

# St Mary's School

*Faith - Respect - Challenge - Teamwork*

From Mr Love...

Dear Community Members,

The release of this week's newsletter finds us at the halfway point of Term One, and what a busy five weeks it has been! Can I encourage all parents and carers to continue to use an open line of communication between yourself and the school. Our educators are more than happy to accommodate, where they can, any question or query you may have.

## Parent/Carer Teacher Interviews

Considering the importance of this partnership, Parent/Teacher Interviews are being conducted this week and next. These meetings will provide the best platform to discuss your child/ren's progress and set goals with our amazing educators at St Mary's School. Alternatively, feel free to make an appointment to come and see me. My door is always open!

## Student Leaders

Last week, the Year Five and Six class spent the day at the Geraldton Camp School participating in a variety of leadership activities. The activities called the students to challenge themselves, grow as a team, learn about leadership and build community. Thank you to Miss Daniela Miotti for all the hard work in providing rich learning experiences for the students. The following Student Councils and Councilors have been established for Term One:

**Sport:** Jaxon, Ruben, Grady, Clancy, William

**Events:** Isla, Anna, Tremaine, Blake

**Christian:** Sunnie, William, Delilah, Mason, Skye

**Environmental:** Riley, Tayva, Olivia, Bryce, Danyul

## Parents and Friends Committee

Last week, we conducted our first P&F Meeting for the year. The agenda for this year's fundraising initiatives is looking very busy. Therefore, if we have any parents or carers who may be interested in being part of the P&F Committee for 2023 or becoming a Class Representative, please forward your name to the Office and we will pass it on to the Executive. Alternatively, complete the form sent out yesterday via sms.

## STMs Footy Tipping

Please continue to support our annual Footy Tipping competition which has always been a significant fundraiser for the P&F. All the necessary information has been sent out as a note or alternatively it can be accessed on our school Facebook page. Let the tipping begin!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Week 6**

**Parent/Teacher Interviews continue**

Mon 6 Mar **Labour Day Public Holiday**

Wed 8 Mar SAC Meeting 6.00pm

Thurs 9 Mar Reconciliation Parent Meeting 3.20pm  
*SCITECH INCURSION*

Friday 10 Mar Assembly – Merit Certificates  
*FAMILY MASS Yr 5.6 9am*

### **Week 7**

Wed 15 Mar NAPLAN Begins Yr's 3 & 5  
*P & F Meeting 9am*

Fri 17 Mar Newsletter

### **Week 8**

**NAPLAN continues**

Tues 21 Mar Harmony Day

Fri 24 Mar NCVISSA Summer Carnival

## **REMINDER**

Online LUNCH  
ORDERS need  
to be in by  
10AM please.

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Email: [admin@smsn.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@smsn.wa.edu.au)

Website: [www.smsn.wa.edu.au](http://www.smsn.wa.edu.au)

## From Mr Love cont...

### Early Years Learning Framework - EYLF

At St Mary's School, the Early Education staff use the EYLF to ensure that your child receives a high-quality experience. The EYLF was created and trialed by experienced early childhood educators, academics, parents and carers. The EYLF focuses on your child's learning. The staff will work with you in order to get to know your child well. They create a learning program that builds on your child's interests and abilities and keeps you in touch with your child's progress.

Through the Framework's five learning goals, educators will assist your child to develop:

- a strong sense of their identity
- connections with their world
- a strong sense of wellbeing
- confidence and involvement in their learning
- effective communication skills

### Fruit of the Spirit

This is the last week we focus on the Fruit of Love.

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*

- John 3:16

### Year Five/Six Family Mass

On Friday 10 March, The Year Five/Six class will be holding a family Mass. During this Family Mass, the candidates and their families will be committing to their preparation to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. The Commitment ceremony is a critical part of the sacramental program at St Mary's School. Should you not be able to attend, please notify Miss Miotti at your nearest convenience.

### NAPLAN- Year 3 and 5

Information regarding NAPLAN in Week Seven was sent home to parents/carers of students in Year Three and Five. NAPLAN is designed to assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students on skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum.

Parents/carers can assist their child/ren to prepare by reassuring their children that NAPLAN is just one part of the way our school assesses learning and that it does not assess all of the many gifts and talents they possess. Simply encourage your child to their best on the day.

Another way to assist your child is to go onto the public demonstration site. This site provides students with the opportunity to become familiar with NAPLAN platform, see different types of questions and related functionalities. This can be accessed at [nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site](http://nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site). If you have any queries or concerns regarding NAPLAN, please see your child's classroom teacher.

