7 September 2017

St Mary's School

NEWSLETTER

Vision Statement

St Mary's School provides an education that endeavours to equip each child with the Christian values and life skills necessary to meet the challenges of a changing world.

From the Principal…

Dear Parents and Guardians

Last week, the NAPLAN Student Reports were sent home to all students in Years Three and Five. A full overview of the 2017 results for St Mary's School can be found on page four of this newsletter. One area for celebration are the Year Five School Means which are on par with the Australian School Means for each assessment area. The Year Three School Means are below the National Average, providing data for all staff to focus on within the cohort of Year Three and at a whole school level. The main celebration is the growth of the current Year Five students from when they sat NAPLAN as a Year Three student. In four of the five assessments, the Year Five cohort's growth exceeded the national growth, indicating that the students are progressing during Years Three, Four and Five at a faster rate than that of their peers across Australia. The staff of St Mary's School will continue to work collectively with all students, with the objective of enhancing student achievement and student wellbeing across all facets of school life.

On page five of this newsletter, you will find a letter from Mr Stuart Gerreyn, St Mary's School Board Chairperson, outlining the outcome of the recent Principal Review Process. I am extremely pleased to have my contract as Principal of St Mary's School renewed for another five years. I am very appreciative of the feedback that I received as part of the Principal Review Process and welcome the opportunity to work on the goals that I have set in my Professional Growth Plan. Over the next five years, I look forward to continuing to work with all of the stakeholders in the St Mary's School Community as we strive to work towards providing the best educational outcomes for all students from Kindy to Year Six.

Initial conversations regarding staffing for 2018 have commenced with the School Board and staff. Mr Matthew Nicholson has resigned from his position at St Mary's School, returning to Perth at the end of 2017. Thanks and well wishes for Mr Nicholson will be fully outlined at a later date. Advertising for a replacement teacher will commence very soon.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Melissa Marquis
PRINCIPAL

Dates to Remember

WEEK EIGHT	
Fri 8 Sept	School Feast Day School Mass 9.00am Year 5/6 Life Skills for Life Incursion 11.20am Year 1/2 Class Assembly 2.30pm
Sat 9 Sept	Northampton Show
WEEK NINE	
Mon 11 Sept	Bookweek Commences 2018 Kindy Interviews Commence
Wed 13 Sept	Bookweek Dress Up Parade 9.00am
Fri 15 Sept	NCVISSA Athletics Carnival
WEEK TEN	
Mon 18 Sept	Northampton Playgroup Visit
Wed 20 Sept	School Board Meeting 6.00pm
Thurs 21 Sept	School Newsletter
Fri 22 Sept	Term Three Concludes for Staff & Students
TERM FOUR	
Mon 9 Oct	Term Four Commences for Staff & Students

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PRAYER

SPRING PRAYER

Good and gracious God
This time of year we think of all the things
we should be thankful for.
We take a moment today to give thanks for
the blessings you have given us.
Thank you for our friends, our families, for laughter,
for sunshine, for the gentle rains, and the beautiful skies.
May we always see the blessings in our lives
and take time to appreciate them.
Amen

BIRTHDAYS

14	September	Olivia Teakle
16	September	Mrs Marquis
17	September	Mrs Lucas
23	September	Torah Simpson

TERM THREE ASSEMBLIES

This date of the final Assembly for this term is tomorrow:

- Week Eight – Friday 8 September at **2.30pm** (Year 1/2 Class Item)

If your child is receiving a Merit Certificate, you will be advised via a note, an email or a phone call.

FOOTY TIPPING RESULTS

Round Twenty-Three	*Final Results*
Winner – Miranda R Second – Elana T-K Third – Anthony J	Winner – Ben Lang Equal Second – Karl Suckling, Karen Drage and Charlotte Marquis

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS TERM THREE

The final Term Three School Board Meeting will be held on:

- Wednesday 20 September at 6.00pm

YEAR 5/6 LIFE SKILLS FOR LIFE

Tomorrow, Friday 8 September, the Year 5/6 Class will participate in the Life Skills for Life Workshop run by Surf Life Saving Western Australia. Life Skills for Life is an interactive resuscitation workshop equipping students with the knowledge, skills and confidence to effectively respond in a first aid or emergency situation. Engaged through hands on activities using CPR manikins and training defibrillators to simulate real life scenarios, during this workshop students will learn the important steps to take in an emergency and how to perform basic CPR. Upon completion of the workshop, students are presented with a Life Skills for Life Certificate.

