



St Mary's School

Faith - Respect - Challenge - Teamwork

From Mr Will...

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Week 7 is here and in a flash Term 1 will be over. It is just incredible how quickly time flies in our corner of the world. St Mary's continues to be as busy as ever and our kids are handling all the changes that COVID-19 has brought, with great understanding.

COVID-19 Update

As you know this situation is incredibly fluid and as our state starts to develop higher caseloads, the restrictions are seeming to change by the day. There are many pages of information about this, however as a parent of our school there are just a few things to remember:

1. If you or your children start to develop symptoms and you have a positive test (RAT or PCR) for COVID-19, contact WA Health to inform them.
2. Contact the school on 99 967 100 or on my mobile 0402 332 591.

Together we can navigate the protocols for isolation and importantly how we as a school will support your family. It is a good idea to familiarise yourself with some of the graphics from WA Health, as they walk through each scenario in an easy-to-understand way. I have added the latest pamphlet from WA Health to our Facebook page, thanks to Mrs Tiffany Box for passing this on.

I would like to thank all those families who have had to deal with COVID over the past few weeks. You have made a difficult situation so much easier to navigate because of your understanding and patience. We are nearing our states projected peak, our school is ready for the evitable cases that will come. I can assure you that we are as prepared as we possibly can be, however this is a moving beast, and we can only tackle the situations presented to us. I know you will, but please be patient during this time. As mentioned, our priority first and foremost is the safety of our children.

Gospel Reflection and Reconciliation

Father Larry was away last week from Sunday Mass, and I had the honour of leading the service with our parish. This is quite a foreign and daunting role for me, as I know the great depth of study in Theology and Scripture that priests undertake during their training. My understanding is rudimentary at best. For most of the service, I can use the script and read from Mary Smith's excellent notes. However, I do have to give a Gospel reflection, where ideally, I break down the meaning of the Gospel reading to make it relevant to our lives today.

The Gospel from last Sunday's mass was from Luke 9:28-36 and to me was reading was all about courage. It spoke about a vision of God that came before Jesus and the apostles; Peter, John and James. The vision caused these men great terror at what they had seen, but ultimately, it gave them the courage, strength and faith to continue spreading Jesus' message after his death.

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From the Mr Will cont...

As we know, standing up for what you believe can sometimes be a lot harder than towing the line or following the pack. These men's faith guided them along their journey and gave them courage in their convictions. As we come to celebrating Reconciliation in a few weeks' time for our Year 3 students, these children reflect on their faith, admit fault and say what they are sorry for. Which in a similar way to Peter, John and James, shows great courage and strength. It is an element of life, which for some, takes a lot longer to learn than others. Furthermore it is, I believe, a very good indicator of a person's character, to admit fault, ask forgiveness and accept your penance.

I ask that you keep all our students and those from Yuna, completing their First Reconciliation in your thoughts and prayers. Including:

St Mary's	Yuna
Jemima Hope	Reginald Allen
Bella Rae	Harrison Earl
Nate Rayner	George Mann
Lennix Quick	
Layla Simpson	
Mardi Suckling	
Isla Warr	



