FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Michael Pepper

Ash Wednesday Mass - Ash Wednesday Mass was celebrated by Bishop Saunders and concelebrated by Fr Matt Digges and Fr John Purnell in our secondary undercover area. It was wonderful to see parents, family members and parishioners join us in asking God’s blessing as we begin our Lenten season. Bishop Saunders reminded us of our Lenten commitments and encouraged us to pray, to fast and to be generous in almsgiving. I was proud to see our students participate so reverently, a special acknowledgment to the readers, the liturgical dancers and the choir who beautifully enhanced our celebration. Well done to Mr Brian Kane, our Religious Education Coordinator for the overall organisation of the Mass and to Mike Lake, Ralph Hicks, Emer Lumba and Brandon London for their hard work in setting up. Special mention to Ms Robyn Christie and Ms Vicki Thompson for their preparation of the College choir and the liturgical dancers who also participated in the Principal’s Ash Wednesday Mass. We are blessed to have such talented teachers working with our children.

Caritas Presentation - On Ash Wednesday Ms Janeen Murphy, the global education coordinator for Caritas Australia visited our school. Ms Murphy has a wealth of firsthand experience and an insight into the extensive work that is undertaken by Caritas Australia delivering aid to third world countries. Ms Murphy spoke to all our students through her presentations at Notre Dame University and in her visits to our junior primary classes. Her visit was timed to coincide with the beginning of Lent and Project Compassion to help students and staff gain a great insight into the works of Caritas.

Year 11/12 Ball - On the evening of Friday February 28 our Year 11 and 12’s looked absolutely stunning at their annual Ball. The venue, food and service were excellent at the Cable Beach Club, and more importantly our students conducted themselves in an exemplary way. It was also very pleasing to see many parents and staff there to share this special occasion with our senior students. All the students appeared to enjoy themselves immensely and showed off their dancing skills with great pride. We are very fortunate to have the talented Miss Kara Taylor to teach them the ballroom dancing. Congratulations to the belle and beau of the ball, Emily Heil and Djalga Crawford. Particular thanks to Mark Ross for his great effort in coordinating the event and to everyone who assisted Mark in any way. Compliments to Mike Lake who assisted the students to create the 007 theme with astounding success, in particular to Year 12 students Emily Heil and Astuti Mawo Adung - all should be proud in making the evening such a memorable occasion.

Year 7 Camp - Well done to Adrian Bratovic for his organisation of the Year 7 camp at the Broome Camp School. The first year of high school is a great change in the lives of many students. The Year 7 camp is designed to support their transition from primary to secondary schooling. It was a great success and the students established friendships and got to know their teachers. I would also like to thank all the staff who volunteered their time to assist Adrian at the camp.

Staffing update - We welcome the following staff who have recently been appointed to St Mary’s College;
Primary: Rebecca La Rocca Year 2 - commencing Term 2, Week 5. James Ryan Year 3 - commencing Term 2, Week 1. Judy Pitman - Special Needs TA commenced Week 4 Term 1.
Secondary: Carmel Pratley – Teacher/Librarian commenced Week 4 Term 1. Melita Waters – Social Worker commencing Friday Week 6 Term 1. Orin Casey – Science / Maths commencing Week 1 Term 2.
All our new staff will be in Broome next week for the CEOWA Orientation and Induction Program and will be visiting St Mary’s during the week to meet with staff and students.

Catholic Primary Principals Conference - The Director of Catholic Education Dr Tim McDonald and Principals from Catholic schools throughout WA gathered in Broome this week for the Catholic Primary Principals Conference. The theme for the conference was Indigenous education, and they were privileged to have Mr Noel Pearson as the keynote speaker. Mr Pearson, an Aboriginal lawyer and academic from the Cape York Peninsula was an inspirational and challenging speaker, and a strong advocate for better education. Our Board Chairperson Ms Mandi Dia was also invited to present at the conference. Ms Dia also gave an outstanding

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Lord, I know how much you love me. It’s hard for me to feel it sometimes, but I know your love is always with me. Help me to use your love as a way to persevere in my Lenten intentions. I am weak, but I know with your help, I can use these small sacrifices in my life to draw closer to you.