ST MARY'S SCHOOL FEAST DAY

We are celebrating our School Feast Day tomorrow, Friday 8 September, the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary whom our school is named after. Our celebrations for the day include:

- School Mass at 9.00am
- Class based activities throughout the day/week
- Blue Free Dress Day (no gold coin donation)
- Ice creams
- Whole School Rotational Activities
- Year 1/2 Class Assembly at 2.30pm

BOOKWEEK

Save the date! Bookweek is scheduled for Week Nine, Monday 11 September to Friday 15 September. The Bookweek Dress Up Day is on Wednesday 13 September with the parade commencing at 9.00am. We will have a bring and share morning tea after the parade. Parents and family members are welcome to attend. Please remember that lots of money is not required to be spent on a costume, home made ones are the best.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

What a fantastic day we had last Friday. We were so blessed in many ways: the weather, the atmosphere, the community spirit and the friendly competition. All of the results can be found on the tables below. A number of thank yous need to be made. Without the help of all of these people, Friday would not have been the success that it was. Our appreciation is extended to:

- Shire of Northampton – assistance with the grounds
- Northampton Community Centre and Nerolie Gerreyn – venue use, set up and clean up
- Northampton District High School – use of school oval and jump pits
- Jason Teakle, Craig Suckling and Evan Reynolds – line marking on the NCC Oval
- Binnu Primary School (Staff, Students and Parents) – competing with St Mary's School, helping with all aspects of the Carnival and morning tea
- Angela Cripps, Corinna Mulgrew, Cara Hicks and Gemma Maver – organising and cooking a yummy Father's Day breakfast
- St Mary's School P&F – hosting the Father's Day breakfast
- K/PP Parents – donating time, food items and morning teas
- Miss Daniela Miotti – overseeing and organising all aspects of the Athletics Carnival
- St Mary's School Staff – helping with training, supervision and on the day assistance
- Mrs Bethwyn Smith – scoring and co-ordinating all administrative duties related to the Athletics Carnival
- St Mary's School Parents – helping with a role on the day, attending and supporting the event
- St Mary's School Students – competing with spirit, determination and sportsmanship
- Weather Experts – providing much needed advice and consultation
- Family Members – attending, supporting and cheering

Looking forward to the upcoming NCVISSA Athletics Carnival on Friday 15 September at Northampton Community Centre.

Individual Champions and Runner Ups

Year Level	Champion	Runner Up Champion
Kindy Girl	Myla Hicks & Gabrielle Mincherton	Oceana Williams & Lesha Sah
Kindy Boy	Blake Simpson	Jack Sikaloski
Pre Primary Girl	Lola Maver	Delilah Wyatt
Pre Primary Boy	Nate Mulgrew	William Scaddan
Year One Girl	Taylor Mincherton	Leah Suckling
Year One Boy	Moses Williams	Tait Suckling
Year Two Girl	Malia Williams	Evie Maver
Year Two Boy	Jaxon Simpson-Morris & Ben Briers	Tyronne Drage-Passi & Bill Bromley
Year Three Girl	Ashlee Suckling & Olivia Teakle	NA
Year Three Boy	Beau Johnson	Bailey Dawson
Year Four Girl	Millie Gerreyn	Lara Mincherton
Year Four Boy	Ace Maver	Chaz Simpson
Year Five Girl	Bella Teakle	NA
Year Five Boy	Benjamin Harrington	Koby Davis
Year Six Girl	Lacey Johnson	Sydney Williams
Year Six Boy	Lachlan Teakle	Eli Bromley

800 Metre Results

Girl's Gold Medal	Girl's Silver Medal	Girl's Bronze Medal
Sydney Williams	Millie Gerreyn	Eden Dawson
Boy's Gold Medal	**Boy's Silver Medal**	**Boy's Bronze Medal**
Lachlan Teakle	Eli Bromley	Benjamin Harrington

Overall Faction Results

Placing	Faction	Points
First	Nagle (Green)	538
Second	Kelly (Gold)	477

2018 YEAR SEVEN NAGLE CATHOLIC COLLEGE ORIENTATION

The Year Six students have an Orientation Day at Nagle Catholic College on Friday 27 October from 9.00am – 12.30pm. Students are to wear their St Mary's Sports Uniform with their Leavers' Shirts. A note outlining all of the details will be sent home next term.

