



# 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

The Cambridge Dictionary provides two definitions of harmony:

1. a situation in which people are peaceful and agree with each other, or when things seem right or suitable together.
2. a pleasant musical sound made by different notes being played or sung at the same time.

The first definition has very clear and definitive links with our Harmony Day celebrations, however it is the second definition that I believe resonates with explaining Harmony Day in a school setting. We are all different individuals being, belonging and becoming together as one, creating a beautiful community that works in harmony. At St Mary's School, we continually recognise and celebrate our diversity, our gifts and talents as individuals and when we come together, we can achieve great things. Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values.

We are currently undergoing a process of finalising staffing for Term Two and beyond. Please be assured that every measure will be put in place to ensure a smooth transition for all members of the St Mary's School Community. Next week, the school community will meet Mrs Sara Roberts who has been appointed as the K/PP Teacher for Terms Two, Three and Four. Mrs Roberts will be teaching in K/PP on Monday and Tuesday as a relief teacher, then working with Mrs Lucas on Wednesday to ensure a smooth transition. Mrs Roberts has experience working in composite early childhood classrooms in a small country town and we look forward to welcoming her to our beautiful school community.

Mrs Lee-Ann Walton has resigned from her position and we are currently finalising a replacement. Miss Grace Sharrock will also be finished at the end of this term and the newly appointed Special Needs Education Assistant will be announced very soon.

Yours sincerely  
Mrs Melissa Marquis  
PRINCIPAL

## Dates to Remember

### WEEK SEVEN

24 Mar Third Sunday of Lent  
Installation of Father Larry as Parish Priest 8.30am

### WEEK EIGHT

25 Mar Brookview Bookworms Yr 4  
26 Mar Tennis Clinic Yr 1-6  
29 Mar Assembly 2.45pm  
31 Mar Fourth Sunday of Lent

### WEEK NINE

1 Apr School Photos  
Brookview Bookworms Yr 3  
2 Apr Reconciliation Yr 4-6 9am  
2 Apr Cricket Clinic Yr 3-6  
5 Apr NCVISSA Swimming Carnival  
School Newsletter  
7 Apr Fifth Sunday of Lent

### WEEK TEN

8 Apr Brookview Bookworms Yr 2  
9 Apr School Board Meeting 6pm  
10 Apr Mass of Oils Yr 5/6 5pm  
11 Apr Sacrament of First  
Reconciliation Yr 3 9am  
Assembly & Afternoon Tea  
1.40pm  
12 Apr Yr3-6 Interschool Cricket  
Carnival  
Term One Concludes  
14 Apr Palm Sunday

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## PRAYER

### PRAYER FOR HARMONY

You created all people in your image.

We thank you for the astonishing variety of races and cultures in Australia and in our community. Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of friendship, and show us your presence in those who differ most from us. Grant that we may always promote the justice and acceptance that ensures lasting peace and racial harmony. Grant that we may show equal respect to all persons of different cultures that we may come across. And help us to remember and appreciate that we are one country, with many stories.

Amen.

*Acknowledgement: Joanne Doueihy from DLS Revesby Heights*

## BIRTHDAYS

27 Mar	William
29 Mar	Caleb
4 Apr	Ace

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The next School Board Meeting will be on **Tuesday 9 March** at 6.00pm in the Staffroom. Please note the change of day and date due to the Mass of Oils on Wednesday 10 March that Mrs Marquis needs to attend.

## 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, we joined with Binnu Primary School for our Faction Swimming Carnival. The day was very successful, running very smoothly thanks to everyone who lent a helping hand. The atmosphere was fun, competitive and festive with all students demonstrating great sportsmanship. The students represented their factions very well and should be congratulated for their efforts. Kelly faction proved to be victorious on the day, breaking a four year drought! To all of the parents who assisted with a specific job or came along as a spectator, we thank you for helping to ensure the day went according to plan. The St Mary's Staff, led by Miss Daniela Miotti, is to be congratulated also for ensuring everything went smoothly and efficiently. The final scores for both factions were: Kelly 114 points defeating Nagle 109 points. Please see the next page for an overview of individual results.



## 2019 FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL RESULTS

YEAR GROUP	TITLE	COMPETITOR'S NAME
YEAR 6 BOY	CHAMPION	Ace
	RUNNER UP	Reeve
YEAR 6 GIRL	CHAMPION	Lara
	RUNNER UP	Sienna
YEAR 5 BOY	CHAMPION	Caleb
YEAR 5 GIRL	CHAMPION	Ashlee
	RUNNER UP	Kirsty
YEAR 4 BOY	CHAMPION	Ben
YEAR 4 GIRL	CHAMPION	Mahaylah
	RUNNER UP	Evie
YEAR 3 BOY	CHAMPION	Tait
	RUNNER UP	Billy
YEAR 3 GIRL	CHAMPION	Taylor
	RUNNER UP	Torah

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

Please be advised that the School Photographer will be here on Monday 1 April 2019. The photo order envelopes have been sent home. 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.

