



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

Another year has come to an end. There is a saying, 'Time flies when you're having fun', and if this is the case, St Mary's School has overflowed with fun, excitement and laughter. In amongst all of that fun, there has also been lots of learning. To see how much the students have grown over the past year is truly remarkable. This growth is not just in a physical sense but as a whole, academically, socially, spiritually and emotionally. From the Kindy children who walked up to the front entrance with bags bigger than them, to the Year Ones in their crisp new uniforms looking so grown up on their first day, and the Year Sixes who have graduated from primary school and are moving on to all the adventures and challenges that high school has to offer, the 2017 school year has provided a fruitful journey.

In celebrating a wonderful year, we must also say goodbye to some people who are moving on. Goodbye to the following two families, who are leaving St Mary's School for different reasons, Gerreyn Family and Teakle Family. May your time at St Mary's School be regarded with fond memories and may the next chapter in your life be all that you hope it to be. Thank you to Stuart, Nerolie, Jason and Jayde for all that you have done during your time at St Mary's School. Your contributions have been very much valued, and you and your children will be sorely missed. Good luck!

Our goodbyes and best wishes are also extended to Mr Matthew Nicholson as he moves back to Perth at the end of the year. We thank you for your work as the Year 5/6 and Physical Education Teacher over the past two years. You have learnt a lot over this time and we know that you will be able to put this learning to good use in the next chapter of your life. Thank you and all the very best for 2018 and beyond.

To the staff of St Mary's School, words will never be enough to really express my gratitude and appreciation for all that you do. Every single one of you goes above and beyond your role description and allocated hours. Why? I believe it is because you put the students of St Mary's School first in everything that you do. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

I would like to wish everyone a blessed Christmas, and a safe and happy new year.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Melissa Marquis
PRINCIPAL

Dates to Remember

WEEK NINE

Fri 8 Dec

Term Four concludes for Students
Movies and Lunch at Geraldton Foreshore

WEEK TEN

Thurs 14 Dec
Fri 15 Dec

School Office closes 3pm
Staff PD – Geraldton
Term Four concludes for Staff

2018

Mon 22 Jan
Fri 26 Jan

School Office opens
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

WEEK ONE

Mon 29 Jan

Staff commence – Staff Professional Development Day

Tues 30 Jan

Staff Professional Development Day

Wed 31 Jan

Students commence

WEEK TWO

Mon 5 Feb

Beginning of the Year
School Mass – Launch of 150 Year Celebrations 9am
Swimming Lessons

Thurs 8 Feb

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PRAYER

A CHRISTMAS DAY PRAYER

Little baby Jesus was born upon this day
Lying in a manger, laid upon soft hay.

His mother Mary cared for him,
His dad Joseph felt proud,
To be given such a precious boy,
They felt safe within Gods plans.
Shepherds came to greet him,
Wise men carried gifts,
And gave them to the baby,
They knew he would be king.

So we too on Christmas day
Come to worship him.
And celebrate, with love and hope,
To play and laugh and sing.
We love the lights upon the tree,
The presents and the food.
We share this special time together
And say our God is good.
So good he sent us Jesus
To walk and shine the way,
For us all to follow him,
Into a heavenly day.
Amen.



http://www.living-prayers.com/events/christmas_prayers.html

BIRTHDAYS

7 December Gabrielle Mincherton
14 December Bella Teakle
15 December Eden Dawson
26 December Sydney Williams
26 December Mrs Susanne Warr

YEAR 3/4 EXCURSION

Last Friday, the Year 3/4 Class went on an excursion to the Museum of Geraldton to view the 'Little Footprint, Big Future' Exhibition. The students thoroughly enjoyed the excursion and the exhibition, representing St Mary's School in a very positive manner. This excursion was funded by the Northern Agricultural Catchments Council WA (NACC). St Mary's School is very grateful for the support and assistance received from NACC.



