



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

You may have heard in the media that Friday 15 March is National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. St Mary's School has registered to be involved. Because of our Faction Swimming Carnival, our involvement on the actual day itself will look different to other schools across the nation however, please be aware that the approach that we have always taken is that we are called to take action every day. Our registration allows access to many resources to use on an ongoing basis throughout the year. To help us think about how we might take action, ten possible action areas have been identified. These action areas are linked to preventing and responding to bullying.



The staff and students in Years Three to Six will be working together collaboratively to take action in one of the aforementioned areas. This planned work will support our Health and Religious Education programmes, our Code of Conduct, Restorative Practice and our Behaviour Management Policy. Parents will be provided with regular updates in regards to the work we have undertaken over the course of 2019.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Melissa Marquis
PRINCIPAL

Dates to Remember

WEEK FIVE

Sun 10 Mar First Sunday of Lent

WEEK SIX

11 Mar Playgroup Visit
Brookview Bookworms Yr 5
12 Mar Caritas Guest Speaker
13 Mar School Board Meeting 6pm
15 Mar Faction Swimming Carnival
17 Mar Second Sunday of Lent

WEEK SEVEN

21 Mar Harmony Day
22 Mar School Newsletter
24 Mar Third Sunday of Lent
Installation of Father Larry as Parish Priest 8.30am

WEEK EIGHT

25 Mar Brookview Bookworms Yr 4
29 Mar Assembly 2.45pm
31 Mar Fourth Sunday of Lent

WEEK NINE

1 Apr School Photos
Brookview Bookworms Yr 3
5 Apr NCVISSA Swimming Carnival
School Newsletter
7 Apr Fifth Sunday of Lent

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PRAYER

PRAYER FOR LENT

Lord
Teach me a new freedom.
Freedom to reject comparison
And to embrace uniqueness.
Freedom to cut ties with greed
And feast on love.
Freedom to abstain from over indulgence
And feast on self-control.
Freedom to leave behind selfish thoughts
And to focus on the needs of others.
Freedom to fend off insecurity
And to embrace grace.
Lord, at this time of Lent,
Thank you for the freedom you bring.
Amen.

BIRTHDAYS

9 Mar Mrs Simpson
12 Mar Tyronne
14 Mar Tait

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The first School Board Meeting will be on Wednesday 13 March at 6.00pm in the Staffroom. At this meeting, the 2019 Office Bearers will be finalised.

TERM ONE ASSEMBLIES

This term, the final Assembly will be in:

- 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.

CHURCH CLEANING

The cleaning of Our Lady of Ara Coeli Church is undertaken by volunteers, many of whom have been on the roster for a very long time. The Parish is looking for new volunteers to come forward to share the work and lighten the load. Are you able to assist? Your name can be placed on the roster for the number of times that suits your life – bimonthly, monthly, fortnightly, weekly. Please give your details to the School Office.

ST MARY'S SCHOOL FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Friday 15 March, the students in Pre Primary to Year Six will travel by bus to our Faction Swimming Carnival at the Aquarena in Geraldton. A letter will be sent home to parents of Kindergarten children in regards to their arrangements for this day. Please ensure that the students have packed recess, lunch, a water bottle, sun smart bathers, towel, plastic bag, and their St Mary's School Hat. Students will not be permitted to go to the Canteen. If your family will be away on this day please advise Miss Miotti so the teams can be finalised.

If you haven't already done so, please complete the travel permission form previously sent home and return to the School Office by Monday 11 March. Parent helpers are required on this day. If you are able to assist please place your name on the list and return to the School Office along with the travel permission form. Please note: We will also be requiring some parents to hop into the water with the junior events at the Swimming Carnival so please do not forget to wear your bathers!

We also require two boogie boards for the races. If you can supply on the day, please let Miss Miotti know.

Also please be aware that there will be an admission fee of \$1.00 at the Aquarena Reception for our parents and supporters.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Please be advised that the School Photographer will be here on Monday 1 April 2019. The photo order envelopes went home to students yesterday. Please complete your order and return them to the School Office. Even if you are not ordering the photos, the envelope must be returned to the school. Family photo envelopes are available at the School Office if you wish to order these.