2017 NAPLAN RESULTS

Please find below an overview of the 2017 NAPLAN Results for St Mary's School. If you have any questions in relation to any of the information below, please do not hesitate to see Miss Laura Kennedy, Mr Matthew Nicholson or Mrs Melissa Marquis.

The table below shows the St Mary's School Mean (average) compared to the Australian Schools Mean (average).

	Grammar & Punctuation	Numeracy	Reading	Spelling	Writing
YEAR 3 St Mary's School Mean	Band 3 369.7	Band 3 348.0	Band 4 396.0	Band 3 360.8	Band 3 369.0
YEAR 3 Australian Schools Mean	Band 5 439.3	Band 4 409.4	Band 5 431.3	Band 4 416.2	Band 4 413.6
YEAR 5 St Mary's School Mean	Band 6 491.9	Band 6 496.3	Band 6 498.3	Band 5 471.1	Band 5 461.9
YEAR 5 Australian Schools Mean	Band 6 499.3	Band 6 493.8	Band 6 505.6	Band 6 500.9	Band 5 472.5

The table below shows the percentage of students from St Mary's School who are at or above the National Minimum Standard. The National Minimum Standard for Year Three is Band Two and for Year Five it is Band Four.

	Grammar & Punctuation	Numeracy	Reading	Spelling	Writing
YEAR 3 At or above the National Minimum Standard	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
YEAR 5 At or above the National Minimum Standard	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

The table below shows the growth of the Year Five students from when they sat NAPLAN in Year Three against the Australian Schools Mean Growth.

	Grammar & Punctuation	Numeracy	Reading	Spelling	Writing
YEAR 5 St Mary's School Mean Growth from Year Three to Year Five	83	66	90	117	77
YEAR 5 All Australian Schools Mean Growth from Year Three to Year Five	67	96	80	92	56

Dear Parents

You would be aware that our Principal, Mrs Melissa Marquis was reviewed under the Principal Review Process this year. The process involved the School Board, P&F Executive, the Parish Priest, Staff Members, Catholic Education personnel and the Principal. Their input was both in written form and verbally through interviews with the Review Panel. The review culminated in a meeting between the Principal and the Executive Director of the Catholic Education Western Australia, Dr Tim McDonald.

The process has now been completed and Bishop Michael Morrissey has endorsed the appointment of Mrs Melissa Marquis as Principal of St Mary's School, Northampton for second contract period of five years.

As a result of the review, Melissa has developed a professional growth plan which will ensure her continued development and benefit the future of the school.

On behalf of the School Board and the St Mary's School community, I congratulate Melissa on the achievements over the last contract period and look forward to the future.

Yours sincerely

Mr Stuart Gerreyn
School Board Chair

MERIT CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the Merit Certificate recipients for Term Three, Week Six

Yr K/PP **Oceana Williams**
For being an absolute superstar! Oceana, you amaze me every day with your new learnings! You listen and always follow instructions, putting a big effort into all your work with great results! I would also like to applaud you for the effort you have put into recognising and writing your numbers to ten. Your perseverance has allowed you to reach a learning goal! Keep up this fantastic learning, Oceana!

Jack Sikaloski
For the fantastic way you have happily settled into Kindy at St Mary's School. You happily come to school and show your keenness to participate in all our activities. I love how hard you are trying to always listen, and the way you are playing so nicely and sharing with all your new friends. Well done, Jack.

Year 1/2 **Moses Williams**
For being able to retell the beginning, middle and end of the pirate story, 'The Pirate who Wouldn't Wash'. Thank you for helping your friends remember the plot of the story. Moses, I am so proud of the way you are reading your spelling words and applying the sounds you have learnt into your narratives and journal writing. You are an amazing writer with lots of creativity and imagination. Way to go, Moses!

Taylor Mincherton
For demonstrating improved handwriting in all daily writing. Thank you for listening and applying the feedback you were given. Taylor, your reading is getting better and better each day, which is wonderful to see. You are so eager to learn new things and you always get the job done. I also want to say…thank you for being a good helper to others in the classroom. Keep doing what you are doing because it is AWESOME! Super duper, Taylor!

Bill Bromley
For the hard-working attitude you are displaying in our writing sessions. Your enthusiasm and the effort you have into your narrative writing this term is amazing. Bill, your retelling skills are also very impressive, remembering the beginning, middle and end of the pirate story, 'The Pirate who Wouldn't Wash'. Thank you for always helping out in the classroom, whether it is tidying up the pirate ship, making sure the book display is neat or shutting down the laptops. Awesome work, Bill!