### Good News Story

Today's Good news story is to welcome Ryder and Skye-Lee to St Mary's School. Our new student enrolments have settled in well and have already made some positive steps forward in their academic journey. Welcome to St Mary's School, Ryder and Skye-Lee

Take care,

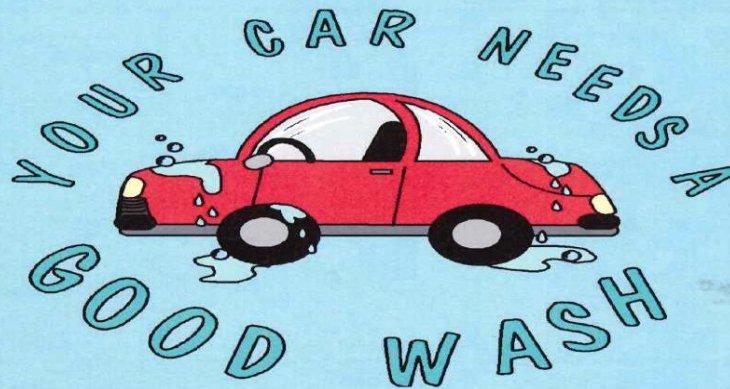
Brett

# ST MARY'S CAR WASH

**SCHOOL OVAL**

**9:00AM TO 11:00AM**

**WE ARE FUNDRAISING FOR THE TURKEY  
EARTHQUAKE APPEAL**



**\$10 PER CAR  
MARCH 17**

## Term Dates 2023

### Term 1

Wed 1 Feb Commences

Thurs 6 Apr Finishes

### Term 2

Wed 26 Apr Commences

Fri 30 June Finishes

### Term 3

Tues 18 July Commences

Thurs 21 Sept Finishes

### Term 4

Tues 10 Oct Commences

Fri 8 Dec Finishes - Students

### DID YOU KNOW

Recycling one  
aluminum can saves  
enough power to run  
your TV for 3 hours.

## Pupil Free Days Term One 2023

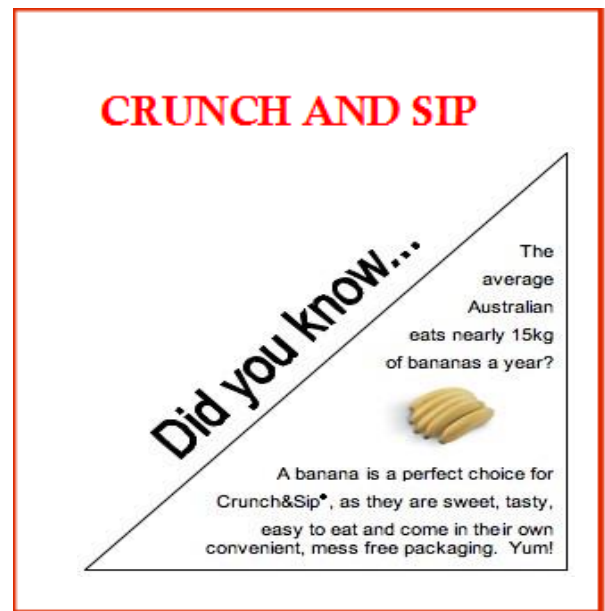
Mon April 24	Staff PD Day
Friday June 2	Catholic Day
Mon July 17	Staff PD Day
Friday Sep 22	Staff PD Day (TBC)
Mon Oct 9	Staff PD Day

## Public Holidays 2023

Mon	Mar 6	Labour Day
Friday	April 7	Good Friday
Mon	April 10	Easter Monday
Tues	April 25	ANZAC Day
Mon	June 5	WA Day
Mon	Sept 25	Monarch's Official Birthday TBC
Mon	Dec 25	Christmas Day
Tues	Dec 26	Boxing Day

## BIRTHDAYS

5 March	Jack
6 March	Olivia
6 March	Jaxon
9 March	Mrs Simpson



## 2023 SCHOOL FEES AND UNIFORM ACCOUNTS

2023 School Fee Statements were issued on Monday 13 February 2023. If you wish to pay your school fees via a payment plan, please fill out the form attached to the back of your school fees and return to the school office. Existing payment plans can continue.

## P&F MEETING

Our next Parents and Friends Association meeting will be held Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 9am in the school office. Everyone is welcome and we invite you to attend and get involved in our wonderful fundraising initiatives, led by our P&F executive.

## FOOTY TIPPING

Footy Tipping is back at St Mary's for 2023 and the countdown to Round One is on! You will have received a note home last week with the details of the competition. This is a great fundraiser for our school and it would be great to see some new tippers in the competition!

As per previous years, entry into the competition is \$50, there is a \$50 prize for the best tipper each week, overall winner takes home \$800, second prize is \$300, and third prize is \$100. Please go to the ESPN Website to register in our competition. <https://www.footytips.com.au>

## COVID TESTS

We still have plenty of COVID Tests available in the office. Please come and see our office staff or phone the school if you would like some.



## PARISH NEWS

### Second Sunday of Lent – Year A

As followers of Jesus we have nowhere to pitch our tents. We must journey with Jesus through the hardships of life to glory. There will be oases along the way – moments of consolation which reveal the presence of God among us. We cannot remain in these moments forever, but they give us refreshment. Remembering them will sustain us on our pilgrim way.

### Project Compassion

Thu lost his leg after stepping on a land mine in Vietnam. With the support of the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development, Thu can now earn extra income and care for his wife as she recovers from a stroke. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.** 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/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.

