



St Mary's School

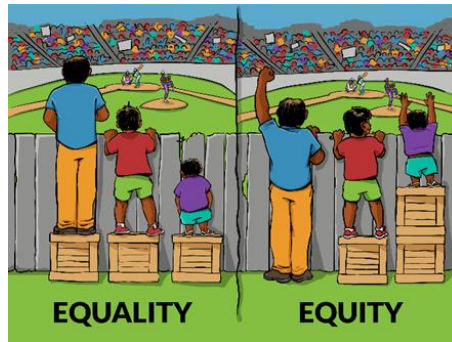
Faith - Respect - Challenge - Teamwork

From Mr Love...

Dear Community Members,

I hope this edition of our newsletter finds you well and you are still in full support of your chosen sport team as we approach the cusp of finals. Go the Rams!

After careful consideration and thorough feedback from various stakeholders within our school community, we have decided to revise our behaviour engagement strategies and conditions of learning. A three-year strategic plan will be drafted aligning current practices and procedures with research-based behaviour engagement and wellbeing strategies. You may have seen my recent post on Facebook. Our goal is to create an equitable and safe environment for our students so they can be actively engaged in their learning. Our core value of **Respect** will be a central pillar in this strategic goal.



We believe that behaviour engagement is most effective when there is consistent, authentic collaboration between home and school. We will be continuing to work closely with families to ensure a consistent approach across the school whilst also ensuring the individual needs of the children are addressed. As I have said many times, my door is always open should you wish to pop in and have a chat about any aspect of your child's education at St Mary's School. To view our current Behaviour Management Guidelines, please visit our website smsn.wa.edu.au/procedures-guidelines/

This week, I have spent the last two days in meetings with other leaders across the Geraldton Diocese and CEWA system. My takeaway from these two days is that we are in a great place! Our teachers are dedicated to their vocation, our students have a great understanding of what we hold as important, and we continue to serve as a community of faith. I feel very grateful to be part of the magnificent team that is St Mary's School.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Week 6

Sun 27 Aug First Eucharist
Mass 8.30am

Week 7

**Kindy Enrolment
Interviews - 2024**

Fri 01 Sep Faction Athletics
Carnival
*Father's Day
Breakfast from 8am*

Sun 03 Sep Father's Day

Week 8

**Kindy Enrolment
Interviews - 2024**

Mon 04 Sep Numero
Competition Team
from Yr 5.6

Tue 05 Sep School Feast Day
Mass 9am

Fri 08 Sep NCVISSA
Athletics Carnival
Team from Yr 1-6

Week 9

Sat 16 Sep **Northampton
Show**

REMINDER

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

PO Box 138

Northampton 6535

Phone: 08 9996 7100

Email: admin@smsn.wa.edu.au

Website: www.smsn.wa.edu.au

From Mr Love cont...

Mary Street Car Pickup

Thank you to all parents and carers who have shifted their routine for car pickup and are now collecting students from the classroom or undercover area. The change in congestion is markedly different and there seems to be a lot more ease and control. We will continue to review this change and are open to any suggestions you may have.

Faction Athletics Carnival

We are all extremely excited about our Faction Athletics Carnival which is taking place next Friday! The events will commence at 9.30am. The students will be transported to the event via buses from the school if they are not already present at the oval. If this is the case, please notify your child's classroom teacher. A reminder that at the conclusion of the event, students will come back to the school on the bus unless it has been indicated to the classroom teacher that they will be leaving the Carnival with a parent or other adult. Thank you very much for the parents who have volunteered their time.

Please remember that all students need to be wearing a faction-coloured T shirt, hat, and sunscreen. Students are not permitted to colour their hair at school or at the Carnival. However, they may do so at home prior to arriving at school.

In order to make the day run as smoothly as possible, parents/carers are asked to avoid visiting the students in the bays. Please ensure that your child has everything they need for the day before coming to school. Thank you for your understanding in relation to this request.

Father's Day Breakfast

Next Friday, at 8.00am, our wonderful P&F will hold the annual Father's Day Breakfast at NCC before the Faction Athletics Carnival. All Dads, Pops, Grandads, Uncles, or significant others are invited to attend. Free breakfast and refreshments will be served so please come along to acknowledge the important part our dads play in our lives!

First Holy Communion

Our Year Four students plus students from Chapman Valley; *Jemima, Nate, Bella, Isla W, Lennix, Layla, Mardi, George, Reginald and Harrison* will receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time this Sunday August 27. This will be a pivotal moment in these young people's lives, as they deepen their relationship with Jesus.

The First Holy Communion service will be celebrated during the normal mass time of 8:30am, and Father Larry will preside over it. A morning tea will be held in the school undercover area following the service, please bring a plate to share. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Book Week 2023

What an amazing parade we had celebrating Book Week. Well done to the parents and carers who helped their children shine in their book character costumes. Well done to our flock of teachers who definitely weren't 'sheepish' and looked amazing!

Fruit of The Spirit - Faithfulness

This is the first week we focus on the Fruit of the Spirit, Faithfulness:

'Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see'.
(Hebrews 11:1)

How hard it can be to trust in something we cannot see. But it is within this space of hope where faithfulness bears its fruit. Let us look at life through eyes of faith and hope that God's will, will be at play.

Lauren Briers

For all who may not be aware, our incredible Education Assistant, Lauren Briers, has been undergoing regular rounds of chemotherapy to treat breast cancer. Lauren wanted the school community to know that she is in good fighting spirits and is tackling this life hurdle in the only way she knows, full steam! She misses you all and cannot wait to jump back into the swing of school life when she is able to.

Good News Story

This week's good news story must celebrate the incredible costumes on display at Wednesday's Book Week Parade. Congratulations to all the kids, and their clever parents and carers, for all the hard work in looking your 'booky' best. The smiles in the photos say it all!

