



St Mary's School

Faith - Respect - Challenge - Teamwork

From Mr Love...

Dear Parents and Community Members,

To all our school community, I hope this edition of our newsletter finds you well! This week, Mrs Melinda Jupp and I have spent the last three days in meetings with other leaders across the Geraldton Diocese in the first Synod of Geraldton.

A Synod is a gathering of the faithful from wide and varied strands of diocesan life. Some have been nominated by their parishes while others reflect different communities within the diocese representing many aspects of our diocesan faith community. Each Delegate is commissioned to represent the concerns, observations and needs of their parish and community directly to the Bishop.

This has been a very arduous, yet fulfilling experience for Melinda and I. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we all embarked on a personal formation journey to ascertain a better understanding of the diocese and assisted to express the concerns of our community of faith at St Mary's School.

A huge thank you to Bishop Michael Morrissey for leading this Synod and allowing the voice of the faithful to be heard. We pray and hope this Synod brings goodwill and opens the door of the Church to everybody!

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Year Four student Asha, along with Ella from Mt Tarcoola PS, who has close family ties to our school, will together receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time this Sunday August 25. Asha and Ella will be supported by Year Four St Mary's students in attendance. This will be a pivotal moment in these young people's lives, as they deepen their relationship with Jesus.

The First Holy Communion service will be celebrated during the normal mass time of 8:30am, and Father Larry will preside over it. A morning tea will be held in the school undercover area following the service. Everyone is welcome to attend.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Week 6

Sun 25 Aug First Eucharist Mass
8.30am

Week 7

Wed 28 Aug SAC Meeting 6pm

Fri 30 Aug Father's Day Breakfast
**Faction Athletics
Carnival**

Sun 01 Sep Father's Day

Week 8

Mon 02 Sep Numero Competition
Selected Team from 5.6

Fri 06 Sep NCVISSA Athletics
Carnival Yrs 1-6

Week 9

Mon 09 Sep Feast Day Mass 9am

Sat 14 Sep Northampton Show
Day

Week 10

Thur 19 Sep Assembly & Merit
Certificates
Year 3.4 Class
Performance 2.30pm

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REMINDER

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

From Mr Love cont...

[NAPLAN 2024](#)

As advertised last week, St Mary's School has performed exceptionally well in the 2024 NAPLAN. Across all learning domains in Year Three and Year Five, there has been significant growth from 2022 to 2024. In particular, the following domains are 'at' or 'above' national, state and CEWA comparators:

- **Year Three Reading & Year Five Reading**
- **Year Three Spelling and Year Five Spelling**
- **Year Five Numeracy**

Triangulation of the data has shown areas of required growth in Grammar and Punctuation and Numeracy within the early years. The staff are looking forward to closing the gaps in the data and continuing the growth we are seeing.

[Faction Athletics Carnival](#)

We are all extremely excited about our Faction Athletics Carnival which is taking place next Friday! The events will commence at 9.15am. The students will be transported to the event via buses from the school if they are not already present at the oval. If this is the case, please notify your child's classroom teacher. A reminder that at the conclusion of the event, students will come back to the school on the bus unless it has been indicated to the classroom teacher that they will be leaving the Carnival with a parent or other adult. Thank you very much for the parents who have volunteered their time.

Please remember that all students need to be wearing a faction-coloured T shirt, hat and sunscreen. Students are not permitted to colour their hair at school or at the Carnival. However, they may do so at home prior to arriving at school.

In order to make the day run as smoothly as possible, parents/carers are asked to avoid visiting the students in the bays. Thank you for your understanding in relation to this request. Please ensure that your child has everything they need for the day before coming to school, including; school bag, lunch box packed with recess and lunch, water bottle and school hat. Please remember to label all your child/ren's belongings and clothing.

[Father's Day Breakfast](#)

Next Friday, at 8.00am, our wonderful P&F will hold the annual Father's Day Breakfast at NCC before the Faction Athletics Carnival. All Dads, Pops, Grandads, Uncles, or significant others are invited to attend. Free breakfast and coffee will be served so please come along to acknowledge the important part our dads play in our lives!

[Book Week 2024](#)

What an amazing parade we had celebrating Book Week! Well done to the parents and carers who helped their children shine in their book character costumes. Well done to our staff who assisted in the Book Week Parade. Please see our Facebook for photos.

[Good News Story](#)

This week's good news story must celebrate the incredible costumes on display on Monday's Book Week Parade. Congratulations to all the kids, and their clever parents and carers, for all the hard work in looking your 'booky' best. The smiles in the photos say it all!

Take care,

Brett

FOOTY TIPPING

Congratulations to team **Jodie Thompson and Sam Cobley** who were our winners in Round Twenty-two!

