



# 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

Welcome back to St Mary's School and to the 2019 school year. I hope that all families had a blessed Christmas and a happy New Year. I have had the pleasure of hearing lots of holiday tales from the students and its sounds like lots of fun was had by all!

A couple of staff members also had a truly wonderful holiday. We congratulate Mrs Rebekah Lucas and her husband, Craig, on the impending birth of their first child. This is very exciting news for both of you and for Mrs Lee-Ann Walton who will become a first time grandparent. Congratulations, Beck and Craig! Miss Laura Kennedy also had some special holiday news to share with the staff. Whilst travelling overseas, Laura and Mr Ben Lang got engaged. Congratulations, Laura and Ben, and all the best with the wedding planning.

On Monday, we welcomed the following new students and their families to St Mary's School:

Kindy: Finn, Darcey, Asha, Xavier

Pre Primary: Brianna

Year Three: Alexandrah, Johnadene

Year Four: Mahaylah

Year Five: Caleb

Year Six: Ellen

The first day of school, whether it be as a Kindy student or a student in a new school, can be filled with mixed emotions. I know the staff and students have and will continue to provide the support required to ensure a smooth transition and positive start.

At the end of Term Four, some of the allocations of Education Assistants was yet to be finalised. Please see page two for the full outline of which Education Assistant will be working in each classroom for 2019.

Yours sincerely  
Mrs Melissa Marquis  
PRINCIPAL

## Dates to Remember

### WEEK TWO

Tues 12 Feb	Parent/Teacher Evening & AGM 5.30
Thurs 14 Feb	Year 5/6 Leadership Day
Fri 15 Feb	Languages lessons start
	Swimming Lessons
	Assembly @ 2.45

### WEEK THREE

Mon 18 Feb	Brookview Bookworms Yr 6
Wed 20 Feb	School Mass @ 9.00
	Welcome Morning Tea
Thurs 21 Feb	School Photos
Fri 22 Feb	Swimming Lessons
	School Newsletter

### WEEK FOUR

Tues 26 Feb	Swimming Lessons
Fri 1 Mar	Swimming Lessons

### WEEK FIVE

Mon 4 Mar	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tues 5 Mar	PUPIL FREE DAY –
	STAFF PROFESSIONAL
	DEVELOPMENT DAY
	Shrove Tuesday
Wed 6 Mar	Ash Wednesday Mass 11.30
Fri 8 Mar	Assembly @ 2.45
	School Newsletter
Sun 10 Mar	First Sunday of Lent

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## **PRAYER**

### **PRAYER FOR A NEW SCHOOL YEAR**

Lord, please bless all our teachers, friends and relatives as they make their way back to their classrooms for another year.

Help them to feel excitement and joy in the promise of a new start.

Give them everything they need to start their classes.

Give them all they need all year.

Give them imagination and creativity to make wonders out of what they do have.

Give them wisdom all year.

Help them quickly spot the little ones who are going to need something extra from them this year.

Help them have just the right words of encouragement for each student.

Amen

## **BIRTHDAYS**

2 Jan	Lola M
2 Jan	Evie M
4 Jan	Isla W
22 Jan	Mrs Smith
1 Feb	Zavier T
5 Feb	Asha S
5 Feb	Kirsty Q
14 Feb	Harry C
17 Feb	Sienna M

## **STAFF CHANGES**

In the final School Newsletter for 2018, a list of staffing was published with all positions filled except for the Education Assistant (EA) in Year 1/2 and Year 5/6 on Mondays and Tuesdays. Mrs Terri Keeffe will take on this role, moving to the K/PP EA position on Thursdays and Fridays. Below is a full outline of the allocation of EAs for 2019.

