First Holy Communion Mass – This coming Saturday 15 June, our Year 5 students will be making their First Holy Communion at the Cathedral. The students are well prepared to receive this Blessed Sacrament and we wish the students, their parents and teachers every blessing for this day.

Ordination – The Ordination of Deacon Christopher Knapman will take place next Saturday June 21 at the Cathedral. Deacon Christopher has been talking with and getting to know the secondary students during their Religious Education classes over the past weeks. It would be wonderful if you were able to attend this Mass, to witness and pray for blessings for Deacon Christopher as he is ordained into the holy and devoted ministry of Priesthood.

Broome Diocese Celebrates 50 years in 2016 - In June 1966, the Vicariate of the Kimberley was raised to the status of a Diocese. Bishop Christopher Saunders has requested that we gather suggestions to begin planning for the Jubilee celebrations in 2016. St Mary’s staff have already discussed some great ideas and we look forward to working together with the parish to celebrate this occasion.

Catholic Scholarships - At the end of 2013, St Mary’s were pleased to be able to offer scholarships for Catholic students from Years 5 to 12 to enrol at our school in 2014. This has proven to be a very successful undertaking for St Mary’s, in that we welcomed excellent students and supportive parents into our school community. In the next few weeks we will advertise again for the same scholarship in 2015. If you know of any families who desire a Catholic education for their children please either let us know or ask them to call Anthea on 91949502 or by email demin.anthea@catthednet.wa.edu.au.

Senior School exams – The Semester I examinations took place last week for our Year 11 and 12 students. We are pleased to report that some very good exam results have been emerging from the papers. We continue to encourage and assist our students in every way possible to prepare them for their final examinations.

Genazzano College Exchange - Four Year 9 girls and two staff members arrived on June 1 for the annual exchange program. Welcome staff members, Marea Lanki and Catherine Farrell and students, Katia Dodds, Grace Ross-Farrell, Mia Van Gulick and Heidi Scheffers. The group are spending time on both campuses and visiting communities throughout the Kimberley. The exchange program between the two schools began in 1988, and we are very proud to be able to create this opportunity for students to experience school life and experiences between different cultures and in different environments.

Kimberley Schools visit – Last week Jennifer Cambridge, Diane Popovich and Kristine Van (Broome Residential College) visited some of our Kimberley feeder schools. The trip was an opportunity to strengthen connections and to promote our school.

Australian Brain Bee Challenge – Students April Ford, Harman Sharma, Devony Lance and Jarred Bergmann will travel to Perth with their teacher and coach, Mrs Diane Latchman to compete in the Australian Brain Bee Challenge. This competition for high school students aims to motivate young people to learn about the brain and to inspire students to pursue careers in neuroscience research. We wish them the best of luck and we are proud to have them represent St Mary’s in this challenging competition.

Professional Development – All staff will participate in PD next Friday 20 June. (Please remember that there is no school for the students) We are very fortunate to have Monsignor Kevin Long to deliver the workshop. Monsignor Long is actively involved in the work of the Catholic Education Commission in WA, his research interests focus on spirituality and history. He will be presenting to staff The First 1000 Years of Church History.

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  And grant me grace and power
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Black Swan Theatre Workshop

St Mary’s College senior drama students participated in the Black Swan Theatre workshop at the Civic Centre on Tuesday June 10. Their involvement was reported on GWN News

https://au.gwn7.yahoo.com/w1/video/-/watch/24217271/video/
Primary Assemblies
Over these last two weeks we have been wowed by two assemblies from our Year Six D class and PPST. It has been wonderful to have so many parents supporting their children as they perform. Thanks to Mr Dave, Miss Annette and Miss Talisha, Miss Sally and Miss Abby-Rose for their exceptional efforts in preparing the students.

Pentecost
Last weekend we celebrated Pentecost in the Church. Pentecost is the birthday of the Church and marks the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples. It is one of the most ancient Church feast days on the Liturgical Calendar. Pentecost is a great celebration and is a timely reminder to us all to embrace the gifts that the Holy Spirit has given us and the love of our God.

Holy Communion
This Sunday morning students from Year Five, as well as other students from our Parish community will be receiving the Sacrament of First Communion. This is a very exciting time for students and their families as they continue their spiritual journey through the sacraments. We hope that families can support these children.