Take care,

Brett

FACTION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our Faction Athletics Carnival and Father's Day Breakfast will be held on Friday September 1, at the Northampton Community Centre.

Our Faction Captains for the Athletics Carnival are;

Nagle – Riley and William S

Kelly – Delilah and Olivia

Thank you to those parents who have already offered to help on the day. The roster is at the back of this newsletter. There are still quite a few positions which need to be filled. If you have time to help on the day, please contact the office on 99967100 or email admin@smsn.wa.edu.au Please remember to bring a plate of morning tea to share.

Re-fuel with Crunch&Sip®

Crunch&Sip® is a set break within class time for kids to crunch on vegetables or fruit brought from home, and rehydrate with water.



**While most students eat enough fruit,
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Crunch&Sip® breaks are a great opportunity to boost the vegies so make sure you pack them often. Try for variety by packing vegies in a range of colours and encourage kids to crunch on new foods.

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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

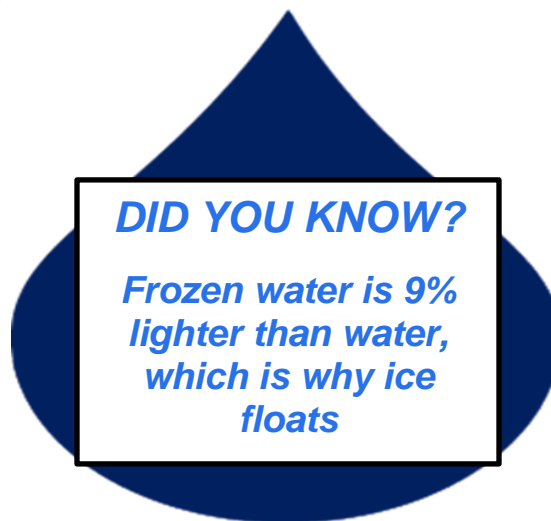
Friday Sep 22 Staff PD Day (TBC)
Mon Oct 9 Staff PD Day

Public Holidays 2023

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

BIRTHDAYS

04 Sept Archie
08 Sept Darcey
01 Sept Mrs Jupp



PARISH NEWS

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

“Who do you say I am?” Jesus asks his disciples this question in today’s Gospel. He asks us the same question. He is not seeking a textbook response or for us to repeat what others have said about him. He wants to hear our personal response. May we answer his question as truthfully as possible and then listen as he speaks to us.

First Eucharist; This Sunday, 27 August, Jemima, Isla W, Lennix, Nate, Bella, Layla, Mardi, George, Reginald and Harrison are receiving the Holy Eucharist for the first time. Congratulations.

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

Our Dead: Please remember in your prayers the soul of Gloria Simpson, whose anniversary occurs this week.

Social Justice Sunday; This Sunday, 27 August, we celebrate Social Justice Sunday. The Social Justice Statement issued by the Australian Bishops, *Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples*. Both the Bishops and the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) speak to us in this year’s statement. They see the referendum as an opportunity for the Church to begin a new engagement with the First Peoples of our land. *More information: ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or Tel (02)62019845*

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 DESIRE ON
0800 202 345 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

TIME: 3:15-4:30 PM

WHERE: COMMUNITY CENTRE OVAL

WHO: PRIMARY SCHOOL

COST: FREE!!!!



REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW

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THE PARISHES OF GERALDTON
AND NAGLE CATHOLIC COLLEGE
PRESENT

AN EVENING
WITH

Fr Rob GALEA

IN CONCERT FOLLOWED BY MASS

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER
CATHEDRAL GERALDTON

SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER | DOORS 4.30PM
ENTRY FREE

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT

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VacSwim

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Places are limited, so get in early.

Help keep your child safe in the water.
Enrol now for the school holidays.

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BINNU TENNIS QUIZ NIGHT

Tease Your Brain &
Win Cash Prizes

Saturday,
9th Sept

at Binnu Hall, Binnu
Doors open at 5:30pm
Game starts at 6:00pm

\$150

table of 6
including
welcome
drink



For registration & further Information
**Find information at our
Facebook Event page.**

PARENT HELPER ROSTER

JUMPS & THROWS EVENTS

9.30am start

ORGANISERS	Daniela Miotti
ST MARY'S MARSHALL	Brett Love
JUMPS PIT 1	
Measurer (1)	David Teakle
Measurer (2)	Jayden Warr
Recorder	Daryl Teakle
Rake	Ange Cripps
JUMPS PIT 2	
Measurer (1)	Ben Cripps
Measurer (2)	Josh Carson
Recorder	Gemma Suckling
Rake	Daniel Tarasek
JAVELIN PIT 1	
Measurer (1)	Jerome Drew
Measurer (2)	
Recorder	
JAVELIN PIT 2	
Measurer (1)	
Measurer (2)	
Recorder	

TRACK EVENTS approx. 11.00am start

ORGANISER	Daniela Miotti
CHIEF JUDGE VIDEO RECORDER	Brett Love
STARTER	Jerome Drew
ANNOUNCER	Daniela Miotti
CHIEF MARSHALL	Karl Suckling
STARTER MARSHALL	Tamaia Jones
SCORER	Verity Harriman
RUNNER	
SCRIBE/RECORDER	Gemma Suckling
TIME KEEPER (1)	Kelsey Carson
TIME KEEPER (2)	
FALSE STARTER (1)	
1ST PLACE JUDGE	Ben Cripps
2ND PLACE JUDGE	David Teakle
3RD PLACE JUDGE	Tash Heasman
4TH PLACE JUDGE	
STUDENT'S BAYS	St Mary's Staff
PHOTOGRAPHER	Nikki Young?