SAINTS BAKE CAFÉ

All funds raised will go towards part payment of the Year Six Leavers' Shirts. The details are:

- Food items being sold at Recess
- \$1.00/item
- Menu is below

Date	Menu Item
Wednesday 13 March	Jelly Cups with Ice Cream
Wednesday 20 March	Sausage Rolls/Party Pies
Wednesday 27 March	Cupcakes
Wednesday 3 April	Mini Cheesecakes
Wednesday 10 April	Ice Cream Cones

JOIN NAGLE IN YEAR SEVEN 2021

During Term Two, the Principal from Nagle Catholic College will distribute Enrolment Packs to all Year Five students at St Mary's School.

Please see below for the enrolment schedule:

1. Application for Enrolments forms to be submitted to the College on or before Wednesday 3 July 2019.
2. Optional tours of the College are scheduled for:
 - Tuesday 25 June 2019
 - Wednesday 26 June 2019
 - Wednesday 24 July 2019
 - Thursday 25 July 2019To book one of the above mentioned, please visit the Nagle website, www.ncc.wa.edu.au
3. An Information Evening will be held on Thursday 25 July 2019, commencing at 5:00pm in the College Gymnasium. Students are encouraged to attend with their parents.
4. Parents/Guardians need to contact the College Reception between Monday 29 July and Friday 9 August 2019 to confirm an interview time.
5. Interviews will take place from Monday 19 August to Thursday 5 September 2019. Parents are required to bring the student's Year Five Semester One Report (if not previously supplied), Year Three NAPLAN (if not previously supplied) and Year Five NAPLAN (if released by that date).
6. Offers of places will be mailed on Wednesday 25 September 2019.

If you would like further information, please contact the Enrolment Officer on 9920 0500 or email NagleEnrolments@cwa.edu.au

PROJECT COMPASSION 2019

Project Compassion is organised by Caritas Australia. Caritas Australia is the international aid and development organisation of the Catholic Church in Australia. Our aim is to:

- Deliver long-term development programs
- Help people regardless of ethnicity, religion or political beliefs
- Work with the poorest of the poor
- Help people help themselves

The theme of the 2019 annual Lenten fundraising and aware-raising appeal is 'Give Lent 100%'. Each week, during Lent, an individual and country is selected for a feature story. In Week One, it is Zimbabwe and the story of Thandolwayo is shared below.

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

First Sunday of Lent

10 March 2019



Thandolwayo, a 12-year-old girl in Zimbabwe, would walk seven kilometres each day to collect contaminated water for her family. She then went to school exhausted from hours fetching and carrying water. It looked like she would never realise her hope of finishing her education and becoming a nurse, until a Caritas Australia supported project created access to clean water helping Thandolwayo to stay at school and achieve a future full of hope.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 to provide clean water and a future full of hope for vulnerable communities in Zimbabwe.

Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Mission boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413

NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARDS (NQS)

The National Quality Standard (NQS) sets a high national benchmark for early childhood education and care and outside school hours care services in Australia. The NQS includes seven quality areas that are important outcomes for children. The seven quality areas are:

