENTRE  
Cathedral Avenue, Geraldton

EXHIBITION OF HAWES-INSPIRED  
ARTWORK FROM STUDENTS ACROSS  
THE MIDWEST REGION

ART EXHIBITION AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS  
DANCE  
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PERFORMANCES  
CHORAL PERFORMANCES  
FOOD VANS  
SAUSAGE SIZZLE  
SOFT DRINKS STALL



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

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Northampton PLAYGROU**P**

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!





**dsf**  
Dyslexia - SPELD Foundation  
LITERACY & CLINICAL  
SERVICES

## Understanding Learning Difficulties ... a presentation for parents

A significant number of students struggle to develop the key academic skills of reading, writing and mathematics despite educational opportunities and parental support. This can become apparent early in their school years or, in some cases, may not be evident until upper-primary or even secondary school. For students and their families this can be extremely disheartening and can lead to low motivation and poor self-esteem. It is important to address learning difficulties as early as possible and to ensure that the most effective strategies are put in place.

In this presentation some of the issues related to poor literacy and numeracy will be discussed including: processing difficulties; when and how to assess dyslexia, dysgraphia and dyscalculia; student self-esteem and anxiety; and, effective intervention and accommodation.

Please join us for this session presented by Lisa Watts  
DSF Literacy Services Educational Psychologist

Where: Wandina Primary School  
Ajax Drive, Wandina  
Date: Thursday 28th October  
Time: 4.00pm to 5.30pm



**Wandina**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Please contact Wandina Primary School on 9968 1150 to register your interest



### 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



Have a look at how long the 'rubbish' on the list below will be around for before it has fully decomposed:

- Paper – 2.5months
- Orange peel – 6 months
- Milk carton - 5 years
- Cigarette butt – 10-12 years
- Plastic bag – 10-20 years
- Disposable nappy – 75 years

**How much should kids drink?**

4-8 year olds	1.2L	or 5 cups
9-13 year olds	1.5L	or 5-6 cups
14-18 year olds	1.8L	or 6-8 cups

More water is needed if children are exercising or sweating due to heat.

# CRUNCH AND SIP

**4 reasons to send snow peas for Crunch&Sip\***

1. Kids love their crunchy texture and sweet flavour
2. They are a source of iron, protein and potassium
3. They don't bruise easily
4. They make an exciting change for Crunch&Sip\*



**NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY CENTRE TERM 4 2021  
SPORTS AND FITNESS TIMETABLE- UPDATED 20TH OCT**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>MORNING</b>				
	6 AM THE SHED EARLY MORNING WORKOUT			6 AM THE SHED EARLY MORNING WORKOUT
9 AM METAPOWER (WEIGHTS WORK OUT) 30 MINS \$10 THE SHED	9 AM BOXING FITNESS STADIUM	9 AM PILATES \$10 FUNCTION ROOM		9 AM METAPOWER (WEIGHTS WORK OUT) 30 MINS \$10 THE SHED
<b>AFTERNOON</b>				
		TENNIS LESSONS (5 WEEKS) FROM 20TH OCT 4-4:30PM 3-5 YRS 4:30-5:15PM 6-8YRS 5:15-6PM 9-13YRS		
5.15 PM PILATES \$10 FUNCTION ROOM				

**What can we recycle here at St Mary's?**

Plastic Lids  
Scrap paper  
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.

# St Mary's School






**Now Accepting 2022 Kindy Enrolments!**

- ✓ Children born on or after July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.
- ✓ Outstanding facilities with a new nature playground and technology upgrades.
- ✓ Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.
- ✓ Outstanding community and family feel.
- ✓ Fees capped at \$390 per child.
- ✓ Contact us for a free tour and information pack.






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**NCVISSA SUMMER CARNIVAL PARENT HELPERS**

**19 NOVEMBER 2021**

**(YEARS 3-6 ONLY)**

**I WILL BE ABLE TO HELP WITH THE FOLLOWING (PLEASE CIRCLE)**

***COACHING    UMPIRING    SCORING***

***TEAM BASKETBALL    TEAM T-BALL A    TEAM T-BALL B***

**SIGNED** \_\_\_\_\_

**FAMILY NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**CAROLS IN THE PARK 17 /12/ 2021 6PM**

*(Please indicate below)*

- My child/ren will be available to participate in the singing of the Christmas Carols on this evening.
- My child/ren would like to be involved in playing music at the Carols in the Park.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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