### HARMONY DAY

A very big thank you to all the students and families for their support and participation in yesterday's Harmony Day celebrations. The students wore traditional dress and clothes representing the colours of flags from around the world. We also appreciate all of the delicious foods that we shared as a school at lunch time. We enjoyed tasting Tacos, Spring Rolls, Fried Rice and Pavlovas. As part of our Harmony Day rotational activities, we:

- helped to make Spring Rolls with Michelle, William's Mum, tasting Filipino cuisine
- learnt about South Africa with Lauren, Ben's Mum, completing a Zulu Shield art activity
- participated in Dot Painting using symbols with Mrs Lucas, which gave us further insight into the Aboriginal culture
- practised our Bollywood dance moves with Miss Hodges, exposing us to Indian tradition and entertainment

Thank you to Miss Hodges for co-ordinating all aspects of the day. Mrs Walton has also facilitated a Harmony Prayer Flag project which has been worked on by all classes. Class teachers are also to be recognised for their planning of various activities that were prepared throughout the day. A beautiful day to recognise and celebrate our multicultural community and country.

### NCVISSA SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The NCVISSA Swimming Carnival is being held on Friday 5 April at the Aquarena in Geraldton. A reminder of the following organisational details:

- Students in Year Three to Six attending
- Kindy to Year Two are at school as per usual
- The bus is departing at 8.50am
- The first race is at 10.00am
- Spectators are to pay \$1.00 entry fee
- Students are not permitted to attend the Aquarena Canteen
- Students to remain in the School Bay
- Parents are not permitted in the School Bay
- Students come to school with their bathers underneath their Sports Uniform
- Students require their St Mary's School Bag with their school hat, water bottle, sun cream, Recess and Lunch

### **CARITAS AUSTRALIA PROJECT COMPASSION MISSION BOXES**

Thank you to those families who have started to put loose change in their Mission Box which was sent home on Ash Wednesday. It would be very much appreciated if you could please return it by the end of Term One. We will then send all of the monies donated to Caritas Australia as part of their Project Compassion Lenten Appeal.

### **SAVE THE DATE - SPECIAL ASSEMBLY - THURSDAY 11 APRIL**

The School Board, P&F and staff have organised a special assembly to farewell Mrs Melissa Marquis. The assembly will be held on Thursday 11 April, at 1.40pm. Afternoon Tea and refreshments will be available. More details in the next newsletter. At the assembly, we will also wish Mrs Rebekah Lucas and Miss Grace Sharrock all the best as they await the birth of their babies. We will say goodbye to Mrs Lee-Ann Walton as well, as she looks forward to becoming a Nanna for the very first time.

### **WANTED - FOAM MEAT/VEGGIE TRAYS**

The Year 5/6 Class are needing foam trays for an art printing activity. If you have some to spare, please wash the foam plates and drop them off to school.

### **SECOND HAND UNIFORMS**

At St Mary's School, we have a variety of second hand uniforms for sale. These items are available to all members of the school community. Also, if you have any uniforms at home, that you no longer need, please donate them to the school through the School Office. Thank you.

### **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 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 2019

To book one of the above mentioned, please visit the Nagle website, [www.ncc.wa.edu.au](http://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@cewa.edu.au](mailto:NagleEnrolments@cewa.edu.au)

# MERIT CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

**Congratulations to the Merit Certificate recipients for Term One, Week Five.**

**Year K/PP Patrick**

*For the happy way you are coming to activities and the care and special effort you are putting into all your work. I love how you are a big five-year-old now and caring for your friends, helping others, being a leader, answering questions on the mat and listening so carefully. Well done, Patrick.*

**Isla**

*For your fantastic recount about Jesus and the little children. You could remember the words Jesus used when he spoke to his disciples, "The Kingdom of God belongs to them." Jesus is smiling at you for remembering his special words. Well done, Isla.*

**Year 1/2 Anna**

*For your sensational reading skills. You are working really hard to sound out those words that you don't know and put these sounds together to make a word that makes sense with the pictures in the book. You are also doing a great job at recognising the difference between letters, sounds and words. If you keep this up you'll be teaching the class before long! Excellent work, Anna.*

**William**

*For such an amazing improvement in your mat manners! I love the way that your eyes have been looking to the front and your hands have been nicely placed in your lap, this week, showing me that you are focused and listening to what the teacher is saying. William, the improvement you have made since the start of the term is phenomenal and I am so proud! You will be a mat manners master by the end of the year if you keep this up!*