Quality Area 1 – Educational Program and Practice

Quality Area 2 – Children’s Health and Safety

Quality Area 3 – Physical Environment

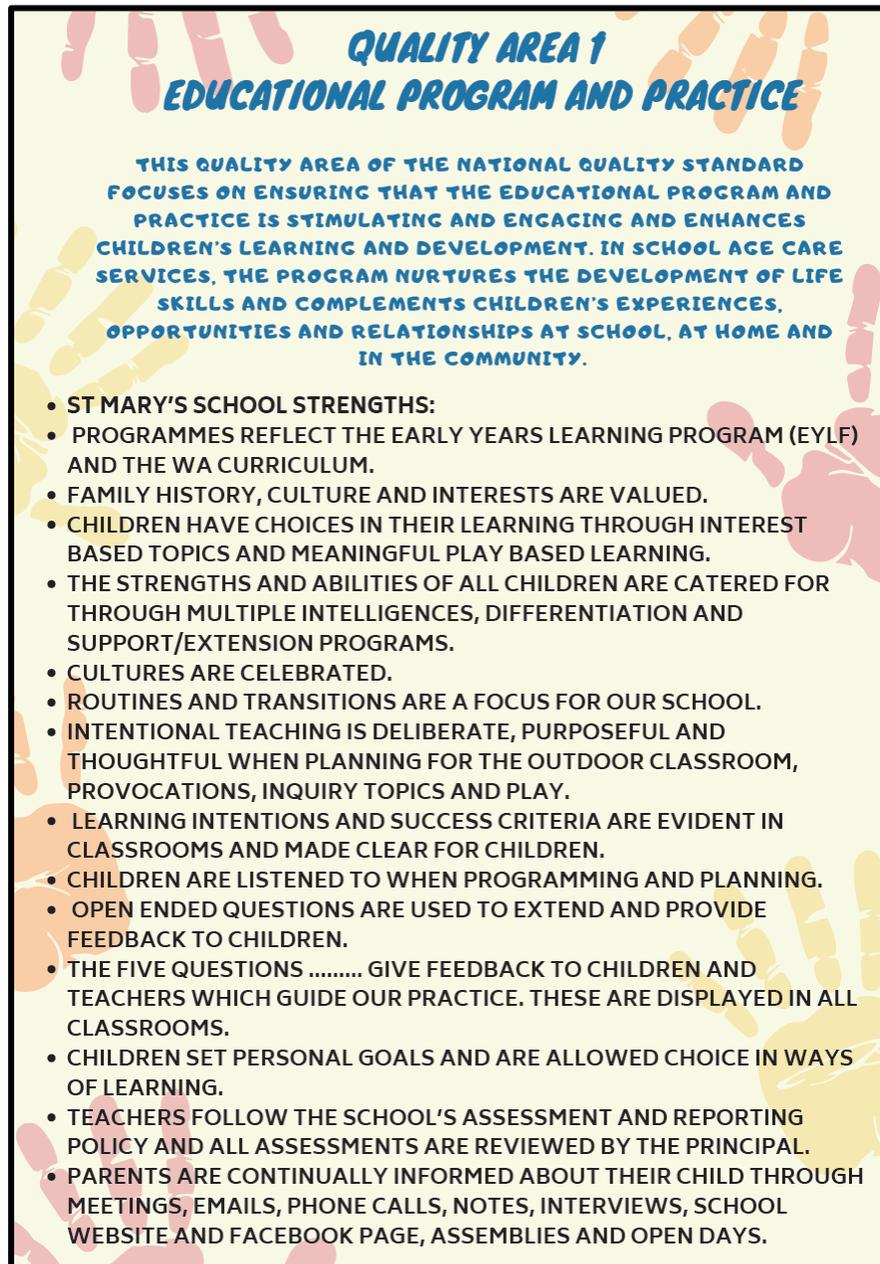
Quality Area 4 – Staffing Arrangements

Quality Area 5 – Relationships with Children

Quality Area 6 – Collaborative Partnerships with Families and Communities

Quality Area 7 – Governance and Leadership

The staff in the early years at St Mary’s School has spent time looking at our areas of strength for Quality Area 1, Educational Program and Practice, all of which is documented below. Areas for further development have been added to our 2019 Quality Improvement Plan (QIP).



QUALITY AREA 1 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AND PRACTICE

THIS QUALITY AREA OF THE NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARD FOCUSES ON ENSURING THAT THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AND PRACTICE IS STIMULATING AND ENGAGING AND ENHANCES CHILDREN'S LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT. IN SCHOOL AGE CARE SERVICES, THE PROGRAM NURTURES THE DEVELOPMENT OF LIFE SKILLS AND COMPLEMENTS CHILDREN'S EXPERIENCES, OPPORTUNITIES AND RELATIONSHIPS AT SCHOOL, AT HOME AND IN THE COMMUNITY.

- **ST MARY'S SCHOOL STRENGTHS:**
- PROGRAMMES REFLECT THE EARLY YEARS LEARNING PROGRAM (EYLF) AND THE WA CURRICULUM.
- FAMILY HISTORY, CULTURE AND INTERESTS ARE VALUED.
- CHILDREN HAVE CHOICES IN THEIR LEARNING THROUGH INTEREST BASED TOPICS AND MEANINGFUL PLAY BASED LEARNING.
- THE STRENGTHS AND ABILITIES OF ALL CHILDREN ARE CATERED FOR THROUGH MULTIPLE INTELLIGENCES, DIFFERENTIATION AND SUPPORT/EXTENSION PROGRAMS.
- CULTURES ARE CELEBRATED.
- ROUTINES AND TRANSITIONS ARE A FOCUS FOR OUR SCHOOL.
- INTENTIONAL TEACHING IS DELIBERATE, PURPOSEFUL AND THOUGHTFUL WHEN PLANNING FOR THE OUTDOOR CLASSROOM, PROVOCATIONS, INQUIRY TOPICS AND PLAY.
- LEARNING INTENTIONS AND SUCCESS CRITERIA ARE EVIDENT IN CLASSROOMS AND MADE CLEAR FOR CHILDREN.
- CHILDREN ARE LISTENED TO WHEN PROGRAMMING AND PLANNING.
- OPEN ENDED QUESTIONS ARE USED TO EXTEND AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK TO CHILDREN.
- THE FIVE QUESTIONS GIVE FEEDBACK TO CHILDREN AND TEACHERS WHICH GUIDE OUR PRACTICE. THESE ARE DISPLAYED IN ALL CLASSROOMS.
- CHILDREN SET PERSONAL GOALS AND ARE ALLOWED CHOICE IN WAYS OF LEARNING.
- TEACHERS FOLLOW THE SCHOOL'S ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING POLICY AND ALL ASSESSMENTS ARE REVIEWED BY THE PRINCIPAL.
- PARENTS ARE CONTINUALLY INFORMED ABOUT THEIR CHILD THROUGH MEETINGS, EMAILS, PHONE CALLS, NOTES, INTERVIEWS, SCHOOL WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE, ASSEMBLIES AND OPEN DAYS.