On Friday children preparing for this sacrament will be attending a Retreat Day to offer the opportunity to spend time reflecting on what the sacrament means for them as part of God’s Family. The group will be walk on a pilgrimage from the Holy Place to the Cathedral. They will be visiting the Sisters of St John of God Heritage Centre to learn more about some of the old Church communion resources and to reflect in a prayer space. They will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Sunday Mass.

Year Four Sleepover
On Thursday evening our Year Four students, along with their very tired Year Four teachers will be sleeping over at school. The students are really excited to spend the evening with their peers and building school relationships in a different way. Thank you to the parents for their support of this event, in particular parents that were able to assist on the night. Thank you to Miss Elaina, Miss Rebecca, Mr Sonny and our Notre Dame Prac Student, Mia Hall for their willingness to do this extracurricular event for our students.

Kindergarten Enrolments
It has been wonderful to meet parents over the last week who are choosing to send their Kindergarten students to St Mary’s College in 2015. It has been fabulous to hear the reasons families choose our College and to see how excited the little people are to join our community. If you have Kindy age children wanting to attend St Mary’s College in 2015 be sure that you complete the enrolment form and return to the Office.

Semester One Reports
Teachers are busily working on your child’s reports as we speak. The reports will be sent home in Week Ten of this term. None of the outcomes and grades should come as a surprise to parents and I encourage parents to come and see classroom teachers to discuss their child’s progress at any time.

Behaviour Positives
As part of the primary campus focus on the positive behaviours of all of our students and celebrating the students that are doing fabulous things all the time, both in and out of class, teachers have been rewarding students with ‘got caught’ rewards. A couple of examples of these have been lunch with Mr Pepper, time as Miss Coby’s assistant and various other reward options. It has been a great opportunity for us to focus on the behavior of being kind, being responsible and being respectful from all of our students. Photo – Mr Pepper enjoying lunch and a cartoon with Year 2B

Health Warning
We are being reminded to make sure that we are all washing our hands. Students in Years K-3 will be receiving an education session from our school nurse in the coming week to remind them of the importance. Staff will also attending an education session. There is a particular germ called Acute post-streptococcal Glomerulonephritis in Broome that causes kidney inflammation, the germs are found in boils, skin infection and sore throats. If your child is unwell or becomes unwell please heed the public health alert and seek medical attention.

Early Childhood Team
As part of our National Quality Standards implementation and review, the Early Childhood team met last Friday to explore the SMC Early Childhood Charter. This allowed staff to discuss and explore the fantastic procedures that they believe are best practice in the early years and to begin creating a document to support students, staff and families in the Early Childhood setting. The team are still reflecting upon this, however, we look forward to sharing with parents once complete.
Special visitors to our Pre Primary Classes

The Pre Primaries have been learning about jobs that people do in the community. Recently, we had special visitors from FESA and the Police. The children asked some well thought out questions about each occupation. Constable Dan gave the students the opportunity to check out the patrol car and to sit in the back seat. Fire Office Kim from FESA showed us the equipment that the officers needed to use when putting out fires. Students had the chance to hold the fire hose and try to hit the ball off the witch’s hat with the high pressure spray. This was a big hit with the students. They also had to work as a team to all hold the fire hose while the spray went high up into the air. Pre Primary staff and guests were as well impressed with the students’ exemplary behaviour and excellent questioning skills. Well done Pre Primaries! Our visitors really enjoyed their day with you!

Phonics Focus

The primary campus has recently purchased and is working on implementing a phonological program to support students from Years K-3 acquire the necessary skills for literacy acquisition. Teachers have been highly motivated to support students with this first wave intervention. Please feel free to discuss this with your child’s classroom teacher. We will provide families with further information as we progress through the implementation.

LAPS Project

College staff have joined the steering committee for a Kimberley based project for LAPS meaning Literacy Acquisition for Pre Primary students. This project will look at how to best support children in Pre Primary with the acquisition of their language. It is exciting for SMC to be involved and we will keep our community updated regarding our involvement and what this means for our students, staff and families.

Seasons for Growth

Next week some of our students will commence the Seasons for Growth Program at St Mary’s College. The program is designed to support students who have experienced grief, loss or separation in their lives. These small groups, under the guidance of trained staff will support students to explore their feelings and develop skills to enhance their journey. Parents of students who will be asked for permission to participate. If you feel that your child may benefit from participation in the Seasons for Growth program please contact the College to register your interest.

IPads on Primary

This week has been very exciting on Primary with year levels receiving banks of IPads to support and engage student learning in the classroom. Teachers have been attending Professional Learning opportunities and working on the safe use of these resources in classrooms. It has been wonderful to watch the care that students have been taking with the Ipads. We look forward to sharing ways of using these resources with parents. Thanks to Miss Sam and Mr Mark for getting these IPads ready for our classrooms.

