



St Mary's School

Faith - Respect - Challenge - Teamwork

From Mr Love...

Dear Community Members,

The midpoint of the term is upon us, and like always, our school days are a buzz of energy and activity. I had to ask myself this week, as I was booking November meetings and helping my son choose his Year 8 options for next year, where is this year going? While I don't always turn to scripture to process the business of my life, I came across this lovely description of how Prophet Elijah found the peace of God in the midst of a chaotic world.

All at once, a strong wind shook the mountain and shattered the rocks. But the LORD was not in the wind. Next, there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. Then there was a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire.

Finally, there was a gentle breeze, and when Elijah heard it, he knew it was the peace of God.

I encourage you all to go gently and embrace the moments of gratitude, joy and goodness which can occasionally get overlooked if we find ourselves not stopping to smell the canola crops! Hopefully this recent rain is putting a smile on all your faces.

Please drop in and stay up to date with the going's on around St Mary's. If you are unsure of dates, please ask Beth or Verity to print out a term planner for you as these are updated regularly.

STEM Showcase

Today, I accompanied Mrs Laura Lang and the Year 5.6 and 3.4 classes to the Catholic Centre to participate in the CEWA STEM Showcase. Our students joined with representatives from other Catholic schools to showcase their work to present a solution to a real-life problem. I congratulate all the students for working collaboratively with their teacher over the course of Term Two and Term Three, applying design thinking skills in a purposeful manner.

Book Week 2023

In Week Six, we celebrate Book Week. The theme for Book Week this Year is *Read, Grow, Inspire*. On **Wednesday 23 August**, the students can come to school dressed as their favourite book character. More information regarding this week will be sent out soon.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass

Next **Tuesday 15 August**, at **9.00am**, in the **St Mary's Church**, school community will be celebrating the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Everyone is welcome to attend.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Week 5

Tues 15 Aug Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass 9am

Week 6

Book Week

Wed 23 Aug Book Week Dress Up Parade

Fri 25 Aug Eucharist Candidates Reconciliation Yr 4

Sun 27 Aug First Eucharist Mass 8.30am

Week 7

Kindy Enrolment Interviews – 2024

Fri 01 Sep Faction Athletics Carnival
Father's Day Breakfast

Sun 03 Sep Father's Day

Week 8

Kindy Enrolment Interviews - 2024

REMINDER

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

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From Mr Love cont...

Sacrament of First Eucharist

This term, select students in Year Four will celebrate their Sacrament of First Eucharist. This sacramental mass will be celebrated on **Sunday 27 August at 8.30am**. All community members are invited to attend.

National Quality Framework (NQF) – Service Ratings

St Mary's School assesses itself against the seven quality areas of the National Quality Standard (NQS). These seven areas are:

1. *Educational program and practice*
Your child is supported to participate in play and learning
2. *Children's health and safety*
Your child is protected from illness and hazards
3. *Physical environment*
Your child plays in a safe and well maintained environment
4. *Staffing arrangements*
There are enough qualified staff to give your child the attention they need
5. *Relationships with children*
Your child is made to feel supported and welcomed
6. *Collaborative partnerships with families and communities*
Local community involvement and respect for the beliefs and values of families
7. *Governance and leadership*
Your child is cared for in a positive and well managed environment

Fruit of The Spirit - Goodness

This is the last week we focus on the Fruit of the Spirit, Goodness.

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.
(James 1:17)

This passage from the Book of James reminds us of what truly is good and what will bring lasting happiness to followers of Jesus. There is no doubt that we are living in age of materialism. The need of having the newest, biggest and best item is becoming more and more common place. However, these good feelings seem to be fleeting. What is lasting, however, comes from above. Watching a child smile when they have succeeded, supporting a friend in need and witnessing them prosper afterward are all acts of God's goodness.

Good News Story

My good news story for this week must be centered on the mighty effort from our Cross-Country competitors at last week's NCVISSA carnival.

I was so proud of our kids on that day. The course was long and undulated and for some of our students it was their first Cross Country event at interschool level. Everyone on that cold morning, though, had determination, pride in their school and resilience to not stop and finish with a sprint.

We came 4th across the competition by a slim margin, and several of our competitors took away individual accolades finishing in the top three place winners. Well done St Mary's!

Take care,

Brett

Term Dates 2023

Term 3

Tues 18 July Commences
Thurs 21 Sept Finishes

Term 4

Tues 10 Oct Commences
Fri 8 Dec Finishes – Students

Pupil Free Days 2023

Friday Sep 22 Staff PD Day (TBC)
Mon Oct 9 Staff PD Day

Public Holidays 2023

Mon Sept 25 King's Birthday
Mon Dec 25 Christmas Day
Tues Dec 26 Boxing Day

BIRTHDAYS

24 August Grace
17 August Mr Hollands
24 August Mrs Harriman



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NCVISSA CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Last Friday, 4th August, we hosted the NCVISSA Cross Country Carnival at Horrocks Beach. Well done to all participants for putting in a sensational effort and thank you to all our helpers for making the day run smoothly.