Mrs Natarsha Mitchell (Kindy/Pre Primary – Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday)

Mrs Terri Keeffe (Kindy/Pre Primary – Thursday & Friday)

Miss Grace Sharrock (Kindy/Pre Primary – Monday, Wednesday & Friday)

Mrs Terri Keeffe (Year 1/2 – Monday & Tuesday)

Mrs Bethwyn Smith (Year 1/2 – Thursday)

Mrs Jenny Johnson (Year 1/2 – Wednesday & Friday)

Mrs Dee-Anne Simpson (Year 3/4 – Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday)

Mrs Lauren Briers (Year 3/4 – Thursday & Friday)

Mrs Terri Keeffe – (Year 5/6 – Monday & Tuesday)

Mrs Bethwyn Smith (Year 5/6 – Thursday)

Mrs Jenny Johnson (Year 5/6 – Wednesday & Friday)

## **2019 SCHOOL PHOTOS**

The School Photos will be taken in Week Three, Thursday 21 February. Photo envelopes will be sent home very soon. Parents of Kindy students, we would like your child to attend Kindy on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week to ensure that they are part of the class and whole school photos. A note outlining the attendance for Week Three will be sent home from Mrs Lucas very soon. Please see Mrs Lucas if this causes major inconvenience. Thank you, in anticipation, for your co-operation in relation to this matter.

## **TERM ONE PLANNER**

Please see page nine for a copy of the Term One Planner. Please note that this year, Easter falls within the school holidays.

## **2019 PUPIL FREE DAYS**

There has been one small change in relation to Pupil Free Days for this year. Please note the Pupil Free Days for 2019:

Tuesday 5 March

Monday 29 April

Friday 5 July

Monday 22 July

Monday 4 November

## **SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATIONS 2019**

This year, there will be one vacancy on the St Mary's School Board. Nominations are being accepted now. 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 or a current School Board member if you have any further questions.

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Last week, the staff collaborated on a range of topics in preparation for the 2019 school year. We spent Thursday at St Francis Xavier Primary School working with their staff and the staff from Our Lady of Mt Carmel on all things Numeracy. It was a wonderful opportunity to network with other staff, learn about a range of activities to undertake with the students during Mathematics and plan in preparation for the coming year.

On Friday, we spent the day at school looking at various Administration aspects of school life, including routines and procedures, child safety, revising the Code of Conduct, curriculum planning, and all of the last minute preparation required prior to the first day back with the students.

## **SWIMMING LESSONS**

Swimming lessons for children in Pre Primary to Year Six started today. A reminder that the children will be leaving school, by bus, at 9.30am sharp and will return to school at approximately 2.00pm. Below is a note of what is required on Swimming Lesson days:

- wear the sports uniform
- food for recess and lunch – no lunch orders on swimming lesson days
- water to drink
- hat (St Mary's School hat only)
- sun safe bathers or a rashie and boardies – girls to wear bathers under their sports uniform and boys to wear the boardies with the sports t-shirt
- clean underwear
- towel and plastic bag (for wet clothing)

Please ensure all items are clearly marked with your child's name. Students are encouraged to wear sandals, not thongs, during swimming lessons to assist with ease of changing. Lessons will take place on 8, 15, 22, 26 February and 1 March. The St Mary's Faction Swimming Carnival will take place on Friday 15 March. More information about this event will be in upcoming newsletters.

## **LIBRARY**

Please see below for the Library Timetable for 2019:

Kindy/Pre Primary – Monday

Year 1/2 – Friday

Year 3/4 – Tuesday

Year 5/6 – Tuesday

Students require a Library bag to borrow and all overdue books must be returned before students may borrow again.

## **TERM ONE ASSEMBLIES**

This term, we will be having Assemblies in:

- Week Two - Friday 15 February at 2.45pm
- Week Five - Friday 8 March at 2.45pm
- Week Eight - Friday 29 March at 2.45pm

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

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the School Board and P&F will be on Tuesday 12 February, at 5.50pm. This meeting will take place on the same night as the Parent/Teacher Evening. The agenda for the AGM is on the next page. There is one vacancy on the School Board and nominations are being sought for this position. If you are interested in being on the School Board, please complete and return the nomination form at the end of this newsletter. If you have any further questions about the School Board and what it entails, please see one of the current School Board members or Mrs Melissa Marquis. The P&F Executive will also be confirmed. Please consider if you are able to assist in this very important aspect of fundraising and community building.

