

St Mary's School

Faith - Respect - Challenge - Teamwork

From Mr Love...

Dear Parents and Community Members,

This edition of the Newsletter concludes Week Nine. What a wet, soggy week we have had! The smiles on the faces of our families and students at the sight of this rain have been heartwarming to witness. I pray that this rain yields new life and optimism for your family.

Mid-Year Reports

The Mid-Year Reports will be sent home on Thursday 27 June. As mentioned in previous newsletters, these reports should never be a surprise and many parents have already come in for interviews regarding the progress of their child/ren. When you read the report, please celebrate the success of your children this semester, they have all worked so hard to grow and improve. Reports always contain goals for children to aspire toward. The best way to achieve these goals is for families and the school to be aligned, so please speak with your child about their goal for Semester Two and importantly, how they are going to achieve it and how you can support them.

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 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.

Religious Education Assessment (REA)

In Term Three, students in Years Three and Five will take part in the Religious Education Assessment (REA). Please refer to the note handed out today. More information on the REA will be advertised next term.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Week 10

Tues 18 June Andrew Chin IncurSION
11.30am

Fri 21 June STEM Showcase
Nagle College Yr 3-6
Classroom Open Day
Yr 1.2 & K.PP

Week 11

NAIDOC WEEK

Mon 24 June NAIDOC Week Mass
9am
NAIDOC Colours Free
Dress Day

Thur 27 June Reports Go Home

Fri 28 June Assembly 2.30pm
Yr 1.2 Class
Performance
TERM 2 Concludes

TERM 3

Week 1

Mon 15 July **Pupil Free Day**
Staff - Berry Street
Training

Tues 16 July Students Commence

Fri 19 July Faction Cross Country
Horrocks Beach

REMINDER

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

From Mr Love cont...

Character Strengths

Our Character Strengths journey continues at St Mary's. Our staff regularly undertake character strength spotting for our students and each other. Spotting character strengths involves observing how we all interact, handle challenges, and contribute to the learning environment.

Each person's character strengths are different, and no strength is more important than the other. When we contribute to a community with our individual strengths, and are recognised for this, it is hoped our self-acceptance and self-worth will grow.

NAIDOC Week 2024

STMs will be celebrating NAIDOC Week on Week 11. The theme for this year's NAIDOC Week is '**Keep the Fire Burning: Blak, Loud and Proud**'. The agenda of events will be communicated to the community soon. Please note students are invited to wear **NAIDOC colours on Monday 24 June**.

Good News Story

The St Mary's School STEM project was such a success story for all those involved. This project requires ongoing support, dedication and collaboration to ensure its success. I truly thank all those who have contributed this year. While the competition aspect of the showcase has provided much triumph for St Mary's in the past, it is not the reason we undertake this project each and every year.

A design thinking model of learning is rich with so many valuable life learning skills for our students. Through the lens of Catholic Identity, the groups empathise about a problem in our world which needs solving. After empathising, ideating, designing and testing, students present their learning journey to an audience.

We wish our students the best of luck next Friday 21 June as they present their project to other schools and system leaders in Geraldton.

Take care,

Brett



FOOTY TIPPING

Congratulations to **Jack Cripps** who was our Round Twelve winner in the Footy Tipping and to **Isaac and Mardi** who shared the top spot in Round Thirteen!

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

Mon 07 Oct Commences
Fri 06 Dec Finishes – Students

Pupil Free Days 2024

Monday July 15 Staff PD Day
Friday Sep 20 Staff PD Day
Monday Nov 4 Staff PD Day

Public Holidays 2024

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

BIRTHDAYS

19 June Amelie
24 June Aria
28 June Keith
20 June Mrs Newhill
27 June Mr Love

DID YOU KNOW?

Water is the only substance on Earth that can be found in 3 different forms – solid, liquid or gas

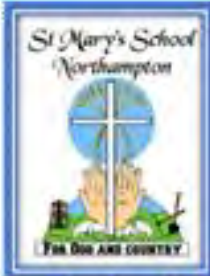
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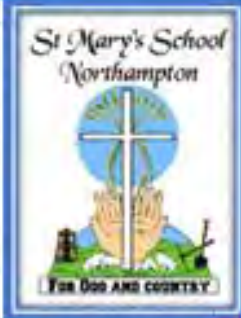


Happy Mother's Day



Last month, we celebrated Mother's Day highlighting the central roles our Mums play in our lives. We also celebrate all the other women in the students lives such as grandmothers, stepmothers, aunts, cousins, teachers and special friends who have helped to shape and form them into the person they are today. Special thanks go out to the teachers and other staff members for coordinating the Mother's Day Afternoon Tea. The students loved pampering their Mums and the Mums certainly looked like they loved getting looked after! The special ladies were treated to a lovely afternoon.





