



NEWSLETTER

01 December 2023

St Mary's School

Faith - Respect - Challenge - Teamwork



From Mr Love...

Dear Community Members,

Well, here we are! The last newsletter and the second last week of the year. While this is a time for celebration, it can also be a time of stress and busyness. I encourage you all to go easy (as best you can) and sing out if the school can assist in anyway.

Reports

This coming Monday, our End of Year Reports will be sent home. These reports, I'm sure, will be a great celebration of the effort and achievement displayed by your children. I have had the pleasure of reading every child's report and I can tell you that I have been amazed! Please acknowledge the hardwork your children have undertaken and celebrate their successes. Similarly, please reinforce with your children that identified areas of improvement, from their teachers, are part of every student's journey. Reports should not contain any surprises. Therefore, if you read something that you don't quite understand, or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

End of Year Concert

Our kids have been practicing and refining the End of Year Concert and from what I have seen, you are all in for a great show! Remember, all students need to **arrive at 5:15pm**, we will start promptly at 5:30pm. We will be located on the school oval. Our P&F are catering with some 'Concert Platters'. If you would like one, please refer to the online link shared as an SMS as there will be no cash handling on the night.

End of Year Excursion

On Friday 8 December, our students will end the year off with a bang! Please see below for the End of Year Excursion details.

- Year One - Six students will attend the Geraldton Orana Cinemas for a movie and then will attend the Bill Hemsley Park (White Peak) for Lunch and a play. This excursion is expected to end at 1.30pm where parents have the option of picking their child/ren up or returning on the school bus.
- The Kindy / Pre-Primary students will remain on the school site and undertake a Family Fun Day. The events of this Family Fun Day have been communicated to families via a note.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Week 9

Mon 04 Dec	Reports Go Home
Tues 05 Dec	End of Year School Mass 9am
Wed 06 Dec	School Board 6pm
Thurs 07 Dec	End of Year Concert 5.30pm
Fri 08 Dec	Movies and Lunch in Geraldton Yr 1-6 <i>Family Fun Day at School Yr K.PP</i>

Week 10

11-15 Dec	School Office Open Staff Personal Development Days
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2024

22-25 Jan	School Office Open
Fri 26 Jan	Public Holiday

Week 1

Mon 29 Jan	Pupil Free Day
Tues 30 Jan	Pupil Free Day
Wed 31 Jan	School Commences
Thurs 01 Feb	Swimming at Aquarena GTN

REMINDER

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

PO Box 138

Northampton 6535

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Email: admin@smsn.wa.edu.au

Website: www.smsn.wa.edu.au

Graduation Mass and Dinner 2023

Grady Riley Isla Anna Tremaine Tayva Sunnie
 Ruben William Olivia Delilah

Christmas Donations

My good news story is more of a recognition of the enormous amount of work this particular employee undertakes each day, and certainly, during this busy time of the year. Mrs. Bethwyn Smith, our wonderful Finance Office, is tireless in her pursuit to ensure all school members are provided with every opportunity. Mrs Smith's duties and responsibilities are many, yet she does so with a smile and a quiet determination to get the job done! The St Mary's School community are so grateful for everything she does to ensure the school finances run so smoothly. Thank you, Beth!

Holidays

As I reflect upon the achievements of the past year, it fills me with immense pride of what your remarkable group of kids have achieved. This year has been a journey of change, growth, and most definitely accomplishments. Let the accomplishments of this year serve as a steppingstone for even greater feats in the future. Together, as a united faith community, we will continue to nurture the potential within each student, fostering the core values of [Faith](#), [Respect](#), [Challenge](#) and [Teamwork](#) in everything we do.

Thank you, and I hope everyone has an awesome and blessed Christmas and New Year!

Take care,

Brett

Term Dates 2024

Term 1

Wed 31 Jan	Commences
Thurs 28 Mar	Finishes

Term 2

Tues 16 April	Commences
Fri 28 June	Finishes

Term 3

Tues 16 July	Commences
Thurs 19 Sep	Finishes - Students

Term 4

Tues 08 Oct	Commences
Fri 06 Dec	Finishes – Students



Public Holidays 2024

Mon	Jan 1	New Year Holiday
Fri	Jan 26	Australia Day
Mon	Mar 4	Labour Day
Fri	Mar 29	Good Friday
Mon	April 1	Easter Monday
Thurs	April 25	ANZAC Day
Mon	June 3	WA Day
Mon	Sept 23	King's Birthday
Wed	Dec 25	Christmas Day
Thurs	Dec 26	Boxing Day

Birthdays

31 Dec	Keely
31 Dec	Cayle
18 Dec	Bella
29 Dec	Daniel





Put some CRUNCH into your day!