YEAR SIX GRADUATING CLASS 2017



2018 P&F FUNDRAISER

The St Mary's P&F has been offered the opportunity to run the kitchen at the Horrocks Community Centre on a Sunday night during the January holidays. This is a great opportunity to fundraise outside of the St Mary's School Community. The details are:

- Sunday 7 January
- Menu – to be confirmed
- Organiser – Sonia Chick-Teakle
- All funds raised are to go to the P&F
- Donations of food and/or cash will be very much appreciated
- We already have some names to assist with cooking and serving

If you are able to assist in any way, please contact Sonia on 0429 978 455. As the date gets closer, Sonia will be in contact to confirm the assistance that is required. Alternatively, why not come down on the evening of Sunday 7 January, enjoy a meal and a catch up with family and friends. Thank you to the Horrocks Community Centre for this opportunity.

2018 SCHOOL PHOTOS

Next year, the School Photos will be taken on Friday 16 February. The reason for the early date is to have a whole school photo in preparation for our 150 Year Anniversary Celebrations.

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.

2018 DATES

Please see page four for all of the proposed dates for 2018. Please note that Easter falls within Term One.

END OF YEAR EXCURSION TO MOVIES AND LUNCH ON THE FORESHORE

A few reminders for tomorrow's excursion:

- Students wear their bathers under their Sports Uniform
- Students may wear sandals
- Students must have a rashie or an old t-shirt that can get wet
- Students must have their school hat
- Students need a towel
- Students need to provide their own recess
- Lunch is fish and chips
- Students need a water bottle



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.

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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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 4th 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 4th child is FREE

2018 DATES

Term One

Monday 29 January	Staff Professional Development Day
Tuesday 30 January	Staff Professional Development Day
Wednesday 31 January	Term One Commences for Students
Monday 26 February	Staff Professional Development Day - Pupil Free Day
Monday 5 March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Friday 30 March	Good Friday Public Holiday
Monday 2 April	Easter Monday Public Holiday
Tuesday 3 April	Easter Tuesday School Holiday
Friday 13 April	Term One Concludes for Staff and Students

Term Two

Monday 30 April	Staff Professional Development Day - Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 1 May	Term Two Commences for Students
Monday 4 June	Western Australia Day Public Holiday
Friday 29 June	Term Two Concludes for Staff and Students

Term Three

Monday 16 July	Staff Professional Development Day - Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 17 July	Term Three Commences for Students
Friday 21 September	Term Three Concludes for Staff and Students

Term Four

Monday 8 October	Term Four Commences for Staff and Students
Monday 22 October	Catholic Day – Pupil Free Day
Friday 7 December	Term Four Concludes for Students
Monday 10 December to Friday 14 December	Staff Professional Development Days



MERIT CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the Merit Certificate recipients for Term Four, Week Eight.

Yr K/PP

Anna Davis

For the excited way you are coming over, sitting with your teachers, wanting to write your Christmas lists and having a go at sounding out your words. Fantastic work, Anna.

Lesha Sah

Being such a sparkly, happy class member in all aspects of learning! I love the way you are enjoying games with your special friends. Thank you for bringing happiness to our classroom, Lesha.

Yr 1/2

Year One Class

For an outstanding year of successes this year. Each and every one of you have demonstrated independence and focus in all learning tasks. You have all worked extremely hard in your learning journey and I know that you will continue to do so in Year Two. It has been a year filled with oodles of enthusiasm and fun learning. I am one very proud teacher and look forward to hearing of your continued achievements in 2018. Congratulations to Billy, Taylor, Hanna, Torah, Leah, Tait and Moses on your star performances. Absolutely fabulous, Year Ones!

Year Two Class

For being confident and independent learners, willing to challenge yourself in all activities. You have brought much fun and laughter into the classroom this year, with your own unique personalities. Remember that each of you are very special, displaying many gifts and talents. I am one lucky teacher to have had the privilege to have taught you over the last two years. Congratulations Ben, Bill, Evie, Tyronne, Jaxon and Malia on a FANTASTIC year and I wish you all the best next in Year Three. Just awesome!

