



St Mary's School

Faith - Respect - Challenge - Teamwork

From Mr Love...

Dear Parents and Community Members,

The midpoint of the term is nearly upon us. I find myself scratching my head wondering how we got here so fast. But here we are, and it seems it's not slowing up anytime soon.

This week was a big week for the school and my principalship, as we undertook the Quality Catholic Education School Review. The (QCESR) provides an opportunity for a panel of educators, external to the school, to affirm, challenge and report on the improvement journey at the school and the leadership of the principal.

The review was an affirming experience and overall positive with how we are tracking. Most importantly, the feedback from the data sources and key stakeholders of how the school can continue to improve will be influential on school improvement and my principalship.

I must take a moment to thank the staff at St Mary's School. The students and families are truly lucky to have such hard-working, honest and supportive staff, who turn up each day with a desire to help each child shine whilst being there for each other. I am very fortunate to be part of this team.

NAPLAN 2024 – Cause for Celebration

While NAPLAN must be considered through the lens of 'one test, at one point in time' it is also a snapshot of how we are tracking against system, state and national norms. The initial data, which will be further analysed by a team at St Mary's, showed outstanding growth in results in Year 3 and Year 5, and significant growth in the area of Literacy.

Many comparators are 'at' or 'above' system, state and even national norms. This is cause for huge celebration and testament to the work being undertaken at school and the effect of programs running to improve student outcomes.

A snapshot of the NAPLAN Data will be advertised in the following edition of the school newsletter.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Week 5

SCIENCE WEEK

Mon 12 Aug Northampton
Playgroup Visit K.PP

Fri 16 Aug Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Mass 9am
Assembly 2.30pm
K.PP Class
Performance

Week 6

BOOK WEEK

Mon 19 Aug Book Week Parade

Sun 25 Aug First Eucharist Mass
8.30am

Wed 28 Aug SAC Meeting 6pm

Fri 30 Aug Father's Day Breakfast
Faction Athletics
Carnival

Sun 01 Sep Father's Day

Week 7

Mon 02 Sep Numero Competition

Fri 06 Sep NCVISSA Athletics
Carnival Yrs 3-6

REMINDER

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

From Mr Love cont...

Feast of St Mary Mackillop – 8 August

Yesterday, the Church celebrated the Feast of St Mary Mackillop. St Mary was the first Australian to be declared a saint by the Roman Catholic Church. She was known as Mother Mary of the Cross. In her lifetime she was tireless in her pursuit for equality, particularly children who were unable to access an education. Each class dedicated a lesson to better understand this remarkable woman.

NCVISSA Cross Country

Last Friday's NCVISSA Cross Country Carnival was a huge success for St Mary's School. Please see the results of the overall winners below:

- 1st Northampton DHS
- 2nd Kalbarri
- 3rd St Mary's School
- 4th Beachlands PS
- 5th CHUNABI
- 6th Walkaway

National Quality Framework (NQF) – Service Ratings

St Mary's School assesses itself against the seven quality areas of the National Quality Standard (NQS). These seven areas are:

1. *Educational program and practice*
Your child is supported to participate in play and learning
2. *Children's health and safety*
Your child is protected from illness and hazards
3. *Physical environment*
Your child plays in a safe and well-maintained environment
4. *Staffing arrangements*
There are enough qualified staff to give your child the attention they need
5. *Relationships with children*
Your child is made to feel supported and welcomed
6. *Collaborative partnerships with families and communities*
Local community involvement and respect for the beliefs and values of families
7. *Governance and leadership*
Your child is cared for in a positive and well managed environment

Book Week 2024 – Reading is Magic

In Week Six, we celebrate Book Week. The theme for 2024 is 'Reading Is Magic'. On Monday 19 August, the students can come to school dressed as their favourite book character. More information regarding this week will be sent out soon.

Good News Story - Randolph Stow Recipient

Congratulations to Blake Simpson in Year Six who will be receiving an award for his entry in the Randolph Stow Young Writers Competition. I look forward to attending the ceremony and advertising his success story. Well done, Blake!