### Turkey-Syria Earthquake Disaster

A 7.8 magnitude earthquake has unleashed devastation on Turkey and Syria, leaving thousands of people dead with this number expected to rise dramatically. After 12 years of war, Syria is at breaking point and desperately needs assistance. **We must act NOW and help those affected by this catastrophe.** Your generous donation means our partners in Turkey and Syria can respond swiftly to support the survivors of this unimaginable tragedy. Donations can be made by using a **Project Compassion** envelop and write on it, Earthquake Appeal and place in the collection at mass or you can donate online at [www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey](http://www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey) or call 1800 024 413 toll free to donate. **THANK YOU**

**There are still Planned Giving Envelopes for 2023** available. If you are not presently allocated envelopes and wish to have some, please see Mary after Mass.

**Lenten Prayer:** God of all peoples and nations, as you accompany us

on our Lenten journey, may our fasting strengthen our commitment to live in solidarity, our almsgiving be an act of justice, and our prayers anchor us in love and compassion. Awaken our hearts and minds that we may be one human family as we all go further together.

We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

**Our Aged and Sick;** Pray for Fr. Robert O'Bryan, Fr. Brian Ahern, Fr. Larry Rodillas, Win & Ray Bowman, Nell Cripps, Col Constantine, Jean Williams, Paul Leeson, Jo Mattens, Betty Thompson and all the residents of Brookview

**Funeral:** The funeral for Kevin Beckmann will be held in RSL Hall on Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am with burial to follow at the Northampton cemetery. Fr. Robert O'Bryan will be officiating.

**A St Mary's School Car Wash** will be held on the school oval on March 17<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 11am. Cost \$10 per car. Proceeds from this car wash will go towards the Turkey earthquake appeal.

**YOU - ME - US**

**HARMONY festival**

**STOW GARDENS**  
SATURDAY,  
18TH MARCH 2023  
11AM - 3PM

- CULTURAL ENTERTAINMENT
- FOOD & GIFT STALLS
- REMAJA (TEENS) WORLD
- WATOTO (KIDS) WORLD

WATERPOLO BY THE SEA - IN FRONT OF GERALDTON YACHT CLUB

lotterywest supported  
Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries  
Office of Multicultural Issues  
Greater Geraldton  
MID WEST PORTS  
MAMA

## DID YOU KNOW

Around one billion people throughout the world lack access to safe drinking water.

## Registrations are now OPEN for 2023!!

The **Northampton Junior Football Club** invites all families to join in the upcoming season (Term 2 start). We are taking registrations for the following grades.

U8-Year 1&2-mixed team

U9-Year 3-mixed team

U10-Year 4-mixed team

U9-Year 5-mixed team

U11-Year 5-mixed team

U12-Year 6-mixed team

U14-Year 7&8-mixed team

U16-Year 9&10-Boys (registrations will close Feb 16 so that we can access numbers for this grade, so register ASAP)

Register via PlayHq (search Northampton **JUNIOR** Football Club or via your account) or via <https://playhq.com/afl/register/ab053f>

Follow us on Facebook Northampton Junior Football Club and look out for information on upcoming preseason events/registration days. Players **MUST** be registered prior to their first game and registrations will **NOT** be done on game day.

For any questions regarding registration contact Heather Watkins  
[heathwatkins@gmail.com](mailto:heathwatkins@gmail.com) or 0487519858 or via our Facebook page



**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](https://containersforchange.com.au) to find out more



**NORTHAMPTON PLAYGROUP**  
At Enda Bandy Centre

**COME AND JOIN US!**  
MONDAYS DURING SCHOOL TERMS  
9AM - 11AM  
\$1 PER CHILD AND A PIECE OF FRUIT  
FRIENDSHIP & COMMUNITY  
CREATIVE ACTIVITIES  
BYO SNACKS

**WEEKLY HELPERS**  
CUT UP FRUIT  
HELP PACK AWAY TOYS & ACTIVITIES  
WIPE TABLES/BENCHES/HIGH CHAIRS ETC  
SWEEP/VACUUM

**WHAT TO BRING**  
HAT  
WATER BOTTLE  
CLOTHES THAT CAN GET DIRTY

**TERM 1 2023**  
1. 06/02 - WELCOME BACK, VALENTINES PAINTING  
2. 13/02 - KINDNESS DAY, TASTE TESTING  
3. 20/02 - PLAYGROUP @ LIONS PARK  
4. 27/02 - TEXTURED/TACTILE ART ACTIVITIES  
5. 06/03 - LONG WEEKEND  
6. 13/03 - HEARING AWARENESS WEEK - SPEECH PATHOLOGIST VISIT  
7. 20/03 - BUBBLES/ BALLOON PAINTING  
8. 27/03 - GROSS MOTOR ADVENTURE PLAY  
9. 03/04 - OOBLEC EXPLORING

CONTACT DESIREE ON 0400 207 345 OR VISIT THE NORTHAMPTON PLAYGROUP FACEBOOK PAGE