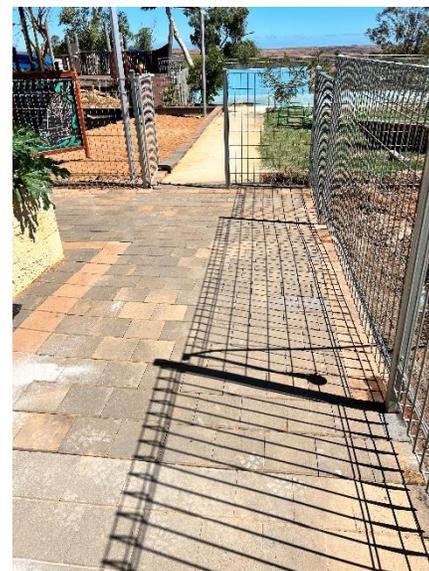
Works Around the School

One of the aspects which I really dislike about COVID-19 restrictions is that you as parents, haven't been in and around the school. We have been very busy trying to bring back all those areas damaged by the cyclone to full use again and you haven't seen our progress. The photos attached very much show a point in time and not the finished product, but the before and after photos are quite staggering. In the next few weeks, we should hopefully have our K.PP Monkey Bar set in place, along with new kerbing and the existing rainwater tanks moved into their final position. I'd like to thank a few pivotal people including; Sandro from SPC Gardens, ably assisted by Terri and Garry Keeffe, Mr Scaddan for his handy work with the Kanga and Mrs Rae for her green thumb! Watch this space!

We also have a date for the work on our Basketball court, initial groundworks should begin on the 21st of March, with the project extending until the start of Term 2. With contractor shortages, this may change, but hopefully we are on track for a new court in the very near future.

Footy is Back!

We are back in business this week! How good is footy season and this one feels like it has been a long time coming?! As always, feel free to jump on the Cats bandwagon this year, membership around St Mary's is growing..... On a slightly more serious note, if you haven't already registered, our St Mary's Footy Tipping Competition is going to be the talk of the town up until September and currently 90 people are in contention. Get on board to ensure you don't miss out on some amazing cash prizes!



Until next time,

Ben



Calling for Catering Volunteers – St Mary’s School P & F

Throughout the year our P & F association are often asked to cater differing events as fundraising for our School. They would like to compile a list of people who are able to volunteer their time and or baking abilities for these occasions.

If you are able to help out please contact the school office by email admin@smsn.wa.edu.au or SMS 0402332591 or phone 99967100.

TERM DATES 2022

Term 1 Concludes	Thurs 8 April
Public Holiday	Mon 25 April
Term 2 Commences	Wed 27 April
Public Holiday	Mon 6 June
Term 2 Concludes	Fri 1 July
Term 3 Commences	Tues 19 July
Term 3 Concludes	Fri 23 Sept
Term 4 Commences	Tues 11 Oct
Term 4 Concludes (Children)	Fri 9 Dec
Term 4 Concludes (Staff)	Fri 16 Dec

STAFF PD DAYS 2022

Please note: that the dates below have been corrected as there was an error in our first newsletter.

Tues 26 April
 Fri 3 June

(Fri 2 July incorrect - removed) Please note: Term 2 finishes on Friday 1 July 2022

Mon 18 July
 Fri 19 Aug
 Mon 10 Oct

BIRTHDAYS

23 Mar Jordy, Serah J
 27 Mar William

Well done Mrs Mincherton

On the weekend Mrs Mincherton participated in the Trans Cape Swim/Run. The distance was a 22km run and a 5 km swim over 10 runs and 9 swims! A wonderful achievement.



ST MARY'S CAR WASH

\$10 per car

Friday 1 April

9am-11am



**We are Fundraising for a new
Church vacuum**

On St Mary's School Oval

MERIT CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

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

Year KPP Cayle

For your attitude towards class engagement is outstanding. You have shown tremendous improvement in the way you commit to starting an activity. You then dedicate yourself to the task and complete it to a high standard. You are becoming a great role model for others and I hope your dedication to learning just keeps on growing.

Keep on being awesome Cayle.

Cohen

For the fabulous start to the year you have made in our classroom! Cohen, you are a beautifully mannered, kind and considerate person, who not only thinks about your classmates, but also how you can help the teachers in our room. Watching you go and get a chair for a friend to sit on, without being asked, shows a level of maturity but also a respectful attitude towards those around you. We also love how enthusiastic you are towards your learning. How lucky are we to have you as a wonderful role model in Pre-Primary/ Kindy, Cohen!