Yr 3/4

Year Three Class

For the fantastic year you all have had. I am proud to say that you all live the Fruit of the Spirit daily and are always there to lend a hand when somebody needs it. It has been an absolute pleasure teaching you this year and I look forward to continuing on next year!

Year Four Class

For your enthusiasm and work ethic this year. Year Fours, it has been a privilege to watch you grow and develop into the young people you are today. It has taken a lot of hard work and dedication to get there, but I know you will only continue and strive for your best every day. Congratulations on a fantastic year, Year Fours.

Yr 5/6

Darcy Mulgrew

For your recently completed advertisement on the Star Cleaner, a cleaner bin for wheat and canola. I was really impressed with how well you sold the product, demonstrating a knowledge of anecdotes, where you had a farmer explain how well the product had worked. I also liked the adjectives you utilised in your advertisement, where you described the Star Cleaner as being reliable, good value, helpful, and time saving. The Star Cleaner sounds like a great idea, well done, Darcy.

Jacob Briers

For your strong contribution within Civics and Citizenship. You have clearly demonstrated an understanding of the House of Representatives and its role in helping form a government. You have also explained the role that the House of Representatives play, in law making. I have been impressed with your approach to your learning, Jacob.

Eli Bromley

For your strong presentation on why you should be the class Prime Minister. You have presented a video that incorporated creativity, where you demonstrated first hand, an example of your kindness and willingness to help your peers. You also supported your claim for the Prime Minister position, by using evidence and reason. The class was extremely entertained when watching your presentation, a great effort. Well done, Eli.

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Bill Bromley, Jack Sikaloski, Millie Gerreyn, Riley Maver





ART AWARDS



LEXILE AWARDS



PRINCIPAL AWARDS

PARISH NEWS

Second Sunday of Advent – Year B

Engulfed by many chores in the lead-up to Christmas, we can fail to hear a voice that cries in the wilderness: “prepare a way for the Lord.” Let us resolve to include some time to pray, to reflect on the Gospel stories of Jesus’ birth, and to seek reconciliation with God and others, in our Christmas preparations.



Advent Wreath Response – John the Baptist Candle

Priest: Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophet Isaiah when he comforted the people of Jerusalem to prepare the way of the Lord.

Response: Come Lord Jesus

Priest: Lord Jesus, you come among us now as we take up John the Baptist’s words that you have baptised us with water and the Holy Spirit.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus

Priest: Lord Jesus, you will come again in glory because you want nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change their ways.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus

Christmas Communion Appeal To support our Catholic Caring Agencies of the Diocese of Geraldton please donate to Bishop Michael’s Christmas Communion Appeal. Visit the Diocesan webpage www.geraldtondioceses.org.au for further information to make Direct Bank Transfer. *“Together we can make a difference”*

Congratulations to the students of St Mary’s School for their wonderful performance at the School Concert & Awards night on Thursday evening.

Morning Tea this morning in the Nagle Centre after Mass. All welcome.

Christmas Cards are now available for sale after Mass. They are in a pack of 8 and 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.

Marist Ex-Students Annual Mass and Reunion for past students of current and former Marist schools will be held at Newman College, Empire Ave, Churchlands. **Date:** Wednesday 24 January 2018 **Time:** 4.30 p.m. Mass in the College chapel. 5.30 p.m. Barbecue and Fellowship in the College grounds. BYO everything. **Enquiries:** Kevin Wringe 0407511104 or Ambrose Depiazzi 0419912187. RSVP not necessary.

