



St Mary's School

Faith - Respect - Challenge - Teamwork

From Mr Will...

Dear Parents and Community Members,

We are on the eve of the last week of school and despite all the challenges presented from COVID and now a power outage, our kids and teachers still come into school with big smiles on their faces.

Consistency in Teaching and Learning

One of our long-term strategic goals at the school has been to develop consistency across all our classrooms. This is easier said than done, it requires hundreds of conversations, multiple planning documents, hours of training and a consistent staff mindset. This goal started in 2019 when we created A Vision for Learning. This document highlighted our aspirations for how we wanted teaching and learning to 'look' at St Mary's, an insight into 'the way we do things here.'

In 2020 and 2021 we created and then refined whole school Literacy and Numeracy documents along with aligned yearly plans.

To the middle and back end of 2021 some of our most experienced teachers; Corinna Mulgrew, Daniela Miotti and Aimee Carson started research into the Science of Reading; a highly systematic and explicit approach in understanding how children read and implementing purposeful teaching strategies into the classroom. Over 6 months, these teachers facilitated Professional Development to bring all staff on board. Once our staff had a good base understanding we conducted several 'sprints', short sharp blocks of time to test the theories in the classroom and then feedback to share positives, pain points and learning.

The result of all this hard work is that our staff are now implementing teaching strategies that are consistent from class to class. They are using purposeful assessment to track growth and identify conceptual gaps. This has flowed into our newly expanded intervention program, which aims to fill gaps in student understanding.

Our teachers over this period of time have dedicated hundreds of hours to improving their own knowledge and practice and this is now showing in the improvement of our students. The data we have been analysing recently is incredible, students doubling their test scores between pre and post assessment. Outstanding!

The beauty of this consistent approach is that the cognitive load of the students is reduced, as they aren't worrying about a different teaching style from one class to the next, instead they are solely focussed on the content and concepts. Now journey of education is never ending, and we are still refining and improving. What I can tell you is the competency and dedication of our teaching staff is second to none. I would like to thank all those staff who have dedicated themselves to these initiatives, our effort and perseverance is paying off!

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From the Mr Will cont...

COVID-19 Update Term 2 Restrictions

As you may be aware restrictions in schools are planned to ease in Term 2. A list of the proposed changes are shown below.

- In Term 2 Parents allowed on school sites for
 - outside school pick-up and drop-off
 - face to face parent-teacher meetings,
 - attending year group assemblies,
 - volunteering in roles outside of classrooms e.g. canteen, and uniform shop
 - attending infrequent special events (in line with community venue capacity and density limits);
- Single year-group assemblies can be held in line with mask requirements;
- Parents are allowed to spectate at indoor and outdoor sporting events, performances and other interschool events with masks and physical distancing; and
- Gatherings of parents/carers can occur (e.g. School Advisory Council Meetings and P&F meetings) with mask wearing.

Unfortunately, there are a few events which still are still not allowed to proceed, these are:

- Whole school Assemblies/Gatherings
- Regular and consistent Parent help in the classroom

As with anything COVID related this can change without much warning. If I receive any information contrary to the information listed above, I will let you know.

This is also a timely reminder to encourage you to vaccinate your children

Over 50 per cent of all children aged 5 to 11 have now received a first dose, with many now due for a second dose (eight weeks after the first).

As we approach school holidays and the weather cools down, it is important to take steps to minimise the impact of COVID-19. Vaccines are a safe and effective way to protect your child, and the community.

The Department of Health website provides a number of resources with further information about seeking COVID-19 vaccination.

Further resources are also available at: www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/covid-19-vaccines/who-can-get-vaccinated/children

You can find a participating clinic and make an appointment by visiting the Vaccine Clinic Finder at: <https://covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/booking>

Works around the school

If you follow us on social media, you would have seen that our old basketball court was pulled up last week and new levels were established, this is to ensure we don't have water pooling every time the sprinklers (or clouds) are turned on. This has been such a huge project for the school, not only financially, but emotionally. It is last area remaining that was damaged in the Cyclone.

New asphalt is scheduled before the end of term and coatings and colourings to follow during the holidays or start of Term 2. Once again, I would like to thank every person who made this project possible, including our School Advisory Council, P&F and Vero Young Brokers Alumni, for their generous grant funding. Special mention to Naomi Simpson, who was central to the grant process with Vero. I will keep you posted with updates on our Facebook and Instagram pages.



Pupil Free day

Please remember we have Pupil Free Days at the end of Term 1, April 8 and again at the start of Term 2, April 26.

Project Compassion Fundraiser and Free Dress Day

This coming Monday April 4, St Mary's is having a Gold Coin donation Footy Colours Day to celebrate footy season. Now if AFL isn't your jam, just wear your favourite sport teams colours. A reminder that on Thursday either Nagle or Kelly will be wearing free dress, just 3 tokens separate the factions at this stage, so stay tuned to see who wins!