Australian children are not eating enough vegetables. Primary school aged children need between 4 and 5 serves every day. Eating vegetables will benefit:

- bones and joints
- brain and nervous system
- energy and metabolism
- heart and circulation
- hydration
- immunity
- skin
- vision

AND they taste great!



Why not pack some fresh vegies for Crunch&Sip®?
Try carrot sticks, cherry tomatoes, snow peas, broccoli and cauliflower pieces, celery or cucumber.

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2024 INTERM SWIMMING LESSONS

Notes regarding swimming lessons for 2024 went home today. Please ensure they are returned by Tuesday 5 December.

2023 CONCERT AND PRESENTATION NIGHT – PLATTER BOXES

On Thursday 7 December 2023, our Annual Concert and Presentation night will be held on the school oval commencing at 5.30pm. If you would like a platter box prepared by the P&F for supper during the concert, please order using the link sent out via text message earlier this week.

END OF YEAR EXCURSION – YEARS ONE TO SIX – FRIDAY 8th DECEMBER

If your child/ren will **NOT be travelling back to school on the bus**, please complete the note included in this newsletter and return to the school office by Tuesday, 5th December.

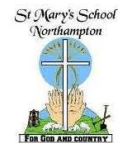
2023 SCHOOL FEES AND UNIFORM ACCOUNTS

To enable the completion of our financial year can any outstanding 2023 school fees or uniform accounts be finalised by November 30, 2023. If required, please arrange a meeting with Mr Love to arrange a payment plan. Existing plans can continue.

2024 BOOKLISTS

The student booklist order forms have been sent home, please complete and return them to the school office with monies, or a direct payment to our bank account as soon as possible. The School Bank details are: BSB 086 006, ACC 508362424, REF Booklist/Name.

Classroom items such as diaries, reading journals, library bags and portfolios can then be placed direct into the classrooms for 2024 as soon as they are paid for. Other items can be collected from the school office.



The Year That Was at St Mary's School



It felt like yesterday I was writing the first St Mary's School insert for the Northampton News and introducing myself to this amazing community. I now find myself tying off what has been a very successful year and embarking upon the Christmas Holidays.

It has been an absolute incredible year with many accomplishments. Our accolades extend from national representation at the STEM Making a Difference showcase in Melbourne to individual success across the curriculum. Often it is the small moments of growth which brought me the most amount of joy. Watching the Pre-Primary students write their name with confidence and count to 50 reminds me how special this vocation is.

St Mary's School has worked closely with the St Mary's Parish community celebrating many liturgical celebrations and outreach programs, providing opportunities for our students to develop their faith and to live as Jesus did.

Our incredible Parents and Friends committee and School Advisory Council have once again been tireless in their pursuit to provide for our students every opportunity to flourish and grow as a community.

I thank everybody within the St Mary's School community for all

they have done to support the students and staff. This year has been a journey of change, growth, and most definitely accomplishments. Let the accomplishments of this year serve as a steppingstone for even greater feats in the future. Together, as a united faith community, we will continue to nurture the potential within each student, fostering the core values of **Faith**, **Respect**, **Challenge** and **Teamwork** in everything we do.

Thank you, and I hope everyone has an awesome and blessed Christmas!

Brett Love
Principal



Kindy / PrePrimary had a visit from a Fire Truck!



Today we saw a fire truck.
I liked it 'cause it is cool.

Gigi



Today we saw a fire
truck. We got to go in it.
Oakley

Today I see a fire unit and
a fire truck.

Tait



I liked that my Dad did
the talk.

Tim

Today we saw a fire truck. I
liked the big tyres.

Cole

I liked the fire unit that
puts out fires.

Easton

Today we saw a fire truck. I
had fun sitting in it.

Jack

Today we saw a fire truck. I had a
photo in the truck.

Tye



Today we saw a fire truck. I
liked the tyres.