Year 3/4 **Ashlee Suckling**
For your tremendous effort in Maths so far this year. Ashlee, you have shown what a mathematician you are by achieving eighty percent or higher in every Post-Test. I have been impressed by your enthusiasm in Maths and a willingness to take that next step to improve your learning and try new strategies. Ashlee, you should be extremely proud of all you have achieved in Maths this year, well done!

Beau Johnson
For your procedure on how to make delicious spare ribs. Beau, you understand the structure of a procedure and were able to apply your knowledge to write a recipe for delicious spare ribs. You included all the main elements: title, ingredients, method and a picture. Beau, it was fantastic to see you refer to the Success Criteria while writing and use the strategies of the have a go pad and iPad to ensure your spelling was correct. I am so very impressed, Beau, keep it up!

Year 5/6 **Lachlan Teakle**
For the planning and precise detail that went into the construction of your kite. You have demonstrated a strong understanding of kites and the materials that have been used to build kites throughout history. You applied this knowledge, when designing and building your kite, where your diagrams and designs were very specific and detailed. You also demonstrated an ability to reflect on what you have built, articulating the different ways that your kite could be improved. Great work, Lachy!

Sydney Williams
For your performance in the area of Budgeting and Percentages. You have clearly demonstrated an understanding of the key features of a budget, using these and the mental recall of multiplication facts to complete precise budgets. Within the area of Percentages, you have been able to find and apply percentage discounts to solve problems involving common and less common percentages. I have been impressed with your ability to listen and learn from constructive feedback. Great work, Sydney!

PRINCIPAL AWARDS: Lachlan Teakle, Reeve Suckling, Hanna Santhosh, Nate Mulgrew

Merit Award Winners

Athletics Carnival

NORTHAMPTON SHOW ROSTER 2017

St Mary's School has been approached by the Northampton Show Committee to be a part of the 100th year celebrations by taking on the Lions Club Merry-Go-Round. The P&F decided it would be a great fundraising opportunity while also supporting our local community. Below are one hour shifts for the day (9th September) and we are hoping to have two volunteers for each time slot. We are asking if you would generously donate some time on the day. Please contact the School Office to nominate the time you are able to assist.

Time	Volunteer #1	Volunteer #2
10.00 -11.00am	Owen Mulgrew	Jason Teakle
11.00-12.00pm	Matt Nicholson	
12.00-1.00pm	Daniela Miotti	Sonia Chick-Teakle
1.00-2.00pm	Naomi Simpson	Toby Gerreyn
2.00-3.00pm		
3.00-4.00pm		
4.00-5.00pm		

Thanking you in advance for your support.

St Mary's School P&F Association

VACSWIM ENROLMENTS

Enrol your children now in VacSwim swimming lessons during the October and December/January school holidays.

With swimming pools and beaches a part of the Western Australian lifestyle, ensuring your children can swim competently and safely is a must for all families.

Your children can join in the fun of learning to swim in lessons conducted at pools and open water venues across the State. VacSwim is for all children - from beginners through to advanced survival, rescue and resuscitation.

Your children can learn to swim for just:

- $7.00 per child for a five day short program
- $13.00 per child for all other programs.

It's even cheaper if you have three or more children:

- $18.00 a family for a five day short program
- $35.00 a family for all other program

To find out more about VacSwim and to enrol online please visit education.wa.edu.au/swimming

PARISH NEWS

Twenty – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time– Year A

Every Christian community experiences difficulties in one form or another. Misunderstandings occur, divisions arise. Today's Gospel reminds us that Christ is present in our communities even when they are broken, when only two or three meet in his name. Healing occurs when we seek to embody in our communities the qualities of Christ, especially forgiveness and mutual love.

Today is Child Protection Sunday - On Child Protection Sunday we are provided with an opportunity to reflect on the words of Pope Francis who in a letter wrote on 2 February 2015 to the Presidents of the Episcopal Conferences and Superiors of Religious Institutes he stated that "Families need to know that the Church is making every effort to protect their children. They should also know that they have every right to turn to the Church with full confidence, for it is a safe and secure home." What part do we play in this 'shared responsibility' of working to ensure the Church is a safe and secure community? In the Australian context through Child Protection Week and in particular this Sunday we are asked to be someone who listens to children, someone who will start a conversation with children and if needed, be that someone whom children will turn to when in need.

Today is also the beginning of Marriage Week- September 10th – 16th Marriage Week is an annual celebration, initiated in Australia in 2007, to reinforce and promote the benefits/importance of marriage and increase awareness and value of pre-marriage and in-marriage education.

Marriage Week gives a husband and wife, together with those who are preparing to marry, the opportunity and encouragement to focus on their relationship. The quality of our nation's marital relationships will be a determining factor in the destiny of Australia. The strength of Australian families depends on the qualities of the relationships between our nation's mothers and fathers. Therefore marriage should be encouraged, strengthened, valued and supported by society and individuals in every possible way as a social good.

Morning Tea will be held today, after Mass, in the Nagle Centre. All welcome.

Parish Council Meeting will be held next Friday, September 15th in the Nagle Centre at 5PM.

Our Sick; Pray for Jo Mattens, Maud Brown, Betty Thompson, Gloria Simpson, Cliff Dyer, Jim Thompson, Norma Murray, Ron Johnstone, Sue Gravranish, Hazel Bunter, Ron Smith, and all the residents of Brookview.

Postal plebiscite on "same-sex marriage"

The Australian Government has announced there will be a postal plebiscite on whether the definition of marriage in the Marriage Act 1961 should be changed to include "same-sex marriage". Ballot papers will be sent out to households this Tuesday, 12 September and all votes must be received back by Tuesday, 7 November. Vote No, to keep marriage as a unique relationship between a woman and a man.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Pioneer Lodge Inc. "Northampton"

Pioneer Lodge Inc. requests the pleasure of

Community of Northampton

To the official opening of the Stage 2 extensions to their community owned Aged Care facility a project completed with the assistance of Royalties for Regions through WACHS, Midwest Development Commission & Shire of Northampton

By
Hon. Darren West
Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Regional Development, Agriculture & Food & assisting the Minister for State Development

Date: 22nd of September 2017
Time: 2.00 PM

RSVP Monday 18th September
Bobbie offer 99341041

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Edna Bandy Centre, Stephen St
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Or join Facebook page
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for more info & updates

Women's Health Evening
Let's talk menopause

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Understanding perimenopause and menopause by Sharon Houwen & Sonia Teakle, Women's Health Nurses

HRT and menopause by Dr Louise Hobson, Obstetrician & Gynaecologist

Natural therapies to assist with menopause symptoms by Charlotte Inwood, Naturopath

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Date: 8th September 2017
Venue: "Desert Blue Studio", 28 Durlacher Street, Geraldton
Time: 6pm – 8.30pm
Phone: 08 99642742
Cost: $25.00

Includes finger food and drinks
Tickets available via Eventbrite

Desert Blue Connect

TENNIS WEST – MIDWEST ZONE
SUNSMART TENNIS CAMP

Tuesday 26th September to Friday 29th September 2017

Head Coach SunSmart Development Officer Colin Thompson
Assistant Coach Nick Arnold & Jacinta Crabb

Costs: Live-In $280.00 per child (inc accommodation & meals)
Day Student $165.00 per child (inc lunch)
Members of a Tennis Club pay $270 or $155 (affiliated with Tennis West)

Ages - 8 to 16-year old's – Beginner to Advanced Players welcomed.

Venues Spalding Park Tennis Club & Geraldton Tennis Club

Camp Booklet will be sent after payment of fees with program & medical forms.

Name……

Address……

Phone……Mobile……

Email…… Age…… DOB……

Member of Club……Female/Male (Please circle)

Enrolments Close: Monday 4th September 2017 (64 spaces available only)

NO ENROLMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL PAYMENT HAS BEEN RECEIVED Bank Details 633 000 151609831 – Tennis West – Midwest Zone

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Or Deliver to Department Sport & Recreation – 268 Foreshore Drive Geraldton

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Use mulch in your garden to reduce evaporation loss from the soil surface.

Our school is celebrating Fruit & Veg September and we'd like to encourage all families to get on board! Here are some *ideas for packing a healthy lunchbox:*

- Small containers of vegie sticks and cheese cubes
- Fresh fruit packed into a small container to avoid squashing it
- Homemade fruity muffins
- Corn on the cob
- Keep lunches interesting by alternating sandwiches with pita wraps and rolls and don't forget to add the salad vegies
- Add extra salad to sandwiches

TIP: lettuce and grated carrot won't make bread soggy if placed in the middle of the sandwich and other fillings (e.g. ham and cheese) are placed next to the bread