

St Mary's School

Faith - Respect - Challenge - Teamwork

From Mr Love...

Dear Community Members,

This edition of the newsletter finds us tying off another term. And what a jam-packed term we have all had! I thank you all for everything you have done to support the school and contribute to the successes we have achieved throughout the last ten weeks.

Tomorrow, staff come together to undertake professional learning to improve the conditions of learning and wellbeing at St Mary's School. While we all know our students are remarkable individuals and our staff are tireless in their pursuit to give of their best, we must also acknowledge the heavy weight we can all carry from time to time. Schools, more so than ever, need to ensure that the conditions of learning are at an optimum level if teaching and learning is to flourish.

As previously advertised, St Mary's school is beginning to draft a three-year strategic direction to improve the conditions of learning. The conditions of learning strategy will entail consolidating the behaviour engagement framework, developing wellbeing initiatives among students and staff and framing a school culture around our four core values:

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It is exciting to advertise to the school community that a St Mary's Wellbeing Committee has been organised and have recently met. This committee will meet regularly throughout the term to discuss matters which assist in developing an engaging, supportive and productive work environment for students and staff.

Catholic Primary Principals' Association Conference

This week, I have attended the Catholic Primary Principals' Conference. It was very inspiring to listen to the various keynote speakers and discuss strategic direction with my fellow primary principals. I will share highlights from the conference in future newsletters.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Week 10

Fri 22 Sep Pupil Free Day
Staff PD

Term Four Week 1

Mon 09 Oct Pupil Free Day

Tues 10 Oct Term 4 Commence

Fri 13 Oct SOCKTOBER
Crazy Sock Day
Mission Week School
Mass 9am

Sun 15 Oct International Food
Festival Geraldton
Catholic Centre

Week 3

Wed 25 Oct School Board 6pm

Fri 27 Oct World Teachers
Day

REMINDER

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

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From Mr Love cont...

Geraldton Diocese International Food Festival Fundraiser

As previously advertised, our Geraldton Diocese is joining together in solidarity to fundraise and to celebrate the upcoming International Food Festival on **Sunday October 15**. The fundraising is a combination of a major raffle, various activities, food stalls with international cuisines, prepared and sold at the **Geraldton Catholic Centre at 17 Maitland Street Geraldton**.

Family and community is the focal point, being something so central to our everyday living. It is a wonderful way of sharing and bringing families and the wider community together. The International Food Festival also celebrates our different identities, cultures, faith beliefs and wonderful cuisines that shape and unite us. Please come along if you can.

Socketober - Friday 13 October

Socketober invites students to engage with developing world issues through understanding what 'Sock it to Poverty' means. On **Friday 13 October**, students can wear crazy socks to school for a gold coin donation. Money raised will go toward the Socketober Appeal.

Fruit of the Spirit

This will be the first week the St Mary's School Community will focus on the Fruit of the Spirit, Faithfulness.

Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!"
(Matthew 8:24-25)

The disciples were very much apparent of Jesus' miraculous ways having spent a lot of time with him and been witness to many of His miracles. Yet, the Bible has countless stories of the disciples' wavering faith, even up to, and after, Jesus' resurrection. As humans, having unwavering faith is difficult as we are flooded with numerous tragedies and challenges daily.

The story of Jesus calming the storm concludes with Jesus, yet again, performing a miracle of settling the storm and reassuring his disciples to have faith that He will not abandon them.

Good News Story

My Good News Story centers on the incredible performance of the Year 1.2 class at today's assembly. Their performance of an iconic Australian song was wonderful. Congratulations to Miss Dawson, Mrs Teakle and Miss Bridie for their preparation.

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
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

13 Oct Timothy
18 Oct Tait
28 Sep Mardi
01 Oct Mrs Lang



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,
only 1 in 16 get enough vegies every day.

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.

Students who eat vegies and fruit more frequently tend to perform better in the classroom, so these breaks are a win for students, parents and teachers.