Amen
presentation and an insight into the importance of a quality education for Aboriginal students from a parent’s perspective. She spoke about the importance of quality teaching and consistency in education, and also spoke about her expectations as a parent for Kimberley schools to be equal to any other schools in the country. Ms Dia acknowledged Catholic schools for teaching Christian values and social responsibility and social justice.

Parking and Student Pickup - It has been brought to my attention that we need to be mindful of student safety and make this a priority when dropping and picking up students both on primary and secondary. Parents of secondary students please remember that all drop off and pickups must be from the student services area on Guy Street only. Port Drive entrance is for the buses and loading zones. If you need to visit administration please park in the car park. Parents of primary students, please observe the bus parking bays and do not hinder bus pick ups and drop offs. There is a $50 fine from the Shire of Broome for parking illegally in a bus bay.

Uniforms - We encourage students at St Mary’s to wear their uniforms with pride. Lately there has been a drop in uniform standard in the fact that some students are not wearing the correct uniform. If in doubt please refer to the uniform policy and student dress code in your child’s diary or on the College webpage at www.stmarysbroome.wa.edu.au

FROM HEAD OF SECONDARY

Last week the senior half of the College was abuzz with talk of “the Ball” – and what a ball it was!! The Senior students and their families should be justifiably proud of the themselves for the way the students looked, and more importantly for the way they participated in the Senior Ball held last Friday evening. I certainly had a fabulous time and it was wonderful to see our students enjoying themselves and having fun in each other’s company. Of course, such a memorable occasion does not happen without hours of time dedicated to organisation and preparation and a special thanks to Upper School Co-ordinator Mr Mark Ross for his efforts, along with our Senior students.

I imagine that last Friday evening might have been a quiet night in many households – but especially for our Year 7 students (and some staff) who had just finished their three day camp at the Broome Camp school. From all reports a good time was had by all and there were certainly a few tired people returning on the bus Friday afternoon. I thank all the staff who gave up their time to spend time with our youngest students and for families who have supported the College by ensuring that the Year 7 students where here and prepared for camp on Wednesday morning. This camp was certainly a big task to organise and I thank Mr Adrian Bratovic, our Middle School Co-ordinator, for his efforts in “putting all the pieces” together when he is so new to our St Mary’s community.

Last week we also put the students to the test with an Evacuation drill on Tuesday. All students responded appropriately, but there are always ways to improve, which is why we practice.

Next week our Year 10 students commence the first round of the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessments (OLNA). These tests are conducted online and will assess in the areas of writing, reading and numeracy. Any students who demonstrated ability at Band 8 or above on last year’s NAPLAN test, in the same area, is exempt from the testing. All other students MUST complete the testing in order to be able to access a wide range of courses in Years 11 and 12 and to be eligible to receive their Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) in 2016. All Year 10 students have been given a schedule for testing and a letter for their parents to explain the process.

On Wednesday we came together as a Catholic community to celebrate Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. The student behaviour was very good during the service and they are to be commended on their efforts. The students all looked fabulous wearing their formal uniform but it would have been lovely to hear them participating more fully in the celebration of the Eucharist. As a College we were privileged to have Janeen Murphy from Caritas to speak to all Secondary students on Tuesday about how Caritas works and how every little thing that we do, can make a difference in the lives of others. I encourage all of us to remember this as we journey through Lent this year.
Class Masses & Liturgies

Last Friday Year One students celebrated a Liturgy in the Holy Place. Many parents attended to support this celebration. All the children sang and participated beautifully. Thanks to the Year One Teaching team for their preparation.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

On Tuesday evening the Year Four teaching team, alongside Fr Matt presented a workshop for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This Saturday evening the students preparing for this Sacrament will attend a Commitment Mass as they proceed further in their sacramental journey.

Lent

Lent commenced this week. On Shrove Tuesday many classes cooked pancakes, and we came together as a school to burn the palms from last year to use as ashes for Ash Wednesday. On Wednesday morning the Primary students attended Mass on the Secondary campus and Fr Matt very kindly visited the Kindy to distribute ashes to the students.

Assembly

Last Friday we had Year 3J present an Assembly all about ‘filling buckets’ with compliments and good deeds. It was lovely to hear students taking that message away with them and filling each others buckets all day! Thank you to the creative 3J students, Miss Julia and Miss Nikkita for teaching us such an important message.