PARISH NEWS

First Sunday of Lent – Year C

The temptations experienced by Jesus in the wilderness were not temptations to moral evil as we usually understand it. They were not temptations to steal or murder or commit adultery. They were far more subtle; to test God. During Lent, let us take some time to examine our own attitudes: are we giving priority to God or in subtle ways putting ourselves first and God second.

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A copy of **Bishop Michael's Lenten Pastoral Letter** is available at the back of the church. Please take home a copy to read. **The Next Parish Council Meeting** will be held on Thursday, March 21st at 5pm in the Nagle Centre.

Little Black Book for Lent: This excellent book is available at the back of the church for only \$3 each. Please place your \$3 in the dish next to the books.

Our Sick; Pray for Ines Miotti, Jared Carter, Fr Brian Ahern, Patricia Casey, Col Constantine, 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

Our Dead: Please remember in your prayers the soul of Cecily Williams whose anniversary occurs next Saturday.

CARE FOR LIFE

Be part of the conversation regarding the issues of euthanasia/assisted suicide and the implications for all Western Australians. Understand the possible changes in the end-of life space and protect your loved ones. (*For more info: www.careforlife.net.au*). Please write to your MPs about your concerns and its implications. For your convenience, there are printed cards available after Mass today. These cards are to be sent to one of the seven MPs listed. Thank you for joining the campaign. **Let us stand for the dignity of life, a gift of God.**

Make an Encounter: A Palms Encounter with the communities of Timor

Leste, Samoa or Myanmar offers a rich immersive experience to challenge our perceptions. Join a Palms encounter this year
Timor Leste Apr 7-19 | Samoa Jun 7-19

Timor Leste Sep 1-13 | Myanmar Nov 16-28

For more details: visit www.palms.org.au/encounter

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
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TERM 1 2019

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SATURDAY 9 MARCH, 2019

Horrocks Community Centre, 12noon

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Well Women's Check ~
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- GEORGIA CLARKSON**
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The wonder down under...
- BONNIE CROSTHWAITE**
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Bluff Pt PS
Carpark opposite IGA Sunset
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Leaning Tree Steiner School
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Paringa Park
PCYC



QEII Seniors Carpark
Strathalbyn CC
Tip Shop
Waggrakine PS
12 Stow St



Hard Plastics (except type 1/2)

+ Styrofoam

12 Stow St



Coffee Pods

Midwest Funerals
Leaning Tree Steiner School



Skin care, Hair care and
Cosmetic packaging
NACC



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Soft Plastic

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Cardboard

Surf Life Saving Club
Geraldton Civic Centre
Carpark opposite IGA Sunset
Tip Shop



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Aquarena

Paper

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Tip
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Strathalbyn CC
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St Francis Xavier PS
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John Batten Comm Hall
Library
Tip Shop
Cogman Scrap Metal
Geraldton Scrap Metal
Strathalbyn CC
12 Stow St



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For more info see Geraldton Recycle facebook page and

<https://www.cgg.wa.gov.au> <https://www.nacc.com.au/recycle>



Online Football Tipping Competition – 2019

Website ESPN AFL Tipping Address: www.footytips.com.au

Password: stmarys6535

Competition Name: St Marys Footy Tipping

St Mary's School would like to thank you, in anticipation, for your support and wish you all the best with your football tipping in the 2019 season. The monies raised will assist the school in many ways. The Rules and Regulations of the competition are listed below.