**Year 3/4 Hanna**

*For working hard on your reading and achieving fantastic results. Hanna, I was so proud the day you made it onto the Lexile Reading Program. Your effort and perseverance over the holidays has paid off with an awesome start to the year. Keep up this amazing effort, Hanna, and keep shining!*

**Mahaylah**

*For the way you have just fitted into life here at St Mary's School. Mahaylah, you blew me away after Mass the other day when you could recall what had been said in the Homily and were able to adapt the lesson to your life. This shows that you were listening hard and taking the Word of God into your heart, just as Jesus tells us in the Parable of the Sower. Keep up this amazing effort, Mahaylah!*

**Taylor**

*For being an outstanding role model for your peers. Taylor, every time I have looked your way for help in the classroom, you are always there, ready and willing to help. I have been most impressed with the way you have taken to helping your peers whenever they need it. From typing or scribing, to lending others a pencil or scissors before they have even asked. Keep up this amazing effort, Taylor!*

**Year 5/6 Ella**

*For your caring and considerate nature in and out of the classroom. Ella, it is such a delight to see you offering to help your fellow classmates. Not only do you put 100% into your own work, you show thoughtfulness by helping those around you! Thank you for bringing such compassion to our classroom. A wonderful role model for others to aspire to be. Congratulations, Ella!*

**Beau**

*For working hard, giving your very best and always waiting patiently for guidance with tasks. This persistence is a great attribute to have. I am so impressed with the way you take charge of your own learning in the classroom. Beau, it is great to see you asking questions to clarify your understanding. Keep being an enthusiastic learner and achieving learning goals this year. Way to go, superstar!*

**PRINCIPAL AWARDS: Finn, Lola, Tait, Reeve**



## **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 2, Children’s Health and Safety, all of which is documented below. Areas for further development have been added to our 2019 Quality Improvement Plan (QIP).

**QUALITY AREA 2  
CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND SAFETY**

**THIS QUALITY AREA OF THE NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARD FOCUSES ON SAFEGUARDING AND PROMOTING CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND SAFETY.**

- **ST MARY'S SCHOOL STRENGTHS:**
- **TIME IS ALLOTTED FOR A DAILY REST PERIOD AFTER LUNCH.**
- **CHILDREN RELAX THROUGH YOGA, MEDITATION, MUSIC AND STORIES.**
- **STAFF ARE UPDATED IN FIRST AID.**
- **FIRST AID KIT IS KEPT AND MAINTAINED IN THE K/PP CLASSROOM AND OFFICE.**
- **HYGIENE AND GOOD HEALTH PRACTICES ARE TAUGHT THROUGH OUR HEALTH PROGRAMMES WITH CONSTANT REINFORCEMENT.**
- **A POLICY FOR COMMUNICABLE DISEASES IS FOLLOWED WITH NOTES, DOOR ALERTS AND POSTERS MADE VISIBLE IN THE SCHOOL.**
- **HEALTHY EATING IS PROMOTED WITH FRUIT TIME, CRUNCH N SIP AND WATER BOTTLES KEPT IN THE CLASSROOMS.**
- **HEALTH PROGRAMMES LOOK AT HEALTHY FOODS AND HEALTHY CHOICES.**
- **A HEALTHY LUNCH MENU IS PROMOTED.**
- **CHILDREN ARE PROTECTED THROUGH ADEQUATE SUPERVISION IN THE CLASSROOM AND PLAY GROUND.**
- **EMERGENCY PROCEDURE DRILLS ARE PRACTISED TO ENSURE CHILDREN AND STAFF ARE FAMILIAR WITH PROCEDURES.**
- **VISITORS TO OUR SCHOOL ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN IN AND WEAR A VISIBLE VISITOR LANYARD.**
- **ALL INCURSION PRESENTERS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A WORKING WITH CHILDREN CLEARANCE.**
- **STAFF ARE TRAINED AND MADE AWARE OF THEIR ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN REGARD TO MANDATORY REPORTING AND TEACHING PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS IN THE HEALTH PROGRAMME.**

## PROJECT COMPASSION 2019

In Week Three, the focus country is the Solomon Islands and the story of Peter is shared below.