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. Please remember to bring a plate of morning tea to share and that there is no Shearing Shed lunch orders available at the carnival. **FACTION SHIRT** – if your child still has a green or gold faction shirt at home, please return it to the school office ASAP or let the office know so we don't send home another for your child for the Athletics Carnival. **PARENT HELPERS** - Thank you to those parents who have offered to help on the day. Please see the updated parent help roster at the end of this newsletter.

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

24 August Grace J
24 August Mrs Harriman
01 Sep Mrs Jupp
04 Sep Archie

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2024

Mon Sept 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?

Pure water has no smell and no taste, it also has a pH level around 7

DID YOU KNOW?

It would take a million years before a glass bottle decomposes

MERIT CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS – TERM Three, WEEK 5

Congratulations to the following students on their Merit Awards!

Year K/PP

Aubrey

Aubrey, it is lovely seeing you enjoying being a part of our class. I am very impressed with the hard work you have done, learning your sounds. You are excellent at counting, and should be very proud of how well you are doing at recognising numbers and writing them. I have loved seeing all the effort you have put into our assembly item. Well done, Aubrey!

Mack

Mack, I love seeing your gorgeous smile when you come into the classroom in the morning. You always use your manners when you are speaking to your teachers and are kind to your classmates. I enjoy listening to you when you share your thoughts about our learning and think it is amazing all the things you know about different animals. You are a lovely person and we are all glad you are in our class!

Trem

Trem, you are a valued member of our class and we are glad to have you back. I am very impressed with your reading. You are super speedy at doing your word sorts and speed reads. You have worked hard at learning the sounds that you were unsure of at the beginning of the term, and I love seeing how confidently you join in with our activities. Keep up the amazing effort!

Year 1/2**Alice**

For consistently showing enthusiasm, focus, and a positive attitude in all classroom tasks. Your dedication to learning and helping others has made our classroom a better place. Alice, excellent work in summarising fairytales! You have done a great job capturing the key points and essence of each story. Also, congratulations on reaching Lexile level! This achievement shows your hard work and growing reading skills. Keep challenging yourself with new books and enjoy the adventures that reading brings. Keep shining, Alice!

Isaac

For your hard work and enthusiasm in reading. Reaching Lexile level shows your impressive growth and dedication. Enjoy the journey of reading and I cannot wait to see how you continue to shine in your reading journey. Isaac, remember, every day at school is a new adventure. Keep up the great work in all class activities. Always know that you are a special part of our class and we are thrilled to have you with us! Keep up the wonderful work!

Scarlett

For getting onto Lexile! Well done! This is a fantastic achievement and shows just how much your reading skills have improved. Keep exploring new books and pushing yourself to reach even higher levels. Scarlett, you are working hard to challenge yourself in all tasks which is wonderful to see. Your approachable and caring nature makes you a cherished member of our classroom. You are a friend to all and a joy to teach. Well done, and keep up your wonderful efforts, Scarlett!

Year 3/4**Evie**

For displaying excellent work ethic at all times. Evie, you are always ready to learn, you approach every task with enthusiasm, you give 100 % in everything you do and, most importantly, you happily embrace all challenges. What a magnificent role model you are for all your peers! Fantastic!

Hudson

Thank you for displaying a first-rate attitude towards your work and striving to be an active, contributing member of our classroom. Hudson, you have shown a maturity and a willingness to work collaboratively with *any* member of our class throughout this year. I admire that you approach each activity with such enthusiasm. What a magnificent role model you are for all your peers!

Sophie

Sophie, your love for Maths is reflecting in your improved results and you are now getting more fluent in your mental computations and the strategies used. You are confidently able to explain and justify your work, which is very important in problem solving. Keep up the good work, Sophie, nicely done!

Year 5/6**Blake**

For approaching school with an eagerness to grow academically and in your friendships. Alongside your determination to achieve greatness Blake, you show selfless qualities by celebrating other classmates and their achievements. You have also shown an eagerness and deep understanding of the Tiger, focusing on expanding his subject specific language in your text. Congratulations Blake!

Clancy

For approaching this term with an enjoyment and willingness to learn new concepts and build upon prior knowledge. Your eagerness to start tasks and to complete them to a high standard is admirable. You have also shown a deep understanding of the Tasmanian Devil and the importance of saving their species in your informative report. Congratulations, Clancy!

D'Mara

For displaying a happy, positive outlook on life and coming to school in a good mood. This quality spreads to others in your class. You are a kind and considerate person who enjoys making new friends. During this term, you have shown a readiness to learn when entering class. You have shown great growth in starting tasks independently, always attempting the work first before seeking help. Your understanding of data collection and representation in class has grown immensely. Well done, D'Mara!

