

St Mary's School

Faith - Respect - Challenge - Teamwork

From Mr Love...

Dear Parents and Community Members,

<u>Easter</u>

As we edge toward Easter Sunday and the commencement of the school holidays, I hope that all members of the school community will put aside some time to rest and attend to their wellbeing. It is important we all have the opportunity to recharge for our own benefit and the benefit of others this coming Easter holiday.

The most important feast in the Church's liturgical year, Easter, will be celebrated this coming Sunday 31 March. It is a time when we rejoice in the new life Christ gave us through His passion, death and resurrection. I wish every family a very peace-filled Easter and may Term Two bring more opportunities to live out our core values of Faith, Respect, Challenge and Teamwork.

<u>Alleluia Day - Term Two - Thursday 18 April</u>

On Thursday 18 April, the school community will once again celebrate Alleluia Day. Alleluia Day is a significant day in the St Mary's School calendar celebrating the risen Lord which occurred during the holidays. **Students and staff will be invited to wear white on this day**. A morning Liturgy in the Undercover area will take place. Teachers will designate an activity around Jesus' Resurrection for the students to participate in. And finally, our P&F will coordinate a big 'colourful' event. Please access the school Facebook page for more information

School Photographs

School photographs are due to take place on **Monday 13 May.** Students are requested to wear their full School Uniform on this day. Further information regarding School Photo Day will be sent home in the coming weeks.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Week 9

Thur 28 Mar Term One Finish for

Staff and Students

Fri 29 Mar Good Friday

TERM TWO Week 1

Mon 15 Apr PUPIL FREE DAY

Staff PD

Tues 16 Apr Students Commence

Thur 18 Apr ALLELUIA DAY

Colour Fun Run and Sausage Sizzle Lunch

Week 2

Wed 24 Apr ANZAC Day Service

9am

Thur 25 Apr ANZAC Day Public

Holiday

Fri 26 Apr Godly Play Incursion

Week 3

Fri 03 May Assembly and Merit

Certificates 2pm

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Email: admin@smsn.wa.edu.au Website: www.smsn.wa.edu.au REMINDER
Online LUNCH
ORDERS need
to be in by
10AM please.

From Mr Love cont...

Every Day Counts

There is a direct correlation between student achievement and student attendance. A day absent from school here or there does not seem like much but, parents and carers are asked to consider the data below. If there are challenges around your child attending school, please contact us so we can look at the support structures we can put in place to assist. Please remember, every day does count.

When your child misses just	that equals		Pre Primary to Year	This means that the best your child can achieve is
1 day a fortnight	20 days a year	4 weeks of school		Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days a year	8 weeks of school	l ' '	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days a year		l	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days a year	24 weeks of school	·	Equal to finishing Year 4

Good News Story

Our Good News Story for this edition of the newsletter is bittersweet. As I hope you are aware through Monday's notification letter, Mrs Laura Lang has been successful in her application for the Assistant Principal position at St John's School, Rangeway. This is a marvellous achievement for Laura and a wonderful opportunity to develop a Catholic education leader. Unfortunately, for St Mary's School, we lose the talents and gifts Laura brings and has brought to our school community for many years.

A process has already begun to find a replacement and we will notify the school community once this application process has been finalised.

Take care,

Brett



TERM TWO PLANNER

Please find our planner for Term 2 at the end of this newsletter.

FOOTY TIPPING

Congratulations to **Hudson Teakle** who was our Round One winner in the Footy Tipping and also to both **Wendy Dutton** and **Chris Box** who shared the top spot in Round Two!

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

BIRTHDAYS

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Pupil Free Days 2024

Monday 15 April	Staff PD Day
Tuesday June 4	Catholic Day
Monday July 15	Staff PD Day
Friday Sep 20	Staff PD Day
Monday Nov 4	Staff PD Day

Public Holidays 2024

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



DID YOU KNOW?
The longest river in the world is the Nile River, it reaches 6,650km in length

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL WINNERS

Year 6 Boy

Champion Blake Simpson Runner Up Mason Box

Year 5 Boy

Champion Harry Cripps Runner Up Patrick Davis

Year 5 Girl

Champion Layla Simpson Runner Up Isla Warr

Year 4 Boy

Champion Hudson Teakle Runner Up Zavier Triscari

Year 4 Girl

Champion Asha Simpson

Year 3 Boy

Champion Corbin Cross Runner Up Bailey Box

Year 3 Girl

Champion Amelia Conroy Runner Up Evie Box

Spirit Award Darcey Shires

Congratulations to Kelly House for taking home the shield for 2024!















PARISH NEWS

Easter Sunday - Year B

CHRIST IS RISEN, ALLELUIA! The empty tombs, and neatly folded burial cloths, were signs that led the Beloved Disciple to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In the witness of the apostles and the faithfulness, courage and love of our fellow Christians, we too have powerful signs that Christ is risen and lives among us. Observing them, our faith cries out: "Alleluia!"

Project Compassion

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, for all future generations. Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2024 Lenten appeal and if you haven't done so, please return your Project Compassion boxes or envelopes in the Second Collection basket. You may also wish to donate by visiting caritas.or.au/project-compassion or calling 1800 024 413. HAPPY EASTER.

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

Prayer for Rain: God of compassion, we wait and watch for your gift of rain to water the soil and make the barren land come alive again. We wait and watch for the gift of salvation to free us all from hatred, greed and fear so that we may live again as people of faith, hope and love. We make this prayer in the name of our Saviour who comes to be with us. Amen

Message from ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious against the Trafficking of Humans) – Did you know much of the world's chocolate, including that sold in Australian shops, is produced using cocoa beans harvested by child labourers, many who endure enslavement and poor, sometimes dangerous, working conditions? Most are deprived of an education. We are encouraging people to select ethically sourced chocolate and to support companies working to eliminate slavery from their supply chains. Consult the Be Slavery Free Chocolate Scorecard – on the ACRATH website: acrath.org.au/take-action/chocolate/ Look for the Fairtrade or Rainforest Alliance logos on the packaging of your favourite chocolate brands.

Sounds Sublime Concert in the Cathedral

Thanks to Crothers Construction for making it possible for Hawes Heritage Events to attract world class artists to Geraldton for the Sounds of Sublime Concert on 12th April from 7:00- 9:00 pm. A visiting Polish organist and clarinettist will be joined by Perth vocalist Katja Webb in a night to remember. General seating is \$50 a ticket. Reserved seating with an opportunity to join with the artists for refreshments at Laian Restaurant after the concert is also available. To book go to www.monsignorhawes.com or phone Mrs Gerry Eastman 0417912997.













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