Take care,

Brett

FOOTY TIPPING

Congratulations to **Michael Barnes** who was our Round Twenty winner and **Miranda Rounsevell** who had the top spot in Round Twenty-one!

FACTION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL HELPERS

Our Faction Athletics Carnival and Father's Day Breakfast will be held on Friday, 30 August, at the Northampton Community Centre. Thank you to those parents who have already offered to help on the day. Please see the updated parent help roster at the end of this newsletter. There are still many positions needing to be filled. If you have time to help on the day, please let the school office know.

SHEARING SHED LUNCH ORDERS - REMINDERS

School lunches are ordered through the "Bopple" app. Orders need to be in by 10am. Please only order from the St Mary's School Canteen menu. Some foods are only available for order on Friday's and some are only available on the last Friday of the month. Please refrain from ordering things that are not on the St Mary's Canteen menu as this usually means the item is unavailable due to seasonal produce availability. Any questions or queries, please contact the school office or Shearing Shed Café on 0458 570 411.

TERM DATES 2024

Term 3

Tues 16 July Commences
Thurs 19 Sep Finishes - Students

Term 4

Mon 07 Oct Commences
Fri 06 Dec Finishes – Students

BIRTHDAYS

10 August Gigi
14 August Otis
17 August Mack
17 August Mr Hollands

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2024

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

PUPIL FREE DAYS 2024

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

DID YOU KNOW?

Frozen water is 9%
lighter than water,
which is why ice floats

DID YOU KNOW?

Aluminum and steel
products are 100 percent
recyclable

Year 3/4

STEM Showcase: Year 3/4 students worked extremely hard and poured in an astounding amount of effort in the hope of winning Round 1 of the STEM Showcase in Geraldton. For one group—*Smarty's*—it paid off. They won and are looking forward to preparing for Round 2.



Eucharist: We are helping Asha prepare for her First Holy Communion at the end of this month. We have decorated our own crosses as a reminder of the Celebration of the Eucharist, when the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Eucharist* originates from the Greek word *eucharistia* meaning thanksgiving.



PARISH NEWS

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time– Year B

Throughout John's Gospel many people struggled to understand who Jesus was. Despite the signs he performed, they simply could not believe his claim that he has come from God. Certainly, this claim of Jesus is remarkable, even scandalous. We need the gift of faith to accept it. Our faith in Jesus, the Bread of Life, is expressed and deepened by our participation in the Eucharist.

Geraldton Diocesan Synod Prayer

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 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

The Synod Assembly will take place, at the Catholic Centre, Geraldton, from August 21st to 23rd. Let us embrace the Synod with joyful anticipation and enthusiasm.

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.

Our Dead: Please remember in your prayers the souls of Ron O'Neill and Viv Simpson whose anniversaries occur this week.

Prayer for a Good Season God -We see and feel You in many different ways and we know that You are there. We thank You for all the good things in our lives. The stability of our governments, our political and religious freedom and the easy way of life that is part of being an Australian and which we so often take for granted. 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 what the outcome. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.



Northampton
DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
celebrating Agriculture and Rural life since 1911

2024 Annual Northampton Show - Saturday 14th September

Student Entry Notes

Our St Mary's School display will once again be in the Northampton Basketball Stadium.

There are Junior classes in the Art, Photography and Literature Sections that our students might like to enter.

-Art Section - Junior Sections, 9 - 12 years and 13 - 16 years.

-Photography Section - classes for entrants 16 years & under and a new section this year for entrants 8 years & under.

-Literature Section – age specific sections.

-Future Farmers' Judging Competition which is run in two age groups, 14 years & under and 18 years & under and commences at 10am in the Ram Shed on show day.

-Junior Junk Art Competition in two age groups, 14 & under and 11 & under.

-Open Junk Art Competition.

-Junior Section – a wide variety of classes in Growth and Garden, Craft and Hobbies, and Cooking, and is divided into three age groups.

