



# St Mary's School

*Faith - Respect - Challenge - Teamwork*

From Mr Love...

## Dear Parents and Community Members,

This edition of the newsletter sees the school completing Week Three.

Next Sunday, we celebrate Mother's Day. A special day to highlight the central roles our Mums play in our lives. We also celebrate all the other women in our lives such as grandmothers, stepmothers, aunts, cousins, teachers and special friends who have helped to shape and form us into the person we are today. From what I have seen walking around the classrooms this week, there are many ways our students are showing their appreciation towards their mothers. Beautiful, personalised gifts and messages which carry sentimental value. Handmade cards, flowers and homemade treats are inexpensive yet meaningful ways to acknowledge Mum. Another way to make Mother's Day more special is by spending quality time together as a family.

- Please join us next Friday 10 May at 2.00pm for our annual Mother's Day Afternoon Tea. Let's make the day memorable by creating lasting moments and memories that we will cherish for many years to come.

### May – The Month of Mary

This May, we pray to our patroness of the school, Mother Mary. May Mother Mary bless you all, inspiring and energising you by her gentle example of love and perseverance. May she guide you each day as you care and guide your child/ren to grow and flourish. Below is a prayer you may like to pray together with your family on Mother's Day.

*Dear Lord, We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; may they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy. We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; may they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.*

*We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty or conflict; may they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes away every tear. We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion. We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever etched in our memory, with love. Amen.*

### Change of School Photo Day

Please be advised the School Photo Day will now be **Monday 27 May** due to the availability of the photographer.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Week 4

Wed 08 May SAC Meeting 5.30pm

Fri 10 May P & F Meeting 1pm  
*Mother's Day*  
*Afternoon Tea 2pm*

Sun 12 May Mother's Day

### Week 5

#### COMMUNIO WEEK

Wed 15 May Scholastic Book Fair Begins

### Week 6

#### SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR

Wed 22 May National Simultaneous Storytime

Fri 24 May National Sorry Day Liturgy

### Week 7

Mon 27 May **SCHOOL PHOTO DAY**

### Week 8

Mon 03 June WA Day Public Holiday

Tues 04 June Pupil Free Day

## REMINDER

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

## From Mr Love cont...

### Child Safe Framework

St Mary's School, in partnership with Catholic Education Western Australia, aims to provide the best Catholic education and outcomes for your child. This goal requires an engaging, safe and supportive school environment. The combined nine elements of the Child Safe Framework, supports a child safe culture, healthy and respectful relationships, and extended guardianship in school communities, based on the latest research and recognised best practices. Please refer to the following page of this newsletter for further information.

### Work Health and Safety

The physical and mental health, safety, and wellbeing of all members of the CEWA community is our highest priority. St Mary's School is committed to providing and maintaining a working environment that seeks to eliminate or minimise hazards and risks of injury or ill health to all members of the school community.

As a staff, we have processes in place to report maintenance and safety issues. Students are also encouraged to raise any areas of concern with a staff member. If a parent/carer or visitor notes a risk, they are encouraged to speak to the School Office so it can be addressed in a timely manner.

### Communio Week 2024 – 'Step Up'

In Week Five, the St Mary's School community will celebrate Communio Week. Communio Week supports the Catholic affiliated agencies in the Geraldton Diocese and aims to aid those in need. This is an initiative fully supported by Bishop Michael Morrissey. This year's theme is '*Step Up*'. More information regarding Communio Week will be sent out in the coming weeks.

### Baby News

Congratulations to the Williams family on the birth of a healthy baby girl. Mabel is doing really well and Mum Grace and Dad Fletcher are over the moon, as are her sisters!

### Good News Story

My Good News Story for this week is to celebrate the amazing contribution Miss K aka Mrs Lang has made to the St Mary's School community. Laura has been an integral part of the STMs fabric for many years, helping grow the culture and history of the school. Her achievements are many and couldn't be adequately covered in this section of the newsletter. However, I think the greatest legacy Laura has left is her dedicated commitment to form fruitful relationships with all members of the school community. These relationships have ensured each and every person, she has encountered, has been selflessly supported to flourish with their God-given talents. We wish Laura all the very best and know her success from afar will be our reward.

Take care,

Brett





# Child Safe Catholic Schools

Introducing the  
Child Safe Framework



Creating environments  
where children feel safe,  
are engaged and can flourish

*Christ-centred, child-focused*

## Designed to support schools in maintaining engaging, supportive and safe environments

All children have the right to a good education. Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA) schools and early years learning and care centres are Christ-centred, and child-focused learning communities that support each child to develop to their full God-given potential. Key to this is ensuring the learning environment is engaging, safe and supportive.

The framework outlines the policies, practices and behaviours found in our schools that underpin a culture prioritising the best interests of children and young people.

Good relationships are vital if Catholic schools are to achieve their aims. Both parents and the school need to work at building constructive relationships.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Mandate: Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia 2009-2015, para. 76.

All members of our Catholic school community share the responsibility for this healthy culture. Your school relies on strong partnerships with you – as parents and carers – to provide your child with the best possible learning and development opportunities. Working together, we can ensure all children and young people flourish in a safe, healthy environment.