Prizes

1. A weekly prize of \$50 will be awarded to the player who selects the most winning teams in each weekly AFL round and has the closest winning margin in the nominated game i.e. the first game played in each round. In case of disputes, see Point 7 in the Rules.
2. The number of correct winning teams and tally of closet winning margins selected throughout the season, not including the finals, by each player will be accumulated. The player with the highest number of winning teams will win \$800. The player who selects the second highest number of winning teams at the end of the home and away AFL season will win \$300. The player who selects the third highest number of winning teams at the end of the home and away AFL season will win \$100. In the event of multiple first place winners, first and second place will be culminated and divided between the first place winners and second place will be award \$100.
3. The cost per registration is \$50. Payments are due by 20/3/19 and can be made by direct payment to BSB: 086 886, ACCOUNT: 508 362 221, or by cash to the School Office. If payment has not been received by 20/03/19 you will be deleted from the competition.

Rules

- Each tipper must submit their tip before the bounce down of each game. Should a tipper not have access to the internet or experience an issue with the website, tips can be forwarded to the administrator at stmarysfootytipping@hotmail.com no later than the start of the round. It is recommended in the Settings>My Preferences section of the St Marys Footy Tipping competition YES is selected to 'Allow the administrator to edit/enter my tips', to ensure you are covered should this instance occur.
- Tippers who do not enter tips for an entire round will be allocated the default score. The default score is the lowest score minus 1. Tippers allocated the default score will never score below 0.
- Tippers who are not confident with online submission have the opportunity to be adopted by a St Mary's School community member. Tips must be provided to your adoptive tipper before 12.00pm of the first day of each round.
- The Weekly Prize: The player who has selected the highest number of winning teams will win the weekly prize of \$50. If two or more players have selected the same number of correct winning teams, the player closest to the winning margin will determine the winner. If any of these players have the same winning margin, the weekly prize of \$50 will be divided evenly.
- The weekly winning players will be notified by email or telephone, and will receive a cash/cheque for the amount of their prize. This can be picked up from St Mary's School Office.
- The weekly winner will be advertised in the school's fortnightly newsletter and on the School Facebook Page.
- All disputes may be forwarded in writing to St Mary's School PO Box 138, Northampton WA 6535. The Football Tipping Committee will discuss the issue and make a decision. The players will be notified of their decision. THE FOOTBALL TIPPING COMMITTEE'S DECISION WILL BE FINAL AND NO FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE WILL BE ENTERED IN TO. Any disputes MUST be submitted within seven days of results of the disputed round being published.
- This year we have four joker rounds, which basically means double points for that round. The Joker Rounds are 3, 9, 16 and 22.

*St Mary's School
Northampton*



The first AFL bounce down is on 21 March this year. While we are getting a warm up for the AFL footy season watching the ladies play, it is a good time to start getting some tippers signed up for our 2019 competition!

Footy Tipping raised \$1 700 towards P&F Camp Funds in 2018. We were down on numbers last year, which we hope to recuperate this year.

The 2019 tipping will be run completely online at the cost of \$50. While we did have some tippers hesitant to use the technology in previous years, many have found it is not as daunting as first thought.

There is still an expectation some people will not be confident with the online tipping process. In an effort not to exclude anyone, the P&F are hoping to find some school community members to 'adopt a tipper' as we continue to work with online tipping. This will entail loading their adoptive tippers tips online on their behalf, which would need to be submitted before 12.00pm on the first day of the round.

We currently have twenty-nine families and the students would benefit greatly if each family could endeavour to sign on as many tippers as possible. We are encouraging tippers to register early because if we do not have sufficient numbers the competition will run at a loss which is not viable.

Being online, we are not restricted by geography. In the past we have had tippers from Perth, Chile and over east. Families, please fill in the details of each competitor and return it to the school as soon as possible, along with the consideration of being an adoptive tipper. This would be greatly appreciated. Please advise if a tipper is not confident tipping online and would like to be adopted.

If there any families are not interested in football and do not wish to be involved in the tipping, they are able to make a donation to the P&F in lieu of joining the competition.

FAMILY NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

I am happy to adopt a tipper/s. I have adopted _____

Name	Email	Payment Method

*Payments can be made by cash, cheque or direct deposit BSB: 086 886 ACCOUNT: 50 836 2221 (Include your name as reference.)

*Any questions, requirements of assistance with registration or forwarding of rules can be answered by emailing stmarysfootytipping@hotmail.com