# St Mary's School Board

Mary Street, Northampton. WA 6535

Date: 12 February 2019  
Time: 5.40pm  
Venue: 5-6 Classroom

## AGENDA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019 School Board and Parents and Friends' Association

- 1) Opening Prayer
- 2) Attendance
- 3) Minutes of Previous AGM
- 4) Principal's Report
- 5) P&F AGM
  - President's Report
  - Treasurer's Report
  - Election of Office Bearers
- 6) School Board AGM
  - Chairperson's Report
  - Treasurer's Report
  - Election of Office Bearers

### YEAR FIVE/SIX LEADERSHIP DAY

The Year Five/Six Class will be attending a Leadership Day next **Tuesday 12 February 2019** in Geraldton, run by the Geraldton Camp School. We will be departing from St Mary's School at 8:50am and leaving the venue at 2:00pm, returning to school by 3:00pm. Miss Miotti and Mrs Briers will be attending the day with the students. Students will be involved in the activities of rafting, beach games and the flying fox. Lunch will be provided by Geraldton Camp School. Students are required to bring fruit and a snack. All students will require the following items:

- To wear their sports uniform
- School hat
- Sport shoes
- Sun screen
- Water Bottle
- Bathers (students will need to be in their bathers when they get to school)
- Towel
- Rashie or an old t-shirt
- Thongs (to walk to and from the beach)
- Food for recess

### PARENT/TEACHER EVENING

The annual Parent/Teacher Evening is held on the same evening as the AGM. The format for the evening will be:  
5.30pm Year 1/2 and Year 5/6 Parent Evening and Bullying Workshop in Year 1/2 Classroom  
5.50pm AGM in Year 5/6 Classroom  
6.20pm K/PP and Year 3/4 Parent Evening and Digital Technology Workshop  
6.40pm Dinner

We request that at least one parent/guardian attends to ensure that families are informed and updated. Please come along, attend the various events, have dinner and enjoy this community get together. Looking forward to catching up with you all.  
*Please complete the catering advice at the end of this newsletter and return to the school office on Monday 11 Feb.*

### REGIONAL COMMISSIONING MASS

This afternoon, staff from all Catholic schools in the Geraldton region will come together for the Regional Commissioning Mass. At the Mass, Bishop Michael will bless all of the staff in the region as they undertake their calling to educate the children in their

care in a Catholic educational setting. The Mass is at St Francis Xavier Cathedral in Geraldton, commencing at 4.30pm, and as such, staff will be leaving school as soon as all students have been collected.

## 2019 SCHOOL FEES

Please be advised that Term One Fees will be issued within the next two weeks and will be sent home with your eldest child. All fees reflect our involvement in the CEWA Low Fee Initiative. The partial cost of the Year Six Leavers Shirts have been included in your fee statement. Students will fundraise to cover the remainder of the cost of the Leavers Shirts. If you have a current Health Care Card, new or continuing, please present it to the Office before Wednesday 13 February to assist with the requirements of system data collection. If you wish to discuss a payment plan, please see Mrs Melissa Marquis at your earliest convenience.

## PARISH NEWS

### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

In today's readings the prophet Isaiah, the apostle Paul, and the the apostle Peter each acknowledges that he is a sinner. "I am a man of unclean lips", cries Isaiah: "I persecuted the Church of God", confesses Paul: "I am sinful man", says Peter. They know their need of forgiveness but they are also aware of the power of God at work in them. We too are sinners, but if we have faith in the grace of God working within us, we can be great missionaries as well.

**Morning Tea** is being held this morning, in the Nagle Centre, after Mass. Everyone is welcome.

**Congratulations** to Maree Hasleby on her Australia Day Volunteer Award as recognition for her work in the compiling of St Mary's School 150<sup>th</sup> Years Commemorative Book on Catholic Education in Northampton. Well Done!!

**Next Parish Council** meeting will be held on **Thursday February 14<sup>th</sup>**, commencing at 5pm. This is a good time to consider becoming a part of "the team" that looks after the running of your Parish. If you are able to spare an hour or so, once a month, please come along and join us.