Max

Today we saw a fire truck.
I went in the big truck.

Trem

We saw a fire truck. I liked it
because it got tyres.

Serah



END OF YEAR EXCURSION (Years One to Six)

MOVIES AND LUNCH IN GERALDTON

FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER 2023

(Please return by TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER)

If your child is NOT returning to school by bus
at the conclusion of the excursion

I will be collecting my child/ren from Bill Hemsley Park (White Peak) at 1.30pm.

Other arrangements (please detail)

Signed: _____

Family Name: _____

PARISH NEWS

First Sunday of Advent – Year B

The prophet Isaiah implored God to tear the heavens open and come down to save the people. God, however, did not come among us in such a dramatic way but in the humble form of Jesus of Nazareth. God continues to enter our lives in unexpected ways. If we are watchful for the presence of Christ in each day, we will recognise him when he comes in glory.

Advent Wreath Response – Prophet's Candle

Priest: Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophets of old.

Response: Come Lord Jesus

Priest: Lord Jesus, we believe you come among us now as we read the prophet



Isaiah's words "to act with integrity"

Response: Come, Lord Jesus

Priest: Lord Jesus, you will come again as the fulfilment of all prophecy, and you, the potter will have shaped our clay to be the work of your hand.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus

Communion Appeal; the season of Advent begins today. Advent is a reminder to get out of our sense of complacency. We hear the command "stay awake"! Our Master is near, He is coming! This is not a threat, but a promise. We are not alone! The upheaval we see going on around us is not all that there is. The Kingdom of heaven is close at hand and with it the promise of life. Life, in all its fullness and meaning. And that is what we all long for in the end, life. Please reach out to others and give life by supporting the Bishop's Christmas Communion Appeal. All donations are tax deductible. Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

Advent 2023 – Preparing for Christmas with the Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes

"You don't become who you hope to become, you only become what you do!" You are invited to prepare for Christmas this Advent (starting 3rd December) with a new Daily Devotional series. Each day, you will receive a short inspirational video from Bruce Downes, known as The Catholic Guy, full of inspiration, real-life stories and practical ways to become all that God has created you to be!

Register now or for more information: <https://BruceDownes.org/Advent> Email: info@brucedownes.org

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

St Mary's School End of Year Concert and Presentation Night will be held next Thursday, December 7th commencing at 5:30pm on the lawn area east of the school. BYO blankets and chairs.



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.



Aquarena Swim School Timetable January Holiday Programs 2024



Program 1, 8 January – 12 January 2024

Program 2, 15 January – 19 January 2024

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

9:30 – 9:55	Walrus/Orca 4-5 years old
10:00 – 10:25	Guppy/Seahorse 11-24 months old
10:30 – 10:55	Penguin 3-4 years old Classes transition without Parent/Guardian
11:00 – 11:25	Snapper/Piranha 2-3 years old
11:30 – 11:55	Manta Ray/ Dolphin 3-4 years old

1 Pass Street, Wonthella WA 6530
Phone. 9956 6906
Email. aquarena@cgg.wa.gov.au
www.aquarena.cgg.gov.au



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.

 **Lions Eye Institute**
CELEBRATING 40 YEARS

Eye to Eye Photographic Competition

Entries open
6 December – 16 January
More than **\$10,000**
in prizes to win



Competition details and entry information can be found at
<https://eyetoeye.lei.org.au>

INFORMATION FOR CUSTOMERS

Australian Government Mobile Service Centre

Serving Regional Australia

Visit the Mobile Service Centre to find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families will also be available.

Staff can provide you with information and support. They can also help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Thursday, 14 December 2023

9:30 am to 3:00 pm

Near Hampton Gardens, Hampton Road

NORTHAMPTON

For more information, go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice



servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice



Shaping the future

VacSwim

Enrolments now open!
Places are limited, so get in early.

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

education.wa.edu.au/vacswim



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 4 2023
23/10 - Gross Motorskills (Climbing Gym)
6/11 - Activity TBA
13/11 - Activity TBA
20/11 - Christmas Craft Activity
27/11 - Brookview Nursing Home Visit
4/12 - AGM
11/12 - Christmas Party

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



CONTACT DESIRÉE ON
0400 209 515 OR VISIT THE
NORTHAMPTON PLAYGROUP
FACEBOOK PAGE

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