Congratulations to the following children who placed in their events!

Year Three Boys Third Place – **Harry W**

Year Four Girls Champion – **Layla**

Year Five Boys Runner Up – **Blake**

Year Six Boys Runner Up – **Grady**

The overall school results were;

First – Kalbarri District High School

Second – Northampton District High School

Third – CHUNABI (Chapman Valley, Yuna and Binnu Primary School's combined)

Fourth – St Mary's School



Well done St Mary's!





YEAR ONE / TWO CLASS



This term in 1/2, our classroom theme is "Australia." On this journey we are going to explore Australia's Indigenous culture and history. We will also explore topics including native animals, iconic symbols and literature! NAIDOC week has been a great way to kickstart our classroom theme.



PARISH NEWS

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

The prophet Elijah and Jesus both went up a mountain to pray. Many people have experienced the presence of God in the wonder and solitude of a mountain top. But God is also to be found at sea level, in the ups and downs of our daily lives. When we are swamped by troubles and cry out, "Lord, save me" we allow God to reach out and hold us.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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Kalbarri Church Re-opened

The Kalbarri Church of Our Lady Help of Christians at Cornell Street has been restored from the damage caused by Cyclone Seroja and Holy Mass will be celebrated at 5pm every Sunday. Visitors who wish to attend Mass in Kalbarri are warmly welcome.

Solemnity of Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillop

Responding to the isolation of colonial families, Mary Mackillop pioneered a new form of religious life to provide education for their children. She and her sisters shared the life of the poor and the itinerant, offering special care to destitute women and children. Remembered for her eagerness to discover God's will in all things, for her charity in the face of calumny, and for her abiding trust in God's providence. She is the patron and first Saint of Australia. Her feast is celebrated on the 8th August each year.

Hawes Heritage Trail Pilgrimage 20-23 August - One Day Offer - \$100 per person per day

If you would like to join the Hawes Heritage Trail Pilgrimage but are unable to commit to the whole 4 days, you can select a day or days to join the tour at a cost of \$100 per day. Go to the website, www.monsignorhawes.com, or contact Gerry on 0417 912 997

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

Our Dead: Please remember in your prayers the souls of Ron O'Neill and Viv Simpson whose anniversaries occurs this week.

NORTHAMPTON PLAYGROUP

At Edna Bandy Centre

COME AND JOIN US!

MONDAYS DURING SCHOOL TERMS
9AM - 11AM
GOLD COIN DONATION & A PIECE OF FRUIT TO SHARE.

FRIENDSHIP & COMMUNITY
CREATIVE ACTIVITIES
BYO SNACKS

TERM 3 2023

- 24/07 - Welcome Back - Police 'Thank You' Poster
- 31/07 - St Mary's School Visit
- 07/08 - Slime making, tasting & exploring
- 14/08 - Craft Activity TBA
- 21/08 - Paper Plate Sea Creatures
- 28/08 - Craft Activity TBA
- 04/09 - Northampton Fire Station Visit
- 11/09 - Craft Activity for Ag Show display
- 18/09 - Brookview Nursing Home Visit

CONTACT DESIREE ON
0400 209 345 OR VISIT THE
NORTHAMPTON PLAYGROUP
FACEBOOK PAGE

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



PLAY CRICKET

NORTHAMPTON COME AND TRY

WHEN: MONDAY 4TH OF SEPTEMBER
WHERE: COMMUNITY CENTRE OVAL
STUDENTS
COST: FREE!!!!

TIME: 3:15-4:30 PM
WHO: PRIMARY SCHOOL

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KAYNO'S STORY



In 2013 Kayne Cragan, who is well known to many people, was diagnosed with a Category 2 Brain Tumour. Back then funds were raised to help Kayne and his family during that difficult time. Last October 2022 after another trip to Perth, a scan had shown that the tumour had started growing and changing again. He had surgery in late November 2022 to remove as much of the tumour as possible. Kayne is back home in Geraldton fighting a Category 4 Brain Tumour and his wife Nicole has been told to take a year off work to care for Kayne. We are looking to raise funds that can help out with day to day living costs.



Marika is hoping to raise funds for Kayne and his family by shaving her hair at Kayne's Auction night

Some Auction Items- Signed Carlton Guernsey, Guitar signed by Beccy Cole & Adam Harvey, Color bond Fencing, Jewellery, Signed Rams Guernsey by Mighty AFL Players, Drone Picture of Horrocks, Sidchrome Tool Chest, Accommodation, Vouchers and many, many more.

Silent Auction Items & Live Auction & Raffle

Last Rams Home Game v's Railways

**NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY
CENTRE**

SATURDAY

12TH AUGUST 2023

Facebook Page: Kayno's Big Fight