**School Mass:** The first School Mass of the year will be celebrated on **Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 9am**. Everyone is welcome to join with the children of St Mary's School in this celebration as they welcome Fr Larry as our Parish priest.

**Knights of the Southern Cross** next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 5pm in the Nagle Centre.

**Hawes Heritage Events** present renowned French Organist Johann

Vexo and French Opera Singer Damien Rivière in an evening of world class entertainment in the amazing surroundings of the iconic St Francis Xavier Cathedral. Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 7 PM – 9 PM Tickets · \$25 adult, \$20 concession..

Funds raised will assist in the conservation of the heritage of John Hawes in the Geraldton Diocese. More information at

<https://www.monsignorhawes.com.au/hawes-heritage-events/>

**Our Sick;** Pray for Fr Robert O'Bryan, Ines Miotti, Jared Carter, Fr Brian Ahern, Patricia Casey, Col Constantine, Lillian Kingdon, Jean Williams, Paul Leeson, Owen Mulgrew, Jo Mattens, Maud Brown, Betty Thompson, Cliff Dyer, Jim Thompson, Ron Johnstone, Sue Gravranish, Hazel Bunter, Ron Smith, and all the residents of Brookview

### Save the Date

On Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup> we will be celebrating a commemorative Mass followed by Morning Tea to acknowledge the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Old Convent. If you know anyone who attended the Old Convent, please advise them of this special day and invite them to join us.

## 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

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# Ladies

## LONG TABLE LUNCH

FOR RURAL WOMENS HEALTH

**SATURDAY  
9 MARCH, 2019**

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Horrocks Community Centre, 12noon  
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**DR MARGO HOPE**  
GENERAL PRACTITIONER  
**Well Women's Check ~**  
**What is it and why we do it...**

**GEORGIA CLARKSON**  
PHYSIOTHERAPIST  
**Pelvic Health ~**  
**The wonder down under...**

**BONNIE CROSTHWAITE**  
CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST  
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**ST MARY'S SCHOOL**

**AGM – TUESDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2019**

**DINNER**

After the Parent/Teacher Meetings and the AGM, the school will provide meat and gravy rolls, and drinks for all families in the Undercover Area. For catering purposes, can you please indicate the number of people attending?

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# of adults attending the dinner: \_\_\_\_\_

# of children attending the dinner: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please return by Monday 11 February***

**ST MARY'S SCHOOL NORTHAMPTON  
SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATION**

**AGM Nomination Forms**

Please find below the nomination form for the positions available on the School Board for 2019. Three positions are available for the 2019 school year. If you are interested, please complete the form and return it to the school office by Monday 11 February 2019.

Please feel free to nominate yourself.

**ELECTIONS – NOMINATIONS**

**St Mary's School Board  
Annual General Meeting**

**Tuesday 12 February 2019**

**One position available**

**PERSON TO BE NOMINATED:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**NOMINATED BY:**

**ACCEPTANCE OF NOMINATION:**

Please sign here:



# ST MARY SCHOOL LUNCH MENU 2019

<b>ROLLS</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>DRINKS</b>	<b>PRICE</b>
Salad Only (with cheese)	\$5.20	Milk 300ml	\$2.70
Tuna & salad	\$6.00	(Choc-Strawberry-Banana)	
Pork & Salad	\$5.80	Juice Box	\$2.00
Chicken & Salad	\$5.80	Orange C 600ml	\$3.50
Ham & Salad	\$5.80	Orange C 300ml	\$2.90
Roast Beef & Salad	\$5.80	Water 600ml	\$2.50

## **SANDWICHES**

Vegemite	\$3.00
Egg (plain or curried)	\$4.00
Salad Only (with cheese)	\$4.50
Chicken & Salad	\$5.50
Ham & Salad	\$5.50
Tuna & Salad	\$5.80
Roast Beef & Salad	\$5.50
Pork & Salad	\$5.50

## **TORTILLA WRAPS**

Chicken/Ham/Roast Beef or Pork & Salad	\$6.00
Salad Only	\$5.50

## **SALAD BOXES**

Meat & Salad Box (Lettuce-Carrot-Tomato-Cheese)	\$6.50
Salad Only (Lettuce-Carrot-Tomato-Cheese)	\$5.50
EXTRA MEAT OR SALAD	0.50c EA