Jordan

For making big strides in feeling more confident in coming to school this year. We are so proud of the way you are coming in, getting your jobs done, and now writing your name without the assistance of a prompt. We love that you are joining in with discussions on the mat and putting your hand up to answer questions. Your writing formation is improving every day and you are making writing the numbers 1-10 look easy! Keep up the fabulous effort Jordan and you will reach for the stars

Spencer

I am so proud of how you are learning to adjust to our classroom. It has been a big change for you and each day you are trying different strategies that help you adapt to new situations. I am so pleased that you are making new friends and sharing your interesting stories each day with us. I was also blown away when you counted to 110 for me. You love your numbers and I can't wait to see your enjoyment in Mathematics grow throughout the year. Keep on smiling and being brave Spencer!

Year 1/2 Elias

Congratulations, Elias, on a fantastic start to the year. It is a delight to have you in our classroom. You have worked hard to be a respectful and kind class member, and you always strive to do your best. You have impressed me with your writing skills, and I look forward to seeing you grow throughout the year ahead. Well done and keep up your hard work, Elias!

Sophie

Congratulations, Sophie, on your hard work this term. Your contagious smile brightens our classroom every day, and you are a pleasure to teach. You have transitioned well into Year 1, and I am proud of your progress in writing. I am looking forward to seeing how far you will go this year. Keep up your excellent effort, Sophie!

Year 3/4 Bryce

For the great start you have had here at St Mary's. Bryce, you are constantly putting in 100% effort and participation all the time. A great example was when you achieved a 96% post-test score in place value. Keep up this fantastic work ethic, Bryce!

Kayden

For the way you apply yourself to all lessons, especially in math's. Kayden, I love how you are always watching and learning throughout the lesson, following along with all examples, and trying the skills out on your own. You love to show me your work which is fantastic. Keep up this great work, Kayden!

Mason

For the way you have transitioned into the new spelling program, Spelling Mastery. Mason, you have taken to Spelling Mastery like a fish takes to water, participating in all lessons with enthusiasm. In addition, you have been quick to help others and are one of the first to answer every question. Keep up this fantastic work ethic, Mason!

Year 5/6 Rawley

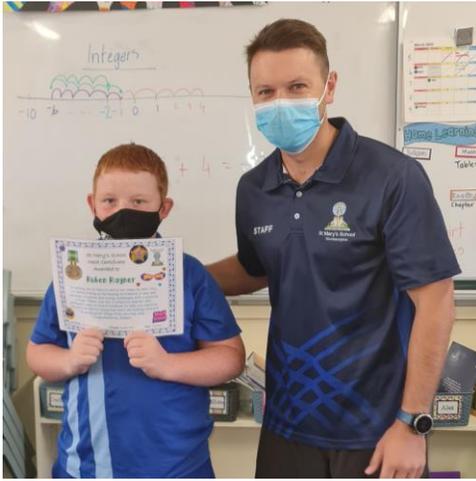
For writing a very good persuasive text on whether zoos are good for animals. You used high modality words, rhetorical questions and repetitive statements throughout your writing to get your view points across. Rawley, thank for being a positive, hardworking member of the class. You're always trying your best and asking for feedback to find out how you can improve. Well done and keep it up!

Rhys

For your insightful comments and contributions to class discussions. You demonstrate a mature attitude when answering questions and sharing your ideas with others. Thank you for approaching all tasks with enthusiasm, your constant risk-taking allows you to be a successful learner. Rhys, you enjoy being part of the Sport Council and you always carrying out the responsibilities in a mature manner. Looking forward to a great year, Rhys!

Ruben

For settling into St Mary's and in our class so well. You are demonstrating an increasing confidence in new and unfamiliar situations and facing challenges with a positive attitude. Ruben, you are a reflective learner who continually takes on board feedback to help you improve. You are a wonderful young man, and I am looking forward to seeing great things from you this year. Congratulations, Ruben!



PARISH NEWS

Third Sunday of Lent – Year C

When misfortune strikes people considered to be sinners, others might say: "They had it coming! God is punishing them!" In today's Gospel Jesus criticises such attitudes on two grounds. Firstly, it is wrong to see the wrath of God in every tragic event. Secondly, we need to recognise that we are all guilty of sin and in need of conversion. Instead of judging others, let us ask God to forgive our sins and help us as we undertake the difficult task of reform.