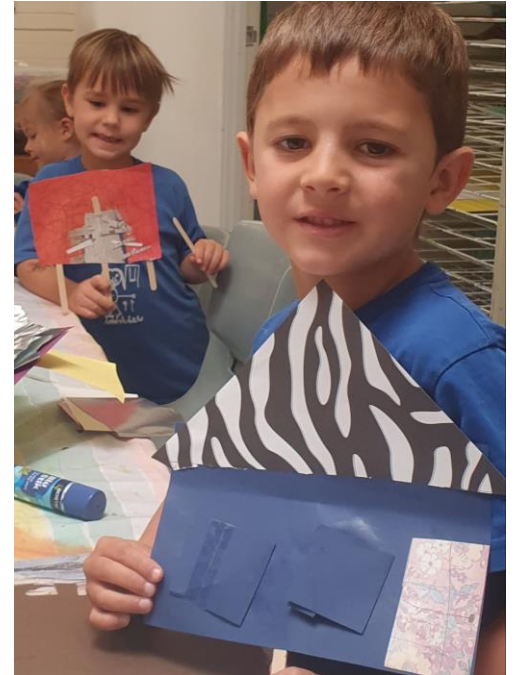
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PARISH NEWS

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Those who had laboured in the vineyard all day were angry when the owner paid the latecomers the same wage. Like the story of the prodigal son, the parable reminds us that the kingdom of heaven is not characterised by our limited concepts of justice but by compassion that knows no limits. May we not be envious at the good fortune of others but rejoice that we too are loved deeply by God.

Caritas Australia's Emergency Appeals – Morocco / Libya

Caritas Australia needs your support to respond to the devastating earthquake in Morocco and floods in Libya. Thousands of people have died and others have been injured. Communities need shelter, food, water and medical assistance. Please support Caritas Australia's emergency appeals. Donate at www.caritas.org.au

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for September: For people living on the margins: We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

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

Our Dead: Pray for the repose of the soul of Noleen Gee whose anniversary occurs today.

Reflection: The parable we read today presents to us the scenario in which God has chosen to bestow His grace and mercy in abundance to all who turn to Him. We can never earn the right to His mercy. Nothing we can do will ever give us the right to the gift of eternal salvation. Therefore, this parable especially challenges us to look at Heaven and the life of grace on earth from the perspective of "gift." All is a gift from God. Whether we convert at the end of our lives, after living sinful lives, or whether we have spent our whole lives serving the will of God, all is a gift in the end, all is grace.

Only when we comprehend God's goodness and infinite generosity will we be able to overcome our temptations toward jealousy and selfishness. Those who have dedicated their entire lives to the love of God, if it is a genuine love and service of God, will, as a result, take on the perspective of the mind and heart of God. Part of that perspective is the burning desire to generously bestow God's infinite grace and mercy upon everyone who turns to Him. Even the most hardened sinner who has been the source of much hurt in life is a candidate for the fullness of God's grace if they repent. This must be our desire. We must be like the landowner in this parable who rejoices when labourers show up in the last hour and then lavishes a full day's wages upon them. Not only is this fair from the divine perspective, it must become our personal desire as we labour through life.....*Catholic Life*

save the date

St Mary's School P&F

Melbourne Cup
2023

7th November

Horrocks Community Centre

- > Chocolate wheel
- > Best dressed
- > Raffles
- > Sweeps
- > Delicious food
- & lots of fun





Tennis Clinic - Expression of Interest

Below are the proposed dates for a 5-week tennis clinic to be facilitated by Sun City Tennis Academy in Northampton.

Friday 3rd November

Friday 10 November

Friday 17th November

Friday 24th November

Friday 1st December

If this is something your child is interested in attending, or you would prefer the clinics to be on a different day, please email tennis@suncitytennisacademy.com.au



BUS SAFETY

Wait on the footpath until the bus has been driven away.

- **TOGETHER**, choose the safest place to cross the road, and:
- **STOP!** One step back from the kerb.
- **LOOK!** For traffic to your right, left and right.
- **LISTEN!** For the sounds of approaching traffic.
- **THINK!** Whether it is safe to cross.



Due to the height in which the driver is sitting, his forward blind spot is greater than a car driver's blind spot. The higher his sightline, the less he sees in front of the vehicle. Therefore, it is imperative that when driving or walking, you make sure there is at least 4 to 5 metres of space between you and the front of the bus.



THE PARISHES OF GERALDTON PRESENTS



International Food Festival



Multi-cuisine
food stalls!