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 Please note change below.

Term 1 Concludes	Thurs 7 April (NEW Friday 8 April is a Pupil Free Day)
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

Fri	8 April
Tues	26 April
Fri	3 June
Mon	18 July
Fri	19 Aug CANCELLED Students are required to attend on this day
Mon	10 Oct

BIRTHDAYS

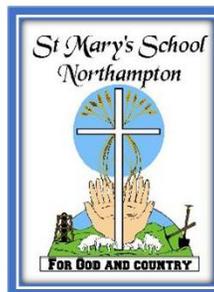
April 15	Ollie M
April 18	Anna
April 19	Mason, Kayden
April 22	Bryce
April 23	Layla
April 24	Oakley
April 25	Finn
April 26	Spencer, Hudson

TERM 2 PLANNER

Please find Term 2 planner attached for your information.



**St Mary's School
Kindergarten Pre-Primary
Classroom**



**Teachers Mrs Corinna
Mulgrew and Mrs Carisa
Mincherton**



What a blast our classroom has been having since the start of the year. We have 25 amazing students. WOW! There is never a dull moment!



In term one we are learning All About Me. We are learning to write our name, our friends names, learning about our body, our five senses, our Family, and our World. We have also learnt colours and singing a new Nursery Rhyme every week (Baa Baa Black sheep, Here we



go round the Mulberry Bush, Pussy Cat Pussy Cat, This Little Piggy). We have lots of singing and dancing every day, we can count to 100, have learnt about



shapes- Circle, Triangle, Square and Rectangle, and are getting really good at recognising our letter names and sounds.



We have so much fun every day!





Pancakes in the Park

Northampton District High School
St Mary's School Northampton

Students, families and staff are invited to share in end-of-term Pancakes in the Park, in partnership with the Northampton District High School and St Mary's School.

Date: Friday, 8 April 2022
Time: Anytime between 8am – 9am
Location: Northampton District High School
Community Centre Carpark entrance

Please note that the NHDS Breakfast Club will run as normal. Students that normally attend Breakfast Club are also invited to Pancakes in the Park.



This initiative is funded by the Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.



Parenting Connection Midwest is proud to present the film **SCREENAGERS: GROWING UP IN THE DIGITAL AGE**

This thought provoking film examines the vulnerable corners of family life and the tricky struggles over social media, video games and online safety. Screenagers offers solutions on how we can help our kids navigate the digital world.

Available over the school holidays, this FREE film provides an opportunity to connect with your teen and open the discussion regarding screen management.

Ngala's Parenting Connection Midwest team and Geraldton Family & Youth Support Service are available to answer any questions or queries following the movie, and provide ongoing support to you and your teen.

Phone: 9921 4477

Email: Midwest.PCWA@ngala.com.au

Enjoy from the comfort of your own home at a date and time that is convenient for you between 9 April to 23 April 2022
To register visit [Screenagers](#)



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PARISH NEWS

Fifth Sunday of Lent – Year C

The Israelites in exile, St Paul the apostle and the woman caught in adultery all had shameful pasts. They acknowledged their sins but were not weighed down by them because they experienced the forgiveness of God. Freed of the burden of their sin they were able to continue on their way. We also are sinners but with God's forgiveness we too can put the past behind us and strain ahead for the prize to which God is calling us upwards, to receive in Christ Jesus.

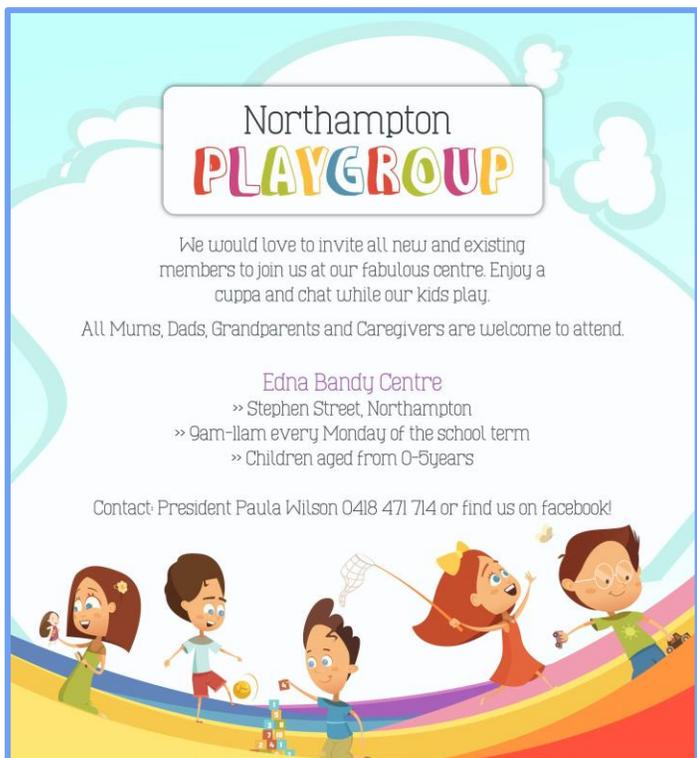
Project Compassion: Shaniella 23, from the Solomon Islands was determined to forge a path out of poverty through education, so moved away from home to study at a vocational school but this was hit by a landslide destroying its water supply system and the vegetable garden that supplied the school's food. But because of your generous support, Caritas Australia had available the necessary funds to help the school overcome this natural disaster allowing Shaniella to gain the skills she needed to create a brighter future for herself. **Please pray** for vulnerable people like Shaniella so they too can receive an education and gain skills to earn a decent living and for the Transformational Programme to continue. **Together, we** can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. If you would like to make a donation, this can be done by using a **Project Compassion Envelope** or call **1800 024 413**.