Photo left — Students using their new IPads.

Photo right — Yr 4 students assisting Miss Coby in the Year One Classroom with our new IPads.
Primary Enrichment Update

This term we will be presenting our ‘Passions’ exhibition. During Term 2 the students involved in the Enrichment group from (Yrs 4-6) have met once a week to plan and create a presentation about something they are very interested in and feel passionate about. Skills they are using include research (both text and internet), summarising, editing work, presentation skills and of course, creative thinking skills. The topics the children have selected are varied and they have been working hard preparing for an exhibition. The exhibition will take place in Week 9, the details are as follows:

Date: Thursday June 26  Time: 1 – 3pm  Location: Primary Library.

Parents are invited to attend and Yrs 4-6 primary classes will be allocated a time to view the exhibition. A big thank you in advance to parents who have been and will be assisting their children in preparing in some way for the exhibition. We look forward to seeing you there.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Miss Sara Burroughs  
(Enrichment Facilitator)

Brain Bee 2014

The year 10 Science students have been successful in gaining a place in the 2014 State Finals of the Australian and New Zealand Brain Bee competition. The Western Australia component of the competition, which is held annually at the University of Western Australia, Perth, promotes and raises awareness of the brain.

The four successful students, Jarred Bergmann, Devony Lance, April Ford and Harman Sharma (pictured below) will travel to Perth at the end of the month to participate in the team round held at the University of Western Australia. The students have been attending preparation classes and are aiming to successfully compete against 20 other schools to bring home the top prize of a microscope for the school. We wish our students the best of luck as they continue their preparation for the competition.

Genazzano FCJ College Cultural Exchange Program

On June 1 we welcomed four students and two staff from Genazzano FCJ College in Melbourne to Broome and the Kimberley. Coordinator – Mrs Marea Lanki, Accompanying Teacher – Mrs Catherine Farrell, Year 9 students Katia Dodds, Grace Ross-Farrell, Mia Van Gulick and Heidi Scheffers.

On Sunday we will welcome the Xavier College Exchange students and staff and they will be at St Mary’s next week. On July 13, the St Mary’s College Exchange departs for Melbourne, returning on August 3.
Mathematics Night for Parents of Year 7 Students

At the Year 7 parent night held in Term 1, it was advertised that a series of “Parent Catch-up Nights” be organised so that interested parents can come along and learn, or re-learn, how to do the mathematics in their Year 7 children’s mathematics class. The second of this series will be held on Wednesday June 25.

All interested parents are welcome to attend. It is anticipated that each night will start at 7:00PM and finish at around 8:00PM, in Room 11.

To get you thinking, here is a simple puzzle for you to consider. This is a shape pattern puzzle. Each square follows a certain pattern with both shapes and numbers. Try to figure out this pattern and fill in the empty cells in each square!

Bring your solution along with you on the night and we can compare answers.

Allen Christie, Mathematics Learning Area Coordinator.

Indigenous Hip Hop Project

On May 26, the Indigenous Hip Hop crew came to St Mary’s College. Our whole class as well as some other students from Year 7 to 12 worked together to create a 30 second ad and Hip Hop video. We did this in a week.

The crew members names were Michael, Nelly, Dion, Steady, Jessie, Tim and Tina, and they were all amazing dancers. On Monday we spent the whole day planning the lyrics for our video. We got into three groups and came up with ideas of feelings, places and stuff about Broome.

The places we chose included Cable Beach, Skate Park, Old Jetty, Gantheuame Point, Pearling Boat Shed, Drop in Centre and PCYC.

On Tuesday we made our rap and the start of the girls rap goes like this:

“Deadly sisters, young proud and free, Feeling so good, happiness is the key, No time for bullying, causing pain, United together, get rid of shame”

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday we practised and practised our dances, the boys practised theirs, the girls practised theirs and we all practised the group dance.

On Friday we went to PCYC to perform and they showed us the video. It was awesome and the video will be on GWN 7 and You Tube for anyone who wants to see it!

It was really fun busting some dance moves and we missed almost a whole week of normal classes!

By Aiden, Lara, Mariessa, PJ and Woora
World Ocean’s Day

A promise made for World Ocean’s Day was the focus of a short excursion to Cable Beach by the 9.3 English class last week.