SUNDAY
12 SEPTEMBER 2021
FROM 10AM

Live music and
dancing!

Raffles,
quizzes and
auctions on
the day!



Lots of fun
for the whole
family!

SFX Cathedral Precinct and
Catholic Centre

Fingernail and
face painting



If you want to be involved or want
more information visit 'Francis
Xavier Cathedral' on Facebook

Kids zone with
fun activities!

All proceeds go toward Geraldton Parishes



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Registrations are now open for our FREE Woolworths Cricket Blast Program. Sign up your Blaster (5-10-year-old) to learn ball skills in a fun, non-contact format!. Register today via <https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/89b48c> or click on the QR code below and search for "WWCF - Northampton"

Queries: Tia Hatch (Mid-West Cricket Manager - 0429 107 963



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Aquarena Swim School

Timetable

September Holiday Program 2023



26 September – 29 September 2023

INFANT AQUATICS: For ages 6 months to 5 years. Teaches water safety and survival skills for parents and their children. Each lesson incorporates songs and fun activities to create positive bonding experiences. Parents/Guardian can expect to be in the water with the child until Penguin when the parent/Guardian will gradually step away from involvement in lessons.

INFANT AQUATICS PROGRAM

10:30 – 10:55	Orca/Walrus 4-5 years old
11:00 – 11:25	Manta Ray/ Dolphin 3-4 years old
11:30 – 11:55	Penguin 3-4 years old Classes transition without Parent/Guardian
12:00 – 12:25	Snapper/Piranha 2-3 years old
12:30 – 12:55	Seahorse 18-24 months old
13:00 – 13:25	Jellyfish/Guppy 6-18 months old

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City of
Greater Geraldton
Aquarena



*Please note class times and teachers are subject to change. Classes are not scheduled for public holidays.
If there is a class that you would like not listed above or available, please contact the Aquarena and we can place you on a waitlist.*

TERM PLANNER TERM FOUR 2023

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY / SUNDAY
	9	10	11	12	13	14
OCT	PUPIL FREE DAY	SCHOOL COMMENCES TERM FOUR			SOCKTOBER Crazy Sock Day MISSION WEEK SCHOOL MASS 9.00AM	
WEEK 1						MISSION SUNDAY International Food Festival Geraldton
OCT						
	16	17	18	19	20	21
OCT					SCHOOL NEWSLETTER	
WEEK 2				P&F MEETING 9AM (TBC)	NORTHAMPTON NEWS DUE	
OCT						
	23	24	25	26	27	28
OCT						ALL SOULS DAY
WEEK 3						
OCT					WORLD TEACHERS DAY	
		SAC 6.00pm				
	30	31	1	2	3	4
OCT				School Orientation Day Kindy Orientation 9-11am		
WEEK 4						
NOV				SCHOOL NEWSLETTER		
	6	7	8	9	10	11
NOV		MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH - HORROCKS COMMUNITY CENTRE	STEM Melbourne	ASSEMBLY 2.40pm Yr 3/4 Performance		
WEEK 5						
NOV						
	13	14	15	16	17	18
NOV						
WEEK 6					SCHOOL NEWSLETTER	
NOV				P&F MEETING 9AM (TBC)		
	20	21	22	23	24	25
NOV	NORTHAMPTON NEWS DUE	YR 3-6 RECONCILIATION 9.00am		NCV ISSA SWIMMING CARNIVAL YR 3-6 (TBC)		
WEEK 7						
NOV				End of Month Canteen Menu		FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	27	28	29	30	1	2
NOV					SCHOOL NEWSLETTER	
WEEK 8						
DEC		YEAR SIX GRADUATION MASS 5PM DINNER 6PM				SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	4	5	6	7	8	9
DEC	REPORTS GO HOME	END OF YEAR SCHOOL MASS 9.00AM			GERALDTON EXCURSION MOVIES AND LUNCH	
WEEK 9						
DEC			SAC 6.00PM	END OF YEAR CONCERT	TERM FOUR CONCLUDES FOR STUDENTS	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	11	12	13	14	15	16
DEC	STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS				NORTHAMPTON NEWS DUE	
WEEK 10					Last Day for Staff	
DEC						FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT