



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

Congratulations to the following students who will graduate from St Mary's School on Tuesday 28 November:

*Elī Bromley
Toby Gerreyn
Lachlan Teakle*

*Eden Dawson
Lacey Johnson
Sydney Williams*

On behalf of the school community, I wish you all the very best for the next chapter of your life. May St Mary's School always be a reminder of special memories and good times. Remember that you are not walking the journey alone, the Holy Spirit will be with you, acting as a compass, guiding you in all that you do.

Last night, Miss Daniela Miotti and I attended the Eucharistic celebration of the re-opening of the St Francis Xavier Cathedral. It was a truly wonderful occasion and a testament to everyone who has been involved in the Cathedral Precinct Project over the past three years. We are blessed to have such an iconic and unique building in the Geraldton Diocese, meticulously restored, where the community can gather to pray and celebrate as one family.

On page four of this newsletter, are the school fees for 2018. The School Board has worked hard to ensure that there has not been an increase for the families of St Mary's School. Catholic Education Western Australia is committed to ensuring that a Catholic education remains affordable for everyone. As per the School Fees: Setting and Collection Policy, holders of Health Care Cards will pay \$430 for the year, for their eldest child attending St Mary's School. The Sibling Discount will apply to subsequent children. No child is to be denied access to a Catholic education because of financial hardship.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Melissa Marquis
PRINCIPAL

Dates to Remember

WEEK SEVEN

Fri 24 Nov Knights of the Southern Cross Dinner

WEEK EIGHT

Mon 27 Nov Brookview Bookworms Yr 1
Tues 28 Nov Graduation Mass & Dinner 6pm
Wed 29 Nov School Board Meeting 6pm
Board & P&F Dinner 7pm
Fri 1 Dec Assembly 2.45pm

WEEK NINE

Mon 4 Dec Reports go home
End of Year School Mass 9.00am
Thurs 7 Dec End of Year Concert and Awards Night 6.00pm
Fri 8 Dec Term Four concludes for Students
Movies and Lunch at Foreshore Geraldton

WEEK TEN

Fri 15 Dec Term Four concludes for Staff

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PRAYER

ACROSTIC POEM FOR HARVEST

Happy are those who have bread to eat!
As grain grows in the fields and
Rains bring the water of life we share
Visions of all your people united in
Eternal praise and kneaded together to
Share good news of justice and peace:
Taste and see that the Lord is good!

BIRTHDAYS

27 November Ben Briers
28 November Jaxon Simpson-Morris

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

The date of the final School Board Meeting for this term is:

- Wednesday 29 November at 6.00pm (School Board and P&F Executive Dinner to follow this meeting)

TERM FOUR ASSEMBLIES

The date of the final Assembly for this term is:

- Week Eight – Friday 1 December at 2.45pm

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

SCHOLASTIC BUY ONE GET ONE FREE BOOK FAIR

Thank you to everyone who came and purchased books at our recent Scholastic Buy One Get One Free Book Fair. We hope you were able to purchase a bargain whilst helping the school to purchase books for the Library. A special thank you to Miss Stohney Cox for overseeing all aspects of the Book Fair, ably supported by Mrs Bethwyn Smith. Ladies, your hard work and efforts are very much appreciated.

REMEMBRANCE DAY PRAYER SERVICE

On Friday 10 November, we held a Prayer Service for Remembrance Day. Thank you to the Year 5/6 Class and Mr Matthew Nicholson for leading and preparing this time of remembrance, prayer and thanksgiving. Our thanks are also extended to all the members of the school community who came along to support the Prayer Service and our service men and women. Lest we forget.

NCVISSA SUMMER CARNIVAL

Congratulations to the Year 5/6 Basketball Team who won the A Division at last Friday's NCVISSA Summer Carnival. Not only did they go through the day undefeated, they played very well as a team. The Year 3/4 Team is also to be commended on their efforts, winning two of their games. Both teams displayed great sportsmanship and effort, all the while having fun. The taking out of the A Division trophy is extra special as some of the members of that team originally nominated to play cricket but as St Mary's was the only school to nominate a cricket team, the competition was cancelled and two basketball teams were entered. Well done, everyone.

The NCVISSA Summer Carnival does not happen without thanking a lot of people. Thank you, Nerolie Gerreyn and Sonia Chick-Teakle for coaching, Lauren Briers, Megan Simpson and Gemma Suckling for scoring, and Matthew Nicholson for umpiring. We also appreciated all the other parents and family members who came along to watch, cheer and support. Finally, thank you to Northampton District High School for co-ordinating the Carnival and to the P&C for the delicious lunches. A great day was had by all!



YEAR 3/4 EXCURSION

Next Friday, the Year 3/4 Class are going on an excursion to the Museum of Geraldton to view the 'Little Footprint, Big Future' Exhibition. This exhibition supports the learning that the students have been undertaking in Humanities and Social Sciences and sustainability. This excursion has been funded by the Northern Agricultural Catchments Council WA (NACC). St Mary's School is very grateful for the support and assistance received from NACC.



SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to all who have paid their school fees. If you still have fees outstanding, it would be appreciated if you can please ensure they are paid for by the end of next week. If you need time to pay fees, please make contact with Melissa Marquis to discuss this matter.

ORIENTATION DAY

Yesterday was the Kindy Orientation for all students attending St Mary's School in 2018. It was great to meet all of the Kindy students and their parents when they came to St Mary's School to experience a fun filled morning in the Kindy/Pre Primary Classroom. The remainder of the students also participated in a whole school orientation, spending the morning in their classes for 2018 with their respective classroom teacher. For example, the current Pre Primary students spent the morning in the Year 1/2 Classroom, with the current Year Ones, whilst the current Year Twos moved up to the Year 3/4 Classroom. The current Year Sixes assisted in the Year 1/2 Classroom. We hope that you all had a wonderful morning, meeting new friends and getting to know your new school.

END OF YEAR CONCERT SET UP

Assistance is required on **Wednesday 29 November** at the NCC, where we will be setting up for our End of Year Concert and Awards Night. Many hands make light work, so if you are able to assist, please let the School Office know.

END OF YEAR CONCERT

All classroom teachers have sent notes home outlining the costume requirements for the End of Year Concert. Please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions of difficulties. We may be able to assist with some aspects of the costume.

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS DINNER

Tomorrow night, the St Mary's School P&F will be catering for the Knights of the Southern Cross Dinner. A very big thank you to all members of the school community who have volunteered to provide or make food, especially Sonia Chick-Teakle and Kristy Williams who are coordinating this event. The food can be dropped off at school, during the day, or at the Nagle Centre from 6.00pm. All monies raised from this event will go towards the 2018 Year 5/6 Camp.

YEAR SIX GRADUATION

Preparations are well underway for the Year Six Graduation on Tuesday 28 November. A massive thank you to Lauren Briers and Sonia Chick-Teakle who are coordinating the Graduation Dinner, ably supported by a couple of helpers. Our thanks go to those parents who are cooking and/or supplying food, serving, and any other associated task. We do require additional assistance and if you are able to help out in the kitchen for any period of time, it would be very much appreciated. Many hands make light work and I know the Graduating Class will be very appreciative of your efforts to make the night a memorable one.

END OF YEAR EXCURSION TO MOVIES AND LUNCH ON THE FORESHORE

For our End of Year Excursion, we will once again be travelling to Geraldton for the movies and lunch at the Geraldton Foreshore. The movie that we are seeing is an animation called, 'The Star', which retells Jesus' nativity from the animals' point of view. The movie has a PG rating so parental permission will be required for the students to view the film. The travel permission form and lunch order is on page eight. Please complete and return to the School Office by Friday 1 December 2017.

SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATIONS 2018

Next year, there will be three vacancies on the St Mary's School Board. Nominations will be called for at the beginning of the 2018 school year, however you may wish to start thinking if this is an area that you would be willing to assist within the school. The School Board meets once a month and assists with the financial and strategic direction of the school. Previous experience and or expertise is not an essential requirement. Please do not hesitate to see Mrs Melissa Marquis if you have any further questions.

ST MARY'S SCHOOL FEES 2018

SUMMARY OF SCHOOL FEES AND CHARGES	1 CHILD	2 CHILDREN	3 CHILDREN	4 CHILDREN
Tuition Fees	\$749.00	\$1 348.20	\$1 797.60	\$1 797.60
Total Amenities & Levies (excluding Camp and Swimming)	\$89.50	\$179.00	\$268.50	\$358.00
Total School Fees per Student	\$838.50	\$1 527.20	\$2 066.10	\$2 155.60
Total Family Levies (including Building and P&F Levy)	\$190.00			Tuition for 4 th child is FREE
SUMMARY OF HEALTH CARE CARD FEES AND CHARGES	1 CHILD	2 CHILDREN	3 CHILDREN	4 CHILDREN
Tuition and all other Fees (excluding Camp and Swimming)	\$300.00	\$540.00	\$720.00	\$720.00
Total Family Levies (including Building and P&F levy)	\$130.00			Tuition for 4 th child is FREE

CARITAS GLOBAL GIFTS

Send a Christmas message to those you love, and support those in need.

When you choose a Global Gift card to give to family or friends this Christmas, you are bringing a moment of joy and helping create a lifetime of change for some of the world's most vulnerable people.

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NATIONAL RECYCLING WEEK - PLASTIC BOTTLES

The City of Greater Geraldton, Northern Agricultural Catchment Council, in association with Keep Australian Beautiful is offering a free recycling of type 1 (PET) and type 2 (HDPE) plastic bottles. The drop off point for plastic bottles are:

- **Beachlands Primary School** – Corner of Whitfield St and Bradley St
- **Bluff Point Primary School** – 18 Mitchell St
- **Caltex Sunset Beach** – 620 Chapman Rd
- **City Hive/Pollinators** – 184 Marine Terrace (at the back)
- **Geraldton Civic Centre** – 63 Cathedral Avenue (at the back)
- **Geraldton Library** – 37 Marine Terrace (at the back)
- **Geraldton Primary School** – Augustus St
- **Geraldton Recycling Centre (Tip Shop)** – 61 Landfill Lane Narngulu
- **Geraldton Surf Life Saving Club** – 260 Willcock Drive
- **John Batten Community Hall** – Drummond Cove
- **Leaning Tree Community School** – 15 Bayly St, Geraldton
- **Mt Tarcoola Primary School** – Acacia St
- **Paringa Park** – Paringa St, Mount Tarcoola
- **PCYC** – 105 Pass St, Wonthella
- **Rigters IGA** – Durlacher St
- **Strathalbyn Christian College** – 15 Cedar Cres
- **Waggrakine Primary School** – Hall Rd
- **Wandina Primary School** – 29 Ajax Dr

ST MARY'S PARISH NORTHAMPTON CHRISTMAS MASSES FOR 2017

**NANSON/YUNA
(Combined)**

6:00PM DECEMBER 24TH

NORTHAMPTON

8.30AM CHRISTMAS DAY

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**11:30AM CHRISTMAS DAY
(No Sunday Mass 24 Dec.)**



SAVE THE DATE

St Mary's School, Northampton,

cordially invite

Past Students, Families and Staff

*to a celebration of 150 years of Catholic Education
in Northampton, WA, 1868 –2018*

to be held on:

Friday 13 April 2018

and

Saturday 14 April 2018

RSVP: Email: maree.hasleby@cewa.edu.au

Phone: 08 9934 1112



PARISH NEWS

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe– Year A

Neither baptism nor the profession of faith in Christ guarantees our entry into Christ's kingdom. What is most important is the way we treat the least of Christ's brothers and sisters. What we do for them we do for Christ. By our care for them, we reveal that our profession of faith at Mass is more than just words.

Christmas Communio Appeal Last Sunday the Christmas Communio Appeal was launched at all Masses across the Diocese. If you did not receive a letter from Bishop Michael you can collect one from the back of the church. Please prayerfully consider how you can help the Appeal. Donations are Tax deductible. "Together we will make a difference."

November is the Month of the Holy Souls, a time when we remember and pray for our family and friends who have died. Parishioners are invited to list the names of their deceased loved ones on the special November offering envelopes available at the back of the Church. The envelopes are to be placed in the basket on the altar each Sunday and after each Mass the names will be entered in the Book of Remembrance. The book will then be placed on the Altar at each Mass during the month of November.

St Francis Xavier Cathedral reopened last Thursday, a great day for all the parishioners and members of the Diocese of Geraldton. From today Mass times are back to normal in the Cathedral, - Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 7.30am, 9.30am and 6.00pm.

The End of Year Concert & Award Presentations of St Mary's School will take place on Thursday, December 7th at 6pm, downstairs at the Northampton Community Centre. All welcome.

Christmas Cards are now available for sale after Mass. Pack of 8. Cost \$3.00.

Our Sick; Pray for Jean Williams, Paul Leeson, Owen Mulgrew, 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.

Prayer for a good and safe Harvest: God our provider, we acknowledge you as the only source of growth and abundance. We give thanks for the growth in our crops and pasture this year which has made it possible to harvest them. In humility we ask for the fine weather to harvest our crops and may we keep ourselves safe during harvest. In your kindness and love, make up for what is lacking in our faith and in what we do. We ask through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

In the Steps of Monsignor John C Hawes - This 19 Day Pilgrimage will depart Perth on 5th May 2018. Full details are available on Harvest Journeys Website www.harvestpilgrims.com or by contacting Gerry Eastman (0417 912 997).

COMMUNITY NEWS



Northampton Play Group

School Term Mondays 9-11am
Edna Bandy Centre, Stephen St
Contact Cara 0437 030 357
Or join Facebook page
Northampton Playgroup
for more info & updates

DID YOU KNOW?
The longest river in the world is the Nile River. It reaches 6 650km in length (4 132 miles).

WAAPA Summer School 2017/2018

This summer WAAPA is again offering exciting school holiday courses for students in years 4 to 12. The Summer School includes classes in dance, acting, drama, screen performance, music theatre and of course, how to perform Shakespeare. For information about the fantastic courses on offer please visit WAAPA Summer School or contact Gabrielle Metcalf at g.metcalf@ecu.edu.au or 9370 6775.

Weet-Bix Surf Groms Term 4 and Holiday Programs for 5-12 year olds.
(Please note we also coach teens and adults).

BOOK ONLINE: www.surf2skool.com \$165pp including 4x1.5hr sessions and the backpack of goodies.
Starting Saturday 8-9:30am.
Call 0419988756 or email kroffman@surf2skool.com for more info.



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VacSwim 2017-18

Enrol your children in swimming lessons during the summer school holidays and give them the opportunity to learn vital swimming and water safety skills.

Program 1 Every weekday from Wednesday 3 January to Friday 12 January 2018 45 minute lessons Enrolments close Sunday 19 November 2017	Program 2 Every weekday from Monday 15 January to Thursday 25 January 2018 40 minute lessons Enrolments close Sunday 26 November 2017
Short program Every day from Monday 8 January to Friday 12 January 2018 35 minute lessons Enrolments close Sunday 19 November 2017	Country early start Every day from Saturday 16 December to Friday 22 December 2017 45 minute lessons Enrolments close Sunday 12 November 2017

Enrol now
Visit education.wa.edu.au/swimming or telephone 9402 6412.



“Carols in the Park”

Come along and sing those favourite Christmas Corals.
Bring in the Spirit of Christmas.
8th December @ 5.30 pm
At the Hampton Gardens.
There will be a sausage sizzle and free water.

Enjoy.

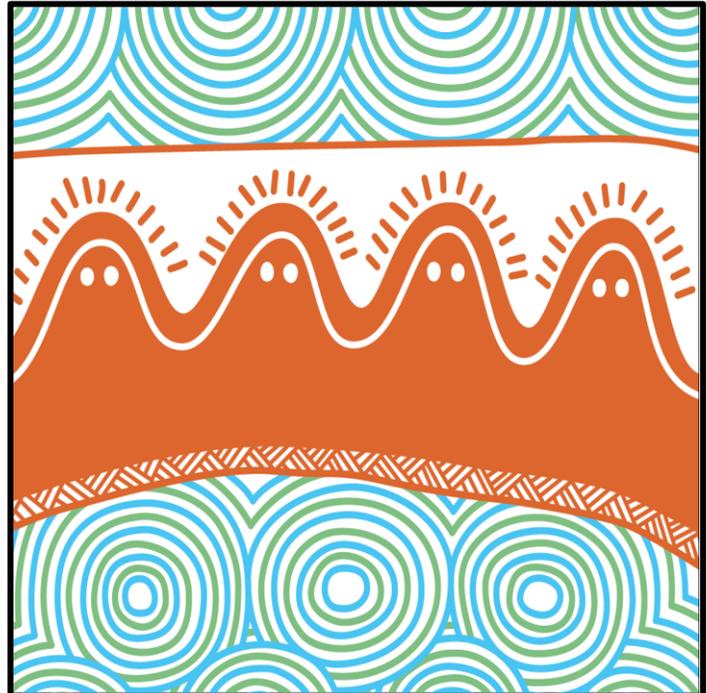
Enquiries to Eldred Royce 0498 999 540

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Little footprint, big future

ONE SMALL ACTION TO HELP YOUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT

Museum of Geraldton

7 October 2017 – 28 January 2018 | A free exhibition

Explore this exhibition to discover choices and actions that you can take in your everyday life to make a positive impact on the local environment that we all love.



Museum Place, Batavia Coast Marina | 9431 8393 | museum.wa.gov.au

The Little footprint, big future exhibition is presented by the Northern Agricultural Catchments Council and the Museum of Geraldton and is supported by funding from the Western Australian Government's State NDM Program, supported by Royalties for Regions. Image: Dreamtime by Amangu artist Wayne Ronan.



Geraldton Christian Churches Carols by Candlelight

in

**MAITLAND PARK
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10th, 2017**

5.30pm – Free Family Fun

Activities

**7.00pm - Carols with Geraldton
City Band**

Food Stalls

Smoke and Alcohol Free Event

WHOLE SCHOOL (KINDY – YEAR SIX)

END OF YEAR EXCURSION

MOVIES AND LUNCH IN GERALDTON

FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER 2017 *(Please return by FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER 2017)*

I give permission for my child/ren, _____, to travel to Geraldton by bus for the End of Year Excursion.

AND

I give permission for my child/ren, _____, to watch the movie, 'The Star', at the Orana Cinemas, which is rated PG.

The children will receive fish and chips for lunch, please indicate choice below.

Fish and Chips for (child/ren's name) _____

Chips ONLY for (child/ren's name) _____

At the conclusion of the excursion (please circle one option)

I will be collecting my child/ren from the Geraldton Foreshore at 1.45pm.

or

My child/ren will be returning to St Mary's School by bus.

or

Other arrangements (please detail) _____

Signed: _____ Family Name: _____

WHOLE SCHOOL (KINDY – YEAR SIX)

BUS TRAVEL TO CONCERT PRACTICE

MONDAY 4 DECEMBER 2017 and WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER 2017

I give permission for my child/ren, _____, to travel to and from the Northampton Community Centre by bus for Concert Practice.

Approximate times will be:

9.00am to 11.00pm on Monday

9.00am to 12.30pm on Wednesday, which will include a full dress rehearsal performance for the Never Too Old Club.

Signed: _____ Family Name: _____