**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

Third Sunday of Lent  
24<sup>th</sup> March 2019



Peter goes to a boarding school in the Solomon Islands which has experienced water shortages for 60 years. Previously, students would have to walk kilometres each day in search of clean water, which was particularly challenging for Peter who is living with a disability. With Caritas Australia's support, the school has created a new reliable water system. With more free time and fewer illnesses caused by dirty water, Peter can fulfil his hope of focusing on his studies, providing him with brighter future.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help young people with disabilities gain access to clean water in the Solomon Islands, providing hope for a brighter future.**

**Lives change when we all give 100%.** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413

## PARISH NEWS

### Third Sunday of Lent – Year C

When misfortune strikes people considered to be sinners, others might say: "They had it coming! God is punishing them!" In today's Gospel Jesus criticises such attitudes on two grounds. Firstly, it is wrong to see the wrath of God in every tragic event. Secondly, we need to recognise that we are all guilty of sin and in need of conversion. Instead of judging others, let us ask God to forgive our sins and help us as we undertake the difficult task of reform.

**Project Compassion:** Peter is thrilled to now have clean water on tap at his boarding school in the Solomon Islands. Long walks to unsafe water sources were tiring for Peter, who is living with a disability. With more free time and fewer illnesses caused by dirty water, Peter can fulfil his hope of focusing on his studies, providing him with brighter future

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help young people with disabilities gain access to clean water in the Solomon Islands, providing hope for a brighter future. Lives change when we all give 100%! You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes and by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.**

**Knights of the Southern Cross** will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at St John's, Rangeway.

A copy of **Bishop Michael's Lenten Pastoral Letter** is still available at the back of the church. Please take home a copy to read.

**Morning Tea** is being held today, after Mass, in the Nagle Centre. Come welcome Bishop Michael and also celebrate Fr. Larry being installed as our Parish Priest.

**The Mass of the Holy Oils (Chrism Mass)** and renewal of Commitment to Christian Service will be held on Wednesday, 10th April at 5pm at St Francis Xavier Cathedral in Geraldton.

**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, 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 Gravanish, Hazel Bunter, Ron Smith, and all the residents of Brookview

### CARE FOR LIFE

Be part of the current 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](http://www.careforlife.net.au)) Please write to your MPs about your concerns and it's 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.**

### Geraldton Diocese Website - Easter Timetables

Easter Timetables for all Parishes in the Geraldton Diocese are available on the home page of the Diocesan Website - <https://www.geraldtondiocese.org.au/> under *Diocesan News and Events*.

Individual Parishes can also be located under their own *Parish Tabs* located under 'Parishes' in the tabs at the top of the website.

## 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

### CRUNCH AND SIP

**Autumn fruit and vegetables perfect for Crunch&Sip\***

These fruits and vegetables are at their best this time of the year. Why not send the following with your child to eat during Crunch&Sip\* ?

Banana Plums Mangosteen Pear	
	Broccoli florets Snow peas Cherry tomatoes Cucumber sticks
Rambutan Fresh dates Kiwifruit Rockmelon cubes	

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**NORTHAMPTON**

**4pm - 5pm**

Term 2: Friday, May 10th - Friday, June 28th  
Term 3: Friday, July 26th - Friday, September 6th

Auskick is back for another year!  
This year we are trialing a 2 term commitment with 3 options...

**1. play Term 2 only    2. play Term 3 only    3. play Term 2 & 3**

This gives our girls the chance to join after netball in term 2!  
(all options are the same price)

To play Auskick in WA children MUST turn 5 before July 1 2019  
To register jump online - <https://play.afl/auskick/2019-registration>

for all up to date info follow us on facebook at  
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## Northampton Junior Football Club

**2019 season is here!!**

Come along to Northampton's Super Training!



If you aren't registered yet come down to Northampton Community Oval on Friday 29 March and we will help you out. New players welcome. You can also register by following this link: <https://bit.ly/2oD7H1k>

## COMMUNITY EVENT



Friday, 29 March 2019  
Northampton  
Community Centre



All enquiries  
please call  
Rochelle  
0488554068

### SUPER TRAINING

Back by popular demand, the Northampton Seniors Rams will be holding a SUPER TRAINING with the juniors!

Junior training starting at 4.30pm and Seniors joining them from 5.30pm for a Super Training

Come down and have a kick with your local MIGHTY RAMS!!!

### PLAYER REGISTRATION & INFO NIGHT

NNA invites all new and existing players to come for a meet and greet, before we dive into the 2019 season.

Juniors training at 4.30pm  
Seniors training at 6pm  
with Leanne Florenza

Merchandise will be available to purchase on the night.

KITCHEN OPEN FROM 4PM | \$10 SOUVLAKI AND CHIPS PLUS KIDS MEALS  
SWANS VS CROWS ON THE BIG SCREEN!  
BAR WILL BE OPEN.

Isolated Children's Parents' Association of WA (Inc.)



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ICPA WA supports families to access education at all levels from Early Childhood, Primary and Secondary through to Tertiary

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