

# St Mary's School

*Faith - Respect - Challenge - Teamwork*

From Mr Love...

## Dear Parents and Community Members,

Week Seven is 'dusted off' and we edge closer to the end of the term. Please enjoy your extra-long weekend for a return to school on **Wednesday 5 June**.

The halfway point of the year is a good time to reflect and celebrate the achievements we have made thus far. Our '2024 Looking Beyond' document, which can be found on our school website, outlines the key 2024 objectives for the school. Please see below the progress made for some of our 2024 initiatives:

- *A Multi-Purpose Breakout Space is in the process of being created. The introduction of this space will provide students with a place to work and connect with their wellbeing. It will also provide a new space for our clinical therapists to undertake sessions and our staff to undertake student intervention sessions.*
- *Air Conditioners have been installed in all classrooms to improve the conditions of learning.*
- *Security System and PA System have been installed. This new system provides improved security and PA capabilities with offsite connectivity to better align with the Crisis Management Plan.*
- *Completed Staff Carpark*
- *Steps have been made to attain accreditation as a Waste-Sort School. STMs aspires to be a sustainable school ensuring the care of the natural environment and all people.*
- *The Conditions of Learning Strategic Plan is well on its way and is already assisting in creating improved conditions of learning based upon a continuum of promotion, prevention and early intervention.*
- *Data informed teaching and learning practices are being embedded using Elastik software to close targeted gaps in student learning.*
- *Weekly timetabled hymn singing to engage students with the Liturgy.*
- *Explicit foci during Mass to support students in better understanding the rituals of the Eucharistic celebration.*

This list is just a snapshot of a much longer list of aspirations. A huge thanks must go toward the staff at St Mary's School, the School Advisory Council, the P&F, and you, the parent body, who have all assisted with the continued growth of our school.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Week 8

Mon 03 June **WA Day Public Holiday**

Tues 04 June **Pupil Free Day**

Fri 07 June NCVISSA Winter Carnival Yr 3-6

### Week 9

Tues 11 June STEM Showcase 2pm

Wed 12 June Behaviour Guidelines Presentation 3.30pm

### Week 10

Tues 18 June Andrew Chin Incurion 11.30am

Fri 21 June STEM Showcase Nagle College Yr 3-6

### Week 11

Mon 24 June NAIDOC Week Mass 9am

Thur 27 June Reports Go Home

Fri 28 June Assembly 2.30pm  
Yr 1.2 Class Performance

## REMINDER

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

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## From Mr Love cont...

### [Berry Street Education Model – Engaging our Disengaged Learners at St Mary’s School](#)

As previously advertised in multiple editions of the school newsletter, St Mary’s School is working hard on embedding the Conditions of Learning Strategic Plan. Within this plan is the Student Engagement and Behaviour Guidelines and the STMs Position Paper on Bullying. Central to these plans is a strong wellbeing framework to support our students, teachers and families with a proactive approach rather than a reactive, punitive approach. These strategies are taken from the Berry Street Education Model.

While this may challenge long-held beliefs about ‘managing’ behaviours with solely punitive measures, the BSEM research suggests students flourish and engage when they are in a safe and supportive environment. The less-than-ideal behaviours students can occasionally present with can often be a result of an unmet need. Our task is to identify this need and in partnership with the parents support the student to meet it.

I welcome all our families to attend an open afternoon where the Leadership Team at STMs will present the Conditions of Learning Plan and the STMs Behaviour Engagement and Guidelines framework.

**Please join us on Wednesday 12 June at 3.30pm.**

### [2025 Kindy Enrolments](#)

St Mary’s School is currently accepting 2025 Kindy enrolments. If you have a son/daughter who is turning four by the 30 June 2025, please collect an Enrolment Application Pack from Beth or Verity in the School Office.

Additionally, if you have family members or friends who are looking at schools for their own child/ren, please let them know we offer obligation free enrolment tours.

### [Mid-Year Reports](#)

Teachers are currently very busy writing and editing reports that capture the learning journey your child has embarked on during Semester One. The purpose of these reports is to identify and communicate areas for celebration as well as areas for future development. Reports in Years PP-6 measure student progress using an A-E grading scale, with a C grade indicating that students are meeting the ‘at target’ point for their respective year level in each of the learning areas.

To ensure that parents and carers are fully informed prior to these reports being sent home, teachers will be arranging meetings with parents and carers of students who have not reached this desired target in the English and Mathematics learning areas. Mid-Year Reports will be sent home on **Thursday 27 June**. If you have any concerns or queries regarding your child's School Report, please arrange a mutually convenient time to meet with your child's classroom teacher.

### [Allergy Aware School](#)

A reminder that St Mary’s School is an ‘allergy aware school’. The foods that are particularly dangerous for some of our students are **nuts and pesto**. We ask that students do not bring these foods to school in their lunch boxes.

### [Attendance](#)

I take this opportunity to remind parents and caregivers of the importance of students attending school, unless sick or unwell. School is compulsory for children from Pre-Primary and any absences need to be explained in writing and approved by the school.