Position Vacant: The Parish of Augusta Margaret River seek expressions of interest from a retired practising Catholic couple/retired person to be the Caretaker of Lumen Christi Church in Augusta. In exchange for nominated services a 2 bedroom fully furnished self-contained flat is supplied rent free with all utilities supplied cost free. It is envisaged that the successful applicants would commence duties early 2018. Closing date for applications is Jan5th, 2018. For further information call Parish Chairman on 0408581775. All applications to: The Parish Priest, PO Box 78, Margaret River WA 6258 or Email st_thomas@westnet.com.au

CATHEDRAL REOPENED

Following a wonderful **Eucharistic Celebration** on November 22nd the conserved, restored, and enhanced St Francis Xavier Cathedral is now 'open for business'. While there is still some work to be done, the major part of this \$9m Project is complete. What an amazing accomplishment for the Diocese of Geraldton and the Geraldton community. Photos of the event can be seen on the [website](#).

The fundraising total recently hit \$3m. This has gone beyond our expectations and demonstrates the strong community support for the Project. We plan to have our [Major Donor Honour Board](#) and [Digital Register](#) finalised and installed in the near future however we are still receiving last minute donations. Get in quick if you haven't donated and would like your name associated with this historic event. Contact Gerry (see below)

There will be an **Official Reopening of the Cathedral** by Bishop Michael & The Hon. Melissa Price on **Friday 15th December at 6:30 p.m.** followed by refreshments. If you would like to attend this opening ceremony and haven't received an official invitation, you would be welcome to attend. Please advise Genny at the Bishop's House (99 213221) of numbers.



As part of this ceremony, there will be an organ recital by Dominic Perissinotto, Musical Director and Organist from St Patricks Basilica in Fremantle. Dominic is one of Australia's most prolific performers and is widely sought after as a soloist.

TOURS

Cathedral Tours have recommenced and are now held on Sunday, Monday & Wednesday at 2:30 and Fridays at 4:00. Tickets (\$5) can be purchased prior to the tour at the Museum.

SPONSORSHIPS

All bells, olive trees and garden benches have now been sponsored. The bells will be arriving from England in early 2018 and the last of the olive trees and benches will be installed in the next few weeks with the completion of the Midwest Garden (Stage 3).

Among other things, this Project has highlighted the amazing work and life of **John Hawes**. Next year, Bishop Justin will be leading a tour to England and the Bahamas '**In the Footsteps of Monsignor John Hawes**' leaving Perth in May. There are still places available. If you would like to be part of this wonderful experience, details can be found on the Harvest Journeys [website](#) or by contacting Gerry Eastman (see below). If you know of anyone who may be interested but who may not receive this information, please forward it on to them.

Kind Regards, Gerry Eastman (Campaign Coordinator)
0417 912 997 www.sfxcathedralproject.com.au



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

ST MARY'S PARISH NORTHAMPTON CHRISTMAS MASSES FOR 2017

**NANSON/YUNA
(Combined)**

6:00PM DECEMBER 24TH

NORTHAMPTON

8.30AM CHRISTMAS DAY

KALBARRI

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



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



“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

The Council and Staff
of the Parents and Friends Federation wish you all a very
Happy and Holy Christmas
and we look forward to seeing you in 2018!



CHRISTMAS IS THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS, THE SAVIOUR OF MANKIND

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www.pff.wa.edu.au

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MURCHISON COMPLEX TRAUMA CONFERENCE

March 27 - 29 2018
13 Hovea Street, Geraldton, WA

Professional development for anyone working with children, young people and adults who have experienced complex trauma.

WHAT'S IN THE BOX?			
March 27 2018	9:30 - 3:30	\$215 + GST*	
Learning Outcomes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Define complex trauma. 2. Discuss the impact of trauma on brain development and memory. 3. Understand the relationship between complex traumas in early childhood and behaviours and emotional responses. 4. Explain trauma re-enactment and the importance of safe environments & relationships. 5. Apply a range of positive behaviour support strategies suited to supporting children, young people and adults. 			