Mardi

For being a bubbly, funny and kind member of our class. You enter the classroom every morning with a wild story to brighten people's mornings, also showcasing lovely characteristics that show good leadership qualities, helping others and taking initiative instantly. During this term, you have shown a readiness to learn when entering class. You have shown tremendous growth in your writing ability and understanding when writing your informative report about the Naked Mole Rat, always asking for feedback and guidance. Great work Mardi!

Principal's Awards: Harry C, Khalid

Science Awards: Peyton, Amelie

Sports Awards: Harry (Yr 4), Darcey, Mardi, Nate, William, Tye, Otis, Tait, Cohen, Charlie



PARISH NEWS

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time– Year B

It was very difficult for the Jewish people to accept Jesus' teaching that they must eat his flesh and drink his blood if they are to have life. The Twelve accepted this teaching, not because they understood it but because they believed in him. Having seen his signs they believed that he was the Holy One of God. May Christ heal our unbelief that we too may accept his saving words even when we do not understand them fully

First Eucharist: Today, Asha Simpson and Ella Caulfield will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time. Congratulations! **Today is also Social Justice Sunday** which seeks to raise awareness about social justice issues and encourages individuals to take action in promoting fairness, equality and human rights.

Our Dead: Please remember in your prayers, the souls of Wade Ralph and Gloria Simpson 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.*

Centenary Celebrations Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church *An open invitation is extended to all with a special interest in the history of Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church in Mullewa, to join in the commemoration of the Centenary of the Laying of the Foundation Stone on **September 14th, 2024.** The celebration will commence with Mass at 11am followed by a social gathering with light lunch. Please advise attendance via monsignorhawes@gmail.com or phone Gerry Eastman 0417912997.*

A PRAYER FOR CHANNELING GOD'S PEACE

Lord make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me know love,
Where there is injury, pardon, Where there is doubt, faith,
Where there is despair, hope. Where there is darkness, light
Where there is sadness, joy.
O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,
Not so much as to be understood as to understand, Not so much to be loved, as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive, It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
It is in dying that we awake to eternal life. - **St Francis of Assisi**

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.





Registrations OPEN

Term 4 Basketball
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS

Oct 9th - Dec 4th



- > 5-7yrs: 3.15-4pm
- > 8-11yrs: 4-5pm
- > 12yrs-teens: 5-6pm



Registration link



LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE!
Register ASAP to avoid missing out.



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: Childs own hat, water bottle & snacks

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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/Kdk501TQNH>





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Enrol them in school holiday swimming lessons.

Spots are limited, enrol now
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- 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

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PARENT HELPER ROSTER

JUMPS & THROWS EVENTS

9.15am start

ORGANISER	Jo Harrison
JUMPS PIT 1	(Kindy –Year 2 Long Jump)
Measurer (1)	Jayden Warr
Measurer (2)	Josh Carson
Recorder	Kelsey Carson
Rake	Travis Mazzuchelli
JUMPS PIT 2	(Years 3-6 Long Jump)
Measurer (1)	Harley Simpson
Measurer (2)	David Teakle
Recorder	Sarah Mazzuchelli
Rake	Kane Simpson
JUMPS PIT 3	(Years 4-6 Triple Jump)
Measurer (1)	Ben Cripps
Measurer (2)	Jerome Drew
Recorder	Robert Thorpe
Rake	Ange Cripps
JAVELIN PIT 1	(Kindy-Year 2 Vortex Throws)
Measurer (1)	Fletcher Williams
Measurer (2)	Jordan Box
Recorder	Cameron Johnson
JAVELIN PIT 2	(Year 3 Vortex Throw, Years 4-6 Turbo)
Measurer (1)	Greg Cross
Measurer (2)	David Teakle
Recorder	Robert Thorpe

TRACK EVENTS approx. 11.00am start

ORGANISER	Jo Harrison
CHIEF JUDGE VIDEO RECORDER	Brett Love
STARTER	Karl Suckling
ANNOUNCER	St Mary's Staff
CHIEF MARSHALL	Lauren Briers
STARTER MARSHALL	Daryl Teakle
SCORER	Gemma Suckling
RUNNER	Naomi Simpson
SCRIBE/RECORDER	Verity Harriman
TIMEKEEPER (1)	Michaela Simpson
TIMEKEEPER (2)	Lee Sidebottom
FALSE STARTER	Jerome Drew
1ST PLACE JUDGE	Fletcher Williams
2ND PLACE JUDGE	Greg Cross
3RD PLACE JUDGE	Ben Cripps
4TH PLACE JUDGE	Scott Rintoul
FACTION BAYS	St Mary's Staff
PHOTOGRAPHER	Nikki Young