## **CAKES AND SLICES**

Carrot or Chocolate Slice	\$3.00
Apple or Choc Chip Muffin	\$3.50

## **HOT FOODS**

Toasted Turkish Bread Full	\$7.50
Toasted Turkish Bread Half	\$5.50
Chicken Cheese & Mayo <b>OR</b> Bacon, Tomato, Onion & cheese	
Toasted Sandwiches 2 or 3 Fillings	\$4.80
Toasted Sandwiches 1 filling	\$3.80
EXTRA FILLING	0.50c EA
Hot Dog	\$6.00
Sausage Roll	\$3.50
Pastie	\$4.00
Meat Pie	\$4.00
Sauce Portions	\$0.40

**ALL ORDERS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED WITH PAYMENT**  
**AND PLACED IN LUNCH CRATE BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS**  
**ANY ORDERS RECEIVED AFTER 10AM WILL BE CHARGED AT**  
**FULL PRICE**

## TERM PLANNER TERM ONE 2019

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY / SUNDAY
JAN WEEK 0 FEB				STAFF COMMENCE 31	PUPIL FREE DAY 1-Feb	PRESENTATION OF THE LORD 2
JAN WEEK 1 FEB	STUDENTS COMMENCE TERM ONE 4				COMMISSIONING MASS 4.30 8	
GUC STUDENT IN YEAR 3/4						
FEB					NEWSLETTER	
FEB					SWIMMING LESSONS	
FEB WEEK 2 FEB		PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS & SCHOOL AGM 11			SWIMMING LESSONS 14	
		YEAR 5/6 LEADERSHIP DAY - GERALDTON CAMP SCHOOL TENNIS CLINIC 12			ASSEMBLY 2.45 15	
GUC STUDENT IN YEAR 3/4						
		10-00-11.00 11.30-12.30				
FEB WEEK 3 FEB	BROOKVIEW BOOKWORMS YEAR 6 18			SCHOOL PHOTOS 20	SWIMMING LESSONS 21	
FEB		TENNIS CLINIC 10-00-11.00 11.30-12.30	BEGINNING OF THE YEAR SCHOOL MASS 9.00		NEWSLETTER	
FEB WEEK 4 MAR		SWIMMING LESSONS 25			SWIMMING LESSONS 28	1-Mar 2
MAR WEEK 5 MAR	LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY 4	PUPIL FREE DAY 5	STAFF PRAYER - LK 6		ASSEMBLY 2.45 7	
		SCHOOL BOARD INDUCTION 6.00			NEWSLETTER	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 10
		SHROVE TUESDAY	ASH WEDNESDAY MASS 11.30			
MAR WEEK 6 MAR	BROOKVIEW BOOKWORMS YEAR 5 11	TENNIS CLINIC 10-00-11.00 11.30-12.30			FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL 14	
		CARITAS GUEST SPEAKER 9.00am	SCHOOL BOARD MEETING 6.00			SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 17
						ST PATRICK'S DAY
MAR WEEK 7 MAR		ST JOSEPH 18			NEWSLETTER 21	
		TENNIS CLINIC 10-00-11.00 11.30-12.30		HARMONY DAY 20		THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 24
MAR WEEK 8 MAR	BROOKVIEW BOOKWORMS YEAR 4 25	TENNIS CLINIC 10-00-11.00 11.30-12.30			ASSEMBLY 2.45 28	
	THE ANNUNCIATION					FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 31
APRIL WEEK 9 APRIL	BROOKVIEW BOOKWORMS YEAR 3 1-Apr				NCVISSA SWIMMING CARNIVAL 4	
					NEWSLETTER	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 7
APRIL WEEK 10 APRIL	BROOKVIEW BOOKWORMS YEAR 2 8				TERM ONE CONCLUDES 11	
			SCHOOL BOARD MEETING 6.00		INTERSCHOOL CRICKET CARNIVAL	PALM SUNDAY 14