Learning Journey Open Night

In Week Eight on Wednesday 26th March we will be opening classrooms for our first learning journey of the year. We are asking all parents and caregivers to place this date in your calendars so that you are able to attend. This evening provides families with an opportunity to spend time exploring their child’s work and the classroom. Further information to follow as the evening gets closer.

P&F First Meeting

On Tuesday evening we held our first meeting for 2014. It was wonderful to see so many parents from the College attend. Please continue to be involved in the P&F as it is a wonderful way of supporting the College.

Primary Staffing Term Two

We welcome two new teachers to Primary Campus next term. Mr James Ryan will be replacing Mrs Julia Durack in 3J and Miss Rebecca La Rocca will be replacing Mrs Jennifer Foster in Year 2J when both of these lovely ladies leave us to go on maternity leave. Both James and Rebecca will be visiting the College next week, as they spend the week participating in the Kimberley Induction Program.

Parent Communication

Parents are encouraged to request meetings with Classroom Teachers if they need to. Please make sure that you are communicating with teachers, as we work together to meet the needs of your child.

Catholic Primary Principals

This week many Principals from throughout WA took time from their Conference to visit St Mary’s College. They were very impressed with the College and the students. It is lovely to have visitors to the school who can see so clearly what a special place St Mary’s is. On Wednesday afternoon the Choir sang at the Ash Wednesday Mass at the Cathedral. The students with Miss Robyn’s brilliant guidance did such a fabulous job. Once again the feedback from the Principals regarding our College Choir was excellent. The Choir members and Miss Robyn should be very proud of themselves!
Swimming Carnival (Years 3-6)
Swimming trials have been completed and the Primary House Swimming Carnival is looking ready to go for next Thursday’s Swimming Carnival. Further information regarding this day will be sent home soon with your child. Thanks to all the students and staff who have attended before school swimming training in preparation for our Carnival. I am sure that the Swimming Carnival will be a fun filled day for our students.

Water Fun Day (Years K-2)
We have decided to hold a Water Fun Day on the Swimming Carnival day for our K-2 students. We ask that junior students arrive in their bathers on Thursday morning, with a change of clothes for after the morning of fun. A note outlining activities and what students need to bring along will be coming home very soon. If there are any parents who are able to assist with this water fun, please see your classroom teaching teams.

Professional Learning Event
Next Friday the primary staff will be participating in a professional learning event on Trauma and social, emotional learning. There will be no school for students on this day, as the teachers are upskilled in this invaluable area

Insight SRC Surveys
This year St Mary’s College have decided to participate in the School Climate Survey once again. These surveys allow staff, students and parents the opportunity to feedback on various aspects of the College. This information is very valuable to the College as it provides information that supports us in identifying our strengths and weaknesses, allowing us to reflect and plan for future improvement.

Parents will be randomly selected to complete this survey. If you do receive a survey we ask that you take the time to complete and return, as your feedback is extremely important in this process.

Further information regarding our School Climate Survey will be distributed in coming weeks.

Year 7 Camp—Week 4
Year 7 students and their teachers were involved in a 3 day Camp at Broome Camp School. From all reports students enjoyed the camp, getting to know each other and participated in a variety of activities.
Volunteers Needed Urgently—Secondary Science Garden 2014

The Year 7 to 9 and Year 11 and 12 Science students have used the Science garden for many purposes in the past 2 years. The Chemistry class conducts ongoing field experiments with locally grown vegetables. The Years 7-9 classes have planted crops which they have harvested and prepared as part of their food technology lesson. Students have also been introduced to growing healthy vegetable crops for snacking.

If you have expert skills in gardening and laying reticulation then you are just the person that the College needs to get the Science experimental garden up and running in time for Term 2.

Donations of time or material or both are welcomed.
Please contact Diane Latchman to register your interest in volunteering (any time will be appreciated no matter how small)
latchman.diane@cathednet.wa.edu.au

Parents and Friends

We had a fabulous turn out for our first P and F meeting for the year. It was great to see a mix of old and new faces.
P and F meetings are the opportunity to hear first hand what is going on at school. It enables the line of communication to be wide open as both heads of Campus, Coby and Di, field questions as parents seek clarifications about some of the initiatives and exciting things happening at school.

Thank you to Elisa Pernich for putting her hand up to be the new secretary. Our next meeting is the first Tuesday of April and that is when we are presented with all the ideas for the allocation of the funds raised. This year we have allocated $24,000 to be distributed across the College for the purchases of resources.