Project Compassion: Janice 44, is a proud Wagilak woman, a traditional dancer, who tells stories through movements handed down over generations. With your support, Janice and the Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation support the community to generate income and employment, while keeping culture alive. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help provide employment and training for First Australians, allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture alive.** Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au,

Ukraine Emergency Appeal

Caritas Australia is running a **Ukraine Emergency Appeal** as Europe is threatening to have the biggest refugee crisis since World War II. If you would like to donate, please use a **Project Compassion envelope** and write on it **Ukraine** or you can donate online www.caritas.org.au/ukraine or call **1800 024 413**. At Caritas Australia we thank you so much for your support. **Congratulations** to Jemima Hope, Bella Rae, Nate Rayner, Lennix Quick, Layla Simpson, Mardi Suckling, and Isla Warr, who will receive the sacrament of First Reconciliation next Friday. Reginald Allen, Harrison Earl and George Mann will receive the same sacrament on April 4th in Yuna at Our Lady Queen of Peace.

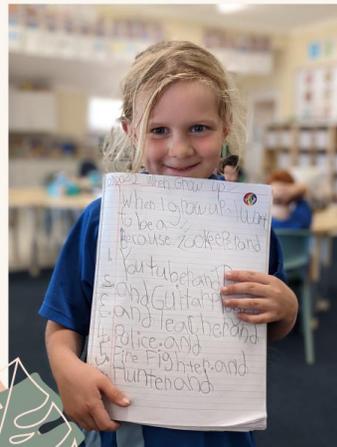
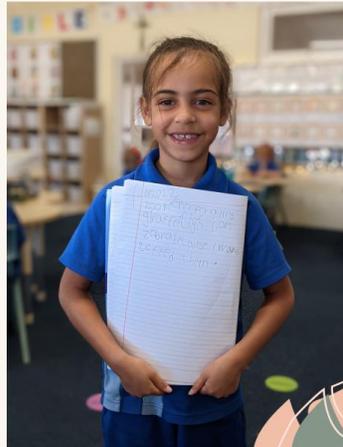
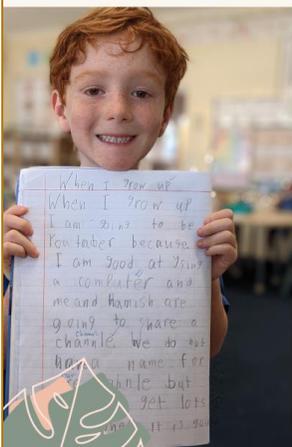
Chrism Mass (Mass of Oils) Due to Bishop Michael's additional responsibilities with the Broome Diocese the 2022 Diocesan Gathering and Chrism Mass will not be held on the usual Wednesday before Palm Sunday, but will be celebrated in St Francis Xavier Cathedral on **Wednesday, March 30th at 5pm**. This is the Wednesday before the 5th Sunday of Lent. The following week Bishop Michael will celebrate the Chrism Mass in Broome as well as Palm Sunday before returning to Geraldton for the Easter Liturgies.

Our Sick; Pray for Richard Harris, Fr Robert O'Bryan, Fr. Brian Ahern, Nell Cripps, Col Constantine, Jean Williams, Paul & Marjorie Leeson, Jo Mattens, Maud Brown, Betty Thompson, Sue Gravanish, and all the residents of Brookview

OUR 1/2 CLASSROOM



It has been a wonderful seven weeks in our year 1/2 classroom. We have been getting increasingly better at our writing skills, and Miss Dawson and Mrs Briers have been supporting us in our progress. Last week, we wrote all about what it was we wanted to be when we grow up. Our answers differed from being an engineer, police officer and farmer, to being a teacher, zookeeper, and firefighter. It is marvellous to know that whatever it is we want to be in life, we have adults that will support us to get wherever it is we want to go.



COMMUNITY NEWS



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!