ONE CHILD AT A TIME			
March 28 2018	9:30 - 3:30	\$215 + GST*	
Learning Outcomes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe Daniel Hughes' P.A.C.E (Playfulness, Acceptance, Curiosity & Empathy) model for promoting an attachment-focused parenting approach. 2. Use a Guidance Approach, to support children who have experienced complex trauma to learn new behaviours. 3. Apply Strengths Based Parenting to build relationships and improve communication skills with children. 4. Use a variety of creative therapy tools and sensory experiences to support children to heal from their traumatic experiences. 			

WHEN LOSS GETS LOST			
March 29 2018	9:30 - 3:30	\$215 + GST*	
Learning Outcomes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Define normal grief and the grieving process for children & young people. 2. Discuss common reactions to grief: physical, behavioural, emotional, social, cognitive and spiritual responses. 3. Explore the link between childhood trauma and intense grief responses. 4. Discuss the Adult Attachment interview and how parents and carers can support children who are bereaved. 5. Apply a range of healing strategies to support recovery for children & young people who are bereaved. 			

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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 NRM Program, supported by Royalties for Regions. Image: Dreamtime by Amangu artist Wayne Roman.

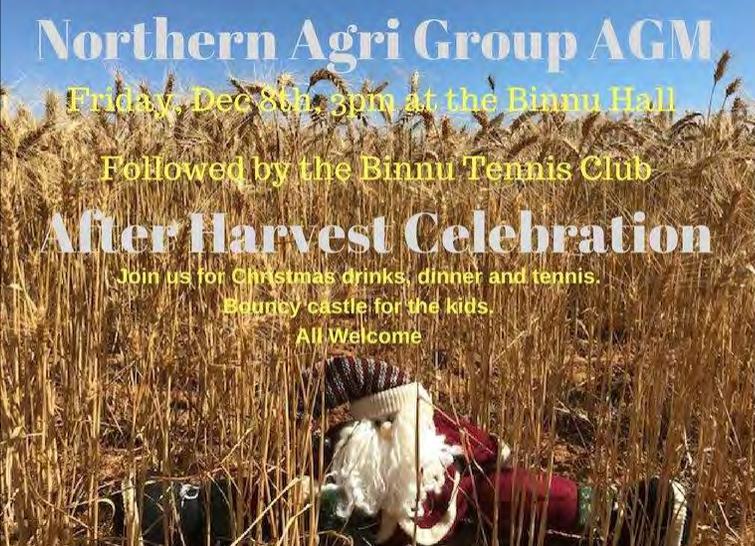


VacSwim 2017-18

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

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

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



Northern Agri Group AGM

Friday, Dec 8th, 3pm at the Binnu Hall

Followed by the Binnu Tennis Club

After Harvest Celebration

Join us for Christmas drinks, dinner and tennis.
Bouncy castle for the kids.
All Welcome

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.

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.

Safe Swimming Message to all our Families

As summer approaches, we want students and families to enjoy our beautiful waterways; remembering to swim between the flags when at the beach and stay safe around the water.

Royal Life Saving's recently released *National Drowning Report* shows that 280 people drowned in Australian waterways in 2015-16. This is a five per cent increase from the previous year. Each drowning death is a personal story, affecting families, rescuers and communities.

The Department of Education, Royal Life Saving WA and Surf Life Saving WA wish everyone a safe and fun summer holiday.

To find out more information about how you can be safe over the Christmas break visit:

- [RLSSWA Summer Holidays Drowning Prevention Tips](#)
- [RLSSWA Water Safety on Summer Holidays Tips](#)

With beach weather now here, Surf Life Saving WA is asking you to help your kids find the fun Between The Flags and stay beach safe by downloading their [free Safety Beach game](#) to ensure you know all the tips for staying safe between the flags this summer!

Kind regards

Swimming and Water Safety, Department of Education, Statewide Services Centre

DID YOU KNOW?

Installing a tap timer will help you to control the amount of water you apply to your lawn or garden.