The framework is based upon the following key practices:

### Situational prevention

Is constantly evaluating our total environment to minimise opportunities of risk and bring the hidden into the open. The focus is on creating safer environments.

These include elements within our schools: including physical and online environments, staffing, governance, behaviours and culture with an aim to eliminate or mitigate situations that present risk for children and young people.

### Extended Guardianship

When our leaders, staff and wider school community share a collective responsibility to actively support an environment that is engaging, supportive and safe.

It is about having respectful conversations regarding the behaviours we see and how they reflect our Code of Conduct for staff, parents and students to ensure we create a culture where our students are heard, are safe and can thrive.

### Healthy Respectful Relationships

Pope Francis says as an essential requirement of love is "every human being is bound to live agreeably with those around him." Our role as teachers, parents and guardians is to model healthy respectful relationships for our students & children so they will be equipped with the knowledge to understand how they should be treated.

The presence of healthy respectful relationships is by their very nature protective and allow children to flourish.

## SCHOOL PHOTO DAY – CHANGE OF DATE

Please note there has been a change of date for our school photo day. School photos will now be taken on Monday of Week 7, the 27th May 2024.

## FOOTY TIPPING

Congratulations to the following people; **Cameron Johnson** who was our Round Five winner, **Betty Smith** took out the top spot in Round Six and **Barry Mitchell** was our top tipper for Round 7.

### Term Dates 2024

#### 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

### Pupil Free Days 2024

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

Mon June 3 WA Day  
Mon Sept 23 King's Birthday  
Wed Dec 25 Christmas Day  
Thurs Dec 26 Boxing Day

### BIRTHDAYS

09 May Harry (Yr 2)  
11 May Mrs Teakle  
15 May Oakley

#### 5 reasons to pack a mandarin for Crunch&Sip®

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2. They are nutritious - full of vitamins and fibre
3. They come in their own biodegradable packaging
4. They don't bruise easily
5. They are a perfect size for kids to eat during Crunch&Sip®



### DID YOU KNOW?

The average family uses  
6 trees worth of paper  
every year.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Around one billion  
people throughout the  
world lack access to  
safe drinking water.



# ALLELUIA DAY

# Colour Run



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Year 1/2 students started the year off busy learning about Meanies and Smarty Pants to Superheroes and protecting their eggs in Science to graphing Smarties then eating them!





## PARISH NEWS

### Sixth Sunday of Easter – Year B

Love is at the centre of all that Jesus says and does. It must also be the driving force for the friends of Jesus. Thus, his command, “love one another” will be the primary agent for evangelization. We must never lose sight of the initiating love of God, the divine graciousness which has made all things possible.

**Prayer for a Good Season:** Lord, we seek the blessing of your rain which brings hope to our communities of a good season. Continue to look upon us and send the rain we need in order to grow our crops and pastures so that we can provide for our families and fulfil our obligations. We ask that you grant us the support and comfort of your presence so that we can get through this season, no matter the outcome. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Amen.

**Our Dead:** Please remember in your prayers the soul of Ron Johnstone whose anniversary occurs next Saturday.

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

**Domestic Violence Aware Workshop for the public: 10<sup>th</sup> May 9am-5pm at Geraldton Universities Centre.**

The 1 Day DV aware workshops are free for any adult member of the public who would like to get a deep understanding of the complexities of domestic and family violence. Attendees will learn about the impact of family violence and how to Recognise, Respond safely and Refer effectively. Registrations are required and can be done online at <https://www.dvalert.org.au/enrolement-listings>. For further enquiries contact : training.dvalert@lifeline.org.au.

# NIGHTHOOPS

## NORTHAMPTON

**NEW START DATE!**

**FREE BASKETBALL, FOOD AND PLENTY OF GIVEAWAYS**

WHEN: Wednesday afternoons, 4pm - 5.30pm  
WHO: All youth 6-18 years  
WHERE: Northampton Community Centre

**MAY 1    MAY 8    MAY 15    MAY 22    MAY 29**

For more information contact Jay 0402138090 or [jay@smfoundation.org.au](mailto:jay@smfoundation.org.au)

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## NORTHAMPTON PLAYGROUP

At Edna Bandy Centre

**WEEKLY HELPERS**

- help pack away toys & activities
- Wipe tables/benches/high chairs etc
- SWEEP/vacuum

**COME AND JOIN US!**

MONDAYS DURING SCHOOL TERMS  
9AM - 11AM  
GOLD COIN DONATION  
BYO SNACKS

FRIENDSHIP & COMMUNITY  
CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

**TERM 2 2024**

- 22/04 - Welcome Back - Obstacle Course
- 29/04 - Sensory Play Day
- 06/05 - Mothers Day Craft
- 13/05 - Kindy Gym
- 20/05 - Fishing Game Craft (to be taken to Brookview next week)
- 27/05 - Visit to Brookview Nursing Home
- 03/06 - Public Holiday (No Playgroup)
- 10/06 - Playdough Day
- 17/06 - Bubbles Galore
- 24/06 - Grandparents Day

**WHAT TO BRING...**

- Hat
- Water bottle
- Snack Box
- Clothes that can get dirty

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