Dear Parents

**QCS Survey:** An envelope will be sent home to all families at the start of next week that includes instructions and the Quality Catholic Survey for 2013. This survey will be used to help the staff of St. Mary’s make decisions that will improve the school and for assisting us in making the best decisions regarding the educational needs of our students. Please take the time to complete this survey and return it to school by **Wednesday 20 March.** All staff members will also complete this survey as well as all students in the Year 5/6 class. Good data allows us as a school to make decisions and plan with confidence for the future effective improvement.

**St. Mary’s Swimming Carnival:** The St. Mary’s Swimming Carnival will take place next Thursday 14 March at the Geraldton Aquarena. The junior carnival will begin at 10am with the senior carnival following at approximately 10:30am. It would be fantastic to see lots of parents, grandparents and friends at this event cheering on the competitors. Best of luck to both Nagle and Kelly!

At the end of the junior carnival the junior classes will travel to the Geraldton Library for an excursion and then have their lunch at the Geraldton Foreshore Park.

Parents are welcome to collect their children at 12.30pm from the Aquarena and/or 1pm from the Geraldton Foreshore Park. The buses will return to school at these times.

Thank you to the parents who have returned their helpers form for this day. If you have not done so and you are available to help on this day please indicate this on your tear off slip.

Please complete the permission slip at the end of this newsletter and return it to school office by Monday 11 March 2013.

**Teacher Professional Development Day:** Please be aware that **Friday 15 March** the staff of St. Mary’s will be involved in professional development day in relation to Religious Education. Therefore no classes will be held on that day.

**Mass of Oils:** Bishop Justin Bianchini has sent a personal letter to all the children in Year 5 & 6 (and Year 7 who are attending Government schools), that will be undertaking their Confirmation this year, inviting them to attend the Chrism Mass on Wednesday 20 March at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral. The Mass starts at 5.00pm and children will need to wear their school uniform. All children undertaking Confirmation are required to attend.

**School Excursion:** On Thursday 21 March the Year 1 - 6 classes will be attending a performance of “Calamity Jane” by the Nagle College drama students. The performance will take place at the Queens Park Theatre starting at 12noon. Students will be bussed to and from the venue. Please remember the children will need a packed recess and lunch for this day. Please fill in the permission slip in the newsletter and return it to school by Monday 11 March 2013.

**St. Mary’s Parish Fete:** As you would be aware the date for the Parish/School Fete will be Friday 22 March commencing at 2.30pm and...
Our current Fruit of the Spirit is **Consideration**

Consideration is being thoughtful of other people and their feelings. You consider how your actions affect them. You pay careful attention to what others like and don’t like, and do things that give them happiness.

You are practicing Consideration when you...

- Respect other people’s needs and feelings
- Consider others’ needs as important as your own.
- Stop and think how your actions will affect people.
- Put yourself in other people’s shoes.
- Give tender attention.
- Think of little things to bring others happiness.

**AFFIRMATION**

I am considerate of others. I stop and think about how my actions affect them. I do thoughtful things for people.
**K-P Zachary Maher**
For his kind and caring nature. Zachary is one of our newest class members and has been very helpful and considerate since he first stepped into our classroom. He is always the first person to put his hand up to help, whether it is with packing away or assisting other class members. Well done Zachary. Keep it up!

**Yr 1/2 Ethan Smith**
For beginning Year 1 with a fantastic attitude. Ethan, you are learning the morning routine each day. You walk into the class with your fruit, homework bag and a smile on your face ready for the school day. I am so looking forward to seeing you shine in Year 1. What a brilliant start to the year!!!

**Yr 3/4 Seb Eastough**
For a continuous improvement in his written literacy skills. Seb, I am very proud of the effort you put in your writing, always trying to make your sentences lively and interesting. Your persuasive texts are very well structured, detailed and wonderful to read. Well done, Seb, keep up the good work!

**Yr 5/6 Kevina Hill**
For exhibiting the fruit of the Spirit Kindness and Gentleness every day. Your gentle manner in the classroom is something to be admired and certainly makes our classroom a better place to work. You’re a star Kevina!

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**K-P Paolo Moroni**
For his fantastic work on collecting and presenting all things that start with the letter “t”. Paolo was the first to take home our class “Letter Box” and he has set the bar high. Well done Paolo. Keep up the good work!

**Yr 1/2 Alex Stonehouse**
For the responsible and hard-working attitude you consistently display in class during all activities. Alex, you always strive to give one hundred per cent to everything you do. You are a wonderful role model for your peers and a friend to all. Keep up this super star attitude. Well done Alex!