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



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St Mary's School Northampton
 Drop off anytime in the staff car park.



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

Visit containersforchange.com.au to find out more





Parenting Connection
Supporting WA parents



NORTHAMPTON PARENTING WORKSHOP WITH NGALA
WEDNESDAY 23 March 2022

GUIDING CHILDRENS BEHAVIOUR (6M TO 3YRS)

In this workshop, you will learn about key principles that can help guide your child's behavior including challenging and confronting behaviours of children 6 months to 3 years of age. Together we will discuss children's development and explore the parent-child relationship.

Where: Northampton Community Centre, 52 Harvey Road, Northampton
When: 9.00am -11.00am on Wednesday 23 March 2022
Cost: FREE
Facilitator: Kendell Heggart, Child Health Nurse
Register: Phone: 9921 4477 Email: Midwest.PCWA@ngala.com.au

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Packed with Goodness Webinars:

Our 45–60-minute session, led by trained professionals, will leave parents feeling confident to pack a balanced lunchbox, as well as provide ideas on how to overcome fussy eating and get kids munching on more vegetables.

March Webinar, Thursday 24th March 1 pm. Register [here](#).

April Webinar, Thursday 7th of April, 7pm. Register [here](#).

May Webinar, Thursday 5th May 10am. Register [here](#).

Northampton Roll up for WA
COVID-19 COVID-19 Vaccination
vaccination clinic

RSL Hall
239 Hampton Street

10:00am - 2:30pm

Dates:
18 February
11 March
31 March

Bookings encouraged. Walk-ins welcome.

Bookings are required for ages 5-11.

Receive your FREE COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine 1st, 2nd or Booster dose (Boosters 16 years+).



We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land and pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

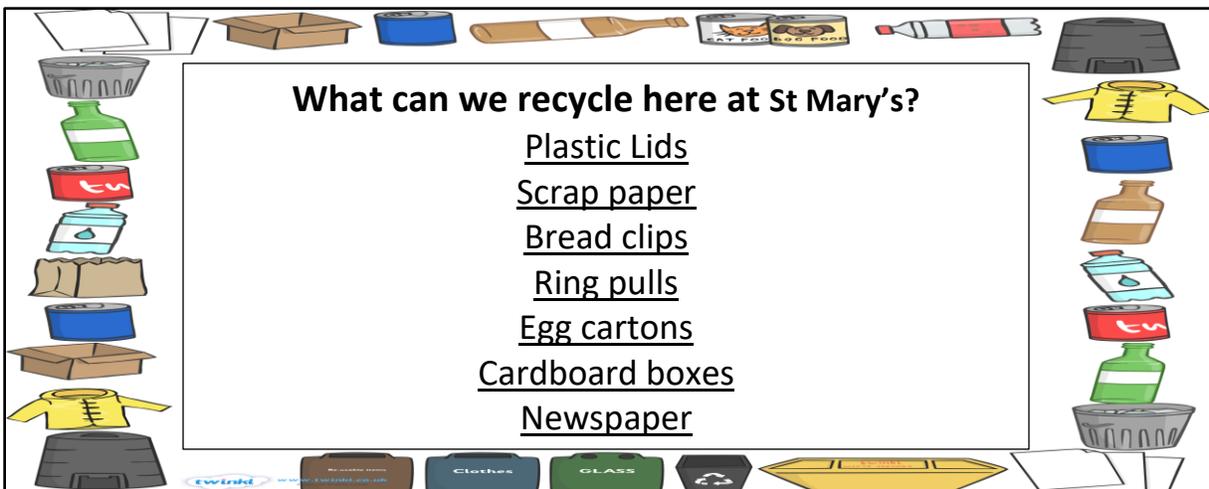
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DID YOU KNOW??

Frozen water is 9% lighter than water, which is why ice floats on water!



It takes 125 recycled plastic milk bottles to manufacture a 140 litre wheelie bin.



What can we recycle here at St Mary's?

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

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Clothes
GLASS