On another note, we are still looking for volunteers to assist with the school banking on a Thursday morning. It requires 15 minutes of time to do the banking either at 7.30 or 7.45. Please contact me if you are interested.

Kind regards
Rose Mitchell
President of Parents and Friends

PARENTS AND FRIENDS

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS
In the second week of term the West Kimberley Academy hosted a father son game. There was a lot of interest from both the students and relatives. It was an invitation to all students to bring a relative of their choice to play against, and a chance for our staff to engage with the families of the students. There was great turnout and we kicked off the game in a ferocious manner, each team consisted of students and relatives. It was a hard fought first quarter but late in the first half the pace of the game had slowed down a tad, no one wanted to give up but they were all feeling the steamy afternoon heat and couldn’t wait for the half time whistle.

After half time, players rested and refuelled, the game changed to a more physical and hard hitting affair with neither students nor parents taking it easy. The star of the second half would have to be Dr. Doug John who single handedly beat both his sons and snagged the lead for his team. With stellar performances from Wayne Watson, Terry Hunter and Wayne Bergman the game was a ripper and went down to the wire, so both coaches resorted to alternative tactics and decided to play 24 on the field each. This gave the students more opportunities to get even with their opponents and rough them up a bit. All in all no-one knew the final score but both sides played in high spirits and had an awesome time which was a good reason to make this an annual event on the Clontarf calendar.

After the game the students and their families joined the Clontarf staff for a BBQ. This was great opportunity for all to get to know each other and a few of the teachers who also attended. Clontarf would like to thank all who attended and made the afternoon a success.

VET/2AB class

It has been a great beginning to the VET Hospitality and 2AB FSTH class with students developing their food and hospitality skills. Every Thursday we have Frappe Thursday and practice serving cold drinks for the cafe opening next term!

Tessa and Chris (photos below) have produced beautiful brownies and fantastic frappes!

Sewing machines for Sale:
Recommended offer $45.00 each for second hand Janome Sewing Machines (recently serviced)
Please contact me on 9194 9529 or email me lake.betty@cathednet.wa.edu.au
Girls Come and Try T20Blast Night
Friday March 7th, Nipper Roe Oval, Broome Recreation&Aquatic Centre, 4pm-5.30pm.
Come down and test your skills and have fun at Broomes girl’s only junior cricket event!

Girls from ages 5-17 are encouraged to come down and have a blast!

A fully accredited WACA Female coach will be present along with Broome Junior Cricket Association representatives, there are plans to send a Kimberley team to next January’s WACA Girls Country Cricket Carnival (GCCC), come down to find out more information on how you could be heading to Perth to play against Country WA's best female cricket talent.

International Women’s day Match:
Saturday March 8th Roebuck Primary School, 2pm-5pm.
Broome Senior Cricket Association will be provided with specialist kit and equipment to help us stage the game and to promote awareness (and fundraise) for breast cancer.

Uniform shop -
New stock has arrived! Primary polo shirts and large sizes in secondary boy’s shirts are now available.
YEAR 12 GRADUATES, 2013.

Lillian Banks
NAISDA, NSW

Melanie Bester
Biol. Sci. UWA

Keilani Bin Hitam
Working in retail

James Dep
Working/seeking work in Oil and Gas Industry

Emma Lee Foy
-Def. Dip
Early Childhood, Curtin, work - Broome Daycare

Stephanie Golden
Univ. of Techn, Sydney
Event Management

Patrick Grace
RMIT Melbourne
Japanese Interp & Trans.

Diane Graham
University of WA – Orientation Course

Johel Hamaguchi
Science—University of WA

Aretha Hill
Employment—Retail
Relief ATA SMC Primary

Claudia Howard
Traineeship Kimberley
Employment Services

Maesah Jiaree
KTI Cert III, Tourism & Hospitality

Hayden Johnson
KTI Cert III Info. Techn. Seeking pilot training

Eduardu Maher
Traineeship Buru Energy

Kalen Morrison
KTI Derby—Engineering

Dan Pearson
NAISDA, NSW

Talisha Russell
ATA St Mary’s Primary

Ayeshha Salkit
Def. Univ. until 2015, Working Jewels of Kimberley

Alice Shadforth
KTI Derby—Business

Kirra-Lee Stone
B.Art/Nursing/Midwifery
SCU, Lismore, NSW