**Yr 3/4 Megan Tuohy**
For producing an amazing exposition on recycling. Megan, you have really enhanced the quality of your text by using lots of strong and emotive words. You have also carefully sequenced your arguments pro recycling and given heaps of supporting reasons to back up your opinions. Very well done, Megan, you are super!

**Yr 5/6 Bridie Teakle**

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**PRINCIPAL’S AWARD Zachary Maher**
PLEASE KEEP CHECKING SPORT UNIFORM LABELS
During swimming lessons in Geraldton there have been a few uniforms that have gone missing. These items are labelled with the children’s name but haven’t been returned. Could everyone please check the label on their child/rens’ uniforms so to help locate the missing items.

Green team update
The Yr 3/4 class have continued the Green team jobs for this term. And what a great job they are all doing! We are collecting all green wastes and feeding the worms. Any excess green waste is going to Marlo’s composting and chooks. Can you please drop your newspapers into Jack’s Shed at the Aquarena Geraldton. Remember to tie them up in 30cm depth bundles and drop them off to school. Please label with our school’s name and phone number. St Mary’s has received a cheque for $120.00 so far.

Please continue to collect ring pulls and send them into school. Each class has a storage container for these. Next Thursday we will be weighing these. Our ring pulls are recycled and made into wheelchairs at Wheelchairs for Kids.

No wrap Wednesdays- we are continuing again this year. Remember no plastic wrap each Wednesday. The Green team will be checking lunch boxes each Wednesday. On Wednesday 3rd April - No wrap Wednesday with Green free dress. Bring a gold coin donation for Project compassion.

Recycling Plastic - Can you please bring in 2L or 1L icecream containers to school to collect our Worm widdle. This will be sold at the fete. This is a great fertilizer for your garden. These can be left in the large rubbish bin with black lid in the undercover area.

Please drop your old mobile phones and ink cartridges to the collection box in the undercover area.

Remember No Plastic is the GO. Please think wisely when packing your lunch boxes.

BUSY BEES
Can students, families and friends please collect baby formula and large coffee cans with lids for a project we are doing for the school garden.

FUNKY FLOWERS
Can students, families and friends please collect bottle tops for St Mary’s School (yoghurt lids, milk lids will be perfect). We would like to recycle them for an art activity. Please drop off to the box in the undercover area or pass onto Susanne Warr. Thank you.

Regards, Susanne Warr
NOTES FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

10 Back to School tips to get WA kids active:

1. Walk or cycle with your child to school instead of using the car – it could be a family outing.
2. Even after school, leave the car at home and walk with your children when visiting friends or going to the shops.
3. Support your child when they want to participate in organized sport, active play or recreation.
4. Negotiate a limit on time spent surfing the net, watching TV and playing computer games.
5. Encourage your child to replace time spent surfing the net, watching TV and playing computer games with other activities.
6. Work with your child’s school to increase physical activity opportunities.
7. Walk and talk – practice spelling, multiplication and other homework with your child while walking.
8. Provide your child with alternatives to organized sport – try dancing, yoga, skateboarding or swimming. There might be things you can do together!
9. After school, encourage your child to get involved in activities at your local recreation centre or club.
10. Be prepared – have a box at home and in the car with balls, a Frisbee or kite.

Mary-Kate Walsh  School Health Nurse

PARISH NEWS

Fourth Sunday of Lent – Year C
Let us rejoice! Strengthened in faith, the highlight of our journey is in sight.

Project Compassion: Your donations to Caritas Australia’s Project compassion help create the just and compassionate world that God desires. This week we meet Vannak, 17. In 2006, his family and thousands of others were driven from their homes and placed in Andong Village, the largest slum in Cambodia. Battling illness and debt, Vannak’s parents relied on him to provide income and food, so he gave up school to work; earning just $3 a day. With help from Youth for Peace, Vannak is now receiving an education and learning livelihood skills. Please donate to Project Compassion today so partnerships like this can continue and grow.

Morning Tea is being held today, after Mass, in the Nagle Centre. The usual small raffle will be held, the proceeds of which will go to Bishop Justin’s Communion Appeal.

Mass of the Oils – At St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wednesday, March 20th at 5pm.