Research shows that school attendance is strongly related to increased academic achievement. School attendance provides students with opportunities to develop social competence and relationships, be in a language-rich environment, work with others, and learn skills like problem-solving and persistence (Kearney & Graczyk, 2014).

School non-attendance can negatively impact students' academic achievement in the current year but can also impact subsequent years. Non-attendance can also be linked to increased social isolation for the student. Please ensure students are kept home if unwell but attend school otherwise. Please note extended absences will have an effect on your child's Mid and End of Year Report.

**Good News Story**

My Good news story is a 'staff shout' out to our incredible cleaner, Ange. Ange quietly goes about her role with efficiency and dedication. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated staff member at St Mary's who ensures the facilities are clean, hygienic and are optimum conditions for learning! Thank you, Ange!

Take care,

Brett

**FOOTY TIPPING**

Congratulations to **Trent Simpson** who was our Round Ten winner in the Footy Tipping and to **Sonya Hasleby** who had the top spot in Round Eleven!

**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**

04 June Iszaac  
 05 June Tye



## PARISH NEWS

### Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)– Year B

During the Passover meal the Jewish people remember God's deeds in the past. In this act of remembering, God's saving power is experienced in the present. Through the ritual meal of the last supper Jesus points to a future event, his crucifixion, in which his body will be broken and his blood shed to inaugurate a new covenant between God and humankind. In the Eucharist we remember Christ's saving action and participate in its fruits.

**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 souls of Pat Drage and Cecilia Taylor whose anniversaries occur this week.

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

### Hawes Heritage Trail 4 Day Pilgrimage – June 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> \$400 pp

You are invited to participate in a voyage of discovery, in a luxury coach departing each day from Geraldton, of the iconic buildings and sites relating to the heritage of Priest/Architect John Cyril Hawes, in the Midwest of WA. (This is not a walking tour). Lunch, entry to sites, snack and drinks on the bus, commentary and daily Mass in a Hawes church are all provided. (One day options are available for \$100 per day). For more information or to reserve your place visit [www.monsignorhawes.com](http://www.monsignorhawes.com) or phone Gerry Eastman 0417912997.

**Stella Maris College Reunion** Reunion for Class of '71(1960 to 1971) of Stella Maris College will be held on Saturday 12 October 2024, 4pm at Clement Street, Swanbourne. For "expression of interest" please contact Judi Maurice (nee Keeffe) on 0413 588 405.

# BREATHE BASKETBALL MEGA CAMP

DIRECTOR: DAN HUNT    LEAD COACH: LIAM HUNT

## JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

DATES: 1ST, 2ND, 3RD & 4TH OF  
JULY 2024

TIME: 9AM - 2PM EACH DAY

AGES: BORN 2013 - 2009

COST: \$200

SPECIAL GUEST COACHING FROM SOME OF YOUR FAVOURITE BUCCS

TO REGISTER AND FOR MORE INFORMATION  
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RESPECT YOUR CULTURE

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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



CONTACT KAT ON 081584449  
OR VISIT THE NORTHAMPTON  
PLAYGROUP FACEBOOK PAGE



**DID YOU KNOW?**

Recycling glass saves 75% of the energy needed to create a new glass from raw materials

**- ICPA -**  
**Isolated Children's Parents' Association**

Your  
Membership

- ICPA advocates for access to an equitable education for all rural and remote students.
- As a member of ICPA you are a member of your Branch, your State ICPA and ICPA Australia.
- If you do not have a Branch near you or your State/Territory does not have an ICPA State Council you can join as a Lone Member.

Your Branch  
ICPA

**ICPA BRANCHES**

- 101 Branches across Australia.
- Advocate for local educational issues and are represented by delegates at State and Federal Conferences.
- Fundraise to send delegates and observers to Conference and to support rural and remote families at a local level.

Your State  
ICPA

**ICPA IN YOUR STATE OR TERRITORY**

- 5 State Councils - NSW, NT, QLD, SA and WA.
- Advocates to the State or Territory Government and stakeholders for students from rural town schools, distance education, early childhood or boarding as well as state allowances, local bus runs, communications, tertiary, trade, training and more.
- Holds an annual Conference where Branch delegates put forward State/Territory based motions.

Your Federal  
ICPA

**ICPA AUSTRALIA**

- Advocates to the Federal Government and stakeholders on Federal education issues. This includes the Assistance for Isolated Children, Youth Allowance, In Home Care, early childhood through to tertiary education and access to adequate telecommunications.
- Holds an annual Conference where Branch delegates put forward Federal based motions.

Become a member at [icpa.com.au/au/membership](http://icpa.com.au/au/membership)

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LIONS CLUB**

We'll get 10 cents for each one.  
With your help, we can make a change.

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**St Mary's School Northampton**  
Drop off anytime in the staff car park.

ELIGIBLE CONTAINERS

Most glass, plastic, aluminum, steel and paper-based cartons between 150mL and 3L.

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

A seagull can drink saltwater as it has special glands to filter out the salt