Students were asked to think about what they could do personally to make a difference to our oceans, and this coming week, they will be creating posters about “Protecting our Oceans.

2014 Primary House Cross Country was held on Wednesday May 21st. Students had been preparing for this event during their P.E. classes and some students had also been training before school on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Cable Beach. The day started off with Kindy running a lap of the track and it was amazing to see how quickly they could all run – what a great sight it was! Every student in the school was given an opportunity to run in the Cross Country and I was extremely proud of the effort that so many of the students put in. There were a lot of exhausted students at the end of each race and it was evident that everyone was pleased with their efforts. A huge thank you to Ralph and Emer and the rest of the grounds staff for setting up the wonderful finish line and also to the teachers and parents for their efforts on the day. The lead for the coveted Cross Country Shield changed many times during the day and it came down to the final race to decide it. Congratulations to the medal winners and also to Ward House for another great victory!

Division | 1st | 2nd | 3rd
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Junior Girls (Yr. 1-3) | Elly Sara | Jacinta Uren | Alaxandrea Slade
Junior Boys (Yr. 1-3) | Rio Cahill | Trevaun Charlie | Leon Francis
Year 4 Girls | Teaghan Hastie | Demi Bowd | Bella Hill
Year 4 Boys | Taj Murphy | Liam Foley | Emilio Shaw
Year 5 Girls | Tiaan Cox | Shanessa Leak | Madeline Christie
Year 5 Boys | Noah Glasson | Brenton Eura | Dominic Collins
Year 6 Girls | Holly Newton | Tameka Ware | Katelyn Parriman
Year 6 Boys | Waylon Hunter | Revaldo Swan | Jack Canavan
Year 7 Girls | Lara Deegan | Adi Cox | Sabrina Beuke
Year 7 Boys | Kai Murphy | James Heil | Kyle Highlands

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From the Business Manager

UNIFORM SHOP
Changes to opening times—Term 3
Please note that as from Term 3, July 21, the Uniform shop will only be open **Monday, Wednesday and Friday** from 7.30am to 10.00am. It will be closed Tuesday and Thursday.

SCHOOL FEES

School fees were mailed out a few weeks ago - Primary campus parents—if we don’t have a copy of your Health Care Card please call into the Admin on Secondary so we can organize to make a copy - this will reduce your fees significantly.

If you are having difficulty paying your fees please call into Admin on Secondary to speak to Angie or ring on 91949507. I can make a payment plan to make fee payment easier for you.

Angie Gannon

**PARENTS AND FRIENDS**

Five delegates from St Mary’s were fortunate enough to receive a grant to attend the PFFWA conference in Perth which was held recently. Three Committee members, Elisa Pernich (secretary), Natalie Giancono (treasurer) and myself as well as two parents who have students on both the primary and secondary campuses, Sue Ford and Rosie Linton, attended.

Rose’s highlights: I enjoyed meeting parents from other schools and sharing ideas about fundraising and community building. I enjoyed the opportunity to hear from Alan Blagaich from SCARSA who was able to relate the pressures of year 11 and 12 to his own children and the paths open to students to achieve their dreams. He also provided a thorough explanation of the OLNA testing that occurs in secondary schools. Our very own Natalie Giancono, who is a PFFWA councillor, presented a slide show of parents from around the state as a way of highlighting the P and F at grassroots level in order to celebrate 60 years of PFFWA. She talked about the seven traits of volunteers and we could all think of people who displayed these traits in our community.

Elisa Pernich (secretary): It was a great networking opportunity. I thought Nat’s talk was exceptionally good and also created another networking platform.

Allan Blagaich who spoke on WACE was excellent and has made me feel hopeful about our kids’ future education. Daniella and Stephania also showed a simple way of making homemade wraps: 1 cup of flour, 1 cup of yoghurt, salt and baking soda as one of the many lunch box ideas shared in their session.

Rosie Linton (mother of four): Daniella and Stephania were a great inspiration to think outside the “sandwich” for school lunches. Dr Tim McDonald, Director of Catholic Education in WA and Alan Blagaich from SCARSA kept things very real, especially when providing personal experiences from their own families.

Thank you to Lotteries West for enabling us to attend the conference.

On the 28th of June the P and F will be running the sausage sizzle at Auskick (Brac oval) from 8.30-11.30. If you can spare an hour to help out or can bake something to sell, please contact Elisa Pernich at elipernich@hotmail.com.

If you would like to be on our emailing list please contact Elisa on the above email address.

Rose Mitchell

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