Parish Fete: Our Annual Parish Fete is fast approaching on Friday, March 22nd, 2013 commencing at 2:30pm. There will be a short concert given by the children of St Mary's School and at the conclusion, there will be afternoon teas served in the Nagle Centre. Our usual Fete activities will continue, including a specialty food stall, to until approximately 6pm. It is now time to consider what you can contribute towards this event in the way of baking, produce, preserves, trash & treasure plants etc. If anyone can donate eggs towards the baking of goodies, please contact Mary Smith on 9934 1941. Setting up for the Fete will commence at 1pm on the day and if you can assist, your help would be greatly appreciated.

Gala Day – Sunday, 24th March – At the Cathedral – 11am -2pm
Entertainment, Cathedral Tours, Devonshire Teas, Photo Display, Children’s Activities, Cake Stall and more…….Proceeds going towards the Cathedral Project.

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Placements are preferred for a period of 1-2 years. For further details, and an application form, please contact: Volunteer Coordinator: 08 9192 1060 Email: volunteers@broomediocese.org  Web: www.broomediocese.org  Mail PO Box 76, BROOME WA 6725

Our Sick; Please pray for Sue Gravranish, Edward Constantine, Freda Reynolds, William Pedrick, Michelle Hine, Kevin Conway, Col Constantine, Policarpo Rodillas, Hazel Bunter, Cecily Williams, Des Woodcock, Lisa Murphy, John Jupp, Gloria Simpson, Christine Kennedy, Pat Drage, Josie Cutrona, Sharon DeBeaux, Cliff Dyer, Jamie O'Leary, Betty Thompson, Biddy Maver, and all the residents of Brookview.
ST MARY’S PARISH – NORTHAMPTON
Linking the Catholic Communities of Nanson, Yuwa, Northampton, Kalbarri & Shark Bay

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

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COMMUNITY NEWS

NORTHAMPTON JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB
Correspondence to: Judith Brockwell (Secretary)
PO Box 636 Northampton WA 6535
judithbrockwell@yahoo.com
08 99342890

Registration Night and AGM 8th March
Do you have a child that wants to play football for the Rams in 2013 please come and register them on Friday 8th March from 3.30 at the Community Centre. We need to know numbers for each age group. The age groups are 10u, 12u, 14u and 16u. To play in 10u your child must be turning 9 in 2013. The Junior Football AGM starts at 7.30pm please come along and support the club. If you would like to register your child but cannot come on the night contact Cath Cripps on bcb3@bigpond.com

NORTHAMPTON NETBALL ASSOCIATION
Come and join us for our 2013 season
Nominations close 22nd March
Season to start Friday 3rd May
Registration night and Scratch Match Seniors and Juniors 12th April
Please email Games Administrator Kyra Simkin for a nomination form
freeway_farm@bigpond.com
Want to play netball but don’t have a team? Contact Kyra Simkin.

NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY CENTRE PRESENTS

Stunt Sports
Looking for an exciting new sports challenge?

...... Why Not Try Stunt Sports!
A class for boys and girls that teaches basic gymnastic skills, including stunting, cart-wheeling, tumbling and dance choreography.

If you are 5-11 years old and would love to try something new...

Stunt Sports is for You!!
Stunt Sports will run for 5 weeks from Wednesday 13th March until Wednesday 10th April at 4pm. The cost will be $50 and can be claimed from Kidsport. Come and support this new sport as we need enough numbers to make it happen.

Contact Nerolie at the Northampton Community Centre to register your interest or for more information ntncc@bigpond.com or 9934 1391.
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Easter Blue Light Disco
Easter Themed Disco, Best Costume Prizes.

DATE: 27th MARCH 2013

TIMES:

Kindy to grade 6 - 5:00pm till 6:30pm
Grade 6 and above 7:00pm till 9:00pm

VENUE: Northampton RSL Hall

St Francis Xavier Cathedral Gala Day

When: Sunday 24th March 2013
Where: Cathedral Grounds
Time: From 11am

- Cathedral Tours
- Entertainment
- Devonshire Teas
- Photo Display
- Raffles
- Auskick Registrations
- Junior Sporting Activities
- Much More!!!!!
It is that time of year again, with an early Easter this year, WA's best tournament is just around the corner.

Please see attached the 2013 Mitchell & Brown Geraldton Easter Entry Form.

As we have done for several years players (in all events) have the option of also entering the tournament online.


NOTE - Players entering AMT & Under 18s, Online Entry is compulsory. No exceptions.

NOTE - Players may only enter one (1) Mixed Doubles event, these will all be played Friday afternoon.

If you need your My Tennis ID Number, Please contact Tennis West on 6462 8300.

Two of our great tournament sponsors are accommodation providers, there details are listed on the entry form, please contact them regarding your tournament bookings.