Ukraine Emergency Appeal

We thank you for being a pillar of hope for the people of Ukraine with your mass and prayer offerings, fasting and almsgiving, enabling Caritas Ukraine to support those who are fleeing the fighting, those who cannot, and those who have stayed to defend their country. Please also pray for their oppressors, for World Peace and justice for all. If you would like to donate to the Ukraine Crisis Appeal, use a blank envelope or a Project Compassion 2022 envelope, writing on it **UKRAINE** or call **1800 024 413**. Funds raised through the Ukraine Crisis Appeal go to Caritas Ukraine to provide immediate humanitarian response in Ukraine, and to support displaced people in neighbouring countries in coming weeks. Since the beginning of the conflict, Caritas Ukraine has assisted more than 102,000 people across Ukraine with your help.

Our Sick; Pray for Fr. Larry Rodillas, John Constantine, 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

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.



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 to find out more

The poster includes the Lions Club logo and the Containers for Change logo.

What can we recycle here at St Mary's?

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

DID YOU KNOW??

Sound travels almost 5 times faster underwater than in air.

E-Waste can contain toxic materials that are potentially damaging to the environment if sent to landfill!

CRUNCH AND SIP

Don't Forget Crunch&Sip®
Tomato



We came from the wild tomato growing in the lower Andes on the west coast of Peru, Ecuador and Bolivia and have been cultivated by the Mexicans for over two thousand years! It's hard to imagine, but when Europeans first saw us, they thought we might be poisonous. In fact, we're highly nutritious and sweetly delicious. We're a good source of vitamin C (cherry tomatoes have even more vitamin C) and we supply some vitamin E, folate and dietary fibre. Not many people know, but we're related to eggplants, capsicums, chillies and, that's right, the potato. Ripen us at room temperature until we are brightly coloured and slightly soft. Refrigerating us before we are ripe will reduce our flavour and ability to ripen to our full potential. Choose cherry or grape tomatoes for Crunch&Sip® as they're quick, easy and fun to eat!

TERM PLANNER TERM TWO 2022

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY / SUNDAY
APRIL	25 ANZAC Day Holiday	26 PUPIL FREE DAY	27 SCHOOL COMMENCES TERM TWO	28	29	30
WEEK 1					NEWSLETTER	1
MAY					WAFI FOOTY CLINIC 3-6	
					ANZAC Day Service	
MAY	2	3	4	5	6	7
WEEK 2					Mother's Day Arvo Tea TBC	8
MAY						MOTHER'S DAY
Webinar Week						
MAY	9	10	11	12	13	14
WEEK 3	MONTH OF MARY		SCHOOL BOARD MEETING 6PM		NEWSLETTER	15
MAY						
MAY	16	17	18	19	20	21
WEEK 4		Book Fair Arrives		P&F MEETING TBC		22
MAY	NAPLAN	NAPLAN	NAPLAN	NAPLAN	NAPLAN	ASSEMBLY
MAY						
MAY	23	24	25	26	27	28
WEEK 5	NAPLAN	NAPLAN	NAPLAN	NAPLAN	NAPLAN	29
MAY				National Sorry Day	NEWSLETTER	PENTECOST
MAY	30	31	1	2	3	4
WEEK 6		Book Fair Collected		Ben Away	PUPIL FREE DAY Catholic Day	5
JUNE						TRINITY SUNDAY
JUNE	6	7	8	9	10	11
WEEK 7	WA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY					12
JUNE				NEWSLETTER		BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
JUNE	13	14	15	16	17	18
WEEK 8	Parent Teacher Interviews for Reports		SCHOOL BOARD MEETING 6PM		Year 1/2 Assembly 2:30	19
JULY						
JUNE	20	21	22	23	24	25
WEEK 9			KIPP Family Mass	P&F MEETING TBC	NCVISSA WINTER CARNIVAL (Yr 3-6)	26
JULY					NEWSLETTER	
JUNE	27	28	29	30	1	2
WEEK 10			End of Term Mass	FACTION CROSS COUNTRY Reports Go Home		3
JULY						