This Term in Science, we have been looking at living things. We are looking at the life cycles of different animals and we are documenting the life cycle of different seeds and investigating what plants and animals need to survive. In year 5/6 we are currently testing the growth of seeds in different types of water, and we have investigated the importance of having an opposable thumb. Some of the everyday things we do we found could be quite tricky without our thumbs!

We have been exploring how plants and animals have special adaptations to help them grow and survive in the different types of environments where they live. We have been tracking the growth of our seeds and measuring them each week. Some of the Year 3/4's seeds were found to be a bit lazy but the Year 1/2's seedlings are now starting to sprout!

Mrs Levett has begun to place our growing plants into our garden so that we can go in and visit anytime when we are feeling a bit overwhelmed or just need a brain break and reset ourselves so that we can be ready to learn. We are all excited to see how well our garden grows! Mrs Levett and Mrs Rae have organised our worm farm and they will help our plants to have good nutrients for our garden. We are remembering to feed our worms our food scraps!



PARISH NEWS

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time– Year B

We would love to be able to plant a seed today and have a magnificent tree tomorrow. But that is not possible. It will take many years for the tree to grow to its full height. Likewise, the Church is constantly growing towards fuller maturity. The Church is nourished in its growth by the Eucharist and the Word of God. The Church is like a growing tree, already bearing fruit and giving comfort, but always open to further growth.

Diocese of Geraldton 2024 SYNOD **LAST CHANCE..THE DIOCESE NEEDS TO HEAR YOUR THOUGHTS**

Visit the Geraldton Diocesan Website and Have your say today.. www.geraldtondiocese.org.au

“What we need to do in this Synod is not about the wider Church, **It is about the local church**, not about what happens in Rome, the Vatican or other areas. What we need to do is **focus on the issues and concerns in our local area**. If we can focus on issues in the local geographical area of the church, this is what this Synod is dealing with. We are listening with an open heart. Together we can build a better future for our community, we just need to hear you hopes and concerns for your local Church.” The Synod Assembly will take place from August 21st to 23rd. Let us embrace the Synod with joyful anticipation and enthusiasm.

Our Dead; Please remember in your prayers the souls of Lawrence Drage whose anniversary occurred this past 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.

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.

Prayer for the Synod of Geraldton Diocese

Ever loving and merciful Father, Your presence is all around us.

We, your people, freely come together seeking Your will and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit as we work together to discern our way forward as a local Church.

You feed us with Your Word, who is Christ our Lord.

Open our hearts to listen, to understand and to respect each other as we humbly walk together on this synodal journey.

Renew us in the light of Your Truth And give us the wisdom to participate with open hearts and minds, that we may grow in communion and engage in mission to the world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



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We'll get 10 cents for each one.
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Drop off anytime in the staff car park.

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

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- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

ICPA WA
Become a member at icpa.com.au/au/membership



NAIDOC WEEK

KEEP THE FIRE BURNING! BLAK, LOUD AND PROUD

7-14 JULY 2024

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Urapun Mui by Deb Belyea

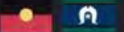
SAMUAWGADHALGAL, TORRES STRAIT

Urapun Mui, from the Kawa Kawa Ya dialect of the Top Western Islands of the Torres Strait, means One Fire. The title of this work pays homage to Torres Strait Islanders and Aboriginal people everywhere, as we all have that one fire: our passion for our culture. In this work, I have depicted the hands of our ancestors that have carefully dropped a burning ember on to a fire. This ember burns hot with intensity, stoking the flames, as it combines with the new fire. The linear detail shows the energy and power as cultural knowledge is transferred from our ancestors to us today. Culture is the fire that gives us knowledge, wisdom and purpose. It is our responsibility to maintain, practice, and pass on our fire to our future generations. Afterall, Culture keeps us Blak, loud and Proud.

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NORTHAMPTON PLAYGROUP

At Edna Bandy Centre

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

CONTACT KAT ON 084589447
OR VISIT THE NORTHAMPTON
PLAYGROUP FACEBOOK PAGE



WEEKLY HELPERS

- help pack away toys & activities
- wipe tables/benches/high chairs etc
- sweep/vacuum



WHAT TO BRING...

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



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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