Be Quick to book accommodation, Easter is a peak period in the region and rooms will quickly become booked out.

Please forward this email on to anyone else you think may be interested in playing this years tournament.

If you have any other questions relating to the tournament, please feel free to contact me via return email or on 0407 901 596.

The Grass Courts are looking and playing as well as ever and the club is ready for a bigger and better Easter Open 2013, hoping to attract 300 players.

We look forward to seeing you and your friends/family at the event from March 29 - April 1.

Regards
Rick Arthur
Tournament Director 2013 Mitchell & Brown Geraldton Easter Open

**MLC Hot Shots Coaching Course**

- Tennis Australia, Introduction to MLC Tennis Hot Shots Coaching Course
- Sunday 10th March, Spalding Park Tennis Club 9am – 12pm
- 3 Hour introduction and orientation to the field of coaching tennis.
- The course is designed for Teachers, Coaches, Club officials, Active After School Care Staff, Volunteers or anyone interested in Coaching Tennis.
- Course is designed to develop the skills of juniors tennis players aged 4 – 12 years old, with a focus on enjoyment and learner success.

Colin Thompson
Sun Smart Tennis Development Officer, Midwest Zone, Geraldton
Tennis Australia Club Professional Coach
Tennis Australia Talent Development and Identification Coach
Batavia Tennis Coaching
(08) 9956 2182, 0427 449 240 colin.thompson@sporthouse.net.au bataviatennis.com.au
ICPA

... is a national body committed to representing all rural and remote students and their families at all stages of educational opportunity.

Established in 1971, the ICPA has become well respected within Government departments and the education community at both State and Federal levels.

ICPA has been instrumental in achieving many of the benefits we now receive:

- The Federal AIC boarding allowance.
- State living away from home allowance.
- Funding for upgrade of Esperance Residential College.
- The Retired Educator Volunteers for Isolated Students Education scheme (REVISE). These are volunteers who tutor students in need.
- State of the art replacement for HF radio in Schools of the Air.
- Funding for travel to and from boarding schools/hostels.
- Programmes to encourage teachers to go to the country.
- The introduction of staff (STLs) to address student learning difficulties.

Your membership helps to ensure issues relating to rural and remote education continue to be kept on the government’s agenda. These relate to:

- School Bus services.
- Year 7 intake into boarding schools.
- Priority Country Areas Programme (PCAP) funding.
- Low-fee secondary accommodation in the metro area.
- Availability of tertiary student accommodation.
- Early Childhood – in home care/mobile units.
- Appropriate schooling and bypassing issues.
- The need for a Tertiary Access Allowance.
- Changes to Youth Allowance eligibility.
- The retention of Year 11 & 12 courses in District High Schools.

You can join our Midwest Branch. For more information and membership, please contact:

President: Emma Foulkes-Taylor
E: yuinmob@westnet.com.au
Ph: 9963 7982

Secretary: Susanne Warr
E: warrsusanne@harboursat.com.au
Ph: 99203046

Also check out ICPA website: www.icpa.com.au

We are now on Facebook

Operate your dishwasher only when it’s full.
ST MARY'S PARISH FETE
Friday 22 March 2013
2.30pm – 6pm
I can help with (please indicate below)

☐ Setting up of shades and tables 1pm
☐ Help on the stalls at 2.30pm
☐ Help on the stalls at 3.30pm
☐ Help on the stalls at 4.30pm
☐ Packing away of shades and tables 5.30pm
☐ Supply ____ trestle tables

Signed ____________________
FAMILY NAME: ______________

(WHOLE SCHOOL YEAR K-6)
ST MARY’S FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Thursday 14 March 2013

I give permission for my child/ren ______________________________________________________________
to travel to Geraldton by bus.

At the end of the Carnival/Library Excursion my child/ren: (please indicate one option)

☐ Will return to school by bus
☐ Will be collected from the Geraldton Foreshore Park at 1pm (Yr K-2) _______________
☐ Will be collected from the Aquarena at 12.30pm (Yr 3-6) _______________
☐ Other please detail _________________________________________________________________

I will /will not be available to be a parent helper on this day.

Signed ____________________
FAMILY NAME: ______________

(YEARS 1-6 ONLY)
“CALAMITY JANE” PERFORMANCE
QPT GERALDTON
Thursday 21 March 2013

I give permission for my child/ren ______________________________________________________________
to travel to and from the QPT Geraldton for the Nagle College College performance of “Calamity Jane”.

Signed ____________________
FAMILY NAME: ______________