-The Junior Farmers' Challenge - mixed teams of three people 14 years & under and commences at 4.15pm on Show Day.

For more information and details, please go www.northamptonshow.com to view the online schedule.

Parents if a Coffee is what you need.... We have it covered with our new Nespresso Coffee Machine, courtesy of Playgroup WA!

Did you know.... Your child is never too young to start,

Northampton Playgroup



Every Monday
During School Term

9.00AM - 11.00AM
Edna Bandy Centre

Discover a World of Joy and Learning through free play – Where Every Day is a New Adventure for Your Little One!

Things to Note
Cost: Gold Coin Donation
Bring: Child's own hat, water bottle & snacks

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Please join us for

BABY DAYS

NORTHAMPTON PLAYGROUP



MONDAYS

- 22nd July - Baby Play and Development
- 29th July - Parenting Connection Selfcare
- 5th August - Desert Blue Connect - Child Health Nurse Sleep
- 12th August - PLAYGROUP SCHOOL VISIT St Mary's
- 19th August - Paediatric Feeding Team Starting Solids
- 26th August - PGWA Baby Sensory Play Workshop

TIME: 11:00-12:00

WHERE: Edna Bandy Centre
92 Stephen Street

DID YOU KNOW THAT PLAYGROUPS ARE FOR BABIES AND PARENTS RIGHT FROM THE START?

At Northampton Playgroup you can have fun playing with your babies and meet other parents, through our NEW! Baby Days sessions. Providing engaging guest speakers to learn about your baby's development and enjoy time with other new parents.

Suitable for parents with babies under 12 months.

Register here: <https://forms.office.com/r/Kdk50ITQNH>




Playgroup WA



Department of Education
Shaping the future

VacSwim

Keep your child safe in the water

Enrol them in school holiday swimming lessons.

Spots are limited, enrol now
education.wa.edu.au/vacswim

15 Ways to Crunch&Sip®

- Cherry tomatoes
- Mashed avocado
- Corn on the cob
- Sugar snap peas
- Celery sticks
- Edamame beans
- Roasted pumpkin cubes
- Minced broccoli
- Steamed carrot cubes
- Baby cucumbers
- Tinned corn spears
- Mashed sweet potato
- Capsicum sticks
- Steamed cauliflower pieces
- Tinned mushrooms

Supported by **healthway** and **Cancer Council WA**

PARENT HELPER ROSTER

JUMPS & THROWS EVENTS

9.15am start

ORGANISER	Jo Harrison
JUMPS PIT 1	(Kindy –Year 2 Long Jump)
Measurer (1)	
Measurer (2)	
Recorder	Kelsey Carson
Rake	Travis Mazzuchelli
JUMPS PIT 2	(Years 3-6 Long Jump)
Measurer (1)	Harley Simpson
Measurer (2)	
Recorder	Sarah Mazzuchelli
Rake	Kane Simpson
JUMPS PIT 3	(Years 4-6 Triple Jump)
Measurer (1)	
Measurer (2)	
Recorder	
Rake	
JAVELIN PIT 1	(Kindy-Year 2 Vortex Throws)
Measurer (1)	
Measurer (2)	
Recorder	
JAVELIN PIT 2	(Year 3 Vortex Throw, Years 4-6 Turbo)
Measurer (1)	
Measurer (2)	
Recorder	

TRACK EVENTS approx. 11.00am start

ORGANISER	Jo Harrison
CHIEF JUDGE VIDEO RECORDER	Brett Love
STARTER	
ANNOUNCER	
CHIEF MARSHALL	Lauren Briers
STARTER MARSHALL	
SCORER	
RUNNER	Naomi Simpson
SCRIBE/RECORDER	Verity Harriman
TIMEKEEPER (1)	Michaela Simpson
TIMEKEEPER (2)	
FALSE STARTER	
1ST PLACE JUDGE	
2ND PLACE JUDGE	
3RD PLACE JUDGE	
4TH PLACE JUDGE	
FACTION BAYS	St Mary's Staff
PHOTOGRAPHER	Nikki Young